



The Metz Cardinal

April 2007 Newsletter of the Metz School Alumni Association

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Dear Metz Alumni and Former Students,
Teachers, & Employees:

Last year's reunion was a great success, due mainly to the affiliation and century celebration of the Metz Banking Company in conjunction with the officers and planners of last year's event. I believe it was the most attended of all prior Metz reunions! It will be hard to follow such a successful event, but we are up to the challenge. One of the aspects of last year's reunion which many enjoyed was the visiting of old friends and catching up on the happenings since they last got together. We are planning to allow this before and after the meal to encourage this interaction.

Also, we are recognizing the past music programs and looking forward to the gathering of memorabilia related to that program this coming year.

See you in June.

Regards,

Joe Willis, Metz Alumni President

Kay Harper, Vice-president

Madge Baze & Nancy Thompson, Secy

Colleen Reed & Linda Moore, Treasurer

JUNE 2 METZ ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

The 2007 Metz School Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 2. The day's events will begin with touring the Metz School Exhibit from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Metz Banking Company in downtown Metz.

The Alumni Meeting and Dinner will be at Echo's Restaurant, 1819 West Austin Blvd.,

in Nevada, MO, with registration beginning at 5 p.m. The dinner will follow a brief business meeting. **The cost of the dinner is \$12.50 per person, and meal reservations with payment must be made in advance.** Please complete and mail the enclosed meal reservation form with payment by May 15. The following buffet dinner menu has been arranged for your dining pleasure:

**Tender Beef Brisket
Roasted Turkey Breast
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Garden Vegetables
Pasta Salad
Lettuce Salad
Hot Dinner Rolls & Butter
Iced Tea, Coffee, Iced Water
Cheesecake**

MUSIC PROGRAM AT METZ SCHOOL

Throughout the years, the music programs at Metz School involved more students than any other program. In addition to the band of which most are familiar, at various times there were vocal choruses and glee clubs, ensembles, and an orchestra. This 2007 newsletter is dedicated to honoring the many music students, their numerous contest awards, and the music instructors of Metz School. Please consider donating music program memorabilia such as contest

medals, photos, etc., which can be added to the display at the Metz Bank.

The following information has been taken from yearbooks and highlights the music programs over the years.

1936. Jack Landes, Music Supervisor.



1937 GIRLS AND BOYS GLEE CLUBS

1937. Margaret Harrison: Girls & Boys Glee Clubs. Honors at Spring Festival. Rush Crawford: Orchestra.

1938. Margaret Harrison: Girls & Boys Glee Clubs. High School orchestra organized by R. H. Crawford; met two times per week and conducted free musicals for community.

1939. Zelda Ackenhausen. Mixed chorus. Musical career by Bette Finch.

1940. Miss Marjorie Bell. Chorus pictures. Activities by Betty Plummer. Three rating at Spring Festival.

1941. Carmen Crawford. Girls Glee Club. Boys Glee Club. Mixed Chorus. Orchestra. Played at Carnival, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Nevada Spring Festival.

1942. Carmen Crawford. Girls Glee Club, Boys Glee Club, Orchestra and story.

1943 - 1948. No music.

1949. Eleanor Peak. Chorus.



1949 CHORUS

1950. No music.

1951. Mrs. Virginia Findley. Boys Glee Club, Girls Glee Club, Band.

1952. Virginia Findley. Boys Chorus, Girls Chorus, Band.

1953. Paul Cox, Music. Virginia Findley, Music. Girls Glee Club, Boys Glee Club, Band.



1941 ORCHESTRA ~ SEE NAMES ON PAGE 8

1954. Paul Cox. Band, Girls Glee Club, Mixed Chorus.

1955. Paul Cox. Chorus, Glee Club, Band.



1955 BAND

1956. Denzil L. Woody; Robert R. Pinks. Girls Chorus, Boys Chorus, Advanced Band, Beginners Band.

1957. Robert R. Pinks. Band, Brass Ensemble, Girls Glee Club, Sextet.

1958. Robert R. Pinks. Band, Grade School Band, Girls Sextet, Brass Sextet, Girls Chorus.

1959. Robert R. Pinks. Band, Brass Ensemble, Girls Chorus, Sextet, Grade School Band, "Music Makers" (Joe Willis, Alice May, Linda Moore, Larry Pullin, Linda Scrutchfield).

1960. Robert R. Pinks. Band, Chorus, Sextet, two Reed Quartets, Beginners Band, Brass Ensemble. "Music Makers" (Joe Willis, Alice May, Linda Moore, Linda Scrutchfield, Ronnie Rowland).



1955 MIXED CHORUS AND GLEE CLUB



1961. Paul G. Moyer. Band, Beginners Band, Girls Chorus, Girls Sextet, four Ensembles.

1962. Joseph D. Marlow. Band, Beginners Band, seven Ensembles, Girls Glee Club, Girls Sextet.

1963. Joseph D. Marlow. Band, Beginning Band, Chorus, numerous Ensembles: Brass



1964 BAND



1973 BAND

Sextet, Brass Quintet, Brass Quartet, Horn, Trombone, Trumpet, Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet. Many first place awards at Regional, Sub-Regional, and State Music Contests. Marched in several Parades.

1964. Joseph D. Marlow. Band, Beginning Band, Choir, numerous ensembles: Brass Quintet, Trombone, French Horn, Brass Sextet, Clarinet, Saxophone.

1965. Anna Butler. Band, Junior Band, Beginners Band, several ensembles: Brass Sextet, Horn, Clarinet Trio, Clarinet Quartet, Trumpets, Saxophone Trio, Saxophone Quartet. John Butler, Vocal Music.

1966. Anna Butler. Band, Junior Band, Beginners Band. John Butler, Vocal Music. Chorus and Sextet.

1967. Anna & John Butler. Senior Band, Junior & Beginners Band. Pom Pom Girls.

1968. Anna & John Butler. Senior Band, Junior & Beginners Band. Mixed Chorus.

1969. Rozanne Fite. Senior Band, Marching Band, Junior Band, Beginning Band, Mixed Chorus.

1970. Rozanne Sparks. Band, Junior Band, Beginners Band, Woodwind Trio, Clarinet Trio, Sextet, Trumpet Trio, Trombone Trio.

1971. Tony Woodward. High School Band, Junior Band, Beginners Band. Marching Band at Warrensburg Homecoming Parade and El Dorado Springs Christmas Parade. Majorettes. Glee Club.

1972. Rozanne Sparks. High School Band, Junior Band, Beginning Band. Brass quartet, Trumpet Trio, Clarinet Trio, Trombone Trio, Saxophone Trio, 3 Solos,

All-District Vocal (3), Woodwind Trio to State.

1973. Rozanne Sparks. High School Band, 5th & 6th Grade Band, Beginners Band. Clarinet Trio, Trumpet Trio, Woodwind Trio, Brass Quartet.

1974. Rozanne Sparks. High School Band, Junior Band, Beginning Band. Ten ensembles.

1975. Rozanne Sparks. High School Band, Junior Band, Beginning Band. Solos, nine ensembles. Band Honors.

1976. Rozanne Sparks. High School Band, Junior Band. Eleven pictures of Ensembles and Solos.

1977. Rozanne Sparks. High School Band, Junior Band, various Solos, Quartets, and Trios.

1978. Rozanne Sparks. High School Band, Junior Band, soloists and three ensembles.

1979. Marie Gray. High School Band, Junior Band.



1980 BAND

1980. Diane Schlotlog. High School Band (picture of officers), Jazz Band, Grade School Band, Vocal Group.

1981. Joyce Hillier. High School Band, Grade School Band, Vocal Groups. Hosted Vernon County Vocal Clinic.

1982. Joyce Hillier. Band, Intermediate Band, Vocal Group.

1983. Vicky Lybarger. Conference Music Festival at Metz. 2 Vocal, 1 Piano, 1 Clarinet, and Girls Trio, Joplin District Festival, 6 Vocal to Ft. Scott Elementary Contest, Spring Concert, Mass Band, Choral Festival.

1984. Margaret Termer. Senior, Junior, and Grade School Bands. Girls Chorus, Clarinet Trio, Girls Trio.

METZ SCHOOL DISPLAY AT METZ BANK

The Metz Banking Company has graciously offered to open the Bank at Metz on Saturday, June 2, from 3 to 4 p.m. for alumni who would like to view the display. Please note that we are still hoping to find a cheerleader sweater of the style shown in the photo for the display. Please notify Robert Seater (417-395-4450) if you have one to donate.



The orchestra includes pupils from the grades as well as from high school and the following instruments are used: 13 violins, one viola, two cellos, three saxophones, one flute, one oboe, five coronets, five slide trombones, five drums, one symbol, one set bells, two melophones, one alto, piano, and one tuba.

Three free musical programs were presented for the entertainment of the public on the following dates; January 28, March 30, and May 5. Each program was enjoyed by a well filled auditorium.

The success of this undertaking was largely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Holmes, the loyal support of the parents and community, and the intense enthusiasm of the pupils.

(Article taken from the 1937 Metz High School Yearbook)

THE ORGANIZATION OF AN ORCHESTRA AT METZ IN 1936

Mr. Rush Crawford of Nevada organized an orchestra with an enrollment of 16 pupils on



1937 ORCHESTRA

November 23 [1936]. Three weeks later a free musical was given which was well attended. This entertainment created added interest and by the first of the year the enrollment had increased to a total of 45.

METZ SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Thank you for your generous donations of school yearbooks! As reported in the 2006 newsletter, we are working to collect three full sets of the Metz School yearbooks – the

first full set has been placed in the Metz School display at the Bank.

The second set of books is in the Nevada Library Genealogy Department and available for viewing at any time the library is open. Copies of the **1954, 1959, and 1971** books are needed to make this a complete set.

The following books are needed for the Vernon County Historical Society to have a full set:

1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1952, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1984

If you have any of these yearbooks and would like to donate them, there are several easy ways to do so. Bring them to the reunion June 2; mail them 'media rate' to the Metz Alumni; take them to Madge Baze, 1204 West Cherry Street, Apt 1, in Nevada; or drop them at the Nevada Library Circulation Desk and tell them they are for Nancy Thompson.

All books will be checked, cleaned, labeled, and then placed in the appropriate collection.

Please note that copies of each of the Elementary School books printed after 1984 are needed at the Bank, Library, and Historical Society.

CANCELLATIONS BY MAIL

As part of last year's celebration, the U.S. Post Office at Metz sold a special commemorative Bank cancellation. Of interest is the following list of mail orders received:

1 Alabama	1 Minnesota
1 Connecticut	7 Missouri
2 Illinois	1 Nebraska
2 Indiana	1 New Jersey
1 Iowa	1 New Mexico
1 Kansas	2 New York
1 Main	2 Oregon
2 Maryland	2 Pennsylvania
1 Massachusetts	1 Utah
2 Michigan	1 France

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the families of the following Metz graduates who have passed away since the 2006 Alumni meeting.

Victor Henry, Class of '32
David Rutledge, Class of '66
Margery Rinehart Pryor, Class of '41
Mae King Powers, Class of '34
Judy Burch Shipp, Class of '60
Irene Robinson Craycraft, Class of '37
R. L. Potter, Jr., Class of '52
Willard C. Brown, Class of '42
Lenora Maus Lyon, Class of '49
Leroy Raabe, Class of '58
Josephine Jadlot Phelps, Class of '39
Dorothy Smith Good, Class of '57

This information was taken from various area newspapers, and we would appreciate information on anyone who may have been inadvertently omitted. Please contact Madge Baze at (417) 667-0653 with information

SHARE YOUR REMEMBRANCES OF METZ SCHOOL

We all have stories of our school days at Metz. To help preserve those stories and the history of Metz School and the community, you are invited to share some of your school remembrances through short stories.

What could you write about? Some ideas include the pie suppers, Metz teachers who had a positive influence in your life, class plays, junior/senior trips, Senior Skip Day, Prom, best friends, Band trips, what classes were like when you were in school, memorable incident from your school days, what stores were downtown Metz, etc., etc.

The collection of short stories will be compiled, edited, and published. Project details will be worked out as materials are received and additional information will be published in the next newsletter.

Please include the following information with the stories you submit: Your full name, including maiden name for women; year of graduation or the class that you attended while at Metz, your address, and current phone number in case you need to be contacted about your submission.

Stories can be submitted handwritten, typewritten, as a computer file, or tape recorded (cassette tape) – whichever is easiest for you. You can bring your stories when you come to the 2007 reunion or mail them to Metz Alumni, c/o Madge Baze, 1204 W. Cherry Apt 1, Nevada, MO 64772. They can also be emailed to TriCountyGenealogy@starband.net with the subject line Metz Stories. **Please submit your collection of stories by August 1, 2007.**

PLAQUE IN MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

As a follow up to last year's newsletter and information regarding Bill Baker's belated inclusion in the All-Time Records of the Missouri State High School Activities Association and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield, a photograph of his trophy in the Hall of Fame has been received. Also, an excerpt from the record book is included below.



Boys Basketball Individual Season Records

Consecutive Free Throws Made

52	Bill Baker, Metz, Feb. 27, 1970 to March 7, 1970
44	Kim Daugherty, St. Francis Borgia, Jan. 16 to Feb. 26, 1971
42	Charlie Smarr, University High (Columbia), Jan to Feb. 10, 1971
36	Jeff Gladbach, Northwestern (Mendon), Jan. 21 to Feb. 15, 1992
36	Cole Thurman, Atlanta, Feb. 17, 1987 to Feb. 24, 2005
34	Randy Alsop, Bloomfield, Dec. 4, 1980 to Jan. 16, 1981
29	Tyler Hansbrough, Poplar Bluff, Dec. 13 to Dec. 29, 2004
28	Brad Scheer, New Haven, Dec. 2, 1981 to Jan. 18, 1982
28	Brent Cooper, Concordia, Nov. 20, 1967 to Jan. 12, 1989

Free Throw Percentage (minimum -100 att.)

Name	School	Year	Gr	FT	FIA	Pct.
Lewis Youtsey	Winston	1985-86	Sr	97	102	8510
David Couthie	Seymour	1997-98	Sr	117	126	9286
Blake Ahearn	DeSmet	2001-02	Jr	104	114	9123
Dustin King	Hermintage	2001-02	Sr	95	105	9048
Bill Baker	Metz	1969-70	Sr	216	194	8981
Patrick McCoy	Salem	2004-05	Sr	108	121	8926
Chris Harris	MICDS	1996-97	Sr	130	146	8904
Ted Hatmaker	Climax Springs	1990-91	Sr	200	225	8889
Rob Davis	Hartville	1999-2000	Sr	143	161	8882
Brett Hale	Dexter	1999-2000	Jr	155	176	8807
Charlie Ries	Cleveland (St. Louis)	1969-70	Sr	164	187	8770
David Couthie	Seymour	1999-2000	Sr	149	170	8765
Mitch Pamish	Chillicothe	1980-81	Jr	119	136	8750
David Couthie	Seymour	1998-99	Jr	154	177	8701
Patrick Youmans	Elsberry	2001-02	Sr	107	123	8699
Mike Heman	Sarcoxie	1980-81	Sr	187	215	8698
Nathan Conner	Bloomfield	1996-97	Sr	119	137	8686
Derek Dace	Sullivan	1992-93	Jr	125	144	8681
Jimmy McKinney	Vashon	2001-02	Sr	104	120	8667

2005 & 2006 ALUMNI NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Copies of both the 2005 and 2006 Alumni Newsletters are available online at www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/ Click on the **Resources** tab and then the **Vernon Co Towns** button. Follow the **Metz** link. The 2007 newsletter will also soon be available online.

1941 ORCHESTRA

The orchestra personnel, including the grade members, is as follows: **violins** – Margarie Longabaugh, Russel Clutter, Margarite Boothe, Mary Etta Pryor, Elizabeth Robinson, Ada Kleitz, Vera Anders, Erma Clapsaddle, Carol Christy, Karlene Buhr, Patty Handly, Buddy Handly, Melba Wilson, Irvin Wickam, and Anna Marie Wickam; **cello** – Edith Charles; **clarinets** – Willard Kleitz, Bruce Robinson, Rena Mae Christy, and Idjo St. John; **trumpets** – Marjorie Foreman, Gene Payne, Marguerite Coberly, Mary Frances Rider, and Ellis Charles; **alto horns** – Neil

Wilson and Jimmy Finch; **trombones** – Buddy Robinson and Harold Clutter; **bass horns** – Junior Sheddrick and Wesley Rider; **drums** – Gyneth Johnson; **piano** – Frances Harryman. (See photo on p. 2).

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT REUNION

During the Reunion, special recognition will be given to the former music instructors in attendance. Also, the Metz High School Graduate who traveled the greatest distance to attend the Reunion as well as the earliest graduate and the youngest will be recognized. The class with the most members in attendance will also be recognized.

CLASS ANNIVERSARIES

If your graduating class is planning a special anniversary celebration next year and would like it publicized in the 2008 *Metz Cardinal* alumni newsletter, please contact the alumni officers for newsletter deadline information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007 REUNION SCHEDULE

3-4:00 p.m. View Display at Metz Banking Company in Metz

5:00 p.m. Echo's Restaurant, 1918 West Austin Blvd., Nevada

Registration and Visiting

Dinner and Visiting

*We hope to see you
on June 2, 2007!*

2007 Metz All-School Reunion Meal Reservation Form
Complete form and postmark by May 15 for meal reservations.

Name _____

If Alumni, year graduated _____. If classmate, year your class graduated _____.

Guest _____

If Alumni, year graduated _____. If classmate, year your class graduated _____.

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

\$ 12.50 per person
x _____ # of reservations
\$ _____ Total amount

Make checks payable to **Metz Alumni**

Meal Reservations Must be Received in Advance

Postmark by May15.

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c/o Colleen Reed
Route 1 Box 110
Rich Hill, MO 64779**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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