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wclark
Old Pro



Posted March 13, 2008 15:48

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:
Taking this stroll down memory lane just reminds me what a bunch of old farts we are....LOL (Thats what all those in their 30's and 40's are thinking) I am an old fart and I hope to get a lot older

Wayne, you and I are in complete agreement! 😊

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

wclark
Old Pro

Posted March 13, 2008 15:49

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Conn Bancroft
Basic training



Posted March 13, 2008 15:55

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Thanks tyrone, I thought you would be able to come through on this one.

Also, wclark and Wayne, I'm sure we can remember when we thought people the age we are now were really ancient. Somehow it doesn't seem that old anymore does it?

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 13, 2008 15:58

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 13, 2008 16:08

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Conn Bancroft

Basic training

Posted March 13, 2008 16:13

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Buck, when I moved from Mann to Field (Hall) Schooll district I used to stop there on my way home sometimes and that would have been '55 to 59'

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

tyrone

Free Time



Posted March 13, 2008 16:31

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:
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Harry's Mkt is missing. Is that the one you were talking about?

No. Harrys Market was not the one to be omitted, I just overlooked it. Sorry. It the years you know.

Keep thinking. Someone will get it !

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone

Free Time



Posted March 13, 2008 16:38

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
Tyrone, was Greggs actually Griggs or did that come later?

Griggs is the proper spelling. It was located 1019 Main. Bill Griggs , owner

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone

Free Time



Posted March 13, 2008 16:41

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Yes, it was open as you claim and was located at 408 South 20th Street

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted March 13, 2008 16:49

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Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted March 13, 2008 17:03

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Originally posted by tyrone:

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There were 47 service station listed in 1955 and 43 Cafe's. 6 Motels, 16 Doctors, 8 Shoe Repairs, 19 Taverns, 5 Hotels, 2 Ice Houses, 7 Feed Stores, 2 5 and 10,s, 5 Soda Fountains, 4 Coal Yards, 1 Candy Company.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro



Posted March 13, 2008 17:25

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Was Sandusky's a grocery and in operation then?

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted March 13, 2008 18:35

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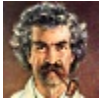
Originally posted by xminer:
Was Sandusky's a grocery and in operation then?

You got it X.

Sanduskys Market was the one I omitted. Good work.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted March 13, 2008 21:55

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Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

urbaner
Free Time



Posted March 14, 2008 00:51

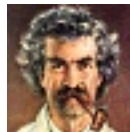
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Tyrone,check your private messages at the Jeffco site.....you are being summoned there.....

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 14, 2008 10:30

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

mousegrINfl
Free Time

Posted March 14, 2008 11:00

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If you lived anywhere around the fruit bowl in those years you may remember the Davis family had a pony named Hazel that all the neighborhood kids would ride through the streets. Earl Jamison hated that pony and would pull his car up behind it and honk to try to scare it.

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 14, 2008 13:00

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I am quite sure that Earl D. just thought that so much of what Mt. Vernon was about, including the Fruit Bowl and everything around the interstate was his doing. He probably felt that he was somewhat of a king around here and everyone should bow down to his demands.

I remember him coming to Mt. Vernon Community College, later RLC, and speaking to some of us about all that he had done for this community.

Hey mousegrINfl -Did the deal with Earl D have anything to do with a certain position your dad held later? I guess he was responsible for my relative now being in that same position.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted March 14, 2008 16:47

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quote:

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That was Prices Grocery in 1955

BTW On South 12th Street there were 6 Grocery/Markets from Perkins to Waltonville Road/Vets Drive back in 1955. Almost a store on every block.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 14, 2008 18:06

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They were made to what Earl wanted. He did develop this area but once developed and sold he just couldn't turn loose. I was doing tv repair out of my basement and had a small, painted sign on a wrought iron post. It wasn't gaudy or really even big but Jamison took acception and sent me one of those letters. I laughed at him, gave it to an attorney and one of the rules was that if I sold my house it had to be to a white person only. This was the mid 60s and in his real estate business he counted on GI loans. My attorney told him if we heard any more about it we would put a suit against him and cost him his GI billing. Needless to say, I never heard anymore, got too big to work from my basement and went on to a bigger building. Covenants are usually against someones rights.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

mousegrINfl
Free Time



Posted March 14, 2008 22:15

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Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

mousegrINfl

Free Time



Posted March 14, 2008 22:24

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:
Hey mousegrINfl -Did the deal with Earl D have anything to do with a certain position your dad held later? I guess he was responsible for my relative now being in that same position.

That's an interesting thought. I'd never really considered that. I didn't realize you had a relative there - with a bit of creative googling I figured it out.

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted March 15, 2008 10:30

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At one time Mt. Vernon was as racist as any other place. The blacks rode in the back of the bus, if they could use a public fountain they had to give way for a white person, couldn't eat in white restaurants, they had sections in the theater they had to sit in and they were simply more or less shunned by whites. If a black mowed your yard the white would be nice to him and visit with him, give him water and a sandwich but if the white met him in public a nod would be about all the black man would get. I could never understand how one human could treat another human this way and brought one of my black school friends home with me. Nothing was heard about it by me but my dad was evidently let known that it wasn't exceptable. When we think of all the blacks have contributed to make life enjoyable for all, especially music, we should all be glad to put racial hatred behind us.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 15, 2008 17:05

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In the mid 70's I drove a baseball team ate home to "The Projects". We were three blocks away when Mike told me, "This is good, better let me out here." I couldn't understand why he wanted to walk and he told me one of us would get our butt shot if I went in any further. Racism runs down both sides of every road. Hopefully Mike got out of MTV and knows people more similar to his way of thinking.

I read in the RN about cars getting their windows knocked out driving through my old neighborhood. I used to ride my bike from Perkins and 24th st area every weekend and never got messed with. Right down Lamar, Conger, Cherry, it didn't matter. From what I read in our gracious host's paper, if I drive through there I would apt to be in some form of conflict before I got out the other side. Times do change.

My childhood home burned to the ground several years ago, sad. Some mighty fine folks lived down Horace Mann way years back.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

trally9604
Free Time



Posted March 15, 2008 17:08

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Posts: **269** | Location: **Mount Vernon** | Registered: **October 08,**

2007

JLG48
Educated



Posted March 16, 2008 12:38

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I lived on Jamison Blvd.. and had my horse and 2 others in the field behind our house... made Earl D. crazy.. but wasn't a darn thing he could do about it.. was Firebaugh's property... I'd waltz my horse right into my backyard and ride her onto Jamison Blvd.. proud as could be. 😊

Posts: **525** | Location: **Maine** | Registered: **February 23, 2008**

butt2munch
Free Time

Posted March 16, 2008 14:04

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When I was a kid I saw them do the same thing at the L&N.

Posts: **228** | Location: **Not There** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 17, 2008 09:46

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The point of going out to eat is to get something to eat, preferably something not from home. It makes me think that they must have just gone out so they could be seen by their adoring public. LOL!

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted March 17, 2008 11:33

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He was not only tight but it also must have been his turn to do the dishes.....

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Steve-Bullock
Educated



Posted March 17, 2008 15:27

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I've know people like that who do things just to see what they can get away with. Then there may be other reasons.

Mom had a customer at the "Glass House" who would bring in her own 2 slices of bread and asked Mom to toast it, and get a cup of hot water (for her own tea bag). She would use the butter on the table and put a little sugar on the buttered toast and some in the tea. She would then sit there, eat the toast, drink her tea, and chat with some people. After months of this, Mom asked why. The person was extremely poor and this was her only social life.

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Posts: **858** | Location: **Northern VA & SW FL** | Registered: **April 14, 2006**

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Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted March 17, 2008 16:53

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:
He was not only tight but it also must have been his turn to do the dishes.....

He and his wife were members of the Church I grew up in, I remember him to be quite nice actually. But I was a kid, most people are nice to kids in Church.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

MVanSluyters
Regular

Posted March 17, 2008 18:15

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quote:

Originally posted by Pogo:
If you can get your hands on a copy of "Mt. Vernon - A Pictorial History" by Thomas A. Puckett, you'll find a picture

of that hospital on page 184. It was located on 1920 College and was called "The Mt. Vernon Hospital." It was opened by Dr. J.T. Whitlock in 1903 in that building that was formerly the "Excelsior Sanitarium" which was first opened in 1895 by Drs. Frank and Will McClain.

The house is currently being used as a childrens day care center.

Playing catch up on all the previous postings. My family lived in the "Hospital" at 1920 College. No early photos, just memories!

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 17, 2008 19:08

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anyone remember Bob Poicel? Spelling probably isn't right. He was the head of the Chamber of Commerce in the '60s and was a loud type of person. He would sit in a restaurant and you could hear him all through it and his language wasn't exactly pristine.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 17, 2008 19:27

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Repeat:: Has anyone ever noticed that on the small wall just south of Daniel's Hill wall there is an inscription that says WPA 42?

And: The small concrete wall at North Street and 14th there is still paint that says "58" and "Class of 60". You used to be able to drive by and see it, but now you have to stop and look for it. Man that must have been some good paint. (Lots of lead)

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Bugman](#), March 17, 2008 19:37

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react."
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted March 17, 2008 20:42

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
Repeat:: Has anyone ever noticed that on the small wall just south of Daniel's Hill wall there is an inscription that says WPA 42?

I would guess it was built by the WPA, (Works Progress Administration) in 1942. I'm not an expert by any means, but I'm told the WPA helped build the courthouse. A lot of little bridges out in the county have similar inscriptions. I think the one at the end of the park by the ballfield and the pond also has one, but I could be wrong.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted March 17, 2008 22:58

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Take a trip to Giant City State Park and have Sunday dinner at the beautiful Lodge. That is some of the kind of work that the WPA did. They use to serve their Sunday chicken dinners family style.

Years ago when I was a young sprout we had a WPA outhouse (toilet) in east town. It was Halloween "no tipper". A deep pit with the outhouse set in concrete. It set on the alley and was a long 'pucker up" trip sometimes.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 18, 2008 09:33

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AAh, the outhouses. We never had one when I was a kid so I was one of the lucky ones. My uncle, who grew up next door to me but before my time, had one and he and his brothers went out one Halloween night and tied one to a railroad car and released the brake. Needless to say the outhouse was scattered for at least a block. By the time I was old enough to tip 'em I was too small to do it by myself and there weren't that many around anyway. I did like the catalogs in the ones at the church so I'd take it with me to read on the way home until dad put a stop to that.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted March 18, 2008 09:54

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I wonder if the WPA also built Daniel's hill wall at the same time as the smaller wall?

I had forgot, but I had a WPA outhouse at a house where lived in Nashville, Il. in the 80's. And right pass the road to my house, on the highway, was an old barn with the "See Rock City" logo on top.

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Wayne Grant

Old Pro

Posted March 18, 2008 10:14

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Ahh what memories..the outhouse. Our family had an outhouse until I was 14 and moved into the MtV city limits. Working for a school district up here in bush Alaska for the past two years has reminded me of my younger days. Occasionally the sewer lines will freeze up or the vacuum pump will go out and the entire village is reduced to using a "honeybucket " until its fixed. The first time this happened I was reminded of those "good old days." I am almost 60 and the thought occurs to me that I have come full circle in my life.....I am going to the bathroom in a bucket.....dont tell me that education doesn't pay.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted March 18, 2008 12:07

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Ah, my one and only outhouse tipping ended up with me losing my glasses in the ?muck? and well you know as Paul Harvey would say: "the rest of the story." Mom gave me a whippin' for that little moment of what was suppose to be fun!

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

butt2munch

Free Time

Posted March 18, 2008 12:32

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I found this very interesting. I always knew we were "Little Egypt" but didn't know "the rest of the story".

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Egypt_%28region%29

Posts: **228** | Location: **Not There** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 18, 2008 13:57

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I can always remember Mt. Vernon as being the King City and Centralia as being the Queen City. I don't know that the people of Centralia would go along with that. It would mean that they would be playing second fiddle to Mt. Vernon. Maybe that is why they find this need to make a point of how many basketball games they have won.

I don't buy the theory that the line of "Little Egypt" runs between Harrisburg, Marion and Carbondale. It is interesting that as long as the material is, that I did not see the mention of the King City/Queen City connection. I do buy in to the northern line of being highway 50.

As I remember Mt. Vernon has been the predominate city of southern Illinois until the time when SIU grew past the point of being a teacher's college and a small college basket ball school. There was a time in the late fifties and early sixties when SIU began to make the transition into a bigger school. SIU was a national power in Gymnastics through the '60s' but this did not have much impact on the economics of the area. That and the inception of interstate 57 through southern Illinois put Marion and C'dale on the map and made SIU a much more viable option for students from Chicago. The standards were also not as high in those years. This allowed SIU, C'dale and Marion to go on a growing spurt that contines to this day.

What good would a post like this be without saying that we should have accepted the teacher's college instead of the appelette court.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,Il.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted March 18, 2008 14:30

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quote:

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That's an old myth that is completely false since the Appellate Court was established 26 years before SIU was proposed.

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Sassafras

Regular



Posted March 18, 2008 14:52

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quote:

Originally posted by tyrone:

Take a trip to Giant City State Park and have Sunday dinner at the beautiful Lodge. That is some of the kind of work that the WPA did. They use to serve their Sunday chicken dinners family style.

Years ago when I was a young sprout we had a WPA outhouse (toilet) in east town. It was Halloween "no tipper". A deep pit with the outhouse set in concrete. It set on the alley and was a long 'pucker up" trip sometimes.

I believe the work at Giant City was done by the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) during The Great Depression.

[Giant City History](#)

And they still serve "home style" all you can eat fried chicken dinners. I will say their chicken is great, but their sides are quite mediocre. The lodge is beautiful and the food is decent. Worth the drive, especially in the springtime.

[Dining At Giant City Lodge](#)

My grandparents had an outhouse right in the city of Mt. Vernon until I was in high school. It had a concrete floor, an electric light, and could accomodate two customers at the same time. We called it "The Deep Freeze" in the winter time. 😊

Posts: **151** | Location: **South Of Town** | Registered: **July 25, 2006**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted March 18, 2008 14:58

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quote:

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Dix

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

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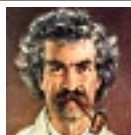
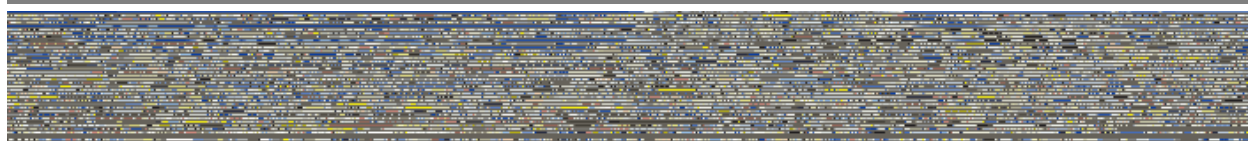
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stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted March 18, 2008 15:09

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:

quote:

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Dix

That's good. You crack me up--no pun intended. 😊

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 18, 2008 18:59

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I shoulda known this was gonna happen.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 19, 2008 00:50

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My barber lady cut hair up by Dix.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 19, 2008 11:05

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There was a rumor that one of the houses by the Grant house used to be a funeral home. If it was, I can't remember it but how about it, anyone know?

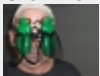
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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 19, 2008 11:15

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My sis sent me this very neat site:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/jefferson/postcards/page3.html>

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted March 19, 2008 11:16

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:
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Sorry Buck---I just couldn't resist. But it got worse. 😊

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 19, 2008 11:24

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quote:

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Me 2

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted March 19, 2008 12:19

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You know whats between them don't you???

Dix[/QUOTE]

My great-grandmother was the switchboard operator in Dix. I remember it in her dinning room well in the late 60's. Not being a resident any longer, what happened to Lincoln School? I grew up on Pace in front of the TB San and would walk to school every day. We ate lunch at Jo-Burger (5 and 6th grade only)and a friend of my dad's ran the Sinclair Station that I think later became a Sunoco. I still have a scar on the back of my head where I went head first off the tower in the lower part of the playground. Saw my first real boobie behind the gym after school there too (and yes, I remember her name). Ah, memories!!

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

trally9604
Free Time



Posted March 19, 2008 20:23

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quote:

Originally posted by urbaner:
My barber lady cut hair up by Dix.

Was her name Betty Jo?

Posts: **269** | Location: **Mount Vernon** | Registered: **October 08, 2007**

trally9604
Free Time



Posted March 19, 2008 20:32

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My grandparents lived in Dix. He owned & operated Roberson Tin Shop, she was cook at Rome school. They had the old crank type phones. Ther number was two shorts, one long.

Posts: **269** | Location: **Mount Vernon** | Registered: **October 08, 2007**

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted March 19, 2008 22:00

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Being relatively new to this forum I have been reading the old posts and found one about the "goat man" that reminded me of a story my father told me. The goat man's real name was Oscar Dixon but some people called him "Bon Ami". Dad was a volunteer member of the Jefferson County Civil Defense Team and one year the usual spring flood waters left the goat man stranded in his shack which was near the creek where Old Fairfield Road split from Hwy 15 East. Dad and another volunteer, Irv Lietz (Herman the German), got a boat to rescue Oscar but he refused to leave because one of his goats was trapped in the crawl space. They told Oscar the water was too high to get under the house and get the goat so he told them to chop a hole in the floor. Oscar found his ax and Irv began chopping away. All the commotion apparently attracted the poor goat's attention. He came to investigate and poked his head up just in time for the ax to hit him right between the eyes. The goat died instantly and Dad and Irv looked at each other and then at Oscar, who said "well, you guys did the best you could. Let's go!"

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

knightprowlr
Free Time



Posted March 19, 2008 22:22

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quote:

Originally posted by tyrone:
Circa 1955 Quite a list. But here goesâ€¦!â€¦!â€¦!â€¦!â€¦!

Alexander Grocery
A&P
Bayers Market
Bolerjackâ€™s Market (2)
Bordens Market
Braceys (2)
Broadway Market
C & M Food Shop
Dodsonâ€™s Grocery
East Side Market
Ellis Grocery
The Fair Store
Gardners Grocery
Garrisonâ€™s Food Brokerage
Gish Market
Goffinett Friendly Market
Golden Rule Grocery
Greggs Market
Haleys Grocery
Halls Grocery
Heinzmans Grocery
Hilltop Grocery
Jenkins Market
Johnson Grocery
Karchâ€™s Grocery
Keeleâ€™s Market
Kirk & Son Grocery
Kroger
Liebengoods Grocery
Lipps Grocery
Lockwood Grocery
Mauldings Hill Top Grocery
Mays Grocery
Millers Market
North Side Market
Oakland Market
Page Grocery
Prince Market
Prince and Lowery Market
Rileys Market
Rocketts Market
Rogers Grocery
ShafersMarket
Skippy Grocery
Tittle Grocery
Turner Grocery
Van Horns Grocery
Veri-Best
Grocery
Walkers Market
Wenteâ€™s Market
West Side Market

Woodens Grocery
Yandell Harrison Street Market
Yarbers Gtocery
Zoraâ€™s Grocery

I purposely omitted one Grocery/Market. See if anyone can name it.

I will supply the addresses if you desire.

Add Estes Grocery to this list. According to my mom, grandpa had a grocery store at 3 different locations in the late 40's and throughout the 50's. First it was located in camp ground, then moved to 33rd and Broadway, then last it was around 15th and Perkins.

Posts: **204** | Location: **In my chair** | Registered: **January 09, 2006**

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 06:03

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I remember the one at Campground. Jane was usually there.

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 09:57

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Where is 33rd. St.? I know 27th. used to be 26th. st. but never heard of 33rd.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 10:20

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What is the name or number of the street that is on the north side of Broadway between 32nd and 34th. It goes into Country Heights. It may very well be 32nd for all I know but that is the only street that has been in between those two that I can think of.

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xminer
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 10:33

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Buck, that is 33rd. Street. It travels north two blocks going to SW Crescent. Between Broadway and SW Crescent is McPherson that goes from 33rd back east to 32nd.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 15:15

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For JLG48. Your post: "I lived on Jamison Blvd.. and had my horse and 2 others in the field behind our house... made Earl D. crazy.. but wasn't a darn thing he could do about it.. was Firebaugh's property... I'd waltz my horse right into my backyard and ride her onto Jamison Blvd.. proud as could be."

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Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 17:30

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Rita lives in Savannah, Ga now.

quote:

Originally posted by johnj229:

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

jlmer

Old Pro



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Did you know Helen Yearwood who lived across the road and about a block E. of the store?

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 18:08

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I have a question.
When was Times Square Mall built and what was there before it was built?

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 20:12

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I do believe that Danner's was there first and it was the first building on that property. I think that the mall came in sometime after '73'.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 20:58

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Danners 3D
Right.. I bought the Beatles Red 1962-1966
Red Vinyl and the The Beatles 1967-1970 Blue Vinyl there. I still have both sealed. Then In 1980 I was in Kokomo In. and found the White Album white vinyl. So I have the Red White and Blue Vinyl sealed. Can you say \$\$ on Ebay??

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

bill_is_back
Old Pro

Posted March 20, 2008 21:01

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Rita is married to a spitler from Mt Vernon. He is a pilot for Gulfstream in Savannah. Her mother also lives here.

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cl68
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Posted March 20, 2008 21:20

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Wasn't Danners and 3d where Big Lot's is now accross from the old Park Plaza shopping center on south tenth?

I don't remember what was where the Times Square is now.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 21:32

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Yes, I knew Helen. Also Donnie Yearwood. If memory serves me right, Donnie lived with [this will be mis-spelled] Dal Bora. He had a junkyard on 42nd street. Mom and dad rented a house from him. We lived there a year or so. The folk's had a National home on Central street. They bought the model home plus they owned another down the street. We were the first to live in Country Heights. I sit on a dirt pile many a night watching the movie at the drive-in theater.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 20, 2008 21:37

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The original Wal-Mart was one of the first buildings out there. Sears is located there now. I've been reading some of my old papers and will try to get the date of the mall. I believe that Martin's Super Store was also one of the originals along with Times Square Liquors next to Martin's, then the Mammoth. Some of the others were the Time Out Lounge, in the middle of the mall, later it moved to the south and became the Side Door and Carl's for Men.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

trally9604
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Posted March 20, 2008 21:38

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You are right about Danner's & 3D. They were located where Big Lots is now. Have racked my memory & cannot remember what was at the mall location or when mall was built. Do remember the days when Park Plaza shopping center was the place to be!!

Posts: **269** | Location: **Mount Vernon** | Registered: **October 08, 2007**

b00ts
Free Time

Posted March 20, 2008 21:46

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Wasn't Carps at the Times Square Mall location back in the early 70's?

Posts: **236** | Location: . | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 22:18

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I am almost positive that Danner's was there on that property first. I think that this was maybe as early as 1965 or 66. I remember seeing the land cleared and remember the resemblance of the name of the business to someone that was in highschool when I was there. I am pretty sure that it was before I left for service in '66'. There was just NOTHING at all out there at that time. It was way out of town. I do remember helping out at the site in 1973 or '74'as Carps either moved in or moved out or changed ownership. That may have been what it was. Carps may have been bought out. I know that Carps was still at the down town location when I came home from "Nam" in '69'.

Actually, about the only thing that was out that way then was Tri County Electric and the little subdivision just west of it that went north. It is just before the present 42nd street.

About the last populated area that direction other than what I already mentioned was Country Heights and the Drive Inn Theater.

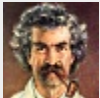
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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted March 20, 2008 22:20

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Didn't Carps move from the Park Plaza to the Mall? Then I think it was Mohr Value, then became Walmart. The grocery store I think was Super Value first. I could be wrong I was kinda young back then.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

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johnj229
Old Pro



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Max Davis Printing was at 42nd and Ashley Road. The building is still there. Since it has been 15 years or so since I was last in MTV I have no idea what is there now. Might be a insurance or realty company. Right across the road 42nd street [west] was the junkyard. To the north was some houses. Tri-county was about a block east. Ellen Young and her mom and dad lived about 1/2 block east of Max Davis Printing. I think there might have been 3 others houses there.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 20, 2008 22:51

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quote:

Originally posted by UNCLEB:
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You are absolutely right about Carps being at Park Plaza. How could I have forgotten. My mother worked there. I got a job next door at Nobil's after I came home. They had not been there too long because I remember coming home from service at some point and they were still downtown. I could be wrong though. I have slept since then.

You are also right about Mohr Value. I helped in the changeover from Carps to Mohr Value in about '73' or '74'. There was nothing else out in that lot at that time that I am aware of. I left for Texas in '76' and I really do not recall when the mall was built or seeing any of it built. My guess is that the mall was probably built in '76' and '77'.

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I think that the location you speak of as being the Max Davis printing location is a realty office.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Soulfire84

Free Time

Posted March 20, 2008 23:26

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Did you guys ever get Great Lakes Aviation planes into Mt.Vernon around 1997?

Posts: **412** | Location: **NIYABINGHI** | Registered: **March 14, 2008**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 21, 2008 00:02

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

quote:

Originally posted by UNCLEB:

Didn't Carps move from the Park Plaza to the Mall? Then I think it was Mohr Value, then became Walmart. The grocery store I think was Super Value first. I could be wrong I was kinda young back then.

You are absolutely right about Carps being at Park Plaza. How could I have forgotten. My mother worked there. I got a job next door at Nobil's after I came home. They had not been there too long because I remember coming home from service at some point and they were still downtown. I could be wrong though. I have slept since then.

You are also right about Mohr Value. I helped in the changeover from Carps to Mohr Value in about '73' or '74'. There was nothing else out in that lot at that time that I am aware of. I left for Texas in '76' and I really do not recall when the mall was built or seeing any of it built. My guess is that the mall was probably built in '76' and '77'.

i watched the first showing of Star Wars in that Mall and many other movies.....so I am thinking you are close but a little late Bucky Bean Dip.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted March 21, 2008 09:42

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 21, 2008 09:47

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quote:

Yes, I knew Helen.

In the mid 50s Helen was dating a friend of mine, Jack Thorp, and I'd pick them up about every night and we'd head off somewhere. I always thought she was really cute and was a lot of fun. I had headphones hooked up to my car radio and she always wanted to listen to the radio through them. Only problem was, when they plugged in they cut the speakers off and no one else could hear it.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

b00ts
Free Time

Posted March 21, 2008 10:55

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Quote by urbaner:

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I have the same memory of seeing Star Wars in the "new" theater in the mall! I always thought that theater was mundane compared to the elegance of the Granada or the Stadium.

Posts: **236** | Location: . | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

Germann85

Free Time



Posted March 21, 2008 13:38

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My memory of the mall theater was the lines for "Jaws". They reached almost all the way to the center area.

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted March 21, 2008 18:05

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So what do we know about the Times Square Mall?

Danners (Maybe), Carps, Mohr Value, Walmart and Sears have all been in the same building. Right?

And it was built somewhere between '63 and '77.

No one remembers what was there before it was built.

(I don't think we are doing real good on this one 😞)

I am lost, that's why I asked!!

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted March 21, 2008 18:17

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Sassafras

Regular



Posted March 22, 2008 00:01

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Danners lived about where Pizza Hut is (was?). Bill Danner, Virginia's Dad, in the last house west and his father Duff to the east of him. Next was an overgrown wooded area with huge oak trees and a dirt lane running back into it. There had been some houses back there at one time, but not in my lifetime. Don't remember if it went all the way to the corner of 42nd or not. Eddie Mifflin's shop (Atlas Seal?) was on the other side of 42nd Street. Then a row of houses to the school.

Posts: **151** | Location: **South Of Town** | Registered: **July 25, 2006**

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted March 22, 2008 00:08

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Soulfire: I don't think Great Lakes Aviation had the contract for the Essential Air Service then. They were still fairly centered on their operations out west then, though I might be mistaken. I think I was flying home then on what was an Allegheny/USAir affiliate out of, of all places, Owensboro, KY. They wouldn't take off to MVN unless they were guaranteed two warm bodies were waiting at the airport to board. I had several trips chopped off at the legs like that. GLA is the carrier into MWA(Marion, our only air link to the world, now), having picked up their contract from TransStates in May of 2007. They actually do a good job into STL, but it seems as though you wait three hours to connect anywhere east.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted March 22, 2008 10:22

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quote:

Originally posted by Sassafras:
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Gale Knox lived in there somewhere also. He'd buy old houses and houses for late taxes and fix them up just enough to rent.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

xminer

Old Pro

Posted March 22, 2008 13:36

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In 1977 Gale lived on Route 15 just west of where Shiloh Drive is now

located. I bought a house off Paul Duncan's daughter north of Route 15. The original Shiloh Drive was drawn up to follow the old road bed but the state and Gale couldn't agree on a price for a small piece of land and Paul Duncan dedicated land for the road. George German and I also dedicated frontage property for the road in order to open up that area.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

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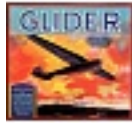
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Baseball Mom

Old Pro



Posted March 22, 2008 13:54

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My brother and I use to fish at Paul's pond. Fond memories. And yes Gale lived close to Duncan's. Maxine Scrivner and her husband lived in the area too. I lived a little farther west towards Woodlawn. Just wondering if I know you xminer?

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

xminer

Old Pro

Posted March 22, 2008 14:17

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Bmom, I'm sure you know me or my sons.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted March 22, 2008 18:58

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Mrs. Schmidt, who was the Biology teacher at the high school, used to live about were the middle of the interchange is now. She told me when she sold the property that they told her that's how it would lay out. Her place was on the north side of "15" and was somewhat secluded by greenery.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted March 23, 2008 08:15

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
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I'm surprised someone doesn't know more. I seem to recall seeing a picture somewhere one time of Rolland Lewis and Chester Lewis, former city manager I think, at the Grand Opening or something. I do know why its called Times Square Mall. Because its address is 42d and Broadway, same as Times Square in New York City.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted March 23, 2008 22:03

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:
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I seem to remember that. Or maybe we were drinking the same thing, jlmer.

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted March 24, 2008 15:08

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Before the mall was built it was mostly open field, we would fly kites in the spring there. Across the street was houses and businesses. Coming East from what is now 57 was West Salem Methodist, some other stuff, Ivan's Flower Shop, The Webb family, us and the Illinois Power Co. We lived in that house until I was in 1st grade then moved to Pace Ave. That was 1967. The mall was built in 1974 and what was our house was turned into a Long John Silvers.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted March 25, 2008 12:10

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I lived out at Lake JC back in 1980-81. I would take Rt. 37 North and turn east. I would go through the bottoms, across the high railroad crossing and wind up on the east side of JC where I lived in a little 36 foot blue and white trailer. What is the name of the road I took after I left Rt. 37? I have racked my BB sized brain and cannot think of it. Thanks.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 25, 2008 12:40

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I believe that would be Idlewood Road. That is the road that goes by the "Castle" on the right, then go over the UP tracks. If you turned at the first road that led to JC Lake it is Oakton. This is the one beside the trailer court that goes under the UP tracks. The blue trailer that you mentioned may be on the west side of the lake. The only trailers I remember on the east of the lake are on Dogwood point, an enclave with trailers and houses.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Baseball Mom
Old Pro



Posted March 25, 2008 16:21

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johnj229, I think xminer is right. It probably was Idlewood but if it is the road currently known as Oakton, (where I now live) it used to be called JC Lake Rd. It brings you right out to the Lake where the Beach used to be on the West side. Course the Bridge is out now and you have to go around or

take your chances 😊

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted March 25, 2008 17:54

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Hey, didn't The Hotel Emerson have red lights on the top floor. I remember thinking it was a brothel when I was a kid, but that may have been just a school yard rumour. Seems like there was another whorehouse. Smitrock, you know about red lights. 😊

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 25, 2008 17:57

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Yup, red lights on the top floor. Also the 4 lower floors. They were exit signs.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 25, 2008 18:15

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johnj229 try this map

<http://communitylink.com/us/il/jeffersoncounty/map/county>

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 09:22

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There was a little white house between Main and Bwdy. around 4th or 5th st that had a kitchen light that was red. All of the house would be dark but that one red light. That was a big source of gossip for us kids back then.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 09:26

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Anyone familiar with where the "red light" folklore came from?

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 26, 2008 12:42

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I thought it was coined in 19th century San Franscisco in China Town. Until I looked it up in Wikipeda. Boy was I wrong! I looked it up on Wikipedia. You'll learn all you want.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

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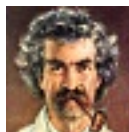
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wclark
Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 13:16

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From Wikipedia:

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we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of**

'66 | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 13:31

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xminer/baseballmom, of course I screwed up and it was on the west side of the lake. I lived directly across the road from the beach area. I used to mix up east and west when I lived out there. I would generally always take the route I stated unless the water was up in the bottoms. I really liked living out there but when I went to work at RLC it was just too much of a drive. Even back then the traffic wasn't something I wanted to face every morning. There wasn't really any shorts cuts to get to I57 and I didn't like Rt. 37 at all. Sooooo I moved to the big berg of Ina. {that was about the time all the Hiney Wine commericals were go radio-I never found the winery that was suppose to be in Ina} At least I had plenty of places to fish. I hardly ever fished Rend Lake. There were just too many unfished farm ponds with nice sized bass and I didn't need a \$10,000 boat and a \$15000 truck to pull it with.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 13:39

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Bugman...thanks for the map. I missed seeing your post when I submitted the one above.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Baseball Mom

Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 14:05

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I could be mistaken but I believe your trailer is still there. One of my girlfriends rented it for awhile. She was from Bone Gap but that's been along time ago.

HINEY WINE is not something that has been discussed on this thread but it should be! I think it was a promo for WMIX but I could be wrong. It seems like Tom Sheldon did the voice for the commercials. Quite a controversy if I remember correctly. Anyone who remembers, please comment 😊

You bring up another of my favorite past times, Fishing. Sometimes, we go to the boat ramp at JC Lake and get our lines wet. Course, never catch anything! Fishing at Miller Lake is a bit better.

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 14:41

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Bingo!

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Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 26, 2008 19:00

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Baseball Mom
Old Pro



Posted March 28, 2008 19:26

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Bugman,
Thanks for the link. I'm from the old school and sometimes forget we have this new fangled equipment. Brought back some memories. I can understand why it brought up controversy in this small county!

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 28, 2008 23:15

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How old is Little Red Hiney?

He was new born back in the 70's???????

He was the Grandson of Big Red Hiney I believe.

Tom Sheldon is on MYSpace.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 28, 2008 23:26

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You only go around once in life,so grab all the Hiney you can!

I love it.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted March 29, 2008 09:38

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If any of you ladies out there need some Hiney you can have some of miney!!

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 30, 2008 08:47

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All of these guys were mostly from Williamson County. The Sheltons were from Wayne Co. and later went to Fl. to survive. My uncle lived in Benton and he to went to the hanging. Somehow Mt. Vernon seemed to escape the feud between the gangs and it's surprising due to the size of Mt. Vernon or that could have been the reason it was by passed. I can remember when "Big" Earl Shelton was ambushed and killed. I was only a kid of around 10 yr. old then and I cut the article out of the RN along with the pic. but evidently my parents tossed it several years ago.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro



Posted March 30, 2008 10:20

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I was watching a program last week and Camp Douglas was being featured. This was a Civil War POW camp in Chicago holding Confederate prisoners. When the war ended they opened the gates and released all the prisoners. The ones that swore allegiance to the US were provided passage back to their southern homes. But most refused to comply and had to make their own way back south. I wonder if there are any archives showing the flood of southerners that traveled through Mt. Vernon and Jefferson County. Jefferson County would naturally have been a direct route for most of them. Thousands of soldiers were released and surely there was still animosity toward them here. It would be interesting to know some of the history. Does anyone remember anything on this subject? I know that most of our postings have concerned history as we remember it but I thought that I would just throw this out.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

urbaner
Free Time



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Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 30, 2008 17:21

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You all should copy/paste "Shelton's, Charlie Birger and Charles "Blackie" Harris" gangs/southern illinois on (the leftest) Google. Lots of reading!!!

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wclark
Old Pro



Posted March 30, 2008 17:37

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If you want a really fine book on the Shelton's and others, get a copy of "Bloody Williamson". It is a pretty definitive history of activity in, mainly, Williamson County. Makes for great reading.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

StillCrazy
Stranger



Posted March 30, 2008 20:00

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My brother Burl Artis gave me this web site and I would like to thank him for it.

We used to live across the road from the old stock car track on the tolle road many years ago. My grandmother also had her farm across from it also.

My uncle David used to race stock cars on the track and I can remember being 4-5 years old and him giving me rides around it.

Hadn't thought about it in years.

David

Posts: **2** | Location: **Dover, Fl.** | Registered: **March 30, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 30, 2008 20:22

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Well Crazy one, welcome. I live on Tolle Road now, have for 20 years and prolly know some of the same people. Barge in with a post or two. You will be surprised at the memories of some here having to deal with the goin' ons of old MTV.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 30, 2008 21:53

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In the erly 60's i can remember loading up in pops old '58 Chevrolet station wagon and heading to the races.

When there was a wreck and the ambulance had to take a driver to the hospital they would use his wagon for a back up ambulance while waiting for the real one to show back up.

I thought that was way cool!
only because we got to sit in the pits for free.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

butt2munch
Free Time

Posted March 30, 2008 22:46

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StillCrazy
1923 Replies
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You have a lot of reading to do!!!

Posts: **228** | Location: **Not There** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

StillCrazy
Stranger

Posted March 30, 2008 23:15

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I've made it to page 9.

Got to hit the sack - got to get up early for a trip tomorrow.

Once I;ve gone thru some more I will post some of my memories of growing up in Mt. Vernon. It was a great place to grow up.

Posts: **2** | Location: **Dover, Fl.** | Registered: **March 30, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 31, 2008 09:00

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Does anyone have any memories of the old Chataque grounds?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 31, 2008 09:33

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Did you mean Chatauqua? And would it mean burial grounds for Indians? Or the outdoor traveling shows that were popular in the late 19th and early 20th century? Instead of TV or radio people would go to Chatauquas for entertainment. I know of a few Indian burial mounds in the county and one burial site east of Ina close to Spring Garden. If you get a definitive answer to the question I would be interested.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted March 31, 2008 16:29

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
If you want a really fine book on the Shelton's and others, get a copy of "Bloody Williamson". It is a pretty definitive history of activity in, mainly, Williamson County. Makes for great reading.

Another great book is "A Knight of Another Sort" about Charlie Birger". There use to be an old guy that lived on Wescott between 26th and 27th, I think his name was Harry something. Anyway he use to tell storie and say he was a use to work for the Sheltons or Birger, I can't rember which one.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 31, 2008 19:37

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quote:

Did you mean Chatauqua?

That's it! There was a Chatauqua grounds across from where I grew up, before I was born. It was 25th & Casey and also across on Bwdy. It had a stage, etc. and was evidently pretty popular. My sister remembers it and I think even attended some of the shows there. Evidently it was minstrel shows. A wooded area with spaces cleared and stumps to sit on. Claude Hutchins, of Claudes Shell, bought the lot on 25th. & Casey and after work he and his wife would work on a house they were building there. It's still there although Claude is dead and she's living somewhere else in town. They did a really good job and since they built it themselves I would assume it was pretty cheap for them. Nice house on the N.E. corner.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 31, 2008 20:11

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"Before you were born"? Now I do feel old. In Ina and some of the other small bergs we didn't have these shows but, as I have mentioned before, we had a Toby show come around annually. And in the summer-time we had the Friday Night Show. A guy, from Bluford I believe, would show movies between the bank building and Virgil Kash's restaurant. Complete with serials and once in a while a news reel. I know, I know, I've mentioned this before, but at my age I should get some leeway.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

EastTex
Member

Posted March 31, 2008 20:37

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Xminer, I remember those Friday Night movies in Ina. My family lived in Ina in 1951 - 1952 when I was but 8 or 9 years old and I remember going to those movies. One serial was titled "The Iron Claw" and it really frightened me. I don't even remember what it was about, probably some sort of murder mystery, but I remember being so scared I couldn't sleep after the movie and kept waking up my parents to investigate all the "monsters" in the closet and hiding under my bed.

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

EastTex
Member

Posted March 31, 2008 20:42

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Speaking of civil war era history of Mt. Vernon, I remember one of my teachers at Casey Jr. High telling us (in 1956 or 1957) that the site the school was built on at one time was a farmstead which was supposedly a "stop" on the Underground Railroad. Anyone have any information on that?

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted March 31, 2008 23:31

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UNCLEB, about three months ago, I was at a large used book sale in Harrisburg, PA. I picked up the very book you cited, in nearly pristine shape, with old Charlie Birger's mug on the front. Paid one entire dollar for it, as no one here had any idea of the subject matter. No mention of Mt. Vernon in it at all, nor is there any Mt. Vernon source material listed. All in all, a blessing for the area to have been spared the turmoil.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted April 01, 2008 09:37

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Again, before I was born, my dad drove a bread truck out of Mt. Vernon and was on the road in Franklin Co. around 3 am. There was a guy standing by the road who flagged him down. He got in dad's truck and visited just like anyone else would. He got off at the motel place where the gang stayed. He thanked dad and got off and dad went along his way. Evidently, they never bothered anyone unless you were gang connected.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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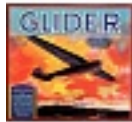
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Bugman
Old Pro



Posted April 01, 2008 12:46

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Good Southern Illinois History site:

<http://.illinoishistory.com/people.html>

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted April 01, 2008 19:57

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xminer said:

quote:

Before you were born"? Now I do feel old.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one. 😊

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Sassafras
Regular



Posted April 01, 2008 20:47

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I'm pretty sure I spelled it correctly... Marlin Hodge. His classroom was behind the gym, under the stage on the west end. Hot as blazes down ther in the fall!

Posts: **151** | Location: **South Of Town** | Registered: **July 25, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted April 01, 2008 21:58

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That would be Merlin Hodge and, yes, his class was under the stage on the west side. I remember having him for Social Studies. I know he was there at least '59-'61'. I see him around town ever so often and have a conversation now and then.

I do not ever remember him being a coach but considering the time and budgets, I would not be surprised if he was hired to coach after school hours in Mt.Vernon. I have known of schools hiring non-teachers to coach.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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<http://.the912project.com/>

Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Sassafras
Regular



Posted April 01, 2008 22:05

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Ok Buck... you I believe. I stand corrected. He was there at least throuth spring of '63 and all I know other than that was that he taught SS.

Posts: **151** | Location: **South Of Town** | Registered: **July 25, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted April 01, 2008 22:09

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So is he the one that was the coach at Waltonville? And was he the Jr.High Social Studies under the stage at Casey? Same guy?

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Bugman](#), April 01, 2008 22:35

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

sbevis
Free Time



Posted April 01, 2008 23:27

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Seems like Mr. Hodge went to Franklin Grade school as a teacher in about '64

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted April 02, 2008 11:42

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quote:

Originally posted by sbevis:
Seems like Mr. Hodge went to Franklin Grade school as a teacher in about '64

Mr Hodge was already teaching Social Studies at Casey in 1963 when I started seventh grade. I don't remember if it was that year or the following that Jere Shaw was his student teacher.

Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted April 03, 2008 15:36

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This is an edited change to a post I had made regarding what I had perceived to be inappropriate behavior on the part of Coach Thompson of Casey Jr. High.

Upon re-examination of my memories, prompted by the replies of his other "boys" I have concluded this action was an isolated event and not so inappropriate by the standards of the day that it occurred in.

I have removed my description of the "inappropriate behavior" but for those that are curious, it was very mild by today's standards.

The next few replies are from schoolmates attesting to Coach Thompson's integrity, and I was surprised that none had similar experiences, prompting me to conclude that mine was an isolated occurrence and not so sinister in nature.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Bradstik](#), April 05, 2008 14:43

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Bogeyman47
Basic training



Posted April 03, 2008 15:49

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I am afraid I am going to have to take exception of the post about Mr. Thompson. I played basketball for him for 2 years in the early 60's...I have never seen him jerk a towel off anyone and I don't believe it would be in his demeanor to pop you with a towel. One other thing, I don't think I have ever heard anyone call him creepy. I choose to remember him as a very dedicated coach and mentor. He did far more good at the junior high than he did bad. Sorry, I could not let that statement go without defending this fine gentleman.

Posts: **35** | Location: **Kentucky** | Registered: **February 03, 2006**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted April 03, 2008 17:03

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Boogeyman, I agree 100%. Mr. Thompson is one of the few people that I have NEVER called by their first name in any conversation. Always a gentleman and just a wonderful individual. He made a difference in a lot of lives.

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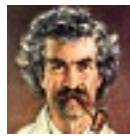
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Buck
Old Pro



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Just like Bogeyman and wclark I spent a lot of time working with Mr. Thompson. The other two were basketball players and I was on his tumbling team for two years. Bogeyman and I were in the same class and wclark was a year behind. I have two people in my life that I have always felt were totally high calibre people. That would be my uncle who retired from the Army and Mr. Thompson. They both were the type of people that you knew when they walked into a room.

There was good reason for a tumbling coach to be "hands on" with their charges and this was the case with Mr. Thompson and his tumbling team and in particular me. He never, ever was inappropriate in any way. In fact, I always tell the story about how he made a point of telling me to always hold my head up, chest out and stomach in. He always made a point of reinforcing the fact that you should always take personal pride in yourself.

No way could I ever say anything negative about him. The last time I saw saw him was about 1979-80 at Bolerjacks Market and he still maintained that air of dignity that was always his trademark.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted April 05, 2008 10:18

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quote:

Originally posted by stixnstones:
I just can't remember any behavior like that out of him.
Anything's possible though I guess. 😊

In these times, if a person judged something a person said or did in the 50s-60s, by today's standards I could see how it could be misconstrued but in the past years the thought process was decidedly different as were the morals of the country and society as a whole.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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Old Pro



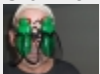
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I'll add one thought to the much deserved commentaries on Coach Thompson. I played minor and Little League for four years, and my performances were strikingly unmemorable. I always thought of him as stern, but, even as a kid, I saw he was fair, and pretty skilled at what he tried to teach us. Now, fast forward about fifteen years, I am at home on leave from the Constellation one summer, and am out having dinner with a friend. Coach Thompson walks up to the table and extends his hand, calling me by my first name. That, even for a true gentleman, is a feat of memory....Come to think of it, the very best of all my teachers could do that, as well. God's gift, for certain....

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted April 05, 2008 12:55

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I have and had nothing but respect for Mr. Thompson. I messed up in the 6th grade championship game and he came down to the locker room, with my Dad, and talked me out of my tears. Then in the 7th grade he helped me with a recital in front of the entire assembly, 7th and 8th graders. That was the most people I had and have ever spoken in front of!!!

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted April 05, 2008 14:21

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"In these times, if a person judged something a person said or did in the 50s-60s, by todays standards I could see how it could be misconstrued but in the past years the thought process was decidedly different as were the morals of the country and society as a whole."

For once, I must agree w/jlmer. After reading the replies from the other Jr. High "boys", I must retract/ammend my post.

The incident I was referring to did happen, and it did creep me out. But, in retrospect, Coach Thompson's job description, at the time, included making certain the boys were wearing their "athletic supporters and cups". Furthermore, because I was in "independant study" and wasn't required to report to gym class every day, my experiences with the coach were more limited than most, and what seemed like normal PE class to some, did seem strange to me.

For these reasons I apologise to all, and am editing my previous post, and I would ask that any "cut, copy and paste" quotes of my post get edited out as well.

Thank you.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted April 05, 2008 14:29

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As I remember back to pictures in my mind of Coach Thompson around kids, particularly Little League, they were always swarming around him. He was kinda like the pied piper but there was just one subtle difference. He always allowed kids to get close but not too close. They were proteges'. They were his grandchildren. They were his "Best friend's" kids. There was always a very subtle chasm that he would not allow anyone to breach, that same chasm that a good teacher had with a favorite student or a talented student. He knew what he was doing. I am a single man and because of today's society a single man has to be very careful around people's kids who they are not familiar with. I have used Mr. Thompson for several years as that model to avoid the consternation of those parents. I have found that his method not only works but it almost stops any negative thoughts in their tracks before they start.

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Posts: **1595** | Location: **The Park.** | Registered: **March 31, 2008**

butt2munch
Free Time



Posted April 05, 2008 17:59

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Mr Thompson took care of many of us. High and lows. Boys and girls.

Posts: **228** | Location: **Not There** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted April 06, 2008 09:50

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In todays world Mr. Thompson would have been in trouble. It's a shame that the people who are sincere and really care about their charges have to be so careful as what they say and how they say it. He lived in the right days at the right time and left a lot of good memories for us that will live on and get passed down to other generations. Too bad but there can't be any more people like him, it isn't safe for them.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

nospam
Basic
training



Posted April 08, 2008 23:14

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

quote:

Originally posted by tyrone:

I worked in the lumber yard at the car shops
unloading and storing lumber in giant kilns. Wage
scale was \$1.33 per hour and it was a union shop.

To show you how little things change in Southern Illinois, I went to work @ Dowzer Electric in 1968 for \$1.97 per hour - also a union shop.

Do you remember Bob Dulaney at Dowzer? He worked in the back corner repairing OCR's?

Posts: **18** | Location: **Central Illinois** | Registered: **January 30, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted April 09, 2008 09:28

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I worked at Dowzer in '66 and ended up being shop steward for the IBEW. It wasn't much of a union then. The boss would come around on Friday afternoon and tell us we had to work Sat. and if we said no they'd tell us to not come back Mon.

I told the union boss and he said they couldn't do anything about it. We had a fun crew working there then. I started on the tanks in the back and then got put on piece work in assembly.

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Wayne Grant
Old Pro



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Does anyone remember a gas station , I believe it was Fosters...on the corner of Oakland and Salem Road? Right across from Hicks today? That may have been in the 50's. Or the little store that Ike Mendenhall ran over near Lincoln school.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted April 09, 2008 11:17

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Correction...across from Hucks not Hicks

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

tyrone
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Posted April 09, 2008 11:51

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quote:

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from Hicks today? That may have been in the 50's. Or the little store that Ike Mendenhall ran over near Lincoln school.

It was operated by Mr Foster and was named the North Side Shell. I bought a lot of bubble gum there back in about 1947 or 48. Later it was owned by the Peterson family.

There was also a cafe located behind and north of the old service station. It was called the North Side Cafe. My mother worked there in the early 50's as waitress/cook.

I do recall a grocery store in the area just across the street(Oakland)south from the service station. I am thinking it was owner about that time by a family named Rector.

A school buddy of mine lived nearby on Oakland, Kenny Kitch was his name.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted April 09, 2008 22:04

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

I worked at Dowzer in '66 and ended up being shop steward for the IBEW. It wasn't much of a union then. The boss would come around on Friday afternoon and tell us we had to work Sat. and if we said no they'd tell us to not come back Mon.

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I worked there in '68 and things hadn't changed much. I started as a stripper and finished as an assembler. Still, it was a place to work. Not much in MtV back then.

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted April 10, 2008 10:24

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

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Old Pro



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This world has lost a candle but heaven has gained another Gaberial. I'll miss ya Ron and will always remember you for what you were, a good and faithful friend with a strong belief in God.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted April 12, 2008 10:19

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quote:

Originally posted by A-Dad:
Tyrone,how is the body? Still on the mend?

Yep ! Another 4 weeks in this harness though.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time

Posted April 12, 2008 10:22

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Would he be the one that I knew as "Zeke" ?

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted April 13, 2008 10:21

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quote:

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It's Zeke! He told me the beginning of the summer that he'd been diagnosed with cancer in the lungs and he was going to start treatment. At times he'd go for a week or so without sending email and then he'd start again so I figured he was having his ups and downs. It was still a shock, to have just sent him an email the day before and then read the next morning that Zeke had passed.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted April 13, 2008 10:27

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quote:

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The Vic I was trying to think of was Vickie Hicks. There was a guy, first name Carl, who cleaned up. He'd push a wheelbarrow around and carry a broom. When I was in assembly he had a wheelbarrow full of dirt, etc. and set it down in the aisle and took off somewhere. I went to the parts room and grabbed a handful of vasolene and put it on the handles. Carl was always in a hurry so he came rushing down the aisle and in a swooping motion reached down and grabbed the handles of the wheelbarrow and when he started to lift it up his hands slipped off and the wheelbarrow fell on its side. He stood there with slick hands and a pile of dirt. Of course, all the guys were watching and started laughing. He was a good sport about it all but it took awhile to get the vasolene off the handles.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted April 13, 2008 13:45

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Hey jlmer.

Was C. J. Covington's son named John?

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

cl68
Free Time



Posted April 13, 2008 13:51

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Jon was the youngest. Joe was older. Jon only worked part time at Dowzer when in high school mowing etc. Joe worked there ever after CJ sold the company.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

cl68
Free Time

Posted April 13, 2008 13:52

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Sorry, EVEN after CJ sold the company in 1971.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted April 13, 2008 20:20

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quote:

Originally posted by cl68:
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C.J. brought in John while he was still there. The first thing John did was start assigning everyone different parking spaces. If you worked in the front part you parked in the rear and if you worked in the rear part you parked in the front. He had it in such a mess that everyone started parking like they had been, where ever there was a space. It was another case of daddy advancing Jr. to something he couldn't handle. I can't think of anything else John did as he was front office with daddy.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

cl68
Free Time



Posted April 14, 2008 12:57

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quote:

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Charlie probably decided to keep him out of trouble. Jon went to SIU, worked for a while then went back for a Masters, then went to work for a start up company in Cupertino, CA. It was called Apple Computer in the late 70's. He was in International Marketing. I hear he has his own technology company now and lives in South Florida. Joe lives in New York State.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted April 15, 2008 10:46

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted April 15, 2008 16:07

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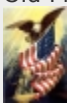
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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted April 16, 2008 09:50

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When I was first married I bought tickets to the "Policeman's Ball" and my wife and I got dressed up and went. It was held at the Moose and I thought I'd be a big shot with her by introducing her to all of the local policemen. Well, I was young and stupid and didn't know that you bought tickets but didn't go! There was only about 5-8 people there, cops, and no-one said anything to us at all so after about 15 minutes I figured it out and we left. So much for the Policeman's Ball!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted April 16, 2008 10:28

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Never saw ----- or remember??? 😊😊

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted April 16, 2008 13:46

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Hey Bugman--maybe it was just a typical night out for those guys---no biggy. 😊

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

Brothers Johnson
Old Pro



Posted April 16, 2008 13:54

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Jack the Payne.

Posts: **1171** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **June 01, 2006**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted April 19, 2008 10:58

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Bump, to keep this upfront.

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted April 30, 2008 07:12

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How long has the old Ramada Inn been shut down?

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted April 30, 2008 08:33

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I remember going to the Policeman's Ball. It was crowded, there was a bar, and I danced by standing on my dad's feet. We also did the twist until my sides ached.

For some reason, I was thinking it was out by the lake somewhere, not in town. Were they different events, the rabbit dinner and the ball?

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted April 30, 2008 08:47

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The original Ramada was built in the early 1970's by Ralph and Kenny Grey. The franchise then moved across the interstate to the location of what is

now the Holiday Inn and the location became The Best Western about 20 years back. Fletcher Farrar was one of the investors in the new one. When the new Ramada was built there were three hotels that received money from the state in the form of a loan to build or remodel; the Holiday Inn in Collinsville, the renovation of the 17 story round hotel in Springfield and the Ramada on the west side of I-57. Farrar was the only one to repay the state for the his loan. The other two still owe for the loan and the accrued interest and fees now is in the millions.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted April 30, 2008 09:08

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted April 30, 2008 09:18

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quote:

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I was thinking they moved it to the Sportsmans club.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer

Old Pro

Posted April 30, 2008 09:21

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quote:

Fletcher Farrar was one of the investors in the new one.

He and Bill Thackery were the ones who got the Sunday alcohol sales. Farrar said the Ramada couldn't survive with out it and Thackery was the mayor. It came down to a tie vote on the council as the city was against it, and Thackery, as the tie breaking vote, voted for the sales. The Ramada never survived and Thackery was a one term mayor for that stunt. Joe Martin has just fought the stores wanting to stay open on Sundays and now Thackery was wanting alcohol sales...a little ahead of it's time. The churches were involved and the Lewis Room was absolutely full of anti-Sunday sales. It was a huge, emotional thing and the people simply didn't want it.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted April 30, 2008 09:25

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I had reason to be in there on business in the fall of 2005. I was given the impression at that time that they would only be open another six months.

As for the new Ramada/Holiday Inn, that property investment of Fletcher Farrar also had Stan Musiel as an investment partner.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro



Posted April 30, 2008 09:26

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The Rabbit Fry was held at the Moose, Shriner's Park (on Miller Lake) and the Ramada in the 10 years or so that I attended. Krumudgeon was an attendee that I remember at many of the Frys. I don't remember too much about the Policeman's Ball but I had the impression that it was held at the Armory. I believe that JImmer related this in a previous post.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Bradstik

Regular

Posted May 02, 2008 19:14

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Anyone remember a little ghost town, really just a neighborhood directly between Old Union Cemetary and what is now the Mitchell Museum? It was on Mitchell property with no trespassing signs which we ignored, and there were old streetcars back there. It was close to Happy's pet shop. There was also a ruin of some sort behind Bob and Betty Lipps' on Parker drive, and the Mitchell property which was covered in huge vines. We felt like young Indiana Jones back there.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Wayne Grant

Old Pro

Posted May 04, 2008 20:17

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Bradstik...I lived in the area. Lloyd Dagg, Minors, Hicks, Glenn Barnes, Donald Fisher, Darwin Roach, Chapmans, Macky Hayes....some of the names of people that lived back there in the 50's. All went to Old Union. Even a little store run by the Hayes. Played in the street cars. One winter a family lived in the street cars. Tough times back then. Down the road going to Indian Hills (Caroline Street) was known as Roederville. We were all poor as church mice.

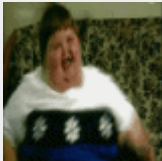
Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Cowboys & Idiots

Member

Posted May 05, 2008 23:15

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glad to be here yall

Posts: **90** | Location: **Home of the Brave** | Registered: **May 04, 2008**

jlmer

Old Pro

Posted May 06, 2008 09:28

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 06, 2008 09:39

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jlmer...the area Bradstik was talking about was on a road across from Caroline (road going to Indian Hills off 27th.) There is one of Mitchells buildings on 27th where the little road came out. There was probably a dozen little houses in that area. By the 60's I think all but a couple were abandoned. Eventually the museum people bought up all the land, tore the houses down, and fenced it in. As far as a ghost town....I don't know it was just a neighborhood with a bunch of small houses.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

rescue
Regular

Posted May 06, 2008 10:49

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quote:

Originally posted by Cowboys & Idiots:
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You spell and smell like ole "Punisher". Please say it isn't so.

Posts: **105** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 07, 2008 09:46

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quote:

As far as a ghost town....I don't know it was just a neighborhood with a bunch of small houses.

It might be interesting to take a detector in and look around. I love those old abandoned houses and buildings. I would think it would be just lots by this time though.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 07, 2008 11:21

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JLMER....all the area is now fenced in and part of the Mitchell property.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered:
January 24, 2008

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 07, 2008 11:24

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Wasn't there an old home place on Caroline on the north side of the street? I seem to remember one there 10-15 years back. Was this Roederville?

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 07, 2008 13:41

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jlmer.....yes, going from 27th towards the golf course is the house I lived in...was actually born in the house.(A new house has been built in its place just within the last couple of years). There was 4 other houses between it and the golf course road on the north side of the road. On the south side of the road past the golf course road are still some houses that relatives lived in. All of those houses were belonged to my uncles. Roeders (Russell, Virgil, Darrell, and Lloyd owned most all the land on the north side of the road back as far as the driving range). My uncle had the pond on #2 hole dug in the 50's....used to swim in it when it was new. There were plenty of kids (probably 20) and just as many coon and bird dogs down that road. Lots of good rabbit and quail hunting in the area that is now Indian Hills golf course. I can remember when they started clearing the land for the golf course. Burned most of it off...sad day for me. Lost all my old hunting grounds. Now when I am home I still hunt on the land...only now I am hunting for my golf balls.

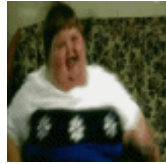
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January 24, 2008

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 07, 2008 21:20

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Wayne, I talked to Robbie Hayes today (he's in his late 60's). I knew that he attended Old Union and would remember the area. He told me that the only grocery store that he remembered was the one at the corner of Centralia Road and Old Union Road (Highland View) on the Northwest corner. He could



RAMbunctious

Educated



Posted May 08, 2008 09:03

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quote:

Originally posted by A-Dad:

All that was before my time on the planet or before my memory anyway.

I only knew of one Robbie H. and he would be of a coon huntin' fishin',frog giggin',kind of guy living in the North East of Jeff. County.

To further identify him would take me relating family info I wouldn't want to on this board.

I am sure it would be one and the same man.Almost.

Those Hayse boys are thicker than rabbits in those parts!

Tyrone might know if is the same dude,but I haven't seen Tyrone on these boards much of late.He is probably out west hanging out with Wayne Newton or some other high powered cronies of his! 😊

Sounds like the Robbie H that I knew. Pretty good athlete. I coached him in football and wrestling back in the late 70's or early 80's. Is he about the same age as your brother Rod? Little ol' Rod Dog was a darn good football player & a decent wrestler too. Tougher than a \$2 steak.



Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted May 08, 2008 09:38

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:

A-Dad...Robbie went to school with my sisters and all my older cousins. I believe that he went to Old Union church too. I can remember Old Union school when it had outside toilets and we rang the bell with a rope that led to the bell tower. Used to walk through Old Union cemetery to ball games at the school. Many nites would get spooked and run all the way home through the cemetery. Big thing in the summers was to "camp out" in the cemetery all night. On the north side of the cemetery there is still the remains of a hearth from the original Old Union church. Used to "bush whack " parkers down Old Union road leading to the school. Also used to be an archery range in the woods there by #17 hole....That was a long time ago.....when that area used

to be "country".

The area around Old Union Cemetary seemed to be pretty popular for parking. We "bush whacked" a few people out there as well.

It was pretty safe and not uncommon to see kids on the streets at nights during the sixties. There was a crew of us out "bush whacking" on foot one night around the Old Union Cemetary. There was also a guy who shall remain nameless that drove a flat bed truck a lot. On this night we were in the cemetary when this truck went through with the whole flatbed full of guys and the late son of a former police chief who was with us blew his police whistle. The guys on the truck must have thought they were in trouble and left in a hurry. They must have figured it out and came back later and cut down our "hiding place" in the cemetary, a pretty good sized tree.

As for the "archery range", Bob Trout lived immediately north of the 17th hole and given his love for the outdoor life, it would not surprise me if that was his "archery range."

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 08, 2008 10:17

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Remember Peckerwood Lake? It was open for fishing and was a nice place to picnic. Dr. Alexander bought it and closed it off to the public and when he died I heard his daughter lives there now or did anyway. Wasn't there a pond at Old Union Cemetery at one time?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 08, 2008 10:54

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Rambunctious, The robbie that I was talking about is around 66-67 years old. Most of our bunch are a tad slow but almost all of us got out of highschool before the 1970's. My son played football in the early 80's with

Robbie Hawkins (I believe that was his last name).

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 08, 2008 11:04

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I started to camp out one night with Bob Trout and my cousin at Peckerwood Lake but I guess someone didn't like it. Sheriff Dewey Barton came and "asked" us to leave.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 08, 2008 11:09

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Buck....that archery range did not belong to Bob Trout. I knew Bob from the Old Union days too. He grew up in the house right next to the school.

Xminer...the Hayes you know is the same group that I am thinking of. Also the store that was referred to as A-Dad at the corner of Centralia Rd and Highland View belonged to GEORGE JAY (son was Bud). There was another Hays that lived back of St. Marys Cemetery area that ran a little store too. I believe the old man was Jack Hays...kids Mona, Loretta and Macky.

Also used to swim in Peckerwood Lake and sleep out and fish there.. Hunted squirrels all around that area. Guys, tell me something....when I left MtV in 1968 I don't remember seeing turkey. The last few years I have been in MtV as I drive around the county roads I see a zillion turkey. Did the state introduce turkey into the area or what? I bet I saw 50 of them out in a corn field on Harmony Rd going towards Papertown.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 08, 2008 11:29

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Yep, another great idea by the Division of Natural Resources. The turkeys were introduced several years back and took off like rabbits. I live on Tolle Road and just west of me I have counted 120 in one bunch. It has gotten so bad that the turkeys are eating the quail eggs and baby quail and now they're almost gone. The word is that now IDNR has introduced bobcats to try to thin the turkeys out. Another idea gone bad are the deer. It's not unusual to see 25-30 in a herd. Used to be twins was a rarity but now a doe may throw triplets and twins everytime.

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 08, 2008 13:55

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Up until recently I lived on a deadend street on the west side of Oak Grove mobile home park. It was at one time a nice little neighborhood.

A neighbor of mine told me that he was looking out into the corn field to the south early one morning and saw the tail of a creature that looked every bit like a cougar tail heading through the field. There are several deer in that area. I have also heard early in the morning (3:00- 4:30 AM) on a spring day several times but about two years apart a real primeval growling that did not sound like your average cougar. It was suggested that it was a form of a mating call from either a cougar or a bobcat. There was an area down the creek that many small bones could be found.

I had also heard something to the effect that cougars had been introduced to the area around McLeansboro. I believe that a cougar's territorial range is about 50 miles.

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bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted May 08, 2008 17:11

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Do you know which daughter lives there?

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Originally posted by jlmer:
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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted May 08, 2008 18:20

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Does anybody remember my old friend Rod Wells? I think he was a step-son of Robert(?) Ward, the insurance guy. One time a propane truck ran into the Ward Insurance building filling the building with propane. Mr. Ward was the last one out of the brick building and out of habit he turned out the lights while standing in the front door way. The building exploded and Mr. Ward was blown across the street miraculously with minor injuries, landing in some bushes. I know this sounds far-fetched and memories can play tricks on me, but that's the way I remember it. Does anyone know what became of Rod Wells?

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 08, 2008 19:24

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Your memory is correct. I remember the incident and I don't believe anyone was seriously hurt, aside from a hearing problem. The truck was parked on the north side of Main and the driver forgot to chock the wheels, the brakes bled off and the rest is history. You're also right about turning off the lights. He created a spark then whammo. This was probably in the early 1970's.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 09, 2008 10:47

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No, I'm not even sure she still lives there. Her dad did a lot of work on all of it and when he died it went to her. He stopped anyone from coming in and fishing, etc. so I just supposed she kept it closed so haven't been there for a long, long time.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 09, 2008 11:50

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Don't know of any pond at Old Union cemetery. There was a stock pond in a field just north of the cemetery that all us kids would swim in and seine for crawdads in. (we called it Smith's pond.)

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted May 09, 2008 15:51

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How many of you remember the story of "The Peckerwood Monster"??

It went something like this:

There was this couple parking and necking out at Peckerwood Lake and someone or something opened the hood and disabled the car, leaving the hood open so they couldn't see out the windshield.

So the young man finally got the nerve to go out and investigate.

The young lady heard a brief skirmish and then silence, all except for this mysterious scraping sound on top of the car which lasted well into the following morning when she finally found the courage to get out and go for help.

And there was her boyfriend, hanging from a tree, with his toes barely touching the top of the car, swinging in the breeze, dead.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

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Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted May 09, 2008 16:09

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Wow,

I haven't heard that story in years!!!

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted May 09, 2008 17:12

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You forgot the arm and hook hanging on the door handle when she drove away 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 09, 2008 19:23

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The way I heard it was that since the car was disabled, she did not move from the inside of the car. The next morning someone happened upon the scene and took her away. They told her not to look back but she did.

Actually it was brewed in a horse!
(couldn't resist)

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted May 10, 2008 08:57

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Now she's in a padded cell in Anna wearing a straight-jacket drooling and laughing maniacally. True story!!

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

jcrowder
Basic
training

Posted May 10, 2008 23:27

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Can anyone tell me about the old shoe factory and is the property for sale ?

Posts: **31** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **September 24, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 11, 2008 09:21

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I am not sure but I would be surprised if it was for sale. Richard Black has had a pretty successful business in that building making handicap accessible elevators.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 11, 2008 09:34

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quote:

Originally posted by jcrowder:
Can anyone tell me about the old shoe factory and is the property for sale ?

I would imagine it would need a lot of work as several windows have been broken out of it for years so the floors would probably be in bad shape as would the ceilings. Might contact the mayor and see if she can find out anything for you.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted May 11, 2008 13:03

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I remember getting a permit to work there when I was in high school. I was a heel fitter on a production line, and, I think, the work paid \$1.55 an hour plus a piecework bonus. I still remember the smell of all that leather...and sweat...temps got into the 90s every summer day. Glad to see the building is still redeeming itself.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted May 11, 2008 13:36

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i remember the whistle every day. Noon and 4 pm .

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

ImaINTJ
Member



Posted May 11, 2008 14:17

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Anybody have any idea whatever happened to Eddie Misker?

He was probably in the high school class of '64 - give or a take year. His

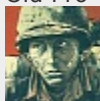
from work. I think his whole working career was at that shoe factory. You could set your clock by him as for going and coming to work.

What a wonderful life he must have had! I hope he stopped in at the Corner Tavern once in a while at least.

The Corner used to have a good reputation for their steaks.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 11, 2008 18:23

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I seriously doubt that at any time in this man's life that he ever saw the inside of a tavern. He is still alive but his wife is gone. He was always a devoted husband and still a devoted father.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted May 11, 2008 19:09

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They also blew the Shoe Factory whistle at midnight on New Year's Eve. My grandmother worked there, and they guys in our family often got really nice shoes for Christmas. (None for me.)

I remember Eddie Misker. He was in the service. I was always amazed that he'd visit and play with us, especially since we were a bit younger than he was. He's the one who would jump over the fence into Mrs. Piper's yard to fetch the balls we'd hit over there. His parents were really nice, too, from what I remember.

A few housed down from them was a girl named Jeannie. I think she was a few years older than me. I don't know if she had sibs or not.

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted May 11, 2008 19:26

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Ilmer, the windows aren't broken. If you take a closer look you will see that they have been replaced but with a plexi-glass type to help

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 12, 2008 08:44

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quote:

Jlmer, the windows aren't broken.

Great! I hate to see these old buildings allowed to rot down. Jefferson Memorial Hospital building had a lot of windows broken the last time I was by it.

Talking about the whistles, the car shops used to get in on the whistle blowing on New Years and any event that others would sound theirs. Must have been a pipeline about it.

Notice how there's very few real church bells rang on Sunday mornings?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted May 14, 2008 08:47

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I thought I saw a piece in the paper recently about a tour of 12 historic downtown buildings tomorrow night. Does anyone know what 12 buildings they are? Any idea who I could contact to get a copy of the brochure they will be handing out?

Also, all the dogwoods here are in full bloom, is the world's largest still in Union Chapel Cemetary on the Toll Road and Texico Road?

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 14, 2008 08:59

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I can't think of 12 that are left. There are very few left from the 50s downtown. I don't know if whoever is counting the building S. of the bar on 9th & Jordon or not. The John B. Rogers building may be in that, the Granada, Stadium, the building on the NE corner of 9th & Main, City Hall, The Moose, Gee, everything else has been rebuilt or altered to where they don't look anything like they used to.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Steve-Bullock
Educated



Posted May 14, 2008 12:43

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How about Buildings A, B, C, D, E, and F? Are they still standing?

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Posts: **858** | Location: **Northern VA & SW FL** | Registered: **April 14, 2006**

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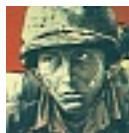
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Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted May 14, 2008 13:09

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Those buildings are hysterical not historical

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted May 15, 2008 07:42

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Not "Old MtV", but old everything, a cool site.

<http://.nostalgiacentral.com/index.htm>

Check out television, music, movies and year by year.

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Baseball Mom
Old Pro



Posted May 15, 2008 08:30

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Steve, Wayne - You guys are too funny! Thanks for starting my day on a light note. I appreciate your humor! Have a Great one 😊

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 15, 2008 09:48

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quote:

Originally posted by Steve-Bullock:
How about Buildings A, B, C, D, E, and F? Are they still standing?

If you're referring to the high school, yep, they're there. The people didn't fall into the trap that they were setting for them to build.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 15, 2008 19:14

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From another thread, we used to have a Veterans Day here with a parade. I'm not sure but it could have been Memorial Day. Anyway, all of the vets that were able would line up at the Armory and would march to Main St. then W. on Main to Bwdy and go S. on 24th St. to the City Park. There would be a carnival and it was a big day of celebration. Some vets would be pushing others who were in wheel chairs and the high school band would be marching and playing. It was quite a fun thing for everyone.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted May 15, 2008 22:54

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Supposedly when Harry Truman ran for President, he came to Mt. Vernon by train and some boys threw rotten tomatoes at him.

I've never heard this story before. Do any of you remember anything about it?

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 15, 2008 23:15

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I believe that I remember seeing the front page of the paper when Harry was here. I do not know if the tomatoes were fact or folklore.

The carnival was at the park on the week leading up to July 4th. It was always called the Veterans reunion. I pretty much lived in that park as a kid and was usually all over the carnivals.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted May 15, 2008 23:34

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The tomato story is definitely true. I know one of the guys that did it. He has a son that is on the forum here. He may not want to confess so I'll just leave it at that and not rat him off.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 16, 2008 10:02

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quote:

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We used to have a couple each summer plus the fair at the old fair grounds. I just can't remember which day they called Veterans Day. I was thinking it was Memorial Day, I know they used to call it Decoration Day when I was a kid and it wasn't always on a Monday.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Downtowngal
Educated

Posted May 16, 2008 14:11

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I remember the last one I went to at the park, everything almost got blown away. trees uprooted, etc. The fire works used to be there 4th of July also. Good times, younger years.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

BlueJean
Member



Posted May 16, 2008 14:43

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quote:

Originally posted by Pogo:

The tomato story is definitely true. I know one of the guys that did it. He has a son that is on the forum here. He may not want to confess so I'll just leave it at that and not rat him off.

Yes, I can also say the story is true. I was in the high school band forced to play for the trains with those running for office rode on. A lot of our parents didn't like "Old Harry" due to his checked past/ties and even said his home state of MO wasn't for him. It was said his party advertised he could plow a straight row and farmers said "That little b..... never put his hand to a plow all his life". I can't vouch for these statements, just repeating what I heard as a teenager. I remember another train where eggs were thrown and right now I can't remember who was running for office at that time. The police was quick to get that person/persons. Even without TV people kept up with politics and the Register News, St. Louis papers and the Chicago Daily News was a big part of our life.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 16, 2008 17:07

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Girl

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 16, 2008 17:08

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Down taown...do you remember people setting up their lawn chairs around the lake in the morning of the 4th so they would have a good seat to see the fireworks?

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bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted May 17, 2008 08:17

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Remember the tent with the stripper?

quote:

Originally posted by ImaINTJ:

quote:

The fire works used to be there 4th of July also.

So there are no more 4th of July fireworks at the park? When did that end?

I remember the carinval stuff in the park the week before the 4th. The Register-News used to print coupons for free rides. The neighborhood kids would go around asking people for that edition and get the coupons. Used them for the Tilt a Wirl and the Scambler.

I learned some good "life" lessons from hanging around the games along the Midway.

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 17, 2008 08:32

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I remember some guys that I knew coming out looking not too enthusiastic. It couldn't have been too exciting. LOL!

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 17, 2008 08:34

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The stripper was "The Fabulous Moolah". Remember the "Geek From Borneo" who would eat a live chicken, teeth, eyebrows and hair; all of it?

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted May 17, 2008 09:09

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quote:

Originally posted by chickenbite:

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I've never heard this story before. Do any of you remember anything about it?

Are you sure it was Harry Truman and not Thomas Dewey the Republican who was the target? I think the tomato chucker was a Democrat and still is. I remember it fairly well and always remember it as being Dewey. Check it out Pogo..... A-Dad make a call.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted May 17, 2008 10:10

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Thomas Dewey it was.

I don't need to make a call. to know that!

Originally posted by A-Dad:
Thomas Dewey it was.

I don't need to make a call. to know that!

There was a photo in the news paper when the "event" occurred.
I don't have a copy but I have seen it with my own eyes.
I wonder if it is on micro film at the library.

I'm pretty sure that a few others besides Tom Dewey were also hit by some of the flying tomato juice. The Mayor and some other big wigs had to be wiped down. It was local knowledge who the boy's were but they were never caught. It was funny at the time but I was sort of ashamed that it happened here in Mt Vernon.

Posts: **105** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

Bradstik
Regular



Posted May 17, 2008 14:00

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I'd gladly lob a few tomaters at ANY of the candidates we've got now and be proud of it.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted May 17, 2008 15:14

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HOODLUMS THEY WERE!! A day that will live in infamy, Oct. 12, 1948.

quote:

The Victory Special headed Illinois-wards, chuffing from one railroad siding to another. 'At Mt. Vernon, Ill., some hoodlums hurled a handful of tomatoes at the train.

A slight misadventure at Beaucoup, Ill. almost spoiled that stop. Engineer Lee Tindle, who improved the time at these railway siding stops by taking on water, had overshot the water tank. Without realizing what he was doing, he backed the Victory Special into a gathering of admirers at the rear end.

The crowd fell back in panic. Dewey, startled, yelled "Whoops!" But the train moved only a few feet and Dewey, smiling wryly, addressed himself to the microphone. "That's the first lunatic I've had for an engineer," he declared. "He probably ought to be shot at sunrise but I guess we can let him off because no one was hurt."

Engineer Tindle, asked by newsmen to comment on Dewey's remark, observed mildly: "I think as much of Dewey as I did before and that's not very much."

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Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted May 17, 2008 21:12

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Thanks for straightening that out for me, Pogo and Tyrone. You are two smart boys. 😊

I believe I know who you hinted at as being one of the tomato tossers, but do you know if there was another boy involved who's last name started with P?

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted May 18, 2008 22:29

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quote:

do you know if there was another boy involved who's last name started with P?

...I'll have to refer your question to the reporter. 😊

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Downtowngal
Educated

Posted May 19, 2008 17:06

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:
OOPs...computer glitch on the last one

Down taown...do you remember people setting up their lawn chairs around the lake in the morning of the 4th so they would have a good seat to see the fireworks?

I do Mr. Grant... But the midway and the beauty contests were there too. Also Minnie the Mermaid was the tent girl the guys all went to see

... My buddies would come out and tell me about her smoking!!!

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted May 19, 2008 17:17

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🗨️ I had almost forgotten about her smoking! 🗨️

I don't think she inhaled though. 😬

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 19, 2008 17:20

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Did they tell you she blew smoke rings?

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 19, 2008 18:44

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That was probably my road to perdition and multiple marriages. I still haven't found the "one" that could blow smoke rings. I've tried, Lord knows I've tried. 😬

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 19, 2008 19:46

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I found her. She was too busy tryin to find some one to fill the smoke rings.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted May 19, 2008 20:34

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X and Buck its youse guys that give us decent men a bad name 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 20, 2008 09:05

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I was at the Apple Dumplin' place here while back and noticed they have



part of the sign at the Mt. Vernon Drive-In Theater. It sure brought back a lot of memories. I hadn't thought anything about it until I saw the sign. I also saw some Dixie Cup lids with movie star pics on them at a flea market some years back and like a nut, passed them up.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

stixnstones

Old Pro

Posted May 20, 2008 13:29

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:
I found her. She was too busy tryin to find some one to fill the smoke rings.

You crack me up. 😊 We used to try and peek under the back of the tent but they kept putting this darned German Shepard back their after we got caught. 🤔

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

Downtowngal

Educated

Posted May 20, 2008 16:51

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So Mr. Grant you NEVER went to the tent show????

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

Wayne Grant

Old Pro

Posted May 20, 2008 17:11

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I refuse to answer on the grounds that it may incriminate myself 🗣️

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Downtowngal

Educated

Posted May 20, 2008 17:40

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Just kidding Wayne, I know you were a really nice guy in HS. I remember well....

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted May 20, 2008 17:44

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Warning, Confucius say; Anybody that will deny witnessing Minnie the Mermaid will lie about other things as well. 🗿

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 20, 2008 19:16

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quote:

Originally posted by stixnstones:

quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

I found her. She was too busy tryin to find some one to fill the smoke rings.

You crack me up. 😄 We used to try and peek under the back of the tent but they kept putting this darned German Shepard back their after we got caught. 🤔

The military life can do strange things to a person. Right Wayne?

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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<http://.the912project.com/>

Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 20, 2008 20:22

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As I'm sure you well know Buck, Minnie the Mermaid would not even qualify as a warm up act compared to all that went on overseas in some of the places. (at least that is what I am told 🤔) I was always at Bible study classes when I wasn't flying. 🗿 yuk yuk

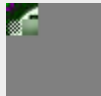
Just ask downtown gal...I am a nice guy. Of course as the years pass all our

memories get a little fuzzy.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

ImaINTJ

Member



Posted May 20, 2008 21:45

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When I wrote something about "life lessons" at the Midway of Mirth, I was referring to the slick ways the people could get your coin.

I remember one felow who had a game where you tried to toss a quarter so that it landed in the circle on a Lucky Strike cigarette pack that was part of a horizontal array of packs.

"C'mon, boys. I'll let you try for free." We tried some and, of course, didn't land in the circle. He gave us the quarters back and we tried again. Same result. This went on for a few rounds. Then he kept the quarters. Yep, just like a lawyer and the small print, only the first try was free.

Never forgot that. I now pay especial attention to the small print. It's just as legal as the large print and probably more important.

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted May 20, 2008 22:31

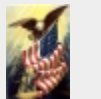
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I was fortunate enough to have a neighbor that was a gamer. He TAUGHT me that a fool and his money will soon part. I came home on leave in '64 and went to the Champaign Illinois county fair wirth a couple of buddies. They got suckered into playing "add up the yardage", all you need is 100 yrds to win a \$100.00 for your \$5.00 fee, and lost \$350.00 in less than 15 minutes. I am standing there telling them that they were getting the hook but neither one would listen. They were letting the gamer add up the yardage and he did it so fast that they couldn't keep up with him. The thing of it was that the adding up of the yardage was a script that the guy had down pat.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted May 21, 2008 09:33

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When I had my station across from Dobbs in the 60s I had several rides and game tents set up, knock over the milk bottles, knock over the cats, ring the milk bottles, etc. and believe me, these games are rigged in favor of the owner. Any winner on these games are purely luck.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted May 22, 2008 09:05

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Jilmer, Did your station across from Dobbs become an ice cream place late 60's early 70's?

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 22, 2008 09:23

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quote:

Originally posted by Stl Todd:
Jilmer, Did your station across from Dobbs become an ice cream place late 60's early 70's?

I'm not sure what went in it after I left. Casey Jones, who lived next door and had Southside Glass owned the building. It was a restaurant before I went into it but had been empty for a while. There was a car lot that came in after I left but not sure how long after. I had fishing tackle and live bait along with the gas, oil, tires, lawnmowers, boats, etc..

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Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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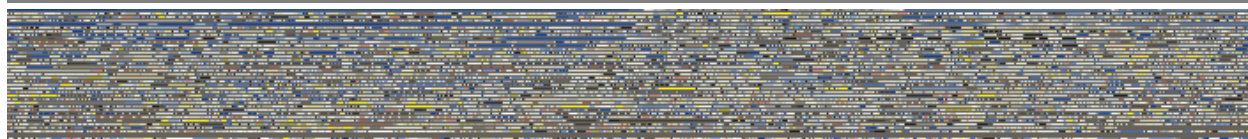
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johnj229
Old Pro



Posted May 22, 2008 11:02

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jlmer was the restaurant the Rocket cafe by any chance. I am trying to remember what was down in that area. Jim Morrison had a business that, if I remeber correctly, would have been located at the south end of the Dobb's property along Rt. 37. I think he sold bottled gas, welding gases and such. That wass back in to the 1950's. His home was a door or two south of the business. He had a son named Richard and he and I were friends from church. Every Sunday his family would take me with them to the L&N Cafe where I always had the fried chicken plate with extra mash potatoes and gravy. It was a dollar but with the extra taters and gravy it was \$1.10.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted May 22, 2008 13:53

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I think the Rocket Cafe, owned by Sherman Roberts) was located farther south on the Benton Road, and was on the east side.

Sherman Roberts built my Mom and Dad's house before he and his wife opened the Rocket.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26,**

2007

Downtowngal

Educated

Posted May 22, 2008 17:39

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:

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Just ask downtown gal...I am a nice guy. Of course as the years pass all our memories get a little fuzzy.

Not really fuzzy... I could take a poll of a few of my girlfriends from HS and see what they think... I believe many of them will remember you.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

cl68

Free Time



Posted May 22, 2008 19:14

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quote:

I think the Rocket Cafe, owned by Sherman Roberts) was located farther south on the Benton Road, and was on the east side.

I'm pretty sure the Rocket cafe was in the building where Mom's cafe is now. At least it was there at one time.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted May 22, 2008 19:36

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You're right **cl68**. It used to be run by Casey Jones back in the 50's. There was a restaurant and service station combined at that time. He leased it to Sherman Roberts sometime in the middle 50's and I think Sherm renamed it to "The Rocket." Casey continued to run a glass business next door to the south.

I used to help my dad farm the ground behind there and ate lunch there many times.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 23, 2008 07:42

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The restaurant across from where the Dobbs store is located now was run by Jim and Rosemary Faulkner. It was a forerunner of a truck stop because State Route 37 was the only route north-south in Illinois between US 51 and US 45. I used to go there late night-early morning with Marvin Payne, John Fryar and Nick Kniffen.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted May 23, 2008 08:29

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I misread cl68's post and thought the quote he cited was his words. The quote is correct, the Rocket Cafe I am familiar with was south of Mom's Cafe. As most folks over 60 can tell you, the location was on the east side in front of what is now the Fountain Plaze Industrial Park and across from what was later Dobb's Bargain Town. I used to help plow that ground that is now the Industrial park. There was 100 + acres of it (includes 25 acres across the RR tracks which is now occupied by the tire plant) and that's a lot of plowing for a small red-belly Ford tractor. 😊

I suppose the restaurant had many different owners down through the years but I never knew anyone but Casey Jones to run the service station part of it.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Pogo](#), May 23, 2008 08:45

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted May 23, 2008 08:43

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Keerect Pogo. I believe that Sherman Roberts bought the restaurant from Jim and Rosemary but could be wrong. Too much beer in No Shoe's garage, don't you know. 100+ acres on a 8N, 9N or Jubilee? I'd say it would be a job. You probably slept good at night! 😊

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted May 23, 2008 08:56

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quote:

Too much beer in No Shoe's garage, don't you know

Too much?? I don't think that's possible! 😊

We wore out an 8n (Bud got the best part of it)and got a Jubilee that lasted

forever more until dad loaned it to Seibel Davis. I never saw it again after that, I suppose he inherited it. 😊

Farming back then was a lot more labor intense since the no-till method hadn't developed yet. We went over that same ground several times a year, plowing, discing, planting, and then cultivating three times when it was in corn. I think I got pretty well acquainted with every clod there.

Believe it or not, was still able to make the night life scene and often would bring my conquests to the "Bean Field" as it became infamously named back then, even when it was planted in corn. 😊 Ahh...the good ol' days.

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Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted May 23, 2008 09:43

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quote:

You're right cl68. It used to be run by Casey Jones back in the 50's.

Sorry but the Rockett was across from Dobbs. Moms is down by Rogers Tire Center. The building set empty for a while and I opened it in around '66 or '67. After that it was a used car lot and is now in pretty bad shape. When I had it Interstate 57 ended at Bonnie and I was the first station coming into Mt. Vernon from the South. When I-57 opened it stopped a lot of the traffic on 37 and was mostly local trade at the station from then on. Leonard Dennis had his house and garage just S of the station.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 23, 2008 11:21

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Downtowngal.....I would like the results of that polland their phone numbers....I'm blushing 🍷 When you remember those things also remember that we are posting in a thread called " **OLD** Mt. Vernon" Those were the best of times...the 60's.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Downtowngal
Educated

Posted May 23, 2008 16:03

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Most of the old gals are scattered far... AZ, NV, KY and others. But we all keep in touch... You dated at least 1 maybe 2 of them... Good old MTV HS in 64-69.

quote:

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Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 23, 2008 17:17

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Downtowngal....That seems to be the story of my life...."he was a nice guy". As I have grown older I think that it is good that I am remembered as having been a nice guy. (probably would have had more fun during HS if that wasn't the case). If any of your old crew would like to correspond they can email me at rgrant@loweryukon.org. I will admit that I haven't a real clue as to who you are or who they might be in those states.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted May 24, 2008 15:43

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Hey, Wayne, better to be remembered as a "nice guy" than not remembered at all...

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted May 24, 2008 16:20

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Jim...I am just hoping that there are 6 guys around that are willing to carry me out at the funeral when the time comes. Been gone from MtV for a very long time.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

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wclark
Old Pro



Posted May 24, 2008 16:51

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Hell, Wayne, count me in, but don't make it too soon, OK. I tell my wife that I hope she lives to be 100 and the last thing she sees before closing her eyes for the last time is me waving bye-bye. 😊

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 24, 2008 19:48

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:
Jim...I am just hoping that there are 6 guys around that are willing to carry me out at the funeral when the time comes. Been gone from MtV for a very long time.

This reminds me of the day I was talking to a particular person about being my "power of Attorney." She said that she would be glad to pull the switch for me if needed. It is good to have loved ones like that, huh?

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted May 25, 2008 02:33

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Thanks Bill....lets hope that time will be a long time off for both of us. Thats one.....you may have to get a dolly Bill.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted May 25, 2008 13:08

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Wayne, I saw your niece at church today and told her "hello" for you. She said she knew something was going on. She said that friends were all telling her, "hey, their talking about you on the internet." She got a kick out of it. She looks like she is doing well and getting past the loss.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted May 25, 2008 14:31

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Buck...with work and three very little boys, she hasn't had time to catch her breath. That will come when school is out. Thanks for saying hi to her for me. At least she knows that she is on her uncles mind.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted May 25, 2008 15:27

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quote:

Jim, graduated with me in '66. Great place with super food.

In '58 '59 '60 I would go to Broadway Drive in almost every night while out riding around with the 'gang'. We would order 'Banana Splits and always request they be made by 'Bernie'. He got so used to our special request that one evening our splits were delivered by the car hop with little sail flag on toothpicks stuck in them that said: "Made Especially for you - by Bernie" Broadway had one of Mt.Vernons first male carhops. Last name was Fazekis, he was a good carhop and 'good looking" wow!

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

MVanSluyters
Regular

Posted June 03, 2008 07:57

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I remember the bread too, use to pick up a loaf in the alleyway on the way to the SUB...Those were the days.
I have also e-mailed Jimmy T about all the good things people have said about his dad!

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 08:52

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I keep thinking there was a bakery on Bwdy. between 10th and 11th St. I keep seeing the white glassed display case full of the cream horns, long johns and doughnuts.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted June 03, 2008 11:23

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Anyone remember the smell of baking bread that came from the bakery down near the RR tracks by the HS? My dad worked at Fenton's music store when it was on 4th and Jordan and I would walk up from there past the HS. Man...did it ever smell good !!!!

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

JiminPA
Old Pro

Posted June 03, 2008 14:45

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Mark: That was Hawkins'Bakery, right? After football games, especially the ones we won, the bread, sliced down the length with a whole stick of butter in the cut.....wow! We were ignorant of cholesterol then...

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 14:46

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Every day, driving to one of our offices, I drive by a large bakery along I-83 around Harrisburg, and it takes me waaaay back.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 15:08

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quote:

Originally posted by JiminPA:
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Jim, you don't do that anymore? It's still the best way to go!!!! 😊

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 16:45

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I can gain a quarter of a pound and ten points on my "bad cholesterol" by just WRITING about it, Bill.

August will be one birthday I am not going to enjoy. Can I get a cheap flight to Kona or someplace?

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

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bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 17:17

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Back in those days i wanted to gain weight. We would get a loaf of bread and a quart of milk. How things change!

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

cajungal

Member



Posted June 03, 2008 17:30

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quote:

Originally posted by sbevis:
Does anyone remember Joe Sekardi or Frankie Yankovich playing the local small towns in the late 50's early 60's?

Polka bands used to play Nason or other small towns in the area. I can vaguely remember them visiting at my Grandmother's house.

Joey Sakardi was from Nason--or at least lived there for a while. My Mom used to secretly wish I would marry him so he could play the accordion for her all the time. 😊 Do any of you remember the Silver Dollar tavern in

Nason? I worked there on Bingo nights. Once Joey was there and I got to dance a polka with him.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 03, 2008 17:53

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

quote:

You're right cl68. It used to be run by Casey Jones back in the 50's.

Sorry but the Rockett was across from Dobbs. Moms is down by Rogers Tire Center. The building set empty for a while and I opened it in around '66 or '67. After that it was a used car lot and is now in pretty bad shape. When I had it Interstate 57 ended at Bonnie and I was the first station coming into Mt. Vernon from the South. When I-57 opened it stopped a lot of the traffic on 37 and was mostly local trade at the station from then on. Leonard Dennis had his house and garage just S of the station.

Old Route 37 South end to North. East side of highway. Brown house [still in good condition] was home of Mr. Southern, a bus driver for Bethel School. Next was Alto Motel, a travel court built and managed by Gentles family; next was a big two story white house. {My family lived here}. Then there was a vacant lot with a hugh billboard sign. Next is Casey Jones City Service Station! It was a filling station and later the cafe was opened. My Mom worked for Casey and his wife as a waitress and short order cook. It was called City Service Cafe all during the 50's and even into the early, early 60's. About 1956 to 60 it was owned by Melton's. Casey Jones still lived next door. NOW going farther north, you will find where the Rocket Cafe was. It was a yellowish brick color. Parking lot in front and on one side. There is a street turns off the highway here. Right behind Rocket Cafe was home of John Troutt. City Service was not Rocket Cafe. Across the street from City Service is where Dobbs was located and south of Dobbs was a propane gas place--I don't remember the name of it.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted June 03, 2008 18:32

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quote:

south of Dobbs was a propane gas place--I don't remember the name of it.

Petrolane. I opened the station as a gas and tackle/station in '67 and the counter, stools and everything connected to the restaurant had been taken out. The building is in pretty bad shape now and since Casey is dead I have no idea of who owns it or what's stored in it. The petrolane building is a rummage sale and Dobbs is empty.

There were two motels on S. 37. One is still standing and some units are rented but the one on the West side of the highway has been torn down for a few years now. I think Rip Trout owned the one on the East side until he died. It has a nice lake behind it but don't know anything about it.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 18:51

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Back in the 60's, my Grandfather owned Dad's Cabins. It was on the corner of 37 and Bethel Rd.

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

bluebayoulady

Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 18:51

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just one quick aside -- hey cajungirl -- where you at on Gulf Coast? how long down here?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted June 03, 2008 19:04

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You are correct, Cajungal, as I am sure you are aware. How distinctly I remember Rocket's being located where what has recently been called "Grandma's Kitchen" was/is located. I don't know for sure if McDermott's was across the street at the time of the "Rocket" days but at one time it was across the street from the building. I would imagine that at some point McDermott's bought that property. The building was engulfed in old and torn up cars for many years. I really found it hard to believe that the building was

of use after being a part of what was basically a junk yard for many years. Then Lady Bird's beautification movement caused the cleanup of the property and the building reappeared. This location is also just across the street to the north from what used to be Southern Illinois Tire.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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<http://.the912project.com/>

Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 00:05

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quote:

Originally posted by bluebayoulady:
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Mississippi Gulf Coast. Survived Katina. I am northern by birth and Southern by the Grace o God!

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

sbevis
Free Time



Posted June 04, 2008 00:09

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That has to be the same Joe Sakardi. I guess there were a lot of accordians that passed through Nason at one time or another.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 00:21

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Yes, one and the same Joey. He was a member of the Frankie Yankovic band. They played out of Chicago for a long time. Don't know what ever

happened to Joey or Frank after all these years. I know Nason very well. My grandfather at one time owned a lot of land there--even the coal mine for a while. My ancestors --Roberson--were some of the first families to settle there. Nason used to be a lot bigger town than it has now broken down to. I probably would still know a few people there but the only reason I go there anymore is to decorate at Abner Cemetery each year around Memorial Day

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 00:48

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quote:

Originally posted by bill_is_back:
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I remember Dad's cabins. I went to school at Bethel. Did U ? Remember teachers Ms. Thelma; Coach Stonecipher; Principal Ernie Johnson? to name a few. My Aunt and Uncle owned the Alto Motel. Little Jimmy Dickens and his family and Lazy Jim Day and his family were probably our most famous guest. They were doing a show at the Granada at the time. Seems like another age ago now.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 05:42

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted June 04, 2008 08:06

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Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 08:49

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 08:58

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quote:

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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jlmer
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Posted June 04, 2008 08:59

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6352** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

johnj229
Old Pro

Posted June 04, 2008 09:39

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Dobb's in Centralia, Central City actually, closed a few years back.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 10:17

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

quote:

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Ernie is a friend of mine and I see him often. A great guy and still singing.

He has always been a respectable guy. I was in seventh grade. He was Principal at Bethel. That same year he was on the Ed Sullivan where his quartet sang 'This Old House.' He won't remember me, of course; I was just one of lots of students under his charge---but do tell him he is remembered well by some of us.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 10:27

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

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Originally posted by cajungal:
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Yep! 'That's in our little corner of the world.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 10:33

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When Dobbs first started out it was a small Army Surplus store on tenth street about the area where parts of the housing projects are now. The couple who owned it were relatives of my friend Janice Harris. Sometimes my folks would shop there for camping gear. Great place to find Army cots for extra company to sleep on.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 10:41

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I think Mr. Johnson had something to do with the hiring of Mr. Jerry Clemens, also a fine gentleman and a former coach of mine(I wasn't one of his better bball players, though...).

I graduated in'62 from Bethel and saw a lot of change along Ole 37.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 04, 2008 10:49

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Jesse and Roger Harris. Roger is my age, graduated in 1963 and Jesse a few years older. I believe they lived just north of the Bethel school on Brownsville Road. I believe Ernie Johnson sang with the Prophets Quartet. Ernie, Bob Shaw, Frank Braden and Bob Jones.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Steve-Bullock
Educated



Posted June 04, 2008 10:53

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Stephen H. Bullock, PhD

Steve to you...

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Posts: **858** | Location: **Northern VA & SW FL** | Registered: **April 14, 2006**

cajungal
Member



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I do not remember any other name except Mrs. Thelma. I guess we did not know her by her last name. She was one of the most loved teachers at the school then. I left Bethel in 1954 after the seventh grade because St. Mary's opened the year I was in eight grade. I graduated with the first graduating class of St. Mary's. [7 boys and 11 girls--how about that for a winning group?] Coach Stonecipher was the seventh grade teacher and the coach as well. Nice guy--not too long out of college. I also had a wonderful teacher there name of Mrs. Webber. There was a teacher there once whose classroom was in the basement section next to the cafeteria. Don't remember his name right now but he was 'mean' and was partly my reason for fear of men teachers for many years to come. He and his wife in later years had an accident on the bridge at Miller lake. She died. Several years later, he was killed in a motorcycle accident between Ashley and Mt.V. He and lady passenger both died. Trivia---I am full of it and yet can't remember what I had for breakfast this morning. 🍳

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 11:12

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Stephen H. Bullock, PhD

Steve to you...

Your name sure sounds familiar. I have lived in MS since 1974. Came here on a visit; liked it; came back a month later, bought a house and this has been home ever since. I miss Mt.V of course, but that is because I grew up there and in Waltonville and was born in Nason. I go back home to Mousetown at least once a year and sometimes more. Graduated MVTH with class of 1960. Chevis Sweatman is still a popular name in the news around south MS. Nice fellow.

We know well what it means to 'help others'. During Katrina we housed 21 people for two weeks during and after Katrina. This was not easy as we only have a two bedroom house! But we made do. God provided help thru relief places for food and my dear husband, each day, would cook on an old black wood burner stove outside. Everyone gradually got back into their own homes. Next hurricane---we are coming to Mt V to take advantage of my 'cousin's' ha.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 11:14

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JiminPA....interesting that you mentioned Thelma Latta. She was a teacher of mine at Old Union in the 50's. By the way I also taught/coached at Bethel from 1978-80. Ms. Thelma came by Bethel during my time there to substitute.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered:

January 24, 2008

cajungal
Member



Posted June 04, 2008 11:25

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Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 04, 2008 11:33

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Could the "Miss Thelma" have been Thelma Whittington? I seem to remember that her, Alma Tuttle and Lorane Coffman from Ina all taught at Bethel.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro

Posted June 04, 2008 12:46

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don't remember the exact timeline, but Mrs. Thelma Latta was a music teach at Woodlawn Grade School when I was there and I took private lessons from her also. Very patient lady.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

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Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted June 04, 2008 13:04

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

quote:

Originally posted by Stl Todd:

There are a lot of references to what was on 37 near Dobbs. Was Dobbs in Mt. Vernon owned by the same guy as Dobbs in Centralia?

They're brothers. I don't know if the one in Centralia is still open or not. The Dobbs store here turned into a knick-knack store where the one in Centralia had about everything and was a far better store.

Thanks, the owner of the Centralia store is a fishing/'shroom hunting buddy of my Uncle but I never knew the Mt Vernon connection.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

Steve-Bullock
Educated



Posted June 04, 2008 13:22

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cajungal

I was born in Enid, OK, in 1950, moved to Bonnie in 1958, dated a couple of girls in Waltonville and in Nason, graduated from HS in 1968, stationed at Keesler 1979-1981. I was very involved in the local Biloxi community in 1980-81 with the Jaycees. Worked the Miss Biloxi and Miss Hospitality pageants. Helped out Trent Lott for a time. Drove for the Pass Rd. Domino's Pizza (the one outside the Keesler gate) for almost a year. So I may have delivered pizza to you in my Red 1979 Mustang Cobra back then. 😊

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Posts: **858** | Location: **Northern VA & SW FL** | Registered: **April 14, 2006**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 14:36

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John Dale was the oldest Harris. Don't know what happened to them.

quote:

Originally posted by xminer:

quote:

Originally posted by cajungal:

quote:

Originally posted by bill_is_back:
We lived in town. I remember the Harris boys and several others that lived that way. Do you remember Epllers?

Can't place the Harris boys. Yes, I remember Epllers. Didn't it burn down one night in the early 50's say about 53 or 4

Jesse and Roger Harris. Roger is my age, graduated in 1963 and Jesse a few years older. I believe they lived just north of the Bethel school on Brownsville Road. I believe Ernie Johnson sang with the Prophets Quartet. Ernie, Bob Shaw, Frank

Braden and Bob Jones.

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

cl68

Free Time



Posted June 04, 2008 15:02

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quote:

I'm pretty sure the Rocket cafe was in the building where Mom's cafe is now. At least it was there at one time.

Well, it looks like I wasn't the only one who remembered the Rocket being there. (eventually McDermotts, then Laura's (after they moved from the old L&N) , Grandma's and finally Mom's. I remember the old Rocket sign out front for years while McDermott's was in there.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 17:37

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(Quote)Next is Casey Jones City Service Station!

I too am glad that got straightened out. My Mom and Dad ran that station when I was very young. One of my first memories in life is my Mom fixing me Frosted Flacks in the little box that you opened up and pour milk in at that station. Somewhere there is a picture of me sitting on my Dad's stock car in front of that station.

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

cajungal

Member



Posted June 04, 2008 20:00

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I have a picture of Casey Jones and Dennis Carnes standing beside the Bethel School bus parked in front of the City Service station. era about 1955

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal

Member

Posted June 04, 2008 20:06

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Also have picture of Ms. Thelma; Coach Stonecipher and Ernie Johnson while



they chaporoned a field trip to Fern Cliff State Park. Lots of kids from the seventh grade that year. Also a yearbook from Bethel from about 1950. OK I admit it I have been a pack rat but the memories are all worth it!!!!

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

Sassafras
Regular



Posted June 04, 2008 22:30

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Posts: **151** | Location: **South Of Town** | Registered: **July 25, 2006**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 04, 2008 23:28

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Cajungal: Lena Ligon(from Ina) First Grade; Lorraine Coffman(also from Ina) Second Grade; Mrs. Webber, Third Grade!!!! Boy o boy the names keep flooding back!

BTW, I spent some time "up" in Meridian, MS, going through Basic Jet flight training in the Navy, before finishing in Corpus Christi(Wayne, I envy you livin' down near the "Pearl of the Gulf Coast"...). Cajungal, have you hit any of the "fish camps" out in the countryside, say, around Enterprise or near Hattiesburg? A fine Meridian lady and I explored the daylights out of that area. It was wonderful, except for one teeeeny little thing: All the looks we got when the locals saw my "Land Of Lincoln" Illinois license plates.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 05, 2008 07:20

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quote:

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license plates.

That must be similar to the ones I get now when I drive my Mississippi auto tagged vehicle back to Illinois. 😊 I don't think I have frequented any of the 'fish camps' you mention but I have been to some helleous festivals around here. :-)

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 05, 2008 07:22

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I think we must be in different time frames. I do not recall a Pardee at all. No, Ms. Thelma was the name of the one whom I remember. Sometime later today I will dig up the old yearbook and see who's who---back at u later.

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Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted June 05, 2008 11:16

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JiminPA....the Navy is how I first got to Corpus...3/69 assigned to VT-29 (trained navigators). After 3 years in a VP squadron at Barbers Point returned to Corpus to VT-29.

Corpus has really changed so much over the years. Big tourist destination now. Lots of spring beakers. Downtown area near water has so many nice places to eat and drink. Looking forward to returning. Have a house on the bay....will be there in two weeks for a vacation from this job.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 05, 2008 17:02

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Man, I have an idea how good that must feel.

My Mom and Dad lived in Corpus Christi after Pearl Harbor while Dad was going through PBY flight training at Mainside(where, I think, you can still see the chain grooves where they winched them out of the Bay up onto the concrete apron.) so it was a "circle of life" thing for me to go down there first as a Midshipman in '68 and then again after Meridian. Dad loved the Base when he came down, walked all over the area, spilling over with memories, now for all three of the family.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted June 05, 2008 17:53

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Anyone remember the "Head" shops in MtV? There was the one behind the Emmerson. Half Way to Heaven, ran, I think by Gary Float. And the one north of the Granada ran by Brent Hahn. Wasn't there one across from the Post Office parking lot? And then John Pirino opened a foreign car repair shop there?

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted June 05, 2008 19:21

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Bugman, how do you know so much about those places?

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 05, 2008 19:26

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Just as a quick defense for bugman, in those days a lot of the music like Led Zeplin, Dave Mason, Jethro Tull, etc. were not sold in the record stores like Featherstuns. The best place to buy from good selections of ablbums and eight tracks were the head shops.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted June 05, 2008 19:41

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yeah, right Buck. 😊😊 just there for the music..... This might be more in line of the music thread but I heard today an advertisement that 3 Dog Night were going to be performing this week-end in the area. You know, some of these guy need to know when to hang it up. (Rolling Stones reference here). To me, that's just sad.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted June 05, 2008 19:50

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This is strange Bugman, but I was thinking today about that shop that Gary Flota ran. Wasn't there something about a small child being injured or burned in that shop and they made Gary close it down? Do you remember that event, Buck?

Do any of you remember the guy who ran the plant shop on Broadway next door to the old location of Dixie Cream Donuts? I have no idea who he was, where he came from or where he went. I bought lots of plants from him but he was a very quiet person.

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted June 05, 2008 20:13

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The plant shop was The Fern Garden. They were a hippy couple and one of them was a teacher at the high school. They were friends of mine but I forget their names. I think our mayor knew them then. They were very nice people, thanks for the memory. They were from Carbondale. Gary Flota and his "ole lady" had a coffee shop called Half Way to Heaven. Don Crider was Gary's compadre on that deal. Sadly, Gary and ____ (I forget her name, too) had a toddler age daughter who pulled a huge coffee urn full of boiling coffee onto herself. I believe she lingered and died later. Very sad indeed.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted June 05, 2008 22:44

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Bradstik, I don't remember his name either. We always called him plant man.

What a tragic story about the little girl. I think it was around 1969 or 1970, wasn't it?

I don't know where Gary Flota wound up but I think Don Crider has passed away.

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted June 06, 2008 07:07

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I have names of some people I went to school or church with and would like to throw them out to see if any of you might know them. I wonder if it would really be okay to do that? After all these years, I wouldn't want to make anyone mad by posting their name here. What do you folks think?

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted June 06, 2008 07:46

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That would be a good idea for another thread. I'm sure others have the same thought. Any comments?

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted June 06, 2008 07:52

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Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 06, 2008 09:08

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There were two other head shop in town through that time period. One belonged to Bill Boyer and was in the old Goforth's burger place. Black light posters were big then and Bill had a black light poster room that was full of posters he had for sale.

The other belonged to the late Jack McDermott. His specialty was a lot of really nice "mod" style clothes like bell bottoms and fringe jackets.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Steve-Bullock
Educated



Posted June 06, 2008 09:14

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Bill and Citizen C, you can help me out on this one, maybe, but in HS, didn't we call Don Crider, "Critter"? I seem to remember something like that.

I am probably wrong as it has been 40 years now.

Now maybe we should start a nickname thread.

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Posts: **858** | Location: **Northern VA & SW FL** | Registered: **April 14, 2006**

Downtowngal
Educated

Posted June 06, 2008 12:00

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Donnie Glenn was Crispy Crider to us.
I think it is a good idea to ask for info on people you may want to find....
Go ahead on!

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted June 06, 2008 13:11

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Jack McDermott's head shop was called The Bull Shed. Rocky Flanagan was in on that deal. Rocky was murdered in Abilene TX.
Now they are all in that big head shop in the Sky.
One time I met the Zig-Zag man. He had a tattoo of The Bugman on his shoulder and referred to The Bugman as "Old Leather Lungs".

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

cajungal
Member



Posted June 07, 2008 01:24

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BlueJean
Member



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Hey go ahead with the "older group". The classes of 1950-51 of MTVTHS keep in touch via E-mail thanks to the hard work of our team leader Max Hooper. We have wandered far and wide some having accomplished a lot in their lifetime. It has been wonderful touching base with long lost classmates. We who remain are looking forward to our class reunion in 2010. Some of us will arrive with canes, perhaps wheel chairs but we're not finished yet! 😊

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted June 07, 2008 09:19

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A man is the sum of his actions.
Let them deal with it.

(Women don't know any better and are excused)

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 09, 2008 14:22

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Every forum on here you enter with something stupid and off topic. You've never said anything that adds to the debates or conversations so I'm simply putting you on my ignore list. Rant on but you'll take up no more of my time!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Steve-Bullock
Educated



Posted June 09, 2008 15:11

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quote:

Originally posted by A-Dad:
Hilary 😬

Where the L is her other L?

Isn't her name Hillary? Maybe not. Beats the L out of me...

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Posts: **858** | Location: **Northern VA & SW FL** | Registered: **April 14, 2006**

Steve-Bullock
Educated



Posted June 09, 2008 15:15

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Does anyone remember the used furniture store at 12th and Perkins? The lady who was I think was one of the owners chewed tobacco and had these ugly stain running down her lip to chin. I lived across the street from there in an upstairs apartment for awhile before I went into the Air Force. That place is probably torn down by now.

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Posts: **858** | Location: **Northern VA & SW FL** | Registered: **April 14, 2006**

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Educated

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The furniture store is gone, now a church was built there. Even the apt. building was finally torn down... That area is sort of cleaned up and cleared out.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted June 10, 2008 08:31

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I'm not as old as some on here so my "old mt. vernon" is the 60s and 70s. I'm working on my discernment for seminary currently and am writing about people that influenced my life. A number of old teachers came to mind. Any info anyone has about what became of them would be appreciated, they were all at Lincoln School or Casey at some point. Hazel Quinn (I assume passed on); Cleo Holt; Zach Greenwalt; Greg Bachus(sp) and Mrs. Ford whom taught at Lincoln and always talked through a microphone.

Thanks.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 10, 2008 08:48

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Todd, did you mean Zack Greenwell? If so, he is still in town. He retired from the Jr. High and does a lot of work for the kids at the Elks.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

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Old Pro


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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted June 12, 2008 10:59

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jlmer asked:

quote:

Now, do you remember the name of the restaurant that was in Casey's building?

Answer = City Service Cafe.

Cajungal pretty well defined that area and cleared up the apparent confusion that many had about where the Rocket Cafe was located.

cajungal said:

quote:

Old Route 37 South end to North. East side of highway. Brown house [still in good condition] was home of Mr. Southern, a bus driver for Bethel School. Next was Alto Motel, a travel court built and managed by Gentles family; next was a big two story white house. {My family lived here}. Then there was a vacant lot with a hugh billboard sign. Next is Casey Jones City Service Station! It was a filling station and later the cafe was opened. My Mom worked for Casey and his wife as a waitress and short order cook. It was called City Service Cafe all during the 50's and even into the early, early 60's. About 1956 to 60 it was owned by Melton's. Casey Jones still lived next door. NOW going farther north, you will find where the Rocket Cafe was. It was a yellowish brick color. Parking lot in front and on one side. There is a street turns off the highway here. Right behind Rocket Cafe was home of John Troutt. City Service was not Rocket Cafe. Across the street from City Service is where Dobbs was located and south of Dobbs was a propane gas place--I don't remember the name of it.

That's probably as good as it gets.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 12, 2008 11:03

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I believe that the original restaurant was "The Fifth Wheel" ran by Jim and Rosemary Faulkner. It was a truck stop-restaurant and I believe they sold City's Service gasoline. There were two truck stop-restaurants on route 37 at the time, that one and one in Whittington on the southwest corner of route 37 and old route 154 just east of Raleigh Robinson's. I can't think of the name of that one. Jlmer, I'm sure you know Rosemary, she waits tables where you eat sometimes.

Edit: I just read the post by Pogo and he is probably right. I remember Jim and Rosemary had the restaurant in the early 60's. I don't remember the one before that.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 12, 2008 22:38

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srp: Sherman built my Mom and Dad's home on Harlan Road(really the Doctor Andy Hall Road, but local politics bein' what they were...) and Mom is still there. I knew Sherman had passed in the eighties,but I am sorry to hear of your Mom's poor health. We'll keep her in our prayers.

BTW, how many people have homes with plaster walls so thick that a stud finder won't even wiggle its needle looking for the stud? Now , THAT was plaster...

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted June 14, 2008 11:00

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quote:

Ilmer, I'm sure you know Rosemary, she waits tables where you eat sometimes.

Yep! She just works a few days and is one of the best waitresses in Mt. Vernon. She lost Jim a couple of years ago to cancer.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

LaPazz
Free Time



Posted June 14, 2008 11:37

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
One of my first memories in life is my Mom fixing me Frosted Flacks in the little box that you opened up and pour milk in at that station.
Posted June 4th

I used to love Frosted Flacks..sweet, crunchy flacks drowned in cold malk. Didn't they have a picture of Toni the Tygeur on them?



Posts: **195** | Location: **Earth** | Registered: **April 10, 2008**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted June 14, 2008 20:12

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Hey, anyone remember the great tornado of 1957??
We lived on Lincoln Drive. This was probably my earliest memory.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted June 14, 2008 21:18

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believe it hit on my sister's birthday - Dec 18. Remember she was really mad cause she didn't get her birthday cake (high on priority list when you're a kid).

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 14, 2008 22:53

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I stood on the front porch and looked off to the northwest at one of the scariest skies I had seen at that age. I was two weeks short of 11 years old. My brother's birthday was the day before. I remember that dad decided to try to get out around town and see what had happened. I don't believe that he made it very far.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

MVanSluyters
Regular

Posted June 15, 2008 08:20

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We didn't move to MTV until 1959, but I remember hunting in the woods by the reservoir and seeing a City Services gas station sign in the middle of the woods. Plus, I remember tales from Phillip Rubenacker[RIP] telling me that he was quite tossed about by that storm.

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted June 15, 2008 08:37

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There was alot of discussion about the 1957 tornado back in 2007. Go up to the "Find" tab and type in tornado. It will bring up the postings. Most of the 1957 information started on page 48.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 15, 2008 19:12

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In the mid '40s when I lived on W. Casey the high lines passed in front of our house. There were 3 of them forming a triangle. When it would really rain and the wind blow these lines didn't have enough play in them and one of them would always break and land in the drive way, snapping and popping and whipping around like a snake. Mom, dad and I would stand on our enclosed porch and watch the light show until the power company would come to repair it. I'm sure this happened in other parts of town.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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johnj229
Old Pro



Posted June 20, 2008 10:03

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Does anyone remember when the local TV station was on the air? I think it was on channel 13. I first saw it in the late 70's or early 80's. There was a young husband and wife team that did the on air news, weather, sports and local reports. It was in black and white. The gal wore so much make-up, you could see how thick it was, that one time a fly was buzzing around her face during a broadcast and landed on her cheek. Her thick make-up caused the fly to get glued to the side of her face.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 20, 2008 11:09

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I don't remember the news team but I believe Johnny Anastopolis was one of the main announcers. Krumudgeon will probably have all the pertinent information concerning Channel 13.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 20, 2008 13:37

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Johnny Annistopolis was the announcer for WMIX in the '50s' and early '60s'. I don't believe that he was even around here in the '70s' let alone on TV. I

have slept since then and could be wrong but that is my recollection. In fact, the people did not take very kindly to "Johnny A" and his big city attitude and little Thunderbird. I think that the way most people perceived him was, for the lack of a better word, greasy.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 20, 2008 16:02

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You could be completely correct. "The good is interred with their bones....." Maybe that's why I remember him.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 20, 2008 16:07

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I recall the call letters were WCEE, and, if memory serves me right, those call letters were reserved(perhaps for a limited time...) for the possible reauthorization of a station in the King City.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted June 20, 2008 16:50

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I think the couple was John and Patty Payne. John was from Benton and still lives there, but I have no idea what happened to the wife.

Buck...didn't John go to RLC at the same time we did?

Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 20, 2008 18:49

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That is alltogether possible, dtr. As I said to "X", I have slept since then. I will say this. It doesn't ring a bell. Of course I spent most of my time playing spades in the Oasis lounge if I wasn't in class and sometimes when I was supposed to be in class.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 20, 2008 23:31

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dtr - I just scanned the yearbooks and there was a John Payne in the '71' yearbook. His face is familiar but I have no idea if he was ever at WCEE channel 13. I didn't find anything on Patty Payne. I am guessing that they must have met at RLC.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

ImaINTJ
Member



Posted June 21, 2008 09:16

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Having recently been reminded of alligators, didn't the Mt V City Park once have animals?

I recall lions and a cement trough with an alligator. It was near where there were some some rides and a little train kids could ride in. Maybe I just imagined it, it was so long ago and I was just a kid.

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro

Posted June 21, 2008 09:31

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The area that is now the west side of the parking lot was a small zoo. From north to south you had a large pen for some sort of deer. Next were a few buffalo and the there was the "old county jail" which is now part of the historical village that Tom Puckett and others put together. There was a drive between this area and the buildings just south of the jail. The entrance to the parking lot is not too far off from where the drive was in those days. There was also a maintenance building that sat behind the "zoo" buildings. I do not remember the exact number of CELLS but as I remember there were some wolves or coyotes, maybe both. I believe that there might have been a lion or two. I don't remember for sure but there may have been a few monkeys.

Just south of this build was a pit that barely allowed one full grown alligator room to move around. My guess is that as time went by, these poor creatures became harder to maintain and were eventually eliminated or possibly even died. Your guess is as good as mine as to what happened to them. I do know that what was there then and what is expected today are a whole world apart.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted June 21, 2008 10:43

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How about the animals that where "caged" up at the Game Farm. That was a sad state of affairs!! Anyone of you guys ever party out there on Sunday afternoon?

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 21, 2008 10:48

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Most of the animals out there were probably better taken care of than those at the city park. Most at the game farm were natural to the midwest and were able to be feed easier. I do remember one very large bald eagle that was pretty well known for trying to crap on people.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,Il.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 21, 2008 11:04

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I'm gonna mix oranges and apples here.

About the park zoo, there were lions, tigers, buffalo, monkey's, alligators, peacocks,(a treasure was getting a large peacock feather when one fell out) and other animals. There's earlier posts about this in this forum.

Some announcers past on WMIX were Stan Zimmerman and John Davy and I think Bob Long. All were very good. Davy was in the '70s, Zimmerman was in the '50s and Bob Long was the '70s I believe. Long lived on College a few houses S. of 27th St. and one night his house caught fire. His son was in the upstairs and Bob tried and tried to crawl up a ladder to save the boy but it just wasn't to be. He left town shortly after. Davy was a tall, great voiced announcer. He was emcee at my daughters Jr. High School Graduation and everyone liked him. Don't know why he left.

Zimmerman lived across the street from me on Casey. He had a boy named Stan too and we were friends but I don't remember much about his dad. Anastopolus, well, what can you say. A fellow who was truly in love with himself. On air he called himself "The Golden Greek".

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 21, 2008 11:07

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I pretty well grew up in the park and there were a lot of different animals there and were well kept. The reason they were removed was that some low life started throwing poisoned meat to the lions and tigers and killing the monkeys.

I used to watch them clean the lion cages as they did it every day. People came from miles around to visit our park and picnic.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

ImaINTJ
Member



Posted June 21, 2008 11:33

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Buck wrote:

quote:

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So I didn't imagine it. I remember feeling sorry for that alligator even as a kid. It's good that we primates wouldn't allow that to be done anymore.

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

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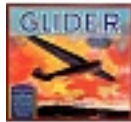
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johnj229
Old Pro



Posted June 21, 2008 12:59

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My dad's boss, Max Davis, kept a albino mule and 5 or 6 burros at the park along with all the other animals they had back in the 50's. This may not be correct but I remember someone saying the alligator choked to death on a hot dog.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

MVanSluyters
Regular

Posted June 21, 2008 13:55

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Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted June 21, 2008 15:37

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Originally posted by jlmer:
Long lived on College a few houses S. of 27th St. and one night his house caught fire. His son was in the upstairs and Bob tried and tried to crawl up a ladder to save the boy but it just wasn't to be. He left town shortly after.

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The child who died in the fire was Sandra. She was my age. Randy and Kathy ran past her to get out and the smoke got to Sandra and she didn't make it. Very sad. She'd been my best friend at Horace Mann.

I don't know where the family is now. Rumor has it Kathy may be in Florida.

I'm also very curious as to where Timmy Donoho and family moved to after leaving the house next door to us.

I barely remember there being monkeys at the park. It must have been when I was very young.

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted June 21, 2008 18:50

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Yes. I too remember seeing the wild albino deer when camping with the Boy Scouts. Of the caged animals, I remember the grouchy badger.

Al Key

Posts: **2892** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted June 21, 2008 19:26

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Thanks once again Al for the CDs of oldies. There are certainly appreciated.

One thing that I do remember about the animals at the park is that pretty regularly I would hear a lion roar or other animal noises while I was at home, about the equivalent of three blocks.

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 22, 2008 09:48

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I was thinking it was a boy that died. My Aunt and Uncle lived sort of across the street, Hershel Terry. I know it was really hard on Bob. I was pretty young back then so wasn't too detail minded.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Campfollower
in VA**

Regular



Posted June 24, 2008 11:40

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I remember the fire well as the Leibforths lived next door to us on College. I seem to remember that Sandra was afraid to jump from the upstairs window. Bob tried to use a ladder and get in from the opposite end of the house but the ladder bent. They did live in the house for a time after the repairs were done but then moved. The upstairs was closed off and two bedrooms were added to the back of the house.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered:

February 26, 2007

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 25, 2008 10:52

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quote:

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I didn't know all of that. We were living in In. at the time and would come back home on the week ends when my aunt told us about it. The house was still charred then. I probably know you. I lived on Casey & 25th. Would your initials be R.B.?

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted June 25, 2008 11:19

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Wrong initials. Our family name is Sword. The house that burned was originally owned by the Barlows, who sold an moved to St. Louis in 1961 or 1962. The house was purchased by the Cavitts (he was the Marine recruiter). The Leibforths bought it from the Cavitts.

That neighborhood is changing rapidly as most of the older residents have passed away.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted June 25, 2008 14:32

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Sharon, are you in West VA or VA? Whereabouts?

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Campfollower
in VA**

Regular



Posted June 25, 2008 14:57

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quote:

Originally posted by JiminPA:
Sharon, are you in West VA or VA? Whereabouts?

Charles Town, WV - not too terribly far from you. Come on down and play the slots sometime.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted June 25, 2008 17:29

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quote:

Originally posted by Campfollower in VA:

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xminer
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Posted June 25, 2008 17:33

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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted June 25, 2008 18:40

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I remember them. Didn't their mom have a day care?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Campfollower in VA
Regular



Posted June 25, 2008 18:51

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xminer - Do I know you? Anna Ruth, Gaynel, Tom and Tish are my cousins. I talk to Gay regularly. She lives near Richmond, VA and earned her PhD last spring. Tish is in Lynchburg, VA and Tom is in Palm Springs, CA. Anna Ruth passed away about 4-5 years ago.

Charles Town is up in the Eastern Panhandle of WV, near Harpers Ferry. John Brown was tried and hung in Charles Town after his raid on the arsenal at Harpers Ferry. There is also Charleston, which is nearer Beckley, right off I-64. It can be confusing. Chuck Yaeger is from Charleston. Charles Town was founded by a membrt of George Washington's family.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

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Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 25, 2008 20:36

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Yes, you may know of me, but your brother knows me better. As far as Charles Town-Chaleston, I can plead temporary brain lock. I have friends in the Wheeling area and have visited a few Consol coal mines there. I didn't realize that Harper's Ferry was in West By God until I visited it a few years ago.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted June 25, 2008 20:56

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One summer, about eight yrs ago, my daughter and I took another route back to see Mom, and we went down I-81 into MD, then swung over(and up, and up the hill) into WVA, and dropped down to I-64. The sunset in those mountains was sooo much nicer than up here in the "molehills" we call mountains.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted June 25, 2008 20:59

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I just talked to my brother. Was your mother named Velma Ruth and your father named Charlie? If so, I know who you are. Your mom and my mom were in the same sorority.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 26, 2008 06:53

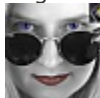
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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**Campfollower
in VA**

Regular



Posted June 26, 2008 07:13

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Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered:
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xminer
Old Pro

Posted June 26, 2008 07:29

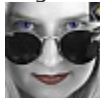
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Yup. I'm happy to hear that all is good for Gay, Tish and Tom. Is Gay's Doctorate in the medical field?

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**Campfollower
in VA**

Regular



Posted June 26, 2008 07:34

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Kind of - more to do with education, actually, I think. She teaches in the medical school at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. I'll let her know we communicated. Her daughter works for Dreamworks (Spielberg's company) in CA and her son is in Richmond. She is on The Ram website. Drop her a line.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered:
February 26, 2007

Bill Shea
Newcomer

Posted June 29, 2008 21:02

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remember most of the things in Old Mt.Vernon.

Posts: **8** | Location: **Edmond, Oklahoma** | Registered: **June 28, 2008**

Bill Shea
Newcomer



Posted June 29, 2008 21:19

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part, since 1967.

Posts: **8** | Location: **Edmond, Oklahoma** | Registered: **June 28, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted June 30, 2008 11:06

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I probably know you. I lived just down the street (Casey) from Mr. Chagnon.
I was class of '57 so I would have been a Freshman your Senior year.
Welcome to the forum. We talk about everything from the old cowboy
movies to who owned what business in Mt. Vernon. Jump right in.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 03, 2008 10:13

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In the 50s on the 4th of July there was always a carnival at the City Park.
People would go early to get a picnic table and the lucky ones who reserved
the screened in shelter.
The downtown stores would be busy getting sparklers, snakes and roman
candles for the kids while the grocery stores would be busy selling ice, soda,
hamburger, hotdogs and buns.
About noon the park would be pretty well packed with the kids running the
midway at the carnival and watching the sideshow previews or riding the
rides. It was hustle and bustle up until around 9pm when it was dark and
then the fireworks show would start on the island. People would gather
around the lake and watch this spectacular sight with oohs and aahs. Some
would spread blankets on the ground by the lake but once the fireworks
started the other people would crowd in front of them and they'd have to
stand up or move in order to see. When they'd set off one of the big
"boomers" the lions would roar adding to the excitement.
After the fireworks, people would start milling around for awhile visiting with

each other. Some would go home and others would go back to the carnival. It was a fun night for all and I can't remember any problems at all as everyone was too busy celebrating this special time in America and attitudes were a lot different back then. Mt. Vernon was indeed the place to be!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

bluebayoulady

Old Pro



Posted July 03, 2008 10:32

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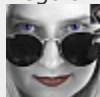
don't remember when the carnival quit happening but I can remember that in my earlier days. But I remember even in early 80's taking my kids to the park for fireworks. The last year must have been 82 cause my daughter was still in stroller. Just before the firework display began, someone in the crowd set off a bottle rocket, which landed in her stroller. Luckily, I grabbed her quickly and she didn't get burned. I ended up with small little spark burns all over my hands and arms. I guess that people all around the vicinity saw this happen cause a few minutes later, here comes Bruce LaRue dragging some teen-ager over and saying "I think this guy here wants to apologize to you". Luckily, no one was badly hurt and I do believe the young boy learned his lesson. From that point on, we drove to Wayne City to watch fireworks.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Campfollower in VA

Regular



Posted July 03, 2008 14:44

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We lived, and Mom still does, about 3-4 block north of the park. Our whole family, aunts, uncles, cousins, dogs, cats and the lot, had a BBQ in our back yard and watched the fireworks there. Perfect view and great seats.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

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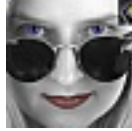
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Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 03, 2008 17:32

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Remember the downtown Sidewalk Sale? It was always around my B-Day, July 16th. It really was a great day for bargains!! You had to get there early though, for the good ones.

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react."
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 03, 2008 18:15

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Oh yes, I remember that day. Miserable for those of us on the sidewalk. We did move a bunch of merchandise that we weren't otherwise able to. Usually hotter than Hades.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted July 03, 2008 20:03

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Bugman.
Wishing you a happy birthday.

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

Vernie

Regular



Posted July 03, 2008 22:46

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Some of you with better memories may remember a graduating class that their end of the year senior parties at Jaycee Lake interrupted by the police, all because one of the graduates was dating a cop and she told him where the parties were to be held.

Posts: **106** | Location: **Parts Unknown** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

bluebayoulady

Old Pro



Posted July 03, 2008 22:57

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and did she perhaps later marry that cop?

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Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted July 03, 2008 23:48

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 10:00

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They are my Aunt & Uncle. He was my mothers brother. He died about 3 years ago at this time of year. She's still alive and in her 90s.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 10:04

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quote:

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It was in the mid '70s. People who lived West of the lake started complaining about the fireworks landing in their yard and on their roofs so the city moved them to the airport. Then when they brought the ducks to the park lake some complained about them too. Some are born to complain. When the fireworks moved the carnival quit coming into the park as well. My wife and I were at the carnival one Fri. night at the park and the wind started kicking up. We were on the Farris Wheel so I asked the guy running it to stop and let us off, which he did. We were off about 5 minutes and the wind really started blowing. Trees were losing limbs and it was getting dangerous with all of the carnivals wires laying on the ground and it pouring down rain. We went to the street, you could still drive in the park then, and the cars were trying to bump each other out of the way and nudging the people walking so we got back into the grass. I grew up around that park but it was raining so hard and was so dark I was totally lost. I saw a faint light so we went towards it and it was a porch light so a bunch of us stood

on the porch and I finally knocked on the door and asked the lady if we could come inside as it was getting worse. Lo and behold, it was a gal I'd went to school with and our families were friends, Peggy Williams. After the wind quit I went to the car and then picked up my wife and away we went, no traffic. A week later, to the day adn almost to the time, we had another tornado.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 11:21

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 12:27

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AI

I wake up to that show every morning. Get a coff of cupee, sit on the porch and enjoy. Deer, turkeys, and a mocking bird for company. Then in the early evening I sit on the west side and watch the show all over again with the same players except I may have an adult beverage instead of the caffeeen. Although there are some liabilities to Southern Illinois, the assets outweigh them to me.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Baseball Mom
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 14:45

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I really should get down Green Rd. more often. It sounds fascinating 🍷

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted July 04, 2008 15:08

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Actually there's no skinny dipping going on now. There's no "skinny" to dip. But the corn, morning glories and whipporills are still here. Just no "skinny" 🤔 It's odd but at the monthly partys there used to be a dozen or so Harley's parked in the yard with a keg of beer, three bar-b-que grills and a big camp fire. The party would start on Friday and go until Monday. Now there's a couple of mini vans, a quart of Geritol, one hibatchi and a burning barrell. The party goes from 4:00 pm till dark. A few years ago the cops would tell us to put our clothes on and turn the music down and get in the house, now they tell us to take our clothes off and turn the covers down and get to bed. How in the world I ever lived this long I'll never know.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

wclark


Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 16:27

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"Actually there's no skinny dipping going on now. There's no "skinny" to dip."

You're right, but those of us that still love the water can go chunky dunkin'.


we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

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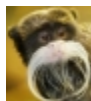
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wclark
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Buck
Old Pro

Posted July 04, 2008 16:53

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Yeah, a few guys got an early jump on the party with a few of those "adult



beverages" and decided to see who could come the closest to the side of the pool from the high board. He won.

I think it had an effect on him. If I heard correctly, he became a Florida State Highway patrolman.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 16:58

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quote:

Originally posted by A-Dad:

Recreational "users" then are now labeled "chronic" Al key holics/drug abusers now.

Actually, A-Dad, I'm neither. How about you?

Al Key

Posts: **2892** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 18:01

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xminer,

I envy you. We also have deer, turkeys, birds and even once, a mountain lion made a brief appearance at our place, but I still have a few more years in the rat race (and the rats are often winning). I look forward to the days when I can enjoy the peace and quiet as you do. I miss Southern Illinois and the people I grew up with.

AI

Posts: **2892** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted July 04, 2008 18:30

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quote:

Originally posted by AI Key:

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in the Register-News on line. I think Backus and Holt are still in MV.

Posts: **3** | Location: **USA** | Registered: **July 05, 2008**

WesternGardens
Stranger

Posted July 05, 2008 22:04

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I remember the Saltwater Taffy and watching the fireworks from the lawn chairs or blankets in the back yard.....times sure have changed. We kids could walk down to the park every night for the carnival, without our parents, and walk back home.....as is said, "Those truly were the good old days."

Posts: **3** | Location: **USA** | Registered: **July 05, 2008**

WesternGardens
Stranger

Posted July 05, 2008 22:07

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Thanks for posting the obituary. I loved him.....what a great friend he was.

quote:

Originally posted by A-Dad:
Donald Glenn Crider, age 58 of San Antonio TX, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died at 10:00 am Wednesday February 28, 2007 at Mayfield Care Center in San Antonio, TX. .

Donald was born the son of Lowell and Vera Ruth (Sefried) Crider on March 8, 1948 in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Donald was a former member of American Legion Post # 141 and Amvets Post # 4 of Mt. Vernon. He severed his country in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He was formerly employed by Walgreenâ€™s Distribution Center here in Mt. Vernon.

He is survived by two daughters; Jenna and Carlye, mother; Vera Crider of Benton and one brother, Stanley Wayne â€œBudâ€ Crider of Mt. Vernon, IL. .

Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday March 7, 2007, at Kirk Cemetery in Ina, IL; with Rev. Steven Edwards and Rev. Charles Cralley officiating. Military Rites conducted by American Legion Post # 141 of Mt. Vernon, IL.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Posts: **3** | Location: **USA** | Registered: **July 05, 2008**

MVanSluyters
Regular

Posted July 06, 2008 10:18

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I was a lifeguard at the Rec Club and that event was legend, including showing us the spot where it happened and the stain that was still there.

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Originally posted by wclark:

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Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted July 06, 2008 13:22

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He went to the bottom after hitting the side of the pool and some people had to jump in and pull him out. His scalp was laid back and his recuperation was long. If I remember correctly, he had a lot of brain swelling for quite a while.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted July 06, 2008 20:50

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Do some of you old timers remember the days before MtV had rotary dial? Just pick up the phone and tell the operator the number you wanted. I still remember our old number...3821W3. It was a party line and our number would ring 3 times and we would pick up. Use to have to walk down the road and get old Ms. Cooley to hang up the phone so we could make a call. She would listen in on calls and fall asleep and leave her phone off the hook.

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Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted July 06, 2008 21:05

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It was Chestnut, wasn't it?

I do remember that when we still had telephone operators, Sears' number was 3000 and the Fire Dept. was 2000.

And another thing Wayne, stop calling me an old timer. 

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted July 06, 2008 23:25

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Yeah, what Chickenbite said! I guess all that time in the north woods and now the heat's gettin to ya, huh?

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Stl Todd
Free Time



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Wayne, my great-grandmother was the switchboard in Dix. They didn't take it out of her house until the late 60's. I remember a lot of things about that switch board, and the whomping I got one morning when I decided every wire should be in a different hole in the board. 😞

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

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johnj229
Old Pro



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My grandparents were on the Odin Exchange. Their number[?] was 2 shorts and a long. If you wanted somebody or business you didn't know the number to you rang up centrtal. That was the switchboard. After talking about the crops, hens laying eggs and a host of other topics she would ring up your party for you. It was always a treat to go to grandma's and play with the crank phone. Generally both my brother and I would get a willow switch whipping for having the entire phone system screwed up. Didn't matter, we did it every visit.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted July 07, 2008 09:16

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Chickenbite / Buck...come to grips with reality....we are in that group. If we can remember what it is like before the Dodgers left Brooklyn and all the Burma Shave advertisements on the highways...we are oldtimers. Yes it was Chestnut...there was also a Skyline exchange.

Buck I think I did fry my brain in Corpus Christi. Ready to get back to Alaska and wearing my flannel shirts again. By the way y'all (thats Texan for youse guys) are invited to come visit me there anytime. I am in a very remote place but the fishing and hunting are great. It is not the tourist place that you see advertised. No malls...900 Yupik eskimoes driving around crazy on 4 wheelers and snowmachines...two village stores. Head of lettuce costs \$7.00

All produce is outrageous. Needless to say I gorge myself at the salad bars when I come to the lower 48. You have to fly in and fly out. I have a water distiller for when they pump from the Yukon River, which is often. I have enough salmon and moose in the freezer to feed a small army. No beer in the villages though so we will have to make home brew (also illegal). Bring yeast. Yeast is a controlled item and is kept under lock and key at the store. (like spray paint in wallmart). A person could get rich selling yeast out there just don't get caught. The only yeast I take out is for making bread in my breadmaker. Don't recommend coming between Nov.1 and May 1....harsh environment. All the things going on in the world today..oil situation, inflation, credit crunch, etc. (only affecting my retirement accounts) seems so distant when I am out there. Almost seems wrong that I am getting paid to be there.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 07, 2008 19:40

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Well Wayne, to really date myself; Almost every movie William Bendix was in he would somehow mention the "Bums" or Brooklyn Dodgers. Not his westerns, but his army movies and the one he played an umpire in were two that comes to mind off hand.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted July 08, 2008 07:56

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jlmer.....do you remember Wm. Bendix in the weekly TV show "The Life of Riley" back in the 50's?

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 08:10

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quote:

jlmer.....do you remember Wm. Bendix in the weekly TV show "The Life of Riley" back in the 50's?

That was one of the great shows of the time, wasn't it. 😊

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Bogeyman47

Basic training



Posted July 08, 2008 08:53

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"What a revolting development this is." I used to love to watch "The Life of Riley" as a kid. Sure brings back some special memories of a time that was so innocent and so much fun. I always enjoyed the time I had with old friends. Playing Whiffle ball, shooting hoops at the local basketball goal, or just listening to the radio made the time go by way too fast.

Posts: **35** | Location: **Kentucky** | Registered: **February 03, 2006**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 09:35

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Gillis was pretty cool as well. Does anyone remember the overall story line? They, Riley and Gillis, worked at a plant building airplanes. Ironically enough, about the same time the "bums" moved to LA, so did the air plane plant and the Rileys and the Gillis'.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 09:42

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Ah, The Life of Riley, yep, a great show as well as Fibber McGee and Molly. I always looked forward to Baby Snooks and was really sad when she died. I liked Our Miss Brooks and Paladin, Gunsmoke, Melody Ranch and Roy Rogers on Sundays.

Two of my favorite actors were William Bendix and Steve Forrest. I've tried to find something out about Forrest but all I can find out is that he's still alive. No pics., etc.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 09:49

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There are a couple of pix on the TV Guide page.

Here's another.

<http://.angelfire.com/retro/cta/UK/Baron.htm>

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 10:04

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
There are a couple of pix on the TV Guide page.

Here's another.

Thanks, I found two and copied them. I've been trying to find some pics of him for a while now. I thought he was one of the best in westerns. He was on Gunsmoke a lot.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 10:28

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If I remember correctly, he was in the episode where he was a gun slinger with a hate against Matt. He came to town and took over while Matt was out of town. He waited for Matt's return and made a play for Kitty while he waited. Yup, sure enough, Ol Matt laid him in the dust... but not before gettin put there himself.

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xminer
Old Pro

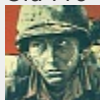
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Gunsmoke! I can still remember the old episodes. They are even running them again on cable. Dennis Weaver as Marshal Dillion's first sidekick Chester (Good, I think). Anyone know the scholarship that Weaver went to college on? Then Ken Curtis as Festus in the later years. Does anyone remember Festus' middle and last names? The last name is probably easy but the middle name was only mentioned in one or two shows. And I'm sure that most everybody knows the name of James Arness' brother and the show that he starred on.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 12:19

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I don't remember the middle name but the last was Hagan. I believe that Chester's name was spelled Goode. Sorry, some times I just can't help myself.

Peter Graves was James Arness' brother.

Some people remember Graves from Mission Impossible but he was also Joey Newton's dad on Fury.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

chickenbite
Free Time

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Just a guess, but was Festus' middle name Alowicious? I'm not sure if that is spelled right.

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted July 08, 2008 16:36

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AlloUcisis (I think?), but no that wasn't Festus' middle name. I think that Alloucisis was Pat Brady's middle name on The Roy Rogers' Show. Remember his, Brady's, Jeep's name? They gave Festus' middle name in one of the first episodes that Ken Curtis played in. I can still remember, for some out of the way reason. Chester Goode is probably right. Remember his scholarship, it seems a bit ironic?

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Baseball Mom
Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 16:54

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x,
First thought on scholarship was BASEBALL, then I looked him up and figured he must have gotten a scholarship for Track. It is ironic 😊 with the limp and all!

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 17:58

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That's what I meant by irony. It is also why I remembered it so well. I guess that eventually everything is googleable (except for Festus' middle name).

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 18:19

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Thats because he was born Curtis Gates, Ken Curtis was a stage name.

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted July 08, 2008 19:03

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Nellie Belle was Pat Brady's jeep.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted July 08, 2008 21:10

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"Weeeeell doggies!!" Ken Curtis had a ranch between Salem and Flora. He had Llamas and was an investor in John Waynes Duke Resources.

My Dad was the geologist.

One of the Duke Resources guys pulled up in a new cadillac upholstered with silver dollars all over the inside and long horn steer horns and the car horn went moo-OOOOOOOOOO.

He took us to lunch and filled a juke box with coins. It was the 1st time any of us got to play a juke box. He then did the "what's behind your ear" trick and found a shiny silver dollar behind my ear.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 09, 2008 10:13

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quote:

One of the Duke Resources guys pulled up in a new cadillac upholstered with silver dollars all over the inside and long horn steer horns and the car horn went moo-OOOOOOOOOO.

that sounds like the car Webb Pierce owned. He wouldn't let anyone touch it or get too close to it. A real bad ego problem.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted July 09, 2008 22:44

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Bogeyman47....remember playing Indian Ball at the park. and the old guy behind the left field fence????

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 11, 2008 09:29

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:
Bogeyman47....remember playing Indian Ball at the park. and the old guy behind the left field fence????

We used to have some great ballgames where the old Wareco station was, corner of 27th & Bwdy. when Clint Fleener owned the property and lived in the big white house. It had a lot of hickory nut trees on it but still enough room for ballgames.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 11, 2008 09:51

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quote:

that sounds like the car Webb Pierce owned. He wouldn't let anyone touch it or get too close to it. A real bad ego problem.

From what I have heard, the guy truly was a "Big I, little U type. 😊

To use a phrase coined by a True Magazine feature called "The Perfect Squelch" the story has it that Webb Pierce was once staying at the Hotel Emerson and during one afternoon at the bar/restaurant there was complaining that the autograph seekers were bothering him. He was reported to have said, "I just wish these pesky fools would leave me alone." That's when some local "Perfect Squelch" said, "Well then, why don't you call WMIX and cancel that announcement you paid them to run every hour telling how you were in town and all."

The silence must have been deafening. 😊 I wish I could remember the name of that "Perfect Squelch." Perhaps one of the older members here can.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Bogeyman47

Basic training

Posted July 11, 2008 10:20

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Wayne, I sure do remember those Indian ball games. I can still remember the trouble we had scraping up enough money for a baseball. The guy across the road wasn't all that inclined to give the ball back after it got into his yard. I also remember the lady that lived off to the third base side who had this green apple tree. It seemed so easy to retrieve the baseball and grab an apple while we were there. She thought this was theft and called the cops on us. Of course, the cops knew my parents and told me that they would call dad if there was another call for them to come back to the park. That was all the green apples for me. Probably a good thing, I have experienced that "greenapple quick step" before. 🍏 Those were the good old days!

Posts: **35** | Location: **Kentucky** | Registered: **February 03, 2006**

Wayne Grant

Old Pro

Posted July 11, 2008 11:27

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Bogeyman....Living in the country as I did I had no one to throw to between games so my Dad strung a tarp up and painted a rectangle the size of the strike zone on it. I would gather up all the objects that resembled a baseball and get my throwing in between games on the ol tarp. Had many old balls that were completely wrapped with electricians tape.

I wonder how many kids today would go to those lengths to work on improve their game. I would pitch complete games in the backyard using a dozen balls and a tarp as my catcher. (of course I had a lot of no hitters 😊) Catcher had a terrible arm so I had to go and collect all the balls after I ran out and start all over again. I think that I would have made it to the bigs if I could have pitched with a ball wrapped in electrician tape.....that was another timethe best

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Wayne Grant

Old Pro

Posted July 11, 2008 11:30

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Almost forgot the balls that had busted seams and had been sewn up using fishing line. Think that didn't toughen up the old fingertips and knuckles.....oooh dogey

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted July 11, 2008 11:35

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Bogeyman....since we mentioned the guy across the street in left field....I can remember that at the end of Khoury League season I was asked to pitch for the Coal Belt team. (Mike McClure, Roger Yates, David Keen were just a few of the boys playing then. I was only 14 and I remember seeing Dave Keen hit a ball over the guys house in left field. It was a shot. Playing with those older boys sure made things a bit easier at my own age level.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted July 11, 2008 13:18

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The kids today just don't have imaginations. What do you expect in a world today when all the kids want everyone(everything) else to do their thinking for them, computers, calculators, etc.

I saw Mike McClure a few weeks ago. He say that he still loves to play golf but it isn't as easy since he had the fall off the roof.

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Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 11, 2008 18:52

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Remember the pick-up games that just happened at the Little League field or Bracy's? Just for the love of the game!!

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

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Bradstik
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Now you old sports fans haven't lived until you've been to a donkey basketball game.
They used to have them out at Summersville School.
When they'd let the sheriff's deputies play you couldn't tell the jackasses from the donkeys!

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



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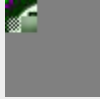
How about when the Harlem Globe Trotters (or want-to-bees) were at the high school and they broke the south backboard and had to play cross court?

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Member



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Buck wrote:

quote:

The kids today just don't have imaginations. What do you expect in a world today when all the kids want everyone(everything) else to do their thinking for them, computers, calculators, etc.

I think it's no coincidence that many of the best baseball players today are Latinos from relatively poor backgrounds where the kids don't have Xboxes and Ipods. When I was a kid, there were always several pickup games each day. Most were just Indian ball because you could scare up only half a dozen kids at a time. But we played baseball all day long during the summers.

We even played when there were only two of us. We used to pitch a softball over an old swing seat that functioned as home plate. You had to throw 3 strikes to three imaginary batters. Then swap pitcher and catcher roles. That really strengthened the old arm when it came to pitching a hardball in the Khoury league. I think I once struck out 17 batters in a 7 inning game because I could over power all but the very best hitters. I still remember the two guys that homered off me.

Now they have tee ball. Everyone gets a trophy.

But times change, for better or worse. I hope people don't delude themselves into thinking that video games actually help anything, like eye to hand coordination. That's BS.

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 11, 2008 22:00

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I don't think its that bad all over. My son, who is 16 now, played baseball everyday in the neighborhood. It was like the sand lot (the movie) around here. In fact, all the boys from our neighborhood are/were good ball players. In football season, it was football, in basketball season it was basketball, and it was always baseball season. I miss those days...

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Buck

Old Pro

Posted July 11, 2008 23:38

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A friend's daughter can get bored in five minutes. She has everything she



could want to entertain herself including a full set of drums that never get played. I used to play basketball for hours by myself each day.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

johnj229
Old Pro



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When I was a kid we would get through playing a softball or baseball game around 8:30, head for home and get ready to go out frog gigging about this time of year. Maybe even go to the local pond for a overnight campout, fishing or some night swimming. Stay at home, not on your life unless mom or dad said "NO!". My brother and I knew what chores we had to do on a daily basis and once those were done, we were off to mow yards, play ball or just go from park to park on our bikes. We made our own fun. I never wanted toys. I wanted fishing and camping things, a baseball glove and bat that I could use over and over. Things just aren't the same. Mom and dad's just don't seem to have the time for spending with their kids and getting them in the good ole outdoors.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Buck
Old Pro



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You might notice a large degree of materialism involved here. The kids today want this and they want that and it is never enough. What they already have sets as if it never existed.

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bluebayoulady
Old Pro



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not a defense necessarily but a lot has changed since that time. That was a different time & place. What parent today would let their child roam without knowing where they are, who they are with and what they are doing? Our parents didn't have to worry about abductions, drugs, predators. And for most of us, just what was there for us to DO

indoors?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 10:28

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quote:

And for most of us, just what was there for us to DO indoors?

I enjoyed my comic books and the radio programs!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

ImaINTJ
Member



Posted July 12, 2008 10:44

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quote:

And for most of us, just what was there for us to DO indoors?

I think the operative word is DO. We had lots we could do as opposed to just sitting there and having visual stuff done to us. There were board games when you needed something quiet. The tiled basement floor made wonderfully large imaginary cities when you wanted to play with cars and trucks and boxes.

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted July 12, 2008 10:44

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"Why, I remember walking to school 5 miles uphill each way with 4 feet of snow on the ground in May". "When ma and pa would take the egg money to town on Saturday I would get a nice shiney penny and could buy all the hard candy that our mule could carry back to Starvation acres". Back 50-60 years ago everything was either twice as bad or twice as good as now. The children were more responsible and were content to play with bottle caps instead of a video game. We were happy to sit and watch Lawrence Welk with ma and pa and even make our own bubble machine out of lye soap and

an old wringer type washer. I, for one, am glad that my children and grandchildren don't have it like we did. We didn't have running water, we did have outside toilets, open sewers, no air conditioning and a coal stove that had to be fed. We didn't have it any different than other families, that's just the way it was. Am I better for it? Probably not. To hear it told the younger generation has had it better than the present one ever did and that will continue long after we're gone and our kids are telling how their generation was so much better back in the 1990's and 2000's. "Playing Indian Ball". As was mentioned before, we can't even let the children get one aisle over at the store now for fear of some pervert getting them, let alone let them stay out past dark with no supervision playing "chase" or "tappy on the ice box".

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted July 12, 2008 13:09

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Having worked in rural Alaska for the past two years in a village that lacks many of the modern conveniences and where kids are required to help get firewood, put food on the table, not spoiled by all the new electronic gadgets....well, it has been quite refreshing and has reminded me of my childhood. There are outside all the time and very active, the people in the village look out for each others kids, very few of the kids are overweight, and food is definitely not wasted.

I believe that todays parents are so busy trying to give their kids more than what they had that they forget to give them the few things that they really needtheir time, guidance, and love. Spending time with your kid (or anyone) is one of the most important ways of showing you love them.

I do believe that more kids that finished school in our day could write coherent sentences and do basic math skills to a greater degree than todays kids. (this opinion comes from having been in education for 30 years) Were we any smarter than todays kids....I don't think so. We had fewer distractions. Todays kids are spread too thin to do so many things that they have a hard time focusing and being good at any one thing. We try to offer something for everyone. We grew up in a time of different values, more support at home, and a respect for authority.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Pogo
Old Pro

Posted July 12, 2008 13:17

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I couldn't agree more Wayne!

I suspect that the failure to accept responsibility also may be part of the problem with children's education now days. There is a general misconception that it's all the teacher's fault or maybe the poor condition of the school building, rather than checking to see if the kids are paying attention or whether they are even required to do so.

The Alaska community you serve sounds like it's head and shoulders above the lower states! I'm sure you have a hand in that. I'm more than sure that you appreciate it.

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Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 16:01

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Wayne, I agree and disagree with you a bit. Schools today teach a much more rigid curriculum than past decades. I am in my 40's and didn't see Algebra or Geometry until jr. high. They are teaching both much, much earlier. I can also tell you that the English/Language Arts curriculum being taught in H.S. now, I didn't see until Freshman year of college. My son and I attended same school district, so I am comparing apples to apples here and I 'm not comparing advanced to non-advanced.

That being said, I do think that school systems have been folly to parents of a much more lenient nature. Going to school, doing homework, being behaved in class, those types of things have become less important to parents (as a whole, not everyone). Schools also have a lot less control over a students free will, than in past decades.

I remember my son's Kindergarten teacher telling me, that they couldn't hold back a student without parental consent (and a lot of them didn't consent)...

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 16:17

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Mykidsmom, Your point is well taken.

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I am older than you and as I recall, algebra and geometry wasn't taught much until the second year of high school.

I suspect you are point on with your observation of English/Language Arts as well.

It all begs the question, has the curriculum pulled ahead without regard to the abilities or motivation of the students? When you press too hard, you often fail to get anything back other than rebellion. It might be best to reach for something more attainable than to reach for that which can't be achieved.

Technology has advanced so fast in the last two decades that I have noticed that many of my generation are left in the dust. I don't think that makes them anything other than content with the status quo. They can't set their VCR timers or use a microwave oven or program anything that has a microprocessor in it. What's more, they don't really aspire to do those things. Perhaps that sort of mentality is being passed along to the next generation and they use that as an excuse for not learning anything that's on the cutting edge.

I venture to say, the cutting edge today will be the very basics in short order and the challenge will be even greater as we move deeper into the 21st century.

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Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 16:35

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I think that is a two sided coin. As a parent of a "gifted" child, he has definitely benefited from a tougher curriculum, as well as advanced options. However, we have a much higher incidence of learning and behavioral disabilities. Those students are motivated differently or if at all. It definitely can't be a one size fits all program if we want everyone to benefit.

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 16:55

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That's a good point MKM. I have always favored a separate program for gifted students so that they aren't held to a pace that bores them.

By the same token, the real world cross section will consist mostly of people who are less than gifted and interfacing with them will always be a necessity if harmony is to be achieved.

Given my choice, I'd rather be considered less than gifted and more to the blissfully (ignorant) happy side. Would that we had such a choice.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 17:06

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Your right, with wisdom comes responsibility. Ignorance is bliss or so I have been told 😊

Your wisdom and cyphering skills remind me of an old salt, whom I have always admired, especially his quick, no-nonsense wit. A character named Tex Ritter. I hope you are not offended, but I notice it everytime I read one of your posts!

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 17:21

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Thanks for the kind words MKM. Being compared to Tex is more than flattering to this old fan of his. I suspect it's my advanced age showing through more than my wit.

That's quite a burden!

As another hero of mine said, "Between the sweet grass and the packing house" we do what we can to be able to look ourselves in the mirror and see no shame on our face.

That's an even greater challenge! 😊

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Mykidsmom
Old Pro

Posted July 12, 2008 19:39

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Dylan or Duvall...

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 20:01

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Duvall for me. I doubt that he deserves credit for the phrase but he surely deserves credit for delivering it to us unwashed masses.

â€œWe are all travelers in this world. From the sweet grass to the packing house, birth till death, we travel between the eternities.â€

Very eloquent, what?

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted July 12, 2008 20:13

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MKM...I agree with you on the curriculum that it may be more advanced than when we were going to school. However, if it is at a pace that the middle of the road students can't do then how can that be good? Its not the students that can handle algebra and write clear and concise sentences that have gotten the scores at MTVHS so low. With computers and calculators the kids never get enough mental exercises with doing math problems. There are so many HS students today that can't do simple multiplication and division problems because they never practiced without a calculator. Sometimes it is important to know how you got to the answer and not just that you got the answer. The gifted kids are going to learn no matter how crappy the teacher is, because they have parents that care and they are motivated to do well. When I was principal in the lower 48 I once took the AP teachers and gave them a basic class. I asked them if they were there for the kids ...all said yes. They were the best teachers on my staff and had earned the right to teach accelerated classes. I told them I knew that but it was the struggling kids that needed my best teachers....not the accelerated students. Many of the struggling kids only see the new teachers that are loaded down with 125 kids a day and three preps and they are learning themselves how to be teachers. After some grumbling most every teacher told me thanks for doing that because they had grown stagnant in their job. Our scores shot up dramatically the year I did this. (I have heard it said that in the first year of teaching a teacher learns what not to do, the 2nd year they begin to learn what it is they are suppose to do, and by the end of the 3rd year they are doing some of those things).

I do think that the problem is with the low level of concern that kids come to school with....and that comes from the home. . The lack of self discipline, respect for education and authority hold many students back. There are so many more disruptions in the classes. These things have made teaching more difficult than ever. As far as me having much to do with things in bush

Alaska I am afraid I can't take much credit for that. They are operating in a 1940' or 50's atmosphere. There are no roads so kids have no cars, only snow machines and 4 wheelers. That sure makes it easier to keep an eye on kids since they can't get in a car and escape their watchful eyes. Everyone is poor so there is not any of the jealousies of kids wearing designer clothes, etc. No dress code problems since any baring of skin by the girls will result in frost bite on the exposed areas. 😊 The big thing to do in the villages are activities associated with the school. There is an occasional potlatch in the village where ethnic dancing and singing takes place. Kids come to school to get warm and get a good lunch. 100% of the kids are on the free lunch program. When I worked directly with the kids up here I couldn't help but love them for all they had stacked against them with their environment. The intrinsic reward that had been lost over the years returned and I am so glad that I got to experience it again toward these last days of my work years. As educators we have to play the hand we are dealt whether it be in Mountain Village Alaska or MTVHS. Every teacher at MTV can tell you what needs to be done and what the problems are but it is going to take some tough love and standing their ground by the board and administration to really change things. That is their jobs...their responsibility. Meanwhile , the accelerated kids will keep learning and the majority of others will keep struggling.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted July 12, 2008 21:14

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Very eloquent, what?

Ah, my gut told me Duvall. It was taken from a Bob Dylan song... I'm guessing that you might be a fellow Lonesome Dove fan as well 😊

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

^^^^^^



Posts: **1595** | Location: **The Park.** | Registered: **March 31, 2008**

Brothers Johnson

Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 02:49

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I met Tex Ritter once, in Memphis, when he was running for political office. John Ritter was entertaining as well.

Robert Duvall is one great actor. He has a great body of work. Lonesome Dove is outstanding. If you have not seen it, it is well worth watching.

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A-Dad Old Pro	Posted July 14, 2008 02:51	Hide Post
	Or one right at your front door. Never again.	

Does anyone remember that place? Wasn't there a third type of reward stamp that people also widely collected at one time? hmm...

EDIT: Now I think I have it...the third one was S & H Green stamps.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 08:45

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quote:

Originally posted by Pogo:
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I remember S & H Green Stamps and Plaid Stamps. I don't remember Blue Chip, but there's a lot I don't remember.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 08:54

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Yes wclark, Plaid stamps is another one.

Then of course at one time, many gas stations gave stamps that you could fill a book with and redeem for different things, including free gas. Some offered dinner ware and the likes.

Then I recall that at one time you could get different pieces of dinnerware in a box of detergent. Quite a marketing concept, what?

Then of course I recall mom making many of us boy's shirts from feed sack cloth. That was in the 40's and it's a far cry from the "throw away" concept we practice now.

The times were tough but the memories seem to be sweet in spite of that.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

MVanSluyters

Regular

Posted July 14, 2008 09:02

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Does anyone remember the name of the man that ran/worked at the Rec Club in the mid 60's...65-66

Anson something?

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 09:07

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There was an Anson Smith around here at that time. I'm not sure what he did though. If that doesn't ring a bell for you, perhaps one of the "older timers" will chime in and help us out.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted July 14, 2008 09:10

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Yes, I remember the Top Value Stamp store. I believe they were given away, 1 stamp for every .10 spent. There was a book provided by the merchants that we pasted them into. Many of the merchants gave them away and it really did make a difference where our family shopped. I also remember that The Mammoth gave away stamps. Was that Green Stamps?

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 09:15

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That's correct, Mammoth had the S&H Green stamps and they seemed to be the Cadillac of all stamps. They may have been the first, but I'm not sure.

The old Liberty gas station down on south 10th gave out stamps for a while too.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted July 14, 2008 09:19

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I believe Anson Smith was a school administrator for District 80. Managing the Rec Club has been summer employment for teachers for a long time. Mr. Smith may have still been a classroom teacher in the mid 60's. That would make your memory of him working at the Rec Club a good possibility.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 09:23

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In the early '60s I worked for Family Stamps. It was headquartered in St. Louis and they had a route man who delivered the premiums and resupplied the stores with stamps. My job was the initial sales, catalogs and signs. The route man was Harry Terry who later owned the Irwin Mac when he died.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6353** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

RAMbunxious
Educated



Posted July 14, 2008 09:33

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When I was a kid living in Fairfield, I came to Mt. Vernon to see my orthodontist. He was from St. Louis, but came to MTV once a month. His office was in the Rodger's building & his name was Dr. Bean. Interesting man, always wore white seer sucker suits. Anyway, our monthly trip to the big town of Mt. Vernon always involved a visit to the TV Stamp store to redeem some stamp books. I seem to remember the Top Value store as being on 10th street behind Montgomery Ward. It later moved to Park Plaza Shopping Center. My mom still has a Cosco card table & folding chairs she got with TV stamps.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 10:23

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That was him. I worked for him several years at the Club. Really nice guy.

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted July 14, 2008 11:25

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If my memory serves me right, Anson Smith was my principal at Buford School, and his wife taught me Home Ec in Jr. High...He was really a nice guy. Scarry too, he was really tall. Of course, when you are a kid, everything seems big...

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

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chickenbite
Free Time

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Was there a restaurant in Mt. Vernon at one time that was called the Hole In The Wall?

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

MTVBORN
Stranger

Posted July 19, 2008 23:20

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As a new member to the forum, Iâ€™d like thank all those who have come before. The wealth of information Iâ€™ve witnessed is indeed incredible. I canâ€™t tell you how much I have enjoyed learning of the tales of the city before my birth as well as beyond. Please continue sharing!

I was born in MtV in 60 and spent the best part of my youth just out past the airport. It was considered â€œout in the countryâ€ back then. Now as I show it to my kids on mapquest they laugh at what a difference 5 miles used to make. We used to plan rides to town. Now we run 50 mile errands without much thought, or planning.

Iâ€™m probably considered a baby compared to some of the wisdom shared here. Still, Iâ€™d like to share some of my memories both fond and not so fond.

Fond

Always making it a point to guess the weight of the frozen pig in the deep freezer at Montgomery Ward

Not so Fond

Never winning

Fond

The Whale Exhibit that came to town in a tractor trailer (Montgomery Ward parking lot). Biggest fish Iâ€™d seen since fishing the river.

Fond

Burgers at The Barn and Ice Cream at the DQ. There used to be a guy that would walk his German Sheppard to the DQ. The man would always get an ice cream cone, Sheppard watching intently while his master enjoyed each bite. Half way through heâ€™d always share. They were a tight team.

Not so Fond

Waiting outside that same DQ for my 6th grade crush to show up for the ice cream social Iâ€™d bought her a ticket too. She never showed up.

Fond

Bicycle race at the fairground racetrack. I canâ€™t remember if it was part of the fair or what the event connection was. I do remember going inside the Am vet to get registration. Even more I remember practicing every day. I wanted that prize bike worse than anything. We were only going to race a little less than a quarter of the track. Early on there was a small girlâ€™s class. I think there were like 3 girls racing. They came off the line hard. Two of them neck in neck swapping a wheel lead here and there. At the finish neither gave up and before you knew it they were deep in turn one coming out of turn two. Now the crowd was cheering them even louder. Jaws dropped in amazement as they never slowed into rounding three and exiting turn four. Crossing the finish line a second time they finally stopped. I remember them asking one of the girls why she kept going all the way around the track. Iâ€™ll never forget she responded,, â€œI wanted to winâ€œ.

Not so Fond

I didnâ€™t win.

Fond

One of my all time favoritesâ€¦. My first warm lather neck shave at Sledges Barber. A close second favorite, no booster for the big chair.

Iâ€™ll break here not wanting to be too lengthy.

Posts: **4** | Location: **Georgia** | Registered: **July 19, 2008**

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted July 20, 2008 08:44

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What town in Georgia?

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

MTVBORN
Stranger

Posted July 20, 2008 13:26

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Bill is back... I'm currently NE of Atlanta. We are in a town growing too fast called Sugar Hill.

Here's a couple more....

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Posts: **4** | Location: **Georgia** | Registered: **July 19, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 20, 2008 17:45

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I remember it but don't know much about it except the Hills lost some horses in it. Bill Hill's brother, Jim (tall skinny guy) used to race harness races there and had several horses stabled there. Bill Hill was sheriff at one time and died a few months ago while Jim's been dead several years.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted July 20, 2008 18:32

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I just read where "Texas Bruce" died. He had an half an hour program on



channel 5 in the 50s. He would talk for about 15 minutes and then show 15 minutes of a movie. He'd always sign off with "Hasta la vista, vaqueros." He was on at 5pm and I'd hurry home from school so that I would watch him. If I could get home really early I could catch "Howdy Doodie" at 4pm.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted July 20, 2008 20:23

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Did you ever get home before Howdy Doody and see that the test pattern was on before Howdy? There wasn't enough programs in the early days to fill out a full schedule. So, they would have to switch to the test pattern with the "indian chief."

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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<http://.the912project.com/>

Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted July 20, 2008 20:39

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I sometimes go to meetings in Suwanee.

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 21, 2008 10:04

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I remember the test pattern as it was on most of the day. I was thinking that American Bandstand was on right before Howdy Doodie in the latter years. I always liked Buffalo Bob. He reminded me of Bob Shaw.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Germann85
Free Time



Posted July 21, 2008 12:45

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I'm not going back nearly as far as Howdy Doody, but whatever happened to "Uncle Briggs" of the WSIL TV 3 fame?

I remember him filling in for Cactus Pete and becoming a local institution from the late 70's to the mid 80's when I moved away.

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

butt2munch
Free Time

Posted July 21, 2008 14:47

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Posts: **228** | Location: **Not There** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

**john
j229**

Old
Pro



Posted July 21, 2008 17:11

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Here are past posts about Uncle Briggs.

http://community..com/eve/forums?use_forum_scope=on&a=search&reqWords=Uncle+Briggs&s=935104&forum_scope=231104611

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted July 22, 2008 08:29

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"WPSD, transmitting from Monkey's Eyebrow."

I remember staring at that indian waiting for a show to come on.

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 22, 2008 10:26

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At one time channel 5 out of St. Louis was the only channel we could get. It was very snowy and would fade in and out but we stayed with it picking up what reception we could get. It wasn't on continuously like they are now. You just hit and miss. Then came channel 3 and we thought we were really big time. People would buy a smaller antenna than the one used for channel 5 and put it on their tower aiming it SE. Once more stations came into being the rotor became a necessity so we could change directions for the different channels. The rest is history.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

cajungal
Member

Posted July 22, 2008 23:54

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Does anyone remember putting aluminum foil on a wire coat hanger and



hooking it to the tv lead in wire, hang it our a window---get better tv reception?

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

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cajungal
Member



Posted July 22, 2008 23:58

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Whops! I meant 'out' a window; not, 'our' window. The hurrier I go the behinder I get!!!!

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted July 23, 2008 00:04

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Coat hangers and aluminum foil didn't work in this area. You might get channel 3 and 8 that way but even then it would be snowy.

The best antenna for this area was the old "Double Stacked Super Zee." I put up many of them.

Mousetown has always been a fringe area and required a tower of at least 30' and often as high as 50' atop the house, to get decent reception. You also needed a rotor to turn the antenna toward the station since they were west (2,4,and 5) and south (3,6,8, and 12).

Now we get more stations than we can afford, with cable and dish. 🌐

When cable first came to Mousetown, it cost \$3/month. Those were the

That's my old neighborhood and went school at Horace Mann. All of us loved the burgers, fries--cherry cokes, chocolate cokes---floats--oh man--what a great memory.

I worked at this drug store for a while in the late 50'[high school days]. Don't remember the manager's name. He was a nice looking guy with dark hair. I remember coming to work one morning to find his wife and the police standing outside. The store was locked. Police ask me a few questions about 'lady friends' of the manager. I didn't know anything to tell them. The wife was very upset. They finally let me go back home and I heard a few days later that he had run off with a girlfriend--leaving his wife and kids without so much as a 'by your leave'. I heard he was found a while later--still with the girl, and even later still, I heard that he had died from heart attack or something. He was always nice to me --as was his wife--and I think it made an impression on me of how cruel some me can be even if they present an honest face.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted July 23, 2008 13:31

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Originally posted by stixnstones:

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bill_is_back

Old Pro



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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

Germann85

Free Time



Posted July 23, 2008 14:40

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LaPazz

Free Time



Posted July 23, 2008 15:50

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Posts: **195** | Location: **Earth** | Registered: **April 10, 2008**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted July 23, 2008 16:23

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Now that just ain't right. 😊

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

xlawman
Free Time



Posted July 23, 2008 16:41

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Speaking of Uncle Briggs...., I heard a rather funny story about him, don't know if it's true or not. But, anyway.....,I heard he went to a **John Cougar Mellencamp** concert with a friend, and being the regional tv/radio personality he was, they had very good seats. Unknown to **Uncle Briggs**, the lady sitting next to him was **Mellencamp's mother**.

After the first song, **Mellencamp** told the audience his mother was in attendance that night and they shined a spotlight on her that also caught **Uncle Briggs** as he was smoking a joint. **Uncle Briggs'friend** said, he almost died laughing because he was really toking hard, several hits, with his head hung back, he was really getting into it.

When **Uncle Briggs** realized the lady sitting next to him was **Mellencamp's mother**, he said, it's a pleasure to meet you **Mrs. Mellencamp**, I'm **Uncle Briggs**. But, she didn't seem to impressed.

Posts: **232** | Location: **Mount Vernon** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted July 23, 2008 17:18

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REmember the t-shirts, "Uncle Briggs loves me!!"

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

Germann85
Free Time



Posted July 24, 2008 14:41

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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted July 24, 2008 14:49

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I have heard Uncle Briggs died very young, does anyone know why. I also heard he had left WSIL and was working in CHICAGO.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

LaPazz
Free Time



Posted July 24, 2008 14:53

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Posts: **195** | Location: **Earth** | Registered: **April 10, 2008**

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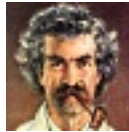
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Posts: **232** | Location: **Mount Vernon** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 24, 2008 20:47

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"Had a sincere affection for Cutty Sark."

Well, that sure don't make him a bad person. 😊

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

cl68
Free Time



Posted July 25, 2008 14:15

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quote:

Well, that sure don't make him a bad person.

No it doesn't but the first time I ever had Cutty Sark, I was 19 and drank the whole dang bottle. It didn't make me a bad person, but it sure made me a sick one. Last scotch I ever drank.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 25, 2008 14:44

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Scotch can do that. 😊

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 11:45

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Anyone remember Pillsbury Funny Face drinks?

- * Freckle Face Strawberry
- * Goofy Grape
- * Injun' Orange
- * Loud Mouth Lime
- * Rootin' Tootin' Raspberry
- * Chinese Cherry

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"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro

Posted July 29, 2008 11:50

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I remember most of them. I would probably remember all of them, but the



Scotch earlier has fuzzied my memory. 😊

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 12:44

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I tried to get this off the "Scotch" thing but it didn't work. I can't imagine someone that is new to this site seeing what it has just become. 🙄

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 12:49

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I bet that most of these names wouldn't fly today. Not "Politically Correct", don't you know 🙄

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 12:52

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😊 I saw that too!!!!

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 12:53

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A while back someone mentioned the Barbeque Haven. I remember being a kid and watching that guy dish up mounds of food on those plates. Wish we had more home cookin restaurants like that now.

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 13:30

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I agree, Mykidsmom, but we have an issue we have to now deal with. In the day, you could bring the pig to town, gut it, cook it and serve it. The Health Department regulations were a lot more slack than they are today. I guess it is a shame, but it is probably best in the long run.

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 13:37

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Yeah, I know what you mean. But my "beef" is with restaurants that advertise home cookin and don't have a clue. Instant mashed potatoes, fake package mix gravy or thickened milk...frozen foods they threw in a pan and prepared. Most restaurants serve food you could purchase out of the frozen section at Kroger and do yourself for a fraction of the cost, not to mention sacrificing taste and health...

Sorry to sidetrack the thread...speaking of junk food, I miss Burger Barn.

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Stl Todd

Free Time



Posted July 29, 2008 14:01

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hmmmmmm.... Burger Barn!!! 😊

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 14:07

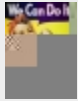
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those were the good burgers. I can't even remember what made them different but all of MV's old standard hamburger places -- DeMents; Burger Barn; Rusty's; Broadway Drive-In -- just to name a few, were fantastic! Our kids are really missing out. I can't think of one "hamburger" place that come close to what we grew up on. Even the gourmet burgers (that will also cost you \$8.50 +) at places like Applebees; Chili's, etc don't hold a candle to what we had. Ahhhh, the good old days.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

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Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 14:20

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quote:

Originally posted by bluebayoulady:
those were the good burgers. I can't even remember what made them different but all of MV's old standard hamburger places -- DeMents; Burger Barn; Rusty's; Broadway Drive-In - - just to name a few, were fantastic! Our kids are really missing out. I can't think of one "hamburger" place that come close to what we grew up on. Even the gourmet burgers (that will also cost you \$8.50 +) at places like Applebees; Chili's, etc don't hold a candle to what we had. Ahhhh, the good old days.

Ahh, DeMents. On Saturdays after we finished our chores, my mom would take me there for lunch. Chili tamales and homemade peppermint ice cream were favorites of mine. Boy what I wouldn't give for some of their homemade icecream, any flavor... 😊

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 14:23

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Culvers comes close to what we had, but it's still not the same. We have a local outfit by the name of Krekels that is really good, but still not as good as we had.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Stl Todd

Free Time



Posted July 29, 2008 14:33

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OK MKM... you've hit on 2 of my favortie memories growing up. Burger Barn and DeMents Chili Tamales.... now finish it off with cheesecake from the lunch counter at Woolworth's when it was in the Park Plaza and stop on the way home by Murphy's for popcorn and a bag of malt balls. YUM!!

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 14:41

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Originally posted by Stl Todd:

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flavor... 😊

Now don't forget to get a frosted mug of rootbeer from A&W or the mug on the way to the drive-in...a perfect childhood memory. Thanks, Stl Todd.

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

RAMbunctious

Educated



Posted July 29, 2008 15:03

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Ah yes, Burger Barn. Big Ben with cheese, no mustard, no mayo, small order of fries. The meal of champions! 22 straight football wins eating that "pre-game" meal. Who could forget a battered fish or Italian beef from there. Anyone ever a first hour assistant for Coach Ellis and have him send you to the Burger Barn for a bacon and egg sandwich? A sad day indeed in Mt. Vernon's culinary history, the day Burger Barn closed its doors.



Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 15:11

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Y'all are makin me hungry!

BarBeque haven - fried Chicken, mashed potatos and corn with rolls - heaven #1

Dements - their burgers - heaven #2

A&W - teen burgers and moma burgers and fries and COLD rootbeer - heaven # 3

Ah to be young again and not concerned about cholesterol, sigh. 😞

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 15:15

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Now that you brought up chicken, do you remember Virginia's broasted chicken, hmm, hmm good!!

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 15:34

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I was a wee lad back in the '50s and it was always the L@N Cafe for dinner on Sunday's after church. Kids fried chicken plate with mashed taters/gravy, veggies, rolls, dessert and drink of choice \$1.00.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Germann85

Free Time



Posted July 29, 2008 15:56

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quote:

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Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

Germann85

Free Time



Posted July 29, 2008 15:57

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quote:

Originally posted by Mykidsmom:
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broasted chicken, hmm, hmm good!!

Almost as good as the Henny Penny Fried Chicken from Rusty's.

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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

MVanSluyters

Regular



Posted July 29, 2008 16:01

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For a big night out, my parents would load up Grandpa and the 6 kids and dine out at the restaurant at the Lawrence Motel. We all learned manners and public behavior there. The L&N after church if it was a special day... I recently dined at the 9th Street Grill and loved it and try so hard to avoid chain restaurants of any kind. The tavern, down by the tracks,[I forget the name] nothing on the outside, but great food inside too

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 16:24

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Another thread in the forum about a good weather channel reminds me of a local character named Gordon that claimed to have the power to affect the weather. He carried around a cigar box with a spark plug installed in the lid.

Anyone here remember "Gordon the Weather man?"

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

RAMbunctious

Educated



Posted July 29, 2008 16:49

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Anything to get out of class. Right?

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 29, 2008 17:05

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

xminer

Old Pro

Posted July 29, 2008 20:28

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Every two weeks I would travel all the way from Inee to the County Seat to get the weather from Gordon at Eddie Allen's Barber shop. I had a direct line to him through Don Mullinax. I remember him well. 😊

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

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jlmer
Old Pro



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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6354** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted July 30, 2008 09:45

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Originally posted by jlmer:

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Very well. He lived with his mother in a trailer at the corner of Cherry and 27th - right behind our house and across the street from Keele's Grocery.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 10:19

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Anyone remember the "Stargazer"? The old white haired man with the briefcase that would walk along very rapidly, then suddenly stop and look to the sky?

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react."
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 11:08

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quote:

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Do you remember Donnie VanPelt who lived on the same side of 27th St. but a house of two from the corner?
I don't remember the stargazer. Was that during the same time of Gordon?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6354** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman
Old Pro

Posted July 30, 2008 11:38

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Stargazer was late 60's early 70's. He used to hang out at Walgreen's in the back booths.

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

RAMbunctious

Educated



Posted July 30, 2008 12:26

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quote:

Originally posted by Mykidsmom:
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I believe that would be Germann85's cousin Scott. I kind of think he is an attorney living somewhere in Texas.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 12:30

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Rod Germann is who I'm thinking of...

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

hoops 360

Free Time

Posted July 30, 2008 12:49

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Did anyone here know a very poor boy who grew up in a Mt. Vernon housing project named Kenny Troutt? Surely many of you must have known this. He's now a billionaire.

It's probably just news to me. I think this should be inspiring to all the people of this city, and poor kids everywhere.

http://.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20080725/fortunes_forbes_080725/20080727?hub=TopStories

Posts: **377** | Location: **office** | Registered: **March 22, 2006**

Germann85

Free Time

Posted July 30, 2008 13:21

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quote:

Originally posted by Mykidsmom:
I graduated with a German in 81 would you happen to know him Germann85?

It's me. Guilty as charged.

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

Germann85
Free Time

Posted July 30, 2008 13:22

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The 85 throws people off. Scott's actually in the oil bidness down in Tejas.

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro

Posted July 30, 2008 13:30

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

There was another drug store by the old 1st National Bank which was run by Sappers. They had a son named Doug and a younger boy, can't think of his name.

That would have been Dale. He was in my HS class. Now deceased.

wclark - I have been spending my lunch hour at my desk, reading through the first part of this thread. How interesting! Are you sure the name was Dale? Wasn't it Dennis? Think he would be same class as you.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 13:44

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 14:11

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

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bluebayoulady
Old Pro



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would appreciate it if you would let me know & what you know about his death.
thanks

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 14:47

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Kenny Troutt has been the subject of converstaions here on this forum. The most recent case was during the Kentucky Derby. Kenny actually had two horses in the race. One was about a 4-1 odds horse. It did not do well but that was probably because it had been racing on synthetic turf in California.

Kenny has sold his communications business and is involved mostly in the horse racing venture.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Germann85
Free Time



Posted July 30, 2008 15:02

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quote:

Originally posted by Mykidsmom:
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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 15:14

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quote:

would appreciate it if you would let me know & what you know about his death.
thanks

I'll see what I can find out. All I know about his death is RUMOR and I would prefer not to share them here. OK? My email address is wclark1948@comcast.net if you wish the dirty word.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 15:20

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

MVanSluyters

Regular

Posted July 30, 2008 15:48

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It was Dale and he is deceased.

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Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 16:56

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Thanks, Mark. I just checked my yearbook and it was Dale. It seems to me
that he passed prior to our 30th reunion.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we
ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 17:00

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ok. so were there 3 boys? Thinking more closely about it, Dennis would
have been class of 70, I think. After all the hoopla with Doug, he went
to Nam and I saw him a few times after but by then his family had
moved up by Chicago. From memory, his dad had ownership (maybe?)
in some big racetrack up there? Too many years ago to remember
clearly.

I just googled Dennis and think I found him still in Chicago as a
photographer. Thanks for the other info wclark.

*This message has been edited. Last edited by: [bluebayoulady](#), July 30,
2008 18:57*

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Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted July 30, 2008 21:21

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BBL, you are correct. Dennis was in my brother's class - '70.

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ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

Germann85

Free Time



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Originally posted by Mykidsmom:

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nope, JM ring a bell?

One last try: Jamie?

If I'm wrong, email me at germann85@juno.com.

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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



Posted July 31, 2008 10:02

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

cajungal
Member



Posted July 31, 2008 11:20

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HEY--we in the south call the stuff "Add a cook" meals.

quote:

Originally posted by Mykidsmom:
Yeah, I know what you mean. But my "beef" is with restaurants that advertise home cookin and don't have a clue. Instant mashed potatoes, fake package mix gravy or thickened milk...frozen foods they threw in a pan and prepared. Most restaurants serve food you could purchase out of the frozen section at Kroger and do yourself for a fraction of the cost, not to mention sacrificing taste and health...

Sorry to sidetrack the thread...speaking of junk food, I miss Burger Barn.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

Germann85
Free Time



Posted July 31, 2008 12:45

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quote:

Originally posted by Mykidsmom:
Yeah, it's me. 😊

Gingko Biloba works! Great to hear from ya!

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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted July 31, 2008 12:52

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Glad to see the years hasn't affected your sense of humor...

Things have changed around here. Do you remember A & D Taco on Broadway? Sure would like some of those taco's?? I was just thinking about you football boys remember when we had the big teachers strike during our senior year??

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted July 31, 2008 14:03

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Dennis Sapper wrote me within the last year, he's doing some sort of camera stuff, something about underwater cameras. Not dead.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

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bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted July 31, 2008 14:10

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quote:

Originally posted by Bradstik:
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Thanks, Bradstik. When I googled him, that's kind of what I came up with but didn't try to get details. Everything was in reference to photos. If you talk to him again for any reason, tell him his old friend from HS (from Woodlawn) says hi.

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Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

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My family is still in town, and I typically come home 3 times a year. The changes always blow me away, especially the restaurant turnover.

I miss A&D Tacos, The Burger Barn, Bobo's, and especially the old Railsplitter restaurant. Until it closed, we always made it a point to hit Bobo's whenever we were in town.

The 1980 teacher strike was unfortunate, but I was on the teacher end of one in 1989 in Plainfield IL. Sometimes teachers are forced by administration to take actions such as a strike, and the community fallout is usually ugly.

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 01, 2008 11:42

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Does anyone emember in the 50's and 60's when the Duncan Yo-Yo man would come around to the schools and do demonstrations. All the kids had to have one and for the next few months all you heard was doing the "around the world", "rocking the baby" , and "walking the dog". Now that was real hi-tech entertainment. You were the envy of all the kids if you could perform those tricks and had a yo-yo that glowed or sparkled. I am sure that today yo-yo's would be banned from the schools because of the possibility of them being used as a weapon. Oh...those were the good old days.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted August 01, 2008 11:55

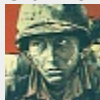
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Wayne, after the new West Salem school was built we would have all kinds of people stop by. The Duncan yo-yo guy was just one of many. I can remember Lassie and his trainer, the Harlem Magicans[sp], the St. Louis Hawks, the St. Louis Cardinals, Airmen from Scott Field would come in and show a neat film and talk about the planes, trained dogs and monkeys and Cowboy Bruce even paid a visit. I think why we were so lucky to have all

these visits is the location of where the school was. It generally cost a quarter but if someone didn't have the money, Mr. Sledge would pay it out of his own pocket so no one missed the show.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted August 01, 2008 13:16

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I was a part of the yo-yo generation and proud of it. The Duncan Imperial was "The Thing." There was also the Duncan "Butterfly" which was actually two parts of a yo-yo put together backwards.

I never got to see any body like you guys did. We did have a dog come by one time. I never heard of the dog but they were handing out "autographed pictures." That darned dog could write better than I could.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant

Old Pro

Posted August 01, 2008 14:00

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Better looking too I bet..... 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted August 01, 2008 14:05

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted August 01, 2008 14:10

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What was the name of the 5 and 10 that was on 9th near the Stadium?

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 01, 2008 14:12

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Another fad that would sweep the school was marbles. (another weapon) We'd shoot marbles at recess. This was at Old Union. Frank Neal, George Waggoner, Delores Purcell, LaVerne Carrol, Thelma Latta, Bernice Hogshead, Mrs. Musick...just a few teachers that I can remember. Those teachers made about \$2000 a year. For my first three grades Old Union had outside toilets and no gym. Not many asking to go to the bathroom during the winter. I can remember writing "Mrs. Musick is a peach" on the blackboard (yes they were black slate boards then) ... No smart boards or dry erase. She couldn't get mad ...it was a complete sentence and the punctuation and spelling was correct. I think I was 10. Probably should have had my butt whipped. Would have if my Mom/Dad had of found out.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 01, 2008 14:15

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Almost forgot...we rang the bell with a rope that went to the bell tower on top the school. Big honor to be asked to ring the bell.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

cl68
Free Time



Posted August 01, 2008 14:19

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quote:

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I believe it was Summer's.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted August 01, 2008 14:52

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I remember when the Ben Franklin opened a door or two from the Granada. I hate to admit it but I got caught finching a capgun there. My mom liked to have killed me with a willow switch over that littl deal. I was barred from the BF for a whole month. Everytime I went in there after that I felt like a thousand eyes were watching me.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted August 01, 2008 14:54

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quote:

Originally posted by cl68:

quote:

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Thanks, my great-aunt used to work there and I kept thinking Sullivan's and knew that was wrong.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 01, 2008 15:20

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I do not recall a Ben Franklin "a door or two" from the Granada. Exactly where was it ?

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

ImaINTJ
Member



Posted August 01, 2008 15:23

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quote:

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It was about two blocks south. Same side of stree, on the corner.

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

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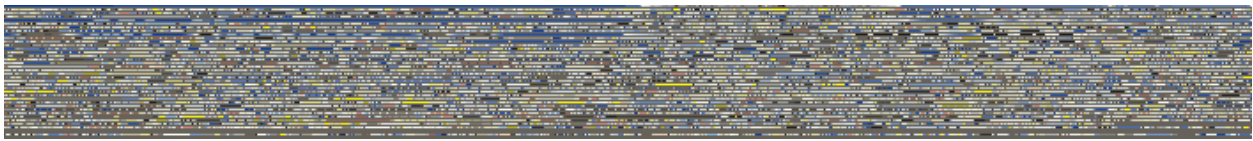
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tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 01, 2008 15:39

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Was that where the old Plaza was ?

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

MVanSluyters
Regular



Posted August 01, 2008 15:53

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Hey Wayne...Yo Yo's actually were weapons. We just used them as toys.

quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:
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Oh...those were the good old days.

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 01, 2008 15:56

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I bought one of them dang things and never could do any of that stuff that little chinaman could do out in front of Butch's at noontime.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted August 01, 2008 16:16

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You are correct about the location of the BF. I was a little bit off in my thinking and going back 55+ years has dampened the ole brain but I remember the willow switching like it was yesterday.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted August 01, 2008 16:33

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quote:

I believe it was Summer's.

Right! It was Summer's Variety Store. He was sort of a crabby guy to kids so we never hung around there much.

The Duncan yo-yo guy used to come in Woolworth's and show us all of his tricks and then if you bought a yo-yo he'd engrave it for you.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6354** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 01, 2008 17:54

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Does anyone remember going into a shoe store on the square (in the 50's) and trying on a new pair of shoes and putting your foot into this machine that would take a picture of your foot and how it was fitting inside the shoe (x-ray)?? There are probably a few from my generation that are walking around with some really narly toes. Guess that was before they knew about the effects of exposure to xrays.

the Stadium.

My Aunt worked at the Plaza and she said the rats were so bad that kids in the audience would throw things at them! 🤔

It was good to see you today chickenbite.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted August 02, 2008 06:49

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Does anyone know Jon Dufus on classmates.com? Class of 1968.

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

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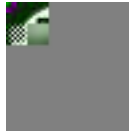
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cajungal
Member



Posted August 02, 2008 07:38

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Do any of y'all remember the movie 2001 Odessay? It played in MTV about 1968 or about. It had a computer in it named Ham which was an indication of IBM of later years. I never dreamed then of ever even having a computer 'in the home' let alone people going in and out of space travel as we now do.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted August 02, 2008 08:13

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Actually the name of the computer in that movie was HAL (HAL 900). IBM officials did charge that the name was a take off on them but that was denied by those who made the movie as can be seen in the Wikipedia article:

quote:

Although it is often conjectured that the name HAL was based on a one letter shift from the name IBM, this has been denied by both Clarke and 2001 director Stanley Kubrick. In 2010: Odyssey Two, Clarke speaks through the character of Dr. Chandra, who characterized this idea as: "[u]tter nonsense! [...] I thought that by now every intelligent person knew that H-A-L is derived from Heuristic ALgorithmic".[2][3] It should be noted, however, that if either Clarke or Kubrick admitted it is a play off of IBM, they could be charged with perjury in relation to the defamation lawsuit IBM attempted to bring concerning the name HAL

None the less, you are very right about never thinking about computers in the home. We live an exciting time. Think of all the changes we have have seen in our lifetimes, especially in the last 10 years.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted August 02, 2008 09:21

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I grew up watching all Sci-Fi. When the Lunar trips(Apollo program) were in progress I rushed home and sat transfixed in front of the tube dreaming of the day Enterprise from Star Trek would be a reality.

From H.G. Wells and his aqualung , to scuba gear today we have thoughts followed by reality.

And so will go our space adventures from the sci-fi to reality.

My uncle, fresh off the boat from Vietnam, took me to see 2001: A Space Odyssey when I was 7 and it is one of the most memorable things in that period of my life. I still watch that old movie once a year.

I still read Sci-Fi,classic as well as the newer material.

There are many books similar to "1984" that are even more prophetic about the times we live in and the concepts of government we could be under the control of.

A good body of stories that hint at modern problems that we now face is"The World Treasury of Science Fiction" it is only 1083 pages of short stories by some of the top writers around the globe.

It is not the stories themselves of the interactions of the people in the stories that ever held my interest,but the offering off opportunity or options of the differing possible realities that may be possible and the power that comes with the thought/thinking before change can be made to happen.

There were 3 theaters at one time, the Granada, the Plaza and the Stadium.

My Aunt worked at the Plaza and she said the rats were so bad that kids in the audience would throw things at them! 🤢

Good seeing you too. Take care!

It was good to see you today chickenbite.

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

Bill Shea
Newcomer



Posted August 02, 2008 20:06

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quote:

Originally posted by tyrone:

No old buddy, it's called Seven Mile Creek that finally ends up in Casey Creek that runs south of MtV. I did a lot of exploring myself along Casey Creek in about 1943. It was called s--t ditch by most of people that lived in the area.

A lot of raw sewage, car shop waste and worse of all the creosote from the tie plant was dumped it that creek back then. My brother and I used to wade in the creek and when we got out we would have a creosote ring around both legs.

The city dump was along the creek bank just south of town and every year or so it would flood from the overflow of the creek and a lot of garbage was simply floated on down the creek. Trash and garbage was burned year round on certain days in the dump ground back then and the smell sometimes would gag a skunk.

Posts: **8** | Location: **Edmond, Oklahoma** | Registered: **June 28, 2008**

Bill Shea
Newcomer



Posted August 02, 2008 20:32

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quote:

Originally posted by ctcf1:

I love hearing about the "way things were" Does anyone know if any kind of local book or booklet exists of MT.V. history? My

family is from there and I lived there many years myself,I'm planning on a metal detecting trip up there and would love to learn some more great history. My memory only goes back to the mid/late 60's....Thanks!

Posts: **8** | Location: **Edmond, Oklahoma** | Registered: **June 28, 2008**

Bill Shea
Newcomer



Posted August 02, 2008 20:35

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Originally posted by Bill Shea:

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Posts: **8** | Location: **Edmond, Oklahoma** | Registered: **June 28, 2008**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted August 02, 2008 22:26

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Tom Puckett has written a couple of good books about Mt. Vernon.

1. Mt. Vernon, A Pictorial History...ISBN 0-943963-21-4
2. Mt. Vernon Remembers...ISBN-0-943963-77-X

<http://.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/094396377X/ejelta5-20>

<http://.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0943963214/ejelta5-20>

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted August 03, 2008 09:46

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He had some at his home and he's listed in the phone book. Don't know if he has any left or not but you can probably get them at the above links.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6354** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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Old
Pro



Posted August 03, 2008 11:30

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Here is a site I came across about the "Gatherings" out at the airport:

<http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://.krnet.org/mvn2005/050909119.jpg&imgrefurl=http://.krnet.org/mvn2005/&h=533&w=800&sz=50&hl=en&start=181&um=1&tbnid=->

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Thanks Bugman....I don't know where my head was!!!

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [johnj229](#), August 03, 2008 11:52

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted August 03, 2008 11:40

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You know you can edit your post?

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

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Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted August 03, 2008 20:20

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Give it a rest A-Dad, he started this thread and if he wants it to remain on topic that isn't being grouchy. In fact this is the most popular thread and we should all respect it. It doesn't seem to bother you when others want their threads to remain on topic.

After this post, I'm not going to hijack this thread. I suggest you do the same. Heck if you want to pick on someone, give me your best shot... on a different thread! 🗨️

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted August 03, 2008 21:30

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Thanks mommy, since he, whoever it is you are talking about, put me on iggy he can't read my posts and now you have facilitated my debauchery !!!!!!!!! 🗨️

In the future if you see a hole in the road, you want to steer around it!!!!

Originally posted by JiminPA:
FYI, Ram, the computer in Arthur C. Clarke's "2001, A Space Odyssey", was a HAL 9000(not 900), and it was assembled(or born as one might see it...) in the HAL Assembly Bldg., in Urbana, Illinois.

On my fourth viewing of the film, I finally grasped the entire significance of the ending....Some of us are slower than others....

Oops! 
I should proof read better. Thanks.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

cl68
Free Time




Posted August 04, 2008 10:14

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quote:

Posted August 03, 2008 22:07 [Hide Post](#)
I'll put my two cents in, on "Old Mt. V."
I miss "Opal's" restaurant!

It's empty and for lease. Maybe you could lease it a start a restaurant. 

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

jimer
Old Pro



Posted August 04, 2008 10:48

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quote:

Originally posted by Rockin Rotty:
I'll put my two cents in, on "Old Mt. V."
I miss "Opal's" restaurant!

Has anything been done with the building as of yet?
It's been near a couple of years, now, since we were down your folk's way.

Thanks.

I believe it's empty again. Something moved in for awhile but didn't stay very long.

I have dinner several times a week with Shirley, Opals daughter and we all miss Opal. Bill, her son that ran the resteraunt is battling cancer now.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted August 04, 2008 11:16

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Right click on "Anyone (A-Dad)" and you can put them on your ignore list!!!!
The only bad thing is you miss out on some really stupid stuff said. 😊

With that said. Let's get back to "Old" stuff. Does anyone remember Wacky Races? With Dick Dastardly and Muttley? He He HE!!!!!! (OR Hiss Hiss HISS)

http://.youtube.com/watch?v=uPg_h_NmZ5I

(Quote) And:I'll put my two cents in, on "Old Mt. V."
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Has anything been done with the building as of yet?
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Nope the building is empty. Blacks bought it and remodeled it. There was an occupant that made cabinets for awhile but they closed. It is now empty. I will never forget Opal's family meal. They would bring out bowls full of everything. And the "BREAD" HUMMMMMMMMM!!!!!!

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Bugman](#), August 04, 2008 11:34

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted August 04, 2008 12:01

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I know is a simple dish. I would always get a extra plate of the squared jello in the whipped cream. And you are right about the bread. I would eat there at least 2 times a week when I was back living in MTV. One meal would be pigging out on everything and the next one would be nothing but salads and veggies. She had darned good iced tea also.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

MVanSluyters
Regular

Posted August 04, 2008 14:14

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I went to Murray State after High School and CC in New York State and we would gather around the dorm or fraternity house TV and watch Wacky Racers and actually bet on them. Ant Men were my favs... AHHH the real good old days!

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted August 04, 2008 16:09

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When I was growing up there was a pet store on 37 just North of the radio tower that had goldfish ponds and I remember buying turtles there and the bowls with the plastic palm tree to keep them in. I seem to remember stories about there being piranas in the pond next to it. Also, does anyone remember a restaurant that was on 37 between Dix and the turn off to Centralia? I think it was called the Hen House? We used to think that was great to go to when we were kids.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

Downtowngal
Educated

Posted August 04, 2008 16:16

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It was Smith's Aquarium North of town..

There was a Hen House just as you go into Salem, that's the only one I remember.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted August 04, 2008 16:20

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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 04, 2008 17:07

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D-T gal..are u a golfer????

Now..does anyone remember a pool hall on Broadway just down below

Walkers?
Would have been in the mid 60's for a short while.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered:
January 24, 2008

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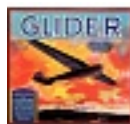
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JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted August 04, 2008 23:38

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Wayne, I remember the demolition of the east end of the bldg, including, I think, a barber shop down on the sidewalk level, possibly to the immediate east of the pool hall. I remember talking with the men whose job it was to get the tables out of the rather small opening onto Broadway. Those tables were the 2" slate beds and weighed a friggin' ton. They cut the tables in two and then moved them out and sold them. I was under the impression that Dr. Gene Modert bought one at the time.

Later, when Diane and I kept some company, I played on one of them regularly. Though I love a good pool room, the new home for one of those tables was much, much nicer imho 😊

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted August 04, 2008 23:39

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Negats on the location. Pool room was to the east of the barber shop. Can't recall whose shop it was.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26,**



Posts: **1595** | Location: **The Park.** | Registered: **March 31, 2008**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 05, 2008 05:58

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I know some of you older ones on this forum remember the old Kings Bakery in the 700 block of South Tenth. I had occasion to be there four or five times a week sometimes. The price of a dozen glazed donutâ€™s was .60 back around 1957. One of their big Bear Claws was .10 and they had a bakery item that they called Washington Pie. It was something like bread pudding but a little sweeter with a glaze topping. You could buy about a 4in x 4in piece for a dime. Two older women worked the counter and were at times covered up with business. I especially would be there every Sunday to get a Sunday paper and pick up a couple of small bags of bakery items.

There was a Model/Hobby Shop next door north in the same building and George King the owner of the Bakery bought Mr. Puckett the owner of the shop out and expanded the bakery to accommodate room for a small supply of grocery items. At the time it was the only place in town you could buy groceries on Sunday. It was the forerunner of the convenience stores of today.

Next door south of the bakery was a small cafÃ© called Skeets and Rubyâ€™s. Plate lunches were .75 and a hamburger would cost you a whopping .15, pie and coffee was .25

Along about 1958 George King and his wife Evalena bought out the cafÃ© and the house next door south occupied by Sam Britton and razed the house for a parking lot for their new venture into the restaurant business. They had a walk up window but I donâ€™t think they ever had car hopâ€™s. In only a year or two George and Evalena razed the cafÃ© and build a new cafÃ© on the two lots and called it Dollyâ€™s CafÃ©. The bakery survived the demolition and remained open for several more years. At one time Dollyâ€™s CafÃ© was the morning meeting place for about everyone in the area. A real logroller breakfast and meat loaf and roast beef on the lunch menu every day. By then I think the plate lunches were about \$1.25 and hamburgers had sky rocketed out of sight at .50 Coffee was a dime and free refills.

I remember the cook was a little short older woman everyone called "grandma" and two of the women that worked there were named Alice (I called her Alice Blue Gown) and Mable. It was a sight to see and hear George and grandma growl at each other every morning.

Benny Arnold was there every morning from about 6 AM to 1 PM. He would eat two full meals a day there and consume gallons of coffee refills and smoke about 6 big cigars. Bert Robinson and Krekel Edminson were regular morning customers too. Iâ€™m afraid that I canâ€™t remember as many as I would like to but I still can see them in my mind. When Opal's opened it

hurt business and I guess the place just couldn't survive on the breakfast crowd alone.

Gary and George Stover, step children, to George King worked in the bakery and were great bakers. I remember that some Thanksgivings they would custom bake dozens of turkeys for people around town. I don't think the big ovens were ever shut down as they were used year round. When George passed away the whole operation was taken over by George and Gary and they ran it until it closed sometime in the mid or late 70s

Sorry to ramble on but hope you enjoyed the ride back through a part of my memories.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

cl68
Free Time



Posted August 05, 2008 07:55

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Wasn't there also a restaurant on the other side of 10th and up a block called Rosie's. I remember my Mom going there for lunch when she worked at the garment factory. She had to hustle to drive there and back in the short lunch time they had.

Also, do you remember the ex sheriff, Bill Groves living along there somewhere? He also owned a starting gate for running horses they used at the fairgrounds.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 05, 2008 11:39

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I remember Skeets and Ruby's well.....my aunt Thelma was a cook there. Man she could make fried potatoes.....who knew about cholesterol then

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted August 05, 2008 12:03

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Okawville. The restaurant is still there but I don't know if it is a Hen House or not.

Does anyone remember the old Interstate chain restaurant The Dutch Pantry? Their specialties were cabbage rolls and Shoo-fly pie. We had one in MTV. After it closed it became a steakhouse called Primetime. That later became T-Bears, or something like that. It is now El Rancherito.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted August 05, 2008 12:09

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The Dutch Pantry!!!! The're signature special was scrapple. I'm sure that Jim in Pa will disagree with me (they came from Penn.) but I found it completely disgusting. Sheep's bladder or something. The first ex Mrs. Xminer and I ate there one time and she ordered a Ruben sandwich. When it was delivered it had a bite taken out of it.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 05, 2008 12:18

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Rosie's Cafe was south of Kings Bakery on the east side of tenth just before you got to Perkins. I pretty sure it was in the 1000 block of tenth, probably 1010 or so. My brother and I eat there quiet a bit and we called the guy that worked "Omar" there or maybe he was the owner. I not sure if that was his name or we just named him that.

The ex-sheriff, Bill Groves, lived next door south of Kerley's Cleaners.

Yes, Bill Groves did have a horse starting gate that he took to most of the county fair's in the area. He and Dee Stover were good friends, as Dee was at one time one of the top harness horse driver in the country. He raced all over the US and won a lot of races. Jim Hill at one time worked for Dee as a trotting horse trainer. Dee also owned a horse farm south of Mt. Vernon called Green Gates Farm.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted August 05, 2008 16:34

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Does anyone remember Ray Shelton? He used to walk everywhere he went. I'd see him almost everywhere on foot but now he's in his 70s and I haven't seen him anywhere so am wondering if he's in bad health or left Mt. Vernon after all of these years.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6354** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 05, 2008 18:33

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jlmer...I do remember Ray. He went to every Ram game in the 60's that I can remember. My brother in law Gary Flanagan (recently passed away) and Jerry Soddors and I would rent the gym and play pickup basketball at West Salem school and Ray played with us. I think Ray was also very active in the old softball leagues.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted August 05, 2008 19:35

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is this the same Ray that is married to Donna?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

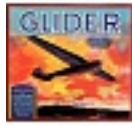
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xminer
Old Pro

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I see Ray once in a while still walking on Old Rt. 15 between the old TSC store and Huck's.



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cajungal
Member



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My parents used to stop at [skeet's and Maggie'] or what we knew as King's cafe every Sunday on the way home from Mass. {Back in the early 50's--- you still had to fast before communion back then 😊 so we were always hungry] I was very young then but I can still remember ordering 'grilled toast' I loved it!

And the hobby shop next door always caught my attention because of the little glass ships in bottles. They were too expensive for Daddy to afford to get me one, but I always wanted one. Now, I have a spare room in my house with so many boats and pictures of lighthouses, boats, and in fact the room is decorated to replicate the inside of a boat cabin. I don't know why I don't yet have a 'glass ship in a bottle' because I suppose I could afford one now, but I still don't have one.

Later in the last four years of the 50's my friends and I often hung out at King's Cafe. We all thought we were 'hot stuff' and enjoyed the fact that King's would let us loaf around there. We always bought food and cokes etc, but I doubt if we increased their sales any %percentage to speak of.

Then after about 1958 of course, we would often go to the Oasis across the side street from King's first--and then go to King's for our snacks before heading home. Curfew was always midnight at our house and you had better have a darn good reason if you didn't make it. If I was late I always hoped I could at least be there by one because the striking clock would strike one time at 12:30; strike one time at 1:00 O'clock and again one time at 1:30 so

we always hoped Mom would think it was just 12:30 and we could fool her into not being too angry. OH, by the way, it never worked! I don't think she slept until we were all married and moved out of the house. 😊

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted August 06, 2008 09:18

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

enlightened
Free Time



Posted August 06, 2008 12:48

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quote:

Originally posted by bluebayoulady:
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Yes, BBL they are talking about the same man. He worked at general Raditor with my father.

Posts: **243** | Location: **mccllellan township** | Registered: **March 20, 2007**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro



Posted August 06, 2008 14:14

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quote:

Originally posted by enlightened:

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Originally posted by bluebayoulady:
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at general Raditor with my father.

They also go the Elks from time to time. not as much since he got sick but now, occasionally.

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Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted August 06, 2008 15:06

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I just saw Ray walking on Veterans Memorial today.

"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted August 06, 2008 17:05

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:
I just saw Ray walking on Veterans Memorial today.

I wonder if he ever had a car or learned to drive. I saw him several years ago when Wal Mart was in the mall. He was walking around the Jr. High and I picked him up and took him to the mall. Hadn't seen him since. He always seemed like a nice enough guy. Don't know why I happened to think of him unless the conversations about Gordon brought him to mind.

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Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro

Posted August 06, 2008 19:05

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During those great softball days at the park I "played" for one of the teams.



Ray Shelton was a third baseman for another team. The guys I would hang out with loved to tease Ray. He had this ritual that he went through before every pitch. He would touch his hat brim, hit the palm of his glove and then put his hands on his knees. Nothing to marvelous but these guys thought it was a hoot. There was one game (that I know of or remember) that every time Ray went through his routine all these guys were in the stands doing the same thing.

As long as this is the old Mt. Verno thread and the topic of the old softball league has come up, I can remember some really good days out there as a pine rider and as a fan.

Guys like Whitey Fitzgerrell and Gene Howard could really do things with a softball. The Siver Streak team was the cat's meow. It was fun to watch that team play. I was playing right field one night after a heavy ran and there was a puddle behind second towards right field. These guys were so good they just kept hitting these bloopers out there a I had to come sliding through the mud to try to catch it. They were just waiting for me to move in but I never did.

One night Silver Streak was playing Petrolane and the Streak only had eight players. That meant that there would be an automatic out in the lineup. Petrolane had not won a game and didn't figure to win one but the last inning came up and Petrolane was ahead by one run and the automatic out could come into play. With two outs Walt Belcher was up and the next position was the automatic out. There was a man on base. The Petrolane pitcher only needed to intentionally walk Belcher. On the fourth pitch (already three balls) Belcher reaches way out and hits a walk off home run for the win.

Yup, those were the good ol days.

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Old Pro



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himself in as a pinch hitter. (He didn't look much older than we did at the time.) He was a character. I am glad he changed his life around in his later years.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 06, 2008 19:25

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The old ball park was pretty good for softball but the lights weren't high enough for baseball. Balls would be lost because we could hit a baseball up and out of the lights. I was a much better pitcher at night at the old park due to the lighting (or lack of). 🇺🇸 It is a wonder that someone wasn't hurt playing baseball there. You had a hard time seeing the outfielders under those lights.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted August 06, 2008 20:23

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I remember jimmy Lockwood pitching for the Silver Streak one night and some of the regulars were out of town or something like that and the ones playing the game were all in a snit at each other.

A ground ball hit to the right of the pitcher stops between the mound and first base(real close to the mound)and Lockwood and the rest of the infield were arguing over who should get the ball(Jimmy thought it was not his job)as the guy reaches first base.

I am sure this is well before he "got his life turned around". 🇺🇸

I was a little kid and knew what was going on from what I could easily overhear in the bleachers and at pic nics the folks took me to.

of people a lot of time to get used to them.

I pretty sure that was Master Baking Co. It was located next to the RR tracks between Jordan and Broadway on 5th Street. I think Holsom (sp)Bakery was there after Master Bakery quit.

I'm almost sure you remember the Swift & Co Plant to the south of the bakery building between Casey and Jordon. The smell was awesome on a hot summer night. It was just north of the old football field and the out of town football fan's almost had to hold their breath but our guy's were used to it.

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Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 06, 2008 20:40

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QUOTE I also remember one kid that ran around under the bleachers drinking the last swigs of what ever was left in bottles of Double Cola,Fanta Grape,Orange, and the root beer with the little dude with a beard on the bottle.All served ice cold from the bottle QUOTE

A-Pop that would be Frosty Root Beer.

Give me a hint on the little "swigger"

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 06, 2008 20:52

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Cajungal that was "Skeets and Ruby's" but there was a "Jiggs and Maggies" which I remember with fond and troubling memories !

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted August 06, 2008 21:37

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Man, the memories of King's Bakery and Sunday papers and bear claws(one word???)....

Takes me back.

Yeah, I know the Dutch Pantry chain. Went belly up about ten or more years ago, after the chain had been sold out to a bunch of New York City investors(Excuuuuuuse me, but the shoo fly pie sounds soooo gross!) who ran it into the ground.

As for scrapple. My Grossmutter Minor wouldn't make it, although most of her German family ate it by the slab. I had one mouthful out here after refraining from the "temptation" for over forty years, and almost gagged. My Grandma was a very smart woman.

There's more that can kill you in a slab of scrapple than a batallion of crazed Victor Charles!!

A lot of tourists get scrapple in restaurants down near Lancaster, in the Old Order Amish Country, but I can't say that I have ever seen anyone finish an order.
Wink

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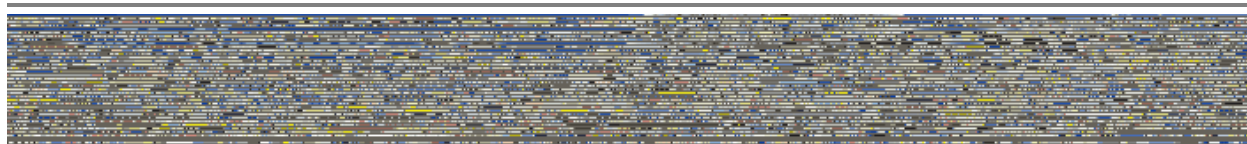
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cajungal
Member



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Yes, Skeets and Ruby's is correct. I don't know how I got that mixed up--- but then I was only a kid and I only ever thought of it as Kings. My dad used to like Jiggs and Maggie's but Mom didn't so---seldom did we go there.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted August 06, 2008 23:30

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cajungal
Member



Posted August 06, 2008 23:32

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Do any of you remember the 'Rock-N-Robin'? It was out the old Salem road where Toll Road joins into. Made as a place for teens and run by a guy called 'Tiny' who was anything but small.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

cajungal
Member



Posted August 06, 2008 23:52

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thought that was cool. Fine cars!

Then at the same time the fairs always hosted country stars. Little Jimmy Dickens and his family and Lazy Jim Day and his family also stayed at the Alto motel. One night my mom baby sit for Jim's little baby so the whole troupe could go out on the town. When they got back they had bought watermelons and all of us had to get up and party with them. It was 3 A.M. But the folks let us all get up and we along with my aunt and uncle, who owned and managed the motel, got some first hand entertainment from Little Jim and Lazy Jim. That was over 50 years ago but still fresh in my memory.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 07, 2008 08:04

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I remember them very well they were named "Joey Chittwood and the Hell Drivers". They used new Dodge cars in some of their tamer stunts. They bought old "clunkers" from any local auto salvage yard to destroy in the wilder parts of the show. Their show was always a high-lite of the County Fair for many years. Their stunts, if preformed now, would be considered very tame by today's standards.

The car rollover and the flying T-Bone, using the old junkers, was about the most daring acts. I remember a girl would lay down on the hood of a car and the driver would then run the car through a "wall of flames". I don't think any of the tricks were really life threatening but to me, a young kid, they were the most daring sights I had ever seen.

Thanks cajungal for shaking the dust off an old memory .

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [tyrone](#), August 07, 2008 08:26

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted August 07, 2008 10:21

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me my commission and wanted me to comeback the next evening but mom said no.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

tyrone

Free Time



Posted August 07, 2008 13:02

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Dust has been stirred up once again by jlmar this time.

Yes, there was a small bakery located in the 1500 block of west Broadway on the north side of the street about where part of Hardee's is now located. It was just east of Lashbrooks a couple of doors. I remember another business front or two along with the bakery but can't recall what each one were. At one time the one on the east that was just west of Danners Service Station (at 1500 Broadway) was a small cafe and my mother worked there for a short time in the 50's.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted August 07, 2008 15:38

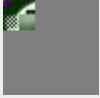
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Do any of you remember the TV weather guy that was on the same station as Uncle Briggs? This was in the black and white days. He had paper maps and would fill in the temperatures with a grease pencil. He would write all over them, go to a commercial and when it the picture came back to him he would have a new paper map to write on. He liked to use his grease pencil as a pointer to the camera and would jab at the camera when he had a point to make. He had a mustache and slicked back hair. I think he also played

some of Uncle Briggs characters.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

ImaINTJ
Member



Posted August 07, 2008 20:13

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Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted August 07, 2008 21:47

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

A-Dad
Old Pro



Posted August 07, 2008 22:42

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quote:

Walter Bruzan ran the State Motel. He and his family ran a restaurant in Ina before that. His daughter Carol is married to a retired police officer. I know the family quiet well.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

Buck
Old
Pro



Posted August 08, 2008 13:48

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

During those great softball days at the park I "played" for one of the teams. Ray Shelton was a third baseman for another team. The guys I would hang out with loved to tease Ray. He had this ritual that he went through before every pitch. He would touch his hat brim, hit the palm of his glove and then put his hands on his knees. Nothing to marvelous but these guys thought it was a hoot. There was one game (that I know of or remember) that every time Ray went through his routine all these guys were in the stands doing the same thing.

As long as this is the old Mt. Verno thread and the topic of the old softball league has come up, I can remember some really good days out there as a pine rider and as a fan.

Guys like Whitey Fitzgerrell and Gene Howard could really do things with a softball. The Siver Streak team was the cat's meow. It was fun to watch that team play. I was playing right field one night after a heavy ran and there was a puddle behind second towards right field. These guys were so good they just kept hitting these bloopers out there a I had to come sliding through the mud to try to catch it. They were just waiting for me to move in but I never did.

One night Silver Streak was playing Petrolane and the Streak only had eight players. That meant that there would be an automatic out in the lineup. Petrolane had not won a game and didn't figure to win one but the last inning came up and Petrolane was ahead by one run and the automatic out could come into play. With two outs Walt Belcher was up and the next position was the automatic out. There was a man on base. The Petrolane pitcher only needed to intentionally walk Belcher. On the fourth pitch (already three balls) Belcher reaches way out and hits a walk off home run for the win.

Yup, those were the good ol days.

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Ray Shelton says Hi to all his fans. I saw him in Walmart today wearing some darned

Indiana Hoosiers sunglasses. Some people will wear anything.

HI DONNA!

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted August 08, 2008 19:09

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My dad used to take me to the park to watch the games. I don't remember any of the players but it was a good evenings entertainment. I got a foul ball one time and started to put it in the car and he told me they didn't do that at these games.
We used to go to the Kings games too once in awhile and I joined the Knothole fan club.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted August 08, 2008 20:00

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Is that knot hole or knothed fan club.....just kiddin you jlmer. 😊

Heck if you would have turned the foul ball in to the concession stand you could have gotten a free sno-cone. Some kids would killya for that foul ball.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

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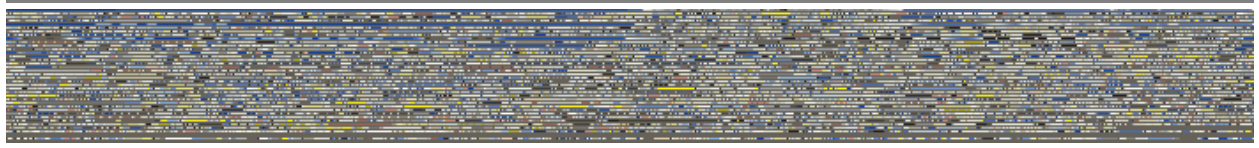
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cajungal
Member



Posted August 08, 2008 23:24

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Albert Gentles [Some know him as 'Red' and his wife owned and run the Alto Motel. It was just south of the old City Service station owned by Casey Jones. My family lived in the big two story house south of Casey Jones' station, the next location was the Alto Motel. When they sold it in the late fifties, a family name of 'Issard' or Izzard --something like that bought it and run it for a long while. I don't know who took it after that.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

treewalker29

Basic training



Posted August 19, 2008 11:59

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quote:

Originally posted by RaneyOnline:
Centalia has a large steam engine located in one of it's parks. Perhaps Mt.Vernon should have a memorial to the car shops. I think the car shops had alot to do with the growth of Mt.Vernon. There is alot of unused land between the grocery store and the new post office. Who owns this shopping center?

State has a historical marker in front of the old Jefferson Memorial,where their offices used to be. My grandpa worked there. I loved hearing about them from my Dad so much I wrote a story on them for the Jefferson County Genealogical Society Quarterly last year.

Yesterday is history,today a present,tomorrow,a mystery. Just remember all who have gone before you...

Posts: **35** | Location: **King City-MVTHS Class of '83** | Registered: **January 12, 2008**

treewalker29

Basic training



Posted August 19, 2008 12:01

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I only know from the late 1960's well. I do remember my folks saying when they bought their our old house on College,it was outside the city limits..(1953) That the city limits sign was at where the Medicine Shoppe is now.

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Posts: **35** | Location: **King City-MVTHS Class of '83** | Registered: **January 12, 2008**

Vernie

Regular



Posted August 19, 2008 12:44

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Historical markers are good, but I like Raney's idea of a car shop memorial. Just like the new Lincoln statue in the works. Another good idea about celebrating the present as well as the past was offered by Jimin about honoring a Mt. Vernon youth a la Senior Saints. I'd include a wider range and call it The JeffCo Outstanding Young Adult. There could be one per month, and then the JCOYA of The Year. It would look good on the old application, and it would be, or at least could be inspiring.

Posts: **106** | Location: **Parts Unknown** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

rescue
Regular

Posted August 19, 2008 14:52

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A great idea for a memorial that is badly needed as so many worked there over the years.

Put me down as in favor of a railcar memorial in the city. Find a spot. I'll donate to the fund.

It would be great if we could actually find an old car that was made here.

Posts: **105** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted August 19, 2008 16:06

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A lot of Europeans owe their lives to the railcars made in Mount Vernon.

Not only did the Shops make a significant percentage of the USArmy's rolling stock, but after V-E Day, when the rebuilding started (even before the Marshall Plan was enacted, there were boxcars and "wagons-lits" with European gauges being assembled to ship to France, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, and even (or especially...) the Allied occupied Zones of Germany.

Without those cars (which later even doubled as housing in the first postwar winter), millions of tons of foods and medicines would never have reached the starving, sick, injured, and displaced.

See what gems we picked up from Dr. Marykate Echols? Bless her.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

cajungal
Member



Posted August 21, 2008 01:09

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How about some memories of the Shoe Factory? I'd wager as guess that half the people in Mt. Vernon worked there at one time or another. In my family, my grandmother; my two great aunts; my mom and her sister; my dad's brother's [my uncle] wife and three of her daughters; my neighbor's--at least five on our street. Even me! I worked there for a short while back in 1966/67. How many of your family members worked for Brown's Shoe Factory that later became Florishim Shoe Factory?

On the other note: my dad, my two brothers, worked at the car shops and later General Radiator.

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

bluebayoulady
Old Pro

Posted August 21, 2008 08:53

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a few years ago when the shoe factory was being remodeled, there



were quite a few finds. Several memos to employees from the 50's and the original drawings of the building, which were done on linen, I believe. It was amazing how many people would stop by and ask if they could come in and look around. They would find the spot where they used to work and let the memories come. Most would want to tell you all about how many of their family members worked there. Does anyone know how many people they employed when either as Brown's or Florshim?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted August 21, 2008 10:12

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A neighbor of my mother and dad worked at the shoe factory from at least the time I could remember until he retired. He just passed away a couple months ago but it was like you could set you clocks according to him and the factory whistles.

Dad also worked there at a point long before I came around.

The car shops also included other facets of the operation. Dad also worked at the Devine plant which was part of the car shops. He was a welder and told me of some interesting situations. There was an incident where they had been welding on something like a boiler cover and during the process the piece got "away" from them and fell on a man. As I understand it, the piece was so hot that they had trouble getting ahold of it to lift it off and the man died a slow death being crushed by the material. The car shops certainly was a major construction yard which created a lot of security to a lot of families while it was here.

The town did well enough and not everyone drove. So not only did taxis do well but the bus service did a good business as well. I was probably between three and six the last time I rode the bus which would have been somewhere around 1950-53.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

cl68
Free Time

Posted August 21, 2008 11:52

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quote:



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My Grandmother worked at the Brown Shoe Factory. Also, I had two Great Grandfathers that worked at the Car Shops and my Dad worked for JP Devine for a while.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted August 21, 2008 16:48

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Did Mt. Vernon have trolley lines like some of the other towns in Southern Illinois?

Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

MVanSluyters
Regular

Posted August 21, 2008 17:09

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A MTVTwpHS Alum, Class of '66 and former resident Kenny Troutt, previously discussed regarding the Derby, has two horses in the Saratoga Travers[Mid-Summer Derby], Colonel John and Court Vision. So close and he never calls me. But, I do wish him luck!

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted August 21, 2008 19:10

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Not that I am aware of dtr. Y'all doing ok?

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted August 24, 2008 15:25

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Cajungal: My first real(aside from a paper route) job was at the Shoe Factory, working as a heel fitter.

I still carry a scar from that summer job, having sliced through a sole into my left hand.

Great wage, at \$ 1.67 an hour..... some college kids will NOT appreciate that, if ya git my drift...

Regarding trolley lines, my grandmother mentioned that, in the early 1900s, there were trolleys running n/s on 10th street, Main, going e/w, and Broadway, going east and west. Where these lines began and ended, and when they were closed down would make some interesting local research.

Perhaps at the Library(microfiche/film records?, or from the City Clerk, looking under business licenses.

I'd love to know more on the subject. Thanks for bringing it up.

Come to think of it, as early as my Nana was talking about, these may have been horse drawn (traction company) styles.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted August 24, 2008 15:28

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Buck, I'll wager a nickel that someone with a far better grounding in formal USArmy history could find records of the WWII era transportation corps(or something analogous)which might have records of the cars, engines, etc that went to Europe, as well as their sources of procurement. This could be a documentation source for any memorial to the Shops.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26,**

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Mykidsmom
Old Pro



Posted August 24, 2008 15:33

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I remember my dad talking about the trolley cars. They converted them into rental homes or apartments something like that, his sister lived in one when she was young...

The fool ***h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted August 24, 2008 16:47

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Jim - I do remember dad saying that the Devine plant and the car shops did a lot for the war effort besides railroad cars. I am not exactly sure what that was but some forms of pontoons and container style tanks were what comes to mind.

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tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 24, 2008 19:34

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I remember back in about 1943 the north end of the "shops" was called the "bomb Plant". I think they were making some kind of fragmentation casings for bombs for the war effort. I think this location housed the old "foundry" part of the shops. In the beginning they cast their own wheels and axles there. Later they bought the wheels and axles from another company.

It was told that a big black man that worked in the wheel casting dept could get a single railroad car wheel that was laying flat on the floor to an upright position and roll it away without any help from anybody. I think he still has relation here in the city. I know this story to be true because my father-in-law (Jack Newby) saw him do it on more than one occasion.

Jack bucked rivets for many many years there at the shops. And he had the scars to prove it !

In 1952 or 53 I worked in the lumber yard/kiln which was east of the assembly plant. It was called "wood erect" and "lumber yard" Back then a lot of the boxcars and gondolas cars were made of wood and the crews would sometimes unload as many as 6 boxcar loads of wood in 8 hours, mostly 2x6'oak and some cypress to be dried in the big kiln building and later used in construction.

I also recall that they were making some kind of parts for military tanks, it seems as if I remember some parts of the turret were made here in the old foundry dept.

When I was a kid the shops were not fenced until after WW2 began. In fact I used to cut through Shawnee to go to the Plaza on Saturday afternoon. Big steam crane's would be crossing the street and new railroad cars would be moving around pushed or pulled by a very small steam locomotive.

There was a signalman who carried a stop sign in a small shack located at the tenth street crossing and sometimes long strings of new railroad cars would block the street for long periods of time. I along with many others used to crawl under the train or hop through the couplers if I was in a hurry.

The freight cars were manufactured with the sub-frames being made in the old "stamping plant" and then assembled on the "main track" and emerge out the West side completed except for painting which was done in the giant paint dept. building.

Giant electric overhead track cranes lifted the parts to be assembled by the riveters and buckers and welders.

Back then a lot of sheds, barns and even houses around in town and in the county were painted with the same paint the boxcars were. Orange and yellow and black were popular colors. I never figured out why they weren't

caught taking paint out through the gates. A lot of lumber also found it's way to someone that was building a new barn or shed.

The assembly rails and other rails were/are still visible in the Park Plaza parking lot. Drive down and have a look if they are still there.

At one the Mt Vernon car shop workers had a reputation as the best car builders in the United States.

I have a color 8mm film of the old shops taken about 1955 or 56 after it closed.

When the buildings were being razed one of the larger buildings collapsed and fell hurting several men. One was Melvin Hoffman who ran Courtsey Cleaners or maybe still does.

A sad time for me because I was one of the last workers hired and was one the first bunch to be laid off when the plant was starting to shut down. I only got to work a few months there. I still have an old pay check stub from those last days.

I remember a lot of small things about the car shop era and I only have to blow away some of cobwebs and dust to recall some of them. Thanks you guy's for helping me blow !

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

bluebayoulady

Old Pro



Posted August 24, 2008 19:41

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interesting information, Tyrone. I had asked many different people about the railroad tracks that run through the park plaza parking lot but no one was sure what they were from.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

Mykidsmom

Old Pro



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Enjoyed it Tyrone.

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

johnj229

Old Pro

Posted August 24, 2008 20:38

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I found this site while surfing about the car shops:



<http://.steamfreightcars.com/prototype/catalog/mvcmc/mvcmccovermain.html>

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted August 24, 2008 21:01

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Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted August 24, 2008 21:43

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I looked in the catalog and it showed some of the commercial items that the J.P. Devine plant produced. It would not have been much of a change in projects to do the type of work dad said that they did during the war. I worked as a welder for many years and dad had been a welder at the Devine plant. Of course welding today has rods with flux to create protective clouds over the "weld." There are also gases (argon, CO2, etc.) used in the wire welding processes. In those days there was not much that was done with flux and the rods were much harder to weld with. From the pitures in the catalog, those guys earned their pay.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Downtowngal
Educated

Posted August 26, 2008 16:32

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The Bruzan's ran the old State Motel . Al was my age in school> He ended up marrying Rose LeGrand.

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Originally posted by ImaINTJ:
cajungal wrote

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These guys used to stay at the Alto Motel just
south of town on Rt/37.

Was that motel run by the Bruzan (sp?) family. I remember
Al Bruzan who played drums and liked purple cars. A Dodge
hemi.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11,**
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**undertaker's
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Posted September 04, 2008 19:06

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Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

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Old Pro



Posted September 04, 2008 19:27

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Well, how are you doin? That subject has come up numerous times and I am pretty sure that some one just might come along and tell you what pages you can find all the posts on that topic.

As I understand it, it was in the general area of the old drive Inn and the rec club behind K-Mart. There have been comments that it was a POW camp. That is a possibility I guess. I would say that there was probably no other reason. It probably was not big enough to be a training camp. It probably was not big enough to be a unit base. My thoughts are that training camps would have been large enough to train large numbers of troops in cycles and have have all the associated facilities. There has been mention that it was an MP camp. I guess that is possible. They wouldn't need the facilities that an infantry, armor or Engineer unit would need.

What ever the case, at that time in Mt. Vernon history that was far enough

out of town to not create too much of a security risk and still support the local economy.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

Wayne Grant

Old Pro



Posted September 04, 2008 19:52

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Buck...I vaguely remember my parents talking about a CCC camp out there. Not sure. Maybe some sort of traning camp. I think my Mom got some radio radio training out there. Tyrone, Pogo....can you all shed some light on this?

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted September 04, 2008 20:08

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The camp was from what I understand a military police training post and they did have POWs there. We lived on Central Avenue and across the street was a big field that had the remnants of the post. There were all kinds of small concrete pads and some little buildings where we would play. It was just weeds with dirt lanes going to and around where these buildings stood at one time. This was back in the early 50's. There was one barracks left when we moved there. It was a huge chicken house and the name "Leghorn City" was what this was called. There was a farmer that raised and sold chickens and eggs out of that for a while. As Country Heights developed, he sold out to the developers and the barracks was torn down to make way for more houses. We lived at 3208 Central Ave. Dick Benson and his family lived in our house after dad sold it. Dick worked and then bought Fitt's Marathon. He passed away a year or so ago.

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You gentlemen are correct about the barrack/chicken house being destroyed in the 1957 tornado. I had a birthday dinner today, dad's 87th, with my folks and ask dad about the 1957 tornado. I'm sorry about giving out some wrong information, but I was 12 at the time and alot of suds, I mean water, has come and gone since then.

*This message has been edited. Last edited by: johnj229, September 05, 2008 22:00*

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Pogo**  
Old Pro



Posted September 04, 2008 20:10

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You can revisit the posts about that area starting [HERE](#).

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted September 04, 2008 20:35

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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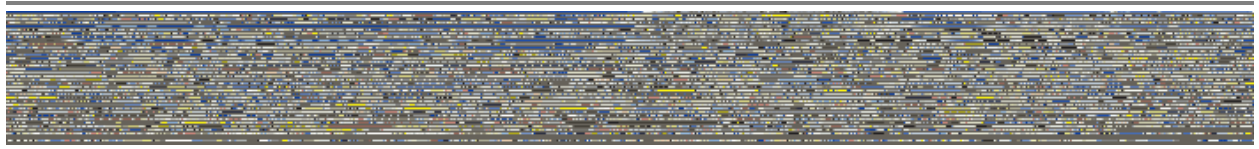
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Thanks for the information. For some reason, my dad wasn't drafted, but he was in charge of the civil defense. Since the funeral homes had the ambulances at that time, my mother drove an ambulance all through the

war. Just one of the many tales I wish I had had someone document while they were still alive. Thanks, again.

Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted September 04, 2008 21:28

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Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**mousegrINfl**

Free Time



Posted September 04, 2008 22:00

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For those of you who remember playing around this area, the satellite view from mapquest gives you a view of some of the places Donovan mentioned. Where I thought the sewage plant was seems to still be visible as a sort of depression just west of the parking lot at the Primary Center.

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**Pogo**  
Old Pro



Posted September 04, 2008 22:34

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I can't give dates but I can guarantee that the place started out as a Civil Conservation Corps. installation. I would guess circa 1935. It was in a rural area on the west outskirts of Mt. Vernon. The city limits ended at 24th street back then so it was a mile west of that and quite out of town.

It gave many of the local young men (one of my uncles among them) a job clearing brush from parklands, etc., when jobs were very scarce. They got a stipend, three squares a day, free dental and medical and were able to send some money along to their folks.

In retrospect, I think it was a way of giving some military training and discipline to them since the winds of war were blowing hard during that period.

The government cut off funding for the C.C.C. in 1942. [Good C.C.C. History Read here.](#)

When WWII started, it was used to train M.P.'s.

Later in the war, German POW trustees were actually billeted there and used for general labor in the area.

After the war, it was sold to the "Million Dollar Hen" company and they ran an egg farm and hatchery there for a few years. They went out of business (circa early 50's) and the place was vacant for many years. Climbing the old water tower became a "rite of passage" for many of the young area bucks during those years.

The tornado of '57 destroyed most of the old vacant buildings. The rest is

history, as they say.

*This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Pogo](#), September 05, 2008 11:45*

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**im4kst8**  
Stranger

Posted September 05, 2008 19:50

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Posts: **4** | Location: **colorado** | Registered: **September 05, 2008**

**JiminPA**  
Old Pro



Posted September 05, 2008 21:03

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I had been told as a kid that the CCC camp was located up atop the hill on North Seventh at the old Nelson Concrete and Culvert plant. I was out to that site only two years ago, and there are still cement curbs for the few little streets on top of the hill. In the late 50s, the Air Force's Ground Observer Corps built a tower atop the hill high enough to rest at an elevation of 625 ft above sea level( downtown is something like 565 or so.

I remember my Nana Grace telling of the German trustees being allowed to work as lawn mowers, weed cutters, and helping the City, as many of the City employees had been called up....to some college kids, that means drafted...She also said the few times the men were up on North Ninth there were absolutely no instances of any poor discipline, behavior, or even rudeness,and usually the guards were roaming around the area.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Pogo**  
Old Pro



Posted September 05, 2008 21:16

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Jim, The facility atop the hill on 7th street was the old NYA camp. That stood for National Youth Administration. That was another of the New Deal programs. It was set up to teach young men the necessary skills to get a job in industry and similar to the CCC in that they could make a few bucks in the process.

[More info here.](#) and [Here.](#)

When the NYA closed down (circa 1943) the buildings were leased to private companies for a while. One of them became some kind of woodworking shop.

Another one was occupied by a cannery in the summer and fall of 1944. Local people could bring in their Victory Garden produce and use the facility to clean and prepare it for canning. Then they would go get the empty cans and fill them and bring it all to the cooker to have it cooked and the lids put on by a machine. My mother thought it was the greatest thing she had ever seen and she canned an enormous amount of stuff there. I remember my dad saying that when we moved it took two truckloads just for the canned goods! 🍱

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Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted September 06, 2008 08:03

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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**jimer**  
Old Pro



Posted September 06, 2008 11:45

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After the war, it was sold to the "Million Dollar Hen" company

and they ran an egg farm and hatchery there for a few years.

I can remember the old barracks and some of the other buildings standing in the early 50s. I used to go over to the abandoned camp and skate on the huge concrete floor of the barracks. I don't remember any chicken place there. It seemed to always be just "wasted" space after the camp moved.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**johnj229**

Old Pro



Posted September 06, 2008 11:52

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Yes, it was a chicken place. There was about a acre and a half pond about a block north of the barracks. That is where they dumped the chicken crap. There was some of the biggest carp in that pond that a person would ever want to catch. They didn't hardly bite at all as they were well fed. Every once in a while someone would latch onto one. My granddad would come up from East Texas to visit and would fish that pond for hours hoping to catch one of those prize sized carp.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**im4kst8**

Stranger

Posted September 06, 2008 20:53

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xminer: Thanks for helping. My email addresses are im4kst8@yahoo.com or im4kst8@gmail.com.

Posts: **4** | Location: **colorado** | Registered: **September 05, 2008**

**tyrone**

Free Time



Posted September 07, 2008 17:35

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I knew your grandpa, Burrel Moore, real well and enjoyed the times spent with him. He was at one time a tavern owner, having owned the Tom Cat Tavern in West City and was at one time part owner of a race track about 5 miles east of Mt Vernon. He also drove stock cars at the other Mt Vernon track ( owned by Bill Edminson, etal ) before it closed. It started as a midget race track and later had stock car races but the track was rather small for the stock cars.

He and Ivan Dodson were buddies and both drove stock cars. They weren't the best of drivers but you could expect a hell of a race if either one was entered and if both were running in the feature it was like all hell breaking loose. I sponsored the upside down trophy, the first car to roll over, and I think one or the other one won them most all the time.

The Wood's Brothers racing team from Wayne City were fierce stock car racers. Wilbur Woods was one of the brothers that raced here. Joe Komuka (sp) was a daring racer that always put on a good show for the fans.

Burrel worked at one time helping build the new Inland Steel mine silo's and surface machinery at Waltonville.

Burrel Moore was known by many people and he didn't have but one enemy, himself. He was harder on himself than almost anyone I ever knew.

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Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted September 07, 2008 18:05

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I remember well the black ambulance that had Pulley's Funeral Home on the side of it. I think it was either the late 50s or early 60s that the regular ambulance services came into being.

I had an ambulance ride from the city park to Good Sam last Oct. and it was over \$400 for the trip. Things certainly have changed.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**A-Dad**  
Old Pro

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Thank you for any help you can provide. My email addresses are im4kst8@yahoo.com and im4kst8@gmail.com.

tyrone, I really appreciate the information about my grandfather. My dad was quite the street racer in his high school years. Evidently he wrecked a lot of cars, now I know where he got it. My grandma raced at the Sycamore Speedway as well. And wouldn't you figure, my dad went on to be a cop for over 12 years for the City of Sycamore. He also served two tours in Vietnam. The stories he told were pretty ridiculous, especially the one's he confessed right before he died.

Posts: 4 | Location: **colorado** | Registered: **September 05, 2008**

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**JiminPA**  
Old Pro



Posted September 09, 2008 00:38

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Pogo: Thanx for the clarification on the location.

I had heard of, but precious little about, the NYA, and never realized a camp was located in the King City. You cleared up a fifty-plus year old mystery for me. Thanx!

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**MVanSluyters**  
Regular



Posted September 13, 2008 16:37

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Now MTV is getting a Lincoln statue at the Court House! With all the info appearing in this thread, has anyone in town considered forming a Heritage Tourism Council? It is big business in our area. With all of the various "threads", Lincoln, Railroads, Industry, etc, it could be turned into a growth business bringing visitors and business to the area. Just a posting to consider.

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted September 17, 2008 16:27

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Here is the reason for this thread. Mother and dad used to eat at a pizza place just north of Dr. Hayman's podiatrist office on north 10th Street. Does anyone remember the name of that pizza place. It opened after I went to the service in 1966. I ate there after I came home. I understand that mother and dad had several conversations with this man while eating there on different occasions.

Mr. Sutton, I believe, was killed not long afterward in a vehicle accident while in a minor european country for the government.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

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Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted September 17, 2008 17:03

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Mr. Suttons daughter was Jeanitta (sp) she married a Bartolomucci and I thik still lives in MTV.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**undertaker's  
dtr**  
Member

Posted September 17, 2008 17:05

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Sorry...Senior moment. Don't remember the pizza joint unless it was in the El Torro Lounge at the old Beasley Motel, but the Sutton girl's name was Jeanetta or Janetta and would have graduated in '68.

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Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**bluebayoulady**

Old Pro



Posted September 17, 2008 17:11

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wasn't there a pizza place right in that little building by Doc's? three or four small places, brick building, on the street before bowling alley?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted September 17, 2008 18:15

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This girl would have graduated in '65'. I have be associating here. I do not know for sure if she was related. I do not remember seeing here after seventh grade.

The restaurant was located just north of Dr. Hayman's office. There were/is two smaller buildings facing each other just one door to the north of Dr. Hayman's. The doctor's office was at tenth and Warren.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**xminer**

Old Pro

Posted September 17, 2008 18:35

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Buck, the Flame Restaurant was just north of that location and on the same side of the road. It was operated by Watheen (sp?) Kennedy and her daughters Sheila, Jackie and Peggy.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**MVanSluyters**

Regular

Posted September 17, 2008 19:15

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He spoke to our HS class and it made quite an impression on me that someone from MTV could have breakfast in town, be in NY City that afternoon and back for home dinner. He made the world a bit smaller. And he blew me away that all of that could then include a trip to Europe. So un-worldly at that time and now???

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Donovan**

Old Pro

Posted September 17, 2008 22:20

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What ?

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted September 17, 2008 22:58

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That was the name I was wanting to hear, the Flame. They had good food and it was a very pleasant place to eat. It was another one of those places where everyone pretty well knew each other.

I never did have the opportunity to meet Mr. Sutton. I knew that as much as he traveled for the government in agricultural issues he must have really had a lot of contact with a lot of people of the earth from many places.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted September 23, 2008 16:48

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I happened to be riding down S. 10th St. this afternoon and was looking East when I noticed the stone pillars at the gate of the old fairgrounds. I figured they would have been torn/knocked down by this time. I also noticed that someone is farming the land inside. It brought back a lot of memories.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted September 23, 2008 17:54

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jlmer, you can still see the old circle track in the fairgrounds with google earth, however it is one of those areas that is fuzzy and blurred, but still can be seen after all the years.

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted September 23, 2008 18:28

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I can remember in the late 50's they used to hold the Jefferson County track meet at the fairgrounds. Allthe county schools spent the day there. It was a great day meeting all the kids from all over the county. (Coaches like Lee Boswell, Frank Neal, George Waggoner, Charlie Sargent Robert Lane worke the schools) As a coach at Bethel 1978-80 I held a four team meet at the fairgrounds for old times sake. I think I enjoyed it more than the kids.

I can still see and hear the sounds of the fairs, horse races, carnivals and circuses that used to be held there. (and smell the 4H projects.) Those were good times for this country boy.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

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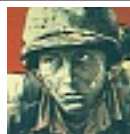
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**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted September 24, 2008 10:16

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Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro

Posted September 24, 2008 11:35

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jlmer, it seem that the best resolution for that area is outward of 500 ft.



Who knows why!!!!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 07, 2008 19:56

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Where did all of our Old Mt. Vernon posters go? I enjoy hearing about days gone by, and I'm sure many others do as well. Some of you have such vivid memories, it is almost as good as being there.

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 07, 2008 20:15

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A different age group or perspective is always interesting to hear about!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted October 07, 2008 20:41

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Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**johnj229**

Old Pro



Posted October 07, 2008 20:55

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I lived on Central Ave. about a half block away from the Starlite. There was a big dirt mound that us kids would go and sit on at night and watch the movies. Generally some of our moms would show up with some popcorn in

big grocery bags and Kool-aid for us to drink. During the day, when we were out for summer vacation, we would go inside the drive-in and play army or cowboys and indians. We knew that we needed to be out of there by about 2 o'clock as the guy that run it would be coming to get things ready for the evening shows. As we got older and braver we would sneak in through a hole in the back fence, but it was really more fun sitting on that big ole dirt pile.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 07, 2008 21:27

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Long before Times Square Mall was built, that area was a heavily wooded local "lovers lane".

The entrance to the wooded area is still the same as todays main mall entrance , drive into the woods for a bit , come to a large oak tree in the middle of a forked road, and then either circle left or right and come out at the same spot, nowhere to hide, bushwacking at its finest moments!!!!!!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**mousegrlNfl**  
Free Time



Posted October 07, 2008 21:43

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Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 09:37

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When I was a kid running around the neighborhood, or town I had a couple of favorites places to play. Where the carwash sits on 27th st was a huge, abandoned mansion that I loved "exploring." It had a couple of fireplaces, and the stairs creaked nice and eery when you walked up them.

Another old haunt of mine was an old slaughter house. It was located on the edge of the fruitbowl off of Logan Street. It's call 29th street, it was a dead end. Still is but it goes farther back now. If you walked past the dead end you could get to the slaughter house. We loved exploring that old place too. When I was a kid, most of my friends that were girls wanted to be actresses, ballerinas, singers etc. Not me. I wanted to be an archeologist or a private detective... It is so much easier to dream as a little kid...Good memories 😊

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted October 08, 2008 10:14

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I will be looking for you. Remember guys rolling pennies in library. Ms. Thompson would do a search & try to catch them...

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**Pogo**  
Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 11:11

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It was also a favorite of mine but somewhat earlier than your experience since it was still in business. It was called "Uncle Charlie's" and they sold fresh killed meats locally. Thanks for jogging my memory about that place.

It's remarkable how things change and places like that disappear without a trace. I expect there are a few others here that will remember that place and how good their products were.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 11:26

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Firebaugh's had a slaughter house just to the west of the city park. It was back behind the house that had a long drive. This was about even to the west of the creek that runs into the park lake.

The cafeteria also had fresh fruit and sometimes someone would buy a big red apple and roll it down the aisles of the library.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro

Posted October 08, 2008 11:52

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I think back "in the day" you couldn't beat Uncle Charlie's meats.

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.  
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**chickenbite**  
Free Time

Posted October 08, 2008 11:57

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I thought Uncle Charlie's was in the Summersville Area. I think you're right about Firebaugh's location, Buck.

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Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**Pogo**  
Old Pro

Posted October 08, 2008 12:03

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Buck, you may be (probably are) right about the name of that place. I remember Shrader's, Firebaugh, and Uncle Charlie's and may have them crossed up. I'll check my source and correct as needed. Thanks.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

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**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 12:15

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I remember that Uncle Charlie's was once located in the general area of where the fire department has a precinct firehouse at now in Summersville.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 08, 2008 12:31

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I was on the bowling team for Uncle Charlie's. Their slogan, "Sweet and Juicy Eatin' Meat" was put on the back of our bowling shirts. They had to be replaced. 😊

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"I ache in the places  
where I used to play." \_Leonard Cohen

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 14:01

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Yes, I did and yes I do. Do you remember the three story tree house at the edge of the woods behind Buford School? That was another favorite place of mine. I loved climbing that tree. I suspect the Devil worshippers were just a bunch of tree hugging, tobacco/weed smokers looking for a safe place to partake!! Who knows ...

Speaking of Devil Worshippers does anyone remember the abandoned "Devil Worshipper's church" somewhere in the Bethel school area. I can't for the life of me remember where it was and have even looked for it.

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted October 08, 2008 15:08

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What about the "fortune teller" around the lake north of town.....Does anyone ever have hayrides anymore???? Nothing better than a hayride, roasting weenies over a fire ....

drinking cider. Gonna have to get me some of that when I come home for a visit this month. This is the time of the year for it.....the frost is on the pumpkin up here in Alaska. Staying around 30-35 degrees now.

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Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 15:17

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Yes, the fortune teller by Miller Lake. Her lights would go off as soon as it got dark, always thought that was strange. Spookey! Where are all the spookey things around here these days?? Still have the bleeding cross...

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a

fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**MVanSluyters**

Regular

Posted October 08, 2008 15:27

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I use to really like the fortune teller lady. I'd drive the girls out there, they would meet, get advice to break up with the loser, be all broken up, go to the Sub, break up and ...tadaah, I'd be there to console them and take them home. Worked for me!

Not Devil worshipers, but anyone remember the Tarantulas[gang/club] that met in the old sewage plant by the Rec. Club. They tagged all the concrete buildings out there and we were always told not to get caught by any of them. Who ever they were?

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**JiminPA**

Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 15:49

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Mark, do you remember a trip out to the fortune teller's house NW of town( back then anyway?)? It seems a certain yellow '64 Chevy convertible got stuck.....ahhhh 😊

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted October 08, 2008 16:25

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The fortune teller lady was nice. Full of crap, but nice... Wonder how many lives she ruined with her advice.? Wayne - you will need summer clothes here then if it is that cold there.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 08, 2008 20:32

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I would have to respectfully disagree about the fortune teller lady being full of crap. She told a relative of mine about a murder that took place in my family. She had details that would have been impossible for her to know. Other family members witnessed the "reading", no one gave her any information about the deceased relative or even that he was deceased, she brought it up.

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**chickenbite**  
Free Time

Posted October 08, 2008 20:48

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MKM, I don't remember the treehouse but you are probably right about who was in the woods. Back then they were called devil worshippers today they are called homeless. 🤔

I know how to get to a house where devil worshippers supposedly met. It's west of Bethel. That was one spooky looking place too.

My favorite things when I was a kid were hayrides and skating parties.

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Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted October 08, 2008 21:15

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Anyone remember the deal where if you wore your little league uniform to the matinee the Granada would let you in free? I think one summer I wore mine every day. 😊

Going to the show on Saturdays and meeting your girl friend...stuffing yourself on milk duds, popcorn and soda...all for about a dollar. Also, remember the section for "Negroes". How long ago that seems. Oh how the world has changed. Some for the good and most not so good.

Anyone ever paint their name on the wall at Daniels Hill. Did that once professing my love for a girlfriend. What a dumbass I was....like how many Waynes were there in Mt. Vernon? Cops won't ever catch me. I still go the other way when I see a cop in Mt.V. 🚔 Plus her father was a cop.

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**MVanSluyters**  
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Posted October 08, 2008 22:24

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Now, if you did sign it Wayne...just Birkner, Marting and Richard would be suspects also.

But signing it Russell would leave just True{RIP}.

Alice Harrison Howrey said to call and she'd set up a mini '66 Reunion... Wear the beaver!

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted October 09, 2008 06:35

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Thanks Mark....I will give Alice a call (if she is in the book). It would be nice to see some friends from days gone by...I almost said old friends. As for the Beaver hat....I think I will pass on that and show off my full head of hair. (thats about the only thing I have left to brag about) If Alice is on the forums contact me please rgrant@loweryukon.org

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 08:17

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Remember when you could sit on the benches that were around the county courthouse and watch everyone shopping downtown or driving by ?

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

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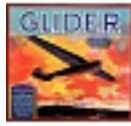
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**MVanSluyters**  
Regular



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What about the oil/gas industry? Was it ever a big economic part of the community? I remember an Oil Baron's meeting room at the Holiday Inn. With the price of that resource and newer technology, will it ever come back?  
Why didn't MTV become a player in the surrounding coal industry?

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Vernie**  
Regular



Posted October 09, 2008 09:24

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But, Mark. You forgot one more Russell. Hays

Posts: **106** | Location: **Parts Unknown** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

**xminer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 09:30

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Mt. Vernon and the surrounding area were major players in the coal industry. In the early 1970's to the mid 1980's there were thousands employed in the surrounding mines. But then the price of coal per ton fell and EPA regulations hurt the high sulphur content and many of the

companies left the area. Illinois has the most recoverable coal reserves in the United States and with the resurgence of coal as a source of electricity and the increased cost per ton in addition to new technology to "scrub" the particulates out of the smoke stacks, more mines are spring up in the area. The IMI, (Illinois Mining Institute) an organization representing the energy companies, the UMWA representing labor and state and federal regulators are all working together in order to open these new mines.

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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**MVanSluyters**  
Regular

Posted October 09, 2008 09:40

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quote:

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Originally posted by Vernie:  
But, Mark. You forgot one more Russell. Hays

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Real name was Roy!

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Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**MVanSluyters**  
Regular

Posted October 09, 2008 09:43

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So, it might be possible to rebuild that industry with appropriate technology. HMMMM

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Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 09:46

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quote:

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Originally posted by Wayne Grant:  
I don't think my -40 degree parka and my beaver hat would fit  
in too good in MtV.

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You might be surprised 😊

Chicken Bite said: "I know how to get to a house where devil worshippers supposedly met. It's west of Bethel. That was one spooky looking place too."

That's where I remember it, but didn't look familiar. Yes, skating was a big deal especially jr. high age and before driving. Freshman year was my first real hayride, what an experience... 😊

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 09:52

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Oil and coal were both big parts of the area economy. Brehm, Farrar and Collins all were among those making pretty good money from the oil around here.

I believe that one of the big reasons for Herrin, Harisburg, West Frankfort and Benton leaving the South Seven is because these towns suffered the loss of population with mines closing. That also meant a decrease in enrollment.

Wayne - You will have to come to church with your niece on a Sunday if possible or have her get in touch with me through the church. Maybe we can go out to eat or something.

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"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 10:53

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Anyone remember the old Gypsy town up on the Baseline/County Line Rd.? Or the go-cart track that was behind Vanex?

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.  
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 12:42

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Speaking of skating, I also remember the skating rink at the park. I was very young, like four maybe five. I thought that was the coolest place I had ever saw.

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 13:05

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quote:

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Originally posted by Bugman:  
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Raced there for several years with Gene Christman, Echol Bros. , Shorty Campbell , Bob Kolmer, John Wall, doc Modert, and others.

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted October 09, 2008 15:38

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I remember well the go cart track (called micro midgets) behind Vanex...used to be Hands Manufacturing (made heaters I believe for

buses/trucks.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered:  
**January 24, 2008**

**rickhicks**

Educated



Posted October 09, 2008 16:12

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quote:

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Originally posted by MVanSluyters:

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quote:

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Originally posted by Vernie:  
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Does anyone know if Roy is still living? He was an a great guy. He fixed many a bicycle tubes/tires for me.

Roy Hays worked at Wayne's Marathon 22nd & Broadway for EVER. He always called me "Lil' Woody". "Dennis the Menace" would've been more appropriate. I wish I had a dollar for every headache I caused him and Wayne Wagner. For that matter Wanda Wagner too! She was my neighbor



Posts: **749** | Location: **Da Vern** | Registered: **January 23, 2007**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

Posted October 09, 2008 16:39

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I have to see you somewhere just to say hi---you will remember me when

you see me. For sure.

AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT, I MAY HAVE TO BRING AN OLD PICTURE. 😊

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**MVanSluyters**  
Regular

Posted October 09, 2008 17:18

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Russell Hays married Judy Wagner and is living in ???

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted October 09, 2008 17:21

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Stix.....you certainly are welcome to join us. (same for any other posters in MtV that I haven't pissed off) I am the one that will probably have to wear the sign around my neck for people to recognize me. I went from a marathon runner to a sumo wrestler physique over the past 15 years. (my motto is "I never met a buffet I didn't like") 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered:  
**January 24, 2008**

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**rickhicks**  
Educated



Posted October 09, 2008 17:23

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quote:

Originally posted by stixnstones: AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT, I MAY HAVE TO BRING AN OLD PICTURE. 😊

Ahh...you haven't changed much stix...he'll recognize you!

Posts: **749** | Location: **Da Vern** | Registered: **January 23, 2007**

**bluebayoulady**  
Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 17:45

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Wayne - was this over the Thanksgiving holiday that you will be in MV? am coming home for some family time the week prior to Thanksgiving. Am also looking forward to seeing everyone.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**





Posts: **1595** | Location: **The Park.** | Registered: **March 31, 2008**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 09, 2008 19:39

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted October 09, 2008 23:13

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If I am not mistaken the Sweetcorn and Watermelon Days was started in 1976 for the bicentennial. I placed second in the 10 K run . Now I only enter the pie eating contests..... 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**MVanSluyters**

Regular

Posted October 10, 2008 08:42

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Russ and Judy live in Florida. Both he and Mont Murray worked in the Middle East. Now, both are back in the States

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 09:46

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quote:

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It was a big deal the first few years and then it got sort of mediocre. Mostly politicians, pushing and shoving to get to the sweetcorn and watermelon. Hopefully, this time around it'll keep people interested and not turn into a flea market with over priced concessions. And cooler weather.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**jubyruby**  
Free Time



Posted October 10, 2008 10:00

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I remember going to the first sweetcorn and watermelon festival, it was so hot! Enjoy the cooler Autumn festivals, good luck with the one in Mt. Vernon.

Posts: **355** | Location: **just down the road** | Registered: **September 30, 2008**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted October 10, 2008 10:51

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Wayne- The wall has stayed mostly white the last few years. Let us all know when you're going to be at Bulleze & we'll make it a reunion. " Wayne Grant Reunion". To talk about old days & your old girlfriends.

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Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 10, 2008 10:51

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Wanda Wagner, as in Dr. Wells' nurse? She was a character and a half. Had to be to work with him and keep him in line. 😊

My first attendance at a Sweet Corn Festival was in 1982, and was it ever hot! I never went back, and I don't have fond memories of it. I hope the new festival is a hit. At least the chances are better for cooler weather.

I'd give my eye teeth for a freezer full of sweet corn right now ...

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"I ache in the places  
where I used to play." \_Leonard Cohen

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Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 10, 2008 10:57

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quote:

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Originally posted by Donovan:  
Raced there for several years with Gene Christman, Echol Bros. ,  
Shorty Campbell , Bob Kolmer, John Wall, doc Modert, and  
others.

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I didn't realize Doc Modert raced with them. Shorty married my grandmother when I was 10. I went to the track once - it was too dusty and smelly and full of boy cooties for a 10-year-old girl to enjoy.

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"I ache in the places  
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Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of**

'74 | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 11:41

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Does anyone remember A & D Taco? (I think that was the name of it) It was on Broadway where that small car lot is now, next to Papa Johns and that strip mall is located now. Who owned it? Sure would kill for some of those tacos...

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Germann85**

Free Time



Posted October 10, 2008 11:44

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I don't know who owned it but here is a trivia question: What type of business was in the A&D Taco building before it was a taco shop?

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**chickenbite**

Free Time

Posted October 10, 2008 11:48

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quote:

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Without a doubt the best Tacos ever. 😊

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted October 10, 2008 11:58

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The owners of the taco shop were the ones that made it into a car wash when they closed the Taco Shop. I can't remember what it was before the Taco Shop. C'mon Germann85 spill.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

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**enlightened**  
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I think it was a laundromat, but I am not sure.

Posts: **243** | Location: **mccllellan township** | Registered: **March 20, 2007**

**Germann85**  
Free Time



Posted October 10, 2008 12:14

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quote:

Originally posted by enlightened:  
I think it was a laundromat, but I am not sure.

The A&D Taco Shop was a beauty shop prior to the taco shop coming in. One of our family friends worked there.

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 12:30

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When I first became a customer of A & D with my mom, tacos were 4 for a \$1.00. Oh, and I loved their chips n cheese...

Remember Pasquales Pizza?? They had a good buffet too!

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

Posted October 10, 2008 12:51

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Originally posted by rickhicks:

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Ahh...you haven't changed much stix...he'll recognize you!

You are too kind. I'll reimburse you for that one of these days. 😊

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Germann85**

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Pasquale's! I was trying to remember that Wednesday when I drove by that corner. Fridays were always the days I had the buffet lunch there when I got out of classes at RLC.

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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted October 10, 2008 13:32

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Remember the dessert at A & D - Sopapillias, flour taco shell, cinnamon and sugar, honey & ice cream. M-M-M

I forgot where Pasquales was?

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 13:35

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Pasquales was much better IMHO than any of the chain pizza places.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted October 10, 2008 13:50

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Kind of like BOBO'S !!!!!

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Stl Todd**  
Free Time



Posted October 10, 2008 13:59

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quote:

Originally posted by Downtowngal:  
Kind of like BOBO'S !!!!!

BOBO's Peanut Butter Pizza!!! A pitcher of coke, a couple of buddies and some BTO on the juke box was one of my favortie lunches in Jr High.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 14:56

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Pasquales was on the corner by the mall where Verizon is now...

Mmm, Bobo's cheese pizza, yum!!

Does anyone know if Traveler's is still open and if their food is any good??

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

Posted October 10, 2008 15:01

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quote:

Originally posted by Downtowngal:  
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Bobo's Deluxe, wings and a pitcher--oh boy!!!!

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 15:30

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MKM - I have in the last several months seen ads in the RN advertizing drink and food specials at Traveler's for Sundays.

I remember when mother and dad would take my brother and myself over there for steaks. Of course, we worked over the blue cheese spread pretty good before the steaks got there.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Germann85**

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Next to the steaks, best thing at Traveler's was the Stag on tap.

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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 15:56

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Stag??? ugh... Bunch of friends and I would travel there for a nice dinner and cocktails. The shrimp and the cheese spread I remember well... 😊

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

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First trip to Travelers was after the horse race at DuQuoin several years ago...

Good food & drinks.

BUT the family that owned it then , Bob & Carol Bowen, no longer do & it has changed a lot....

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