



## The Voice of Mount Vernon Honored

We are proud to recognize our president/CEO, **Dave Ryan**, as he is inducted into the Mount Vernon Community School District Alumni Association's **Hall of Fame** with the **Community Impact Award**. Below are highlights from the Association's press release:

When Dave Ryan received his Hall of Fame nomination, the committee quickly asked, "Who will announce the recipients on the field at homecoming?" After all, Ryan is known as the "Voice of Mount Vernon." This year, he is also the recipient of the 2025 Mount Vernon Community Impact Award.

A 1985 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Ryan is the son of Shirley and the late Mike Ryan. He earned academic honors and varsity letters in football, wrestling, golf and baseball, becoming a four-time conference wrestling champion. He went on to earn a BA in Business Management from UNI and furthered his education at the Iowa and Colorado Schools of Banking. His career included roles at Norwest Financial and Waterloo Savings Bank before returning home in 1996 to work at our bank. Since 2005, he has served as President and CEO of Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Company, guiding growth of more than \$125 million. He has a philosophy of "local first" which is seen in his life and business.

Ryan's volunteer service is extensive. He is the PA announcer for wrestling, football, baseball, track and marching band—always prepared and professional, according to nominator Greg Batenhorst. He has maintained sports record books, assisted with the planning and fundraising for the Martha Parsons and Family Activities Complex, and now serves as president of the Mount Vernon School District Foundation. Beyond schools, he is active with the Lions Club, St. John's Catholic Church, Cornell College athletics.

Family remains central to Ryan's pride in Mount Vernon. With his wife Heidi, he has raised nine children—eight MVHS graduates and one set to graduate in 2026—and now enjoys eight grandchildren. As John Rife noted: "Simply put, Dave Ryan IS Mount Vernon."



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### Upcoming Events

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**, Lisbon's  
Halloweentown, 5 -7.  
Downtown Lisbon.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**, Mount Vernon Chili  
Cook Off. Uptown Mount  
Vernon.

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**, Holiday Open House

**Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**, Shop Small Saturday

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**, Friends Plus Open  
House.

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For more information on  
community events, go to  
[visitmvl.com](http://visitmvl.com).



## Book Unveiling

Longtime Mount Vernon resident Dean Traver, one of our bank calendar photographers, recently published his first book, "Life as I see it." A book release event was held at Abbe Creek Gallery in uptown Mount Vernon (co-owner of Abbe Creek is Bob Campagna, also a bank calendar photographer).

Traver's book is filled with photos from Iowa and beyond. He explained that he got into photography as a child after his father had built a darkroom in their home. For many years, Traver owned and operated KMYL, the local public access TV channel. So, in addition to his still photography, he recorded hundreds of videos of events in Mount Vernon and Lisbon. A fundraiser was held 10 years ago to digitize the old tapes, which was completed about three years later.

Traver's book is self-published and available at Abbe Creek Gallery.



## A Season Full of Community Events

As we transition into fall, Mount Vernon and Lisbon have several upcoming events you will want to get on your calendar.

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, All Day

November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

November 29<sup>th</sup>, All Day  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Music on Main: Eddie Piccard Jazz Quartet, First Street Community Center  
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Lisbon's Halloweentown: Downtown Lisbon

Mount Vernon Chili Cookoff: Uptown Mount Vernon

Holiday Open House: Several area businesses are offering specials, goodies and more. Mount Vernon Bank will be giving away, while supplies last, \$1,000 in Community Cash.

Mount Vernon Lisbon Community Theatre presents "Hershel and The Hanukkah Goblins", First Street Community Center.

Shop Small Saturday: Exciting giveaways, special and more.

Magical Mount Vernon **(note the day and time change)** This year's events move to Saturday for a more relaxed, family-friendly experience. Pictures with Santa, at Mount Vernon Bank will be from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Friends Plus Holiday Open House

The annual Friends Plus Holiday Open House is set for **Saturday, December 6th** at the **Tin Roof Hideaway Event Center**. This festive gathering has become a favorite tradition, bringing friends and neighbors together to celebrate the season.

Please note there is a **time change this year**—the event will run from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Guests are encouraged to stop in and enjoy breakfast, warm beverages, and plenty of seasonal cheer. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and share in the spirit of the holidays. More information will be in the November newsletter.

