



Princeton

*From the Past
To the Present*



Creating A District Wasn't Easy

Note: The first 25 years of the Princeton School District was compiled by the incomparable Myron Luke, with some information added after interviews with other participants. Later years' history came mostly from the Princeton Piper™

The consolidation of schools in this part of Ohio had its start in the middle teens of the 20th century. At that time it was called "centralization" and referred mainly to the combining of the schools of a township.

About fifteen years later, in 1931, there was talk of consolidation in this part of the county. Evendale cited this as a reason for replacing their Little Red School House with the building built the following year at the northeast corner of Reading Road and Glendale-Milford Road. This structure was used as the Princeton School District's Central Office from 1962 to 1972, and is now owned by the Village of Evendale.

In 1935, the Traxler-Kiefer-Matthews Law was passed, making it mandatory for the county boards of education to reorganize the local schools of the counties. The following year, O.H. Bennett, Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools, called a meeting to consider this possibility.

At this time, there were only two high schools in the mid-northern part of the county, Sharonville and Glendale. Though they were fierce adversaries in athletics, officials from both schools realized that a central school was needed to provide classes and opportunities for learning smaller schools could not.

There were some efforts made at this time toward the consolidation of the high schools. Dr. T.C. Holy of Ohio State University was employed by the Glendale Board of Education to study the possibility of such a consolidation. One conclusion of this study, favored by some, was that Glendale discontinue its high school and pay tuition to Wyoming High School. This proved economically unfeasible, and the matter was dropped.

In 1949, the county Board of Education employed Mr. St. Clair, field agent of the Ohio Department of Education, to make a study of all the local districts in Hamilton County and submit a plan for redistricting. This study recommended that seven districts, Glendale, Runyan, Stewart, Crescentville, Sharonville, Springdale and Evendale be combined. Woodlawn was later added to the plan. Lincoln Heights asked to be excluded.

For the next two or three years, this plan was discussed, and various proposals were submitted. One plan included only Stewart, Runyan and Sharonville. Another suggested dividing the Valley, those on the east side making one district and those on the west side another. Others voiced their opposition to any plan, both by letter and in person at various meetings.

Further headway toward the implementation of the plan was made by a resolution of the Glendale Board of Education. This resolution, passed on February 9, 1953, stated: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Glendale Local School District that a consolidation of the following eight local school districts: Woodlawn, Glendale, Springdale, Crescentville, Sharonville, Runyan, Stewart and Evendale, is desirable and should be accomplished by September 1, 1953, and a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hamilton County Board of Education, and be it further resolved: that if the Hamilton County Board of Education finds such consolidation is not feasible it is requested to notify the Glendale Board of Education by June 1, 1953."

This spurred more meetings, and the opposition became organized. County board member Mr. Ed Schumacher was appointed by the county board as its representative to attend these meetings. He was often subjected to much pressure from those who opposed the plan. In spite of this, he fulfilled his obligations admirably.

Meetings and discussions continued. Several boards hired attorneys to oppose the plan. The Cincinnati Bureau of Governmental Research was employed to study and submit its findings by August 15, 1957. This study set forth the desirability of the plan.

On October 29, 1953, approximately one hundred people attended a meeting at the office of the Hamilton County Board of Education. Eight persons spoke against consolidation, and seven favored it. Charles B. Crouch was then the Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools. The county board then passed the resolution creating the new district, also stating that "this transfer shall not take effect if a majority of the qualified electors residing in the territory included in such newly created district voting at the last general election shall, within thirty days from the time of such action is taken, file with the (Hamilton) County Board of Education a written remonstrance against it."

The date, October 29, 1953, was important. The next election, an off-year election on November 3, was only a few days away. The last general election was in 1952, a presidential year, when the Board of Elections certified that 4468 votes were cast in the area of the consolidation. Less than a majority of this figure were filed on petitions. In 1953, only about 3000 voters were counted, and the valid signatures on the petition would have constituted a majority of that figure.

This question was taken to the Court of Common Pleas, to the Court of Appeals, and finally to the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio. Another question as to whether the county board had exceeded its rights in

passing the consolidation resolution also reached the Supreme Court.

On June 11, 1955, a mandate was issued by the Supreme Court lifting the restraining order on the Hamilton County Board of Education. This decision was to be sent through proper channels, and the county board was advised to wait until the decision was properly delivered before any further action was taken.

By June 20, 1955, the decision was received, and the county board appointed a board of education to serve the new district: Frank Pauser, a resident of Springdale; Frank Jones of Runyan; William J. Sedgwick from Woodlawn; Robert Spellmire of Sharonville; and John C. Egbert of Glendale.

"Princeton" seemed an apt name for the new district, as most of the area was served by the PRinceton telephone exchange and because Princeton Pike crossed the district. Everyone seemed to agree with this name, as there were no other suggestions.

The newly appointed board elected Frank Jones as its first president, and the Princeton School District became a reality.

The first duty of the newly appointed Princeton Board of Education was to appoint an executive head for the district. Since Princeton was then a local school district under the Hamilton County Board of Education, the chief school official had the title of executive head, rather than superintendent.

The board met in its temporary quarters at Springdale School on July 12, 1955. After several candidates were interviewed, Robert E. Lucas was appointed to the position of executive head. According to the memories of several people who were educators and principals of the schools at that time, the first choice was as head of the district was Howard Cromwell, the Superintendent of Glendale school at the time. However, because he had lobbied heavily to create the district, he did not feel it was in the best interest of all concerned for him to become the leader.

Since 1953, Lucas had been field director of the Ohio Education Association. In that position he worked with the Ohio Association of School Administrators, the Department of Elementary School Principals, County Supervisors, and Future Teachers of America. He was co-author of a popular booklet, "By Their Bootstraps, an Approach to Elementary School Leadership." Prior to 1953, he spent two years as elementary supervisor in the State Department of Education, visiting classrooms throughout the state.

Before that time, he was assistant superintendent of schools in Preble County, served as executive head at

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Princeton High School in 1959. The High School cost \$3½ million when built in 1958.

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West Elkton, West Alexandria and Monroe Township in Preble County. He also served as high school teacher and coach in Clinton County and as elementary Teacher in Butler and Clermont Counties. In 1962, the population of Sharonville exceeded 5000 people. Sharonville received city status, and Dr. Robert E. Lucas received the title of Superintendent of the Princeton City Schools. Dr. Lucas held this position until 1975, when he resigned to become president of Wilmington College, his alma mater.

Since school tax rates outside the ten-mill limitation were abolished with the consolidation, it became imperative to set up a budget and ask the people to vote on a school tax rate for the district. During this period, Miss Marian Griffin, secretary at Evendale School and clerk of that board, served as clerk of the Princeton Board of Education until a permanent clerk could be employed. Starting on August 29, 1955, Mrs. Edna Mae Heiman was employed as secretary to the executive head and as clerk.

The tax valuation of the district had been \$58.5 million dollars. With an enrollment of 2120 students, this amounted to approximately \$27,000 per student.

The conclusion was to ask the voters to approve an 8.6-mill levy for school operation. Including the 4.63-mill levy inside the ten-mill limitation allowed all county districts, the total of 13.25 mills would provide \$774,329 for school operation. At this time, state funds amounted to \$45,000, so the total was \$819,000.

At the November, 1955 election, 2600 voters favored the issue, and 997 were against it — a 72% favorable vote. Later, due to reevaluation, this rate was reduced to 7.36 mills for its life of five years. This millage was lower than the rates in three previous districts, higher than that of two previous districts, and about the same as that of three other former districts. Most benefited was Glendale, whose previous rate had been 21.84 mills. The greatest increase was in Evendale, from 3.76 to 13.23 mills.

According to the law at that time, the Princeton Board could have adopted the highest tax rate among the eight districts, Glendale's 21.84 mills. Instead, an adequate budget was formulated, and only the millage to meet this need was requested. This established a



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 with 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 came 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 optional seventh period substituting for the former compulsory seventh period gave the school a calm and inviting atmosphere. There was a new freedom in which library research, teacher-pupil conferences and intramural athletics could flourish.

Precedents established in 1958-59 through long hours of meetings, and sometimes frantic last-minute decisions, had already become traditions which could direct our days in pleasant and profitable ways. Already we were proud of Viking accomplishments in academic achievement, activities, and citizenship.

The class of 1959 can be proud of slashing a path through the wilderness. The class of 1960 can be proud of beginning the productive and pleasant task of tilling the fertile soil laid open to them by the energies of those who preceded them.

Principal John Owen's Message in 1960

valuable precedent and gained the confidence of the voters in the board and the administration. The next thirteen levies, up to 1972, were passed by the voters.

During its first year there were nine schools in operation in the Princeton district. Crescentville had grades one through five, with three regular teachers, including the principal, William Strong, and an enrollment of sixty-one. Eckstein School in Glendale (a segregated school like Wayne School in Lockland) had kindergarten through grade eight, with five teachers, including Harry Piersawl, the principal, and an enrollment of seventy-two. Evendale, where Raymond Smith was principal, had four regular teachers and ninety-three pupils in grades one through eight. Glendale, with kindergarten through grade twelve, had twenty-six teachers, with 539 pupils enrolled. Miss Fredia Gillilan was the principal of the elementary school, kindergarten through grade six; and John E. Seeman was the high school principal. Runyan had 221 pupils in kindergarten through grade six, with seven regular teachers. Miss Gillilan served as principal of this school as well. Sharonville had an enrollment of 667 pupils in kindergarten through grade twelve, with thirty-one teachers. David Lewis was principal of the elementary school, kindergarten through grade eight; and Robert Emery was the high school principal. Springdale, where Keith Perkins was principal, had fourteen regular teachers and an enrollment of 362 in kindergarten through grade eight. Stewart had only grade one. Due to lack of room, all other grades attended Sharonville. Mrs. Jennie Porter was principal, and shared with Mrs. Elsie Taylor the duties of teaching the forty-two first graders. Woodlawn had an enrollment of 304 pupils in kindergarten through grade eight, with eleven regular teachers. R.L. McHatton was the principal.

The total of these enrollments was 2,361, with 104 regular teachers. About twelve special teachers in music, art and special classes can be added, for a total teaching staff of approximately 116. This included six new elementary teachers hired at the start of the school year to provide for the additional enrollment over the year before.

In August of 1955, Albion Gotaas was employed as assistant administrator of Princeton Schools. He had been a staff member of the Bureau of Educational Research at Ohio State University. He had seven years of experience as a high school principal at Forest Park; at Lagrange, Illinois; and at Albion, Michigan. He received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University the week before he came to Princeton.

In December of the same year, Myron R. Luke also became assistant administrator, after nineteen years as principal of Evendale School and three years of teaching in Indiana and at another Hamilton County School.

Combining the two high schools in the Princeton district, Glendale and Sharonville, presented a problem. Students were bussed between the two schools for industrial arts, band practices were combined, and ninth graders were combined for athletics. The Glendale and Sharonville varsity athletic teams fulfilled their separate schedules, which had been set up the year before.

Ninth graders were required to attend high school in Princeton, but students in the upper classes who were enrolled in other high schools were permitted to continue in those schools, with tuition paid by Princeton.

During September, Myron Luke served as chairman of a committee composed of teachers, principals, and lay people of the community to formulate a salary schedule for teachers. Increases ranged from \$800 to \$2200 over rates paid teachers in the eight former districts. The range was \$2900 minimum for a first year teacher with no degree to \$6000 maximum for those with a master's degree and sixteen years of experience. Maximum for a teacher with a bachelor's degree was \$5800.

A rather odd happening took place at the beginning of the school year. Thormond's subdivision, Beacon Hills, on Fields-Ertel Road was being built. There were ten or twelve children of school age from that area of Butler County. Since Princeton had no official map of the district, Lucas and Gotaas assumed that since it was in another county it was not a part of Princeton. Al Gotaas met the children on the first day of school at Runyan and informed them and their parents that they should attend the Union Township School during that entire school year. Because both districts were in error, no tuition bill was ever rendered. Mr. Luke had the responsibility of explaining the mix-up to the people involved and welcoming them to Princeton the following year.

In 1955 the Princeton School District was building new buildings to accommodate their increasing enrollment. Two architectural firms were hired to formulate



Board of education members in 1963: Seated, from left to right: Judge John W. Peck, Vice-President; Harold P. Webb, President; Troy C. DeBord. Standing: Lester D. Hinle and W. James Kirst

plans for a new high school and for elementary school planning. Two sites were considered for the high school, its present location and the site across Chester Road where the current junior high school is located.

The owner of both sites was Marianna Matthews. She donated 30 acres of land to Princeton which decided where the high school would be. The Board gracefully accepted the property on February 14, 1956.

A twelve-classroom elementary school was planned for Stewart area. This was to be built on a 20-acre site, which had been previously purchased by the Board. It was located at the southeast corner of Conrey and School 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.

In 1956 a special election was held for a \$4,700,000 bond issue. This passed by 70 percent. The census showed 12,385 people residing in the Princeton District with 3,220 of school age. Glendale was the largest village in the district with 2,663 people followed by Sharonville with 2,383.

On September 17, 1956, teachers, administrators, Board members and families enjoyed a picnic in Sharon Woods. Some played ball, others rested. Robert E. Lucas was presented with a birthday cake with one candle symbolizing the first birthday of the Princeton School District.

Temporary changes were made in the 1956-1957 school year. The Sharonville kindergarten was housed in the Methodist Church. The seventh grade from the Runyan and Stewart areas were removed from Sharonville School and taken to Evendale School where they had more room. About 20 fourth graders (with some overflow from other classes) were bussed from Stewart-Runyan to Springdale. In Glendale the number of high school students increase to more than 100, so a staggered schedule was put into effect. The seventh and eighth grades were housed in the Glendale Fire House.

Polio inoculation was important in 1957. All children through age 19, pregnant women and all adults under age 50 who worked with or around children were included. This was sponsored by the PTAs in each community and the Hamilton County Health Department along with local physicians cooperating and administering the shots. This was a concerted effort to stamp out the disease.

The Board asked for the people of Princeton to approve another \$500,000 bond issue to pay for purchasing of equipment, development of sites including

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Enrollment at the close of 55-56 school year: Total of 2339 (In May of 1955 there were 12,385 people residing in the district and the total school enrolment numbered 2,145.) Two schools (9 – 12 grades) had 395 students; Nine schools (1 – 8) totaled 1686 students plus 258 kindergarteners in six schools.

Enrollment projected for 58 – 59 year: Total of 3156. Princeton High: 750; 8 schools 1 – 8: 2041

The first elected members of the Princeton Board of Education were John Egbert, Jr.; William J. Sedgwick; Frank Jones; Robert J. Spellmire; and Harold P. Webb. Robert E. Lucas was selected as executive head of the new district in July 1955.

Superintendents

Robert E. Lucas—1955 – 1975

Richard Denoyer—1975 – 1996

Dr. Dennis Peterson—1996 – 2001

Don Darby—acting 2001-2002 and

Superintendent—2002 – 2004

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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.

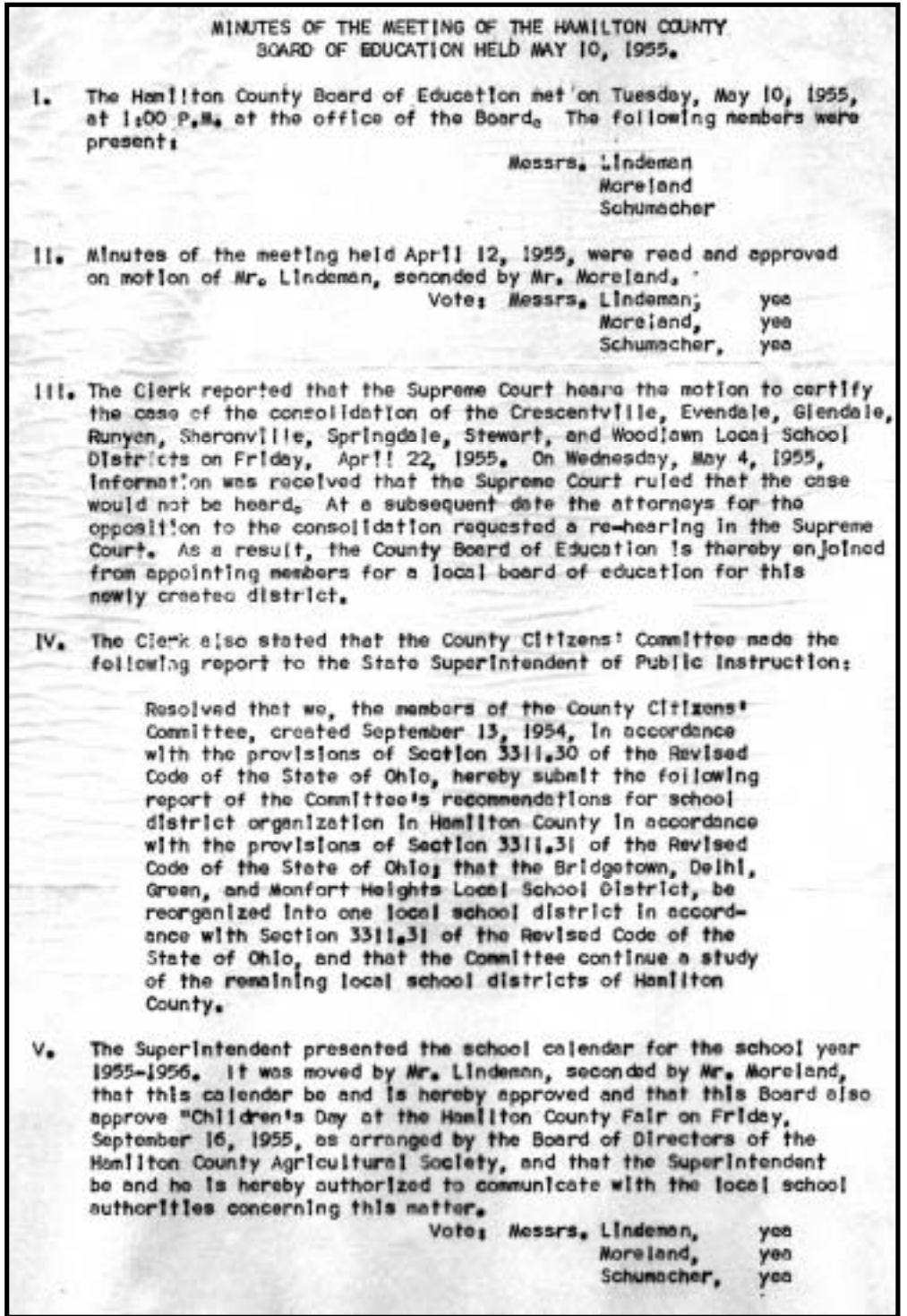
Invited by the American Association of School Administrators, Robert Lucas, the head of Princeton Schools left on October 4, 1959 from New York City for a tour of schools and other interests in Russia. Upon his return, he spoke with various groups and audiences about this trip.

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 home 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 vot-

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District Continues To Grow, Controversies Develop

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An additional three-mill levy for operating costs will be sought in November by the Princeton Board of Education.

The Princeton District has been operating on an 11.99-mill levy since its organization in 1955, according to Harold P. Webb, board president. This levy was renewed last November for a five-year period with no increase. At the end of 1963 one mill on the building fund levy will expire.

Pointing out that enrollment has surpassed previous expectations this year with the enrollment of 526 additional students constituting a 12.5% increase, Mr. Webb said that to maintain existing high-quality services to pupils and keep our low twenty-five to one pupil-teacher ratio, additional funds must be provided for operation.

By the end of 1962, we will have to completely equip 70 new classrooms with textbooks, physical equipment, and instructional materials. Also complete libraries will have to be established in the two new elementary schools and the new junior high school.

At present, only two of the twenty-four school districts in Hamilton County have lower operating levies than Princeton. With the addition of three mills, we would still maintain a lower operating levy than the majority of neighboring school districts.

Mr. Webb also reported that the cost of the new junior high school will run well below the national average for such schools. It is being constructed at a cost of \$11.77 a square foot to bring the total cost to \$675,443. Mr. Webb said the national average is about \$15.00 a square foot.

The Heritage Hill and Evendale buildings are in partial operation, classrooms only, to help provide space for this increase. In addition, a new junior high school is expected to be ready by September, 1962. Another wing to the high school will be started next summer. Rooms will be added to the junior high school the following summer. With other additions made when necessary to elementary buildings, it is hoped there will be sufficient room for pupils until 1965 when a registration of nearly 8000 is anticipated.

ed on in 1955 was to expire. Residents renewed it for five years.

Plans for the junior high school were accepted in May 1961. Two units of what would eventually be a four-unit building were to be built. This would include a dining space and service rooms for 800 students and up to 1,600 students.

June 13, 1961 was a big event. The Princeton Band with the help of the Band Boosters visited Canada. They gave their first performance in a large amphitheater in Toledo. Next was Waterloo, Ontario. The last performance was at Dunchurch, Ontario. The group spent several hours at Niagara Falls before arriving back at Princeton.

The new Heritage Hill School was dedicated on January 7, 1962 followed by Evendale School on January 14. The dividing line between Evendale and Sharonville attendance area was arbitrarily set by Evendale Principal, Dave Lewis and an administrative assistant before Evendale School opened. These lines that were established have been effect since.

On March 5, 1962, Princeton became a city school status, as Sharonville had obtained city status with more than 5,000 people. Robert E. Lucas became Superintendent instead of Executive Head of the schools. That same year, 1962, Lincoln Heights had to relinquish its independent status and return to the jurisdiction of the Hamilton County Board of Education. 1962 was also the beginning of Community Breakfasts. The first one was held on March 10 at Woodlawn School. Breakfasts were held at other community schools throughout the district throughout the school year.

In the spring of 1962, the Princeton Central Office was moved from south Sharonville to the old Evendale building at the northeastern corner of Reading and Glendale-Milford Roads. Then Central Office was moved to its present location in Glendale after being in Evendale for ten years.

The Princeton Junior School was dedicated on December 2, 1962. More than

700 eighth and seventh graders were enrolled from the entire district. The Junior School Choral provided the musical entertainment. The building opened with 36 classrooms, four special rooms and a combination gym and lunchroom. This was the first building to open with office areas and classrooms that were air conditioned.

In 1964 bids were awarded for a six room addition at Heritage Hill and for the construction of a bus garage on the junior school site.

Schools opened in the fall of 1964 with more than 6,700 students enrolled. The study of the Russian language became a part of the high school curriculum. There were 16 students in Henry Ziegler's first class.

At this same time a controversy was caused by a Board policy between the municipalities of Evendale and Sharonville. Children who lived on Sharondale and connecting streets in Evendale were to walk to school. There were no sidewalks and Evendale resented this. They blocked off the south end of Sharondale during school hours. Sharonville resented this. The Board finally compromised and agreed to bus the primary students only. After threats of lawsuits between the municipalities, the street blocks were removed and traffic was unrestricted. This is no longer a problem as children in the area has been bussed for several years.

In 1965, the Board approved additions to three elementary schools, 12 classrooms and a cafeteria for Sharonville, 15 classrooms and a cafeteria for Springdale and Woodlawn Riddle receive an addition of seven classrooms, kitchen and office area. Rooms were rented in the church buildings in Springdale and Sharonville. The Glendale Fire House continued to be used. At the close of the school year Mr. Herbert Burns retired after 41 years of teaching. He was the former Glendale High School science teacher before becoming the dean of the sophomore class.

The additions at Sharonville and Springdale were completed before classes began in the fall of 1966. The Woodlawn addition was completed soon after the

school year began. The additions to Heritage Hill and Stewart Schools were approved in 1966. The Heritage Hill addition included areas for fifth and sixth grades, art room, library, music room and kindergarten room. Five classrooms were to be added to Stewart School. The law concerning non-public school students became effective on January 1, 1966. The Princeton School District assumed the costs of service to St. Gabriel and St. Michael Schools for the remainder of the year. The law became mandatory in the following September. They had to now provide transportation to every private school outside the district that could be reached in 30 minutes. They now had to provide transportation to Moeller, Mt. Notre Dame, Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Roger Bacon, St. Xavier and St. James of the Valley. Princeton was reimbursed \$14 by the state

for each student transported. Since then Ursuline, Seven Hills, Summit Country Day, Central Baptist and Tri-County Christian have all been added to the list.

In 1967, plans were made to add a fourth wing to the junior school as an addition to Evendale School. The southwest wing was added to the junior school with 14 classrooms, a library, a music suite, special class space a transportation office and storage space. Evendale's addition included eight classrooms, a kindergarten room and an art room. The computer age began at Princeton High School in 1967. Ten of the 13 math teachers had taken special training in computers. A Quickstran Terminal and Card Reader were rented. A data-phone installation was tied in with a computer in Chicago and this was another step in Princeton's progress. In 1967, Princeton District began a unified purchasing plan with 20 other schools in the area. This process gave the best prices and saved money.

The 1968 graduating class of 410 students was the first to have received its entire elementary and secondary education in the Princeton Schools. This class received 125 scholarships and was the largest graduating class at that time. The graduation ceremonies was held at Landmark Baptist Temple's sanctuary for this record breaking class.

The fall of 1968 shows 8,566 students enrolled. The additions to the junior school and Evendale School were delayed to labor strikes. The levy for six mills, three mills renewal, was passed. It was a continuing levy with no expiration date.

In December 1968, black students at the high school conducted a sit in during the period of national unrest. A list of grievances were presented to the school administrators. There were meeting held with parents, students, teachers and administrators. The differences were resolved and set an example for social relations in the district.

In April of 1969, contracts were awarded to provide an addition to Springdale School which included a rearrangement of the existing space to add four classrooms, a library, an art room and an auditorium/cafeteria combination. In March of the same year the North Central Association team of educators reported that Princeton had an outstanding secondary school program.

In 1969 the wire-mesh enclosed foot bridge was built across Chester Road at the high school. The cost was equally shared by the City of Sharonville and the Princeton School District. The voters also passed a three-mill building tax levy in 1969.

In October of 1969, the Board awarded the contract for the new intermediate school. Since the plan did not materialize to put Riverfront Stadium on the site, it was sold to Princeton for \$3,400 per acre.

In 1969 a boy was expelled from Princeton High School for the length of his hair. This violated the school's codes. Judge Peck stated, "Even though I will never have a contact with any aspect of that suit as a judge, the fact that the issue will be litigated in a judicial system of which I am a member places me in a position to where I feel compelled to sever my relations with Princeton." Judge Peck had served on the Board since 1957 and was its president since 1964.

1969 was the year that the State Board of Education voted to revoke the charter of Lincoln Heights School. Lincoln Heights had failed to meet 38 standards during inspections over two years.

The December of 1969 showed bids were awarded for construction of the intermediate school. This would be for grades four through six. The suggestion was made to name the school, The "Robert E. Lucas Intermediate School." This was in recognition of Mr. Lucas' many years of dedicated

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service as Princeton's top administrator.

The Lincoln Heights School System became a part of the Princeton School District in February of 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 its 20 years as an independent school district.

On February 18, 1970, approximately 100 black students and parents staged a sit-in in the lobby of Princeton High School. This was planned to follow a school assembly called "Young, Gifted and Black," produced by the black students. Demands or requests were presented to the administrators. They asked for recognition of black activities and actions, a more pleasant attitude towards black students from the teachers, more black counselors and deans, more black involvement and influence on school activities, a black advisory board to meet with deans and student council, more mandatory black history classes and changes to the athletic department. The protests were made without any interruption of classes. The sit-in continued on Thursday with 150 students and parents involved. The students agreed to go to classes on Friday. There was no violence or vandalism involved.

A public meeting was held in Matthews Auditorium on March 2, 1970 regarding the merger of Lincoln Heights with Princeton. The meeting was quite orderly. Some objected to the merger, others did not. They learned that by Ohio law they had no choice but to abide with the merger. The district developed a three year plan for the phasing in of Lincoln Heights students. There was a complete integration of all staff of Princeton Schools. Several black and white teachers volunteered to change building assignments in order to desegregate the teaching staffs.

In the summer of 1970 plans were approved for the two-story addition to the junior school. It would be constructed between the existing wings on the south 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 join 2 or 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 served for 16 years as administrative assistant 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 Lions Club and the Sharonville Kiwanis Club sponsored the event since its inception. The programs continue today with sponsorships from these two organizations.

On Wednesday, 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. Senior students, 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 is done. A "Let's Get Together" dinner was held at the school and this effort was instrumental in the establishment of Brotherhood Week.

On January 24, 1972, members of 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 only. A large number of the operational employees decided that they did not wish to affiliate with any statewide organization and continued affiliation 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 Ferguson Act, which prohibits strikes by public employees. Notices were sent to striking drivers that said they were no longer employed. Litigation ensued, but the Board's decision was upheld.

The Princeton District felt its first defeat of a levy in 1973. Voters caused the Board to trim the budget

by \$1.3 million that year. The same issue was put back on the ballot later and it was passed.

The Community Breakfasts were discontinued in the 1973-1974 school year. They started meetings sponsored by the Board and school administrators on Saturday mornings.

The 1974-1975 school year had grades seven and eight at the junior high school. Grades nine were assigned either to the Woodlawn Wayne school or to the old Lincoln Heights High School building.

On April 3, 1974, the day was to see devastating tornadoes hit the area. Many homes on the hill of Sharonville and in the Stewart area were hit. Only Evendale School was hurt, its roof damaged by the storm. This led to tornado drills throughout the district schools.

In 1974 Myron Luke was employed to establish an educational historic museum. The project was named the Princeton Archival Museum of Education and had its beginnings in the old coal bin that became a classroom at the Glendale School. Later, "Archival" was dropped from the title and it was relocated to the Burton Building on Greenwood Avenue, north of the junior high school.

In December of 1975, bids were awarded for additions to the junior and senior high schools. The plans for the high school included a new music area with three choral rooms, an art wing, a two-story arts and science area, and a three level multipurpose area with an elevator. Plans for the junior high included an auxiliary gym and art and music facilities.

March 1976, Princeton High School won the state championship in the 48th annual state forensics tournament, sponsored by the Ohio High School Speech League and was held at Princeton High School. Winners 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 1976, the school district was named in a lawsuit charging the district with discriminatory practices in staffing patterns. It was brought by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Litigation continued for several years at some cost to the district, however, the final court decision exonerated Princeton.

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 on 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 revised the school calendar. The spring break would be held February 7 to 11 rather than April 12 to 15. The graduating class of 1977 had 586 seniors celebrating. In June, Phyllis Barton debate coach, Scott Fletcher and junior Steve Mancuso were honored for being National Forensic League champions.

The Runyon School building was sold in 1977. Businesses now occupy the Lebanon Road site. Also in September of 1977, Pat Mancuso was inducted into the Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio. He was also named Ohio Coach of the Year for his ten Greater Miami Conference titles.

The fall of 1997 had Princeton's water polo team capturing the Ohio championship title. At the end of the school year, there were 488 graduates from the high school in 1978.

The Viking emblem, seven by eleven feet and weighing 400 pounds was mounted on the southeastern wall outside Matthews Auditorium in October 1978. It was designed by Donnie Dunn and Guy Kasselman, 1978 graduates. Students from the art

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Merger Gets National Attention

(From the September 8, 1970 issue of Odin's Word)

by Jeff Cover

Many eyes will be watching as the merger between a predominantly white school district and a totally black school district occurs for the first time in the United States.

Actually the merger of Princeton and Lincoln Heights 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 Participation 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 Princetonians which 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 personnel (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 divided into smaller groups for discussion, or question and answer periods, were held.

Chuck Leach, 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 of representing and leading the Student 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 to make our school a model of spirit, unity, and success."

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New Building On The Horizon

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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 plaque honoring his achievements from the Board. He was named Parade Magazine's First Team All American Football Team, First Team Wide Receiver by the Greater Miami Conference, All City and All State Conferences.

May 1981, seven 11-year old Mexican children visited the Glendale School under the International School-to-School Experience, a branch of Children's International Summer Village. The Princeton AAA Girls softball team won second place in the state championship tournament. The class of 1981 had 560 graduates.

In 1982 the Citizens' Resource Committee was being formed. This would allow Princeton residents to have an opportunity to become involved with the school system as result of the Board of Education's approval of Policy 8118. "This policy calls for the origination of a Citizens' Resource Committee," explained Board President Clara Gough. The district asked for citizens to send in resumes so they could decide who would be in the organization.

That year saw a change in the district schools as Bettye Bennett, current principal at Woodlawn Elementary moved to Evendale Elementary. Bobby Cox was assistant principal at Lincoln Heights, but moved into the principal position at Woodlawn.



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George Hall was Glendale principal before becoming an administrative assistant in charge of state and federal projects. Aaron Mackey was now the new Glendale principal and William "Monty" Lobb moved to be assistant to the superintendent. Robert Blaufuss was assistant principal at Robert E. Lucas before going to be principal at Sharonville Elementary. Sam Glover became Director Adult Education Career Education and Community Schools.

In September of 1982 Donald Darby was the new principal at Princeton High School and the assistant principals were E. Randolph Leist and Mark Upton.

That same year the school saw their first micro computers. Students and staff alike were given lessons on the new computers. The bus system had two-way radios installed in their buses. The staff musical that year was "Carousel."

The year 1983 the district laid down the new 200-meter track. It includes a 100-meter straight-away, long jump and pole vault areas. It was state-of-the-art for the time. That year the Math Department won the prestigious Kreckler Award. The award was presented at the Ohio Academy of Science at Bowling Green State University. The school was presented an award and a check for \$250 for development of additional resources/training within the department.

In the summer of 1983 the very first Princeton High School Alumni Association was being formed. It was growing under the efforts of past graduates of the school. Sharon Tyahur was the first president, Aaron Mackey, vice president.

The Princeton Junior High School was national winner of the Secondary School Recognition Program. Secretary of Education Terel Bell was presenter of the award. Lucius Ware was principal of the school and Richard Denoyer was superintendent.

In 1984 the International Baccalaureate Program came to Princeton High School. The Latin Program wins the coveted Hildesheim Vase. The Princeton High School won the National Secondary School recognition for two years in a row.

In 1996 the district had two schools in the finals for the National Excellence in Education Award, Robert E. Lucas and Woodlawn schools. Robert E. Lucas was finally named a national winner of the award.

In 1987 the trophy handed out to the winner of the Princeton versus Moeller football games was finally given a name. It was named "King of the Block." Larry Misleh, a Moeller High School alumni won \$50, a blue ribbon, a lifetime pass to all future Princeton-Moeller football games for his winning entry. The trophy travels to the school which wins the football game that season.

The district was honored to have three schools in 1988 to be in the run for the National Excellence in Education Awards, Evendale, Glendale and Woodlawn. All three won! Perhaps the most significant blow was taken away from the district when corporal punishment was suspended throughout the district that year. Corporal punishment is defined as striking a student on the fleshy part of the buttocks with a paddle. It is only used after other milder forms of correction have failed to make a positive change. The Princeton High School Band was named "Best Dressed" in the region. They took home the Midwestern Regional Winner of the 1988 Best Dressed Band Award.

There were more changes in the district staffing in 1989. Elmer Miller moved from principal at Stewart Elementary to administrative assistant. Aaron Mackey moved to be principal at Springdale. Barry Adamson now is principal at Stewart. Diane Lowman became Glendale's principal. Cynthia Yoder is principal at Sharonville Elementary and Karen Rusche became assistant principal at Lincoln Heights.

In 1990 the ninth grade proficiencies began. Richard A. Bell became principal at the high school, Bobby Cox moved to principal at Heritage Hill. Wanda J. McCollum is now principal at Evendale Elementary. Shirley Browder became principal at Robert E. Lucas. Aaron Mackey took over as principal at the junior high school. Joan Miracle is now grade level principal at the high school.

Senate Bill 140 was passed in 1989. It meant requiring school districts to collect numerous pieces of personal information about students and their families. In 1991 Princeton City School District along with Reading Community Schools and two other northern districts filed a lawsuit against the Ohio Department of Education challenging the legality of the EMIS system.

The district saw no way but to put a tax levy on the June 2, 1992 ballot. Princeton lost \$5,000,000 in revenue due to House Bill 291. Princeton's milage rate is 34.74 mills but actual rate charged to homeowners is 20.36 mills and 23.74 mills to businesses.

The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program began at Princeton schools.

In 1993 Sharonville Elementary won the United States Department of Education's Excellence in Education Award. Ford Motor Company presented a check to the Mathematics Skills Improvement Project for \$25,000.

In 1994 Springdale Elementary and Stewart Elementary won the prestigious national "Blue Ribbon" awards.

Board President Dr. Richard Denoyer announced his retirement on April 6, 1995 in a letter. Dr. Denoyer was superintendent for 20 years. He was followed by new superintendent Dennis L. Peterson. Also in 1995, Dr. Eddie Starr, associate superintendent, announced his retirement after 25 years of service in the Princeton District.

Bob Lux, a second grade teacher at Evendale Elementary won the Ohio Parent-Teacher Association's Educator of the Year award for Southwest Ohio.

Dr. Thomas Moffitt was announced as the new principal at Evendale Elementary and Gary Tyler as the new principal at Sharonville Elementary in 1996. Dr. Kenneth McDowell and Jennifer McDonald were the new assistant principals at Princeton High School. Sheryl Dean began her term as assistant principal at the junior high school. Linda Locke was named assistant principal at Heritage Hill and Springdale Elementary. Lillian Hawkins took over as associate principal at the junior high school.

Dr. Moffitt had his manuscript published in 1997. That same year the district filed a tax lawsuit in Common Pleas Court seeking a declaratory judgement and injunctive relief from unconstitutional and illegal tax increment financing scheme adopted by Union Township, Butler County.

Ann Boyle became the new assistant superintendent in 1997. Keith Haring was given ninth grade principal position. Mary Helen Moorhead took over as assistant principal at the junior high school. Scott Ranking became principal at Heritage Hill Elementary and Audley

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Princeton Museum A Treasure Trove

The District Museum is a wealth of information for those interested in the old history of Princeton. Most of the valuables came from Glendale School. They have artifacts from all of the schools throughout the district. They have the items from the most recent cornerstone openings of Sharonville Elementary School. There are old papers and admission sheets from the early beginnings of the schools. Of course there are old school books, photos and year books. What is amazing is the old concert programs, Christmas play programs and much more. One teacher donated her memorabilia she had collected for years.

There are really old maps from the Glendale School from the 1800s. The wooden measuring items which were hand-made by students are on display. Many of the items are older than the district itself. There are minutes from meetings from various schools and the day is spent quickly at the museum finding items of fun and historical at the same time.

If you attended any of the old schools or want to find out more about the past, please check this place out. Beth Ecker is the Museum Director and knows every crook and cranny of the place. The building is an old home, the Burton Building, which is behind the Middle School or behind Cincinnati Fitness Center. The Museum of Education is open by appointment only. Please call the Burton Building at 771-3824. Ms. Ecker urges people to call. She is willing to open and show off the historical artifacts stored in the museum. The artifacts are on file with the museum and cannot be removed, but if you want to look at an old yearbook to see a picture of a family member or old friend, they are there.

There are articles there that are of unknown variety. There is a beautiful picture of an older lady, but it is a mystery who she is and how she relates to the district. I am sure that there are many more mysteries to be solved inside the museum rooms.

Beth Ecker, the Director of the Princeton City Schools Archival Museum of Education, as with others who are so much a part of the current administration and staff, grew up inside the district herself. She attended Glendale Elementary and the junior high school. She still visits Glendale Elementary often and is happy to take calls and show off the history of the district.

Paul Kattleman claims the honor of being the first student to enter the first Princeton High School.

Dr. Denoyer Retires, News Schools Will Be Built

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Smith became principal at Woodlawn Elementary.

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

Pat Bowes, a teacher at Sharonville Elementary was recognized by Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as one of 2003 Southwest Region Teachers of the Year.

That summer the Viking Boys Tennis Team wins the state tennis championship in a 20-0 match.

Changes in staffing include Todd Petry as new principal at Robert E. Lucas Intermediate School. Susan Wells the new principal at Springdale and Tyrone Olverson was the new principal at Lincoln Heights Elementary.

The district earned an AA+ 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 Cappella 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, "Our Town," "The Andersonville Trial" and "My Fair Lady"?

Miss Minnie?

The "Chew, Chomp & Chirp Society"?

M. Moxley'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?

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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 two rivals into the same building and for much of the year, it was "we vs. They." As we tried to maintain some of our old traditions from Sharonville HS and from Glendale HS, we both lost our treasured senior trips. Senior trips at Glendale were either to New York or Washington on alternating years. Glendale had so few students that even sophomores were invited. So I had been to New York and to Washington, 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 government teacher, and Hermann Schliess (French and about everything else except for Home Ec and shop) listened to our complaints and out of these rantings, came the idea to go Europe during the summer.

Dr. Schliess (then "Mr. Schliess), was a native of Cologne, 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 possible.

We were to sail from New York aboard the TSS Olympia, the newest ship in the Greek Line bound for Lisbon and Naples. From Naples, we would head north by train to Rome, Florence, Venice, then to Lu-

cerne, Interlaken and Bern, Switzerland. Next, we Heidelberg and Mainz, Germany, where we boarded a Rhine steamer for a day trip to Cologne. We would spend two weeks in Cologne with families, mostly friends of Hermann Schliess, whose parents and siblings still lived there.

I mounted a major campaign with my parents to go, because we had cousins in Cologne. We didn't know this until shortly after the end of WW II, when my grandfather received a letter that was sent to First St. John's Evangelical church (now UCC) in Hamilton. Our cousins had money, but were desperate for food and clothing, none of which was available in Germany. So we began sending care packages to them. We had stayed in touch, somewhat, so I begged to go, knowing I would meet them. I would be the first Humback to return to Germany since my great grandparents left in 1882.

Becker and Schliess would appear at our door around dinnertime to "work on" my parents. Many times they stayed for dinner as the conversation continued around the theme of "what a wonderful opportunity this is!" My dad agreed, but the money was a stretch, considering college tuition would begin in September.

Eventually we wore them down. It didn't hurt that Schliess and Becker tapped people in Glendale for "scholarships" for PHS students to go. The scholarships (\$300) were donated anonymously by some of Glendale's most prominent families. I got one of the first ones, and I will be forever grateful to the family (I eventually learned the name, but they wished for anonymity and I'm not telling!) who did that for me. It was enough to convince Dad that he could afford it.

There were 45 of us who

boarded a Greyhound bus for NYC in mid-June. Eleven days at sea, and then we arrived in Europe. What a mind-blowing experience! We were the first known high school group to travel to Europe. It was only a dream for many adults. And travel by ship was much cheaper than air...and a lot more fun!

Each day was a new adventure and sleep was out of the question. The funny stories of Schliess and Becker's antics would make a whole book. We had a number of other chaperones, teachers from the Princeton district, but those two were definitely in charge. Schliess was the only one to have been to Europe.

I had asked him to call my family in Cologne to see if I could meet them, even though plans were for me to stay with another family. Werner and Charlotte Schmidt and Werner's father Willy, would hear of no such thing! I would stay with them and that was final!

When we arrived early in the evening, Hermann Schliess told me to wave, that my family was waiting for me. I waved, not knowing to whom, and hands went up with a bouquet of roses. I recognized my cousin Werner's face. They greeted me like the long-lost family member returning home. We were all so excited that we forgot my luggage and left it on the dock. (The Schliess' took it home).

I stayed for two marvelous weeks with the Schmidt family at 6 Schenkendorf Strasse, about 6 blocks from the magnificent Cologne Cathedral. At the time, they had a baby daughter, Lieselotte, but my future goddaughter, Brigitte Nancy had not yet been born.

I didn't speak German, but Werner was fairly fluent. Charlotte, to this day, doesn't speak English. (More on that later!)

Werner, Lotte and Lieselotte took me to visit his father, Willy in the town of Kraftsolms. It was from this town that my great grandfather, Heinrich Humback and wife Anna Maria Mueller Humback came to Hamilton with two children. Wilhemina was 6 and Heinrich (Henry, Jr) was 4. Henry eventually owned a five-and-ten on West Benson Street in Reading, almost next to Biddle's Music Store. Uncle Henry (my great uncle) and his wife Kathryn lived next door to us in Glendale and I loved hearing his tales of his life in Kraftsolms, the little stream that ran through his grandfather's property, the window high up in the house from which he could watch town happenings when he was supposed to be asleep.

So now I was in Kraftsolms, meeting cousins, especially Willy, my uncle Henry's and my grandfather's first cousin. My arrival was an "Event" for this sleepy little farm village. A distant relative (Käthe Schmidt) had passed away before I arrived. They told me she had tried so to hang on till I arrived, but I was to arrive too late to meet her, but in time for the funeral.

Werner and his father Willy

argued repeatedly about whose turn it was to talk to me, about the fact that Werner wore Lederhosen (leather pants) that, according to Willy, made him look like a "hick," and also about the "Limburger" Cheese that Werner had brought to make the occasion more "festive." (It's really Handkäse, sometimes called Stink Käse for obvious reasons, but is **not** from Limburg, a nearby city.)

But what impressed me beyond anything else, was that I was sitting in a pew, walking streets, seeing people who remembered my great grandfather and great uncle. I saw where they played, where they lived and worked, met cousins who bore a striking resemblance to the family in the States. Even some of the mannerisms were the same even though 75 years separated them.

Werner and Willy made certain I visited local towns, saw as much of the area as possible and learned what I could of the family's departure from Germany and their life before leaving.

It was this time that solidified a lifelong interest in the differences (and similarities) of cultures. And it was a time when languages took on a new fascination, even though I had only studied Spanish. I didn't want to leave. I would have been happy to give up Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and London to stay longer in Cologne.

But leave we did, by train, amidst tears, hugs, promises to return. I had learned that Werner had been an officer in the Signal Corps during WW II and was in Russia at the end of the war. He had been imprisoned and nearly lost his hands to frostbite, but was advised to take up painting to try to save them. He did that, and now we have several of his paintings, the largest of which is of the Königsee in Bavaria, hanging in my mother's living room in Glendale.

I promised to return, but did not make it back until 2005 when my cousin John and I decided to visit Cologne and Kraftsolms. While there in '59, I had met a cousin, Willy Walther and his wife Lydia. They were so welcoming to me that I never forgot their hospitality.

On Christmas Day, 2004, I received an e-mail from a Wolfgang Walther in Germany. I learned that Wolfgang's parents were Willy and Lydia (she is still alive) and he had found my address on a website for Waldsolms (Kraftsolms) and decided to write to find out information about the family in the States. We corresponded and in May of 2005, John and I met in Germany (he was teaching at the U of London-he's a law professor at Pace U in NY) and spent several days in Kraftsolms before going on to Cologne. We looked up family records at the local churches, learned a great deal about the family, and I had the opportunity to see Lydia Walther again. This woman has soared straight to the top of my "favorite people" list. When I walked into her living room, she said, "here's that beautiful young girl again!" How can you not like her???

And because of that first vis-

it, I have a goddaughter, Brigitte Nancy Dagmar Anliese Schmidt Winkelkemper of Cologne. She is married and has two children and we are in constant contact.

From that time in '59 to the present, my life has been impacted by that trip and especially the visit to Cologne. I have wonderful family members with whom to share stories and laugh at the similar attitudes and mutual idiosyncrasies. John, Wolfgang and I learned about our family back as far as 1688 (that's another story!) and we continue to search for more family history.

Upon my return, I started classes at the University of Cincinnati to become a teacher of English and Social Studies. But I quickly dropped English and added Spanish. I audited German classes and eventually added German as a teaching field. (Especially when I found out that if you studied a second language, you would not be required to take Match ☺). I taught Spanish for three years at Three Rivers Junior High School and then, at the urging of Hermann Schliess, I moved to Finneytown High School where he was chair of the language department (left PHS in about '65 or '66. I also taught German there for two years before I had a Fulbright year in Bogotá, Colombia.

Since then my research in cultural differences, the teaching of cultures and languages has led me to a 43-year career in education (30 at the junior high-high school level) thirteen at Miami University where I retired in May, 2006, as Professor Emerita and Coordinator of Languages Education. My experience has led me to author or coauthor 17 textbooks, many of which have undergone numerous revisions. All are for the teaching of Spanish at the middle-school through university levels. The latest series is "¡Expresate!" a five-volume series for middle- and high school, published by Holt Rinehart Winston. I have also been able to work a bit on the German texts from the same publisher.

Everything I have done I can credit to teachers at PHS. Barbara Bail Obermeyer (Spanish), Bill Becker (Social Studies), Hermann Schliess (now deceased) languages and creator of our trip, and Marcella Nicholas Leach (speech). What a wonderful opportunity we had at Glendale and Princeton!

So this is **way** too much, but there you have it. I only have slides (35 mm) and I have scanned them but they don't copy very well. Look great on screen, but when printed, they are not good. I **do** have pictures of my trips for the last two years, digital format.

I can imagine you had an earful about the trip from Bill. He has a marvelous memory (he's not that much older than I am!) and we often reminisce about all the funny events on the trip. If you have questions, please let me know. Perhaps we need to get together to go over pictures, etc. I have some stuff on SnapFish and on CDs...photos.

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Myron Luke in 1952

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Although that does describe him, Myron Luke was so much more. He was well known for his great, jovial demeanor. No matter what he was doing, he was well liked by all, no matter the age. Although he was born in West Chester, graduated from Lockland, he was Princeton true. It is no wonder that Princeton history and lore would not be complete without talking about Mr. Luke.

In his own words (from his handwritten application for Superintendent Certificate from the State of Ohio...) "After graduation from Lockland High School in 1928, I worked as a railway electrician for Union Switch and Signal, a company out of Pittsburgh, traveling and living in nearly all of the eastern and southern states, overseeing workmen most of the time.

"In 1931 I worked with two brothers building roads and running a garage and mechanic shop in Indiana, from which I gained much business experience." Myron went on to describe the rest of his career up to that point. But it's interesting how he started his career before he became an educator.

He started teaching at Plainfield Elementary School and then at Evendale Schools and became principal at Evendale in 1937. He became an assistant superintendent of the newly organized Princeton City School District in 1955. While at the district, the man became a legend.

Luke was very instrumental in helping create the Princeton City School District. He was 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 Princeton. He was diplomatic and soothed feathers when they were ruffled. He also had duties that involved transportation and food services. It was during his time that they started the "School Bus Rodeo" that allowed drivers to win prizes donated by local merchants. One day a school bus was being repaired at a Cincinnati garage, Mr. Luke received a call at home that the bus was stolen 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 Bonnie recalls him looking at the phone with a look like "You've got to be kidding me" before responding with pronounced slowness, "it's big, very big, yellow and 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 Sharonville as Mayor in 1944 and 1945 and served on the City's Planning Commission for 28 years. As part of Princeton's legacy he recorded the first 25 years of the district and also founded and was curator of the Princeton Museum 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 children. As 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 history 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.

Memories Of Princeton High School

"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 - 1978

As graduating seniors in 1978, I'm sure we didn't know who Margaret Mead was but within this quote she knew what 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 have laid dormant, 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 population 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 diploma 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 wondered what directions my fellow classmates had taken and where are they now.

My trip down memory lane started in the same place that everyone else's does, at the intersection of Hollywood and Vine. This small section of the campus always seemed to be neutral ground. Here you could be who you were and not what other perceived you to be. You were not a senior or a member of the staff. At Hollywood and Vine you were just part of a great tradition that Princeton High School has and always will be known for.

No senior year is complete without memories of Home-

coming and all the events leading up to it. I remember sitting in the stands as my overly excited classmates pushed the Class Mascot around the field. I remember that this fateful animal was rescued and placed on the roof of Grueninger Oldsmobile in Woodlawn. I've been gone for so long that I'm sure both are just faded memories of the past.

As the pages turned the memories of the Orchestra returned and weren't as fond. Ms. Gandolph must have had the patience of a saint and nerves as strong as the greatest superhero to tolerate this group. Being teenagers we didn't understand the impact that Multiple Sclerosis on the human body and categorized her as "just weird." If I could go back in time and do one thing it would be to tell her "Thank You and I'm sorry." I heard that Jane Gandolph passed away several years ago after a distinguished career as a Music Teacher.

Graduation day is that final walk out of childhood and the beginning of the long haul of 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 Mt. 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 the time to reacquire yourselves with the past.

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Susan (Hasty) Lucas - 1978

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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 Glendale - where he was the basketball coach, and then Princeton, becoming 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 them.

He was a rare breed, a teacher who earned respect, allowed students to challenge him, challenged them, and got along with the faculty, staff, parents 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 when 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 confirmed that a guy getting a ticket was in the film. He asked nervously, "Is it me?" The trooper replied, "Not unless you got the ticket in Wipikenetta."

One time, when Coach King was on a construction site, he found a partially full bottle of wine. Sensing an opportunity for a prank, he pocketed it. Later, he wrapped it in a towel and hid it inside a star football player and wrestler's locker. He and the principal then announced they

were doing locker checks, as some towels were missing. He asked the student, who went on to play football at Indiana, if there was anything in his locker that did not belong there. Of course, the teen said everything was his, to go ahead and search it. When they opened the door, the towel and bottle of wine fell out.

Back in those days, one form of punishment was a whack with a wooden paddle. Coach King allowed his students to "bank" swats. Of course, many of the boys did, just so they could get even without having to pay. Imagine their chagrin when, after banking several swats, Mr. King announced the bank had gone broke and the swats were lost!

He wasn't all jokes though. 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 short-lived, though, when King told him, "Son, this is nothing. The real action is on the field on a Friday evening (football)." That student went on to become All-Conference. However, even though Bo Schembechler recruited him personally, he would not sign the Letter of Intent until Coach King was there to watch.

Not all of his memories are

pleasant, though. One day, a student walked up to his desk, threw some paper down and said, "Sign these. I'm getting out of here and joining the service." King was not able to talk him out of it and reluctantly signed the papers.

A year later, the student came back - missing a leg. He was mad at himself for not listening to Coach King and wanted to know why he didn't stop him from leaving school.

Mr. King was proud of the comprehensive programs that began under Superintendent Lucas who was very progressive for the time. The district was innovative and was the first to have a cross country and wrestling team in Hamilton County. They offered ten sports to students. The district was so ahead of others that they were often picked for tournaments for basketball, swimming, cross country, wrestling, track and golf. The Athletic Department was really proud to get University of Kentucky's Adolf Rupp to speak at their banquet. It was a coup for the time.

One year the Athletic Department was proud to host the national champions Ohio State team when Bobby Knight was just a player on the team. They stopped by to have lunch before heading to University of Cincinnati to play basketball.

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 make them want 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 led 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 home. As Mr. King notes, the coaching staff was congenial and constantly were playing pranks.

At the beginning of Princeton District, the athletic program had great facilities for their players. They ensured they laid the groundwork for players and athletics to come. "We were given the opportunity to hire and keep 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 football records in his name when he retired from the Princeton City Schools. He led the team to local, division and state championships during his tenure. His shoes were no doubt hard to fill, but he left not 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 Bachelor of Arts degree from Mt. Union, Ohio and started coaching football at Leetonia. He was there for five years.

Paul Hayes, the superintendent at Leetonia was at a National 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 Mancuso 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 Massillion, the big team to beat back then. They won all the newspaper polls and always took state championships. In fact, when Mr. Lucas hired 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 Massillion 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 that Coach 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! Princeton never looked back and continued 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,	Tom Ballaban, Head Coach, St.
Xavier High School	Assistant Coach, Princeton
Francis Byrnes,	Head Coach, Sycamore High
High School	Team Physician, Princeton
Ron Corridini,	Ferd Maciulli
School	Retired Head Coach, Roger
Tom Todd,	Head Coach, The Ohio State
High School	Head Coach, University of
Special Guest	Head Coach, University of
Bron Bacevich,	Bob Pitalcio
Bacon High School	Superintendent, Princeton City
Earle Bruce,	Wife, Friend and Pat's Coach
University	
Gerry Faust,	
Akron	
Bo Schembechler,	
Michigan	
Special Guest	
Richard Denoyer,	
Schools	
Ernie Mancuso,	

Current Superintendent Is A Lifelong Viking (or Ancestor)

Aaron Mackey was probably groomed to be Superintendent of Princeton City Schools. He started in kindergarten at Glendale Elementary and started school before the district was formed. Kindergarten was held in the upper room at the Glendale Fire Station. Mr. Mackey's class was at the high school for six years. No, he wasn't that bad of a student... 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 career 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 leery 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

Swimming Pool Was Also For Public Use

Note: This article appeared in the February, 1982 issue of the Princeton Piper.

Each week, Princeton families may enjoy a dip in the pool at the natatorium at Princeton High School. There are two one-hour sessions for family swimming each Monday and Thursday evening. Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The rate is \$2.00 per family or \$.75 per individual per one-hour session.

A qualified lifeguard will be supervising the pool at all times. "It is to be understood by all swimmers that these times are for families to swim. It is not an instruction period nor a time for non-swimmers," emphasized Jim Caudill, coordinator of community school programs.

Children fifteen years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent. The parent must stay within the pool area during the swim period.

No pre-registration is necessary. "This is a great opportunity for family fun. Out facilities have been recently renovated and provide the ultimate in swimming opportunities," Mr. Caudill concluded.

Princeton's Official Alumni website is maintained by Todd Fenstermacher. The address is: www.swvarai.org/phs/

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. Remember, most of the staff members when they were joining the district too. This helped them relate with the people from Lincoln Heights. Mr. Mackey taught there for seven years.

Mr. Mackey was at the high school next, where he was assistant 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, however 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 Education 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 assistant superintendent under Don Darby. He has now been Superintendent of the Princeton School District for three years.

Mr. Mackey feels that education 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 important 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 Education Administration. He continues to take courses to stay on top. He is married and they have a 15½ 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 Disney World or Disneyland to relax.

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. Heritage 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 elementary 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 baptized in that building and can see his old home from the windows of the district home office. That is why it only seems appropriate that Mr. Mackey is so at home at the Princeton City School District. He was taught in Princeton Schools only to lead the district he grew up in.



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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 years of dedication to the team started in 1962. That year the team's only loss was to Taylor, 18-21.

Throughout the years, he has seen many faces. New coaches, new teams and new school administrators. Though the names and faces changed, dedication to the team did not. Dr. Todd felt as much as the team as the players or the coaches. He still loves to watch them play even though he is no longer the team doctor. When he first started with the team in 1962 the idea of a team physician was new. Now sports medicine dominates in the field of medicine.

Dr. Todd relates when he first started players were not allowed to drink water. It was considered

"not manly" to drink water at practice or games. He found out that water is very important to the health and well being of the players and informed Coach Pat Mancuso of the change. It was soon instituted at Princeton thanks to Dr. Todd.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Dr. Todd graduated from Walnut Hills High School and has degrees from Duke University, University of Cincinnati and Medical College of Virginia. He 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 Hannah. 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 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 home visit 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 play-

er 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 Pitakis, Don Wolnick, Ron Cordinie, Ferd Macciolie, Larry Cox, Joe Nebschiled, Brian Dodds, Scott Kaufman and Scott Miltenberger. 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 a team effort, players, coaches, parents, physicians and supporters. He was just glad to be a part of it for 41 years.



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We welcome any more stories or news from Princeton's history. They will be presented in papers throughout this year.

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Memories And Stories From Princeton Grads

I graduated from the class of 1966. Many do not realize that at the start of the 1960 school year, 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 high school. While we were in seventh grade, 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 as 8th graders, we were still the youngest class at the high school. The next year, they moved the eighth grade across the street. And thus our ninth grade class became the youngest class at the high school. Only when we moved on to the tenth grade, did we finally have underclassmen.

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Todd Fenstermacker - 1966

The article (the part about girls peeking) 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 red bathing suits. They were terrible and didn't fit! Those memories came back vividly. I also remember some of us trying to get the P.E. bell changed to last period because of the wet hair and so forth. We didn't have any luck with that. As I recall, we didn't have any pull with the administration, in fact I think Dr. Owen really did not like us. Do you think it had anything to do with Mr. Becker being our champion? I don't remember anyone getting expelled for "peeking" but then my memory isn't what it used to be. However, I think we would have remembered people getting expelled over it.

LuAnn Smith - 1959

I had drivers' ed with Mr. Kober or Cober. We learned to drive in a '55 Chevy with no A/C, and I took it during the summer. We had to learn to change a tire and do all sorts of stuff. But the funniest part was when we would ride in the car while one of us drove, three in the back-seat, Cober in the front. His game was to have us play "chicken." That meant we had to roll up the windows until we were sizzling and Cober smoked his pipe (Cherry Blend). The first one to roll down the window would be the "chicken." Try doing that now! Cober would have had a lawsuit and would have been fired. We thought it was hilarious.

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 Humbach - 1959

Mr. Ziegler was such a great teacher. I had him for Russian and toured 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 and enjoyable.

Jeff Duermit -1980

I graduated from Princeton High School in 1967. I 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.

I was also very involved in foreign languages and fortunate enough to be a part of the initial Russian class taught by Mr. Zeigler. This was new to Princeton and went on to be quite successful as I understand.

Runyan Grade School began my 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 of 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 Joos 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 Milligan) had taught us continuously since the 4th grade when I first picked up the violin. What is clear to me now, almost a decade after graduating from PHS, is that 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 R. Richard Crockett

four luxury coaches that were waiting outside Matthews Auditorium. Into the night the caravan went. Destination? New York City and the World's Fair!

Arriving in Manhattan, the buses ended up double-parked in front of the hotel that was refusing to honor reservations made many months earlier. People were extending their stays and there simply wasn't room in the inn for the 140 band members, staff and chaperones. Accommodations were finally secured at the Hotel Thayer on the grounds of the United States Military Academy, West Point, an hour and a half north of the city.

The primary purpose of the trip was accomplished on Wednesday, June 10 when the band presented two concerts at the Fair. The first was at the Tiparillo Band Pavilion at 2:30 followed by a concert at 4:30 at the United States Pavilion. The group presented a concert of eleven selections, ranging from classical to pop and Broadway. There was a featured selection called "Bubbling Woodwinds" that included bubbles from a machine a la Lawrence Welk. The concerts were well received by the audiences. One on-looker was quoted in The Cincinnati Enquirer as saying, "This is the first high school band I've heard that doesn't sound like a high school band."

After the concerts were over and the instruments packed away, the group had free time at the Fair to enjoy the many incredible pavilions presented by the countries of the world. Thursday was devoted to touring the Big Apple. That night, many attended a performance at Radio City Music Hall that included the dedication of a new Japanese silk curtain as well as performances by the renowned Rockettes.

An additional day of exploration was available at the Fair before it was time to re-load the buses for the return to Cincinnati. Despite a mechanical problem that caused a lengthy layover at a service plaza on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, everyone was pleased to return to Viking land on Sunday morning. It was an eventful trip of almost a week that many band members fondly remember to this day.

Richard Crockett - 1964

I was born and raised in Lincoln Heights, Ohio. I graduated in 1972 from Princeton High School. I spent the last 20 years employed with the Princeton City School District, working as a paraprofessional at Lincoln Heights Elementary School. I was transferred in August, 2006 to Stewart Elementary (also a school in the Princeton school district) located in the City of Sharonville. I have had many wonderful experiences during my 20 year tenure.

The memories and experiences over the past 20 years have been many and precious.

Education is the key to a happy and prosperous life. My motto is "reading is fundamental and essential for our educational development." My other daily motto is, "If we put God first, we will always come out on top of any situation that will occur in our lives."

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 have a brighter future.

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 Woodlawn. 9th grade students were bused to Princeton Valley East or Princeton Valley West. At Princeton Valley West classes were held in the Wayne Avenue building, a multilevel brick structure and outside in temporary classrooms entered from the paved playground area. As with Woodlawn Elementary School, students again were walking outside to attend class. Bill Pryor, was a teacher at Princeton Valley west during my 9th grade year. He is known as Professor Bill to many, as he is the master of magic in the classroom. Look away for a quick moment and you 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 class to insure students did not tip off the next class of students. "There is a lot of math in magic," according to Pryor.

Pryor was a math teacher at Princeton High School for 17 years, 1969-1987. In one school year Pryor would

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Reporting On... reading Various Writers

We will start this week with a couple of letters. The first comes from Ed Tierney:

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

It is being touted from the rooftops that Fr. Michael Leshney has lied and mislead the Parish and this is all his fault.

Let's take these one at a time. I'll go slow so you can understand. Lied -when did he he? 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 years.

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,

Jeff Lichtenberg, Stephanie Agrusso, Bob Ashbrock and myself, Ed Tierney. I felt like one of the rumor spreaders. If asked, I told people the Sunday collections needed to increase or the school was going to close. Mike and Jim had Fr. convinced they were going to save the school. He had faith in them because he does not want the school to close.

The Parish is to blame for their failure to respond to the 3 requests to increase the Sunday collections. First, the \$5 - \$7 request; the Stewardship Program and finally the letter and phone calls from Parish Council members. The letter was an attempt to raise \$150,000 by Dec. 31, 2004. Once again Parish council failed to state that if this benchmark is not met, the school would close after the 2005-2006 school year. It was implied in the letter, but never stated. The only reason the school stayed open for 2006-2007 was the bequest from Mrs. Rollman. I know there are many reasons many of the fixed income parishioners cannot increase their donations - God bless you for what you do. It is clear the parish can no longer

support a school.

Some people have said the money is being spent in the wrong places. 1) Notre Dame Hall, a project initiated by Fr. Jim Willig and completed on Fr. Mike's watch. Yes, \$295,000 was spent. I believe the building facilitates many ministries is an asset to our campus. This is in the past-it's time to move on. 2) The main event-too much staff. This parish was run in the past by a pastor, secretary and janitor. True. The school had paltry paid nuns and lay teachers. Parish staff — we have more paid staff than when Fr. Paul Stolz was here, but less than the Fr. Jim years. Two main complaints I hear are Business Manager and Youth Minister. The Business Manager - there are not too many, if any, parishes without them. With fewer priests available, these duties have been taken over by lay people. Youth Minister - it used to be a volunteer position, why are we now paying someone? Wait a minute - I was the unpaid Youth Minister. I should be outraged-just the opposite, I will take the blame for the position becoming a paid one. If I learned anything during my time in this position, it was how much more was being accomplished by parishes with full or part-time ministers. I requested Fr. Paul and then Fr. Jim to hire someone. Beth Pettigrew stepped forward and has done a wonderful job. We talk about Catholic education - how important is it for the high school youth to have a Catholic influence placed before them. It is a time in their life when they are trying to find out who they are, and what they want to be. Beth, you have my support, appreciation and admiration. Fact: eliminate both jobs and the school still runs at a large deficit. Go one step further and eliminate all salaries in the church and we still do not cover the school deficit. Some will insist that all other positions must go to keep the school open. They say there is nothing more important than the school. What do you think? It is important to keep our parish ministries complete to survive in the future.

More Memories

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Pictured (l to r): Fred Horsely and Syrian Shrine Potentate Bob Peacock.

does nothing to decrease the school deficit. Mike Kerns and Jim Lichtenberg assured parish council and Fr. Mike that TAPCE was going to save the school.

What upsets me the most is how people act as if the first they heard of the school being in trouble was August, 2006... Please!!!! Many ignored it by putting the blame on the aforementioned 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 then and continue in their denial now by lashing out at Fr. Mike and those who refuse to place this parish in debt. Honestly, how long have you known there was a problem???

This letter comes from another 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 spite of many 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 grown 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.

May they succeed with God's blessing and may everyone begin to see how much good has happened and 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 huddled together in the warmth of the Lord's love. The Save Our School meeting followed immediately in the Cafeteria.

After an opening prayer, a group from Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School presented. They shared information on how they started a Private Catholic School. The information they gave was received enthusiastically from the crowd. The group answered many questions and were encouraging in the expertise they offered.

Information on ongoing fund raisers was given. There are 140 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 marched the mile on the slushy sidewalks from IGA to Skyline Chili on Monday, Feb. 19 to draw attention and support for the Save Our School effort.

Skyline Chili was a fun-filled, spirited place, packed with parishioners supporting the Save Our School effort. Baked goods and a raffle helped to raise app. \$1100 that evening, not counting the Corvette 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 gathered 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 Raffle.

Workers volunteered to help with the Parish Fish Bake on March 30.

We await the answer to the Continued on the next page