

Dear Shipmate,

It's that time of year again. The annual get together will be on April 28, 2012 at the Leming House (this is where it has been the past couple of years).

Remember you can get this information at any time by going to www.Shipmates68.com links section left side down the page. Our email is Shipmates68@gmail.com.

Please don't forget to send Ken Hammel a birthday card on March 28. His address is: 15250 Prestonwood Blvd. Apt. #155
Dallas, TX 75248

Mr Hammel has a video on the net, here is the link:

http://veteranslestweforget.com/index.php?option=com_hwdvideoshare&task=viewvideo&Itemid=53&video_id=114

Steve Bond

PRINCETON JUNIOR SCHOOL - Tour and Shipmate Assembly

It was the fall of 1962 and the Princeton School District was opening the new Princeton Junior School. Our class was coming together from all of the district's elementary schools and merged as the inaugural 7th Grade Class. Unbeknownst to us at the time, this was the beginning of the "Shipmates of 68", our association with Ken Hammel and the beginning of many memories and good times together. That was 50 years ago...hard to believe. Now as progress marches on, at the conclusion of this next school year (June 2013) the building will be torn down to make way for the new combined Princeton Middle School/High School structure. For those wishing to visit the building one last time before it's demise, an opportunity to tour the building has been arranged on Friday evening April 27 at 6:30 pm.

In speaking with Marni Durham the principal of the Junior/Middle School to arrange a tour, I offered members of our class and original staff members as a "living history" resource for present students and staff. She was excited about the prospects and immediately scheduled an assembly on Monday April 30 featuring those of us that are interested. The exact format has not been decided but probably a panel of "us" answering any questions from "them". Any and all Shipmates are welcome to attend to observe or be a part of the panel. The assembly will begin at 2:15 pm and go until the end of the school day at 3:00 pm. The building will be available at the conclusion of the assembly for those wishing to take a tour at that time.

** Entrance for both activities will be at the main entrance on the north side by the flagpole. There is visitor's parking on the east side (Chester Road side) and a temporary sidewalk to the main entrance. As construction is already underway access and parking is a bit problematic, so arrive early and be flexible.

If you have any questions regarding the tour or assembly feel free to contact - Mike Lindner (970) 226-8558 or Email - lindnerse@gmail.com

A SLICE OF LIFEA SHIPMATE CELEBRATION

A slice of TIME....."MAKE TIME" Saturday April 28, 2012 ~~ from 1 pm to 6 pm Leming House, Milford, Ohio (map & directions attached)

A slice of HAM....."HAMMING IT UP" by "The \$hippendale\$"~~ bring your dollar bill\$

A slice of CHEESE....."SAY CHEESE" Group Photo 2 pm. ~~ Plus individual Photo ops

A slice of MADNESS....."MADNESS...I tell you it's MADNESS" Twister & Hoopla Hoops at our age plus Wheelchair vs Walker Races ~~ Mr. Hammel challenges all you whipper-snappers!!!

A slice of PIZZA....."PIZZA" Ordering around 3 pm ~~ eat around 4 pm. \$5 per person if you want pizza, otherwise bring your own food. and EVERYONE should bring their own beverage of choice.

A slice of PIE....."PIE, PRETZELS & POPCORN" we will provide snacks & desserts.

A slice of FREEDOM....."LET FREEDOM RING" Yes alcohol is permitted. Smoke 'em if you've got 'em but keep 'em outside.

A slice of LEMON "PUCKER UP" and kiss some butt ~~ the teachers are coming. Hopefully 5 or 6 from Jr. High & maybe some from PHS. Lobb, Hauck, Copeland, Vidic & Marilyn Chambers, etc.

A slice of REALITY....."REALITY SUCKS" ~~ 50 years ago we started 7th grade at the Jr. High !! See the attached INFORMATION sheet for details on the Jr. High Tour. & about attending an assembly with the current Jr. High students. What a hoot that could be!!!!

TOUR.....Friday April 27th ~~ 6:30 pm

ASSEMBLY.....Monday April 30th ~~ 2:15 till 3 pm

A slice of HEAVEN....."HEAVENLY SHIPMATES" honored in an Album. Say a little prayer as you view the photos & obits. Do you have information or stories to add?

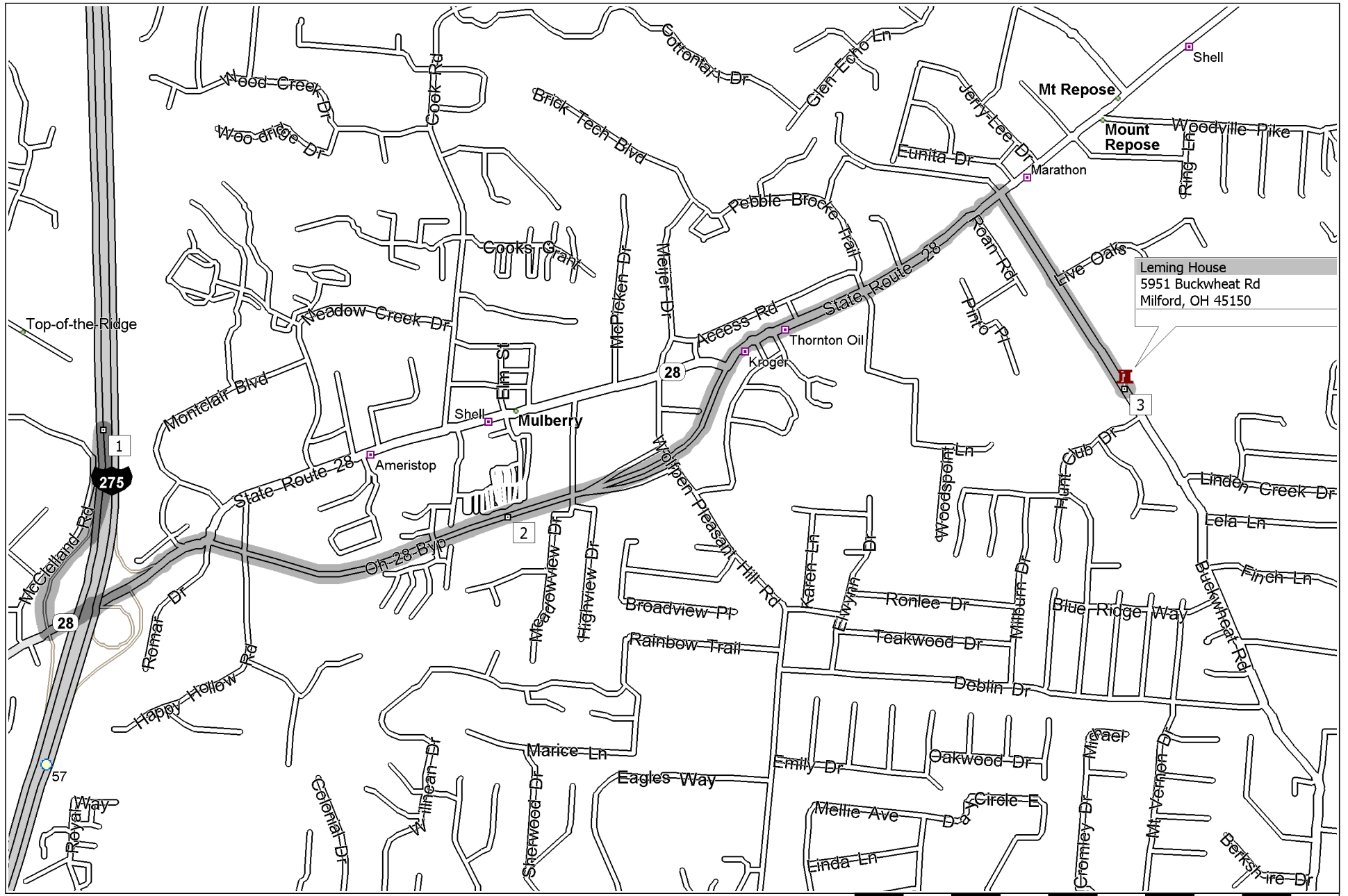
A slice of STEAK....."WELL DONE" to those of you who made a contribution. But we still need more \$\$ to pay for ALL of the Hammel's travel expenses. Currently and we are only "MEDIUM WELL" ~~ half-way to our goal.

A slice of POTATO....."SWEET AS CAN BE". Bring old Elementary and Jr. High photos and memorabilia to share. Can't wait to see those MUGS ~~ cowlicks, missing teeth and whatever else you find & bring to the table!!!.

A slice of LIGHT..... "THE LIGHT OF OUR LIFE". We never know what Mr. Hammel has in store for us, so put a little light in your life and join us at this

SHIPMATE SLICE OF LIFE CELEBRATION

57 to Leming House



Leming House
5951 Buckwheel Rd
Milford, OH 45150



Driving Directions to the Leming House

From Princeton get off 275 at exit 57 (Milford) and turn left.

From Anderson or Eastgate area exit 275 at exit 57 (Milford) and turn right.

Stay on State route 28, you will pass Kroger, Home Depot and Kohls.

When you get to AutoZone (on left) make a right turn on Buckwheat Rd. Buckwheat Rd. only goes to the right.

The Leming House is located in Community Park which will be on your right.

The entrance to the Leming House is located on the left side of the building as viewed from Buckwheat Rd. You may also enter from the deck on the back of the building or through the restrooms located on the right side of the building (please pay attention to the gender signs on the doors).

If the parking lot is full please park in the school lot across the street and call Steve Bond @ (513) 497-9559. We will shuttle you to the Leming House.

For those of you with GPS's, the address to the Leming House is 5951 Buckwheat Rd., Milford, Ohio 45150.