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Las Vegas High School Alumni Association

HOWARD E. HECKETHORN (Class of 1941)

Howard Heckethorn came from a pioneer family. He was a third-generation resident of Las Vegas. He was an educator that made a difference in Nevada. The Heckethorn Elementary School was named in his honor. For many years, on any given day, Howard could be found volunteering and visiting with students at the school. Howard passed away on March 31, 2007, at the age of 85.

Howard was born in 1922 in St. George, Utah. He moved to Las Vegas in 1930. He started school at the Old Westside School and graduated from Las Vegas Fifth Street Grammar School.

After graduating from LVHS, he entered the University of Nevada Reno in 1941, then later enlisted in the Army during World War II and served for three years. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Las Vegas and worked with the Nellis Fire Department until he re-entered the University of Nevada Reno and graduated in 1951. He received his Masters of Education from UNR in 1964

Howard made both high school and College Who's Who. In 1941, he won five state Golden Gloves championships in the light weight boxing division. In college he advanced twice to the finals in the Golden Gloves Tournament in 1942 and 1943. He lettered two years in boxing and was named the best University Boxer. He was President of the Young Democrats and a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity at the University of Nevada, Reno.

In 1951 he started teaching for the Clark County School District, at Nellis Air Force Base School for one year. The next year, he taught at North 9th Street School. For 25 years, he taught fifth grade at Red Rock Elementary School. He retired after 27 years of service teaching children in the classroom. During those many years, he influenced hundreds of students and their children. He participated in community activities such as coaching little league games and tutored neighborhood children in their elementary school subjects. Other affiliations, clubs, and organizations included, but are not limited to a life member of the Elks Lodge #1468, PTA, honorary member of the Las Vegas Track Club and Western High School's Cross Country and Track teams.

These biographies are based on research and could contain discrepancies.

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