



Riverside Trivia

Special Thanks to Shawn Murphy,
4th grade teacher at Riverside Elem. West,
for gathering this information.

Question/Info Posted 1/25/11:

What team did Riverside defeat for its lone Lynett Memorial Basketball Tournament Championship in 1971?

Ans: Scranton Prep

Question/Info Posted 1/7/11:

Where did the 6th graders from the former *Taylor Elementary School* go on their class trip in 1984?

Philadelphia Robert Connor was one of those 6th graders, and still has his field trip t-shirt. In fact, his son Kevin, a 4th grader at West, recently wore the shirt during a dress down day. What a neat thing to see! The following is a list (from the shirt) of all of the 6th graders and their teachers from 1984:

Mr. Adomiak's Class: Brian Beecham, Robert James, Paul Lisowski, Robert Petrunich, Mike Phillips, Eric Rooney, Phillip Ruthkowsky, Matthew Schiavo, Mark Sigman, Robert Skurka, John Staretz, Jamie Vullo, Philip Vullo, Donny Williams, Frank Yackobowitz, Suzi Deininger, Amy Evanish, Christin Francis, Kim Nebesky, Krissy Refice, Candy Reviello, Chris Roche, Melissa Sekelsky, and Kari Wiorkowski

Mr. Kryzanowski's Class: Tina Basalyga, Thomas Berkosky, Mary Ellen Boyko, Lias Carrotto, Crystal Chapman, Michelle Cravetts, Michelle Derenick, Paul Hoffman, Shannon Kozlansky, Anne Lucke, Kelly McCloskey, Kathy Morgan, Joell Murphy, Harold Powell, Georgeann Pringle, Tracy Swingle, David Tucker, Monte Walsh, James Warner, and Joseph Wassell

Mr. Killino's Class: Marty Casey, Brian Gaylets, David Graham, Wade Kaplanovich, Brian Kobylus, Bill McGurgan, Shawn McGurrin, Geoff Ott, Peter Preslock, Frank Scheuerman, Randy Wilson, John Zigga, Sue Conforti, Jill Flynn, Coleen Gaughan, Johanna Godino, Stacie Lewandowski, Roberta Lisowski, Melanie Matsko, and Jennifer Miszkiel

Miss Rachko's Class: Joey Ciannilli, John Connell, Robert Connor, William Dudeck, John Koytek, Alex Lupinski, Michael Petillo, Carl Szymanski, John Thomas, John Tigue, Michael Tugend, Joseph Turowski, Richard Uher, Robert Cohowicz, Chris Azarsky, Lovena Buganesi, Tina Chludzinski, Risa McGinty, Dana Sadowski, Debra Slominski, Tina Stravinskias, Nicole Thorne, and Cindy West

Question/Info Posted 12/15/10:

Who were the members of the RHS 1997 "A" Eastern State Championship Team?

Ans: Sean Namlick, John Jezorski, Harry Armstrong, Joe Sluck, Jeremy Ransom, Billy Kyttle, Jay Reviello, Mark Jones, Ryan Oustrich, Joe Bakaysa, Nathan Thomas, Brian Jones, Justin Hewitt, Tim McNulty, Bill Sandly, Ryan Ott, Jesse Jones, Patrick Gronski,

Jim King, Chris Coombs, Steve Thomas, Joe Kowalski, John Maher, Conan Conaboy, Chris Swartz, Jeff Ransom, Tom Maines, Mike Juba, Jason Mitchell, T.J. Hudak, John Harrison, A.J. Jones, Chris Thomas, Kris Karnis, Jim Obidinski, Bill Gnall, Eugene Gallagher, Anthony Marianelli, Chris Ellis, Robert Slusher, Josh Korczakowski, Gary Beck, and John Dodge

Principal: Robert Ruthkowski Athletic Director: Bernard Lazevnick Head Coach: Steve Armillay Assistant Coaches: Ray Calabrese, Glenn Kempa, Frank DeAngelo, Matt Talerico, Jack Ott, Harry Armstrong, Sr., Eugene Ruddy, Gene King, Ed Jezorski, and Dan Repshis

Question/Info Posted 10/28/10:

What chant arose among the Riverside football fans prior to their epic 14-14 tie with mighty Valley View back in 1972?

Ans: "Valley Who?"

Question/Info Posted 7/23/10:

Who scored the winning basket in the Riverside Girls' State Championship game in 1987 and who did they defeat for the crown?

Ans: Mary Lisowski - Bishop Guilfoyle

Question/Info Posted 6/2/10:

Riverside's Boys' Basketball Team won just one game during the 1974-75 season. Who did they beat?

Ans: Rival Old Forge

Question/Info Posted 4/20/10:

How many seasons did Dave Adomiak serve as Riverside's Girls' softball coach?

Ans: 24 ~ Dave also taught at the former Taylor Elementary School on Main Street

Question/Info Posted 3/11/10:

Name the 1978 RHS graduate who has been reporting, anchoring, and producing for NBC's local affiliate *W.B.R.E. TV/ Eyewitness News* since 1985.

Ans: Mark Hiller "RHS Class of 78" Mark currently serves as a reporter three days per week, anchors and produces '*Eyewitness News*' at 6 and 11 on Saturday and Sunday evenings, and also anchors '*Fox 56*' *First News* at

Ten on the weekends. He has served in many capacities with W.B.R.E. since 1985, including weatherman, health reporter, education reporter, general assignment reporter, news anchor and producer. Mark recently visited his alma mater to read to a class of fourth graders at West Elementary during *Read Across America Day*.

Question/Info Posted 12/07/09:

Who is the oldest living alumnus from the old Taylor High School (Main Street)?

Dorothy (Evans) Decker ~T.H.S. Class of 1927

Dorothy turned 100 on November 29th. In fact, she was a member of the **very first graduating class** of the newly constructed high school on South Main Street, which was built in 1926. Prior to this time, students attended Taylor's first-ever built high school, which was later renamed "Roosevelt School" on West Grove Street. Mrs. Decker tells us that she graduated from Bloomsburg Normal School in 1929, then went on to teach in a one-room schoolhouse in the *Village of Milwaukee*, Ransom Twp. Her duties included cleaning her own classroom, tending to the pot-bellied stove, while teaching fifth through eighth grades. She earned \$100.00 per month. She also paid the late Dewey Thomas of Old Forge \$15.00 per month for a ride to and from school in an old "jalopy." From 1930 until 1937 she taught in the former Taylor School District at the William Penn School, located on the east side of Keyser Avenue near Walnut Street, which was a 2-room school. She later taught first grade at the "Roosevelt School" for just three years. In 1937, she was forced to resign (by law) since she was getting married. Shortly following her resignation, the law was changed, but Dorothy went on to have 2 children and spent the next twenty years as a "housewife." In 1957 she began teaching at South Scranton's *St. Stanislaus Polish National Church* Elementary School, and finally retired for good in 1977 at the young age of 68.

Mrs. Decker tells of her youth when she remembers Union Street getting "paved" for the first time. She says that once a week, the borough would close Union Street from "Storrs" to "Pond" so that the children could roller-skate freely down the hill. She would also go to the former *Thomas Theater* on Union Street to watch Silent Movies, and spent many days at the former "Weber's Rink" where Uni-Mart now stands on Main Street across from Taylor Cemetery. This was a park-type setting where citizens would go for recreational purposes. Happy 100th Birthday, Dorothy!

Question/Info Posted 10/23/09:

Which "District" graduates now work at Riverside?

Ans: The following is a list of those Taylor High School/Taylor-Moosic High School/RHS (graduates who currently work for the district. (Note: Some chose not to be listed.)

Class of... 1961; Elizabeth (Krypel) Jerowski, 1965; Nancy (Thomas) Evanish, 1969; Linda (Gillespie) Petrunich, Sharon (Klens) Uher, Elizabeth (Neiper) Puchalski, 1970; Vaughan Morgan, 1971; James Kryzanowski, 1972; Debi Kapelan, Marge (Nacko) Meehan, Stephen E. Hunisch, 1973; Frank Chisdock, 1974; Joanne (Keppick) Corey, Michael Gawel, 1975; Mike Morgan, 1979; Joe Crosby, Robert Davis (largest graduating class on record), 1980; Justine (Williams) Vishnesky, Ron Geise, Teresa (Laniewski) Barcoski 1981; Kim Marie (Craig) Alfano, Barb (Sochovka) Chisdock, 1982; Michele (Saranchuk) Lokuta 1983; Leslie

(Sweet) Derenick 1984; Diane (Nerch) Haduck, Shawn Murphy, Diane (D'Andrea) Besecker, 1985; Janet (Kreig) Grace, Jackie (Suss) Plisko, 1987; Kristin (Conte) Samsell, 1988; Moe Hughes, Camille (Coleman) Chiccheletti, Frank Mickavicz, Kristy (Brown) Howey, Kristen (Kreidler) Petrucci, 1990; Suzi (Deininger) Taylor, 1991; Grace (Knecht) Jensen, 1992; Lynn (Bowen) Tallo, Dan Digwood, Lisa (Micciche) Celuck, 1993; Robert Coyle, Paul Brennan, Cathleen (Flannery) Wasalinko, Becci (Pfeiffer) Buffton, Melissa (Karnis) Dymek, 1994; Heidi Kelley, Christine (Wolfsberger) Connor, Krystal (Kerrigan) Sinkaus, Melissa (DeAngelo) DiStassi, 1996; Pamela (Heckman) Insalaca, Joy Tigue, Abbey (Armstrong) Judge, Shannon (Armillay) Malamud, 1997; Jamie Trescavage, Heidi (Davies) Singleman, Dawn (Sklanka) Chilek, 1998; Jennifer (Kishel) Schuback, Bernie Posluszny, Heidi (Wolfsberger) Peoples 1999; Jessica (Smith) Whetstone, Brittany Preslock, Michelle Wolfsberger 2000; Maria (Dente) Posluszny, Ryan Lindsay, Michael Trescavage, Amanda McCawley, John Yarem, Stacey (Sharek) Best, Jennifer (Butts) Susko, 2001; Christina (Casale) McDermott, Alison (Morgan) Harchar, 2002; Will Cicale, Justin Lacomis, Amber Rugletic, 2003; Ashley Wzorek, Heather Jones, Josh Aniska, 2004; Ashley Czankner 2005; Nicol Lemoncelli

Question/Info Posted 3/19/09:

Who was the guest speaker at the RHS 1968 All Honors Banquet?

Joe Paterno

Question/Info Posted 2/19/09:

Who represented Taylor-Moosic H.S. in the 1964 Dream Game?

Ans: Bill Ozark (back), Tom Killino (tackle), and Steve Lamper (guard).

Question/Info Posted 12/01/08:

What event was "traditionally" held on Thanksgiving Eve for many years at Riverside?

Ans: The Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire! Traditionally, this event took place following several days of collecting wood and other combustible materials, then piling it up as high as a two-story building. This researcher learned that there have been several locations of the **BONFIRE** over the years. Sites have included present-day Derenick's Park in Taylor, the baseball field in Moosic, and the last site; the vicinity of RHS Track located on our upper campus. This researcher once lived near Derenick's Park (formerly referred to as "The Dump" as many of you out-of-town alumni may have known this area as), and has clear memories of Old Forge High School students sneaking up on our bonfire (prior to Thanksgiving eve) and attempting to steal our materials. This was the practice of both rival high schools during bonfire week. To "top off" both bonfires of the opposing schools (**Riverside** & OF), students would work hard all throughout the playing season to "obtain" a jersey of a key player, dress a stuffed dummy with the jersey, and finally place it atop the bonfire. The bonfire usually ended with great cheers when the flames ultimately reached the dummy. This moment was what all the suspense led up to! A crowd of students, parents and alumni would gather around the bonfire drinking hot chocolate, while being entertained with songs and cheers from the cheerleaders. This practice took place in the 1960's and 1970's, and came to an abrupt end when an explosion occurred in the late 1970's. It is for this reason the bonfire era ended. Although, the bonfires were not directly sponsored by the school district, everyone had an enjoyable time. If you are as lucky as this researcher, and can say you once attended a Pre-Thanksgiving Day Game Bonfire at

Riverside, you truly felt "School Spirit" in **Viking Country**. This year, our varsity football players have given all of us **Vikings** another chance to feel the greatest spirit any high school can experience. Our hats go off to the entire team! Through your great efforts and accomplishments, you have provided "great material" for future **Riverside** historians!

If there is anyone out there who can tell this researcher the very first and/or last year the bonfires at **Riverside** took place, please e-mail us!

Question/Info Posted 11/14/08:

Which 2 new faculty members were welcomed to Taylor-Moosic High School in the fall of 1963?

**Ans: Mr. Paul Rusincovitch and Mr. Robert Meckwood
From the November 1963 edition of The Viking Press...**

T-M Welcomes Two New Teachers

Two new teachers were added to the faculty of Taylor-Moosic High School this year. They are Mr. Paul Rusincovitch and Mr. Robert Meckwood.

Mr. Rusincovitch, who graduated from Taylor High School in 1952, was active in football as a student here. After graduating from high school, he joined the Air Force where, in addition to his regular duties, he played football and instructed in judo. At one time he seriously considered making the Air Force his career, but chose to enter the field of teaching which he considers to be a most important profession.

At the University of Scranton, he majored in mathematics and science. Upon graduation he accepted a teaching position in the public schools of Binghamton, N.Y. where he taught until his return to Taylor this year. Here at T-M, he not only teaches business math., science and algebra, but he serves on the football coaching staff as well.

Mr. Meckwood, a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School and the University of Scranton, teaches Spanish and American History. During his Prep School days, his extra curricular-activities centered around basketball and baseball. His continued interest in these sports in college resulted in his playing professional baseball with the Giants for two years.

Although his ambition had always been to play professional ball, he decided to begin the teaching career for which he had prepared in college. Coaching possibilities and the fact that he enjoys teaching Spanish attracted him to Taylor-Moosic.

To these new members of our faculty, the student body expresses its pleasure in welcoming them to our school community.

Additional Note: Although he has been retired for many years, Mr. Rusincovitch remains one of **Riverside's** most loyal fans! He can be seen on the sidelines at the games sporting his 10 gallon hat! We're glad to have him!

Question/Info Posted 10/22/08:

Whose basketball jersey number was retired on June 2, 1982?

Ans: Paula Oleksy's ~ RHS 1982 ~ Paula's jersey numbers 44 and 45 were retired in recognition of her contribution during four years as a player. Team record was 108 wins and 17 losses with several championships. Among her personal achievements was the scoring of more than 2,000 points.

Question/Info Posted 10/02/08:

Are there any "living" graduates from our district who can say they "actually" once performed in a school program for Civil War Veterans?

Ans: The answer is YES! Mary (Lynch) Saul, Taylor H.S. Class of 1931, recently paid a visit to her family in Taylor. During her visit, Mary told of the days when she attended the former "Continental (Elem.) School" which was located on Keyser Avenue (across the street from St. George's Church). In the 1920's, Mary and her "schoolmates" would "march" about 1/4 mile on Keyser Avenue (which was a dirt road then) to the Taylor Primitive Methodist Church (corner of Keyser Ave. & Oak St.), and perform a **Patriotic program for war veterans. This performance took place just days before "Decoration Day" (now called Memorial Day). Some of the veterans at this program fought in the **American****

Civil War. Mary grew up in Taylor's "Archbald" section, and remembers long-time families of the borough like the Slucks and the Shimkos. Mary is now 94 years young and full of life! She left Pennsylvania in 1946, and loves coming HOME to her family in Taylor about once a year.

Question/Info Posted 9/02/08:

When were girls at Riverside allowed to wear "PANTS" to school?

Ans: December 1970 Source: Jan. 1971 edition of The Viking Press

Question/Info Posted 5/29/08:

What local rock band sang "Timothy" (#17 on the U.S. charts) in the gym of the old high school in 1971?

Ans: **THE BUOYS** from Wilkes-Barre

Question/Info Posted 5/19/08:

When was the "ground broke" to construct Riverside JR.-SR. High School?

Ans: **June 14, 1971** ~ As quoted in the May 2, 1971 edition of *The Scranton Times*, Principal Patrick Reviello stated, "We believe the purpose of the secondary school is to equip the student for his next step in life, and we must take into consideration the development of the student - mentally, emotionally, physically, socially, and esthetically."

Question/Info Posted 4/15/08:

How many RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOLS are there in Pennsylvania?

Ans: 2 The "other" RHS is located in Ellwood City (Beaver Co.), Pennsylvania. This school is located in western PA, and is located on Connoquenessing Creek. After contacting officials in Ellwood City we were told their mascot is the Panther and their school colors are green and white.

Question/Info Posted 2/11/08:

Name the spring musical performed in 1986 at RHS?

Ans: "**Annie Get Your Gun**" Lora Antonio played Annie Oakley, Joe Gisolfi played Frank Butler, Dave Davis played Pawnee Bill, Walter Deininger played Buffalo Bill *Other senior actors were Kathy Secor, Kevin Jennings, Dana Aldrich, Marijo Consenza, Michelle Occipinti, Steve Griffiths, Mark Jennings & Eddie Popil

Question/Info Posted 1/4/08:

Who were the officers from the class of 1987?

Ans: *President; Karen Fuller, Vice-President; Greg Flanagan, Treasurer; Billy Sochovka, & Secretary; Shawn Puchalski* The Class of 1987 recently held their 20th year reunion.

Question/Info Posted 11/14/07:

Who were the **Senior Band Members** from the class of 1976?

Joe Cudo, Joan Davis, Milton Evans & Margaret Carr

Question/Info Posted 10/02/07:

It was 10 years ago that our varsity football team won the PIAA "A" Eastern Conference Championship! Who were the players that led our high school to this great victory?

Ans: # 4 Sean Namlick, #10 John Jezorwski, # 12 Harry Armstrong, # 14 Joe Sluck, #15 Jeremy Ransom, #18 Billy Kytte, # 19 Jay Reviello, # 22 Mark Jones, # 23 Ryan Oustrich, # 30 Joe Bakaysa, # 32 Nathan Thomas, # 33 Brian Jones, # 34 Justin Hewitt, # 36 Tim McNulty, # 40 Bill Sandly, # 42 Ryan Ott, # 44 Jesse Jones, # 46 Patrick Gronski, # 51 Jim King, # 52 Chris Coombs, # 54 Steve Thomas, # 55 Joe Kowalski, # 56 John Maher, # 60 Conan Conaboy, # 61 Chris Swartz, # 64 Jeff Ransom, # 65 Tom Maines, # 66 Mike Juba, # 68 Jason Mitchell, # 70 T,J, Hudak, # 72 John Harrison, # 73 A.J. Jones, # 74 Chris Thomas, # 77 Kris Karnis, # 78 Jim Obidinski, # 80 Bill Gnall, # 81 Eugene Gallagher, # 82 Anthony Marianelli, # 84 Chris Ellis, # 85 Robert Slusher, # 86 Josh Korczakowski, # 88 Gary Beck, and # 89 John Dodge Head Coach was Steve Armillay Assistant coaches were: Ray Calabrese, Glenn Kempa, Frank DeAngelo, Matt Talarico, Jack Ott, Harry Armstrong, SR., Eugene Ruddy, Gene King, Ed Jezorwski, and Dan Repshis Facts: Riverside beat Southern Columbia to capture this great feat. Former player (# 12) Harry Armstrong is currently the head coach of the Viking varsity squad. It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since that great season!

Question/Info Posted 9/21/07:

Who kicked the winning field goal to beat Old Forge High School in the 1973 Thanksgiving game?

Ans: The late Bobby Powell RHS '74

Bobby's nephew, Jimmy Pietrowski, is a captain and lineman for the Vikings. Another interesting note: Jimmy's late grandfather, Joseph Pietrowski, played fullback for the Taylor High Trojans in 1945 when we beat Old Forge 6 – 0 Also, Jimmy's Dad, Jim Pietrowski, SR., played for the Devils in 1980 when The Vikings went on to Victory! Jimmy has a "60 Plus" years family history with the Old Forge/Riverside game!

Question/Info Posted 8/6/07:

What former "**Taylor High**" football player brought with him his alma mater's nickname "**Trojans**" when he became head football coach of the newly formed "**North Pocono**" High School?

Ans: Jake Semion **North Pocono** needed a new nickname. When the "**Taylor-Moosic**" jointure took place (July 20, 1961) we became the **VIKINGS**. As the **Vikings** sailed into Riverside, the **Trojans** climbed the mountain to North Pocono.

Source: several graduates from ol' **Taylor High**

Question/Info Posted 7/11/07:

Who were the 3 siblings at Riverside Elementary West to win the P.T.A. (Council Level) **REFLECTIONS** contest in the area of **MUSIC** back in 1999?

Ans: **Jared, Jacob & Jessica Jones** They are the children of Jason & Lisa Jones of Taylor.

Question/Info Posted 6/26/07:

What was voted as the "Best Moving Picture" of the year by the **Taylor** High School Class of 1939?

Ans: **Jessie James** This researcher believes that most students must have gone to Taylor's former "Thomas Theater" on Union Street to view the film. The theater was located in the vicinity of the current parking lot of Wachovia Bank.

Question/Info Posted 5/3/07:

*Who was the last football player from **Moosic High School** to play in the Dream Game?*

Ans: **Eddie Jezowski** Ed was selected to play in the August 1961 game. He played defensive end in the game and also held the ball for the extra point. The City beat the County with a score of 7- 6. Eddie played starting quarterback for the **Red Wings**. Another interesting fact: Ed also threw the last touchdown pass for the **Red Wings**. This happened on Thanksgiving Day against the Avoca Buffaloes. The late Jimmy Decker caught the touchdown pass.

Question/Info Posted 4/10/07:

Who were the "Class Comedians" 🤪 of the Taylor High School Class of 1939?

Ans: **Ruth Reese and William Johnson** 🤪
(**Ruth Reese** currently resides in **Taylor**.)

Question/Info Posted 4/01/07:

Who was the MVP of the 1990 Lady Vikes Softball Team?

Ans: **Suzi (Deining) Taylor**

Question/Info Posted 3/21/07:

Who was President of the Future Nurses' Club at RHS during the 1975 - 76 school year?

Ans: **Diane Wielebinski**

Question/Info Posted 3/15/07:

Who were the Senior players on the Lady Vikes Basketball team from the Class of 1984?

Ans: **Mari Flynn, Debbie Hughes, Renee Tippet, Mary Grace "Gus" Fortuna, Kim Adamiak and Patty McGraw** Head Coach **Tom Nageli** and Assistant Coach **Frank Chisdock** again led their team on a winning pathway. The team went into post-season play only to be stopped short of repeating as District 2 Champs. "Lady Vikes showed the true Riverside spunk and sportsmanship."

Question/Info Posted 2/19/07:

What former Taylor business sponsored the Punt, Pass & Kick contest at the "Taylor-Moosic" stadium during the fall of 1963?

Ans: Glenwood Motors This auto dealership was located at the present site of Via Apia Catering, South Main Street in Taylor.

Question/Info Posted 1/31/07:

What 3 recent retirees from the Riverside faculty graduated from Taylor-Moosic High School in 1964?

Ans: Stephen Lamper, Leon Mickavicz, and William Hyduchak / All 3 men graduated high school together and retired from teaching at their **alma mater** in the same year.

Question/Info Posted 1/20/07:

Who was honored as the "**Globe Athlete of the Week**" in 1966 at RHS?

Ans: Eddie Trescavage Ed was honored for his outstanding athletic ability in basketball and football. In fact, Ed was a constant hitter, finishing near the .300 mark.

Question/Info Posted 1/15/07:

Who drove the bakery truck to deliver goods to the old high school?

Ans: "Pete the Baker"

Question/Info Posted 12/08/06:

Who was Drum Majorette from the Class of 1984?

Ans: Maria (Price) Harrison

Question/Info Posted 11/17/06:

Who were the recipients of the **Taylor American Legion Post 306** School Award from the T.H.S. Class of 1930?

Ans: Boy - Ralph Imdorf (Courage, Honor, Service, Leadership & Scholarship)
Girl - Anna Yatchisin (Courage, Character, Service, Companionship & Scholarship)

The award was begun in 1924, with Walter Davis being its very first recipient. The first girl to receive this "prestigious" award was Elizabeth Powell Griffith in the year 1926. Ralph Imdorf was the father of Mr. Ralph Imdorf, current Physical Education Teacher in our elementary school system.

Question/Info Posted 11/07/06:

When did the observatory open at **RHS**?

Ans: Fall of 1978 "It's the House that Kosek built!" Need I say more?

Question/Info Posted 10/29/06:

Who represented **RHS** as they reached semi-finals during the 1976-77 Scholastic Bowl?

Ans: J. Martin, J. Kwiatkowski, E. Walker, and L. Mlodzienski By the way, Riverside placed 3rd. Not bad at all!

Question/Info Posted 10/11/06:

Who served on the "**Coke Crew**" during the 1966-67 school year at RHS?

Ans: Students were Jane Merritt, Donna Schild, Mary Jane Evans, Kathy Graham, Ronnie Imdorf, Terry Smith, Joe Semion, Craig Bowen and David MacArt. Advisor was the late Betty Jane Caswell.

Question/Info Posted 9/17/06:

What year did we begin playing football against Old Forge High School?

Ans: 1939 Prior to the Taylor-Moosic merger, Taylor High School Trojans first played against OFHS in 1939. This was 7 years before our current stadium was built. During this first full season, the Trojans finished the season with a 3-4-1 record. This researcher was told that in the beginning, Taylor High played their home games in the vicinity of the current high school campus.

Question/Info Posted 9/17/06:

For what reason was the annual "Back-to-School Night" event postponed during the 2001-02 school year at Riverside Elementary West?

Ans: It was scheduled to take place the evening of 9-11

Question/Info Posted 9/6/06:

What was the first meal served in the cafeteria of Riverside JR. - SR. High School?

Ans: Shepherd's Pie

Source: Suzanne (Switak) Osterstrom

Question/Info Posted 8/29/06:

Who was the first Miss Viking?

Ans: Nancy (Felcovetz) Nash In fact, Nancy held this title during her junior and senior years. 1961- 62 and 1962- 63. She was also the Taylor-Moosic High School's "Class of 1963" Prom Queen.

Question/Info Posted 6/30/06:

Who was named "Outstanding Senior Football Player" from the Class of 1968?

Ans: Pat Barrett

Question/Info Posted 6/08/06:

What were some of the local business/utility companies our school district dealt with back in the early 1960's?

Ans: (To name a few) Moosic Lumber Co., Tom Taylor (sporting goods), Scranton Dry Goods, Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, Bell Telephone Co., Neway Stores, Inc., Oister's Service Station, Kavulich's Market, Weissberger's Store, Weinberger Co., Catarino's Shoe Service, Andy's Garage, Rafalko Bros. Garage, Horger Bros., Butt's Service Station, Taylor Auto Exchange

Question/Info Posted 5/22/06:

What year did Taylor High School begin to playing varsity football?

Answer: Fall of 1938

Only one game was played this year. St. Ann's High School of West Scranton beat Taylor High 6-0. Full schedules came in 1939 with a 3-4-1 record.

Question/Info Posted 4/30/06:

Who was Miss Viking from the Class of 1987?

Paula Praschak Rebar

F.Y.I. Here is how I choose some trivias. I simply go into the new Taylor Community Library and pick out any yearbook from the shelf. I try to bounce from one decade to another. I flip through pages and find anything to put in. This makes it a random selection in a sense.

Shawn

Question/Info Posted 4/09/06:

Who was crowned Homecoming Queen from the RHS Class of 1976 1975?

Ans: Linda Sluck Chmielewski

Who was crowned Homecoming Queen from the RHS Class of 1976?

Ans: Diane Wielibinski

ALSO:

An excerpt from the November 23, 1956 Scranton Times:

(The day after the OF-Taylor High football game)

THE GRIDDERS OF COACH ELIO GHIGIARELLI, NEVERTHELESS, HAD TO SETTLE FOR A 6-6 STALEMATE IN A BRISTLING BATTLE WITH THE NEIGHBORING TROJANS OF TAYLOR.

SOME 4,000 BRAVED THE CRISPY WEATHER AT TAYLOR STADIUM WHICH WAS CONSPICUOUS BY THE **ABSENCE OF GOAL POSTS**. JUST WHEN AND HOW AND BY WHOM THE UPRIGHTS HAD BEEN LIFTED IS A PUZZLE STILL TO BE SOLVED.

TAYLOR AND OLD FORGE MET FOR THE 18TH TIME SINCE THEIR GRID STARTED IN 1939 AND NEITHER SHOWS AN EDGE IN THE NUMBER OF VICTORIES. EACH HAS WON EIGHT TIMES AND THE OTHER TWO ENDED IN STALEMATES. THE PREVIOUS DEADLOCK OCCURRED IN 1950 AND THE SCORE THEN WAS IDENTICAL TO YESTERDAY'S.

(NOTE: BOB REESE WAS COACH OF THE TROJANS)
SOURCE: SHAWN MURPHY'S MOM'S H.S. SCRAPBOOK

Question/Info Posted 4/05/06:

When did the "Big Eleven" football conference begin?

Ans: 1969

ALSO:

(From the January 2, 1910 edition of The Scranton Tribune-Republican Newspaper)

The Taylor Baseball club organized for the coming season , Friday evening at Stanton's Parlors, and elected the following officers. President, John Rufibach; Secretary, Richard Connolly; Manager, Gomer E. Davis. The following players have been signed for the coming season. D. Evans, H. Weisenfluh, J. Burns, E. Berger, F. White, A. Davis, C. Scull, H. Scull, J. Hanley, M. Day, T. Evans and W. Evans. The team will conduct a benefit sometime in February.

(From the January 10, 1910 edition of the Scranton Tribune-Republican Newspaper)

John Schield, of Harrison Street, the well-known baseball pitcher, was seriously injured in the Pyne Mine by falling under a trip of cars upon which he was riding. He was taken to the Moses Taylor Hospital. His injuries consisted of several ugly gashes on the head and a broken ankle.

Question/Info Posted 3/20/06:

What year were the "preliminary plans" drawn up for the new "Greenwood" Elementary School?

Ans: 1966 Originally named Moosic Elementary, this school is now called "Riverside Elementary East." In 2004 a major renovation project was completed, allowing this school to compete academically in the 21st century. (Riverside JR.-SR. High School and Riverside Elementary West School also went through similar renovations with the same goals in mind.)

Question/Info Posted 3/15/06:

Who was the very first head coach of the "Lady Vikes Basketball" team?

Ans: Ms. Janet Kresge

Question/Info Posted 3/8/06:

When was approval of "the building of a press box at the football stadium" granted?

Ans: August 1966

Question/Info Posted 2/27/06:

Who wrote the Riverside High School alma mater?

Ans: The late Betty Jane Caswell, Music Educator and Band Director at RHS

The melody comes from "God of our Fathers"

Source: David MacArt, former Social Studies Teacher at RHS

Dave tells us he was the first to hear the finished work in the living room of of his family homestead on Union Street in Taylor. Betty Jane was his cousin.

Question/Info Posted 2/20/06:

A Couple of Riverside Firsts...The "Taylor/Moosic Jointure" took place on July 20, 1961. In the years to follow we would be renamed Riverside. Below are a "couple of firsts" on the Viking Voyage!

**Superintendent - Mr. William J. Powell
H.S. Principal - Mr. Merwyn Howells
H.S. V-Principal - Mr. Richard Carroll
Elementary Supervisor - Mr. John Weir
Dir. of Curriculum - Mr. Patrick C. Rivello
Head Football Coach - Mr. Bernard Gillespie
Asst. Football Coaches - Mr. James Connors, Mr. Joseph Mekilo
Head Basketball Coach - Mr. Louis Pettinato
Asst. Basketball Coach - Mr. Edward Helcoski
Head Baseball Coach - Mr. Joseph Kakareka
Asst. Baseball Coach - Mr. Joseph Mekilo
Faculty Manager - Mr. Edward Helcoski
Truant Officer - Mr. Joseph Kneiss
School Nurses- Mrs. Charlotte Davies, Miss Ann Hamadik
Guidance Counselors- Mr. Edward Helcoski, Mr. William Jones
Faculty Treasurer - Mr. Winfield Masters
Band Director – Betty Jane Caswell
Units Director – Tessie Gondella Bard**

Question/Info Posted 2/14/06:

What was another popular nominated name for our district when "Taylor-Moosic" became Riverside?

Answer: KEYAWANNA SCHOOL DISTRICT Timothy "Keys" was one of the first settlers in the Lackawanna Valley. He settled on the Lackawanna River in present-day Taylor c. 1770. The nominator combined history with geography by taking Keys' name and part of "Lackawanna" to form this word.

Source: J. Dennis Kryzanowski, former Principal of RHS