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Marsha Loney Retires with Golden Apple and Cool Car

By Cheryl Hamel

On June 10th we will be losing a gifted and loving teacher to a well-deserved retirement. Marsha Loney has been teaching third grade at PB for 23 years. She is one of our longest tenured teachers. On May 22nd, Marsha was given a "surprise" retirement luncheon in the gym that was attended by a host of PB families, teachers, and longtime friends.

Born and raised in Fort Wayne, Marsha is the eldest child of Kenny and Hope Diss. She has a sister in Port Orchard, WA, and a brother in Clearwater, FL. She was influenced to go into teaching by her grandmother, who taught in a one room schoolhouse and fostered Marsha's love of the profession. Marsha received her teaching degree from Indiana University and after spending a year teaching in Costa Rica, was hired as a fourth grade teacher at Aboite Elementary School in southwest Allen County. She was introduced to Dennis Loney in 1972 by one of her friends, and one year later, Marsha and Dennis were married. They had two children together. Heather, born in 1977, was only one day old when she passed away. Kimberly was born in 1978 and Marsha stayed home for ten years to raise her.

When Kimberly was in the fifth grade, Marsha decided to return to teaching and landed an interview with Sister Jean, who was the current principal at PB. Marsha admitted that she had no idea where PB was located and relied on Dennis to get her to the school. She was not Catholic, but Dennis, who had been raised in St. Jude parish, knew exactly where to find PB. Marsha was hired to fill the vacant third grade position and a short time later began private lessons with a priest and converted to Catholicism.

Marsha has countless memories of her years at PB. She stated that her tenure here at PB has been "terrific" and that she "couldn't have asked for a better staff and teaching environment." Marsha has made "very dear friends" here at PB and will miss not seeing them on a daily basis. She says that she has most enjoyed all

the different kids that she has gotten to know throughout the years, and many of her most memorable moments involve things that her third graders have said or done. Although these special memories were far too numerous to mention in this article, Marsha reminisced about some of Sally Klotz's animals escaping from the fourth grade classroom and coming across the hall to visit. Examples include "HP", Sally's rabbit, whose favorite spot for defecating was in the corner of Mrs. Loney's room, and the gerbils rolling completely down the stairs in their exercise ball. Yes, they survived!

When asked what they liked best about Mrs. Loney's class, Marsha's current students had varied answers. She uses spelling words in sentences, so they can understand. In religion, she gives examples of ways to be better and helps them understand Bible stories. She shows different methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing in math. Mrs. Loney makes art and science fun. When a student gets in trouble, Mrs. Loney gives them a second chance. Lastly, one student actually said that he likes the homework because it makes him a better student. When I asked my own children what they will remember about Mrs. Loney's class, two loved coming in from recess to a story read aloud to the students and one said that she would never forget making the Q-tip skeletons.

Marsha was recently honored as the Indiana NewsCenter Golden Apple Award winner. She was completely shocked at the special (Continued on page 3)



PB Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to the following students on their recent accomplishments.

- **April Atteberry, Derek Bowyer, Jenna Giron - 7th**
1st Place Middle School, Journal Gazette Fall 2010 Stock Market Game
- **Marissa Mason, Steven Moore, Nikki Ramirez, Patrick Rorick - 7th**
2nd Place Middle School, Journal Gazette Fall 2010 Stock Market Game
- **Cesar Chantaca - 6th**
4th Place out of 17 contestants in the Regional Spelling Bee
- **Varsity Cheerleaders - 7th/8th**
3rd Place in the large squad division at Bishop Dwenger competition
- **Chandler Fairfield, Jacob Schall - 8th and Nikki Ramirez - 7th**
Best City Name (Hoffnog), IPFW Future City Competition
- **Colleen Goleeke - 7th**
2nd Place in Engineering: Materials and Biological, IPFW Regional Science Fair
- **Cole Bergman - 3rd**
1st Place in 3rd Grade in Mathnasium's TriMathlon
- **Sam Hefty - 3rd**
3rd Place in 3rd Grade in Mathnasium's TriMathlon
- **Isabella Case - 7th**
1st Place in Engineering: Materials and Biological, IPFW Regional Science Fair; Special Award from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers
- **Rebekah Staples - 2nd**
1st Place in Second Grade; Special Award from the Northeastern Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Freidel Director's Special Award; Freidel Most Promising Young Scientist Special Award, IPFW Regional Science Fair.
- **Taylor Burke, Cameron Kahlenbeck - 8th**
Recipients of Bishop Dwenger Merit Scholarship
- **Landon Bailey, Taylor Burke - 8th**
Allen County Non-Public School Association Distinguished Graduates

Where Are They Now?

by Jill Bowyer

Mindy (Hartman) Mayol PB Class of 1989

After competing in every CYO sport offered at PB it isn't surprising that Mindy Mayol made fitness/wellness her vocation. Over a span of nearly 15 years, Mindy has been a personal trainer and group fitness instructor, worked with the National Institute for Fitness and Sport, St. Vincent Hospitals and a group of cardiologists and physicians in health promotion and fitness. She has taught for the University of Indianapolis in the Department of Kinesiology since 2003 and currently serves as Faculty Instructor, Student Wellness Course Coordinator and Exercise Science Internship Advisor. She recently authored *Wellness: The Total Package* (Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company), a textbook used by the University of Indianapolis as well as by other colleges and universities nationwide. She was recently named the 2010 Recreation Professional of the Year by the Indiana Chapter of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAPHERD).

Mindy graduated from North Side High School in 1993 and received both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Kinesiology from Indiana University, but following in the footsteps of both her father and grandfather, her education began right here at PB with Barb Roberts' kindergarten class in 1980. While at PB Mindy played volleyball, basketball (coached by dad Paul Hartman, Jr.) softball, track and cheerleading (coached by mom Marta Hartman). She balanced sports with the arts and participated in the spring musicals *Wizard of Oz*, *Peter Pan*, *The Sound of Music*, *Hello Dolly* and *Oklahoma* with the late Pat Raucci. She also served a stint on student government.

Mindy sums it up well, "Overall, I would say the PB years (or as I like to say,



the 'PB Experience') were truly some of the best years of my life. From my parents and family, the teachers, Sister Jean (our principal at the time), friends and classmates, the sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation, CYO sports and coaches, spring musicals, TV room experience, Christmas plays, first kiss (ha!), art class with Gerri Nix, music class with Mr. Didier and Mrs. Haft, bowling alley fun, my 8th grade class party at the lake . . . these special memories will remain with me for a lifetime and plant a smile on my face every time I think of one of them. I think of all these wonderful times and experiences and hope that my sons will get the same experience at their school here in Indy. It is hard to consolidate all these great times into one specific memory but these experiences have fully enriched my life. Thank you, PB family!"

Mindy is married to Matt Mayol, an architect and President of the firm Odle McGuire Shook. They have two sons, Alexander (Alex, age 4) and Vincent (Vinny, age 2) who are full of life, energy and innocence. "They keep us honest and inspire us every day to be the best we can be for them and for the world," she says. The Mayols are parishioners at St. Matthew Catholic Church where the boys will someday attend school and where they look forward to continuing their Catholic tradition.

Mindy is the daughter of Paul and Marta Hartman. Her mother suggested her for this article. If you would like to suggest a former student for this column, please e-mail jmbowyer@frontier.com.

Most Precious Blood Graduates 93 Students!

23 8th Graders
23 Kindergartners
47 Preschoolers

Congratulations to all of our 2011 graduates!



Remembering Our Boy Scout: Gus McLaughlin

By Diane Giron

Most Precious Blood School has been blessed over the years with the time, talent and treasures of many generous individuals. Mr. Robert C. (Gus) McLaughlin was one such individual who over the course of 30 years played a significant role in the development of the Boy Scout program at PB.

Mr. McLaughlin was born on October 4, 1936. He was a lifetime member of the parish and attended Precious Blood School. He joined Boy Scout Troop 17 as a young boy and under the leadership of Herb Tilbury and Mr. Lash began a lifelong love of Scouting.

When Gus's oldest son Bob was old enough to join Cub Scouts, he became a leader so Bob and other young boys could experience Scouting and learn its values. Gus wanted both of his sons (Bob and TJ) and other youth live their lives true to the Scout Oath and Scout Law thus preparing them for life where ethical and moral choices would challenge them. Gus knew that scout leaders could not achieve this goal on their own and understood that family involvement was necessary for the boys to be successful. Parents signed their sons' merit books when various requirements were completed, and families attended celebrations when badges were awarded.

One of Gus's major goals as a Scout leader was to have all boys achieve their respective religious awards: the ParVuli Dei award for the Cub Scouts and the Ad Altare Dei award for Boy Scouts. During McLaughlin's 30-tenure as Scout Master (1967-1997) fourteen boys earned Eagle Scout status including his sons Bob and

TJ. Of course, scouting wasn't all about badges and awards. Camping trips, some in sub-zero weather, were a monthly activity and aluminum can drives were common. The boys learned about first aid, survival, swimming, Citizenship of the World and many other topics.

Mr. McLaughlin received many awards for his leadership skills. He received the St. George Award, which recognizes service to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting; the district Award of Merit from the Catholic Committee on Scouting; the George Meany award for contributions to youth through Scouting; the Anthony Wayne Area Council patch; and the Silver Beaver Award.

The McLaughlin's were a true "Scouting family." Wife Judy became a den mother, grandsons David and Dan McLaughlin and Joe, Josh and Ben Porter were all members of Troop 17. Daughter Cathy was a tiger cub leader and son-in-law the late Mark Porter took over as Scout Master when Gus retired. Mr. McLaughlin was assisted over the years by Ralph Vaughn, Carl Keller, Mike Byrie, Tom Mason and many others.

Gus McLaughlin died on September 15, 2009 having left an indelible mark at Most Precious Blood School. We know he was happy to see Troop 17 rechartered in 2004 and active once again. Cub Pack 3317 is active and full of young boys eager to continue scouting, too. We honor Gus and his family for their many years of service to our Scouting program.

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assembly with the announcement that she had been nominated and was chosen as the recipient. Marsha was told that the assembly was going to have a guest speaker on bullying. Marsha remarked that she saw the news personalities and cameras, but she thought they were there to cover the bullying story. Needless to say, it was a huge surprise! She also won the use of a Volkswagon Eos convertible to drive for the months of June and July. Marsha declared, "What a way to go out!"

So, how will Marsha spend all her free time during retirement? She is looking forward to sleeping in, reading lots of books, and travelling with her husband. When asked why she picked this year for retirement, Marsha simply stated that, "It was always the plan to do so when I turned age '9'" (we'll keep that a secret). She is looking forward to travelling to see her siblings and then to a big trip to Europe in 2013 for her 40th wedding anniversary. Marsha will also spend time with her daughter and her feisty grand-dog, Spicy, a 15 year old chihuahua. We may still see her at PB next year as she did volunteer to come back on occasion to sub for absent teachers. Therefore, this isn't so much a goodbye, but a see you later!

Thank you, Mrs. Loney, for your tender loving care and dedication to our children's education! From the bottom of many grateful hearts, we would like to wish you a wonderful retirement and a fulfillment of all your dreams! Enjoy the rest and relaxation that you so deserve!

Duncan Smith Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

By Diane Giron

Duncan Smith, son of Brad and Diane Smith and member of Most Precious Blood Troop 17, received his Eagle Scout medal and badge at a special ceremony on Sunday, February 2, 2011.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). A Scout who attains this rank is called an Eagle Scout or Eagle. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes

an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout.

Duncan earned all of the required merit badges and completed his service project which was remodeling and updating the Teen Room at the YWCA Women's shelter in Fort Wayne. He passed his Board of Review, the final step in achieving Eagle Scout rank, on December 2, 2010.

Troop 17 is thrilled with Duncan's achievement. Mr. Tilbury, Mr. Lash, Mr. McLaughlin and all of the other leaders who came before us would be proud. Congratulations, Duncan!



Students Support Kate's Kart

by Jared Turner

When I was in the Hospital on November 14, 2010, a volunteer from Kate's Kart stopped by my room to see if I wanted a book to read. So I chose the book *The Sea of Monsters*. It was a really good book. I was very thankful for Kate's Kart and what they do. After I got out of the hospital, I had student council that Thursday. I told them about what happened during my stay at the hospital. They agreed to help out the organization by purchasing books with the left over money from the special days at school. Student Council ordered books to donate and my mom and I delivered them the next week. Kate's Kart is a great organization and they are great people!



"Baby Kate" was born on June 26, 2006. Shortly after her birth, she was diagnosed with heart and pulmonary defects. During Kate's journey, she endured 4 open heart surgeries, 5 heart catheterizations, and over 150 days in the hospital. During her stays in the hospital, one of Kate's favorite things to do was look at books and have others read to her. She also loved eating ice cream and popsicles, and going on wagon rides. On January 15, 2008, at the age of just 18 months, her fragile heart gave out and she passed from her mother's arms into her Heavenly Father's arms.

In honor of Kate, and her love of books, the Layman family decided to start a rolling book cart in the pediatric unit of a local hospital as a way to give back to the medical community that had taken such great care of Kate. The cart would be filled with new books, and each child would be able to select a book off the cart to keep. The cart was fondly named, "Kate's Kart".

(Taken from the Kate's Kart Website)

PB Choir Attends Pueri Cantores Festival



Our middle school choir participated in the Pueri Cantores Festival at the Basilica of Notre Dame this year. We spent the morning and early part of the afternoon rehearsing with other students from the Diocese. It was a great experience because the students were able to sing with more experienced singers and perform in a traditional Latin Mass later in the afternoon. After the Mass had ended, Bishop Rhoades told the group it was the best music he has heard since he became Bishop of the Diocese. Choir members participating included: Jenna Giron, Michelle Cox, Isabella Case, Will O'Hern, Giovanni Warner, Colleen Goleeke, Nikki Ramirez, Stephanie Hanic and Marissa Mason.

Thank You

The following "wishes" have been granted, either by direct donation or purchased with funds donated through the Partner Club since the last newsletter was published in December. Thank you very much for your generosity and support of Most Precious Blood School!

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Pattern Block Picture Cards
Balance & Bears Set
Fisher Price Nativity
Transparent Counting Chips
Animal X-rays

Kindergarten

Rolling Pins Set • Playground Balls
Set of Unifix Cubes
Loving Family Grand Dollhouse Set

Grade 1

Teacher Space Organizer
Set of Magnetic Boards • Tray Sorter
Make a Word • Two Sided Easel

Grade 3

High Velocity Fan • Pencil Sharpener
Sidewalk Chalk • Box of Crayons

Grade 4

Microworlds Science Set & Toolkit
Schoolhouse Rock Multiplication CD
Headphones

Grade 5

USA Sound Puzzle • Stack n Pack
Patriots Set • Religion CD Rom
Sign of the Beaver Book Set
Field Trip Fees

Junior High

Print Artist Software
Family Reading Night Sponsorship
Strawberry DNA Extraction Kit
Volcanic Eruptions Kit
Aquatic Toxicity Test Kit
Classroom Novels • Rock Cycle Kit
Earthquakes Activity Book
Set of 30 Bibles

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Resource Room

Handwriting Activity
Alphabet Puzzle Mat and Word Game
Main Idea Game • Pencil Sharpener
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Music

Fiberglass Xylophones
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PB Says Farewell to Former Student and Generous Benefactor

by Diane Giron

Robert Clarence Junk was born on September 2, 1920 in Fort Wayne and died peacefully on January 26, 2011 in Catonsville, Maryland. He was the twelfth of fourteen children born to John and Ellen Junk. He and his siblings all attended Most Precious Blood School in the early part of the century. After graduating from Central Catholic High School, he worked his way through college at Indiana University by driving a bookmobile for the Allen County Public Library.

Robert and six of his brothers served in different branches of the military during World War II. He was part of a crew that flew 35 bombing missions over Japan, flying over the battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay at the time that the Japanese were signing the terms of surrender. Interestingly, Mr. Junk was interviewed for an oral history project documenting World War II. That Veterans History Project (VHP) is available from the Library of Congress. After the war, he continued his education in journalism. He was again called by the Air Force Reserves to return to active duty

in the Korean War. After the war, he was hired as an administrative assistant by Congressman Ralph Harvey from Indiana. He subsequently worked for Congressman Roger Zion and Congressman Elwood Hillis for a total of 25 years of employment on Capital Hill.

Robert Junk truly loved Most Precious Blood School, as did his entire family. I first spoke with Mr. Junk on the telephone after receiving his generous contribution to the school window replacement project in 2006. He was a very interesting gentleman with stories to tell, most of them not about himself, but about his pride in the accomplishments of his brothers and sisters. We corresponded a few times via mail. He sent articles featuring his two sisters, Sister Mary Luca CPPS and Sister Emiliana CPPS. I was struck by his humility. Though his contribution was significant, he didn't want accolades or recognition. He only asked that three large gym windows be dedicated to his siblings who served in the Most Precious Blood Order (his brother Fr. Walter Junk CPPS was also

a priest) and that windows be named for each of his other siblings as well as his parents. When a second contribution arrived from Robert for the window project, my husband called to see if he had any specific requests. His response was, "Young man, this is your project. I trust you to do what you need to do with the money." We sat for awhile just amazed at this humble and generous man and his love for his family and the school he attended so many years ago. We sent Christmas cards after that, but sadly, that was the last time we spoke with him.

A funeral Mass was held at Most Precious Blood Church on April 9, 2011 and a Memorial Mass will be held on September 3, 2011 at Charlestown Community Center in Catonsville, Maryland. *May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.*

Portions of this article taken from the obituary featured in Fort Wayne Newspapers.

The Spring Musical - A Precious Blood Tradition



Continuing its 32-year tradition, Most Precious Blood School presented its annual spring musical on May 20 and 21. This year's production was "The Big Bad Musical," in which the notorious Big Bad Wolf is slapped with a class-action lawsuit by a host of storybook characters who want to get even. As Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf each testify, the wolf seems deserving of the worst punishment, but the outcome of the trial is left to the audience who plays the jury. The cast and crew held up the long-standing tradition of excellence with this musical under the direction of Dot Cochran and Tina Bailey. Congratulations on a great production!

Now, Margaret Haft, former PB music teacher and shares her memory of the very first PB spring musical:

The spring of 1980, Precious Blood students presented the musical *Oliver*, an adaptation of the classic, *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens. Sr. Donna Liette, CPPS, our new 4th grade teacher, was the spark behind this production and she found a willing assistant director in Pat Raucci, 7th grade homeroom teacher. We followed the original Broadway musical. Ron Harker, 5th grade, was Oliver. His solo, *Where is Love*, came early in the first act. He held the audience; he held all of us spellbound. Our Fagin, Nancy, Bett, Bill Sykes, The Artful Dodger, Mr. Bumble and the rest of the cast . . . what a grand time they had on stage! What fun! What a terrific learning experience, singing, acting, and dancing.

There was a Thursday evening dress rehearsal and Friday and Saturday evening performances. Sr. Donna was directing the whole time, making changes from Thursday to Friday and Friday to Saturday.

The opening scene was in the lunchroom at the workhouse. Mr. Bumble was in charge of a stage full of orphans. The song was *Food, Glorious Food*. The children held cereal bowls supposedly containing gruel. They licked the bowls clean. For our final Saturday performance, Sr. Donna instructs the orphans to cover their faces with their bowls. They are to put the bowls in their laps when Mr. Bumble strikes the stage floor two times with his staff. The staff pounding has been in the scene all along, but this time Mr. Bumble bumbles. He forgets to pound the floor. The orphans sit frozen in place, with their faces covered and the audience laughs, then howls.

My son, Chuck, 4th grade orphan, "Mom, it was awful. I was so embarrassed." I reassured him, "No, Chuck, that was great! The audience loved it. I'm sorry you were embarrassed."

Thinking back it may have been the largest cast for any of the PB productions -- grades 4 through 8. If you did not have a speaking part, you were one of Fagin's boys or an orphan, or you found a place on stage crew. Me? I taught the songs and played the music.

First Holy Communion 2011



Thirty-five 2nd graders received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1. Due to the large class size, a special mass was scheduled in the afternoon. Congratulations to the children and their families!

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