

Alumni of the Month

Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscraft have been staples of the Township community for over 60 years now. Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscraft graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1951 and 1954, respectively. These high school sweethearts share a truly beautiful story. Today, they are enjoying a lovely retirement and living out their days to the fullest.

Mr. Ravenscraft, who is a proud veteran of the Korean War, graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1951 and went to work at Bethlehem Steel Mill in Johnstown, PA soon after. Mr. Ravenscraft grew up in Davidsville, where he resides today with his wife. In high school, Mr. Ravenscraft was very skilled on the wrestling mats, losing only one match his senior year. His fondest memories include this time spent wrestling for Township. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing while attending high school, and his favorite teacher was Mr. Greniner, the math teacher. If he had to give one piece of advice to current students, he would tell them to study hard.

Mrs. Ravenscraft, who grew up in Jerome, PA, graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1954, three years after Mr. Ravenscraft. After graduation, she worked at Bestform Foundations in the shipping department. Since she retired from Bestform, she has been “enjoying a beautiful retirement” with her husband. Mrs. Ravenscraft had many “favorites” in high school, but some of those memories include the dances at lunch and participating in the marching band during the football games. Some of Mrs. Ravenscraft’s other favorites were her English teacher, Miss Will, as well as being a part of band, chorus, and Y-teens club. Mrs. Ravenscraft wants current students to enjoy their time in high school while they are still in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscraft fell in love in high school, making them high school sweethearts. They have been blessed to have the chance to live their lives alongside one another. The two were married on August 4, 1956, and have created a beautiful family for themselves in the last 68 years, beginning with the

birth of their two daughters, Vicky Vann and Terri Lehman. They also have three granddaughters, Katie, Kelly, and Kelsey Vann, who are all alumni of Conemaugh Township as well. Luckily, the two were able to retire early from their jobs, which allowed them to create new adventures together through their travels. The Ravenscrafts traveled to their favorite place, Alaska, three times, spent 14 winters in Florida, and worked for four summers at Yellowstone National Park. When they aren't traveling, Mr. Ravenscraft still enjoys catching a Township football game when he can. The Ravenscrafts are very proud graduates of Conemaugh Township, and they are very pleased to see how the school has kept up since their departure. Thank you for sharing your story of true love and success at Conemaugh Township with us!

