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Bill Ward stands in front of his home at 1010 Philadelphia Pike, which in 1865 became the second Mount Pleasant School. He's holding a photo of the building and students from the early 1900s.

# Surprise anniversary pleases Mount Pleasant

What high school thought was the 150th is actually its 175th

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An odd thing happened when an employee at Mount Pleasant High School in Penny Hill peered into the school's past to help mark its 150th anniversary.

He discovered the school is really 25 years older.

Clint Dantine, webmaster for the school's Web site, intended only to write a couple of paragraphs to go on the site about Mount Pleasant's history. But the more he found out, the more he continued to dig.

"The Class of 1976 did a history of the school," said Dantine, explaining the discrepancy. "They had 1855 as the original date. We were very fortunate because [1830, the new date] was an increment of 25. What are the odds of that?"

So the celebration is still on, with even more years to boast about. Activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary are planned at the beginning of the new school year, and school alumni are invited, said assistant principal Tracy Woodson.



Mount Pleasant High School's yearbook, "The Green Leaf," got its start in the school's third home, on Duncan Road.

"It's fantastic that it has such a long heritage," said senior Aviva Elzufon, 17. "Many schools don't have such in-depth history as Mount Pleasant."

Mount Pleasant High is in its fourth building, and all of them are still standing, including the original one-room, 1830 schoolhouse in what is now Bellevue State Park, said Dan-

tinne, director of the school's Broadcast Learning Center, which includes radio station WMPH and a TV Center.

"Andrew Jackson was the seventh president of the United States when the school started, so that kind of puts it into perspective," he said.

The 1830 school was part of School District No. 2, and it was

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