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Many of us will remember the school year 1959-60 as a year of fulfillment. The high school building was completed for the year 1958-59. However, the school itself could have its strong sense of unity, its feeling that "things are as they ought to be," and the habit patterns which permit us all to dispose of daily routine in a relaxed yet efficient manner really come into being in 1959-60.

As students returned from their summer vacations they found classes already formed, all facilities operating, the school day established, and a manual of school procedures ready for use. It was obvious that the hectic trial-and-error days were past. The new people who entered later that year met the children on the first day of school at Runyan and successfully bussed them to Princeton the following year.

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The student body in 1959 was composed of 116. This included six regular teachers, with 539 pupils enrolled. Miss Fredia Gillilan was principal of this school, its present location and the site across Chester Roads. This new school would replace the two room school built in 1878. A six-room elementary school was planned for Woodlawn on Riddle Road.

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the athletic fields at the high school, swimming pool at the high school and land sites for future schools. It passed with a 61 percent majority. At the same time, Russia launched “Sputnik” its first spaceship. This spawned the science teachings in schools throughout the United States. Princeton schools were no exception, A.F. Forance a teacher at Sharonville, Chairman of the Southwest District of the Ohio Science Education Association emphasized the study of science in the elementary schools and at the high school.

Changes in 1958 included the Crescentville building became the new carpenter shop for the district. Eckstein School, the “colored” school on Washington Street in Glendale was closed as new buildings were completed. The Eckstein building became a warehouse for the district. It became known as the Technical Service Center.

As the school year opened in 1958-1959, grades eight through 12 were assigned to the high school with 17 teachers employed for the building. Enrollment was 950 students. On September of 1958, the high school students voted on their mascot. They had “Vikings” and “Scarlet Raiders” as their possible titles. With 595 votes, Vikings won to the 185 votes of the Scarlet Raiders. Prior to this, the mascot had been a Greyhound.

New schools were dedicated in the fall of 1958. Woodlawn was dedicated on October 28, Stewart School on November 2 and the Runyan School addition was dedicated on November 4. The Princeton High School was dedicated on Sunday, November 23. The Princeton High School Concert Band and the Princeton Chorus entertained visitors. Over 3,000 were in attendance. The Parent-Faculty Council at the high school held its first meeting in December of 1958.

Invited by the American Association of School Administrators, Robert Lucas, the head of Princeton Schools left on October 4, 1959 from New York City for a tour of schools and other interests in Russia. Upon his return, the spoke with various groups and audiences about this trip.

In September of 1959, the district made final plans for Evendale School. The school was under construction when they found out it was being built in the Sycamore School District. This was caused by an annex plan of Evendale in 1955. Everyone assumed that the annexation included the school district, which it did not. Sycamore Schools politely gave up the site and Princeton Board voted unanimously to accept it. In 1959 the Evendale Recreation granted permission to the Princeton High School for use of its football field. The use of the recreation building and locker rooms were granted as well. This was provided at no charge to the Princeton District.

The first Festival of Arts at the high school was held on November 1959. They featured speakers on landscape architecture, interior decorating and some economics. The Princeton Band Boosters served a chicken dinner for $1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children. The event was a huge success.

Contracts were awarded in November 1960 for the construction of Heritage Hill Elementary School. The tax levy of 7.36 mills which was voted

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District Continues To Grow, Controversies Develop

An additional three-mile levy for operating costs was sought in November. The Board of Education, which operates the Princeton District has been operating on an 11.99 mill levy since its organization in 1965, ac-
cording to Harold P. Weis, board president. This levy was renewed this year and is effective for another five-year period with no increase. At the end of 1961 one mill on the building
fund levy will expire.

Pointing out that enrollment has surpassed previous expectations this year with the enrollment of 586 additional students constituting a 12.55% increase, Mr. Web said that in maintaining high
group were held to keep and low twenty-five to one pupil-teacher ratio, additions and buildings must be provided for operation.

By the end of 1962, we will have to completely equip 79 new classrooms with textbooks, physical
equipment, and instructional materials. Also complete li-

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service as Princeton’s top administrator.

The Lincoln Heights School System became a part of the Woodlawn School District on January 1, 1970. The Lincoln Heights School District had been a part of the Woodlawn District until July 1950. At that time the Hamilton County Board of Education abolished the old Woodlawn District and created the Lincoln Heights School District. With its merger, the Lincoln Heights School District came to the end of Princeton's water polo team. In June, Phyllis Barton, debate coach, Scott Fletcher, a graduating class of 1977 had 586 seniors celebrating. The school calendar. The spring break would be held February 7 to 11 rather than April 12 to 15. The school district occurs for the first time in the United States.

On January 10, 1977 the first woman was elected to the presidency of the Princeton Board of Education. Audrey Privett had been vice president the year prior. Also the same month, the worst blizzard hit the area. With low temperatures, 12-inches of snow fell and the schools were closed Wednesday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday. With attempting to keep heating costs low and to provide the students with as many educational days as possible, they revived the calendar. Students would be held February 7 to 11 rather than April 12 to 15. The graduating class of 1977 had 586 seniors celebrating. The Princeton High School Speech League and was held at Princeton High School. Women were seniors Tom Schecker, David Alden, Bill Hudak and Cecil Fain, coach Mrs. Phyllis Barton, director of forensics at the high school.

In the summer of 1970 plans were approved for the two-story addition to the junior school. It would be constructed on the west side of the building. In November of the same year, Princeton began talks of joining the Joint Vocational School. After meetings and discussions, they decided to divide more districts to support the Hamilton County Vocational School District. The schools were renamed the Great Oaks Joint Vocational School District with one of the schools, Scarlet Oaks, located in the Princeton District. In January 1971, Myron Luke announced his retirement. He had served 16 years as assistant principal and 37 in education. His retirement on June 30 was celebrated with an “This Is Your Life” party and was attended by many of his friends and colleagues.

The 12th annual Safe Driver Award dinner was held on June 14, 1971 at Springdale School. The Springdale High School swimming and diving team sponsored the event since its inception. The programs continue today with sponsorships from these two organizations.

On Saturday, October 20, 1971, some 60 or 70 black students congregated in the main lobby of the high school. Before the end of second class period, Principal Johnson met with the students. He gave them an ultimatum, go to class or go home. He had three school buses transport them home after he told them that if they had concerns to write them down. Student, both black and white, set up patrols in the hallways and order was preserved. A-bi-racial committee was created to review cases at the school to make sure justice was served. A “Let’s Get Together” dinner was held at the school and this effort was instrumental in the establishment of Brotherhood Week.

On May 14, 1972, membership in the Ohio Association of Public Schools Employees Chapter 598, representing the bus drivers, went on strike. Princeton only had 83 bus drivers at this time. Chapter 598 was organized to represent the bus drivers and only. A large number of the operational employees decided that they did not wish to affiliate with any statewide organization and continued at a separate organization with the Princeton Operational Employees Association formed in 1970. The Board met on the evening of the strike and unanimously passed a resolution to invoke the Fergu-son Act, which prohibits the closing of public schools. Notices were sent to striking drivers that they were no longer employed. Litigation ensued, but the Board’s decision was upheld.

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Actual merger discussions for the Princeton and Lincoln Heights school districts began in February, 1970, when the administrations of both districts started formal discussions following action by the Ohio State Board of Education. Discussions continued throughout the second school semester, and the foundations for the merger were laid during the late spring months.

Advisory Committee

In Feb., a Citizens Advisory Committee was formed to improve school-community relations on the merger. Since then, the committee has been busy attempting to keep communications open.

Several members of the committee, in which all areas of the Princeton City School District are represented, attended the Institute on Community Relations in School Affairs, held in Columbus this summer. They, in turn, proposed a master plan that dealt with these relations at Princeton. Many ideas from this plan were accepted.

Improving Communications

Meanwhile, Lincoln Heights administrators headed by Mr. Edward Starr, and Princeton High School administrators headed by Dr. Donald Johnson, were involved in improving communications among themselves and teachers in both districts.

Dr. Johnson of Princeton stated that, “We have been really fortunate that everyone concerned has done everything possible to cooperate. It is hoped that this effort will result in a smooth merger.” Dr. Johnson also feels that Princeton will give everyone involved a high quality education with more opportunities while students formerly of Lincoln Heights will enrich the cultural background and awareness of the Princeton students they now join.

Human Relations Workshop

Various human relations workshops have been held this summer for counselors, bus drivers, administrators, Board of Education members, department of co-ordinators, and per- sonnel (teachers, secretaries, etc.) dealing particularly with grades 7-9 in the district.

These workshops were designed to develop black-white communications and understanding. Usually a main speaker or consultant gave a lecture, after which either large groups broke into smaller groups for discussion, or question and answer periods, were held.

Chuck Leah, president of Student Council, had this to say about the forthcoming school year: “I’d like to welcome all of you back from what I am sure was a very enjoyable summer. I hope all of you return, ready to make this a big year for Princeton. We have all the potential.”

It’s up to each of us to make this a successful year. Student Council is planning big changes to maintain its position as a representative body. In the fall, each class will add five more representatives-at-large to Student Council. We will hold meetings during the day so we can meet more effectively with better attendance.

We are continuing our efforts to make Student Council more effective and to make Student Council better serve you. Our major concern will be the merger, though. We are determined to make it work and we will be doing our utmost to make it successful. This year, we will be building the future of Princeton. Let’s build it together so that we can make our school a model of spirit, unity, and success.”
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class made the patterns, industrial students made the figure of the three-fourth inch plywood figure sheathed in sixteen gauge steel. Funds were donated by the “Get Off Your Duff” committee, a parent group. It can be easily seen by drivers as they go past the school.

The football team won its championship against Berea for the AAA championship of Ohio in November of 1978. This win caused Coach Pat Mancuso to be named Ohio Coach of the Year. In 1980, Thad Jemison, a four year standout in sports at Princeton received a scholarship to the University. The school was presented an award and a check for $250 for development of additional resource training within the school. In the summer of 1983 the very first Princeton High School Alumni Association was formed. It was growing under the efforts of past graduates of the school. Sharon Tyahir was the first president, Aaron Mackey, vice president. The Princeton High School Band was national winner of the award. The Latin Program won the coveted Hildebrachve Award. The Princeton High School won the National Secondary School recognition for two years in a row.

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Princeton Museum A Treasure Trove

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Of course there are old school books, photos and year books. What is missing is the old concert programs, Christmas plays and programs and much more. One teacher donated her memorabilia she had collected for years.

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In 2003 Donald Darby became superintendent. Pasta For Pennies set a national record with $31,867.

Pat Bowes, a teacher at Sharonville Intermediate School. Susan Wells the new principal at Springdale and Tyrone Olverson was the new principal at Lincoln Heights Elementary.

The district earned an A++ Credit Rating in 2003.

The Princeton High School announced that they were establishing an Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. A committee consisting of Princeton staff and members from the communities served on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. They have already established their criteria for the entrance qualifications.

In 2004, the district announced that Aaron Mackey would be the next superintendent. The students of Princeton raised $40,000 for Pasta For Pennies, again setting a record.

The Princeton High School A Capella Choir was selected to be a performer with the National Philharmonic Orchestra in Washington, DC.

The plans for the new elementary schools to be built are going ahead after the levy passes. Sharonville and Woodlawn closed their doors for the last time on June 4, 2004. They will open with new state-of-the-art schools.

In 2005 Robert E. Lucas Intermediate School teacher Anne McIntosh was named 2004 Teacher of the year for Princeton School District. Former football legendary coach and athletic director Pat Mancuso was honored at Viking Stadium on October 29, 2005.

Remember These?

Some boys decided that jumping in a pool was quicker than taking a shower but they didn’t know girls were swimming at the time.

Boys would jump up and down on the diving platform so girls on the Band Practice field could see them. The Vikings were The Greyhounds. Mr. Boyd’s, "Our Town." The Andersonville Trial" and "My Fair Lady"? Miss Minnie? The "Chew, Chomp & Chirp Society"? M. Mosley’s swimming trunks stayed in the pool after he jumped out?

Winton Woods Dam, Glendale Water Tower, Senior Rock, Bud’s A Go Go, Friendly Stop, Quarter Mile Drag Races on Crescentville Rd., Friday Nights at Frisch’s?

Trying to keep brass valves and mouthpieces warm enough to function for the halftime show? Carrying around a casket and also hanging the Moeller mascot in effigy?

Bad hair days on gym days after swim class? Mr. Draper throwing another teacher into the swimming pool?

Two Homecoming kings, two queens, two of everything until it got to the point that everyone just blended in together?

The painting of the water tower? Flying at kite at Evendale School? The graduation ceremony for the class of 1978?
The First “Senior Trip Was a Doozy!

By Nancy Humback · '59

The first Princeton High School trip to Europe came about as a result of an ongoing feud between principal John Howard Owen and the senior class of ’59.

We had come together as a unified school, bringing together two rival classes into the same building and for much of the year, it was “we vs. They.” As we tried to main- tain some of our old traditions from Sharonville HS and from Glenendale HS, we both lost our treasured senior trip. Senior trips at Glendale were either to New York or Washington on alternate years. Glenendale had so few students that even sopho- mores were invited. So I had been to New York and to Wash- ington, DC and ’59 was to be our trip to New York City.

Dr. Owen declared that there would be No Trip! We were furious, Bill Becker, our senior gov- ernment teacher, and Hermann Schliess (French and about everything else except Home Eco and shop) listened to our complaints and out of these rant- ings, the idea to go Europe over the summer. Dr. Schliess (then “Mr. Schliess”), a native of Co- logne, Germany, and had come to the States after WW II. He and Bill Becker made one of the best comedy teams ever. They started planning a two-month adventure that they managed to get for $1,000 a person. While that seems like a pittance now for a two-month trip, all inclusive, it was almost a full year of tuition for me at UC. So it didn’t look very likely.

We were to sail from New York around the world, stopping at ports in Japan, China and France, then to London, Venice, then to Lu- chon, Germany, and had come together as a family. Werner and Charlotte Schmidt and Werner’s father Willy, would have no of such thing! I would stay with them for two weeks. When we arrived early in the evening, Hermann Schliess told us that there was family waiting for me. I waved, not knowing to whom, and hands were extended and a lot of fun! Werner and Willy made cer- tain I visited local towns, saw as much of the area as possible and learned what I could of the family’s departure from Germa- ny and what life for leaving. They had a number of other chaper- ones and siblings still living there. We corresponded and in May of ’59, I had met a cousin, Willy Walther and his family, whose par- ents had brought to make the occa- sion (and similarities) of cul- tures. Willy and Lydia (she is still alive) arrived amidst tears, hugs, promises to return. I had learned that Werner had been an officer in the German Corps during WW II and was in Russia at the end of the war. He had been a prisoner and had lost his hand to frostbite, but was advised to take up painting to try to save them. He did that, and now we have several of his, the largest of which is of the Königssee in Bavaria, hanging in my mother’s living room in Glen- dale.

I promised to return, but did not do so back until 2005 when my cousin John and I decided to visit Cologne and Kraftsolms. While there in ’59, I met a cousin, Willy Walther and his wife Lydia. They were so wel- coming to me that I never forgot that hospitality.

On Christmas Day, 2004, I received an e-mail from a Wolf- gang Walther in Germany. I learned that Wolfgang’s parents were Willy and Lydia (she is still alive) and he had found my ad- dress. He wrote that since 1982, the Walther family and wife Anna Maria Mueller Humbach to Hamilton with two children. Wilhelmina was 6 and Heinrich (Henry) Jr., was 4. Henry eventually owned a five- and ten on West Benson Street in Reading, next to almost nothing. I taught Spanish at the middle-school through univer- sity levels. The latest se- ries is “¡Exprésate!” a five-vol- ume series for middle- and high school. In Bogotá, Colombia. I saw where they left it on the dock. (The Schliess’ home was in about ‘65 or ‘66. I also taught Ger- man as a teaching field. (I can imagine you had an argu- ment about the trip from Bill. I have a marvelous sense of humor, but there you have it. I only have slides (35 mm) and I have scanned them but they don’t print very well. Look great on screen, but when printed, they are not good. I do have pictures of my travels in the last two years, digital format. I can imagine you had an earful about the trip from Bill. He has a marvelous sense of humor, (he’s not that much older than I am) and we often reminisce about our trips. If you have questions, please let me know. Perhaps we need to get together to go over slides, etc. on Snapfish and or CDs… photos.
Myron Luke was very instrumental in helping create the Princeton City School District. He was also the person everyone in the community trusted and listened to. It was largely the efforts and energy of Mr. Luke that brought to attention the need for the district. Mr. Luke knew the district in and out and was the one who introduced new superintendent, Robert E. Lucas, to the community. They attended PTA meetings, organizational meetings, church groups and others in their new district.

Mr. Luke wore many hats during his time at PTA. He was a diplomatic and soothing feathers when they were ruffled. He also had duties involved in transportation and food services. It was during this time that they started the “School Bus Route” that allowed drivers to win prizes donated by local merchants. One day a student was injured and repaired at a Cincinnati garage. Mr. Luke received a call at home that the bus was burned and to call the police. He was heard to say something about the stupidity of stealing a school bus. He called the Cincinnati Police to report it. He became more flustered when he was asked for a description. His daughter Rebecca recalls him looking at the phone with a “well, you’ve got me kidding me” before responding with pronounced slowness, “It’s big, black, quite long. It has Princeton City School District in ten-inch black letters down the side of it, does that help?”

He oversaw kitchens in the schools and was over the school lunch budget. As a part of that, he would often get complaints about the school menu. His daughter Bonnie Luke Fasoldt would occasionally hear her dad mutter, “I wonder how well they’d eat if their mothers packed their lunch everyday?” I wonder indeed.

Besides his time at Princeton as an educator he served the City of Sharonline as Mayor in 1944 and 1945 and served on the City’s Planning Commission for 28 years. As part of Princeton’s legacy he closed the first 25 years of the district and also founded and was curator of the Princeton Myers Institute of Education. He was also active in his church, the Republican Party and with the Sharonville Kiwanis and other groups. His hobbies were a big part of his life. He was well known for his camera and was quite good at photography. He leaves behind a wealth of photos and slides of his life’s involvement. Mr. Luke was adept at woodworking. He could take a small piece of wood and craft it into a boat, owl, butterflies and more. His patience with wood was unbelievable. Just like his patience with his children, he was quoted, “I’m no Pollyanna, but I never met a bad kid.” No one ever saw the bad side of Myron Luke. There was none.

He left a lifetime of work that could not even be described in a small article. His work and name will resound throughout the entire history of Princeton, not matter how it lasts. He was the foundation on which it was built, he was responsible for keeping the long haul alive and will be known as a family man, father, community leader, friend and tireless worker for all things he loved dearly. He was 80 years old when he died on November 26, 1991.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead 1901 – 1972

As graduating seniors in 1978, I’m sure we didn’t know who Margaret Mead was but within this quote she knew what we made up the past, present and future graduates of Princeton High School. The Class of ’78 exited the campus on the evening of June 4, 1978, leaving behind memories that will be a constant reminder, at least for me, for twenty-nine years. It wasn’t until a random search of the Internet that I read about the 50th Anniversary of my Alma Mater and I decided to venture into the past.

I was by no means a model student or part of the in crowd. During my senior year I was invisible and liked it that way. Better known to the general populace as Bufford’s little sister being related to the school’s security guard didn’t afford you the option of many close friends. For those of you who remember Steve Hasty (Class of 1972) I’m sad to say that he lost his battle with Leukemia on November 3, 1988. Ironically a few days ago I had come across my Volume of The Student Prince and my di- ploma that for twenty-nine years had been left untouched. I spent an afternoon looking through the pages of memories only to realize that it was now a reference manual to my past. Some names I remembered, others I never heard of. Looking from picture to picture I wandered what directions my fellow classmates had taken and where they are now.

My trip down memory lane started in the same place that everyone else’s does, at the intersection of Hollywood and Vine. “It’s very easy to get lost in the middle of your life.” The Class of 1978 ran from goal post to goal post on the football field with the procession from the school to the football field taking longer than the ceremony itself. What felt like an eternity to get to this momentous part of life also felt like an eternity for it to end but it eventually did and the Class of 1978 went their separate ways. I honestly can say that I do not remember every detail of my time there but what I do remember comes with the fondest of memories.

Some of you may remember me as Susan Hasty, the girl that disappeared for a few years. I left the school district in the middle of our freshman year to attend Mr. Notre Dame Academy in Reading, Ohio. The two and a half years that I attended there were probably the best years of my life. I wasn’t anyone’s little sister, I was just able to be me. I returned to Princeton High School for my senior year and while it was for just a short time, it is my school. I hope that everyone who reads this will grab his or her copy of The Student Prince and take that same walk down memory lane that I did. Think about those old friends you haven’t seen since graduation and send them an e-mail. Take that time to reacquaint yourselves with the past.

Wishing Princeton High School a very wonderful 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Susan (Hasty) Lucas - 1978

Memories Of Princeton High School
Bill King Got Respect, Handed Out Pranks As Well As Praise

Bill King was a teacher for 36 years, including from 1952-70 at first Glenade - where he was the basketball coach, and from 1970-99 at Leetonia, where he was the first Athletic Director of the District. The 1950s and 1960s were a pleasant era for teaching and coaching. If one was lucky enough to have Mr. King for a teacher, it was also good for him. He was a rare breed, a teacher who earned respect, allowed students to challenge him, challenged them, and got along with the faculty, staff, pupils as well as students. He was also known as a prankster. He didn’t mind who was on the receiving end.

One time, it was fellow teacher Bill Becker. King was setting up a presentation by the Ohio State Patrol about safe driving. Becker was in a different room conducting a class where King walked in and quietly told him, “Bill, you better get down to the gym. There’s a state trooper showing a film about safe driving and you are in it.” Becker hurried down, worried that he might lose his job, as the superintendent at the time expected his faculty to set good examples, and Becker has just received a speeding ticket. He walked up to the trooper and received a speeding ticket. He tells the story about one young man who always wore a silk shirt and fancy pants. He did not want to join in gym class, where students would attempt to move a huge ball across the field, often resulting in bloody noses, scratched limbs and sore muscles. He chided the guy, telling him he was afraid to participate “Because they will knock you on your butt.” Well, he showed up to class the next time dressed in gym clothes and proceeded to show them how the game was played. His pride was shot, lived, though, when King told him, “Son, this is nothing. The real action is on the field on a Friday evening (football)!”

A unique view of Myron Luke was given by Mr. King. One day Mr. King was called to Mr. Luke’s office. He informed Mr. King that he was just too blunt. He needed to be more diplomatic. “When you say ‘go to hell’, you must want them to go there.”

Mr. King was fortunate to be at Princeton when his son was on the swim team. He was asked by the swim coach if there would be a problem with his son starting and Mr. King said no, “start him when ready.”

One game an official made a call that was a dumb call,” said Coach King to the official. Coach King made a quick substitution which lead to the player having a foul, double dribble and another call. The official came over to Coach King and stated, “That was a dumb substitution.”

Another time a couple of students wanted to throw a referee in the pool. They immediately realized that as soon as the man hit the pool, he was wearing their clothes. They had to wear wet clothes to class. As King noted, the coaching staff was congenial and constantly were playing with their players.

At the beginning of Prince- ton District, the athletic program had great facilities for their players. They had laid the groundwork for players and ath- letes to come. “We were given the opportunity and kept the best qualified teachers and coaches,” said Bill, explaining Princeton’s success. He qualifies as one of the best.

Pat Mancuso Brought Fame To Princeton

Coach Pat Mancuso left a lot of basketball records in his name when he retired from the Princeton City Schools. He lead the team to local, division, and state championships during his tenure. His shoes were no doubt hard to fill. No one felt the loss only a legacy, but a foothold on sports in the southwestern Ohio.

Mr. Mancuso was born and raised in Leetonia, Ohio which is in northeastern Ohio near Youngstown. He earned a Bach- elor’s degree from Mr. Union. Ohio and started coaching football at Leetonia. He was there for five years.

Paul Hayes, the superintendent at Leetonia was at a Nation- al Administrators Conference in Atlantic City. While there he met Robert E. Lucas who inquired if Mr. Hayes knew someone who would be a good coach. Mr. Hayes recommended Pat Mancu- so who was then hired by Athletic Director Bill King. The year was 1960 and the beginnings of football came to Princeton. The first year the Vikings were undefeated. Back then there were no tournaments. Playoffs did not begin until the late 1970s. In fact, in the first playoff game, Princeton beat Massillon, the big team to beat back then. They won all the newspaper polls and always took state championship- ships. In fact, when Mr. Lucas handed Mr. Mancuso, he felt that Princeton would never beat the northeastern team. He told Coach Mancuso that he wanted Princeton to be competitive, “He didn’t know if they could be a Massillon or not.” It was quite the feather in his cap when the Princeton team brought down the big boys. It helped football in southwestern Ohio in ways one could not realize at the time. Mr. Lucas was proud and made sure Mr. Mancuso knew it. It is a proud moment in Coach Mancuso’s life.

Another big game that stands out for Mancuso was winning the state championship against Berea. That game put Princeton football on the map. Now they were the team to be beat! Prince- ton never looked back and con- tinued to challenge their athletes to better themselves.

Friends Who “Roasted” the Coach

Pat Mancuso was “Roasted” on March 4, 1986. Here’s the roster of his “friends” who participated. The Master of Ceremonies, Xavier High School Francis Byrnes, High School Ron Corridini, Xavier High School Tom Hall, Chief Justice Special Guest Bronce Backovich, Cincinnati High School Earle Brame, University Gary Faust, Akron Bo Schmebchler, Michigan Special Guest Rich Denoyer, Schools Ernie Mancuso,

During the years at Prince- ton, the 1960s and 1970s, were turbulent times. There were few black players on the Princeton football team when Lincoln Heights merged with the district. Coach Mancuso made sure that his players were brought in the players from the school as if they had always been a part of the team. The smooth- ness of the district helped sooth the relationships between the communities.

A longstanding friendship was developed with Moeller Coach, Gerry Faust. They were friends off the field, no doubt. They would call each other all the time, even prior to games. They believed in the same things, especially when it came to the players. Coach Mancuso believed that as the team got better the probably neighbors with some of his play- ers. The two teams, and coaches, developed respect for each other. The game might be tough, but when it was all said and done, with the opposing team and wished them well. No one left angry after a game, it was a friendly rivalry.

Although he retired from football in 1996, Mancuso was Athletics Director in 1997 before completely retiring. His wife and he enjoy their time off. His son Steve, quite the debater at Princeton, is now teaching at Miami University and is the de- bate coach there.

When you ask what brings him pride, Coach Mancuso is happy to talk about the sports programs. They have had indi- viduals to win state champion- ships, teams to win state championships and watching the growth from infancy to what is now one of the biggest sports programs in the area. However, when he sees some of the former players, he still refers to them as “kids” even though they are long grown. Coach Mancuso is proud to see their success in life and how well they turned out. I’m sure that Coach Mancuso had a huge part in that, however, I doubt he would take the credit for it, it would not be his style.

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Sharonville Mayor VIRGIL G. LOVITT II
Extends His Sincere Congratulations On Princeton’s 50th Anniversary!

Valley Courier February 28, 2007
Aaron Mackey was probably groomed to be Superintendent of Princeton City Schools. He start- ed at Glendale Elementary and started school before the district was formed. Kindergarten was held in the up- per room of the old Glendale Fire Station. Mr. Mackey’s class was at the high school for six years. No, he wasn’t that bad of a poli- tician... that was how the district changed. He was in junior high at the high school at that time. Mr. Mackey graduated from Princeton High School in 1966 before heading to University of Cincinnati.

He was only away from the district for three years. He soon was hired as a student teacher at Princeton and was hired as a teacher the following year. Mr. Mackey began his teaching ca- reer at Lincoln Heights as a physical education teacher. Bill King was the athletic director and well loved basketball coach. He introduced Mr. Mackey to the elementary students. Mr. King informed the students that Mr. Mackey “was crazy” and “better watch out for him.” By the time he left, the students’ eyes were big, almost ready to fall out their heads and they were more than a bit livery of Mr. Mackey after that.

During this time, Lincoln Heights was just being accepted into the district after being its own district for a number of years. The students, teachers, parents and staff of the school was dismayed to have to be moved into the Princeton School District. It took a great team effort to pull it off with little problems. Yes, there were sit ins and meetings between all, but everyone on all sides wanted only the best for the Lincoln Heights students. There was a willingness on both sides to talk. It was important that everyone put their best foot forward. Re- member, most of the staff re- members when they were joining the district too. This helped them relate with the people from Lin- coln Heights. Mr. Mackey taught there for seven years.

Mr. Mackey was at the high school next, where he was assis- tant principal for four years. He became principal at Glendale School in 1982. His fifth grade teacher, Ms. Kay Wehrman was still there! Ms. Wehrman taught for 44 years before she passed on.

While at Glendale, Mr. Mackey was honored to receive the United States Department of Excellence in Education Award. He traveled to Washington, DC to accept the award. He was going to take Ms. Wehrman, how- ever she died before the trip. Mr. Mackey went without her to the dinner and award ceremony. President Ronald Reagan spoke to the awardees. Mr. Mackey went back to the junior high school and was principal there where the Excellence In Educa- tion award was given again. Mr. Mackey has accepted the award three times since coming to the district.

In the 2001-2002 school year, Mr. Mackey became assis- tant superintendent for the Princeton School District for three years. Mr. Mackey feels that educa- tion has been so much a part of his life, that he finds it hard to separate his life from Princeton at this point. He feels that his education in Princeton is so im- portant and still is for students today. “Anyone who graduates from Princeton Schools have a leg up on others who graduate from other schools. You learn to work and respect all kinds of people and learn so much from each other,” states Mr. Mackey. His educational background did not end with his Bachelor of Education and a Masters in Edu- cation. He continues to take courses to stay on top. He is married and they have a 15% year old daughter. His wife teaches in the Mason School District. He enjoys time with his family and they try to take time each year to visit Dis- ney World or Disneyland to re- lax.

Under his direction, the Princeton District has added five new schools and opened them. This was the first time in Ohio history that a district had that many schools open. He was proud to be a part of it. Glendale will show off its new renovated look this fall and Evendale School will open its doors to a brand new school this fall. Heri- tage Hill School will open as a new school in 2008. Mr. Mackey reminds the district that they wanted to build a new high school and junior high school but wanted to do the elementary schools first. The district still has a duty to make everyone aware of the conditions of these schools. They still need to build them as the classrooms are too small, they no longer provide a good current education. This same situation is what drove them to build the new elementa- ry schools and renovate Glendale School. This drive is still there to build a high school and junior high. The elementary schools are set for the next 50 years, his goal is to have the other two built as to provide the future students of the Princeton District the best education in the best facilities. He wants Princeton to be the district of choice - that families move to the district for the school system. This is the future Mr. Mackey wants for the school system.

On a side note, Mr. Mackey pointed out that the Princeton District Office is located where the old Glendale Methodist Church was located. He was bap- tized in that building and can see his old home from the windows of the district home office. That is why is only seems appropriate that Mr. Mackey is so at home at the Princeton City School Dis- trict. He was taught in Princeton Schools only to lead the district he grew up in.

In the last 50 years, many things have changed while others have stayed the same. For instance, the family of Outstanding Education and History is available to give local families the same care and attention they

Some things have changed since the Princeton School District was formed in the 1950s - advance funeral planning and aftercare programs for instance. Nurre-Mihovk-Rosenacker is able to provide these services in spacious, modern furnishings but with the time-honored tradition of compassion and caring.

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From Fields To Courts The Doctor Was Always “In”

Dr. Thomas U. Todd is known for being a family physician, as a Mayor (of Glendale) and as team doctor for the Princeton football team where he served the district for 41 years. His dedication to the team started in 1962. That year he and Diane Drohan married the former Diane Drohan in 1958. After a stint in the Navy’s medical corps, he returned to Cincinnati. He started his medical practice with the late Gaston Hamah. He and Diane moved to Glendale and their children Susan, Andrew and Michael became a part of the Princeton tradition.

As team physician he soothed blisters, bumps, bruises, soothed nerves and kept the players ready for action. He has some interesting stories, players that stand out and teams that took the championships. In 1972, Dr. Todd traveled with the team to watch Princeton beat Massillon, 17-14 in 1972 to win their first state title. The second one was won in 1983 when they took on Akron Garfield, 24-6. There was some fun times too. Dr. Todd used to hand out an award to the player that had the most injuries during the season.

After the team started doing conditioning and injury prevention, he stopped handing out the award. It is only upset Coach Mancuso anyway? Dr. Todd tells the story of one player who had to come to his office to have blood taken off his knee. Coach Mancuso brought in the player who was quite large. Once the player saw the large needle to draw the blood out, he passed out immediately. He fell on top of Coach Mancuso, pinning him to the floor. Dr. Todd had to rescue Coach Mancuso. The player revived and was all right after the recovery. Another event that comes to Dr. Todd’s mind is when there was a particularly hot day and the players were complaining to the trainers. The trainers sent them to Dr. Todd. His office was full of players that day. Once Coach Mancuso heard of the players attempt to get out of practice, he changed the rules. After that day the players could only see the doctor if Coach Mancuso sent them.

Coach Mancuso did have one bone to pick with Dr. Todd. A vital player had been given a concussion and they really needed the player for the game. The player’s own doctor had wanted the player to sit out the game due to the concussion. Dr. Todd and Coach Mancuso went to the player’s home to try to see if the player could play. It was the only home visit that Coach Mancuso made and it was not successful. The player’s mother refused to allow him to play.

As a team doctor, Dr. Todd has been inducted into the Princeton High School Athletic Hall of Fame and also chosen as Outstanding Team Physician in 1983 by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. It’s the friendships he made that influence his years at Princeton. He appreciated his long friendship with Coaches Pat Mancuso, Tony Salvato, Bill King, Fran Byrnes, Howard Converse, Bob Piatkus, Don Wolnick, Ron Cordline, Fred Maciolie, Larry Cox, Joe Nebeske, Brian Dodds, Scott Kaufman and Scott Mildenberg. He enjoyed the heat, the cold and the intensity of the action. Dr. Todd loved the work of the trainers, it made his job easier if the team was in shape. What you find out from talking with Dr. Todd is that it was totally team effort, players, coaches, parents, physicians and supporters. He was just glad to be a part of it for 41 years.
I graduated from the class of 1966. Many do not realize we started school in 1960, the first school year after the new Princeton High School building housed grades 7-12. We were the 7th graders that year and I believe that our class was the only class to complete all six years (7-12) at the new school. When a storm damaged the high school construction began on a new Junior High School building across the street. As portions of the new junior high school were completed, they would move a grade across the street. After we completed the seventh grade, they moved the seventh grade across the street. Therefore, the next year in 8th grade we became the youngest class at the high school. The next year, they moved the eighth grade across the street. And thus our ninth grade became the youngest class at the high school. Only when we moved into the tenth grade, did we finally have underclassmen.

We were fortunate to have a swimming pool. Each year at about the end of the year we had a final exam. We took the final exam in the pool. It was very cold. We would look so bad the rest of the day after taking Phys Ed or gym class as we called it then. The Boys, you guess would say, had no one but themselves to blame for their looks. The females, well they were a different story. Today that is almost unthinkable, but that tradition was carried on through at least 1966 when I graduated. The pool was about 6 feet wide and 35 feet deep. I remember the pool that faces southbound I-75. Standing on the 10 foot high diving board (naked) while cars whizzed by was the ultimate thrill. It must have been for typically there would be about 50 in a class.

The Candy Sullivan was in quite a few of my classes all through high school. One time we were taking driver education during the summer of 1964. I remember there were 4 of us that went out in the car with Miss Sullivan and the two teachers. A friend, Candy, and me, a friend of mine that went to Moeller named Don, and another girl from Glendale, Annie Overman Ratliff (that went to a private school). I remember we learned how to park behind the school in Glendale. The car was a stick shift. Not all that easy to park on a slight uphill grade. I also remember one time my friend Don was driving about 3 miles in the back seat. Mr. Coner was in the passenger seat and he had a brake pedal only. We were going down one of those country roads like Tyler Crane Road and we passed a couple of farms. Mr. Coner was going about 50 miles per hour. Mr. Kester told Don to turn right at the next road. We went a ways, and all of a sudden Mr. Coner hit a pothole that was big enough to knock down two big black marks of rubber on the road. I think he scared us all to death. He was really mad. He said to Don "you were going to turn down that road going 50?" Don replied "I had to have the road... ha... ha... ha" Todd Fensomkcr - 1966

The article (the part about girls peeling) seems to have a little ring of truth to it. I remember hearing that the boys swam in the nude, but I think I thought it was just a rumor. I do remember the ugly bathing suits. They were terrible and didn’t fit! Those memories came back vividly. I also remember of some trying to get the P.E. bell changed to last period because of the wet hair after a swim. We were about 50 in a class.

We used to drive that car to speech contests all over Ohio because Mrs. N. didn’t want to drive...or was "impaired" if you catch my drift. We had a flat tire on the way to a major speech contest, had to unload all our magazines and debate material on the highway (CCC), the only way to Columbus in those days. The State Patrol stopped because they thought we had stolen the car. Mrs. N. was napping in the front seat.

Nancy Hambuch - 1959

Mr. Ziegler was such a great teacher. I had him for Russian and taught the (former) Soviet Union with his group. What a life-changing experience. He also taught my older brothers and sisters a variety of other languages and when I began High School, my sister told me that whatever language he was teaching, I should join that class. Well, he started the Russian program at PHS and I was the first to sign up. Great advice and a vast array of great memories.

Mrs. Miracle was my teacher for Advanced English and set the bar high on her expectations. I worked hard because I never wanted to disappoint her, she was class personified. I went on to receive a minor in English at OSU, in large part because her influence made it so interesting to me.

Jeff Duerrnitz - 1980

I graduated from Princeton High School in 1967. It was not in sports or involved in many of the school’s extra-curricular activities. My primary involvement was the Princeton Viking Band under the leadership of Sam Reynolds. I was also in the Orchestra as a brass instrument player and in various bands throughout my years at PHS. These are my greatest memories of Princeton... the wonderful opportunities to be a part of the music world. Marching at every football game, playing in the “pit” accompanying the many musical productions, and entertaining many by being in the German band.

It was a day of foreign languages and fortunate enough to be a part of the initial Russian class taught by Mr. Ziegler. This was new to Princeton and went on to be quite successful as I understand.

Runyan Grade School began its years in the Princeton Schools. I-275 went right through where that school once stood. A real sign of progress. Music and Languages... my two most vivid memories. Sam Reynolds and Mr. Ziegler... two great forces in Princeton. Worth mentioning and remembering. Fondly,

Pat (Stephens) Mazzei - 1967

I have many fond memories from my 9+ years being a student in the Princeton City School District. I will never forget long after-school discussions with Beth Harding, my IB English teacher, who, regardless of how busy she was, somehow always made time to listen to our concerns and our interests. Other highlights included away tennis matches against Lima (after which Coach Tim Joes took us to a local dairy farm for freshly made ice cream) and, of course, the beloved music department faculty, some of whom (Bob Monroe and Susan Milligam) had taught us continuously since the 4th grade when I first stepped into the classroom. It is clear to me now, almost a decade after graduating from PHS, that is the day-to-day interactions with the students and faculty provided me with some of the most enriching learning experiences and invaluable lifelong friendships.

Sheng Cai - 1998

Graduation night for the Princeton High School Class of 1964 was not the end of the high school careers for members of the band. Immediately after graduation, there was a quick change out of caps and gowns, and then the seniors joined their fellow band members in the Bubbling Woodwinds soloists, United States Pavilion concert.

Courtesy of Richard Crockett

I would like to personally thank everyone in the Lincoln Heights/Princeton School District for my many precious memories and experiences, and all who helped me become a better person.

I give special thanks to former Principals, Mr. Ector, Mrs. Bettye Bennett, Mr. Tyrone Olverson, Librarian, Mrs. Anzola McMullen, and Secretary, Ms. Sandra Dukes who encouraged me to read, study, and think!!!

Lincoln Heights School System and Princeton City School District merged in 1971. I am proud of the fact to be a part of the merge as a student and employee.

Deborah Jean Cameron - 1972

In the ‘70s, Princeton established Princeton Valley East, located in Lincoln Heights and Princeton Valley West, located at the former Wayne Avenue School in the Wayne Avenue Elementary School in Princeton Valley East or Princeton Valley West. At Princeton Valley West classes were held in the Wayne Avenue building, a multi-level brick structure and outside in temporary classrooms entered from the paved playground area. As with Woodlawn Elementary School, students again were well-behaved to attend class. Bill Pryor, my band instructor at Princeton Valley west during my 9th grade year. He is known as Professor Bill to many, as he is the master of the class and could always get your attention. You may miss his slight of hand. No trick was repeated, so students listened and watched attentively hoping not to miss the next illusion. Pryor changed tricks after each performance so students didn’t tip off the next class of students. “There is a lot of math in magic,” according to Pryor.

Bill Pryor was a math teacher at Princeton High School for 17 years, 1969-1979. In one school year Pryor would have been on the next page
We will start this week with a couple of letters. The first comes from Ed Tierny:

For Consideration by All Parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

It is being touted from the rooftops and elsewhere that Parish Council has mislead the Parish and this is all his fault. Let’s take these one at a time. The first thing I wonder is that you understand. Lied-when did he lie? When Fr. Mike stated at church that if you hear the rumors that the school is closing, it’s not. In what year did he say this and then the school closed? 2004, 2005, 2006??? None of these? 

Mislead- Fr. Mike is the one who has been mislead by members of Parish Council, namely Mike Kerns and Jim Lichtenberg. All of Parish Council has been aware of the problem for years. To name a few more - Carol Antenucci.

I have seen people of all ages, believe in the best and have faith that there will be a way. Some have known people who have been in trouble was August, 2006... Please!!! Many ignored it by putting the blame on the afore- mentioned and some withheld their Sunday offering because of the Hall and staff which only added to the problem. If anyone is to blame it is those parishioners who served on Parish Council for the last 6 years, including myself, for not being more forthcoming as to the financial status of the school. Some would not face the facts and then continue to ask for donations. I would encourage Fr. Mike and those who re- fuse to place this school in debt. Honestly, how long have you known there was a problem???

This letter comes from an other concerned parishioner:

Many people thought that the SOS group to save St. Peter and Paul School would falter after a few weeks and the school would quietly go out of existence. In fact, Gore hit a roadblock. Some obstacles that have been thrown in their path, they have grown into a wonderful movement of parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors, even strangers across the region. As a parishioner and non-parent, I have come to support their cause. I have seen their faith and their strength. Their belief in the ultimate goodness of people intensifies as the weeks have grown into months. I have encountered smiles and good wishes. I have seen hard work. I have seen nonchalance grow into great purpose. I have seen people of all ages, walks of life, political persuasions, financial means, parents and non-parents alike work together for the future of our children and our community.

Macy they succeed with God’s blessing and may every- one begin to see how much good has happened will continue to happen if we believe in the best and have faith in God.

An update on the effort of the SOS Group: Thursday, Feb. 22, the Rosary was prayed outside in the freezing evening wind by a group banded together in the warmth of the Lord’s love. The Save Our School meeting fol- lowed immediately in the Cafe- teria. After an opening prayer, a group from Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School presented. They shared in- formation on how they started a Private Catholic School. The information they gave was re- ceived enthusiastically from the crowd. The group answered many questions and were en- couraged in the expertise they offered.

Information on ongoing fund raisers was given. There are 160 Buddy LaRosa’s Cards remaining to be sold by March 4. You may buy a card for $10 at any St. Pete’s basketball or volleyball game held in St. Pete’s gym.

The scrap metal drive has raised approximately $1000. Thanks to all the people who participated and especially to organizer, Dave McDaniel.

Thank you to everyone who matched the mile on the slushy sidewalks from IGA to Skyline Chili on Feb, 19 in draw attention and support for the Save Our School. Skyline Chili was a fun- filled, spirited place, packed with parishioners supporting our school. Baked goods and a raffle helped to raise app. $1100 that evening, not counting the Cor- vette Raffle tickets and Buddy LaRosa’s Cards that were also sold there. Several local news channels did interviews and helped to spread the word that we are continuing to fundraise for the school. Thank you to all who came to dine and support the fundraiser.

Information is being gath- ered for participation in the Reds Opening Day Parade. It is thought that we will invite walkers to march along with the Corvette in the parade to be held in April. More details to come.

Letters are being sent out to all local Chevy dealers and many other businesses to help with promoting the Corvette.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Parish Fish Bake on March 30.

We await the answer to the next page

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I graduated from the class of 1959 and the pool that opened at that time opened in 1960 was the 7th graders that year and I believe that our class was the only class that was in school in those years (7-12) at the new high school. While we were in sev- enth grade, construction began on a new Junior High School building across the street. As por- tions of the new junior high school were completed we would move a grade across the street. After we completed the sixth grade we would move a grade across the street. Therefore, the next year as 8th graders, we were the still the young- est class at the new school. The next year, they moved the eighth grade across the street. And thus the seventh grade, they moved the eighth grade and I believe that our class was the youngest class at the high school. When we were taking driver edu- cation that year, there would be about 50 in a class. I remember a story from when we were taking driver edu- cation during the summer of 1964. I remember there were 4 of us in my group and 1 of us had the brake pedal only. We were going about 50 miles per hour and the 3 of us were in the car. The car was a stick shift. The story went around that in 1959 some girls had smashed into the balcony overlooking the pool and got a peak of the boys in their birthday suits. What a sight that must have been for typically there would be about 50 girls.

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