

*Sarah Book*

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HIRT ANNIVERSARY SONG, 1966  
tune - "Green, Green"

Today we celebrate with pride,  
Our "Diamond Jubilee"  
God Bless us all and keep us too,  
In perfect harmony.

Chorus: Hirt, Hirt, Hirt, we say,  
Is a name that's here to stay,  
Hirt, Hirt, now sing it loud  
On our "Anni-ver-s-ary Day".

Many years ago, far over the sea,  
Lived a man in Old Stille, (ee).  
He decided to roam, and left his home  
For a brand new coun-t-ry (ee).

He settled here and he settled there,  
Then back across the sea,  
Until he found his stamping ground,  
Right here in this count-y (ee).

Now when Casper Hirt turned 34  
He struck a lucky day.  
He took a bride named Fannie Vogt  
In Phil-s-del-phi-a.

Good fortune came, success as well  
As you no doubt can see,  
Eight sons, one daughter were born to them  
To start the family tree.

Of that family of 9 we remember these 6  
Brother Charles, Sam, Frank, Ed and Lew,  
And in the west Lizzie made her nest  
And raised her fam-i-ly, too.

Now once a year we gather here,  
To keep up with "Our Clan".  
To greet the new - respect the few  
Who have gone to the "Promised Land".

To all who came to celebrate,  
Our Diamond Jubilee,  
Good health, good luck, God Bless us all  
Until Eternity.

Grace Hirt Zilles  
Ruth Hirt Pebbly

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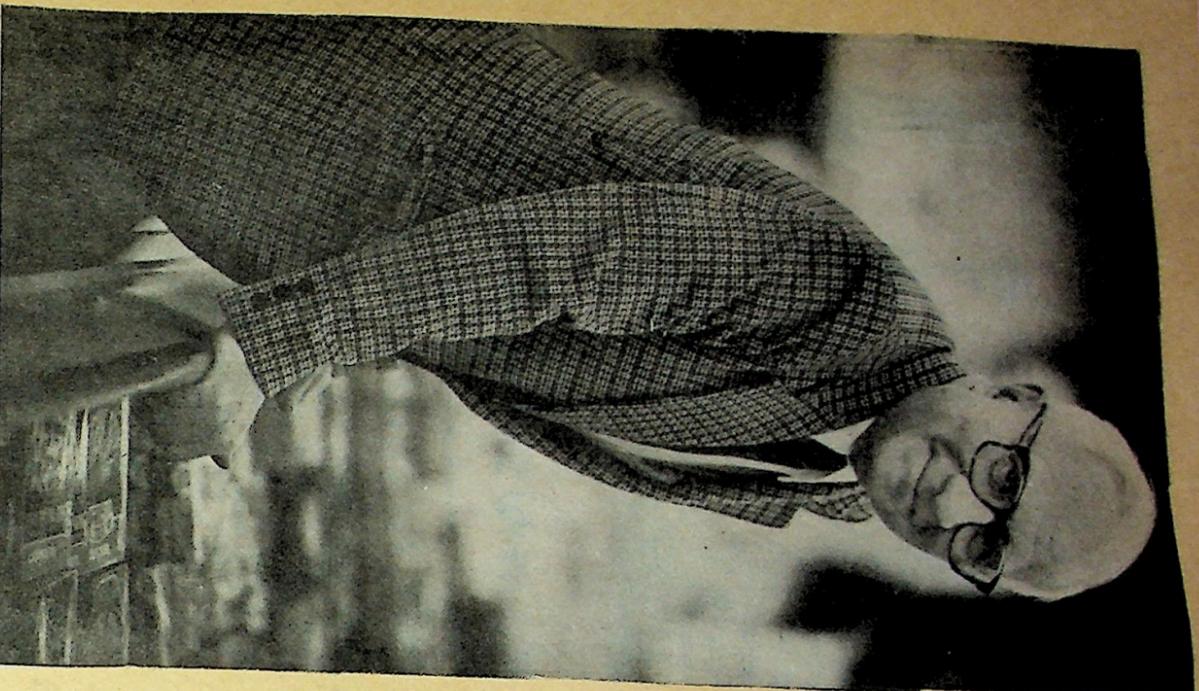
# CONGRATULATIONS! ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

*Jim*

*Diedrich*

From Your Friends at the  
Fremont Kroger Store  
OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE!





News-Messenger/Bill Kennedy  
AFTER more than 50 years at the Fremont Kroger's, Jim Diedrich will retire tomorrow.

## 50-year Kroger vet finally checking out

By JEAN SPENNER  
News-Messenger Staff Writer

From figuring the bill of sale by hand to electronic cash register scanners, from one small case of frozen food to five aisles' worth, from five small stores to one "super-store" with more floor space than the five stores combined, Jim Diedrich has seen a grocery store revolution in his 50 years with The Kroger Co.

"A revolution is exactly what has taken place," said Diedrich, store manager of the Fremont Kroger's, 134 S. Fifth St. "We could put each of those five Kroger stores into this building and have room left over."

Diedrich has worked for Kroger's since 1931, when he helped out in his father's store, working after school to bag the food which came in bulk quantities.

"We'd weigh the beans, rice, spaghetti, potatoes and cut and wrap cheese," Diedrich said. "Everything had to be bagged up. We'd try to be ready for the weekend when everybody got paid and came in to shop."

Diedrich became a full-time employee of the grocery store chain after graduating from high school in 1935. His salary was \$12 a week.

"After I got out of high school I was going to go to college but they offered me a full-time job," Diedrich said. "In 1935, everybody wanted a full-time job."

He began his career working under his father as a clerk. Diedrich became a store manager in 1939 — for \$18.50 a week — and has worked in a number of Kroger stores in the area, at the advertising offices in Toledo and as a district manager.

After half a century, Diedrich will be retiring Saturday as the store manager of the Fremont Kroger's, a position he has had since 1945, when the store was located on Garrison Street.

"I know I'm not going to get over this right away," Diedrich said of his impending retirement.

If Diedrich is going to miss the store, the store's customers are going to miss Diedrich even more. Walking through the store, he greets several customers by name and stops to admire one shopper's baby.

Customers who come in with children are no problem to this store manager. "I love to see the kids come in with mom and dad," Diedrich said.

That has been one of the many changes, along with the frozen foods and the electronic checkouts, Diedrich has seen over the years. As a clerk in the small Kroger's store on West State Street in 1935, it was most often the women he waited on.

"The mother would come in and dad went down to the local bar," Diedrich said. "Now it's mom and dad and the kids together."

"I think grocery shopping is a good thing for a family to do together," he added. "The trend is

there are more boys participating in the home economic-type classes than ever before. That's because they want to learn to cook for themselves."

This is what comes from shopping with the family and wanting to know how to prepare the food which is purchased, Diedrich said.

Along with seeing grocery shopping become a family affair, Diedrich said the biggest change he has seen in 50 years is the prepared foods which are available off the store's shelves.

"Back in 1935 we never would have thought of that," he said.

In 1935, a Kroger's store was about the size of today's convenience stores. With five locations in town, it was a strong chain during the Depression because customers didn't have to walk far to get there.

"There was a time when there were 78 grocery stores in Fremont, one on every corner," Diedrich said.

Comparing the business done in those little stores to the volume of business in today's supermarket amazes him. Diedrich admits, in the number of customers served as well as the cash flow through the store.

"My dad saved a receipt for me," Diedrich said. "It was a time when you had to add up everything by hand."

That receipt was about this long," he added, holding up fingers spaced about three inches apart, "and the total was \$2.50."

A three-inch receipt today, added up on electronic cash registers (electronic scanners will be installed within the next few months, Diedrich said), could easily be 10 times as much, he added. Diedrich recalls those were days when candy bars were three for a dime, bread was six cents a loaf and steak sold for 15 cents a pound.

When Kroger's moved to its present location from a store on the corner of West State and Justice streets, Diedrich said the grocery revolution was beginning to come full cycle. There was a return to bulk foods in the produce section which allowed customers to pick their own fruit and vegetables.

Diedrich, who has seen three generations of customers shop in his store, said he never expected to be able to offer them so many items.

"The wine, the flowers, all the meats and fish, the prepared foods — you name it, we have it," he said.

"Back when I was working for my dad, horses were still going by the store," Diedrich said. "I can remember standing up in the front window with my boss and a horse went by and just did his job. My boss said, 'Some day you'll be packaging that up and selling it.'"

"Eight or nine years ago we began selling packaged manure fertilizer," he added. "Who would have believed that?"

## Beet queen, court selected



JODI OVERMYER

Jodi Lynn Overmyer is Sandusky County's Queen of Beet for 1985. Her court includes Lisa Myerholtz and Jackie Schwartz.

Overmyer, 4647 Napoleon Rd., Fremont, will represent the Sandusky County Cattlemen's Association at the Ohio Queen of Beet Pageant this summer.

Requirements of the contest included writing an essay on women's roles in the beef industry.

A senior at Vanguard Vocational Center and Ross High School, Overmyer's school activities include American Field Service, basketball, choir, and Office Education Association activities. She is a member of the Lindsey Boosters and Trail Blazers 4-H club and an active member at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Myerholtz, 7078 W. State Route 6, Gibsonburg, is vice president of the junior class at Gibsonburg High School, a member of concert, marching, stage and pep bands, is a Girls State delegate, student council secretary and is ranked fifth in her class.

She is a member of the Gibsonburg Rural Leaders 4-H Club and a member of the Jr. Black Swamp Angus Association. She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church.



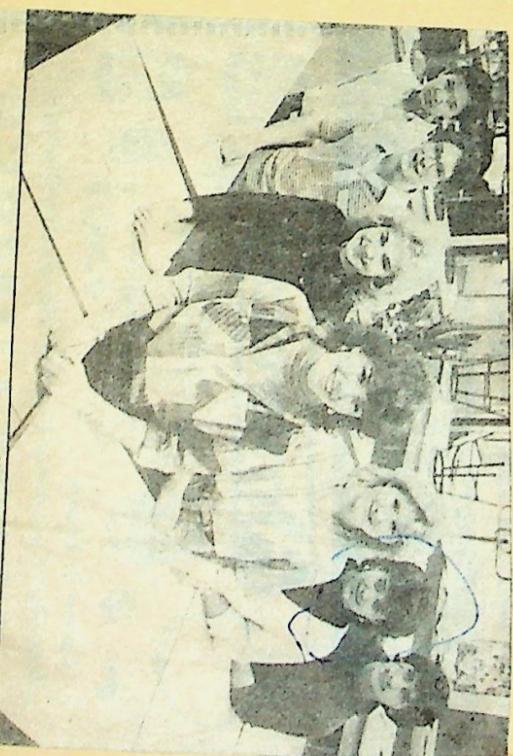
JACKIE SCHWARTZ



LISA MYERHOLTZ

Schwartz, 509 S. Main, Lindsey, attends Fremont Ross High School. She is a National Honor Society member, a member of American Field Service, and has been a Future Farmers of America queen's attendant. She is also a Girls' State alternate representative.

She is a member of the Lindsey Boosters 4-H Club, and is Lindsey Boostettes president.



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ROSS HIGH SCHOOL Penny Art Contest winners were, from left: Chihui Tran, 1st in pen and ink; Norb Ziebold, 1st in acrylics; Melanie Ackerman, 1st in photography technique; Pam Hoelzer, 1st in black and white photography; Kim Miller, 1st in water colors; Lori Klausz, 1st in the prints, etching, silk screen and graphics category; Albert Longoria, 1st in charcoal and pastel.

## 69th HIRT REUNION

Sandusky County Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 7, 1985 - 12:00 Noon Potluck



Randy Hottinger, President  
Joe Leiser, Vice-President

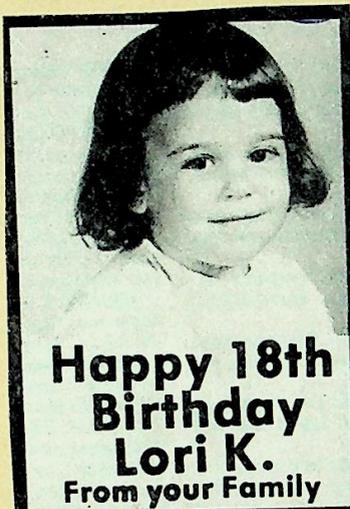
Jeanette Hirt, Secretary  
639 Gibson Street  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

*July 1985*  
FROM FREMONT to Lindsey was a long trip for Kenneth and Debbie Brindley and their two daughters Amanda and Katy ... They live in Fremont, Calif., and are on vacation spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Brindley of Garfield Street, Lindsey ... Kenneth is a 1960 Ross High School graduate and his wife is the former Deborah Corthell of Catawba.

Jan. 15 — Janet and J. D. Owen, an 8-pound, 10½-ounce son, at Naval Regional Medical Center, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Carl Hirt and Don Ackerman, both of Fremont. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Carl Hirt and Don Ackerman

Jan. 20 — Vicki and Jerry White, 2367 Township Road 209, Alvada, a 5-pound, 1-ounce son at 10:16 a.m. at Blanchard Valley Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waters, former Fremonters who now live in Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. David White of Fremont.

May 6 — Debora and Aren Hirt, Green Springs, a girl at 8:24 a.m. in Memorial Hospital.



Happy 18th  
Birthday  
Lori K.  
From your Family

LORI KLAUSZ

AN UNUSUAL announcement of the 69th Hirt Family Reunion has been sent out by officers, Randy Hottinger, president; Joe

Leiser, vice president, and Jeanette Hirt, secretary ... The reunion will begin with a noon potluck on Sunday, July 7, at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds ... The announcement bears a picture of all the children of L.S. and Ve-

rena Hirt — Frank, Casper, Ed and Sam and their sister, Elizabeth Halbeisen.

"40"  
And Still  
Having Fun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
GINNY!



Will & Helen

June 20 — Ann and Michael Diekman, Northwood, a 7-pound, 15-ounce son, Zachary Karl. Local grandparents are Jacqueline (Hirt) Diekman of Nissen Road, Elmore, and the late Frederick Diekman.

### MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

A positive attitude is Cindy Pert's strong point. That's just one of the many reasons she has been named May's Employee of the Month.

An Emergency Department registration clerk on the evening shift, Mrs. Pert has been employed by Memorial Hospital since December 1983.

Comments included with her nomination as this month's top employee include "projects a positive image of her department and the hospital" ... "explains forms and documentation thoroughly to patients and families" ... "is courteous to all" ... "dependable, knowledgeable and competent in her job" ... "remains calm and collected in an often-times hectic atmosphere" ... "comforts anxious parents, relatives" and "presents an organized assuring manner to nurses and families."

Congratulations to Cindy Pert, May Employee of the Month. Mrs. Pert received a gift certificate to Wagner's Country Inn as part of the honor.

Nomination forms are available in the Employee of the Month display in the hospital dining room. Recognize your co-workers for their contribution to the quality health care at Memorial Hospital.



Hoelt Builders team members are (l-r), Sara Zibbel, Graytown; Lois Hoelt, Genoa; Cheri Hoelt, Genoa; Barb Pasty, Elmore and Judy Tomor, Graytown.

## Team Hanging On In Tourney

The team of Hoelt Builders, Elmore, was hanging on to fifth place in division II as of last Thursday in the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament being held this year in Toledo.

The team rolled a 2,500 series which catapulted it into first place in the division which is for teams with averages of 750 pins or less.

The team held onto first for three weeks until May 2 when they fell to fourth. They dropped to fifth last Wednesday.

"We never even knew while we were bowling that we'd be in first after we finished," Sara Zibbel, the team captain said. "After we finished some judges told us to stay around and we wondered why. They told us 'you just went into first place.' If we had known we probably would have been pretty nervous."

The team came into the tourney with a 735 average based on its league average from last year. In the WIBC tournament Lois Hoelt, the leadoff bowler, rolled a 416; Judy Tomor had a 515 series; Cheri Hoelt, 419; Mrs. Zibbel, 561, and Barb

Pasty was high with a 599 series.

Although the total appeared to be 2,510, tournament auditors found a 10 pin error and the team was officially scored a 2,500 total.

One pin separates the team from fourth place and there is a 32-pin spread between first and fifth place as of last Thursday.

Over 2,900 teams are entered in division II alone.

A fifth place finish would bring the team \$1,000 in prize money, WIBC officials said. First place in the division has a \$1,600 prize in addition to trophies.

Lois Hoelt said she felt less tension from bowling in such a large tournament because it was being held close to home.

"It was thrilling," she said, "especially when we realized we were the only team from Ohio to be in the top 10 in our division. People began looking for us when they heard we got knocked out of first."

The team bowls in the Ladies Tuesday Night League at the Elmore Recreation lanes.

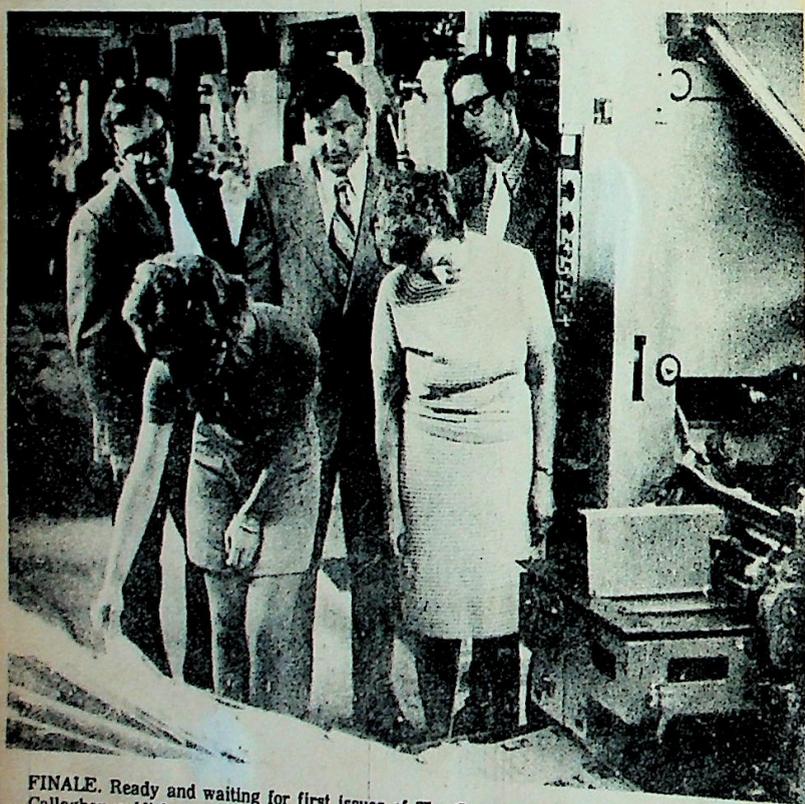
Mrs. Zibbel, Mrs. Pasty, and Lois Hoelt have bowled in WIBC tournaments before.

"The last time was in 1975 in Indiana," Mrs. Zibbel said, "and we did nothing."

Other teams from the area were to bowl late last week including several from the Elmore Recreation league.

The WIBC tournament concludes May 27.

THE PRESS, MAY 27, 1985



FINALE. Ready and waiting for first issues of The Gazette's Goss press are Mrs. Paul M. Callaghan, publisher, right foreground, and, from left, Bill Michaels, advertising manager; Mary K. Denslow, editor; Gary Hirt, manager, and Don Reiderman, composing room foreman. The conversion to the new printing equipment was completed today when the new press unit was put into operation. (Photo by Ed Fox)

## Hirt Promoted To Manager's Position On The Gazette Staff

Mrs. P. M. Callaghan, President and Publisher of The Bellevue Gazette, announced today that starting in October The Gazette will have as its new manager Gary Hirt. Mr. Hirt is currently the advertising manager and has held that position since coming to Bellevue in 1967. He was previously employed at the Sandusky Register, Port Clinton Daily News and the Fremont News - Messenger.

Hirt resides with his wife and son at 807½ Ewing St., Fremont. He plans to move his family to Bellevue shortly.

Michael Callaghan, present manager, will attend the Graduate School of Business at Ohio State University this Fall. Mrs. Callaghan remains as the publisher and president.

Mr. Hirt will be the first non-Callaghan to hold the manager's position since 1873. During the 98 years the Gazette was managed by C. R. Callaghan, 1873 - 1906; Michael J. Callaghan, 1906-1949; Paul M. Callaghan, 1949 - 1969, and lastly, M. W. Callaghan, 1969 - 1971.

Present management feels that due to Mr. Hirt's experience in most phases of newspaper work and his knowledge of the local environment, he is amply qualified for the new po-

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## Sentinel Being Sold to Former Bellevue Newspaper Manager

The Putnam County Sentinel is being sold to a former Bellevue newspaper man.

Sentinel Publisher Richard E. Laudick, Jr., today announced the sale of the Sentinel Publishing Company, with the newspaper and its commercial printing business to Gary L. Hirt, Bellevue.

Mr. Hirt will assume ownership and management of the company on December 29.

He was formerly president, member of the board of directors, and manager of the Gazette Publishing Company of Bellevue, which published the daily Bellevue Gazette, the RFD News and six other weekly newspapers.

A veteran of over 25 years in the newspaper business, he left the Bellevue newspaper last January. During his career he has served as president of the Ohio League of Home Dailies.

Mr. Hirt and his family plan to

assume management of the newspaper. He also owns the Grove City (Ohio) Record in the suburb of Columbus.

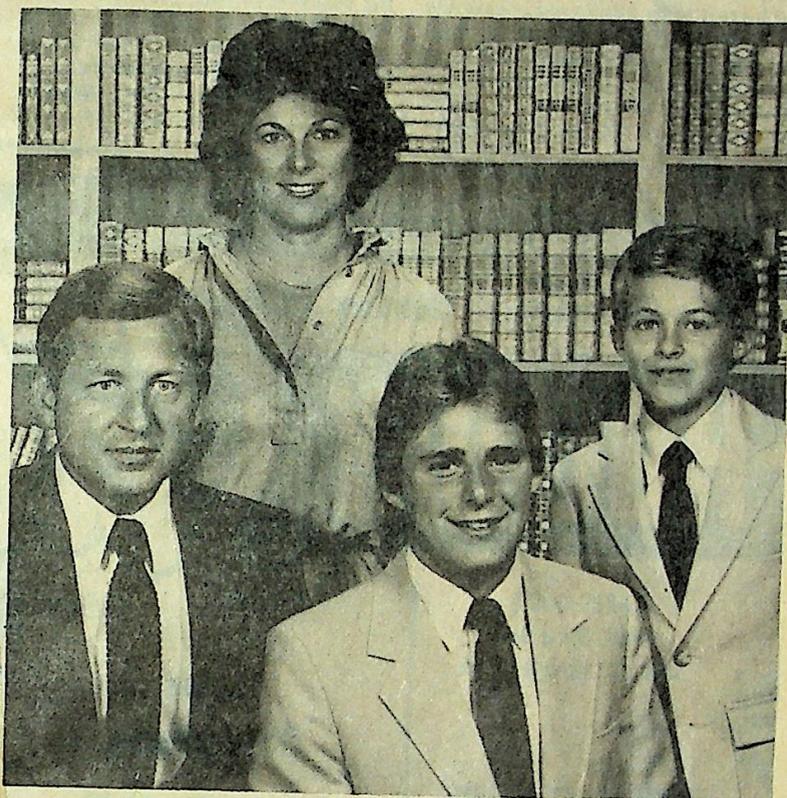
In recent years the Sentinel has become one of the outstanding weekly newspapers in Ohio, and with a circulation in excess of 8,500 is one of the largest rural weeklies in the state. Founded in 1855, the company is the oldest business in Putnam County still in continuous operation.

Two of the Laudick children will remain as employees. Joseph Laudick will remain active in the plant and in the advertising department, while Mrs. Jeanne Verhoff will retain her part time position as one of the office workers.

Mr. Hirt said that he will retain all other employees and plans to make no major changes in the operation of the newspaper or commercial printing business.

The sale includes all of the publishing and printing equipment and the building from Mr. and Mrs. Laudick and Mr. Laudick's sister and her husband, Lois and Norman Doepker.

Mr. Hirt has been quite active in the Bellevue community. He served as a founding member and president of the Bellevue Development Corporation which was formed to promote industrial growth in the Bellevue area.



Gary Hirt, who will become new publisher of the Putnam County Sentinel at the end of December, is shown above with his wife, Karen, and sons, Brian and Kurt.

He was vice president of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and served as exalted ruler of the Bellevue Elks Lodge. He served as business and professional chairman of the community's United Selective Fund.

He and his wife, Karen, have two sons. Brian graduated last spring from Bellevue Senior High School and is now serving with the U.S. Army in Maryland. Kurt is a seventh grader at Bellevue Junior High School.

The family are active members of St. John Lutheran Church in Bellevue.

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Gary L. Hirt, Publisher  
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## Lindsey Lions

The Lindsey Lions Club is planning to hold its annual broom and light bulb sale on Monday, June 9. The brooms are all made by a New Riegel, Ohio, man who is blind.

From about 6-9 p.m. that night the Lions club members will canvass the Lindsey village and surrounding area. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards community projects.

The club is now in the process of constructing a new basketball court in the village. The Lindsey Lions officers are Mark Danschroder, president; Rodger Kerns, first vice president; Glenn Baker second vice president; Mort Brindley, third vice president; Eugene Nehls, secretary; and Tom Elder, treasurer. 5-30-86

April 17, 1986

Rob Atkinson, retiring President of the Fremont FFA Chapter, recently installed his cousin, Jen Schwartz, as the 1986-87 President of the Fremont FFA Chapter at the Annual Parent-Member Banquet.

Sister, Jackie Schwartz, was crowned 1986 Chapter Queen. Rob Atkinson received the Star Chapter Farmer Award and his father, Robert Atkinson, received Honorary Chapter Farmer.

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Several members of the Fremont chapter of the Future Farmers of American scored high at the District II Evaluation which was held at Anthony Wayne High School on Feb. 11.

Four members ranked in the top three percent out of District II's 1,175 students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in the State FFA degree competition. They were: 1985 graduate Louis Risch; senior, Rob Atkinson; and juniors, Jen Schwartz

Other items evaluated were Jen Schwartz's secretary's book which ranked second out of twenty-seven schools;

# Hirt honored as Elks' new Exalted Ruler

Members and guests of Bellevue Elks Lodge 1013 will be giving recognition tonight to incoming Exalted Ruler Gary L. Hirt, 500 N. Sandusky, as they gather for the annual Inaugural Ball.

The dinner-dance is staged each year in Elks Clubrooms, 214 W. Main St., under the direction of the immediate past exalted ruler.

Joining Hirt in the spotlight this evening are his officers Esteemed Leading Knight Barry Reitz, Esteemed Loyal Knight Don French, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Paul Ihnat, Chaplain Merl McConkey, Treasurer LaMar Schmitz, and Secretary Richard Andrews. Trustees are Donn Rospert, William Stedman, PER, and Mike Tonovitz, PER.

### Official duties

All will be installed in office at the regular meeting on April 6 when Hirt will assume his official duties.

Manager of The Gazette Publishing Co., Hirt has been a member of the Elks for 12 years, having joined the Fremont Lodge in 1965. He has been an officer of the local lodge for three years.

As Exalted Ruler Hirt said, "It is my hope that we will continue the successful, on-going projects which the Elks have maintained as well as initiating new projects."

He noted that the annual Elks Charity Ball is the "longest continuing charitable function in Bellevue" and said that the name "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks" implies their concern for charitable causes. Funds from functions held throughout the year are used to support various charities.

### Especially proud

Hirt said that he is especially proud of the Elks' sponsorship of the annual Bellevue High School Scholastic Dinner, held in May, when recognition is paid to local youths who have exhibited a high degree of scholastic achievement. "It is an honor to acknowledge the exceptional



GARY L. HIRT

contribution of these students to the school system, their families and the community," he said.

The new exalted ruler and his wife, Karen, plan to attend the upcoming state Elks Convention, held in April in Columbus, and will be participating in the National Elks' Convention in New Orleans in July. Mr. and Mrs. Hirt are the parents of two sons, Brian and Kurt.

Arrangements for this evening's Inaugural Ball were made by the immediate Past Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Robert Ruffing, and their committees:

- Kitchen, Ernie Widner, PER; Sid Creech, and Edith Morfier;
- Decorations, Bob and Sharon Smith, Bob and Nancy Young, Tom and Vicky Rennick, and Vi Santoro;
- Greeters, PER Fred and Chris Edwards, and PER Russ and Ern Ruppert;
- Tickets, Dean Myers;
- Refreshments, Bob Smith, Vi Santoro, and Connie Diebert;
- Flowers are provided by Schindley's Flower Mart.

### Casper and Verena (Vogt) Hirt descendants

The 69th annual Hirt reunion of the descendants of Casper and Verena (Vogt) Hirt was held Sunday, July 7, at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds with 130 members and guests present.

James (Butch) Diedrich from Alaska and Kenneth and Deborah Brindley and daughters, Amanda and Katy of Fremont, Calif., were members present from out of state.

A potluck dinner served at noon was followed by a business meeting and program.

Officers serving this year were Randy Hottinger, president; Joe Leiser, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer. Ruth Peffly led the group in singing several patriotic songs in observance of the recent Independence Day.

Reported births during the last year included Robyn Sweley, Carolyn Billman, Joseph Watson, Christopher Owens, Cody White, Jodi Cooper, Erica Hirt and Zachary Diekman. As Zachary, son of

Ann and Michael Dickman, was the youngest baby present, he was given the baby bank.

Five marriages recorded since the last reunion were Victoria and Gerald White, Paula and William Schepflin, Karen and Gary Peters, Laura and Larry Waldon and Linda and Tom Smith.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the deceased — Fredric Diekman, Ethel Christy and Beula Fox Denver.

Officers elected for 1986 were Joe Leiser president; Bruce W. Hirt, vice president; and Linda Martin, secretary-treasurer.

Dick Hirt showed slides and reported on his recent trip to the South Pacific Islands on which he served during World War II, New Zealand, Guadalcanal and Tahiti.

The site of the 1986 reunion was undecided pending outcome of the Fair Board meeting later in July.

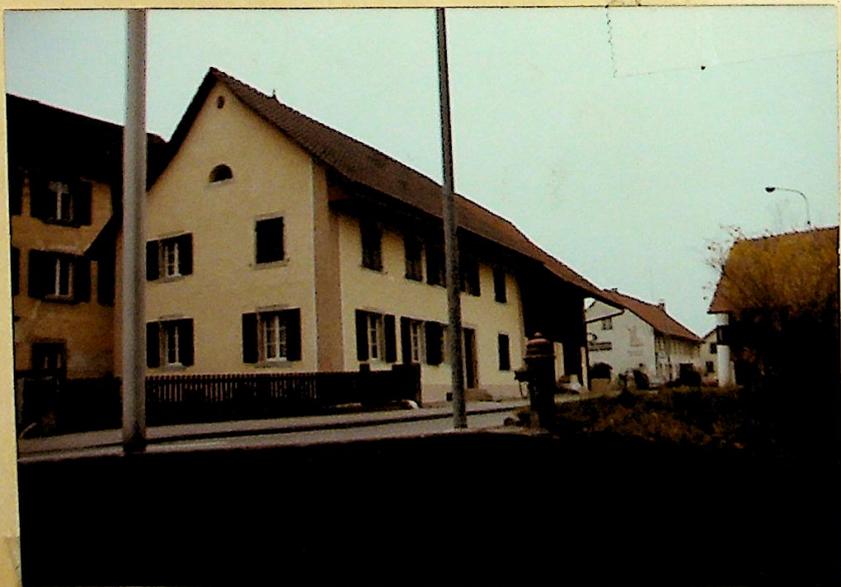
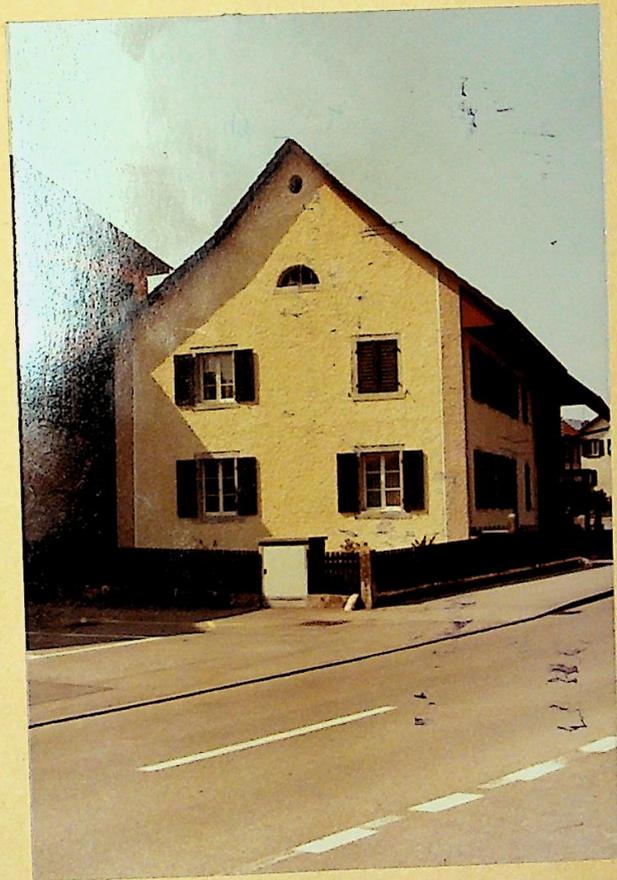
The reunion closed with a new feature: the "Original First 'Mr. Legs' Contest" with Ken Brindley of Fremont, Calif., winning first place.

## Bloodmobile

One hundred sixty-four pints of blood were donated at the Red Cross Bloodmobile held Tuesday, June 25 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. High donor for the day was Jeanette Hirt, 639 Gibson Street, Fremont who completed her tenth gallon donation.



Casper Whit  
Hornbe in  
Switzerland  
taken by  
Bob Kempton  
in 1984



## White-Connors

The Spiegel Grove Rose Garden was the setting for the afternoon wedding of Judith A. White and Timothy R. Connors July 13. The Rev. John Seraphine officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Dave White, 609 Whitelesey. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Russ Keller, 221 St. Joseph St., and Pat Connors, Massachusetts.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white sheer cotton tea-length gown with a lace yoke and sleeves with a ruffled bottom. She wore a hair wreath of baby's breath with pink and white streamers

and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Matron of honor was Marsha Thiessen, sister of the bride. She wore a street-length, aqua dress with puffed sleeves.

Best man was Don Atkinson, friend of the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The couple took a wedding trip to Vermont. They now reside on State Street.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and is employed at Fremont Auto Parts, Inc. as a secretary.

The groom attended Fremont Ross High School and is employed at Peerless Construction.

## Area Veterinarian Adds Practice

By Jan Stephens

On June 1st., Dr. Miller, DVW of the Miller-Hirt Animal Hospital, 1780 South Main Street, Clyde, Ohio, transferred his practice over to Dr. Laurie Hirt, DVM. Joining her as her new associate is Dr. Robert Brenneman, DVM.

Dr. Brenneman moved to Clyde with his wife, Jo Lee and one year old daughter, Jessica. They like the area quite a lot. They think Clyde is a very friendly and charming town quite like Orville, Ohio, where Dr. Brenneman had lived all his life. He graduated from Ohio State and worked in Coshocton, Ohio, for

2 years before moving to Clyde.

Dr. Hirt has been with the Miller-Hirt Animal Hospital for several years. While attending school, during the summers, she worked for Dr. Miller. He encouraged her to continue her studies and someday would be able to take over his practice. When she graduated from Ohio State, she became an Associate of Miller Animal Hospital. It then became known as the Miller-Hirt Animal Hospital.

Dr. Hirt and Dr. Brenneman will soon be re-naming their practice. They treat both large and small animals.

June 26, 1988



News-Messenger/Rob Boukisser

**WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP** in the 1985 Youth Tennis League Tournament held Friday at Rodger Young Park. Runners-up are in the front row, from left to right: Tom Bowlus, Carin

Miesle, Jennifer Miesle, Jon Hetrick and Eric Lilley. Winners are in the back row, from left to right: Tom Myers, Dian Schepflin, Julie Young, Chris Wolfe and Rob Myers.



Winkler Family

## Anniversaries

### Peffly

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Peffly, 119 Adams St., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a small dinner party held at Don's Supper Club.

Paul Peffly and the former Ruth C. Hirt were married May 29, 1936 at the Riley Township home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hirt. The ceremony had been performed by the Late Rev. Arthur H. Peffly, father of the groom. Attending the couple were Robert L. Peffly of Longwood, Fla., brother of the groom, and Catherine J. Hirzel Stucky of Hudson, Mich., college friend of the bride.



RUTH and PAUL PEFFLY

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50th Anniversary

Paul and Ruth Peffly  
May 29, 1936

## Mice tap dance their way to a big win

Kasi Collins, age 8, and Kelly Hirt, age 9, were big winners at the Showstopper's National Talent Competition, held July 16-20, at the Convention Center in Cleveland.

Collins dressed as Minnie Mouse and Hirt dressed as Mickey Mouse and the two performed a tap dance routine called "Mousetrap."

Their dance won second place in the age 7 to 9 category.

The two also were awarded first place and \$500.00 for the most outstanding costume.

Collins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins, Jr. of Fremont. Hirt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hirt of Clyde.



KASI COLLINS AND KELLY HIRT

## Giant Notes

Star Chapter farmer, Rob Atkinson, was presented a trophy at the 56th Annual Fremont FFA Parent-Member Banquet held March 20 at Ole Zim's near Fremont. Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkinson of Lindsey, was presented the trophy by Glen Geib of Toledo Trust before an audience of 265 parents, FFA members, and guest of the Fremont FFA. Atkinson also received the 110 Award presented by the Farm Credit Service.

Matt Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed of Lindsey, received the Lila Weiler Citizenship Award of a \$100 check presented by Fremont FFA Advisor's wife, Sue Badertscher.

The Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree was conferred upon Robert Atkinson, Robert Bergefurd, Robert Gillette, Martha Lantz, and Robert Lantz, who have contributed toward the successes of youth in the Fremont FFA.

Two Fremont FFA members, Paul Hasselbach and Bill Lamalie, were

Introduction of four members who will receive their State FFA Degree at the 1986 State FFA Convention in April include: Louis Risch, Rob Atkinson, Steve Letzring and Jen Schwartz.

Public Speaking Awards were presented to Steve Letzring, Mike Nighswander, Matt Lantz, Mike Wagner, Albert Contreras, and Chad Root.

Fifty dollar savings bonds were presented to sausage salesmen over \$500 which included: Matt Risch, Mike Wagner, Matt Lantz, and Kevin Mowry.

Jackie Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Schwartz of Lindsey, was crowned 1986-87 FFA Queen by Brian Mowry. The queen's court consisted of Junior Attendant, Adele Wagner; Sophomore Attendant, Lori Nighswander; and Freshman Attendant, Debbie Letzring.

Six State FFA Camp Scholarships were presented by individuals and businesses. Receiving scholarships were Matt Lantz, Dan Myers, Matt Risch, Jenny Rupp, Robert Severs, and Brian Shiets with Jen Schwartz accepting

Fremont FFA members Steve Flick and Matt Reed placed first in the District Tractor Trouble-Shooting Contest held at Old Fort High School on March 4th. The small engine team of Rob Atkinson, Jim Root, and Brian Mowry placed fourth at the same District contest.

## National FFA

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Newly elected President Jen Schwartz, and vice-president Steve Letzring, will be the voting delegates representing the Fremont FFA at the business sessions with Jeff Miarer going as alternate delegate. During the State FFA Convention, some 12 members from the Fremont FFA along with FFA Advisor, Ken Badertscher, and numerous parents will be participating in the sessions.

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Four Fremont FFA Chapter members will be receiving their State FFA Degrees at the 58th Annual State FFA Convention on April 26 and 27 in Columbus. Only the top 2 of Ohio's 18,000 FFA members will receive the degree based upon their farming program, leadership activities, improvement projects, fair participation, investments in agriculture, scholarship, judging contests, and other FFA participation.

Fremonters receiving the degree are Louis Risch, Rob Atkinson, Steve Letzring, and Jen Schwartz. This will bring the total of 100 local FFA members who

have received the degree since 1930, according to Fremont FFA Advisor, Ken Badertscher.

Graduate, Louis Risch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Risch of 3050 CR 182, Fremont, has served his FFA Chapter as Assistant Treasurer and Chairman of the Earnings and Savings Committee. He has participated in parliamentary procedure; coop, wool, and soil judging contests; sausage sale, Junior Fair Board, 4-H, and church activities. His Vo-Ag projects include 240 broilers, seven feeder pigs, and over 1,200 hours of farm work experience. Risch is presently working full-time at U.S. Gypsum in Port Clinton.

Rob Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkinson of 2372 CR 109, Lindsey, is a Senior at Ross High School. He has served as Treasurer, President, and as Chairman of the State and National, and Earnings and Savings Committees. Rob has been active in parliamentary procedure, sausage sale, dairy and soil judging; and has attended both the State and National FFA Conventions. He received the Star Chapter Farmer Award at the Chapter Banquet.

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### Golf

By Hal Shanahan

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Jen Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Schwartz, 509 S. Main Street, Lindsey, is also a junior at Fremont Ross. She has served as FFA Chapter Secretary and Scholarship Committee Chairman. She is currently the President of the Fremont FFA. Schwartz has attended State FFA Camp and Convention, as well as the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. She has also been active in parliamentary procedure, sausage sale, hog roast, and was the FFA Queen Attendant. Other activities include 4-H Club, church activities, Junior Leadership, Junior Fair Board, and is a member of the American Simmental Association.

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"I worked with those directly involved, like Judd Silverman, and it will help me to get ready for next year when the women touring pros return for the Jamie Farr Classic," Hirt said. "I also have been involved in running some pro-ams this summer."

Hirt really hadn't intended to get into the golf pro business. Instead, his No. 1 goal in high school and while playing for the University of Toledo was to become a tour player.

That's a tough assignment, and Hirt found that he would have to settle for No. 2 on his list of aspirations — becoming involved in golf in some other way, such as taking on club duties as a pro.

After graduation from Clyde High School (he played in his freshman, junior, and senior years in the state golf tournament), Hirt went to TU on a golf scholarship. He was out-

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standing in the Mid-American Conference, winning medalist honors three years and playing in the NCAA golf finals two years.

Don Kotnik was helping to coach the TU golf team as well as handling duties as head pro at Toledo Country Club.

Hirt joined Kotnik at Toledo CC as an assistant pro after graduation.

"Don is one of the very best in the country," Hirt said. "He taught me a lot about all aspects of golf. He has a lot of insight, a very knowledgeable man. He gave all of his assistants a lot of responsibility."

From Toledo CC, Hirt moved on to Texas where he eventually became the No. 1 assistant at River Oaks to head pro Dick Harmon, son of famed golfer Claude Harmon.

"That was a very rewarding experience," Hirt said. "I was able to work with both Dick and Claude at a very old, established club. They have 1,600 members."

Hirt said he learned at both Toledo CC and at River Oaks how to handle various golf situations, which prepared him well for the Glengarry assignment.

"You learn quickly when things are going to work and when they are not going to work," he said.

Hirt taught himself how to play the game of golf.

"I learned by imitation of those who know how to play the game," said Hirt, 27 and single, who never

had a golf lesson until he was 19 years old.

He learned well by imitation, considering that at age 18 he became the first golfer to win both the Toledo District Golf Association junior championship and the TDGA adult championship in the same season.



I am the resurrection and the  
life, Saith the Lord: he that  
believeth in me, though he were  
dead, yet shall he live: and  
whosoever liveth and believeth  
in me, shall never die."

John 11 — 25:26

In Memory Of  
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OCT. 5, 1896

Date Of Death  
AUG. 10, 1986

Services From  
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August 1 — Connie (Diekman) and Ron Frank, a 7-pound son, Justin Robert, at 9:52 a.m. in Riverside Hospital, Toledo. Local grandparents are Mrs. Frederick Diekman, Elmore, formerly of Fremont, and Mrs. Russell Hurt, Fremont.

### Carl Smith 9-4-86

Carl E. "Fuzzy" Smith, 63, of 474 N. Sandusky County Road 204, died Thursday morning at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. He has been in failing health the past two months.

Born July 16, 1923, in Fremont to Valentine and Celeste (Meyer) Smith, he married Jean Hirt Sept. 23, 1944, in Fremont.

He was a farmer; a truck driver for Gries Seed Farm for 30 years; and a member of the Riley Grange.

Surviving are his wife; sons Ed, David and Thomas, all of Fremont; daughter, Judy of Fremont; brothers, Ambrose of Wakeman; Gerard of Fremont; Hilary of Columbia Station, Ohio; sisters, Ruth Gonya and Susanne Overmyer, both of Fremont; and four grandchildren. Two brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call at the Weller-Wonderly Funeral Home, 425 E. State St., Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from the funeral home with the Rev. Milton Mann of St. Mark's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Schoch Cemetery.

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## Day-Care Can Be Positive Experience

By GAIL CHRISTIE

Special To The Blade

One of the pressing issues facing today's working mothers is good child-care facilities. The Toledo area offers more than 100 state-licensed centers with a variety of programs and the capacity to care for more than 5,500 children.

Working parents may feel that their only alternative is a day-care setting, but they should know that it can be a positive experience, according to Gloria Yundt, chairman of Early Childhood Education and Recreation Technologies at Owens Technical College.

"A day-care center can provide a child with a routine; it can be a place to make friends," she said. "Many children are happy in this kind of group living. This should relieve con-

cerned parents."

Ms. Yundt said that parents have a responsibility to research child-care facilities carefully. They should read, consult with other parents, and visit several centers, studying physical layout and programs. Since the caregiver plays an important role in the child's development, parents should meet the individual responsible for their child's age group and determine his or her qualifications and experience, she added.

Once a decision is made, it is recommended that the parents and child visit the center together before the first full day for the child. "Let the child explore, meet the caregiver and the other children," she suggested. However, parents should expect a period of separation anxiety, lasting from two weeks to two months.

"It does take children a period of time to adjust to the new situation. It looks different; there are new faces and new rules. It will take a child a while to become comfortable."

Dr. Beverly Damrauer, a clinical psychologist, agrees that there will be an initial separation anxiety for the child. If the problem continues, it doesn't necessarily mean that the center is at fault. The child might need greater reassurance from parents and/or the day-care personnel. If there is a problem, the parents should discuss it with the staff to determine the child's behavior at the center.

If the child doesn't join in the daytime activities, he will need more direct focus at the day care. Dr. Damrauer offered some specific examples. The child can be asked to tell a story or draw a picture about what his parents do during the day.

## 'Day-Care'

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This indicates that not necessarily out to be given some special urged to join in; he reassurance from parents and the care together, she said.

"A day-care center child with an external important to maintain between the staff," she added.

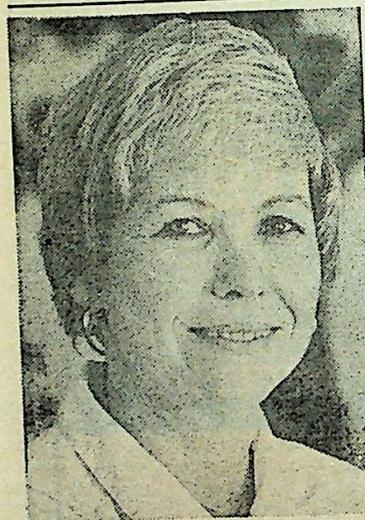
Ms. Yundt believes parents and the become best friend united front to help the challenges of group living." She noted that children are very social and enjoy each other's companionship.

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Ms. Davis reported that the state is drafting state legislation that would call for twice

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Joyce Davis, heads care center. Gloria Yundt, of Owens College.



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## Fremont Ross flag corps

The Fremont Ross High School flag corps welcomes the 1986-87 school year. This year's members are: (back row, from left) Amy Jacobs, Sherri Stover, Nancy Buelow, Renee Vardyan, Michelle Williams, Angie Long, Shelly Strauch, Regina Mur-

ray, Lisa Hefflinger and Tonia Atkins; (front row, from left) Tammy Glasser, Traci Maxwell, Trina Capucini, (Michelle Hirt) Stacy Fabian, Denice Krock and Daphney Collier. The team's instructor is Kim Henderson.

## Kistler elected ACT president



MARY ANN KISTLER

Mary Ann Kistler, Fremont, has been elected national president of the American Association of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT). She was elected to her position at the National ACT Convention held at Keystone, Colo.

Kistler, a 1984 graduate of Fremont Ross High School, is a junior at the Ohio State University majoring in agricultural communications and extension education.

As president, she will represent agricultural commu-

nication students nation-wide as a spokesperson and keep contact with other professional organizations that promote agriculture.

Kistler and the other national officers will coordinate membership materials, internship directories, promote careers and encourage professional excellence in agricultural communications. She will also plan next year's national convention that will be held in conjunction with the Cooperative Communicators Association in Columbus.

At Ohio State, she is serving as president of ACT, delegate to the College of Agriculture and School of Natural Resources Council, member of Phalanx, and pledge trainer for Delta Theta Sigma Little Sis Chapter.

She recently completed her work as 4-H summer assistant at the Sandusky County Cooperative Extension Service.

She is an advisor for the Riley Boosters 4-H Club, and a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Kistler, 1263 N. Sandusky County Road 232, and the late Walter Kistler.

## Reunions

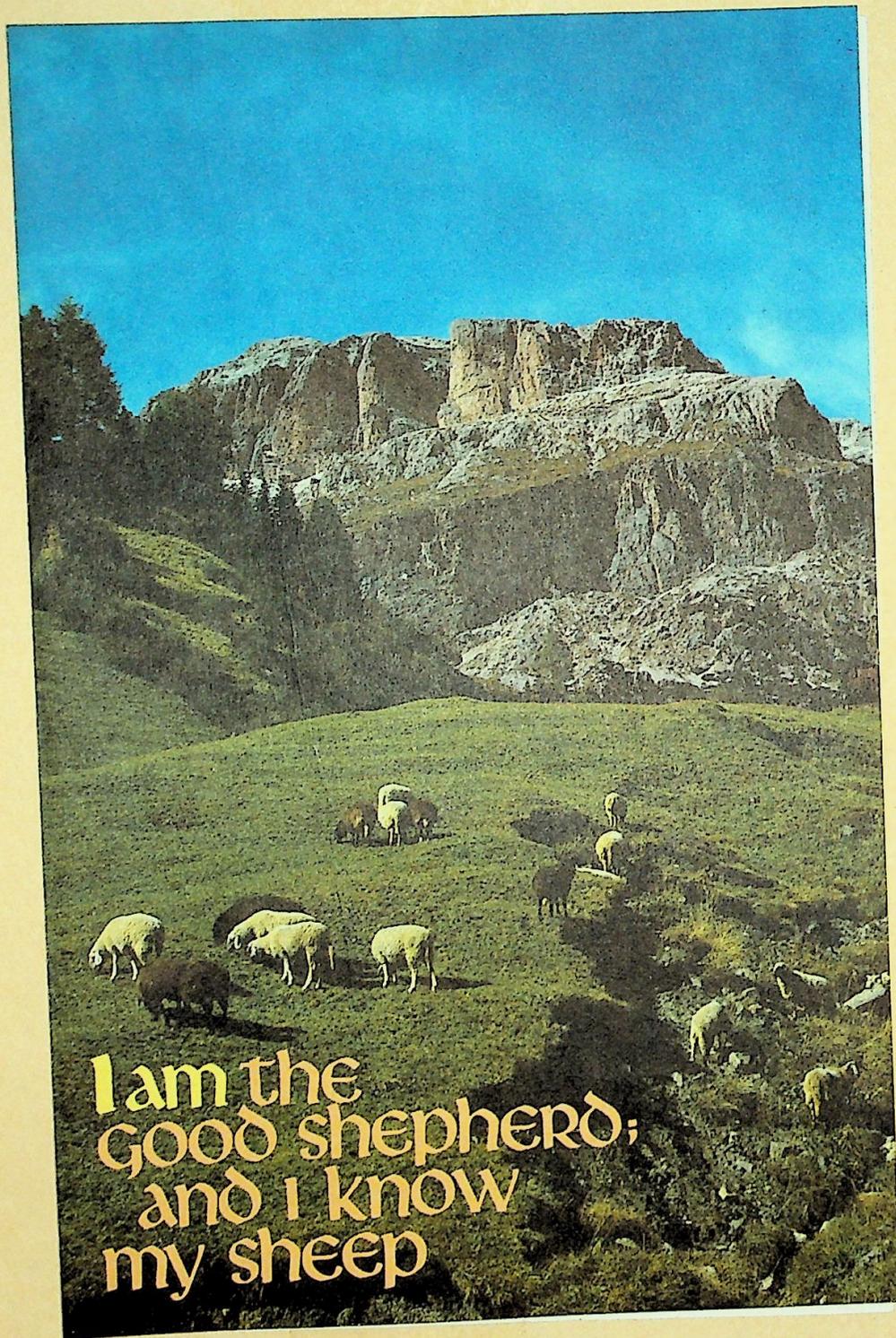
### Hirt Reunion

The 70th annual reunion of the descendants of Casper and Verena Fannie Vogt Hirt was held recently at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. One hundred thirty five family members were present.

Leta Baumann of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Francis Lowder of Washington, D.C., were out of state cousins who attended the reunion.

Charles Norman Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hammer received the youngest baby award.

The 71st Hirt Reunion will be held July 26, 1987, at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. Officers for it will be president, Bruce W. Hirt; vice president, Larry Schepflin; and secretary/treasurer, Linda Martin.



I am the  
good shepherd;  
and I know  
my sheep

Sept. 27, 1986

### Mabel Drummond

Mabel E. Drummond, 81, 1132 Stilwell Ave., died Saturday night at Fremont's Memorial Hospital. She had been in failing health for the past six months.

She was born April 22, 1905, in Riley Township, the daughter of Frank and Teckla (Gross) Hirt. She married Oscar O. Drummond Feb. 1, 1933, in Fremont at Grace Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death in June 1971.

Survivors are two daughters, Mary Klausz, Fremont; and Judy Rider, Marion, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church, West State Street, with the Rev. William Slates officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. Monday and 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Weller-Wonderly Funeral Home, 424 E. State St.

Drummond will lie in state at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorials may be made to Easter Seals or Grace Lutheran Church.



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IVY SPRUNK plays with her gum as she practices her reading from a McGuffey Reader.

## History class

One-room school days remembered

By BARBARA A. ALBERT  
Staff writer

Reading, writing and arithmetic.

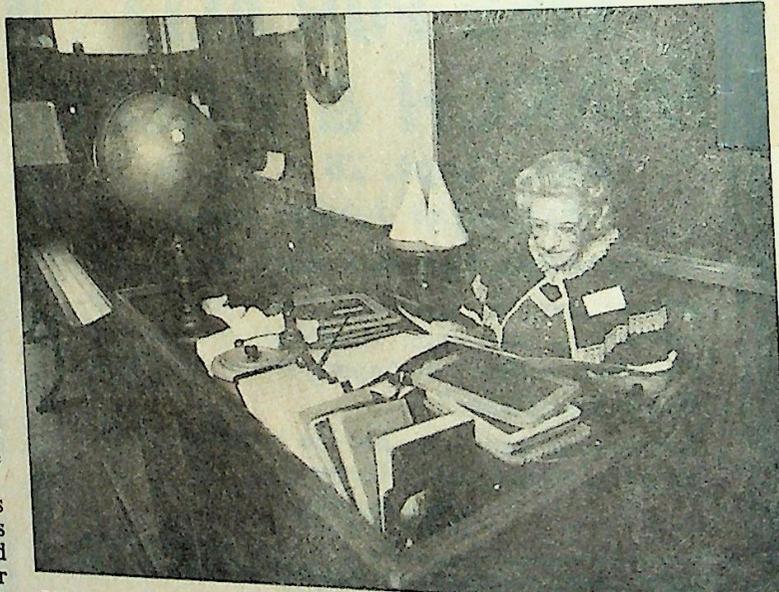
The subjects were much the same, but the surroundings were different.

Children carried their lunches in tin pails, they wrote on slates rather than in notebooks and they learned agriculture rather than science. More importantly, children age six through 14 all sat in the same classroom.

It was life in a one-room schoolhouse.

More than 30 members of the Sandusky County Historical Society relived their days in a one-room schoolhouse by attending classes for a day last week at the Little Red Schoolhouse on the campus of Bowling Green State University.

The members dressed in outfits of the time period and were taught by teachers who once worked in one-room school-



RUTH WATSON a one-time teacher in a one-room schoolhouse, prepares for a different kind of class. This one is made up of nearly 40 adults who gathered to relive their experiences in a one-room schoolhouse.

houses. Among them were three sisters who taught in Riley township schools and still live in the Fremont area.

Grace Zilles, Ruth Peffly and Helen Heibel enjoyed their day back in a one-room schoolhouse and especially enjoyed seeing some of the people they once taught.

"I don't know how much teaching was done, but we had a

really good time," Zilles said.

All three began their teaching careers when they were about 19 years old, the average age for a teacher during the late 1920s.

Zilles started in 1928 at the Chippewa School and Peffly in 1931 at the Schoch School. Peffly later moved to the Garvin school

## School

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which is now home to the Riley Grange.

At that time, Riley township had 12 separate school districts. Teachers were hired by the township board of education and the board was overseen by the county school superintendent.

Heibel started the family teaching tradition. In order to become a teacher, she had to attend nine years of school and pass a special exam. Teachers also had to attend classes during the summer months.

"My sister taught me and I guess I always wanted to be a teacher like her," Zilles said.

Peffly said teaching was the "thing to do" and she was disappointed when she had to give it up when marrying.

"I got married in 1936 and during the Depression a woman had to give up her job when she married," she said.

The day spent in the one-room schoolhouse was a day for reminiscing about the many good times that were spent in the crowded little buildings. The average enrollment was 20 to 30 students and first through eighth grade classes were held in the same room.

Students sat at wooden desks and a large stove sat in the middle of the school room to provide heat during the winter.

"The teacher had to hire a janitor to see that there was a fire in the stove each morning," Peffly said. "It was always pretty warm — of course the children closest to the stove were warmer than those along the outside walls."

Neither Peffly nor Zilles, however, remember there being much of a discipline problem.

"As a teacher then you established a standard — if you respect them, they'll respect you," Zilles said. "If you did have problems, the parents were always behind the teacher."

Peffly said if a student caused her problems the most common punishment was making them stay in at recess.

Back then, students had two 15-minute recesses and one hour for lunch. Often times the teacher would spend recess playing with students.

"I found in a country school

that the kids loved to have you play games and such with them at recess," Zilles said.

The rest of the day was spent in class with most of the same subjects being taught then as are today. Special emphasis was placed on hygiene classes — better known as health today — and instead of science students studied agriculture. There also wasn't the concern about keeping religion out of the classroom.

"We opened class each day with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance and at the beginning of Lent we would read the Lenten story aloud," Peffly said.

Peffly added that she also spent a lot of class time singing because she loved to sing.

With so many different ages in one classroom, one would think that keeping the different levels straight would be difficult, but Peffly said that wasn't the case.

"You just kind of went with the flow and many times the younger children moved ahead more quickly because they learned from the older children," Peffly said.

Nine teachers who once taught in one-room schoolhouses were present at last week's event — Zilles, Peffly, Heibel, Ruth Watson, Ruth Balsizer, Grace Root, Jane Perry and Corrine Carley — and all of them had fond memories of their experiences in a one-room schoolhouse.

"We (students and teachers) were more like a family then," said Watson, organizer of the event. "We spent eight years together. We knew each other and our families knew each other."

For Zilles, who also taught second grade at York for many years, her time teaching in the schoolhouse holds many special memories.

"At the end of each school year there would be a big picnic with all of the families. There would be races and contests and the food was all so wonderful," she remembers fondly.

"It was quite an experience and very rewarding," said Peffly. "I still enjoy seeing my students and remembering those times."

Being in a one-room schoolhouse was a new experience, however, to at least one of the people attending. Lorraine For-gatsch, who substitute teaches for Fremont schools, said she would rather stick to today's schools.

# 71st HIRT REUNION

Sandusky County Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 26, 1987 - 12:00 Noon Potluck



Bruce W. Hirt, President

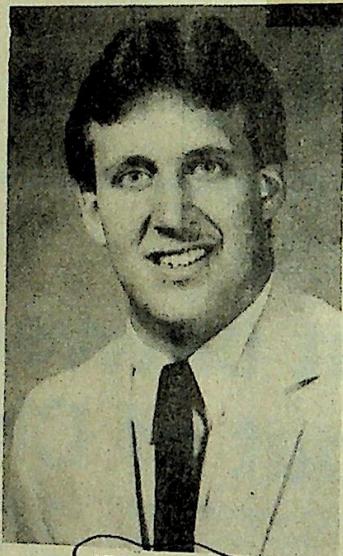
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SCOTT RINESMITH



MICHAEL RIDER

## Harding selects top '87 students

Harding High School has named Michael Rider as valedictorian and Scott Rinesmith as salutatorian of the 1987 graduating class.

They will give the senior class address at commencement at 3 p.m. Sunday at the high school stadium.

Rider is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rider. After graduation, he plans to attend Wittenberg University. He is considering a major in marine biology or medicine.

He is an Emanuel Lutheran Church member and a Marion County Red Cross volunteer. At school, he has participated in football, Varsity H Club, concert choir, basketball, track, French Club, school musical and band

and was Eagle mascot. His honors include National Honor Society, academic awards, *Marion Star* Teen of the Month, Junior Kiwanis and law director for Youth in Government Day.

Also Rider has taken Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement, receiving an division honorable mention in biology and a state honorable mention in general science.

Rinesmith, son of Steven and Wraylyne Rinesmith, will attend The Ohio State University, where he plans to enter a pre-medicine program.

He has received recognition as Outstanding Science Student and is the recipient of a Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. He also has earned academic medals at school. He has been a member of the *Quiver* staff, drama club, mock trial team and student council.



Dick Hirt will be 70!  
Friends and family --  
Open House Sunday,  
June 28 from 2-6 p.m.  
725 Castalia St.  
No Gifts!

Thursday, June 25, 1987, The News-Messenger, Fremont, Ohio

### State FFA Degrees.

According to Fremont FFA Advisor, Ken Badertscher, only 10 have received the prestigious award since 1930. Other American FFA Degree recipients from Fremont include: Earl Rosenberger - 1933, Carl Fought - 1941, Robert Carr - 1944, Larry Longanbach - 1961, Steven Lindsey - 1966, James Schwartz - 1967, Emily Nitschke - 1980, Tim Bender - 1981, and Dean Schneider - 1984.

**Military** 1987



**BRADY GLICK**

Brady M. Glick has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., with a bachelor's degree and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Glick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glick of Green Springs.

The academy is a four-year educational institution charged with the task of training young Americans to become professional Air Force officers.

He is a graduate of Tiffin-Calvert High School in Tiffin.

## Ross grad lawyer in Iran probe

By ALESIA COOPER  
Staff writer

A Fremont Ross High School graduate has gone from being called the "little professor" as a child to, at age 35, being chosen as one of a U.S. House select committee's lawyers at the Iran-Contra hearings.

Catherine and Glenn Genzman, of 2459 N. Ohio 19, Oak Harbor, are proud that their son, Robert Genzman — a civil trial lawyer with Baker & Hostetler in Orlando, Fla. — was chosen in March to be one of the five counsels for the Republicans on the committee.

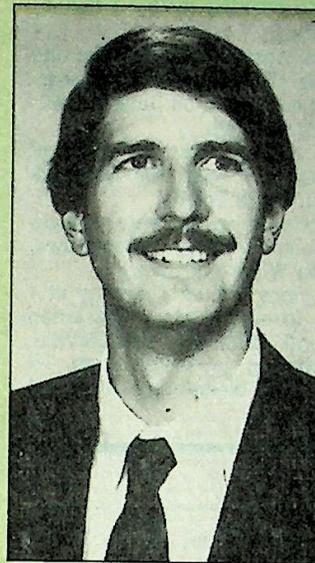
His first assignment as a U.S. House select committee counsel was to go to Paris to interview one of the people reportedly involved in the sales of arms to Iran, according to his father. "He's the perfect person for that type of job."

As a 4-year-old, Genzman was called "little professor" by neighbors when the family was living in Alaska. He kept that same zeal as a pre-teen when his family moved to Fremont.

"He's just about been the model son," Catherine Genzman said. "Every now and then you meet children who are old when they're young. He's always had a serious approach to life. You don't often see this in children."

A 1969 Fremont Ross High School graduate, he received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Pennsylvania. He spent his junior year in Manchester, England, at the University of Manchester on a co-op program.

Receiving a master's in political science from the London School of Economics, he went on to graduate from Cor-



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nell Law School in New York.

Before joining Baker & Hostetler, Genzman was staff counsel to the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1977 and 1978. He was legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Robert Livingston, R-La., in 1979 and 1980. He served as assistant U.S. attorney in Orlando from 1980 to 1983, then joined the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk, Caldwell, Cabaniss & Burke. He left that firm to work for Baker & Hostetler.

Genzman's reputation on the assassinations committee had much to do with U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum, selecting him for the counsel position. "He loves anything having to do with politicians," his mother said.

Glenn Genzman said his son had to take a temporary leave of absence from his job. He'll return to the law firm in October.

Although her son will take a slight decrease in pay while working on the committee, Catherine Genzman said the "prestige in being asked more than makes up for the pay cut." Next year, he will become a junior partner in the Orlando firm.

# Jennifer Schwartz is crowned Lindsey's 1987 Fire Queen

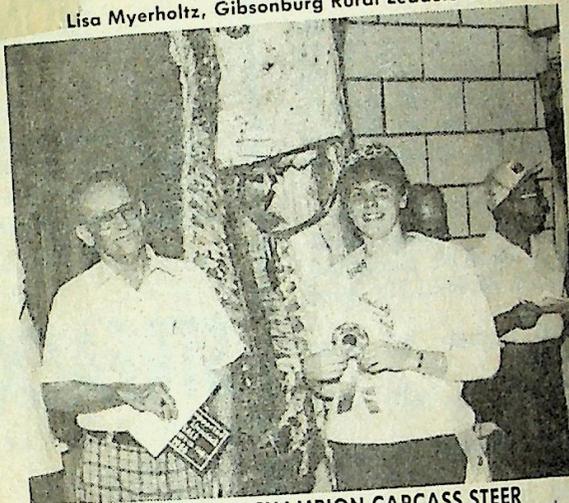
The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department's 1987 Fire Queen is Jennifer Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schwartz of Lindsey.

The Firemen's Annual Convention is being held in Gibsonburg today and Saturday.

Schwartz will be participating in the Queens Parade and Contest at 5 p.m. today at the Gibsonburg High School. She will also ride in the big parade that will be held Saturday, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

## GRAND CHAMPION CARCASS STEER

W R Truck Stop  
Lisa Myerholtz, Gibsonburg Rural Leaders 4-H



## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION CARCASS STEER

George Zorn  
Jackie Schwartz, Lindsey Boosters 4-H

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## Focus on FFA

Star Chapter Farmer, Jen Schwartz, was presented a trophy at the 57th Annual Fremont FFA Parent-Member Banquet held Thursday, March 26, at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed. Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Schwartz of Lindsey, was presented the award by Glen Geib of Toledo Trust before an audience of 260 parents, FFA members, and guests of the Fremont FFA.

Steve Letzring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Letzring of Oak Harbor Road, received the Lila Weiler Citizenship Award of a \$100 check presented by Fremont FFA Advisor's wife, Sue Badertscher.

The Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree was conferred upon Harold Covert, Albert Contreras, Sr., John Havens, and Karl Havens who have contributed toward the successes of youth in the Fremont FFA.

Chapter advisor, Ken Badertscher, with the help of Jenny Rupp presented the following chapter awards: Shannon Badertscher, State FFA Band Pin; Steve Letzring, Forage Proficiency; Jeff Miarer, Corn/Dairy Production; Mike Nighswander, Beet/Corn Production; Jen Schwartz, Fruit and Vegetable Proficiency, State FFA Choir, Best Record Books (received calculator from the Ed Lamalie family); Brett Bergefurd, placement in Sales and Service Reporter's Contest; Brenda Glaser, State FFA Choir; Michelle Koppelman, fourth place Secretary's Book; Matt Lantz, Swine Proficiency, Soybean Production, third place District Treasurer's Book; Dan Myers, Reporter's Scrapbook; Chad Overmyer, Sugar Beet, Melons; Mat Risch, placement in Production, Wildlife, Sheep Production; Mike Wagner, Specialty Crop, Beet; Eric Havens, Dairy Proficiency;

Chad Root, Home Improvement; Jeff Jahns, Co-star Greenhand; Mike Lantz, Co-star Greenhand.

Introduction of five (5) members who will receive their State FFA Degree at the 1987 State FFA Convention in April included: Jeff Miarer, Mike Nighswander, Brett Bergefurd, Matt Lantz, and Mike Longanbach.

Public Speaking Awards were presented to: Steve Letzring, Matt Lantz, Mike Wagner, Jeff Jahns, Mike Lantz, and Pete Wagner.

Fifty dollar (\$50.00) saving bonds were presented to sausage salesmen over \$500 which included: Kevin Mowry, Matt Risch, Matt Lantz, and Mike Lantz.

Adele Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner of Washington Township, was crowned 1987-88 FFA Queen by Matt Lantz. The queen's court consisted of Senior Attendant, Jen Schwartz; Junior Attendant, Michelle Koppelman; Sophomore Attendant, Melissa Kaple; and Freshman Attendant, Heather Matesick.

Seven (7) State FFA Camp Scholarships were presented by individuals and businesses. Receiving scholarships were: Andy Atkinson, Jeff Jahns, Mike Lantz, Nathan Risch, Bob Waggoner, Dan Myers, and Matt Risch.

Matt Lantz accepted donations on behalf of three FFA members who will attend State and national FFA Conventions.

Best Notebook Awards were presented to: Jeff Jahns, Plant Science Class; Ryan Smith, Animal Science Class; Michelle Koppelman Junior Farm and Agri-Business Management Class; Adele Wagner, Senior Management Class.

Scholarship pins were presented to members having a 3.0 or better grade point average in all classes. Recipients were: Shannon Badertscher, Steve Letzring, Allan Root, Matt Lantz, Michelle Koppelman, Mike Wagner, Chad Root, Julie Wagner, Jon Colson, and Jeff Jahns.

Jeff Miarer was presented the 110 Percent Award of a \$25 check by the Farm Credit Service.

Following the remarks made by Terry Bolen, President of the Young Farmers, Karen Schwochow, YFW President, and Mr. Larry Schultz, Ross High Assistant Principal, Toastmaster and Retiring President, Jen Schwartz introduced the 1987-88 Fremont FFA Officer Team. They include: President—Matt Lantz; Vice-president—Mike Wagner; Student Advisor—Brett Bergefurd; Treasurer—Mike Longanbach; Secretary—Julie Risch; Reporter—Matt Risch; Sentinel—Chad Root; Chaplain—Mike Lantz.

**American Legion Auxiliary  
prepares for Poppy Day** 1987



*News photo by Amado Tuazon*

The American Legion Auxiliary is preparing for its Poppy Days that will run May 18 through 22. When you purchase poppies from auxiliary members at the Rossmoor Shopping Center, the proceeds go to support the VA Hospital in Martinez. Auxiliary President Beth McCammon (left) sells the first poppy to Leta Baumann in front of the poppy display at Gateway complex.



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Smoky has been a comic figure for decades.

Register photo — TIM FLECK

## Smoky the clown's still hot

By ED RICHTER

*Bellevue-Clyde Bureau*

FREMONT — Rides, games, booths of all sorts, popcorn, cotton candy, animals and families together are just a few of the things one could find at any county fair.

But at the Sandusky County Fair, there is one fixture that has not changed for more than 30 years. That fixture is Smoky the Clown.

Smoky or as he is better known around Fremont as Phil Huss, 64, a retired Fremont police officer, has been clowning around Fremont and other areas within a 300 mile radius for at least 33 years.

Although he has a schedule that keeps him on the go every month, he always has one week reserved each year: the week of the Sandusky County Fair.

Huss' roots in the fair are very deep. As long as could remember, he or his family had always participated in the fair. His father was a fair director for more than 25 years.

"Our fair is a beautiful fair and I think it is one of the greatest county fairs in the state," he says loyally.

Huss, who had always loved clowns, almost became a pro boxer. He had become an accomplished amateur boxer in the area before and after World War II. While serving in the U.S. Navy, he became a Pacific Fleet Champion and later went to the 1946 Chicago National Golden Gloves tournaments, reaching the semi-finals before being eliminated.

After his discharge from the Navy, he became a police officer. In fact, while working special duty at the Fremont Speedway on weekends, he came up with the idea for a clown to entertain spectators at the speedway.

Track officials went for the idea and Huss had a steady part-time job during his off-duty hours.

"I wanted to prove to the children that police officers love children just as much as clowns do," Huss said. "It was beautiful."

"The secret to my success is that I was a very good police officer and I am a very good clown," he said. "You also have to love people of all ages because that is what a good clown has to do."

"As a clown, you get to meet the most beautiful people in the world," Huss said. "One thing that I have found is that people are the same all over the world. All you have to do is to learn how to meet and talk with people."

His appearances range from company picnics to hospital visits almost anywhere.

This week he can be found just about anywhere riding his scooter and entertaining fair patrons. His wife of 41 years, Martha, can be found selling Smoky shirts near the midway.

"I'm going to keep going for as long as I can," Huss said. "Life is beautiful and I love living."

Today is Whirlpool Day at the Sandusky County Fair. Highlights today are: The Liebel Family Circus at 3 and 5 p.m.; Outhouse races at 7 p.m. and Moore Brothers at the grandstand at 9 p.m.

August 18, 1971

Fred & Madelyn (Hirt) Schauf  
 Brooksville Florida & Mort Bindley  
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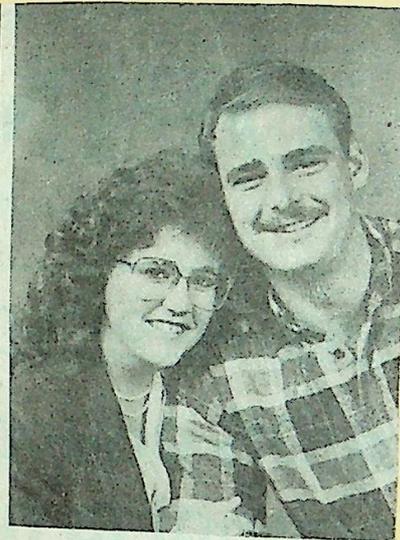
Hirt Reunion  
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## Grace Lutheran's clerk retires 1988.

Fremonter Jeanette Hirt recently retired from Grace Lutheran Church as clerk and receptionist.

Her knowledge of the families and members of the church congregation is indispensable, say those who know her. She always has a pleasant greeting, and knows how to listen. She gives the staff at the church words of encouragement when needed, especially to the pastors. Hirt is also known for keeping office machines "humming."

In October, Hirt was presented with the Outstanding Woman of the Year Award by the Business and Professional Woman's Club.



LORI KIRSCH  
 BRIAN HIRT

## Kirsch, Hirt to be married

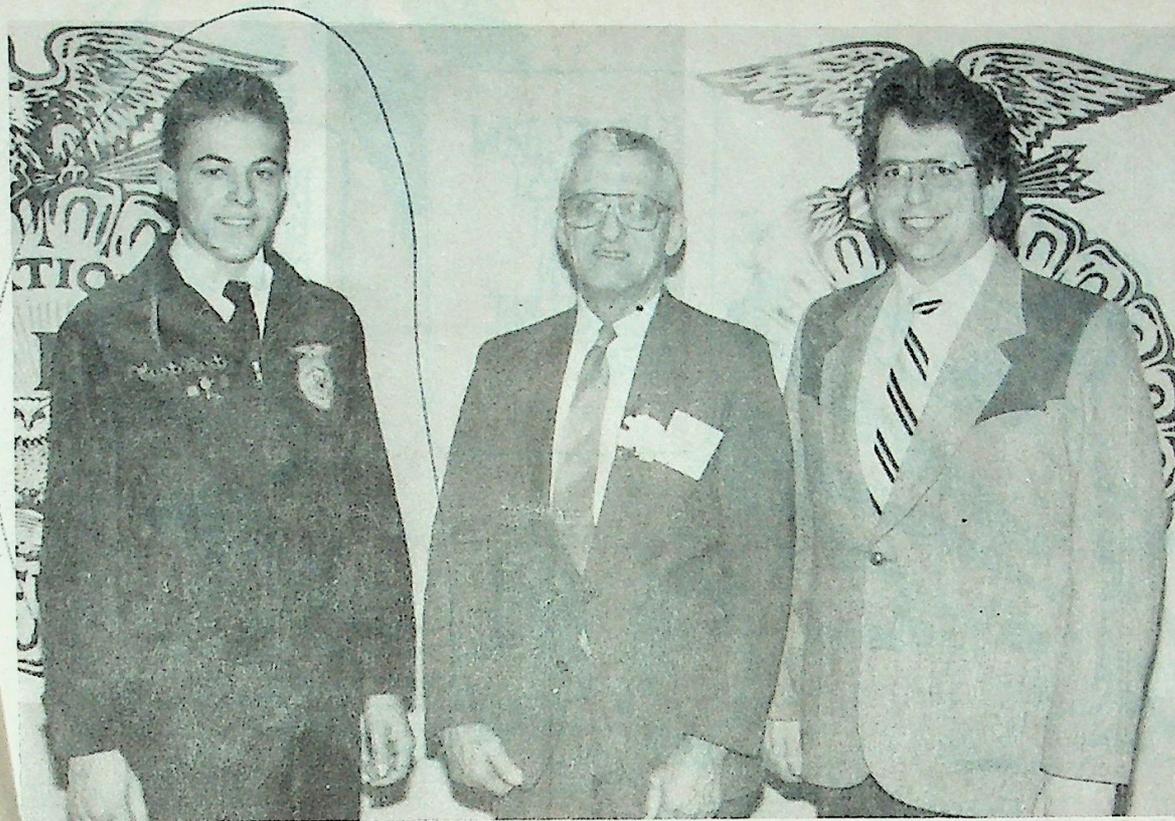
Mrs. Darlene Fawcett, Bellevue, and Robert Kirsch, Bellevue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann Kirsch, to Brian Gary Hirt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hirt, of Bellevue.

The bride-elect is an employee of Early Expressions Child Care Center, Findlay.

Her fiance served four years with the U.S. Army and is employed by Bob Kelly Chevrolet, North Baltimore, Ohio.

The couple is planning a Nov. 5, 1988, wedding to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton Township, Monroeville.

# Hirt, Hoffman host Wise at breakfast



COLUMBUS — Kurt Hirt, left, and Robert Hoffman, right, of the Bellevue Chapter of FFA hosted Rep. Dwight Wise, center (D-Fremont) at the FFA's "Salute to the Ohio Legislature" Breakfast held

recently in Columbus. Hirt, a student at Bellevue Senior High School, and Hoffman, the BSHS agricultural education instructor, were among the 400 persons taking part in the annual event.

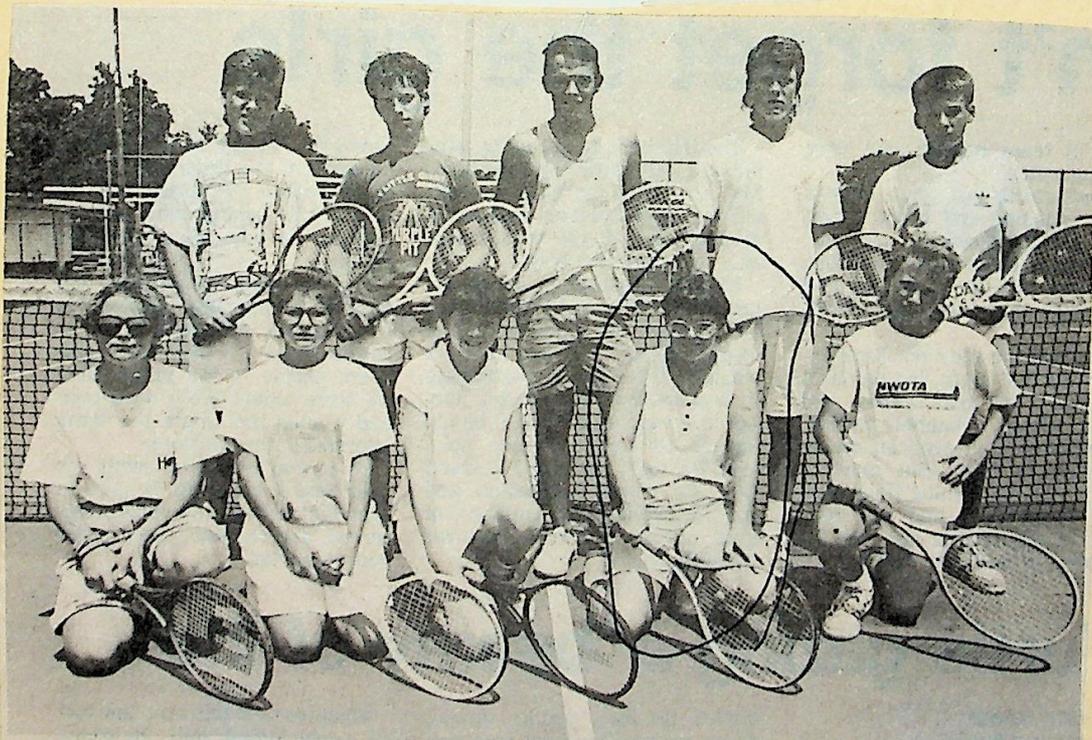
COLUMBUS — Kurtis Hirt, a member of the Bellevue FFA chapter at Bellevue Senior High School, and agriculture education instructor Robert Hoffman hosted the Honorable Dwight Wise, a member of the 118th General Assembly at the FFA's "Salute to the Ohio Legislature" Breakfast in Columbus on Feb. 1.

Mr. John H. Davis, director of the Ohio Agricultural Education Service, and the state FFA officers informed Ohio's legislators of the agricultural education programs conducted in local, city, and joint vocational school districts to prepare students for occupations in the agriculture industry.

Vernal G. Riffe Jr., speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, Stanley Aranoff, president pro tempore of the Ohio Senate, and Dr. Franklin B. Walter, state superintendent of public instruction, addressed the audience of over 400 persons.

The FFA members and their agriculture education teachers spent the remainder of the day touring the State Capitol, the Ohio Supreme Court Chambers, and observing sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives, and committee hearings on proposed legislation.

This activity was organized by the Ohio FFA Association and the Ohio Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association.



News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

## Youth tourney competitors

Pictured are the winners and runnersup in Wednesday's Youth Tennis League Tournament at Rodger Young Park. Front row, left to right: Whitney Shanahan, 13-14 champion; Andi Oprel, 13-14 runner-up; Shana Young, 10-11 runner-up; Casey

Schepflin, 10-11 champion; Adam Andrews, age 12 champion. Back row: T.J. Wolfe, age 12 runner-up; Brian Stein, 15-16 runner-up; Matt Szymanowski, 15-16 champion; Shane Moran, age 13 champion; Brad Darr, age 13 runner-up.

## win championship

Ole Zims 5, Athletic Supply 4  
Smith allowed six hits and walked six over six innings for Ole Zims, 11-4. Justin Conklin also went 2-for-3 with a triple for the winners.

Athletic Supply, which got triples from Rob Hammer, Brian Busold, Rob Stolz and Joe Ramsey, fell to 11-3.

Busold, who gave up five hits and five walks, was the losing pitcher.

## Ole Zims,

News-Messenger reports

Ryan Smith hit a three-run homer in a five-run second inning and also was the winning pitcher Wednesday in Ole Zims' 5-4 victory over Fremont Athletic Supply in the Little League championship baseball game.

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**TRAVELLERS:** "A perfect way to celebrate an early 40th wedding anniversary," was the way Glenn and Catherine Genzman of rural Oak Harbor had to say about a recent 10 day trip to Switzerland and Germany.

The Genzmans' four children, Scarlett and Robert of Orlando, Fla., Meldoy Miller of Virginia Beach, Va., and Gloria Yundt of Port Clinton, joined the couple on the trip.

The Genzmans rented a van and toured extensively throughout the two countries. Highlights included visiting Stilli and Brugg, Switzerland — both villages of ancestors of Catherine; the prison camp of Dachau, Oberammergau, the walled city of Rothenburg; and the castle Neuschwanstein, which Disney officials used as a model for the castle at the Disney World Magic Kingdom.

Although the brilliant flowers, ancient architecture and natural beauty of the countries was impressive, the best part of any trip is a deeper appreciation of home (America) upon return, the couple said.

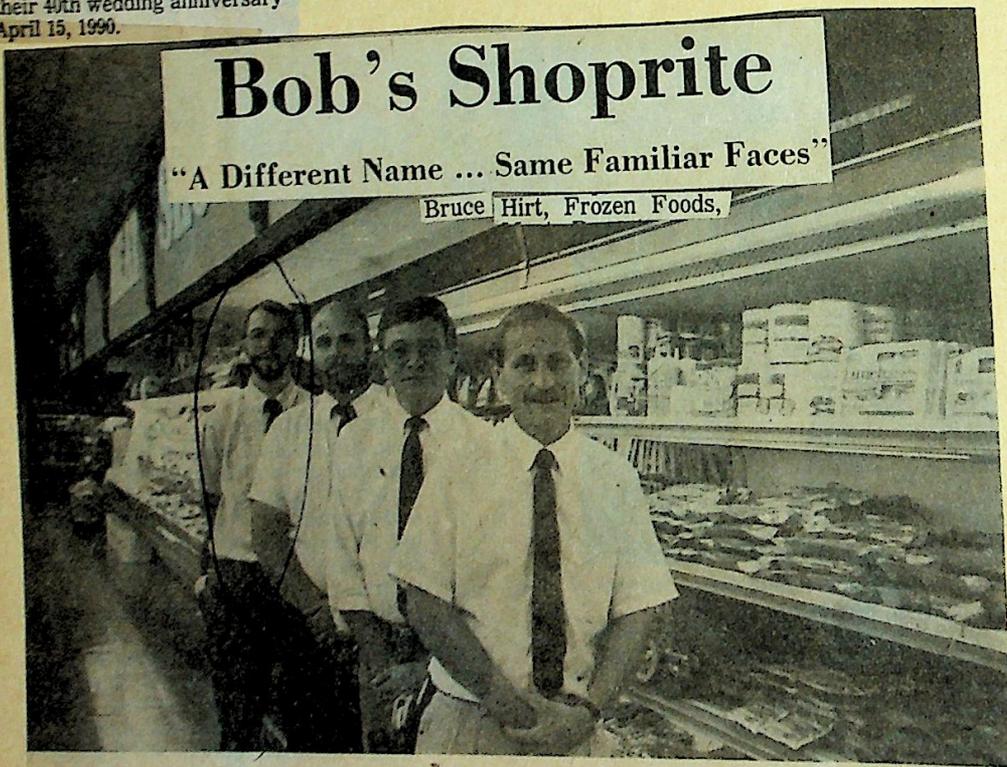
The Genzmans will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary April 15, 1990.



## Bob's Shoprite

"A Different Name ... Same Familiar Faces"

Bruce Hirt, Frozen Foods,



Pictured are front to back: Buck Wise, Bob Schneider, Stuart Hill, and Bruce Hirt.

The 73rd annual reunion of the descendants of Casper and Verna Vogt Hirt was July 30 at the Vickery Fire Station. Approximately 144 family members were present. A potluck dinner at noon was enjoyed by all. A business meeting and program followed. President Gary L. Hirt called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last reunion were read and approved. The treasurer's report was also read and approved. The births, deaths, and marriages of the previous year were announced. The baby bank was presented to Allison Marie Scheplin, the youngest baby present. It was decided continue to hold fu-

ture reunions at the fire station for. The upcoming 75th reunion was discussed. Officers for the 74th reunion were elected: Vince Troxel, president; Dick Scheplin, vice president; and Sarah Babione, secretary/treasurer. Jeanette Hirt will assist Sarah Babione. The date for the 74th reunion will be July 29, 1990. Kathy and Glenn Genzman gave a report on their trip to Stilli, Switzerland, the origins of the Casper Hirt family. The meeting was adjourned. Games were held for the children in attendance. Out-of-state visitors included Eric Miller; Scarlett Genzman;

Dorothy Claus; and Barbara, Leticia, Christian, Katherine and Kimberly Gonzales.

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# SPORTS



News Messenger/Bob Miller

**GIAN SCHEPFLIN** returns a shot against Gladys Young in the San Jose County Women's Singles Tournament championship match Sunday at Orange Valley Park. Schepflin defeated Young 6-3, 6-4. **Gene Rod Myers** won the men's division.

## Not clowning around



News Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

Smoky the Clown points out the importance of school bus lights and what they mean during a bus safety presentation to Washington Elementary School students Tuesday. Smoky has been presenting the safety talk, which includes a magic show, in local public and parochial schools over the past week.

### Atkinson-Kellogg

Mrs. Lucile Atkinson of Fremont announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary, to Scott Kellogg, son of Mrs. Carolyn Kellogg of Fremont and the late Dean Kellogg. Mary is also the daughter of the late Norman Atkinson.

The bride-elect is a 1978 graduate of Fremont Ross High School. She is employed by Sterling Lines in Fremont.

Her fiance, a 1977 graduate of Fremont Ross High School, is employed by Lin-Mor Inc. in Lindsay.

No wedding date has been set.



MARY ATKINSON and SCOTT KELLOGG



Cotton sweater and brushed cotton skirt and jacket from Tanner's fall fashion collection is modeled by Amy Schepflin.

## Former Fremonter nominated U.S. district attorney in Florida

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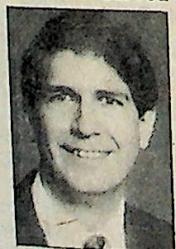
President George Bush has nominated former Fremonter Robert W. Genzman for a four-year term as United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida. The four-year appointment becomes effective after the U.S. Senate confirmation.

Genzman, 38, Orlando, has served as Acting United States Attorney since Sept. 26, 1988, under the appointment of Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

Genzman graduated from Ross High School in 1969. He received degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, the London School of Economics, and Cornell Law School.

From 1977-78, Genzman served as staff counsel to the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations, which investigated the slayings of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. From 1979-80, he was legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Robert L. Livingston (R-Louisiana). From

1980-83, he prosecuted as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Orlando. From 1983-88, he litigated in private practice, most recently with the Orlando office of Baker and From 1977-78, Genzman served as staff counsel to the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations, which investigated the slayings of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. From 1979-80, he was legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Robert L. Livingston (R-Louisiana). From 1980-83, he prosecuted as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Orlando. From 1983-88, he litigated in private practice, most recently with the Orlando office of Baker and Hostetler, which is based in Cleveland. In 1987 he served as associate minority counsel to the House Iran-Contra Committee.



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The witnesses he questioned in public hearings included former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger.

Genzman is the son of Glen and Catherine Genzman of rural Oak Harbor and Orlando. Both are retired teachers from the Fremont school system.

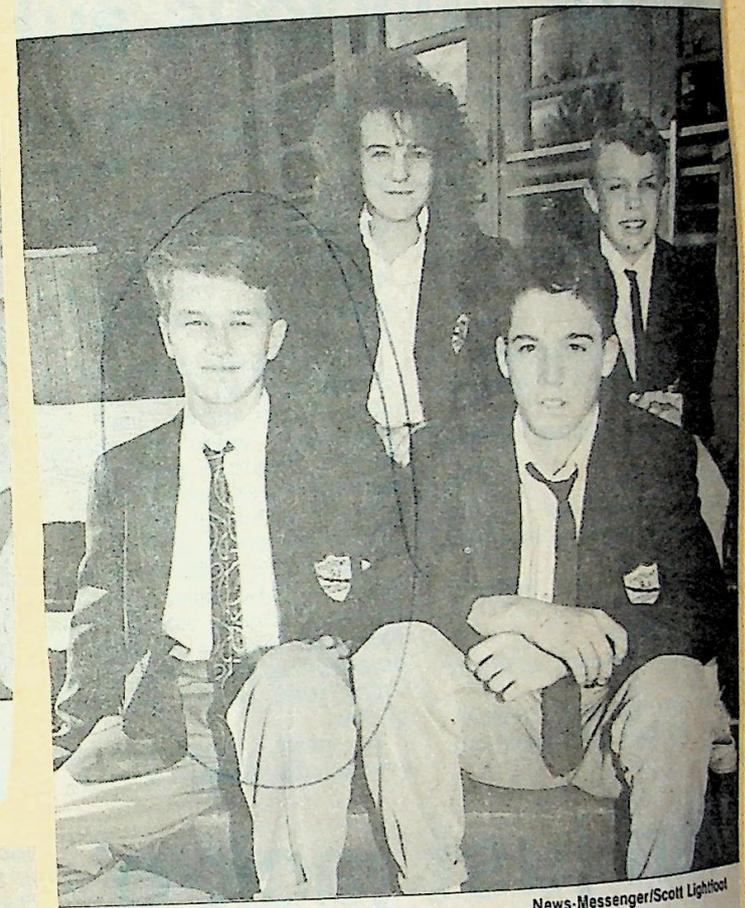
The Middle District of Florida is one of three federal districts in Florida. It covers 35 out of Florida's 67 counties, and has over six million permanent residents. The U.S. attorney, supported by 61 assistant attorneys in Tampa, Jacksonville, Orlando, and Fort Myers, prosecutes federal crimes and represents the United States in civil actions and collections.

Genzman's office has drug trafficking charges pending against Panamanian General Manuel Noriega; Colombian drug kingpins Pablo Escobar Gaviria, Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, Jorge Ochoa Vasquez, and Fabio Ochoa Vasquez; and financier Robert Vesco. All are considered fugitives.

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Sept. 18 — Mr. and Mrs. Michael Diekman, Nissen Road, Elmore, a son, Nathaniel. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Local grandparent is Jacqueline Hawk, Fremont. The baby's great-grandmother, Mrs. Russ Hirt, is formerly of Fremont.

## Freshman leaders



News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

St. Joseph Central Catholic High School Freshman Class Officers are: Front, from left — President Eric Hirt and Vice President Mike Kerr. Rear, from left — Secretary Heather Lucanad and Treasurer Jason Yerkes.

## Sara, Ketchup on Ice Cream?



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## Fremont Ross honors athletes

Senior Dian Schepflin won the MVP in tennis. She also received her third-year letter award and a co-captain trophy, along with Kelly Warner, from Coach Sue Badertscher.



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### Cruz-Hirt

Belinda Cruz and Mark Hirt were married Oct. 7 in Grace Lutheran Church by the Rev. Paul Fuchs.

Parents of the couple are Gilbert and Ofelia Cruz and Howard and Jeanette Hirt, all of Fremont.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was Judy Lowe, friend of the couple. She wore a bright aqua satin gown with a round neckline falling to a low V-back, fitted bodice with bow at the side and elbow length sleeves. The full skirt fell to a high/low hemline. She carried an arm bouquet of silk white lilies, aqua alstramaria and mixed foilage, tied with a white bow.

Bridesmaids were Cindy Pert, sister of the groom; and Deb Nicholas, Tammy Sweeney and Sheri Toth, friends of the bride. They were dressed identical to the matron of honor.

Flowergirl was Laura Hirt, niece of the groom. She was also dressed identical to the matron of honor. She carried a miniature bouquet matching the bridesmaids'.

Best man was Scott Hirt, brother of the groom. Serving as ushers were Mike and Bruce Hirt, brothers of the groom; and Greg Harrison and Andy Capogrosso, friends of the couple. Ringbearer was Daniel Ysaquirre, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held in the VFW Hall in Green Springs. The couple spent their honeymoon in the Smokey Mountains and Nashville. They reside in Fremont.

The bride, a 1980 graduate of Clyde High School, is an assembler at Whirlpool Corp.

The groom, a 1979 graduate of Ross High School, is in building maintenance with Automotive Industries.



BELINDA (CRUZ) and  
MARK HIRT



Love,  
Jodi, Jamie, Ashley, Cory

## Genzman on television program to discuss U.S. drug problem

News-Messenger reports

Tonight following the World Series, at 12:30 a.m., U.S. Attorney Robert W. Genzman will be featured on a segment of Inside Edition dealing with drugs. The program airs on WTOL-Channel 11, Toledo.

Genzman, a 1969 graduate of Ross High School, is the son of Glen and Kathryn Genzman of Oak Harbor.

Genzman is United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida. His office has drug trafficking charges pending against Panamanian General Manuel Noriega; Colombian drug kingpins Pablo Escobar Gaviria, Jose Gonzalo Rodrigues Gacha, Jorge Ochoa Vasquez and Fabio Ochoa Vasquez; and financier Robert Vesco.

Genzman, who graduated from Ross High in 1969, received degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, the London School of Economics and Cornell Law School.

He has been involved in a number of internationally-known investigations and cases both in private practice and for the government.

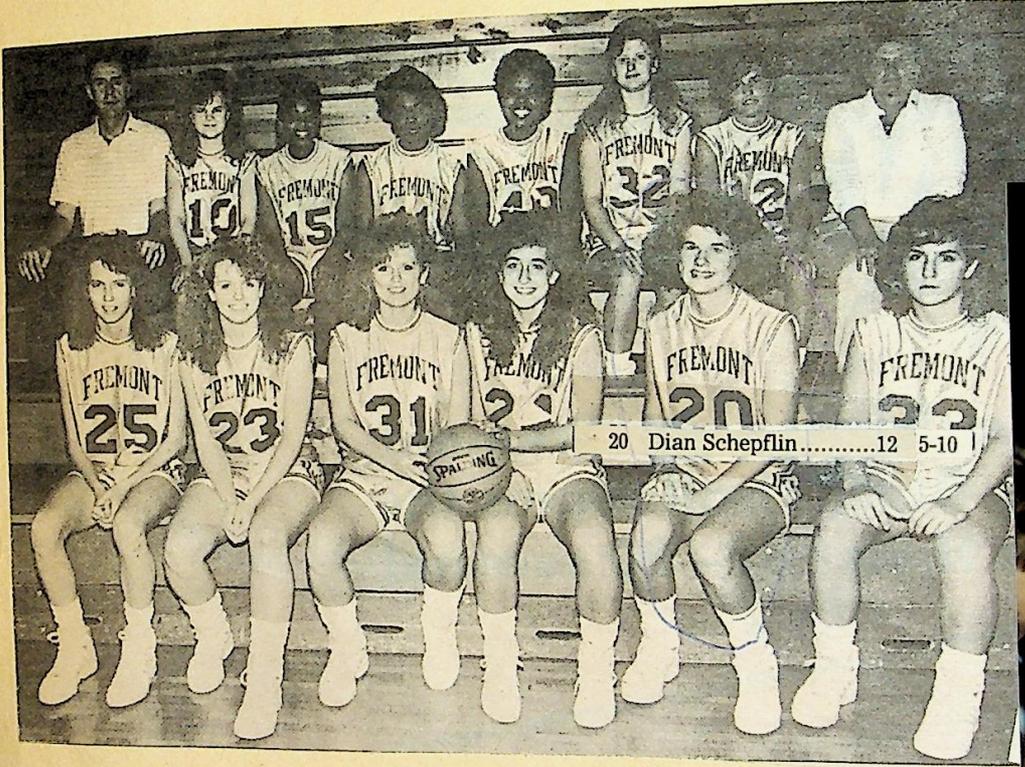
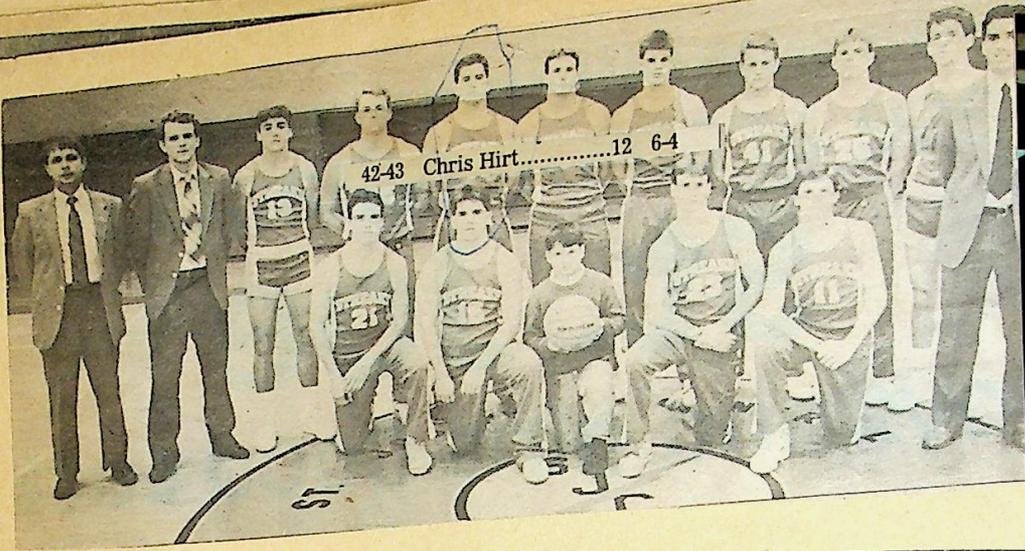


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Oct. 29 — Aimee and Ben Bartok, 27695 Tracy Road, Lot 470, Walbridge, a 9-pound son, Derek Daniel, in Toledo Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawk of Walbridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher of Oregon, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Russell Hirt of Fremont.

Oct. 31 — Lisa and Kevin Diekmann, 405 E. Yeasting St., Gibsonburg, a daughter at 10:31 p.m.



1989 Reunion



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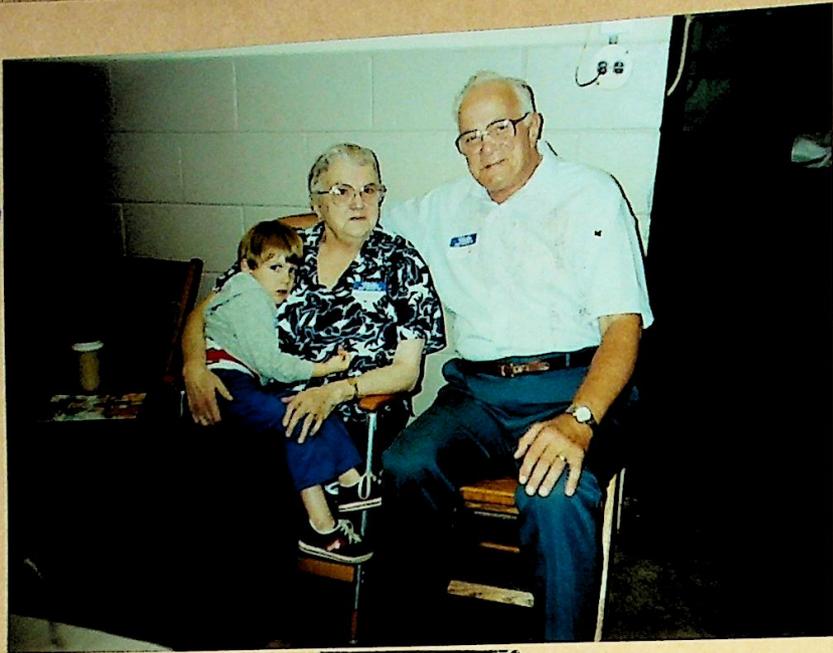
DIAN SCHEPFLIN (right) of Fremont Ross looks to make a move on Port Clinton's Chery Druyor Tuesday night at Port Clinton.



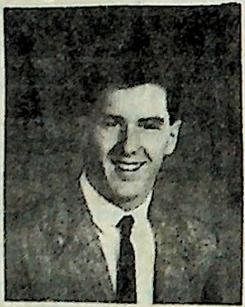
1989 Reunion



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Happy Birthday  
Chris!  
You grew up too fast.



Love,  
Mom, Dad & Eric

### Chilly crossing



Safety prevails over comfort on a chilly Tuesday as St. Joseph Elementary School students Matt Hirt and Jason Smola keep

Eric Rich, Scott Kupka and Chris Wilson from crossing while fifth-grade teacher Kathy Holcomb watches for traffic.

## Hirt retirement told

Electricians Mate Senior Chief Kenneth L. Hirt, formerly of Vickery, was recently honored with a retirement ceremony at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn.

Hirt has served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years. He has served on the USS Gato, USS Sam Rayburn, USS Alexander Hamilton and the USS Will Rogers.

He enlisted in the Navy in October of 1969 and completed Boot Camp and Electrician's Mate "A" School at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He began his nuclear power training in 1971 in Bainbridge, Md. and subsequently reported to the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Palston Spa., NY.

During his service years Hirt received five Good Conduct Medals.

Master of Ceremonies for the retirement program was Lt. Commander E. A. Johnson, a personal friend of Hirt. Remarks were given by Commander R. W. Dennis, Lt. L. D. Marquet and Peter A. Fleming.

Hirt was presented with a number of commendations, including one from President George Bush.

Hirt's younger brother, Joel, who is serving in the Nuclear



SMCS (SS) Kenneth Hirt

Navy, also took part in the ceremony.

Hirt resides in Preston, Conn., with his wife Susan, son Christopher and daughters Courtney and Margaret.

Attending the ceremony were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle E. Hirt of Lakeside, also former Vickery residents, and his sister, Merry Lyn Bagwell of Dallas, Tex.

News Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

# Gingerbread land



Some students at St. Ann's Elementary School found a way to get into the Christmas spirit and put their creative energies to work — they built a gingerbread village.

Over a period of about two weeks, fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders made parts for the village in art class. When parts were completed, they assembled the village.

Standing among the gingerbread villages they and their classmates built are, at left, fourth-graders Eric Gabel, Gretchen Schroeder and Julie Kupka; in back, fifth-grader Matt Lotycz and sixth-graders Dana Schepplin and Shaun Root; and in the center, sixth-grader Lisa Wethington and fifth-graders Tammy Mikolajczyk and Sam Root.

Newspaper/Scott Lightfoot

*Mark's list*

Happy 29th Birthday, Mark!



Love,  
Belinda & Mom

1990

## Genzman

On April 15, Glenn and Catherine Genzman of rural Oak Harbor will observe their 40th wedding anniversary.

Glenn and the former Catherine Brugger were married by the Rev. Frank A. Jordan in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clyde.

The couple has four children — Gloria Yandt, Port Clinton; Melody Miller, Virginia Beach, Va.; and Robert and Scarlett, both of Orlando, Fla. They have two grandsons and one granddaughter. One grandson, Robert Curtis Yandt, is deceased.

The Genzmans, retired Fremont school teachers, divide their time between Oak Harbor, Oregon and Virginia Beach.



GLENN and CATHERINE GENZMAN

## Brindley

Morton and Irene Brindley of 119 Garfield, Lindsay, will be honored at an open house reception 2-5 p.m. March 11 at Faith Lutheran Church fellowship hall, Sandusky County Road 128. The couple requests that gifts be omitted.

Morton and the former Irene

Hart were married March 14, 1940, in Grace Lutheran Church by the Dr. Lawrence S. Price.

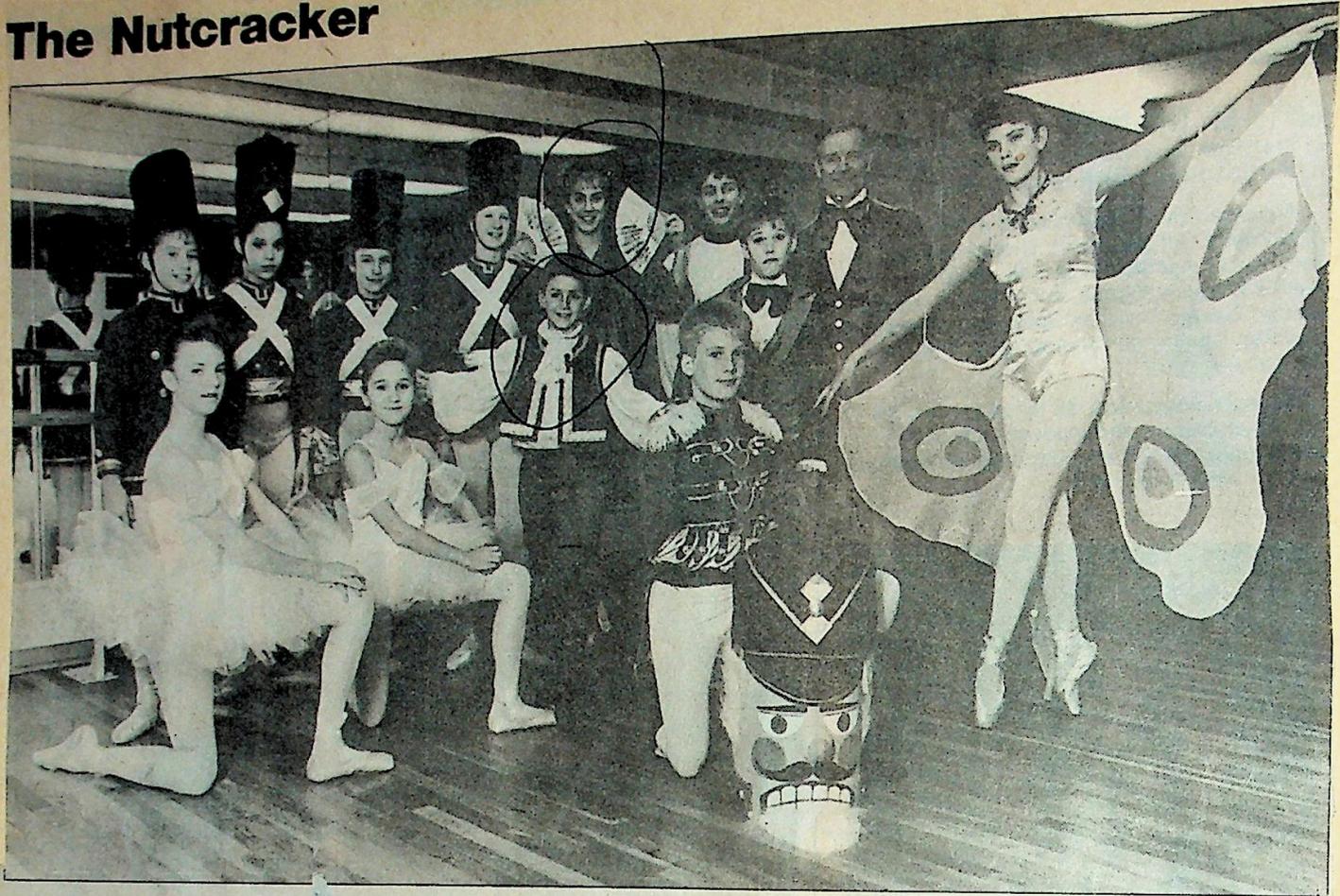
They are the parents of Kenneth of Fremont, Ohio; Nancy of South St. Marys, Mich.; and Janet of Temperance, Mich. One son, Allan, is deceased. The couple has five grandchildren.



MORTON and IRENE BRINDLEY

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# The Nutcracker



Local dancers appearing in the Toledo Ballet Company's production of "The Nutcracker" are, from left in front, Kristina Cortrell, Lynette Hendrix, Matthew Hirt and Ryan Metcalf. In the back row are Chastity Nieset, Dayna Lomax, Tiffany Woodruff, Emily Carr, Kelly Hirt, Jason Friend, Jimmy Laremore, Ernst

Hillenbrand and Shanae Sabo.

News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

The ballet will be presented at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Masonic Auditorium in Toledo. Tickets are \$13 and \$15. To charge tickets for the ballet by phone, call (419) 86-SEATS.

## Penny artists



News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

This group of local students represent the more than 30 award winners of the Fremont Federation of Women's Penny Art Show. From left: Shannon Vaffis, Fremont Junior High;

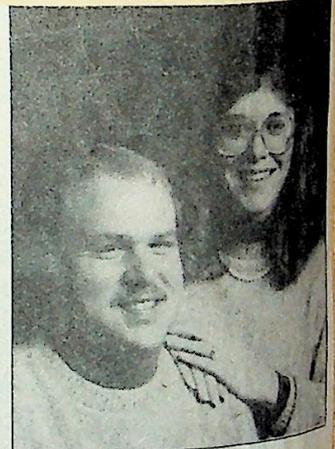
Chris Hirt, St. Josephs Central Catholic High School; Ashleigh Schwochow, Stamm Elementary; Tom Roehrich, Atkinson Elementary; and Rob Myers, Fremont Ross High School.

## Bauer-Diekman

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund F. Bauer of Gibsonburg announces the engagement of their daughter, Jeanette Marie, to Craig Scott Diekman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll M. Diekman of Lindsey.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Gibsonburg High School and a 1989 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in education. She is employed by the Sandusky County Department of Human Services.

Her fiance, a 1985 graduate of Gibsonburg High School, graduated in 1989 from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is also employed by the Sandusky County Department of Human Services.



CRAIG DIEKMAN and JEANETTE BAUER

The couple plans to be married May 26 in St. John's Lutheran Church, Fremont.

## Birth

July 12 — Heather and Matt Glick, Cincinnati, a baby boy, Torrin Alexander, born at 1 p.m. in Willard. He weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 20½ inches long.

Local grandparents are Carol and Mike Glick, Green Springs; and great-grandparents Evelyn Glick, Green Springs; Catherine Hirt, Fremont; Grace Stover, Tiffin; and Mary and Louie Kummerer, Tiffin.

30 + 8  
Time To Celebrate  
Happy Birthday Bruce



Mom, Dad, Cindy,  
Matt and Laura

**A MIRACLE?** In the May 1990 issue of McCall's Magazine, on page 154, there is an article entitled "A Ranch Where Miracles Happen," to be more precise Ember Ranch. In the article, there are several quotes from Scarlett Genzman, daughter of Catherine and Glenn Genzmen of Oak Harbor.

Scarlett Genzman attended Hayes Elementary School and graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1971.

In September of 1984, she suffered a massive stroke in Orlando, Fla. where she had moved. After much therapy, a bout with phlebitis and many cards and prayers from her friends and family, she is now back to teaching Remedial Reading to classes 1, 2 and 4 at Michael McCoy Elementary School in Orlando.

An hour's drive from her is Ember Ranch, nestled among the orange groves. The proprietors of Ember Ranch are dedicated to helping the handicapped people.

If you would like more information concerning the ranch, write to Ember Ranch, Inc.; 450 Old Lake Alfred Road; Polk City, Fla. 33868.

**Helen M. Babione**

July 2, 1916-April 17, 1990

Helen M. Babione, 73, 709 South St., died Tuesday. Born in Riley Township to Harry B. and Anna M. (Hirt) Huss, she was a 1935 graduate of Fremont Ross High School.

She married Clarence H. Babione on April 27, 1946, in Fremont. He died April 1, 1971.

Mrs. Babione had been a telephone operator for Ohio Bell.

Surviving are daughters, Jane Frazier of Vickery, Sarah Babione, Deborah Babione and Laura Waldon, all of Fremont, Lana Casperson of Port Clinton, and Lydia Babione of Florida; brothers, Phillip B. Huss of Fremont and John S. Huss of Tiffin; three grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren. One brother, William Huss, died before her.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Wonderly-Horvath-Haubert Funeral Home.

Visitation is today from 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Home of Mercy, Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio or Easter Seals.

**High School  
Graduates**



Dian Schopflin



Christopher L. Hirt



Mary Elizabeth Jay

**Hazzard-Atkinson**

Richard H. and Gladys I. Hazzard of 501 Union Place announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda K., to Robert W. Atkinson, son of Robert N. and Kathleen E. Atkinson of Lindsey.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Ross High School and is currently a student at Bowling

Green State University. She will receive a bachelor's degree in business administration with a specialization in accounting in May 1991.

Her fiancé, a 1986 graduate of Ross High School, is employed by Crown Battery in Sales and Service. He is also a part-time farmer.

The couple will be married in June 1992.



ROBERT ATKINSON and  
RHONDA HAZZARD

**Stover-Glick**

Joseph and Jane Stover of Willard announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Matthew Glick, son of R. Michael and Carol Glick of Green Springs.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Columbian High School and is attending Miami University, Oxford, majoring in English.

Her fiancé, a 1988 graduate of Calvert High School, attends the University of Cincinnati majoring in engineering.

The couple plans to be married Aug. 31.



MATTHEW GLICK and  
HEATHER STOVER

**Retirement  
apartments  
planned**

News-Messenger reports

Bruce Hirt, Fremont, wants to annex 10.5 acres of Sandusky Township land to Fremont to build an apartment complex geared for retirement living.

Hirt and property co-owner Brian Funk propose to initially build 15-18 individual single or duplex apartments. They plan for the project to take "more than two phases" to complete, Hirt said.

"Hopefully, we'll get off the ground this year," Hirt said.

Housing for retirement-age individuals is in demand, he said.

"I think that as people get older, they don't want the headaches or responsibilities of owning a home," Hirt said. "There are no walks to shovel, no grass to cut..."

Hirt and Funk want a road to wind through the property from an existing entrance at Bloom Road to an area on Countryside Drive.

The township property is currently zoned R3 for multi-family housing, Hirt said. Fremont officials will have to determine whether the property may remain R3.

A public hearing on the proposed annexation is scheduled for June 26 at 3 p.m. in the county commissioner's office in the courthouse, 100 N. Park St.



JOE and HELEN BEIER

**Beier**

Joe and Helen Beier of 709 Timpe Road will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house reception at 6:30 p.m. Friday at St. Ann's Hall.

Joe and the former Helen Kistler were married June 26, 1940, at St. Mary's Church in Clyde.

They are the parents of Joe of Fremont and Diane Smith of Tiffin. They have three grandchildren.

Joe retired from the former Herbrand and Dana Corporation of Toledo. Helen taught in Riley and in Fremont City Schools.

Mary Jay of Fremont has been awarded an Ashbrook Scholarship by the John M. Ashbrook Center for public affairs at Ashland University.

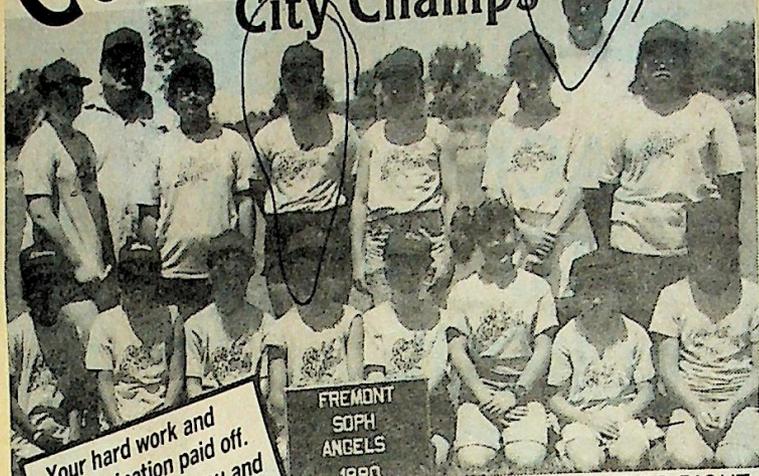
Jay, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jay, 315 N. Wayne St., is among the 13 new Ashbrook Scholars selected who will enter AU as freshmen during the 1990-91 school year.



News-Messenger/Terry Reimer

GIRL division winners and runner-ups in the Heinz Youth Tennis Tournament are standing, from left, Dena Schepflin, Shana Young, Kristie Wilson and Bethany Gale; and kneeling, from left, Susan Hathaway, Sara Hadley, Meghan Hadley and Andi Opre.

# Congratulations City Champs



Your hard work and determination paid off. We're proud of you and we love you ... your Moms and Dads.  
Thank you Coaches Lawrence, Schepflin and Yeager for your time and dedication.

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Shannon Heidelberg, Monica Garza, Jennifer Heppner, Erica Radeloff, Lesa Staib, Michele Falatko, Sarah Yeager, Tiffany Lawrence.  
BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Beth Kobel, Coach Brad Lawrence, Kristina Contreras, Casey Schepflin, Jackie Toeppe, Cori Bruchs, Coach Larry Schepflin and Melinda Contreras.

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Roger Billman

## Billman graduates from medical school

Roger J. Billman of Dayton graduated with a doctor of medicine degree from Wright State University School of Medicine on Saturday, June 9. Billman is the son of Paul E. and Gladys H. Billman, 344 Hamer St. He was one of 78 1990 graduates. He received a bachelor degree from Ohio State University in 1971. After graduation, Billman began a physician residency in medicine at Kettering Medical Center of Dayton.

**DOCTOR BILLMAN:** Roger J. Billman of Dayton, son of Paul and Gladys Billman of Clyde, graduated from Wright State University's School of Medicine with a doctor of medicine degree on June 19.

He was a 1967 graduate of Ross High School and received his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University in 1971.

Following his graduation, he

began a physician residency in medicine at Kettering Medical Center, Dayton with plans on entering the field of cardiology.

Billman is married to the former Diane Pendrey, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Pen-



BILLMAN Elizabeth Pendrey of Fremont.

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Sandy Hirt

# Eveready wins Pony League championship

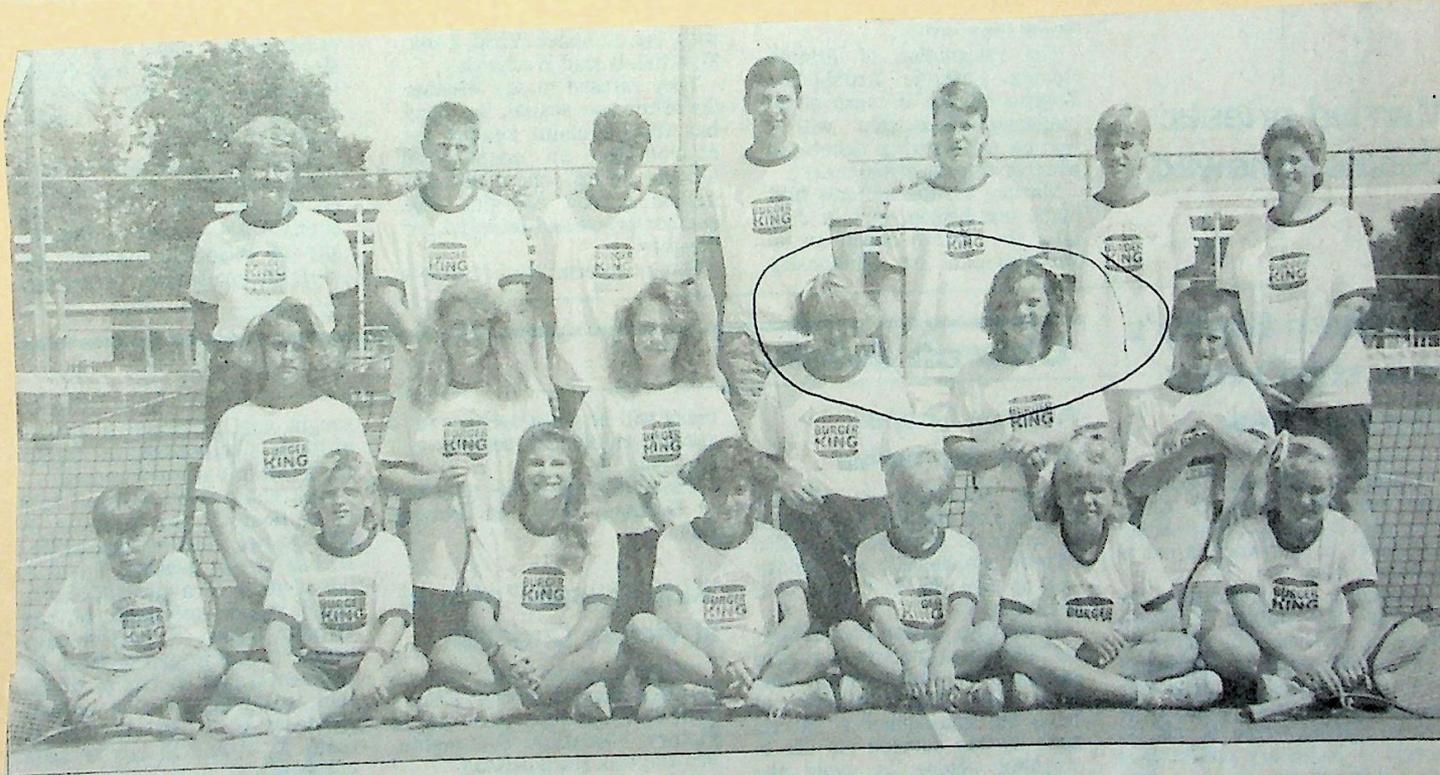
News-Messenger reports Ryan Smith pitched a three-hitter with 12 strikeouts and Brian Goetz drove in five runs as Eveready Battery won the Fremont Pony League championship Thursday with an 18-4 victory over Croghan Colonial Bank. Eveready never trailed after scoring five runs in the second inning. Goetz and Nick Kreilick each had three of Eveready's 10 hits. Joe Mutchler took the loss for C.C.B.

This more Fede left:



ers and runners-up in the girls Youth Tennis League Tournament. Front row, left to right: division, place) Susan Hathaway (9-10, first), Dena Schepflin (11-12, second), Andi Opre (13-14, first), Ann Darr (15-16, second); back row: Wolfe (9-10, second), Shana Young (11-12,

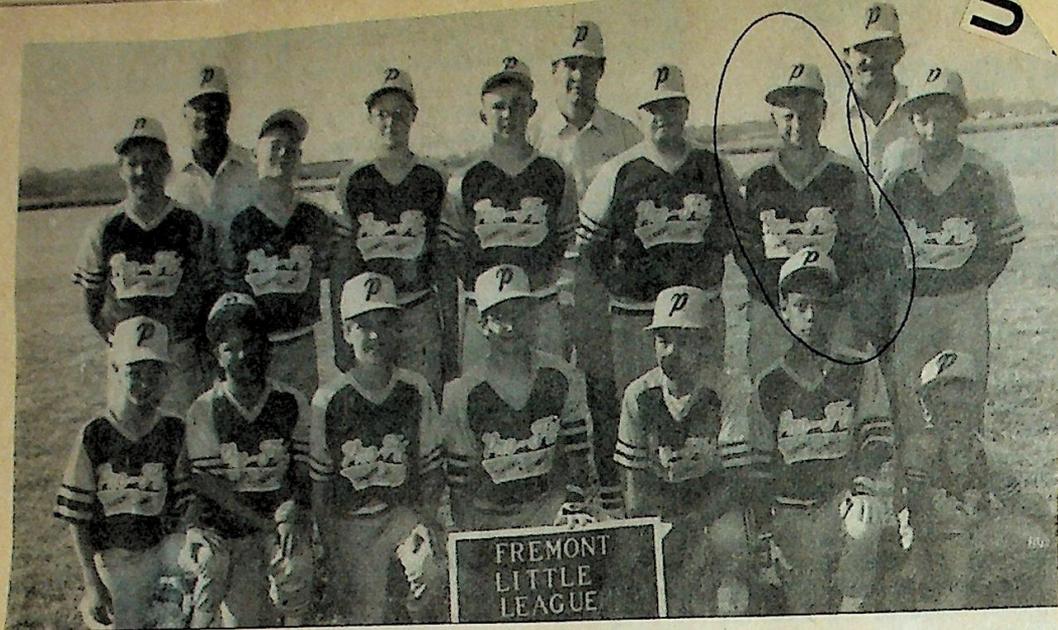
first), Meagan Hadley (13-14, second) and Tina Wagner (15-16, first). Hathaway defeated Wolfe 6-0; Schepflin fell to Young 8-0; Opre edged Hadley 8-7 after winning a 7-2 tiebreaker; and Wagner defeated Darr 6-2, 6-4. The tournament was played at Rodger Young Park.



### Youth Tennis League season champs

The Nets won the regular season title in the Fremont Youth Tennis League. Team members are left to right, front row: Bob Willey, Marci Reinbolt, Andi Opre, Abby Reineck, Luke Reineck, Erin Lytle, Jennifer Wolfe; second row: Lisa Opre, Tina Wagner, Ann Darr,

Dena Schepflin, Casey Schepflin, Scott Reineck; back row: Rea Ripple, Aleks Ripple, Bart Skinner, Jason Skinner, Shane Moran, Matt Miller and coach Barb Bates. Missing from the photo are team members Brian Reinbolt, John Willey and Babe Willey.



### Little League tourney champs

Members of Pro-Fit, champions of the the Fremont Little League tournament, are left to right, front row: Brian Thompson, Quin Colon, Dane Snyder, Mike Willer, Tach Dinh, Travis Johnson and Dusty Shively; second row: Justin Clark, Kyle

Kayden, Eric Brough, Ryan Shively, Garrett Knott, Greg Hirt and Jason Fitzgerald; back row: coaches Steve Shively, John Clarke and Ed Fitzgerald. Missing from the photo are Kurt Snyder, Jason Stallings and Jeremy Fitzgerald.

### Hirt family

The 74th annual Casper and Verena (Vogt) Hirt family reunion was July 29 at the Vickery Fire Station. Merle Hirt gave the table grace for the 173 family members and guests gathered for the pot luck dinner.

Howard Hirt led family members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. William Hirt led the memorial service. Especially remembered were the unknown ancestors and Casper and Verena Hirt and their nine children — John, Charles, Samuel, Elizabeth, Frank, Henry, Edward, Adolph and Lewis. Also remembered were the two cousins who died since the 1989 reunion — Helen (Huss) Babione and William Leary Kohne. Nine white carnations were placed in a green wreath in honor of members who have died and one yellow carnation to honor future generations. This wreath was placed at the grave of Casper and Verena Hirt in Oakwood Cemetery.

Jeanette Hirt announced five marriages, 19 births and two deaths during the past year. Michael Charles Hirt, son of Brian and Lori Hirt, was the youngest baby present and was presented the baby bank. Awards were given to Jean Smith, Carol Dotson, David Worster, Jane Frazier, John Huss and Matt Meyer.

President Vince Troxel appointed a committee to help plan the 75th reunion. Committee members are Kathy Genzman, Marian Diedrich, Ed Smith, William Schepflin, Irene Brindley and Jeanette Hirt.

It was voted to order T-shirts with the Hirt Family logo for the 75th reunion in 1991. Each family will have its own color.

Also, it was voted to print a new Hirt history book for the 75th.

Officers elected for the following year were: president, Dick Schepflin; vice president, Kennard Hirt; and secretary-treasurer, Jeanette Hirt.



LOCAL 4-H members who's fashions were chosen for the 1990 Ohio State Fair were: standing left to right, Yvonne Hirt, 5; Katie Hirt, 11; Becky Seibert, 15; Judi Seibert, 17; Lisa Haubert, 14; and Marianna Lantz, 12. Seated is Debbie Reef, 16, and kneeling are Jennifer Molyet, 10, and Michelle Kovaleske. Missing from the photo are Abby Lamp, Kellie Warner, Amy Radsick, Lisa Stines and Diane Rapp.

### Schepflin sweeps

Casey Schepflin of Fremont took first place in girls 12 and under singles and also participated on two victorious doubles teams in the Green Springs Recreation Department youth tennis tournament.

Schepflin teamed with Andrew Stotz to win the 12 and under mixed doubles and teamed with Dena Schepflin to win the girls 12 and under doubles.

### Dr. Laurie Hirt, D.V.M.



Fremont native, Dr. Laurie Hirt has offered her veterinary services at The Paw Patch for the past 7½ years. A graduate of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Hirt and her partner, Dr.

Robert Brenneman treat many kinds of small animals.

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**BLOODMOBILE:** Three Bloodmobiles in Sandusky County during the month of March collected a total of 355 units of blood for hospital patients in Northwest Ohio.

Jeanette Hirt and Ray Linder both completed 14-gallons.



ANNE and VINCE TROXEL

### Troxel

Anne and Vincent Troxel of 1666 Benlu Drive, Fremont, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a garden and pool party Aug. 12.

Troxel and the former Anne Hirt were married Aug. 10, 1940.

They are parents of Jim Troxel of Upper Sandusky, Rich Troxel of Toledo and Patty Miller of Westerville with three children. They have nine grandchildren.

The 100 guests at the party joined in a toast and eight grandchildren present each presented a flower and toast to their grandparents. A ninth flower was presented on behalf of Tracy who is in the Air Force in Germany.

The party was given by the Troxels' children and families.



LAURA JAY and MICHAEL BURKETT

### Jay-Burkett

William R. and Sandra S. Jay of 318 N. Wayne St. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn Jay, to Michael Joseph Burkett.

Burkett is a son of Alex A. and Judy A. Burkett of 792 Rambo Lane.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and is currently a psychology major at the University of Toledo. She is employed by Pizza Hut Inc. and Ames Department Store.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of the same high school and is currently an education major at the University of Toledo. He is employed by Crown Battery.

The couple will be married July 20, 1991, at Grace Lutheran Church.

### Hirshberg-Lagrou

Janet Ann Hirshberg and Joel Anthony Lagrou were married in an early evening ceremony Sept. 21 in Sacred Heart Church by the Rev. Earl Loeffler.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hirshberg. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lagrou. All are of Fremont.

The bride designed and sewed her wedding gown. It had a fitted lace-over-satin bodice accented with pearls and a princess waistline. The puffed sleeves also featured satin bows and pearls. The full lace-over-satin skirt had scalloped lace edging and a layered satin bow. She carried a cascading bouquet of ivory roses, peach rosebuds, baby's breath and ivy, with streamers of ribbon and lace.

Paula Schepflin, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Her peach-colored, tiered, lace gown had a dropped waist and a high-low hemline. The sheer lace neckline and long lace sleeves were piped in satin.

James C. Lagrou, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was in the Fremont Eagles Hall. The couple planned a wedding cruise to the lower Caribbean. They will reside at 1142 County Road 244, Fremont.

The bride was graduated in 1985 from Ross High School and in 1989 from Bowling Green State University. She is currently an accountant for Radel, Steyer and Smith in Bowling Green.

Her husband graduated from the same high school and from Vanguard Vocational School in 1982. He is currently employed at Standard Sheet Metal in Fremont.

### Verna Rowe

Verna Halbeisen Rowe of Salem, Ore., died July 25, 1988.

Services were held July 28 at the Golden Funeral Home in Salem, with interment in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Rowe was born Oct. 13, 1901, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Hirt Halbeisen of Litchfield. She graduated from Litchfield High School in 1919, continuing her education at business college in Lincoln.

She worked, as a personal secretary for 20 years at the Lincoln Flying School.

She married Fred Rowe on Sept. 4, 1943 and in 1947 they moved to Salem, Ore., to establish their home.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Leta Baumann of Walnut Creek, Calif. and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1986; her parents and 12 brothers and sisters.



MEMBERS of the Sandusky Bay Conference champion Clyde volleyball team, which plays in district tournament Saturday, are left to right, front row: LeeAnn Newsome, Jenny Smetzler, Melissa DuVall, Alisha Glick, Christy Carroll and Sandy Musser; back row: Lauri Butzin, Kendra Miller, Kelly Dick, Choel Morrison, Mindy Swartz and manager Mike Holmes.

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# Obituaries

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## William Kohne, attorney and active in the comm

**KOHNE** — William Leary Kohne Sr., 50, of Waikapu died Saturday at his residence.

A funeral service over ashes will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Nakamura Mortuary. The family requests casual attire and that no flowers be offered.

An attorney, Mr. Kohne was born June 17, 1939, in Toledo, Ohio. He served in the Marine Corps before receiving his law degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. He began practicing law on Maui in 1969, and was involved in numerous community organizations. He was a member of the Maui Jaycees, president of the Maui Bar Association, instructor at Maui Community College, and served on the Board of Directors of the Maui Philharmonic Society.

He was particularly active in the Maui Big Brothers organization, serving as a volunteer and as president. As a result of his work, an annual award in his name is given annually to the outstanding volunteer in the organization.

He is survived by his mother, Madelyn Schoof of Florida; three sons, William L. Kohne Jr. of Los Angeles, Brian J. Kohne of Waikapu and Kevin Ikaia Reilly of Kamuela, the Big Island; and a brother, Robert A. Kohne of Detroit.

I am standing on the seashore.  
A ship spreads her sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean.  
I stand watching her until she fades on the horizon and someone at my side says, "She is gone."

Just at the moment when someone says "She is gone"; there are those who are watching her coming. Other voices take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is Dying.

- HENRY SCOTT HOLLAND -



## Worldly lessons

Sacred Heart Elementary School students pose, at left, with data they collected in a Geography project.

The students wrote to newspapers across the country and asked for their Nov. 1 edition, then compared headlines and weather and housing costs. Above, students point to the stars next to the names on a chart that tracks pupils who answered geography questions correctly. From left are Jon Dorobek, Steve Rice, Melissa Meyer, Theresa Gierhart and Michele Smith.

# Baby dies in bathtub

Local, wire reports

**BELLEVUE** — A 14-month-old Bellevue boy was scalded to death when left in a hot bathtub by the father, who left the room and fell asleep, officials said.

Kevin Hirt, son of Steven and Donna Hirt, 364 High St., was dead on arrival at Bellevue Hospital. Bellevue Police received a call about 9:10 a.m. Tuesday reporting a possible drowning at the home.

Dr. William Holman, Huron County coroner, said the incident happened when, according to the father, the child was placed in the bathtub earlier that morning. The father then went into another room and fell asleep, Holman said. Nobody knows yet how long the child was in the tub.

Thirty minutes after police were called, the bathtub water was 114 degrees. Holman said the actual water temperature was probably closer to 140 to 150 degrees originally, but water lines are being tested.

Kevin's mother was at work at the time.

"They thought for a little while that they could get some vitals (vital signs) ... but really there was no little chance. He was totally burned from the tub," Holman said.

Kevin had first- and second-degree burns over his entire body. But Holman said investigators don't know if the child died from the burns.

The child's body was taken to the Lucas County coroner's office for an autopsy.

An officer from the Juvenile Bureau of the Huron County Sheriff's Department is assisting Bellevue police in the investigation.

## Kevin Hirt

Aug. 12, 1989 - Oct. 30, 1990

Kevin J. Hirt, 14 months, 364 High St., Bellevue, died Tuesday at the Bellevue Hospital Emergency Room, Bellevue, due an accident.

Born, Aug. 12, 1989 in Bellevue to Steven and Donna (Bertsch) Hirt of Bellevue.

Surviving are his paternal brother, Joshua Hirt at home; sister, Theresa Hirt at home; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hirt of Bellevue; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bertsch of Bellevue.

Services will be held Thursday, 11 a.m. at the Fooks & Son Funeral Home, 311 W. Main St., Bellevue, with burial to follow at Bellevue Catholic Cemetery, Bellevue. Rev. Robert Weith of Immaculate Conception will officiate the service.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.



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# 4-H'ers give judges taste of their skills Adam Hirt

By AMY REYES  
Staff writer

Months or in some cases years of hard work paid off for Sandusky County 4-H members who received awards for their work in food and fashion at a "Taste-In" and "Style Review," held at Terra Technical College Thursday.

It was also an opportunity for 4-H members to show off some of their favored and successful recipes to parents and fellow 4-H'ers. Everything from homemade strawberry pie to good 'ol American beef stew lined the tables.

The food selections were previously judged and Thursday was a night for the awards placing first, second, third and honorable mentions, to be announced, said Holly Stacy, county extension associate for 4-H.

State fair representatives for food and fashion, and trophy recipients for the different areas were also announced.

The "Taste-In" is also an opportunity for 4-H members to see what their fellow members have done. "They get to explore and see what's involved in the different cooking projects ... so they can decide what they want to take for next year," Stacy said.

The 4-H projects will be presented at the Sandusky County Fair which will be August 21-26th.

"This is a night of recognition

and an incentive for members to work hard with their projects," she said.

Not only do 4-H members learn during their time in the organization, but so do the parents. "My kids are both better cooks than me because of 4-H," said Sharon Radsick, a 4-H parent and an adviser for the Clyde Clover division.

She has had two daughters in the program, one who has since left after nine years and another who is into her 7th year in the organization.

"The kids are so neat. I enjoy watching them grow up and mature. The first time you see your kids go down a ramp in a modeling show, it's ...," her words ran out as she gave a proud gesture for her children.

"The kids start work in March and April. There are a lot of things that go into it, a lot of practice," said Jané Fultz, an adviser for the same division.

Fultz's daughter, who won several ribbons, could not attend the event because of volleyball camp "It'll be a joy when she sees these," she said holding the red ribbons.

4-H groups usually meet once every two weeks, Radsick said.

10-year-old Danielle Mapus said out of all their activities, she enjoys 4-H camp the most.

But 16-year-old Rachael Potter said she favors the challenges and spirit of the competition in 4-H.



News-Messenger Photo

BETTY BURSON was eating some of her favorite foods, she said, at Thursday's 4-H "Taste-In" and "Style Revue." Her granddaughter, Mandy Schrickel had some entries in both food and fashion.

## Martin says farewell to farm bureau

By MARGARET FLYNN  
Staff writer

When people hear Linda Martin's name, words like "fantastic," "energetic," and "outstanding" come up.

Martin, organization director of the Sandusky County Farm Bureau, will complete her last week on the job this week. While she loves her job, a hectic schedule and a concerned physician have finally moved her to quit.

"Over the last few months, I've been getting some very



MARTIN

strong suggestions to slow down," she said. "My doctor advised me to go home and take things easy."

While she appears vibrant and healthy, Martin suffers from rheumatoid arthritis. But few would know about her illness, said Susan Bolen, bureau secretary.

"It's not something she lets on to," she said. "I don't see it much at all."

Of the four bureau directors Bolen has worked with, Bolen called Martin the best.

"She's really an outstanding one," she said. "It's her personality, and she's made a really good effort. She's outgoing and easy to work with."

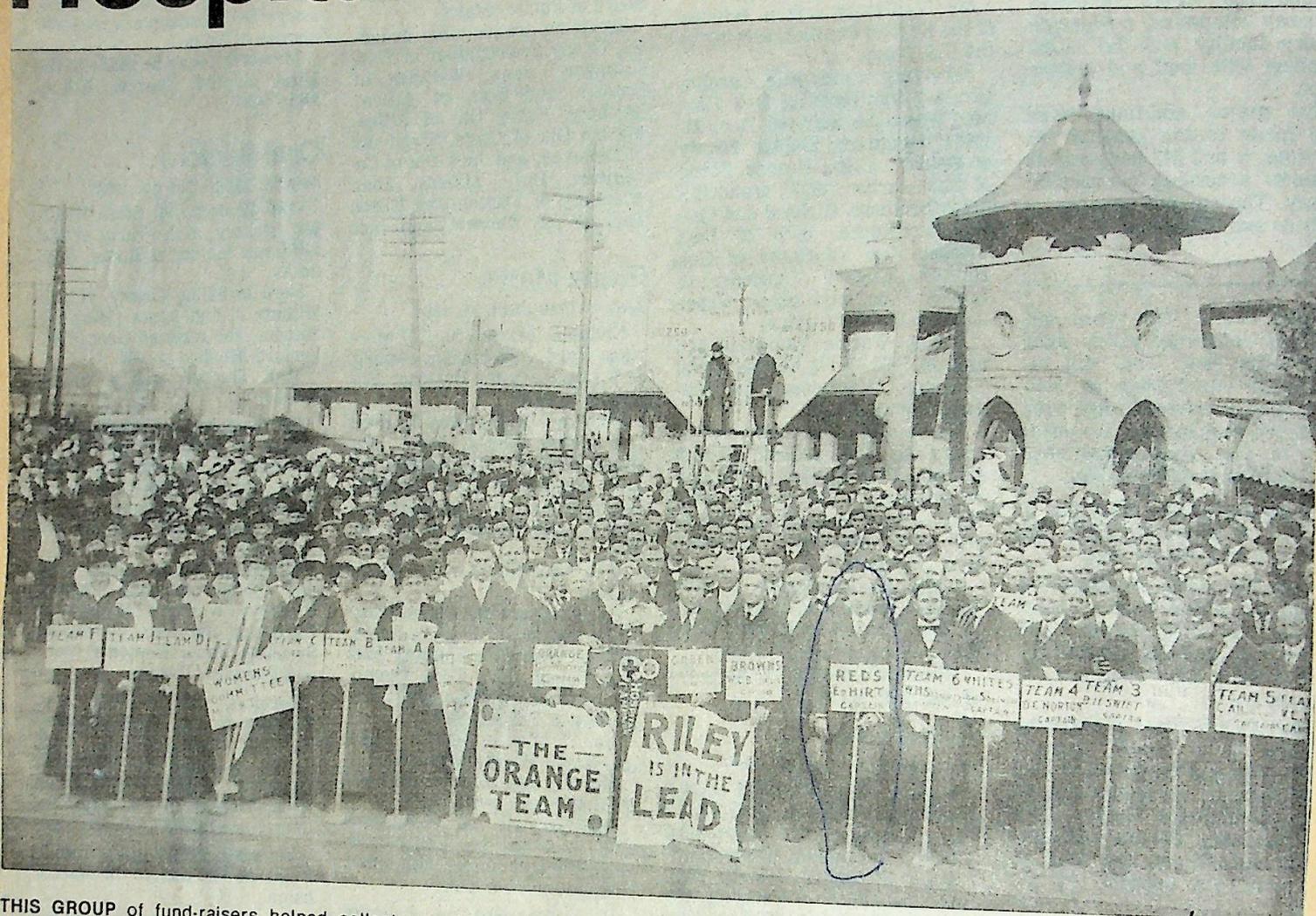
As bureau director, Martin's work involves meeting with community activists and leaders at all levels to promote the interests of the agriculture industry. What she'll miss most about her work is being involved with so many people, she said.

"There's a good mix of people," she said. "I've just been really lucky to work with them. I've made a lot of friendships, and I hope to continue them."

Her job taught her how much there is to appreciate in Fremont, Martin said.

"I have to say that's been one of the highlights of working here," she said. "There are a lot of people working for the betterment of the community."

# Hospital to mark anniversary



THIS GROUP of fund-raisers helped collect more than \$100,000 from local residents during Memorial Hospital of Sandusky County's starting campaign in October 1915. The results astonished

Mary Miller Hayes, who gave \$75,000 and sought matching funds from the community. The fund-raisers gathered at State and Front streets for the photograph.

## Jury says toddler's death was accident

### No charges brought against father in Bellevue scalding case

By PAULA WETHINGTON  
Staff writer

**BELLEVUE** — No charges will be filed in the death of a 14-month-old baby scalded in a hot bath Oct. 30, Huron County Assistant Prosecutor Dick Grimes said.

A Huron County grand jury met Friday during regular session to consider evidence in the death of Kevin Hirt, 364 High St., who was dead on arrival at Bellevue Hospital. The grand jury voted not to indict the boy's father Steven Hirt, believing the death was an accident.

Huron County Coroner William

Holman previously ruled the death to be an accident, Grimes said. Bellevue Police also treated the case as an accident.

Steven placed his youngest child Kevin into a child's bathtub that was in the larger, old-fashioned bathtub that morning, Grimes said. The father then went into another room and fell asleep, previous reports state.

During that time, Kevin is believed to have accidentally turned on the hot water tap. A washcloth then lodged in the bathtub drain. As the hot water filled the bathtub, it flowed into the smaller tub, Grimes said.

Kevin was too small to climb out of the tub.

Police received a call about 9:10 a.m. about a possible drowning at the home. Thirty minutes after that telephone call, the bathtub water was 114 degrees.

Water at 114 degrees can scald an adult's skin in 90 seconds, Grimes said.

Rescue workers attempted to save Kevin, but he had first- and second-degree burns over his entire body.

Kevin's mother Donna was at work at the time. The couple has two other children, both older than Kevin.

# Luther teaches the Simpsons about ministry

One Sunday last summer, members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vickery, Ohio, gathered for what started out as a typical Sunday worship service.

But as the congregation began to settle back in their seats for the sermon, they were greeted with a surprise from the eighth grade catechism class. The sermon turned out to be a play featuring Martin Luther and the Simpson family from television.

How did the Simpsons and Martin Luther end up in a play together? Several

months earlier the eighth graders' Sunday school teacher, Jack Montgomery, came to class wearing a yellow button with the printed word, "MINISTER." He had just returned from the Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly in Lima, Ohio, where the buttons, along with cards explaining their meaning, had been distributed to delegates.

Montgomery explained that he was a minister and so were they. The class liked the idea and wanted to wear MINISTER buttons themselves. Buttons were obtained

for the entire congregation, along with a short play, "Holy Priest," by Carl Shankweiler.

It was agreed that the class could perform the play to fulfill one of their catechism requirements. They reworked "Holy Priest," making it "Breakfast with the Simpsons."

In this group's version of Shankweiler's play, the Simpson family sits down to breakfast and Homer, the father, declares to his wife that he has decided to quit his job and become a minister. The pastor, says Homer, stated in her sermon on Sunday that he was a minister. Marge and the children are sure Homer misunderstood the pastor's message.

The pastor drops by and tries to help Homer understand that he doesn't need to quit his job to be a minister. Finally, Martin Luther himself arrives on the scene and explains to the Simpsons that Homer is indeed a minister, along with the rest of his family. He even quotes from some of his writings to make his point.

To learn more about this story contact Jack Montgomery or the Rev. Catherine Schibber, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 97, Vickery, OH 43464; 419/547-9259.

MINISTER buttons come with cards explaining their meaning and a sheet of ideas for using them. Order (code 69-6626) \$3/12 from the ELCA Distribution Service, 426 S. Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55440; 800/328-4648.

For a single copy of the play "Holy Priest" call the ELCA Resource Information Service, 800/638-3522.



Front: Mike Minier, Eve O'Rork, Jennifer Storey; Rear: Wendy Krumnow, Ben Hirt, Chris Mienke

## reservist Brian Hirt activated

He is married to the former Lori Kirsch, also from Bellevue. They have one son, Michael, 15 months old, and reside in Mt. Gilead.

The Gazette continues to solicit names and addresses of military men and women who are participating in Operation Desert Shield. Residents are encouraged to write to the local servicemen and to remember them particularly during the holidays.

Hirt's address is as follows: Sgt. Brian G. Hirt, 270-60-9143, 758 Maintenance Co., 7th Transportation Battalion - 1st COS-COM, Operation Desert Shield, APO N.Y. 09657.



SGT. HIRT



Matthew Hirt



**WILLIAM**  
June 17, 1939

# Baby d in bath

Local, wire reports

**BELLEVUE** — A 14-month-old H... scalded to death when left in a ho... father, who left the room and fell... said.

**Kevin Hirt**, son of **Steven** and **High St.**, was dead on arrival at Bel... Bellevue Police received a call... Tuesday reporting a possible drown... Dr. **William Holman**, Huron Cou... the incident happened when, accord... the child was placed in the bath... morning. The father then went in... and fell asleep, **Holman** said. Nobo... ng the child was in the tub.

Thirty minutes after police were... tub water was 114 degrees. **Holma**... water temperature was probably c... degrees originally, but water lines... Kevin's mother was at work at t... e they thought for a little while t... ve vitals (vital signs) ... but... little chance. He was totally... Holman said.

In had first- and second-degr... body. But **Holman** said it... t the child died from the bur... child's body was taken to... 's office for an autopsy.  
ficer from the Juvenile Bi... Sheriff's Department is... in the investigation.



**FEEDING TIME** for Baby Bear, known as Gus, means a bottle held by his foster mother, Cheryl Smith. Gus was born earlier this month to

Jenny and Jake, two black bears owned by Cheryl and Tom Smith, 480 Sandusky County Road 204.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

# Family cares for bears

## Cub welcomed by bear lovers

By **JOYCE HUNTLEY**  
Staff writer

It took Cheryl Smith three days to get Baby Bear to eat, but finally he did. Mama and Papa Bear didn't mind, since it was their first baby. They seemed pleased with the help.

Smith and her husband, Tom, live in the woods off Sandusky County Road 204, together with their three children and three bears.

Smith named Baby Bear "Gus." Mama and papa are Jenny and Jake, respectively.

Tom Smith, a longtime admirer of bears, bought Jake about four years ago. A short time later, he got Jenny. Three-year-old Jenny made her public debut two years ago at the Sandusky County Fair. This year she made the transition to motherhood when Gus was born Jan. 16.

Jenny and Jake are black bears, and Gus is a one-pound pup. But he'll get big quick," Cheryl Smith said.

She said they took the cub from the mother so her family can raise him to be as tame as possible. But it has not been a smooth transition. Gus refused to eat for three days after he was taken from Mama, and took his first bottle only Tuesday.

"It has not been easy. He screams so that it pierces your ears," Cheryl Smith said. Cheryl has her own four-



**TOM SMITH**, 480 Sandusky County Road 204, feeds Jake, his pet black bear, a breath mint.

month-old baby to care for in addition to her other two children. But she can still appreciate Gus's endearing qualities.

"When he sucks he sounds like a raccoon. He's so cute," she said.

Now that Gus has taken to the bottle he seems to want more sucking time, she said. He clings to her arms, sucking all the time.

"Now I have all these little hickies," she said, referring to the red marks he leaves on her arms. She said she'll try a pacifier for Gus.

The children are having fun with Gus, but his parents are off-limits, Cheryl Smith said.

"You can't always tell with a bear," she said. "They've got their temperament and they get mad real easy and real quick."

She recounted the time two summers ago when her daugh-

ter, then 3, was running around with a glass of lemonade in the same area as the bears. Jenny Bear wanted the lemonade and took it, biting the girl's arm in the process.

"It was real funny telling the doctor my daughter was bit by a bear," she said. "The doctor said 'What do you mean, a bear? A b-e-a-r?';"

The doctor isn't the only one who finds it difficult to understand that this family has black bears as pets. Smith said she has told her daughter, a kindergarten at Croghan Elementary School, to tell her friends about the cub. But her daughter insists, "No one will believe me, mommy."

Smith said friends in Norwalk who also raise wild animals give her advice on how to deal with Gus.

It's a learning experience, for both her and Gus.

April 29 — Sonja and James Wobser II, 7507 Wahl Road, Vickers, a 7-pound 12-ounce son, in Alan Michael, Port Clinton. Magruder Hospital, Port Clinton. Local grandparents are Jane (Babione) Frazier and Dairrell Frazier, both of Vickers and Mary Ann and James Wobser I of Castalia.

## Jacques Smith

**SHELTON** — Jacques S. Smith, 74, of Shelton died Sunday, April 7, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Grand Island. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thurs- day at the United Methodist Church in Shelton. The Rev. Sam Rathod and the Rev. Harold Kaufmann will officiate. Burial will be in the Shelton Cemetery with military graveside rites by Shelton American Legion Post 297. Masonic burial rites will be held at the church by Hastings Lodge 317, A.F. & A.M. Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Shelton.

A memorial is planned by the family.



**Mr. Smith** was born Feb. 17, 1917, in Shelton to Evan and Bessie (Echternacht) Smith. He graduated from Shelton High School in 1935 and worked in the family lumber business, S. E. Smith & Sons in Shelton and Kenesaw.

Her served in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater from 1943 to 1945 where he flew air transport over the Burma Hump. He received the China War Memorial Medal from the Republic of China and the Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Citation and Air Medal from the U.S. Army.

He returned to Shelton where he married Helen Halbeisen on Jan. 25, 1946. They moved to Kenesaw where he managed the lumberyard and returned to Shelton in 1956 where he became general manager of the eight family lumberyards. He retired in 1979.

He was a member of the church, Masonic Lodge No. 317, Scottish Rite and Tehama Temple, all of Hastings, a life member of the Shelton American Legion, a member of the Shelton VFW, Nebraska DAV and Hump Pilots Association. He was also a past director of the Central Nebraska Telephone Co. of Gibbon.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Jacques Smith II of Shelton and Scott Smith of Barrow, Alaska; one daughter, Jill Gift of Council Bluffs, Iowa; four grandchildren; and one sister, Jane Bernhard of Shelton.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Evan.

# Searchers bear down on big pet 300-pound mama bear escapes pen

By PAULA WETHINGTON  
Staff writer

Two bears escaped Tuesday evening from their home near Fremont, and one bear was still on the loose this morning.

Black bears Jenny and Jake, owned by Tom and Cheryl Smith, 480 Sandusky County Road 204, pushed on a lock that wasn't set tight enough and got out of their pen, Cheryl Smith said.

Jake had stayed by the pen and was captured that evening. But Jenny, a 300-pound pregnant female, wandered off and is believed to be in the woods near her home.

"We'll find her today," Cheryl Smith said this morning. "She's probably scared to death. She's

afraid of cars, so I imagine she wouldn't cross the road."

Seven people were to gather today to try to find Jenny.

The bears have never escaped before, Cheryl Smith said. She asks that anyone who sees Jenny to call the Smith home and tell her where the bear is. The number is 332-9174. At that point, Tom or Cheryl Smith will go up to the bear and give her a tranquilizer shot.

Jenny will go up to Tom and Cheryl Smith because she is familiar with them, but Cheryl said she wouldn't suggest anybody else get too close.

"She won't hurt nobody," Cheryl Smith added.

It will be the second search attempt for the bear. About 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Cheryl Smith called Sandusky County sheriff's deputies to report Jenny and Jake had escaped. Deputy James M. Consolo then went to the home to try to capture the bears.

The Smiths found Jake in the back yard near his pen. He was too stubborn to go back inside, so they gave the bear a tranquilizer shot, Cheryl Smith said.

"We couldn't stand by and babysit him all night," Cheryl Smith said. "Jenny's not like that. She'll follow you right in."

But Jenny was still at large this morning. The family believes one of their dogs scared the bear.

Deputy Consolo wrote in his report he saw the bear along a nearby tree line, but she went farther back in the woods. He spent about an hour looking for Jenny before giving up.

In the meantime, the sheriff's department notified neighbors and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Tom Smith bought Jake about five years ago. A short time later, he got Jenny. The female bear had a cub, named Gus, in January. The baby bear missed his mother this morning. "He's out in the pen, crying," Cheryl Smith said.

## Mama bear back home

By MARGARET FLYNN  
Staff writer

Velma Huber often sees birds, squirrels and an occasional deer in her backyard. But a bear?

"It looked mighty big," Huber said. "She was just walking around. She wasn't bothering anybody. I just looked out the back door and there she was."

The bear's name is Jenny, and she escaped Tuesday evening from her home east of Fremont, a mile from the Hubers' place at 201 N. Sandusky County Road 198.

Jenny, part of a family of tame bears who belong to Tom and Cheryl Smith of 480 Sandusky County Road 204, soon was back in the care of the Smiths.

Fortunately, Dale and Velma Huber heard a television broadcast Wednesday about Jenny's escape before she turned up behind their house.

"I was working down in the basement and she (Velma) said, 'Hey, that bear's out here,'" Dale Huber said. "That lady, I guess it was Mrs. Smith, was just leading her around with potato chips."

Jenny appeared very much at ease in his backyard, Huber said.

"She was just walking around," he said. "She was nice, just sniffing everything, looked like Gentle Ben."

After searching for Jenny all Wednesday

morning, Cheryl Smith finally spotted her around 10:30 a.m. outside the Huber home. Mrs. Smith then borrowed chips from Velma Huber to tempt Jenny out of the bushes.

"She followed us up to an old farmhouse and we tried to get her in the truck," Smith said. "But she's afraid of vehicles, so we had to give her tranquilizers and lifted her into the truck — she only weighs about 250 or 300 pounds."

Jenny, who is pregnant, escaped Tuesday with her companion, Jake. Jake was caught an hour later, but Jenny kept going.

A loose hinge allowed the bears bump open the gate.

Sandusky County sheriff's deputies report that the Smiths have state permits to keep the bears as pets.

Smith said she was thrilled when she finally found Jenny.

"I was afraid someone would see her and shoot her," she said. "There's a lot of people in this country who are afraid of this stuff."

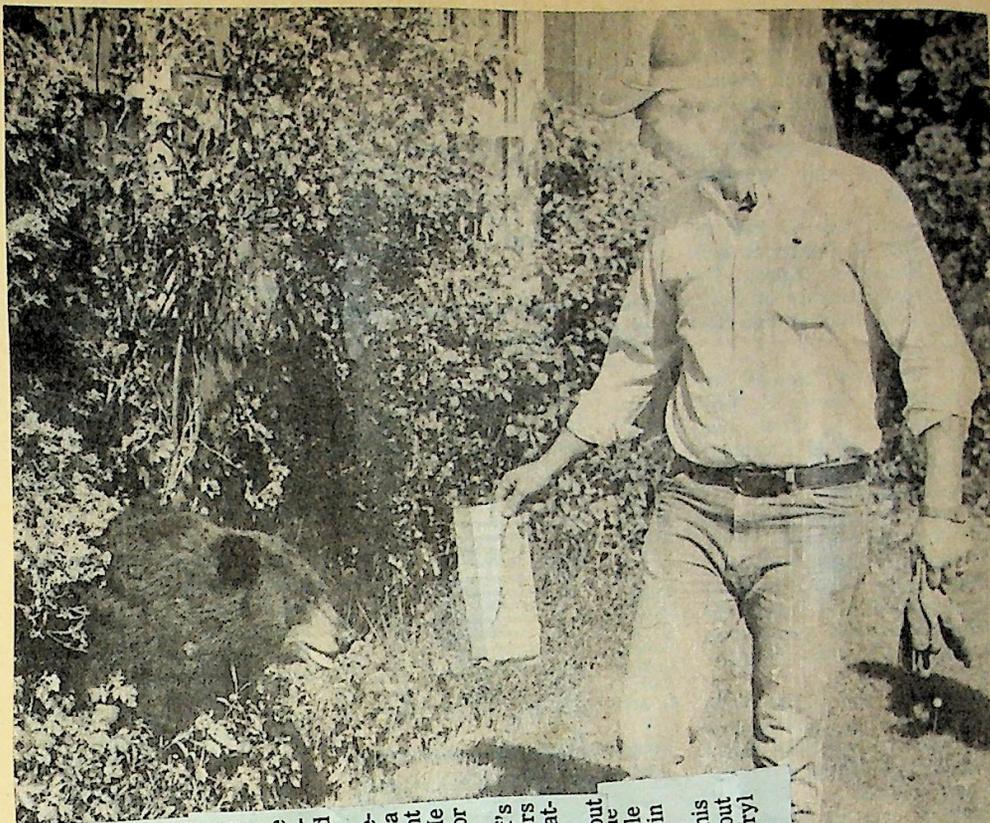
The Hubers were delighted with their unexpected guest. Velma Huber spent a whole roll of film on Jenny's visit, and both Hubers got to pet the gentle bear.

And the Hubers can't wait to tell their family. "I'll tell my grandson about it," Dale Huber said. "Too bad he wasn't here."



News-Messenger file photo

TOM SMITH and his pet Jake. Another bear remains loose.



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Diamond Anniversary Reunion  
Casper & Verena Hirt Family  
1916 - 1991

Dear Hirts:

In the Summer of 1916, a tradition began which continues to this very day. At that time, the Casper and Verena Hirt Family got together for the very first Hirt family reunion.

As a member of the Hirt Family, you have a role in this proud tradition. The reunion next year is especially significant because it will be the 75th anniversary of the event.

The committee charged with planning the 75th reunion would like to make sure that this Diamond Anniversary is the best event ever. For this to happen, we need your presence.

The Reunion next year will be held on Sunday, July 21, 1991, at Rendezvous Lounge in Fremont. The address is 1211 Tiffin Street which is back behind Thornwood Golf Course; The festivities commence at noon with a pot-luck dinner.

Since this is such a special year, we would like to print T-shirts marking the occasion. Please read the enclosed form for more information.

We will be sending out reminders and more information as the date approaches. Until then, mark your calendars and get your shirt orders to us.

So, - let's see everyone in '91

*Jeanette Hirt* sec. treas.

The 75th Reunion Committee

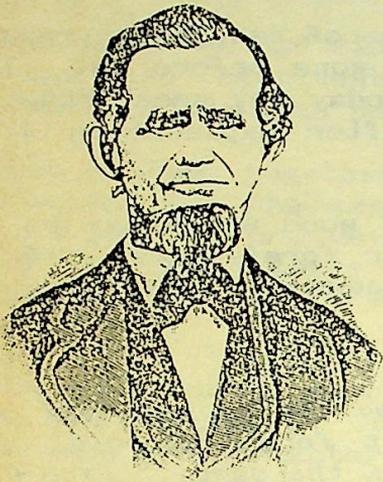
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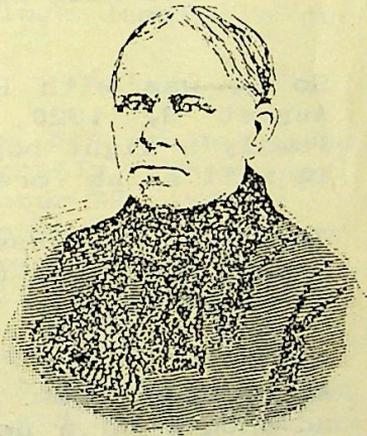


*Verena Hirt*



*Casper Hirt*

Memorial Service  
75th Annual Casper Hirt Family Reunion



*Mrs. Fannie Hirt*

Fremont, Ohio  
July 21, 1991

## A Service Of Remembrance

This service will use a series of candles to recall and remember those who have gone before us. The candle holder which we use today may seem crude to some, odd to others, but after explanation will hopefully be accepted by all.

The candle holder is made of wood which may be as old or older than any of our forefathers. It is made of Redwood. Some Redwood trees are of undetermined age.

### I

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep... And God said, "Let there be light, and there was light." (Genesis 1:1) God's light has been shining ever since.*

ALL TOGETHER: (Sung)

Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
When e're we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

### II

So it was with Heinrich and Elizabeth Hirt. On August 3, 1820, Casper Hirt was born and our family's light began to shine brighter and we pray it will shine forever more.

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)*

### III

As Casper Grew to adulthood, he left home to adventure to a new country. I'm sure many tears were shed as he left, and memories went with him of his parents as they remembered him as well as all of his friends he left behind.

*I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, you may be also and my way there is known to you. (John 14:3)*

### IV

His brothers and sisters were also left behind, but some also later ventured out to this land and their families are with us today.

Let us Pray together: We give you thanks, God our Father, for the generations who have ventured out and gone before us. We thank you for your grace which enables every generation to flourish, prosper and generate future generations. Amen.

### V

In 1854 Casper married Verena Vogt and settled in Riley Township. To this union, where our lights became even brighter, nine children were born:

|            |            |               |
|------------|------------|---------------|
| John Henry | Died at 22 | Never Married |
| Charles    | Died at 27 |               |
| Samuel     | Died at 84 |               |
| Elizabeth  | Died at 87 |               |
| Frank      | Died at 83 |               |
| Henry      | Died at 20 | Never Married |
| Edward     | Died at 66 |               |
| Adolph     | Died at 13 |               |
| Lewis      | Died at 84 |               |

These lights are not only shining for the children of Casper and Verena, but for all of their descendents whose memories we lock deeply in our hearts.

### VI

In this past year, there have been four whose lights have gone on to shine eternally. They are:

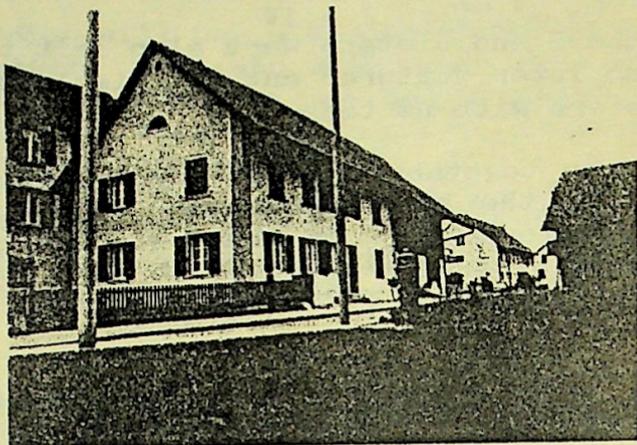
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| Hillary Galloway | October 27, 1990  |
| Kevin Hirt       | October 30, 1990  |
| Carl Fox         | November 28, 1990 |
| Jacques Smith    | April 7, 1991     |
| Jill GIFT        | July 9, 1991      |

*"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord; "He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25)*

WE CLOSE BY SINGING TOGETHER:

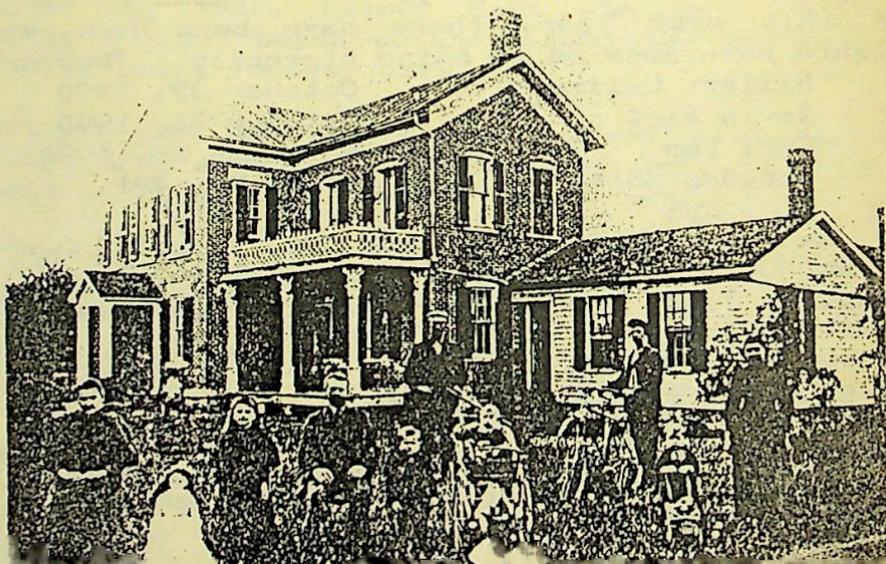
O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the storm blast,  
And our eternal home.

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*Birthplace of Casper Kirt in Still, Switzerland on the river Aare.*

*Homestead of Casper & Verena Fannie Kirt - Riley Twp.*



# Clyde's Glick wins district high jump

News-Messenger reports

OAK HARBOR — Alisha Glick of Clyde won a district high jump championship with a jump of 5 feet, 4 inches Wednesday at the Division II District Track and Field Meet at Oak Harbor High School.

## None injured when bus flips in Bellevue

BELLEVUE — A transit bus carrying about 40 high school students flipped on its side after the driver tried to avoid striking an on-coming semi truck Tuesday morning, the Highway Patrol in Norwalk reported.

Nobody was injured. The bus and truck did not hit each other.

Buddy E. Lewis, 65, Columbus, was driving the bus north on Ohio 4 near Bellevue. Richard C. Hirt, 73, 738 Sixth St., Fremont, was driving a semi truck from Young Road onto Ohio 4, and drove into the northbound lane while turning.

Lewis braked to avoid the truck, but the bus went off the road into a ditch, troopers reported. The bus then overturned on its right side.

There were 37 students and two teachers from Columbus schools riding in the bus.

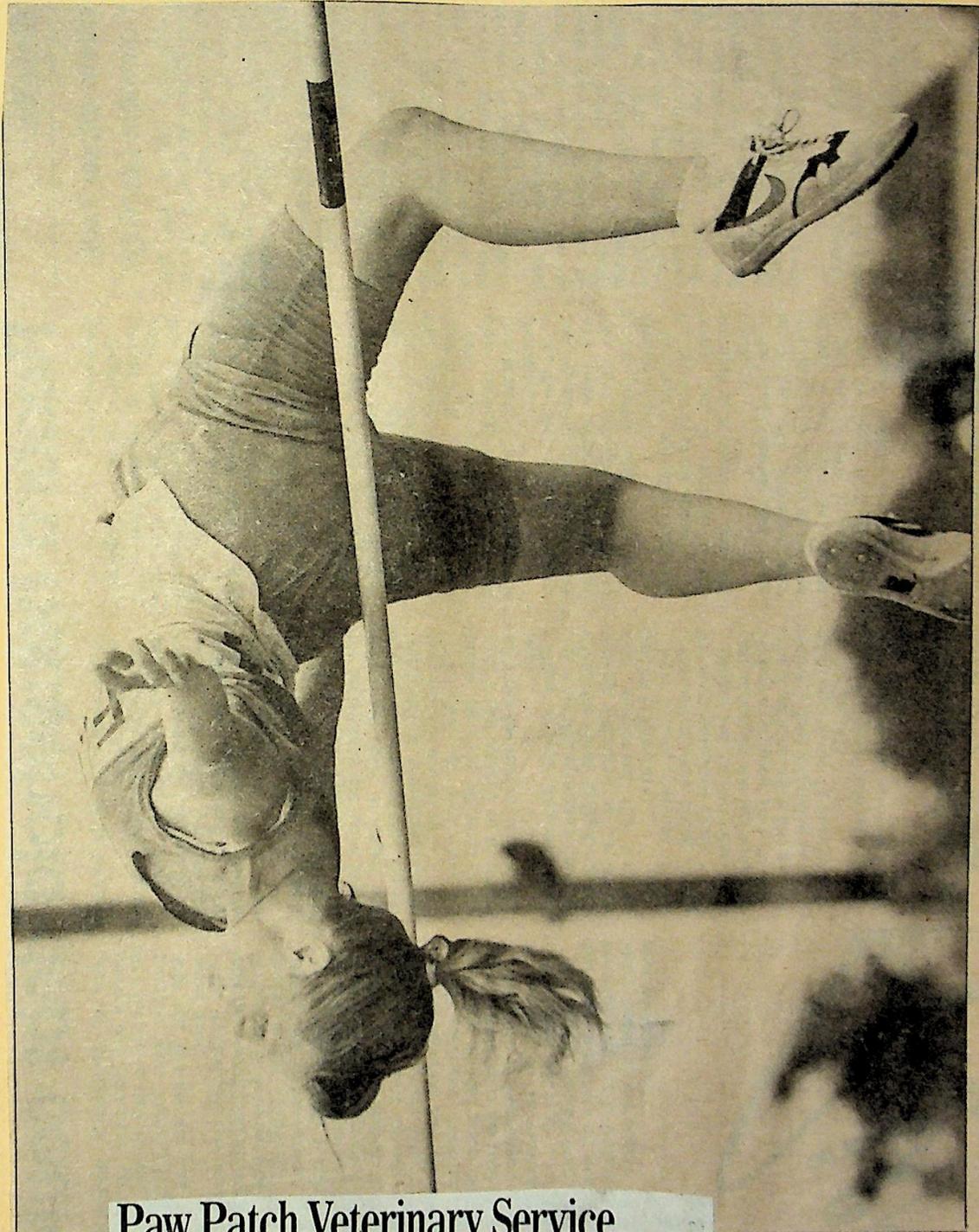
Hirt was cited with failing to yield.

Happy 13th Birthday,  
Rachel!



From  
Grandma & Grandpa Hirt

Rachel  
Hirt



## Paw Patch Veterinary Service

Laura A. Hirt, DVM • Robert Brenneman, DVM

Recent studies have proven that our pets help us to have happier healthier lives. Did you know that your blood pressure is lowered when you pet your dog or cat? The staff at Paw Patch Veterinary Service, located at 1780 South Main Street in Clyde, phone 547-9403, knows that your pet is an important part of your family.

They provide complete veterinary services to keep your pet in the best health possible. You and your pet will benefit from their caring, professional skills at reasonable fees. Whether your pet needs routine inoculations or has a problem, the staff has kept up with the latest methods to treat your furry friend with kindness and compassion.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

Close but not quite

Alisha Glick of Clyde strains to clear the high jump bar at the Division II Regional Track and Field Meet Wednesday in Bucyrus. Glick tied for fourth but lost a jumpoff to take fifth, just missing a berth in the state meet. She jumped 5 feet, 4 inches.



### Ingle-Genzman

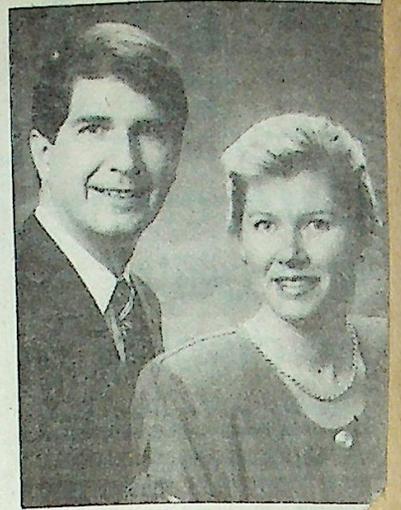
Jack and Katherine Ingle of Sebring, Fla., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha Pauline Ingle of Orlando, Fla., to Robert Wayne Genzman of Orlando, Fla.

Genzman is the son of Glenn and Catherine Genzman of Oak Harbor.

The bride-elect is a mathematics teacher at Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, Fla.

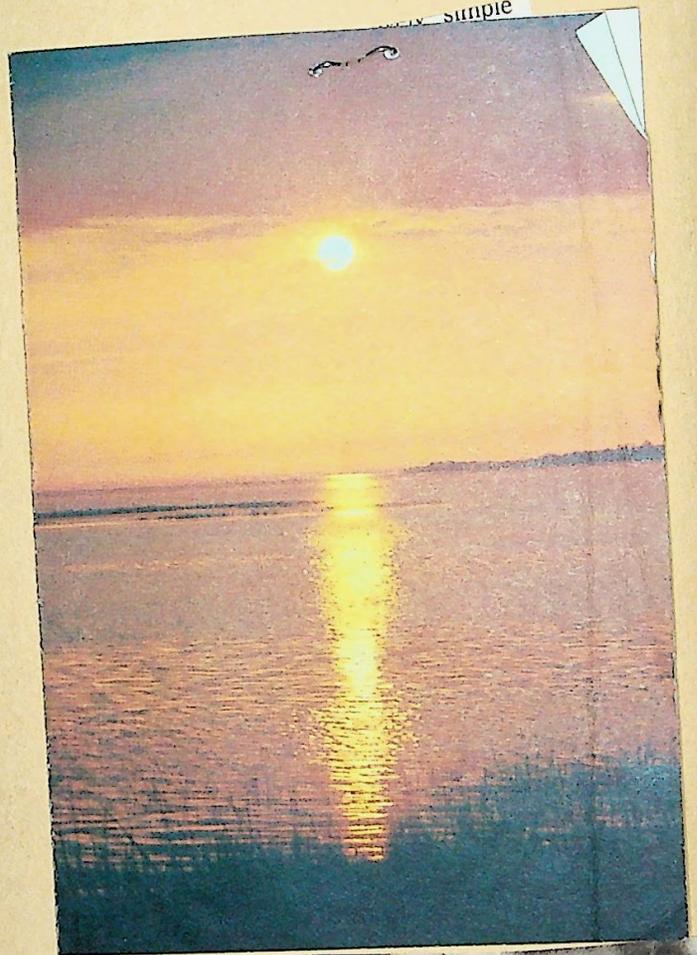
Her fiance is a United States attorney for the Middle District of Florida, working in Orlando, Fla.

The couple will be married July 6 in St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Longwood, Fla.



ROBERT GENZMAN and MARTHA INGLE

1990



### Klausz-Poole

Mary Klausz and Philip Klausz, both of Fremont, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Marie Klausz, to Todd Alan Poole.

Poole is the son of Pam Gebauer of Fremont and Marty Poole of Green Springs.

The bride-elect, a 1989 graduate of Ross High School, is employed as a physical therapist aid for P.T. Services of Tiffin.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Ross High School. He is employed by Wollin Products, Clyde.

The couple will be married May 9 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Fremont.



TODD POOLE and KELLIE KLAUSZ



trumpet player Jennifer Hirt

# Proposals on BCCI 'squelched': report

FROM THE BLADE'S WIRE SERVICES

WASHINGTON — Federal officials ignored danger signs concerning the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and even "squashed" actions recommended by investigators, losing the chance to stop illicit activities much earlier, a congressional report charges.

In July, regulators in the United States, Britain, and other countries shut operations of BCCI, now at the center of a global scandal involving alleged massive fraud, laundering of drug money, and support of terrorists.

The report released yesterday by the House Judiciary subcommittee on crime and criminal justice said U.S. officials knew about BCCI's activities as early as 1983, but overlooked a pattern of misconduct.

"There were people hot on the trail and they were told not to go

ahead," Rep. Charles Schumer (D., N.Y.), the subcommittee's chairman, said at a news conference.

"Now, the government seems to be doing a better job" of pursuing BCCI, Mr. Schumer said.

Meanwhile, U.S. Attorney Robert Genzman announced in Tampa, Fla., that six former BCCI officials and a reputed cocaine kingpin have been indicted on charges of conspiring to launder millions in drug profits.

The indictment was unsealed hours after news that one of the defendants, former BCCI treasurer Seyed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, was arrested in France on Tuesday.

The indictment charges Akbar and five other BCCI officers, along with reputed Medellin cartel kingpin Gerardo "Don Chepe" Moncada, with conspiracy to use BCCI as a racketeering enterprise to launder \$14 million.



Genzman: announces indictments of seven in Florida

And in Peru yesterday, two former officials of that country's central bank were charged with taking bribes from BCCI, a special prosecutor in the capital Lima said.



Volunteers of the Year

Irene Brindley, left, and Dorothy Nowels were honored as Volunteers of the Year during a meeting at Faith Lutheran Church, Fremont. Brindley has been blood ser

## Fair events

Replacing the 4020's muffler with the two feet or so of chrome pipe sticking up out of the cowl added "very little power," Smith conceded, still grinning. "But it makes it nice and loud. Hey, you've got to show off a little."

Smith managed to pull a weighted sled 179 feet 5 inches Saturday morning. It wasn't good enough to place in the 9,000-pound farm class, but that's not the point.

Pure enjoyment, he emphasizes; "Everyone who comes here's a good guy."

Including his pint-sized competitor, Jeff Hirt, 11, Bay View.

Jeff, perched on the fender of Smith's 'Deere, told a passerby he was Smith's "manager"; the twosome got one of their many chuckles out of that.

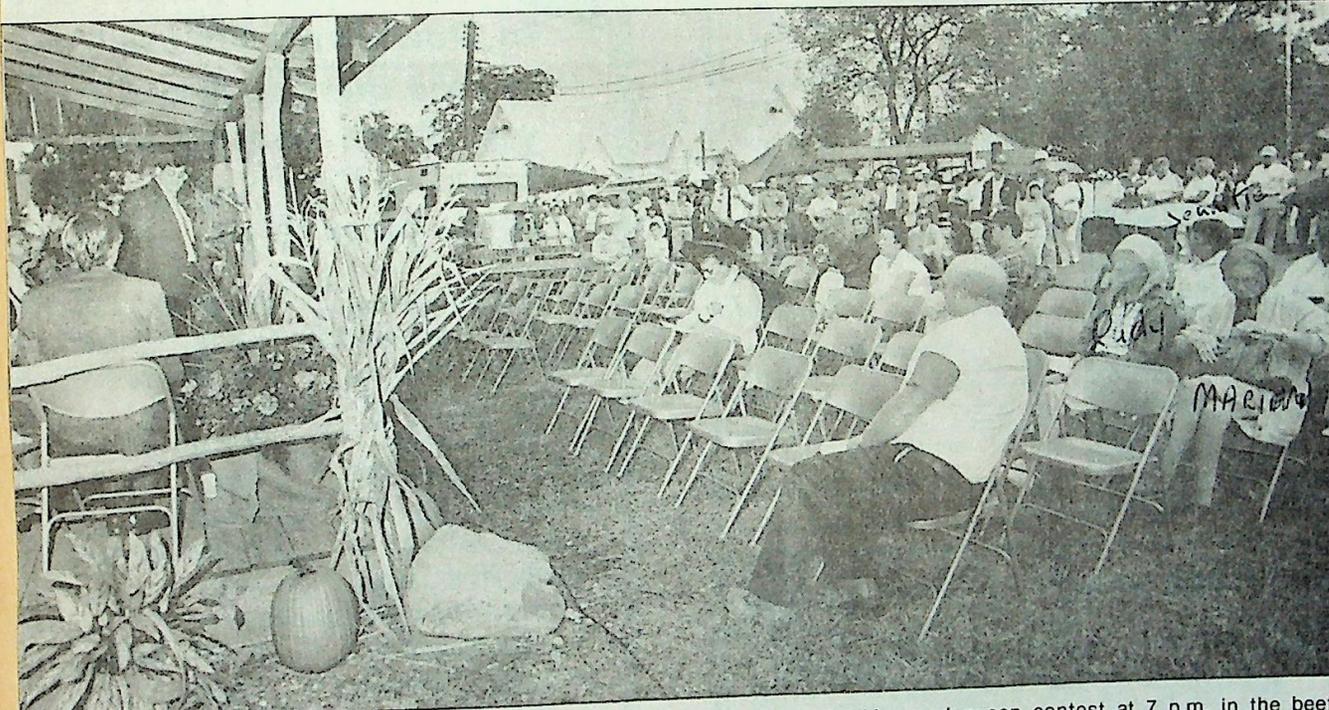
"He's as capable as anybody else here, let me tell you," Smith said.

Jeff's father runs a farm-implement service in Port Clinton and drives monster-machines in the super-stock class in the state and national tractor pulling competitions. Jeff himself drove an Allis-Chalmers 220 in the 13,000-pound farm class.

Earlier last week, he drove tow tractors for the professional pulls at the Fairgrounds, part of the Ohio Tractor Pulling Association circuit events.

The weight figure, by the way, refers to the total weight of the machine plus its driver, and Jeff wasn't the only youngster who disappeared behind the wheel of a giant farm tractor for a crack at the headache sled.

## County fair opens



Fremont Mayor Fred Singer, far left, addresses the crowd at the Sandusky County Fair opening ceremony this morning. Highlights at the fair later today include Junior Fair Night,

featuring the king and queen contest at 7 p.m. in the beef show arena. Also, country singer Cissie Lynn will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the grandstand. **Story, A2**

## county fair

### Memorial

Dec. 20 — Laura and Larry Waldon, 2178 Sandusky County Road 239, a 6-pound, 10-ounce son, Jacob William, at 6:25 a.m. He was 20½ inches long.



MATTHEW HIRT  
Trophy and first  
Model rocketry



BEN HIRT  
First place  
Aquatic science

Aren J. Hirt, 34, Fremont, and Peggy J. Koebel, 41, Fremont.

## Hirt-Miarer

Linda Hirt of 1715 Williams Drive and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hirt of 603 Lime St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle L. Hirt, to Michael D. Miarer.

Miarer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Miarer of 3888 W. State St. and Mr. and Mrs. David Michael of 5844 Sweetbriar, Marblehead.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Ross High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is employed at the Sandusky County Department of Human Services as a caseworker.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Ross High School and a 1991 graduate of Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is employed at Marathon Oil Company, Findlay, as a programmer.



MICHELLE HIRT and  
MICHAEL MIARER

The couple will be married June 27, 1992, at Faith Lutheran Church, Fremont.



ANDY ATKINSON  
Grand Champion  
Lightweight  
Dairy Beef feeder

Grand Champion Light Weight Dairy Beef Feeder — Andy Atkinson, Lindsey, sold to Yeagle Farms for \$1.30 per pound.



## Amber Shaye Diekman

Granddaughter of  
Dave & Cindy Wellington  
and  
Carroll and Connie Diekman

Mary Jay has been awarded an Ashbrook Scholarship by the John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland University.

Jay, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jay, 318 N. Wayne St., is a sophomore majoring in radio-television.

The Ashbrook Scholarships, created in the name of the late Congressman John M. Ashbrook, are available to full-time Ashland University students interested in public affairs.

Most of the Junior Fair members took the sale of their animals in stride and planned to participate again next year. Krista, 9, daughter of Ron and Nancy Atkinson, Fremont, felt "a little sad" about selling her market pig, Samantha. In her first year of showing at the fair, Krista received third place in Junior Showmanship and an A in market hogs, her father said.

Krista continues a tradition of raising hogs and participating in 4-H. "We've got a few hogs at home, and we were in 4-H," her dad said. She is a member of the Washington, Rice and Sandusky Township 4-H Club.

She admitted being "pretty attached" to Samantha, who was born March 25. "I took care of her, fed her and paid a lot of attention to her, I'd go out there every day and talk to her," she said.

Almost every day Samantha had to be walked so she wouldn't get too fat, Krista added. Krista figured that she spent two or three hours a day with the 240-

pound Samantha.

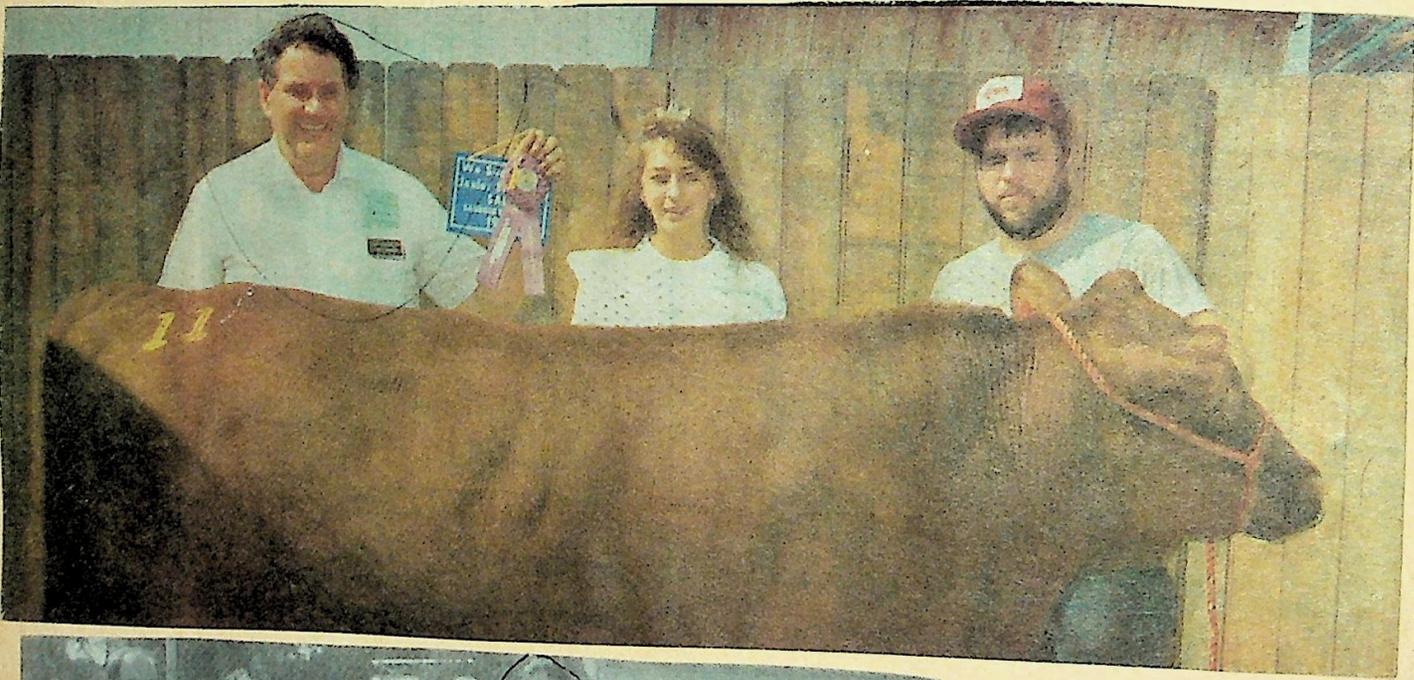
Will she do it again next year? "I think I'm going to show more than one," Krista said.

Jan. 7 — Michelle and Brady Glick, of Loudham, England, a 9 pound, 8-ounce daughter, Sadie Jane, at 7:01 p.m. at Woodbridge Air Force Base, Woodbridge, England. Local grandparents are Carol and Mike Glick of Green Springs. Local great-grandmothers are Catherine Hirt of Fremont and Evelyn Glick of Green Springs.



Steve Jay earned second-team all-league honors with a 14th-place finish. Jay ran 17 minutes, 14 seconds. Whitmer's Jim Bourne won the race in 16:03.

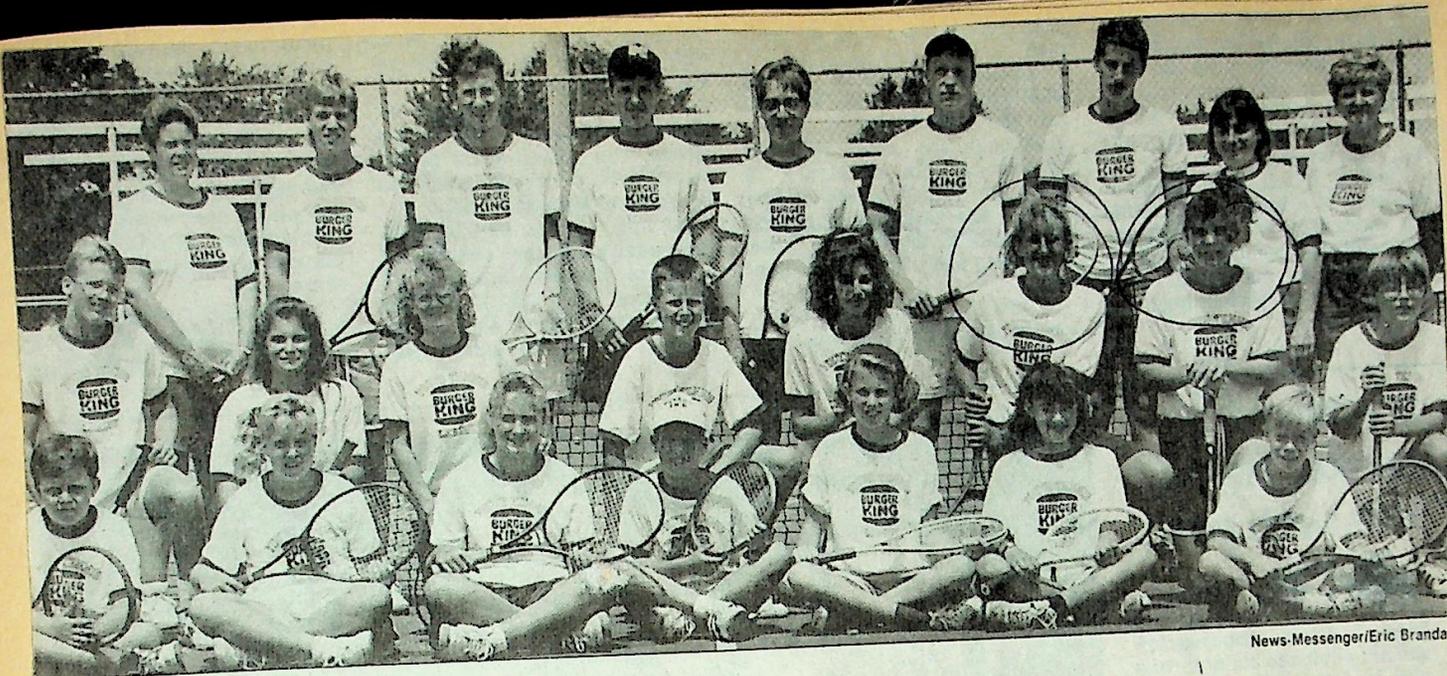
"Steve Jay has been great," Elder said. "He's been there consistently for us week in and week out."



## Junior girls tournament champs

The Wildcats won the Fremont girls Junior League tournament. Members of the team are left to right, front row: Monica Lauer, Tiffany Druckemiller, Ann Reiter, April Spencer, Sarah Yeager and Becky Drabik; back row: assistant coach Jim

Yeager, Amber Reineck, Christy Holland, Stephanie Smith, assistant coach Larry Schepflin, Jenny Steinkle, Casey Schepflin, Abby Reineck and head coach John Lauer. Missing from the picture are Jenny Newman and Anita Bodi.



News-Messenger/Eric Branda

## Youth tennis champs

The Nets won the championship of the Burger King Youth Tennis League. Members of the team are left to right, front row: Michael Oxley, Erin Lytle, Jenny Wolfe, Luke Reineck, Kelli Schulz, Courtney LaBene and Jamie LeJeune; middle row: Brian Reinbolt, Andi Opre, Marcy Reinbolt, Scott Reineck, Abby Reineck, Dena Schepf-

lin, Casey Schepflin and Bob Willey; and back row: coach Barb Bates, Matt Miller, Aleks Ripple, T.J. Wolfe, John Willey, Shane Moran, Bart Skinner, coach Barb Willey and coach Rea Ripple. Missing from the picture are team members Austin Moore,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Opre and Betsy Bober.

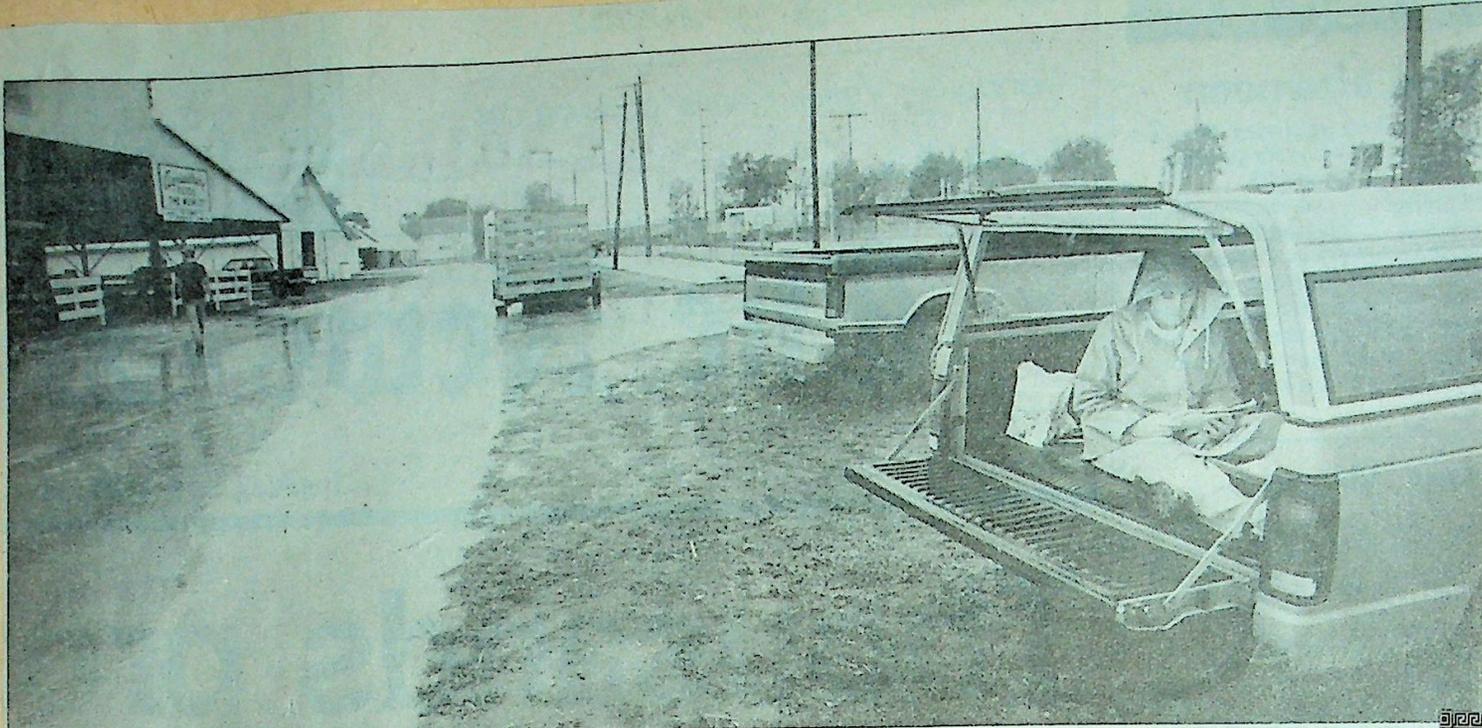


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## YTL tourney winners

The Fremont Youth Tennis League Tournament was played Wednesday at Rodger Young Park. Front row, left to right: Natalie Wolfe, Andrea Adams, Dena Schepflin, Shana Young, Whitney Shanahan, Dawn Zerman, Susan Hathaway and Courtney La

Benne; back row: Peter Scranton, Jeff Murphy, Andy Stotz, Adam Andrews, Brad Darr, Brian Reed, Andrew Humburger and Ian Steinert. The tournament was sponsored by the Fremont Recreation Department and Burger King.



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

DR. LAURIE HIRT, a veterinarian from Clyde, reads a magazine while trying to keep dry in the back of her truck at the Sandusky

County Fairgrounds Monday morning. Hirt was waiting to check health records of animals entered in the fair.



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**50 Hurts!!**  
 Happy Birthday  
 Larry

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5:00 BARBECUE

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Hirt Reunion

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 JULY 21, 1991 - SUNDAY

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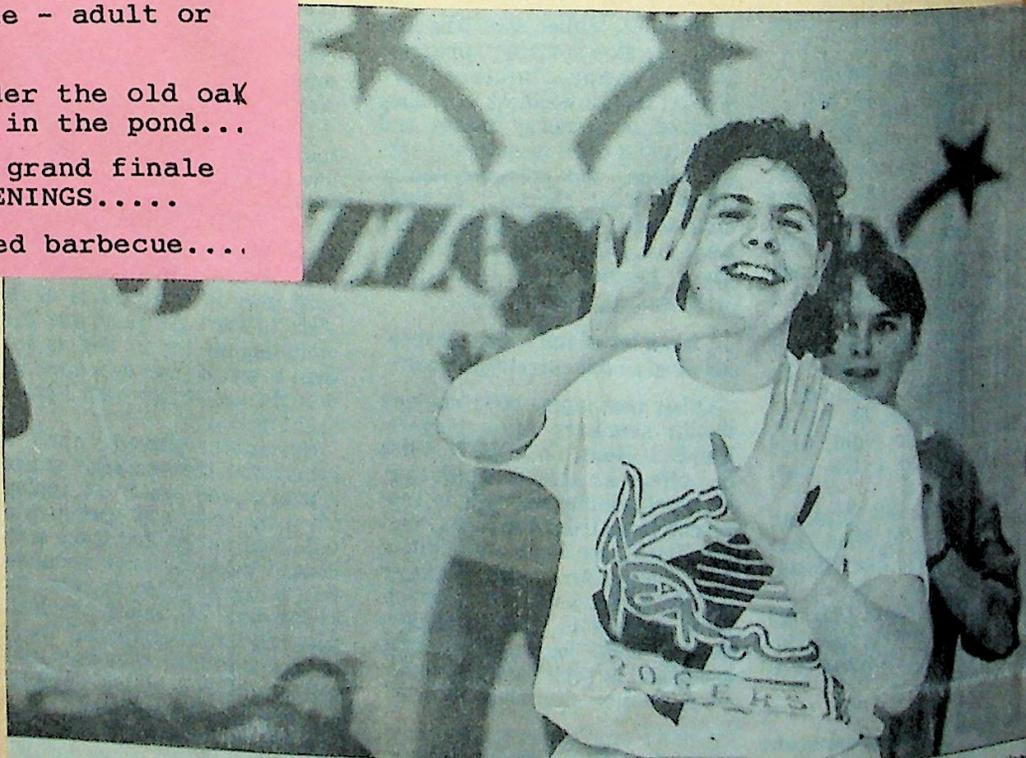
Smile and giggle with our very own SMOKEY THE CLOWN.....

Bid on the White Elephant-- bring a wrapped gift marked male or female - adult or child.....

Reminisce under the old oak tree or swim in the pond...

Stay for the grand finale of HIRT HAPPENINGS.....

a furnished barbecue....



JACKIE SCHWARTZ, a county Department of Human Services employee, works up a sweat

at Jazzercise, 310 S. Front St. Local employers want workers to lead healthier lives.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

### Hirt family

The 75th annual family reunion of the descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt took place July 21 at the Rendzvous Lodge in Fremont.

The day started with a golf scramble at 9 a.m. with 32 golfers participating.

A huge potluck dinner was enjoyed by all at noon on this beautiful, warm day. This tradition that was begun in 1916 with 46 family members and friends gathering at Wightman's Grove for the first Hirt reunion. The family has grown considerably with the attendance reaching 400 members and guests coming from 13 states, 30 Ohio cities and Switzerland. Two of the original charter members were present, Ruth Peffly and Grace Zilles. Helen Hiebel was unable to attend. Each has missed only one reunion in the past 75 years.

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The highlight of the day's gathering was the arrival of relatives Arnold and Therese Lehner and Dr. Max Baumann from Stilli, Switzerland. Dr. Baumann, a noted Swiss historian, lecturer and teacher, held the reunioners spellbound as he related the history of the Hirt family, from 1608 in Stilli, Switzerland, also his home. He had made an intensive and extensive study of the Hirts and the village where the Hirt dynasty held for nine generations. This study was recorded in his 390 page book on "Stilli." He also presented the group with the flag of Switzerland, the flag of the state of Argau and the flag of Stilli. He asked that they be flown at future Hirt reunions.

The now well-known "Hirt Song," especially written for the 50th Hirt reunion, was sung with two new verses added for this diamond anniversary. Grace Zilles and Ruth Peffly are credited with this special fete.

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all members who have passed on. Especially remembered were relatives Kevin Hirt, Hillary Galoway, Carl Fox, Jacques Smith and Jill Gift, who have passed away since last year reunion. Six births were recorded with the youngest baby present, Tommie Smith, son of Tom and Cheryl Smith, receiving the baby bank. Five marriages recognized with the latest newlyweds present, Bob and Martha Genzman who were married July 6 in Orlando, Florida. Bob, son of Kathy and Glen Genzman, is a federal prosecuting attorney who did work on the Contra hearings. Oldest member present, Helen Hirt, was remembered with a gift.

Officers elected for the 1992 reunion are: Ken Hirt, president, William Hirt, vice president and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer.

Newly printed up-to-date Hirt history books are available for all who wish one.

The afternoon was spent with swimming and volleyball, with Smokey the Clown entertaining the young and older members. Evening barbeque was enjoyed with a special cake baked and decorated by Jean Smith and daughter Judy Rapp.

This closed another happy family gathering — a perfect day with great cooperation.

Family officers said they would like to thank all who helped in any way to make this a memorable reunion, especially to the committee consisting of Dick Schepflin, Ken Hirt, Ed Smith, Willie Schepflin, Irene Brindley, Kathy Genzman, Marian Diedrich and Jeanette Hirt.

The new officers will decide date and site for the 1992 reunion.

### Another side of Shop Rite story

This letter is in response to the articles in your newspaper about the dilemma of Bob Schneider, and Bob's Shop Rite.

It amazes me that your paper or Mr. Schneider himself have never mentioned the fact that a lot of good, hard-working people were laid off or let go because of his financial problems. Most of the employees of Shop Rite had been at the store some 15 years or more. As a former employee myself I can tell you that we were like a family, and I think Bob failed to realize that.

I remember how impressed the Spartan representatives were with the employees during the remodeling. Many of these employees worked non-stop with no extra pay to help the store.

Nevertheless, I wish Bob and Janet the best of luck. I hope they can turn things around, but more importantly, I'd like to wish all the former employees of Shop Rite good luck in their futures. This group of hard working people was never really appreciated, and I think it's high time someone set the record straight.

Cynthia A. Hirt  
1702 Emmett Dr., Fremont



## TALK OF ROSSMOOR

By Karen Cohen

### A gem of a reunion

Leta Baumann of Golden Rain Road recently returned from the diamond jubilee reunion on the descendants of her maternal grandfather, Casper Hirt, who emigrated to the United States from Switzerland in 1848. The celebration was held in Fremont, Ohio, where Hirt was a farmer. He was one with wanderlust, however, she said, and traveled as far as Australia, looking for gold. He crosses the Atlantic Ocean five times and the Pacific twice.

Hirt had nine children, five of whom grew to adulthood, and 702 descendants, Leta said. Some 400 people from as far as Switzerland and from cities across the country attended the reunion. The youngest was an infant, and the oldest was Leta, who is 85. She attended the reunion with her son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Mary Ann Williams of Walnut Creek.

Tee-shirts in five different colors representing the family lines and printed with the family logo were sported by the relatives at this all-day affair in a city park. Activities were included for all ages, and Leta won the prize for the relative who brought the most pictures.

The only surviving child from her mother's family, she was especially moved to participate in a ceremony in which she placed a candle in honor of her mother in a special redwood candlestick made to memorialize Casper Hirt and his descendants who had died.

Leta has been to other Hirt reunions and has even visited the house her grandfather built in Stilli, Switzerland, in 1840, but this 75th reunion "was special," she said.

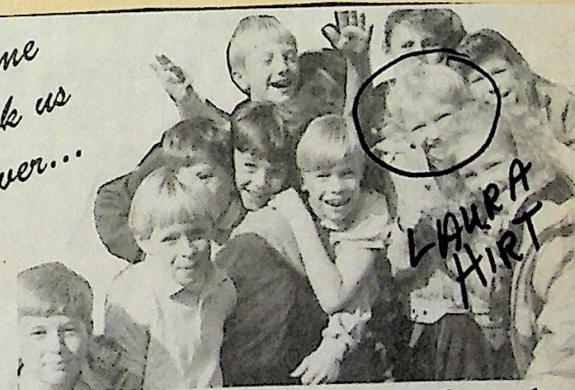


DEB HIRT

"I definitely wouldn't want my kids running around here (in the city) after dark, that's for sure," said Deb Hirt, 1543 Sandusky County Road 226. "... It's sad to see this coming to Fremont."

"I wouldn't want to be stuck there" at night, Hirt said. "I think we need more police, really."

Come look us over...



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- See what we have to offer you and your child.
- Student Art Fair will be on display.

Sat., Feb. 29, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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- Preschool 3 & 4 yr. olds\*
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\* See 3 yrs. in action Mar. 9 & 11 from 1 to 2; 4 yrs. Mar. 16 & 18 from 1 to 2

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Serving on the reunion committee were Dick Schepflin, K Ed Smith, Willie Schepflin, Brindley, Kathy Genzman, Diedrich and Jeanette Hirt.

## Klausz-Poole

Kellie Klausz and Todd Poole were married 4:30 p.m. May 9 at Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. Donald Irvin.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Klausz and Philip Klausz, both of Fremont.

The groom's parents are Pam and Jerry Gebauer, also of Fremont.

The bride wore a satin and organza with schiffli lace featuring a sabrina neckline and a heavily beaded bodice on a basque waist. The long sleeves were adorned with lace and beads with ruffles at the shoulders. The fully-gathered skirt featured organza over satin with cascades of ruffles flowing down to the cathedral train. Her headpiece was a floral crescent wreath with pearls and beads and a large pouff at the back accenting the fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses, white carnations, turquoise and peach flowers and greenery accented with peach and white ribbons.

Maid of honor was Lori Klausz, sister of the bride. She wore an iridescent taffeta gown featuring a sweetheart neckline and keyhole back with a bow across with elbow length sleeves. The dress had a basque fitted bodice and the fully-gathered skirt accented the high-low hemline. She carried flowers similar to that of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Susie Merritt, friends of the couple and Carla Rider cousin of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Deanne Rider, cousin of the bride. They wore dresses identical to that of



KELLY (KLAUSZ) and TODD POOLE

the maid of honor.

Junior bride was Kayli Merritt, friend of the couple. She wore a white tafetta dress with lace and a bow in back. She wore a crown veil of nylon pouf. She carried a bouquet identical to that of the bride's.

Best man was Dave Ritter, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Kevin Poole, brother of the groom and John Halsey, friend of the couple.

Junior groom was Cyle Poole, son of the bride and groom.

A reception took place at the Rendezvous Lodge, Fremont.

The couple will honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

The bride, a 1989 graduate of Ross High School, is employed as a physical therapist aide for P.T. Services.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Ross High School and is employed as a laborer for Wollin Products, Clyde.

## Paul E. Billman

July 29, 1919-May 18, 1992

Paul E. Billman, 72, of Hamer Street in Clyde, died Monday at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Billman was born in Bellevue, to James and Esther (Snyder) Billman. He married Gladys Hirt April 26, 1946, and she survives.

Mr. Billman was a 1937 graduate of York High School. He was employed at the Whirlpool Corp. for 37 years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Billman was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clyde, Brainard Lodge, Zenobia Temple in Toledo, Fremont Chapter of R.A.M., Fremont Council of R. and S. M., Fremont Commandry, Knight of York Cross of Honor, Fireland's Council of Allied Masonic Degrees, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo.

Mr. Billman was a WWII

Army veteran.

Surviving are sons, Gordon Billman, Brunswick; Dr. Roger Billman of Dayton; Dennis Billman of Wheaton, Ill., David Billman of Mason; a sister, Mildred Streeter of Fremont; and five grandchildren. Half brothers Earl and Albert Billman and a sister, Viola Kollat are deceased.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church with burial at McPherson Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home in Clyde. Masonic services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the elevator fund at the church.

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CATCH THE HIRT FEVER

Mark you calendar and plan to attend the bug

76th ANNUAL HIRT REUNION to be held JULY 19, 1992

at the Rendezvous Lodge. (same as last year)

Potluck dinner at noon with B B Q at 5:00.

Come, meet your kin - fun and fellowship for all.

More information will come to you later.

See you all on the 19th in Fremont.

Ken Hirt - President

Bill Hirt - V. President

Jeanette Hirt - Sec. Treas.

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*Casper Hirt*

Casper & Verena Hirt 76th Annual Reunion

Sunday, July 19, 1992



*Verena Hirt*

Dear Hirts!

Time again for the Hirt families to gather and meet their kin and enjoy another reunion. We all have good thoughts from the big reunion last year, so the committee is working hard to have another good one. Expect to see you all again this year.

Same place as last year. Rendezvous Lodge at the F.O.R.T in Fremont. 1313 Tiffin Road, behind the Thornwood Golf Course. The day will start with a GOLF SCRAMBLE at 9:00 followed by a potluck dinner at noon, business meeting and program. Other activities will be putt-putt golf, volleyball, swimming(1.00), badmitten and horse shoes with games for the kids.

WHITE ELEPHANT & CRAFT AUCTION (please wrap & mark gifts, man, woman or child.)

If you took pictures last year, please share with us for our display of the 75 reunion.

Barbecue at 5:00 pm with hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream for all.

Dues are still \$5.00 per family.

SEE YOU ALL ON THE 19th OF JULY FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

Ken Hirt, pres.  
Bill Hirt, vice pres.  
Jeanette Hirt, sec. treas.

FOR ALL GOLFERS

Return to Dick Schepflin before July 10, or call at 334-3288.  
1929 Riverbend Pkwy.  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

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Helen G. Hirt

May 11, 1903-May 18, 1992

Helen G. Hirt, 89, of Quality Care Nursing Center, formerly of 118 N. Fifth St., died this morning.

Mrs. Hirt was born in Riley Township, to Frank and Ida (Martin) Carley. She married Lester O. Hirt Oct. 23, 1924, in Fremont, and he died Jan. 10, 1980.

Mr. Hirt was a homemaker. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, the Altar Guild and was a charter member of the New Generation and Horizen Garden clubs.

Surviving are a daughter, Evelyn White of Fremont; a sister, Ann Binkley of Bettsville; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her parents, brother, Herbert Carley and one grandchild are deceased.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church with burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Karlovitz Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Thanks to our Christian friends of Grace Church for their visits, prayers, flowers, cards and gifts to the church in memory of Mom. She loved her church friends very much. Thank you to all the pastors for the many visits to the Nursing Home and hospitals. Thank you Pastor Paul for the comforting words at her funeral service.  
The family of Helen Hirt

# Prosecution in a lower key

## Interim U.S. attorney no 'Mad Dog'

By MILO GEYELIN  
Times Staff Writer

Merkle as an assistant prosecutor in Orlando, knows the inevitable comparisons are coming.

TAMPA — "Mad Dog" Genzman?

Not quite.

Those who know Robert W. Genzman, Central Florida's interim U.S. attorney, describe him many ways, but "Mad Dog," the nickname given to Genzman's volatile and tenacious predecessor, is not one of them.

"Low key . . . dedicated . . . hard working . . . firm . . . quietly effective," are the words most often used to depict Genzman, a tall, amiable lawyer from Orlando who is the most likely candidate to permanently replace former U.S. Attorney Robert W. Merkle.

Genzman, who worked for



GENZMAN

"Each United States attorney has his own style," says Genzman, sitting at Merkle's former desk with a map outlining the 32 counties of the Middle District of Florida on the wall.

"I'm not trying to emulate anyone's style," Genzman says. "My style is to challenge and motivate people and reward them when they do well."

Lean and neatly dressed in a dark suit and white shirt, the 6-foot-4 Genzman's style is conservative.

He looks like an accountant, an eager bank vice president or per-

Please see **ATTORNEY 6-B**

Friends say Genzman eschews the center stage. Merkle relished it.

"From my experience with (Genzman), Bob is a very low-key individual who does not come on strong with a lot of bombast," says Terry Smiljanich, a St. Petersburg lawyer and a former federal prosecutor who worked with Genzman briefly in Washington during the Iran-Contra investigation last year.

"Quietly, he is very effective," says Smiljanich. "He gets the task done without making a big show of it."

### Meeting his mentor

Genzman is the second of four children

force, "was part of the hard core who did the hard work," says Blakey.

After the committee finished its work in 1978, Genzman stayed in Washington as a legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston, a former federal prosecutor who was then a freshman Republican from New Orleans. Genzman's work included all Justice Department issues and judicial matters, as well as financial and budget issues.

"I think his desire to be a U.S. attorney was always there," says Allen Martin, Livingston's administrative assistant. "The congressman knew that was an interest of his from the first day he came to work here."

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Merrin Halbeisen Born Jan 18 1890

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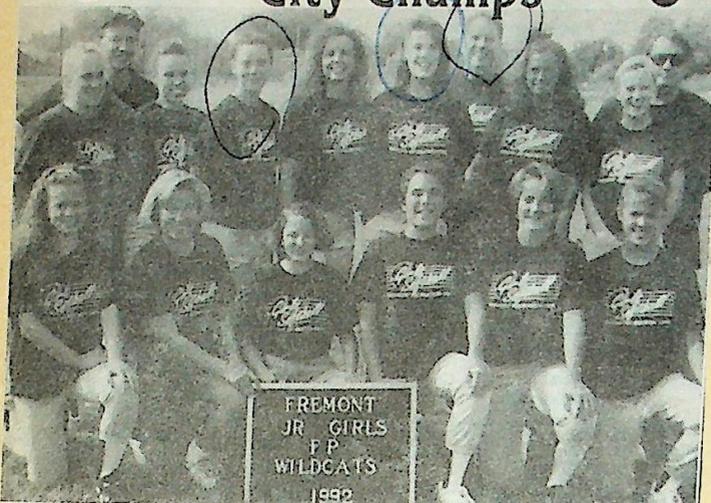
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# Congratulations City Champs



**FREMONT JUNIOR GIRLS FAST PITCH '92 WILDCATS**

Your hard work and determination paid off. We're proud of you and we love you ... your Moms and Dads.

Thank you Coaches Lawrence, Schepflin, ...

**FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:** Julie Gonya, Julie Kryder, Sarah Yeager, Tiffany Lawrence, Tressa Young, Erica Radelofr.  
**SECOND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:** Jenny Swint, Cori Bruchs, Casey Schepflin, Jenny Steinle, Michele Smith, Rena Auxter, Sarah Lowrey.  
**THIRD ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:** Coach Jim



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w, and Dawn Zerman; back row: coach Sue nn dertscher, Brandy Cheek, Casey Schepflin, L Schepflin and assistant coach Ken Badertschu



## Outstanding

Wendy Thompson (left) and Kelly Hirt were selected this summer to join a select group of Ohio cheerleaders to cheer at the Hula Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii in January. Thompson, a junior, and Hirt, a sophomore, were selected from cheerleaders competing at Cheer Ohio camp at Kenyon College in the summer. (Enterprise photo)



July 8, 1992

## Jill M. Gift Award honors former Shelton resident

Announcement of the Jill M. Gift Award for Excellence in Operations was made by Bob Gift of Council Bluffs, Iowa, husband of the late Mrs. Gift, at the 25th Educational Conference and Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, of the American Society of Hospital and Food Service Administrators.

The announcement coincided with the first anniversary of her death. Mrs. Gift died of cancer a year ago, on the day she was to have assumed the office of national president of ASHFA. A former Shelton resident, she was the daughter of Helen Smith of Shelton and the late Jacques Smith.

The Gift Award is criteria based, including customer satisfaction, human resource management, planning, productivity, financial management, innovation and cooperation. The award will be presented when applications exceed a threshold point score of about 70 percent of the available points. It will be presented in the name of the recipient department and organization, underscoring Gift's belief that excellence is best achieved through teams and teamwork, Mrs. Smith said.

## Hirt-Miarer

Michelle Lynn Hirt and Michael David Miarer were married at 5:30 p.m. June 27 at Faith Lutheran Church by the Rev. Jack Kocsis.

The bride is the daughter of Linda Hirt, 1715 Williams Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hirt, 703 Lime St.

The groom's parents are Connie Michael of 5844 Sweetbriar, Marblehead, and Mr. and Mrs. David Miarer, 3888 W. State St.

The bride wore a pale pink satin gown featuring a high illusion neckline accented with simulated pearls and sequins. The V neckline with sheer illusion descended into a fitted bodice with lace highlighted by sequins and pearls. The short puff sleeves were edged with lace. The full skirt had schiffli lace appliques adorned with sequins and pearls. The cathedral-length train had soft draping held in place with fabric sunburst flowers. She wore a heart-shaped pearl headpiece with pearl sprays and silk flowers with a dramatic double pouff to the back falling into layers of white and pale pink fingertip bridal illusion veiling. She carried a cascading bouquet of calla lilies, white dendrobium orchids, silk lily-of-the-valley, eucalyptus, ivy, springeri and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Kimberly



MICHELLE (HIRT) and MICHAEL MIARER

Cooke, friend of the bride. She wore a jade taffeta gown featuring a sweetheart neckline and a fitted bodice with pouff sleeves. The full skirt featured had a high-low hemline with a small train that was busseled after the ceremony. The back of the gown was cut low with diagonal straps. At the end of the straps were sunburst flowers, as well as on the sleeves and bustle. She carried a glass candlestick and voice cups surrounded by silk ivy and miniature calla lilies with strands of pearls throughout. Jade, pink and white ribbons were hanging from the candlesticks.

Bridesmaids were Lisa Posas, sister of the groom; Amy Cleveland, cousin of the bride; Valerie Wagner, Marcia Knapp and Laura Flick, all friends of the bride. They wore gowns identical to that of the maid of honor.

Flowergirl was Amy Hirt, sister of the bride.

Best man was Mike McMahon, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Noe Posas, brother-in-law of the groom; Michael Hirt, brother of the bride; Lee Schultz, Brad Bergefurd and Chin Tran, all friends of the groom.

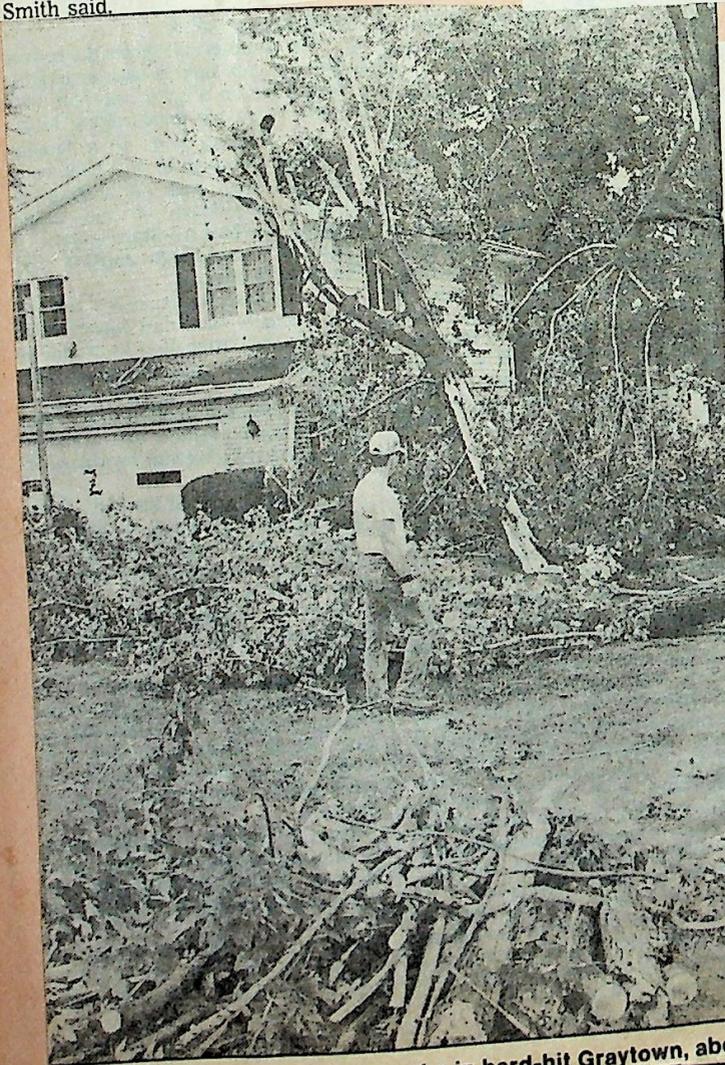
Ringbearer was Shawn McHugh, friend of the groom.

A reception took place at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed.

Following a southern Caribbean cruise, the couple will reside at 224 W. Hardin St., Findlay 45840.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Ross High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Toledo. She is a financial assistance caseworker for the Sandusky County Department of Human Services.

The groom graduated in 1986 from Ross High School. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1991 from Ohio State University. He is a computer programmer with Marathon Oil Co.



Tree-care firms will be busy, maybe in hard-hit Graytown, above

## Schepflin duo paces Little Giants

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross won its second straight Great Lakes League high school tennis match Thursday, topping Napoleon 4-1.

Casey Schepflin and Dena Schepflin did not lose a game at first-court doubles, while Meagan Hadley and Heather Boggs won in straight sets on the second doubles court.

Tennis

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## Schepflins win sectional title

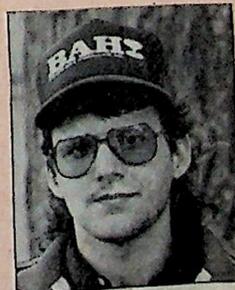
News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — Casey Schepflin and Dena Schepflin, Fremont Ross freshmen, won the doubles championship at the Division I Girls Sectional Tennis Tournament Saturday.

The cousins, undefeated in 26 matches this season, defeated Ashland's Arthi Murthi and Angela Harper 6-1, 6-2 in the finals.

"I had a hunch that they would win (the sectional)," Ross coach Sue Badertscher said. "With their record, and the way they have been playing well together,

I knew they could pull it off."



ANDY ATKINSON  
Grand champion market lamb

Champion — Andy Atkinson, \$4.25 per pound, \$480.25 total. Buyer was Al Bauman Chevrolet-Buick of Fremont.

# Ross wins GLL title



D. SCHEPFLIN C. SCHEPFLIN

Schepflin and Schepflin used steady, consistent baseline play to defeat Northview's Caroline Mah and Joan Grossman 6-3, 6-0 in the finals.

## Schepflins fall

Fremont Ross freshmen Casey Schepflin and Dena Schepflin lost to Toledo Bowsher's Becky Swartz and Corey Ingham 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 Saturday at the Division I district tennis tournament at Bowling Green State University's Keefe Courts.

It was the Ross pair's first loss this season after 26 wins.

The match lasted 3½ hours.

"The girls did exceptionally well," Ross coach Sue Badertscher said. "For freshmen to get this far is something. We're not complaining on this end."



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## Hirt family

The 76th annual family reunion of the descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt was on July 19 at the F.O.R.T. Rendezvous Lodge with 225 family members and friends enjoying the day.

The day started with a golf scramble at 9 a.m. with 32 golfers participating, followed by a potluck dinner, program and a business meeting with president, Ken Hirt.

There were five marriages, 10 births and three deaths reported since last year's reunion.

Merle Hirt read a tribute to the three deceased members, Helen Hirt, Paul Billman and Glenn Debruler.

Jacob William, son of Laura and Larry Waldon, the youngest baby present, was given the special baby bank.

There was a white elephant and craft auction with John Hirt and Ed Smith as auctioneers.

Special awards were given to Sarah and Myron Zibbel, Ann Diekman, Doug Hirt, Nathan Diekman, Marg Schepflin, Ed Smith, Jim Caspersen, Joel Hirt, and Walt and Grace Zilles.

Ann and Mike Diekman, Daun and Dan Diedrich celebrated their wedding anniversaries this same day.

Next year the reunion will be July 18 at the F.O.R.T. with president, Bill Hirt; vice president, Willie Schepflin; and secretary-treasurer, Jeanette Hirt in charge.

Family members enjoyed the day swimming and playing volleyball and other outdoor games. An evening barbeque closed another happy family gathering.



Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Hirt

## Rollin Hirts celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Hirt, 255 N. Woodland Ave., are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this week.

Mr. Hirt and the former Doris Gilbert were married Sept. 17, 1942, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gilbert, by the Rev. Frank Jordan, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The Hirts are the parents of two children, Mrs. William (Sandy) Jay

of Fremont and Gary L. Hirt of Clyde. They have four grandchildren.

Mr. Hirt is a veteran of World War II and retired from the maintenance department of the Ohio Turnpike. He is a member of Post 122 of the American Legion. Mrs. Hirt worked for the Clyde - Green Springs School District in the cafeteria of Vine Street Sch prior to her retirement.

## Franklin S. Hirt

July 19, 1926-Oct. 17, 1992

ANTIOCH, Calif. — Former Fremont Franklin S. Hirt, 66, of 1607 San Jose Drive, Antioch, Calif., died Saturday in Antioch.

Mr. Hirt was born in Fremont to Chester and Verna (Trick) Hirt. He married Barbara Ann Jones June 17, 1949, at United Brethern Church in Dayton. She survives.

Mr. Hirt was a 1944 graduate of Ross High School and a 1950 graduate of Ohio State University. He was a World War II Army veteran serving in occupied Germany.

Mr. Hirt worked for the QuarterMaster Food and Container Institute in Chicago for a number of years. In 1963, he moved to California and worked for Foremost Dairy Co. and Durkee Foods.

Surviving are son Brian of Antioch; daughter Melissa Hirt of Sacramento, Calif.; seven grandchildren; brother Howard Hirt of Fremont; and sisters Irene Brindley of Lindsey and Anna Troxel and Lucile Atkinson, both of Fremont.

Arrangements were handled by Higgins Funeral Home in Antioch.

Nov. 11 — Kevin and Lisa Diekman, 613 S. Main St., Gibsonburg, an 8-pound, 8-ounce son, Brett Lee, at 7:11 p.m. He was 21½ inches long. Local grandparents are Dave and Cindy Wellington of Gibsonburg and Carroll and Connie Diekman of Lindsey.

## Christmas card



Today's Christmas card comes from Karen E. Hirt, 10, of 4080 Sandusky County Road 247. Karen attends Croghan School.



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

**KATHY ATKINSON** puts together a personalized children's book in her home.

## Kids can star in own story

By **JILL FICK**

Staff writer

Question: When is a children's book more than a children's book?

Answer: When the child who is reading it is also the main character of the story.

Using laser printing and computer generated stickers, rural Fremont Kathy Atkinson and Starbrite Products makes it possible for children to become the star of stories ranging from birthday surprises to fishing adventures.

"Everybody wants to be the star of something," Atkinson said. "And this gives them a chance to be the star of their own story."

Atkinson began the business in May and has continued to expand the number of titles she offers. With the addition of two Christmas books, Atkinson now has a total of 12 hardbound books geared generally for children 8 and younger.

Atkinson has generated most of her sales so far through mail orders and area craft shows. The equipment is portable, allowing her to print and bind books on site. She also has books at The Open Book in downtown Fremont.

"Real positive," Atkinson described parental reaction to the books. "It's just something different they can give."

There are two ways to personalize the books. Some of the books can be personalized throughout with the use of laser printing. These

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact, Kathy Atkinson, Starbrite Products, P.O. Box 795, Fremont, Ohio 43420, 334-8555.

are especially good for people who know specific things about the child, like friends' names.

Atkinson has three books in stock which use personalized stickers that the child can apply directly to the pages. They are permanent stickers that lay right over pictures already in print, she said.

When ordering a book, the customer needs to fill out a form with the child's name, address, nickname, age and friends' names. Other information may be necessary for a particular book, such as a zoo book which requires the name of the local zoo and newspaper.

The child's name is then woven into the fabric of the story, along with friends, hometown and maybe even grandma and grandpa.

Some of the books, dealing with shapes, numbers and letters are written for the preschool crowd, while others contain tales of adventure. Baby's Book, a tender remembrance of the story of a child's birth, is also available.

Other titles include: The Big Parade, My School Fun Book, Baseball's Unsung Hero and Flooty Hobbs and the Gollywobber.

Each book costs \$9.95. Personalized Santa and Easter letters are also available at \$2 each.



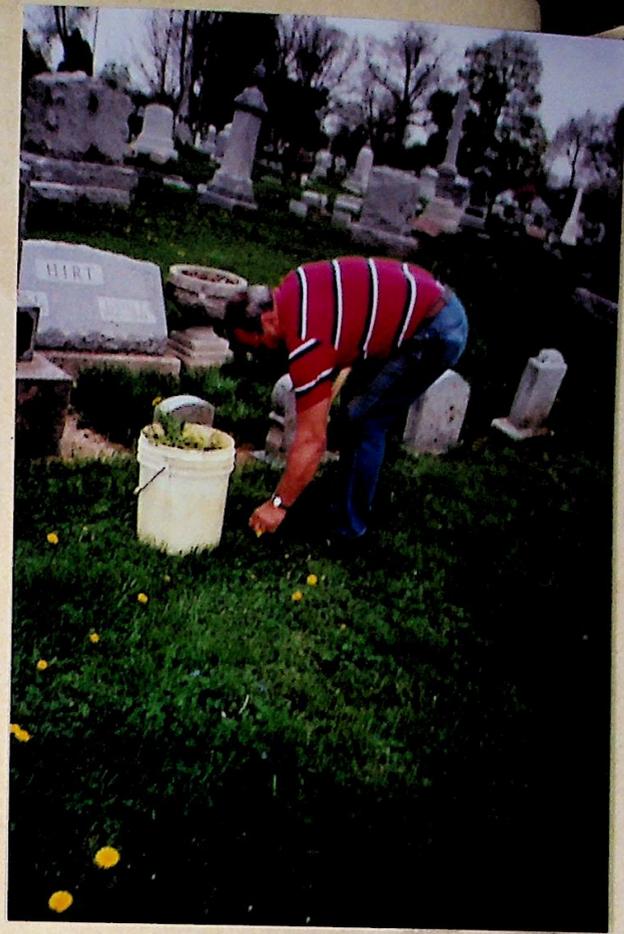
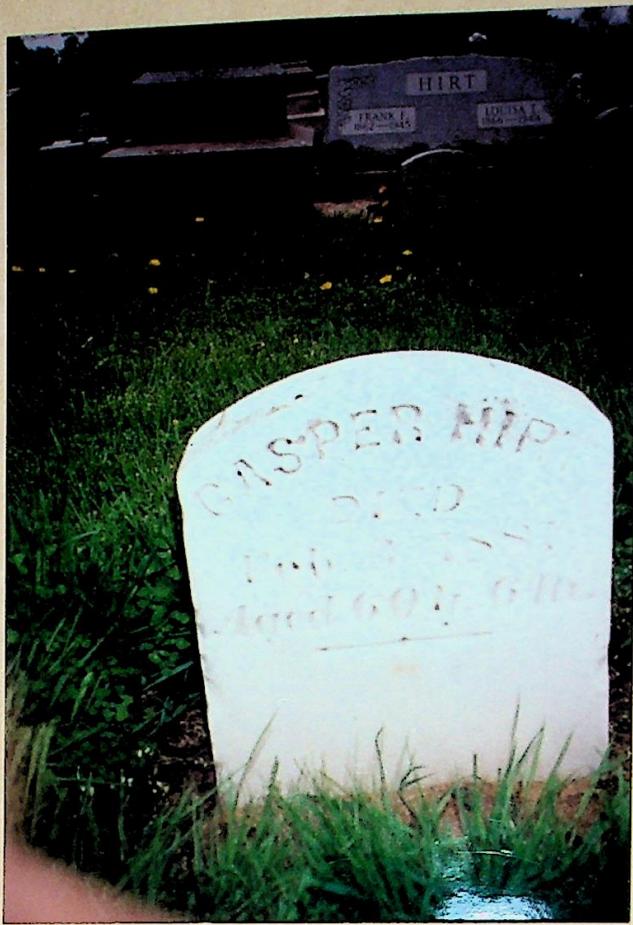
**Brett Lee Diekman**

Kevin & Lisa Diekman  
Gibsonburg  
November 11, 1992



**William Michael Vincent Schepflin**

Chuck & Paula Schepflin  
Fremont  
November 20, 1992



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**Helen M. Kistler**

Feb. 4, 1928-Jan. 13, 1993

Helen M. Kistler, 64, North Sandusky County Road 232, Fremont, died Wednesday at home.

She was born in Vickery to John and Nora (Opper) Yeckley. She married Walter E. Kistler on March 3, 1951. He died on Oct. 21, 1977.

Mrs. Kistler was a 1945 graduate of Townsend High School. She was a member of Good Shephard Lutheran Church in Vickery, Fremont Eagles and TOPS OH 1668, Clyde.

She was self-employed.

Surviving are sons Robert, William and Charles Kistler of Vickery and Thomas and Paul Kistler of Fremont; daughter Mary Ann Miller of Vickery; sisters Ruth Kollat, Juanita Drake and Betty Meggitt of Vickery and Josephine Szakovits of Fremont; brother Russell Yeckley of Port Clinton; and four grandchildren. Brothers Leroy and Earl Dewey "Bobby" Yeckley and sister Edith Yeckley are deceased.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Good Shephard Lutheran Church, with burial at Parkhurst Cemetery in Clyde.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, Clyde.

Memorials may be made to the church or Memorial Hospital Hospice.



ERICA HIRT, 13, left, Dena Bueno, 13, center, and her sister Lola, 9, load servings of pie onto a cart Thursday in preparation for the Thanksgiving dinner crowd at the Veterans of Foreign

Wars hall in Fremont. Jim King and Barb Tuckerman slice up the pies in the background. The Bueno sisters, now of Lexington, S.C., were spending the holiday with family in Fremont.

News-Messenger/Chris Walker

**Mr. Robert D. Wisbon**

Williamsburg, VA - Mr. Robert D. Wisbon, age 65, died Friday, February 5, 1993 in the Grace Jefferson Homes in Richmond, VA.

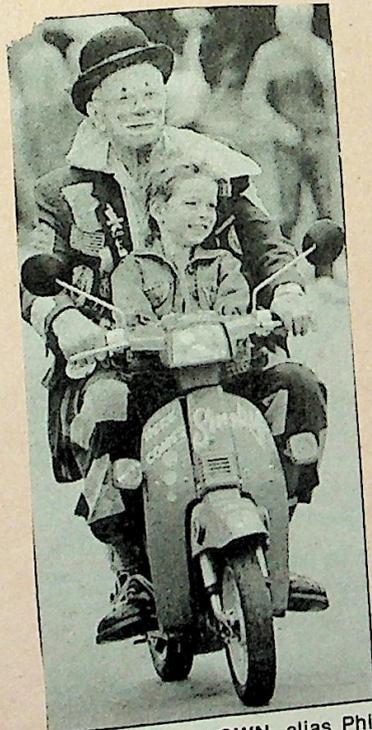
A native of Fremont, OH and former resident of Toledo before moving to Williamsburg, VA in June 1988. Mr. Wisbon was a graduate of Toledo University class of 1951. Army Veteran of the Korean War. A retired senior salesman with Manville Corp. in 1986 with 28 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn J. Wisbon; a daughter, Lori Coyne of Williamsburg, VA; a son, Robert B. Wisbon of San Diego, CA; sisters, Jean Pinney of Cincinnati, OH and Sally O'Conner of Toledo, OH; brothers, Brian Wisbon of Cape Coral, FL, Jim Wisbon of Hot Springs, AR, Ben Wisbon of Toledo, OH, Daniel Wisbon of Toledo, and Mike Wisbon of Omaha, NE; and grandson, Jesse Coyne of Williamsburg, VA.

A private graveside service will be held in Williamsburg Memorial Park by Rev. Dr. John T. Martin.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Hampton Road Chapter 20, Kroger Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, Virginia 23502.

Bucktrout Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



SMOKY THE CLOWN, alias Phil Huss, gives Alek Daughterty, 4, a ride on his motor scooter Sunday during Camelback Day festivities in Fremont.

**Schwartz-Mowry**

Mr. and Mrs. James Schwartz, 509 S. Main St., Lindsey, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline L. Schwartz to Brian E. Mowry.

Mowry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mowry, 533 Third Ave.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Ross High School and a 1990 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a financial assistant caseworker with the Sandusky County Department of Human Services and is employed part-time at Miarer Transportation, Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Ross High School and is employed at Whirlpool Corp. in Clyde.

The couple will be married 3



JACQUELINE SCHWARTZ and BRIAN E. MOWRY

p.m. Sept. 25 at Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State St.

# Smith leads Ross over Northview

News-Messenger reports

Ryan Smith pitched a four-hitter and Moe Myers went 3-for-3 with two RBI Monday, leading Fremont Ross to a 4-0 Great Lakes League baseball victory over visiting Sylvania Northview.

Smith (3-1) walked two and struck out five for the Little Giants, 6-4 and 4-1 in the GLL.

"He did a great job on location with his fastball," Ross coach Dan Fought said. "He set the hitters up well and was ahead of about every one. He just did a super job."

## Baseball

### Diedrich

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Diedrich, 2825 Sandusky County Road 233, Fremont, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at noon May 30 at P.K.'s Banquet Hall. The dinner will be followed by an open house at the hall for friends and relatives from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Diedrich and the former Marian E. Hirt were married May 30, 1943, at St. Joseph's Rectory by Monsignor Arnoldi.

They are the parents of James H. Diedrich, Dan C. Diedrich and Gregory S. Diedrich, all of Fremont; and David L. Diedrich of Sandusky. They have three grandchildren.

Mr. Diedrich retired in 1985 after 50 years service with the Kroger Co. Mrs. Diedrich is a homemaker.

April 29 — Martha and U.S. Attorney Robert Genzman, 1851 Wind Harbor Road, Orlando, Fla., 32809, twins, 7-pound, 3-ounce son, Robert Glendon. He was 19½ inches long; and 7-pound, 4-ounce daughter, Jacqueline Eileen. She was 20 inches long. They were born at 9 p.m. at Florida Hospital in Orlando. Local grandparents are Glenn and Catherine Genzman of rural Oak Harbor.

## Brindley earns club award

News-Messenger reports

The Exchange Club presented Lindsey resident Irene Brindley with its Book of Golden Deeds Award Thursday at the Fremont VFW Hall.

"I was so surprised. I thought it was going to be an award for the Red Cross," Brindley said.

Born the same day the Sandusky County Red Cross was established, it seems she was destined to be a part of the organization.

Her Red Cross service includes serving as an elected member of the county's Board of Directors since 1975, seven years as recording secretary, and co-chair of county blood recruitment for 11 years.

She volunteers at most of the 42 blood collection sites in Sandusky County and recently donated her 62nd pint of blood. She is a member of the Red Cross Service to Military Families, Nominating and Policy committees and Sandusky County's representative to the Northwest Ohio Regional Blood Committee.

Each week she works at chapter headquarters making arrangements for blood collections, inputting data into the computer and operating the office. Four to six weeks a year she serves as contact for emergency Red Cross calls when the office is closed.

During the past six years, she has averaged 808 volunteer hours yearly for the Red Cross. In 1990 she was named Sandusky County's Outstanding Volunteer for Red Cross. She also serves as a campaign worker for the Sandusky County United Way.

Her other activities center around Faith Lutheran Church. She is chairwoman of the women's group, senior choir member, secretary of the Eastern Conference of Women, representative to Wernie Children's Home, Ministry at St. Francis in Green Springs, weekly bingo with Parkview Nursing Home residents, delegate to district, state and national church conventions. She has retired as organist at Faith Lutheran Church but still serves



IRENE BRINDLEY

in various churches as a substitute.

She worked as a secretary at Ames Dental Lab and then as a secretary at Hayes Methodist Church. She and husband, Morton, have been married 53 years. They have three sons and a daughter. Mr. Brindley worked for Purdy Implement after retiring from farming.

### Glick-Taylor

Mike and Carol Glick, 5912 E. Sandusky County Road 44, Green Springs, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alisha Lin Glick, to David Eugene Taylor.

Taylor is the son of David D. Taylor, 40 Franklin St., Tiffin, and Patricia Craig, Sandusky County Road 268, Clyde.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Clyde Senior High School.

Her fiance, a 1990 graduate of Clyde Senior High School, is employed with Chaney Roofing, Clyde and Rural Serv, Bellevue.

They will be married Sept. 25 at Green Springs United Methodist Church.



DAVID TAYLOR and ALISHA GLICK

## Graduates



Eric Hirt

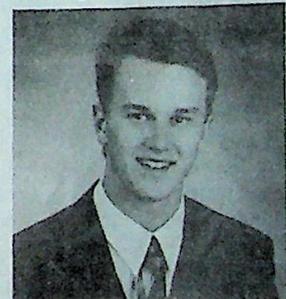
Danyle L. Smith

June 8 — Belinda and Mark Hirt, 1271 Sandusky County Road 198, a son at 1:02 p.m.

## Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Eric <sup>HIRT</sup>

You grew up too fast



Love,  
Dad, Mom & Chris



*Lois Marston  
&  
Carol Wallace  
married  
1992  
Leta  
Bresnahan*



Bob and Loucille Riessland

1993

### The Bob Riesslands

Bob and Loucille Riessland of Grand Island celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in San Diego, Calif. They were honored by their children with a dinner in the Crown Room of the Hotel Del Coronado.

Loucille Halbiesen and Bob Riessland were married Aug. 17, 1943, in the Chapel of the Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif.

Their family includes Joe Riessland of York; Sandra and Vance Smith and Susan and Bob Manemann, all of San Diego; Julie and Mac Melancon of Batson, Texas, and four grandchildren.

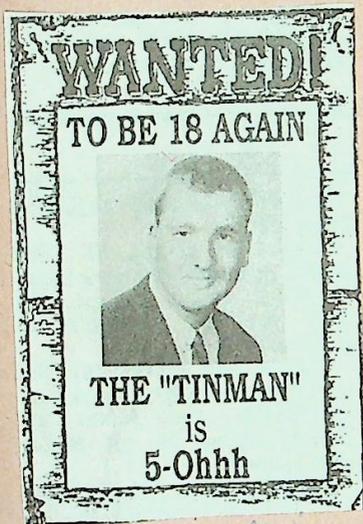
## Looking back and ahead

As I look back through my high school years, I look back on some of the special memories of my life.

My first day at Ross is a memory I will never forget. I remember the first day. I felt like a complete stranger to another world. I was so afraid that I was the only sophomore in the school who didn't know their way around. I had heard so many rumors about how strict the teachers were and how mean the upperclassmen were. Soon, after a few days, I learned that all those rumors were untrue. My sophomore year, I met so many new people, those people are now some of my closest friends. As I look back now, two years ago, I ask myself, why were you so afraid? That year led me to many new friendships.

As I look back a year ago, it was my junior year. I realize that, that year I came out of my shell. All my life until my junior year, I was known as very shy and quiet. I never let anyone really ever have the chance to know me. Well, that changed soon. My junior year, I wrote for the school paper. This helped me to be more outgoing and gave me a chance to go out and talk to people. Ever since my junior, I have always wanted to write for a newspaper or go into television broadcasting.

Now I am a senior, with only two weeks to go. I find myself wanting to go back to my first day of school and start over. But, I know that I can't do that. I



*Back to high school*

# Fremont Ross

## Guest Column

Danyelle Smith



have to face it, that it is now my turn to go out into the real world. This year has been the hardest on me, I have had to take on many responsibilities both at school and at home. I have done a lot of maturing and made a lot of tough decisions. I feel that I have grown up a great deal in the past year. This year, I have set my mind on Journalism/News Broadcasting. One person that I admire is Connie Chung. To me, she is the best news broadcaster around.

One of my classes this year is Career Decisions. This class has given me the

chance to go to the News-Messenger and job shadow a reporter. Lori Noernberg, a reporter at the News-Messenger, let me experience what it was like to be a reporter for a day. This was one of my best experiences ever! I really enjoyed the time I spent with Lori. Thanks to her compliments and encouragement I have decided to further my education after high school and go into journalism.

As the end of the year comes quicker and quicker every day, I wonder what the day of commencement will be like. I am no longer afraid of my school days coming to an end. I am now afraid of what life has to offer to me.

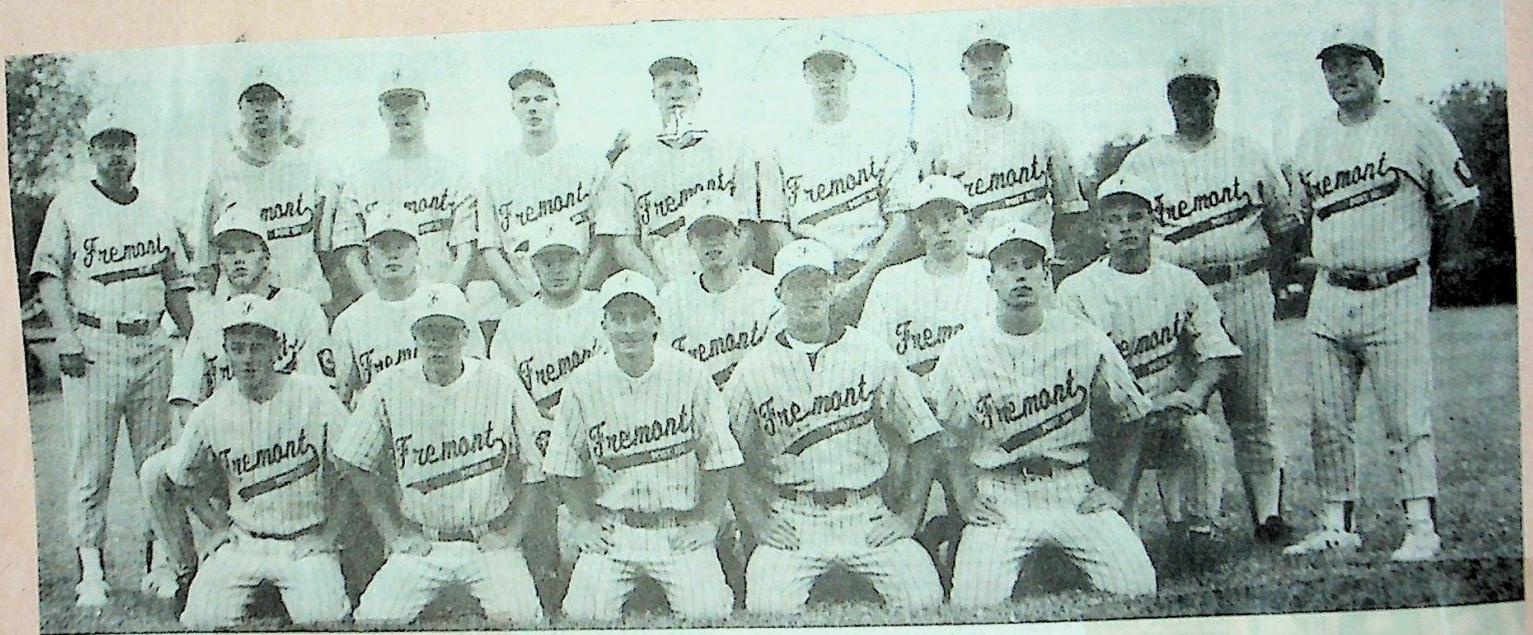
Over the past three years here at Ross, I feel that I have learned a great deal. Not only what books and teachers have taught me, but I have also learned how to be a good person.

Danyelle Smith is the author of today's "Reflections on Ross," a series of Guest Columns by members of the graduating class at Ross High School.



### Great Lakes League champs

The Fremont Ross High School boys track and field team was co-champion with Bedford in the Great Lakes League this season. Members of the team are, front row, left to right: assistant coach Jon Detwiler, Jeremy Russell, Jason Strayer, Matt Henning, Doug Jibillian, Melvin Rusch, Nate Rhodes, Jason Lather; second row: assistant coach Travis Bates, Tony Franks, Tim Leeth, Mike Smith, Jeremiah Wagner, Efrain Moreno, Sean Sprouse, Greg Hirt, Dane Snyder, Chris Krumnow, Nate Huss, Aaron Ernsberger; back row: assistant coach Beth Kidwell, Keith Byerly, Kyle Smith, Brad Drake, Clint Hill, Aaron King, Tyrone Price, Matt Brown, Matt Hale, Chad Hoffman, Bob Joseph, Justin Conklin, Rick Moyer, Jeff Pasch, Ryan Vogel, head coach John Elder and assistant coach Cathy Mallia.



### 1993 Fremont American Legion Post 121 baseball team

Members of the traveling American Legion team from Fremont are left to right, front row: Jeremy Aldrich, Matt Stotz, Gary Rakes, Brian Wilson and Scott Root; second row: Brent Konkle, Donnie Chester, Bryan Myers, Bryan O'Donnell, Kyle Kusmer and Brian

Jenkins; back row: assistant coach Rick Myers, Aaron Smith, Shawn Pasch, Josh Gregg, Shane Moran, Ryan Smith, Marc Lee, head coach Fred Straube and assistant coach Bob Kusmer. Post 121 is playing in the Sandusky Bay Stars Tournament tonight.

# Farmers nurture seeds of safety

By PAT GELLER  
Staff writer

Fremont Linda Martin knows first-hand just how dangerous farming can be.

"Farming is the most hazardous occupation to be involved in," she said.

Her husband, Lynn, was injured in an accident with a tomato harvester last year.

He spent about five days in the hospital with a hand injury. Fortunately, he has fully recovered, she said.

The irony is that he usually is the one to "preach safety to all our kids and people who work for us," she said. Also, the accident happened during farm safety week.

"He was very, very lucky," she said.

Part of the problem farmers face is "you never get away from your workplace and are exposed to machines more," Martin said.

The Martins farm 1,800 to 2,000 acres and grow corn, soybeans, sugar beets, tomatoes and popcorn.

The family tries to be safety conscious, especially with their children, 15-year-old Rob and 10-year-old Jeffrey.

"We don't allow our children to do a whole lot around equipment," Martin said. The machinery is large and powerful and things can happen quickly.

The boys are not allowed to be around certain equipment, such as augers and grain bins.

"It takes a fraction of a second to draw you in," she said.

She explained that whatever the equipment does to the crops it could do to a person. "They're mean machines. They tear things up and spit things out. The machinery doesn't know the difference between humans and plants."

Jeffrey is very interested in farming, she said, and the family has a hard time keeping him away from equipment and out of the shop.

Another safety hazard for farmers is when they hurry be-

cause they get behind when the weather is bad. Farmers are also often tired when they work because they push to get as much done as they can each day, especially when the weather is good.

"I think most people know safety rules, but don't stop and think of it," Martin said.

The important thing to remember is to use common sense, Clyde FFA adviser and agriculture education teacher Bob Meyer said.

"We all sometimes take chances we shouldn't take because we're in a hurry or tired," he said.

Spring, especially, is a time when there is great potential for accidents because farmers go full bore.

Ross FFA adviser Ken Badertscher agreed.

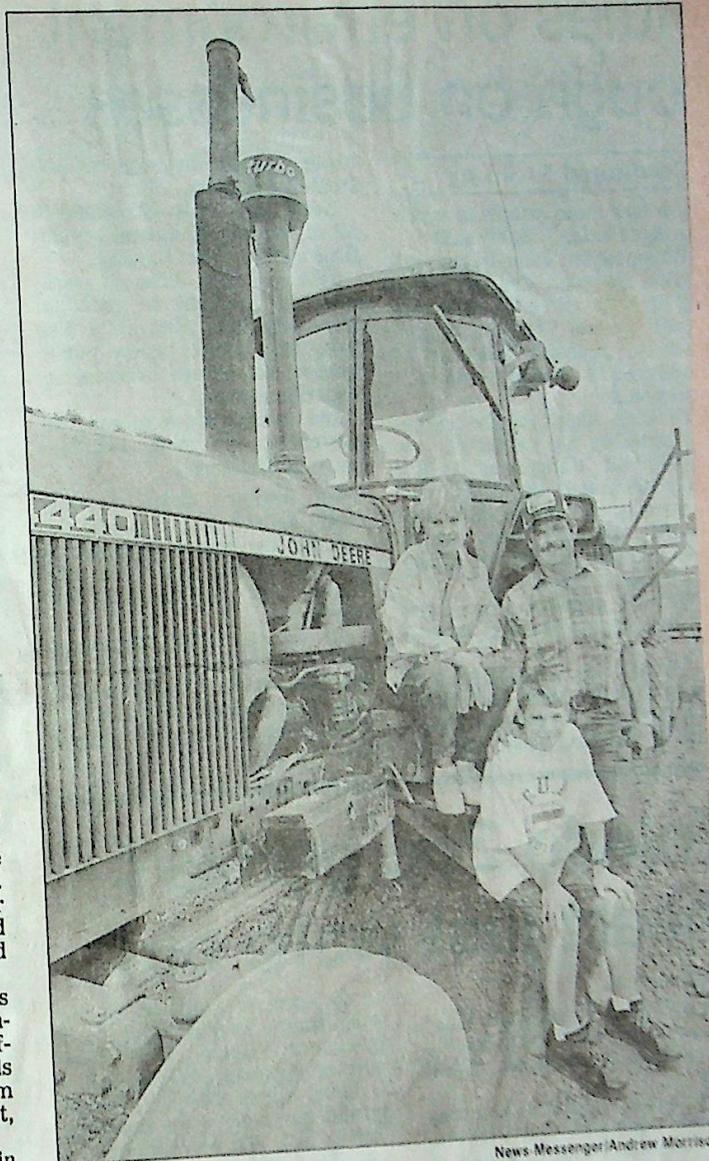
During his shop classes, Meyer emphasizes safety when using machines. Students must take a safety test every year and pass with a 100 percent before they can work in the shop. Students can take the test as many times as necessary.

Parents should use common sense when deciding what chores children can do on the farm. They must know how responsible their children are, Meyer said. The most important thing is for parents to practice safety and their children will learn good safety habits.

"Sometimes I think farm kids are more conscious of the danger," Badertscher said. It is difficult to put an age on when kids can begin helping on the farm because they grow up around it, he added.

Safety is also emphasized in Badertscher's classes. He includes lectures on the proper way to store, handle and use pesticides. He also covers safety in the shop, with electricity and fire. He also advises students to ride only one on a tractor and to use tractor safety belts always.

The Sandusky County Farm Bureau offers a farm safety program in February and also provides tips in its monthly



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THE MARTINS, Linda, Lynn and Jeffrey, make it a practice to be safety-conscious on their 2,000-acre farm.

newspaper and on radio ads, Jan Smith said. The group also has a safety awareness exhibit at the Sandusky County Fair and are active in the red ribbon campaign against drinking and driv-

The Sandusky County Extension Office offers a tractor certification program for teens every year. The course covers general farm safety, maintenance information about tractors and machinery and highway safety.

*The Twenty-Three Psalm*  
 The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
 He leadeth me to the down in green pastures:  
 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
 paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
 shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
 For thou art with me: thy rod and  
 thy staff they comfort me.  
 Thou preparest a table before me:  
 presence of mine enemies:  
 Thou anointest my head with oil:  
 my cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
 me all the days of my life: and I will  
 dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Loving Memory  
 of  
**ROBERT D. WISBON**  
 Beloved Husband of  
 Evelyn J. Wisbon

BORN  
 September 17, 1927  
 Fremont, Ohio  
 DIED  
 February 5, 1993  
 Richmond, Virginia

GRAVESIDE SERVICE  
 11:00 AM  
 Monday, February 8, 1993  
 Williamsburg Memorial Park

OFFICIATING  
 Rev. Dr. John T. Martin

**TIME TO CATCH THE HIRT FEVER AGAIN**  
 The 77th ANNUAL HIRT REUNION to be held JULY 18, 1993  
 at the Rendezvous Lodge. (same place as last two years)  
 Potluck dinner at noon with B B Q at 5:00 pm.  
 Swimming - age 12 and up - \$2.00; age 4-11, \$1.50;  
 under 3 - free  
 Please wrap white elephant gifts but not your crakts.  
 Golfers please call Dick Schepflin, 334-3288 by July 9.  
 See you all the 18th in Fremont for a good day.  
 Bill Hirt - President  
 Willie Schepflin - V. President  
 Jeanette Hirt - Sec. Treas.

Casper & Verena Hirt 77th Annual Reunion  
 Sunday, July 18, 1993

Dear Hirts!  
 Time again for the Hirt families to gather and meet their kin and enjoy  
 another reunion. We all have good thoughts from the past two big reunions,  
 so the committee is working hard to have another good one. Expect to see  
 you all again this year.

Same place as last year. Rendezvous Lodge at the F.O.R.T. in Fremont, 1313  
 Tiffin Road, behind the Thornwood Golf Course. The day will start with a  
 GOLF SCRAMBLE at 9:00 a.m. followed by a potluck dinner at noon, business  
 meeting and program. Other activities will be putt-putt golf, volleyball,  
 swimming (\$1.50 children, \$2.00 adults), badmitten and horse shoes with  
 games for the kids.

WHITE ELEPHANT & CRAFT AUCTION (please wrap & mark gifts; man, lady or child)  
 Barbecue at 5:00 pm with hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream for all.

Dues this year will be \$3.00 per family.

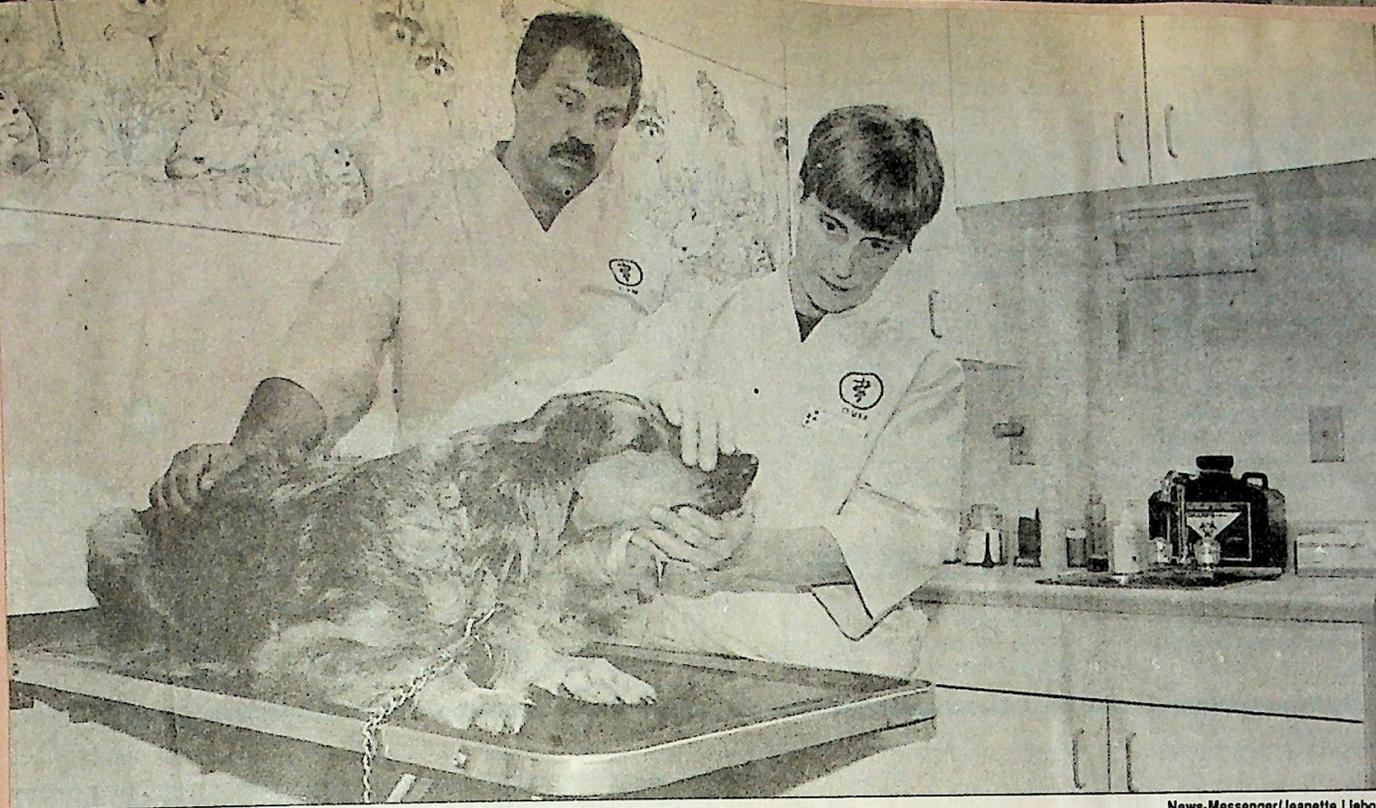
SEE YOU ALL ON THE 18th OF JULY FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

Bill Hirt, president  
 William Schepflin, V. president  
 Jeanette Hirt, sec. treas.

FOR ALL GOLFERS

Return to Dick Schepflin before July 10, or call 334-3288.  
 1929 Riverbend Pkwy.  
 Fremont, Ohio 43420

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



DR. LAURA Hirt, and Dr. Robert Brenneman, two vets at Paw Patch Veterinary Clinic examine a dog recently in one the

new examining rooms. The clinic's new facility provides vets more space and gives them more flexibility.

## Pet clinic changes location, look

By JEANETTE LIEBOLD  
News-Messenger correspondent

The Paw Patch's new facilities are so nice pet owners, and maybe even pets, enjoy visiting.

Located at 1800 W. McPherson Highway, midway between Clyde and Fremont, the new facility is three times the size of The Paw Patch's former offices south of Clyde on Ohio 101.

The main floor has 5,400 square feet, with an additional 2,600 square feet in the basement. There are three examining rooms, a centralized all purpose treatment room, an operating room, recovery room, X-ray room, grooming room, laundry room, and separate quarters for boarded and sick animals.

Boarded pets stay in large four-by-eight-foot kennels on the opposite side of the building from where sick animals are confined.

The usual animal smell is practically non-existent in the boarding quarters due to fans that change the air every six minutes. The fans also pull out moisture from the air, keeping things dry and comfortable.

Outside the boarding area are 10 runs, 45-by-eight feet in size.

The building's interior decor is cheerful. Wallpaper in the reception area resembles paw prints, and the laundry room, from the



PATIENTS WAIT in Paw Patch's new waiting room. From left, Debbie and Charlene Kramer, both Fremont, and their dogs — a German

shepherd, Toby, and beagles, Baby and Barney; and Jeremy and Laurie Williamson, both of Bellevue, with the abandoned kitten they found.

large waiting room to the restrooms, have decorative borders depicting different kinds of animals.

"The place has turned out to be better than I thought it would be," said Robert Brenneman, a vet who has been with The Paw Patch for seven years.

The staff includes eight employees plus the two veteri-

narians. Office manager is Annie Stephenson. Sherrie Glass does pet grooming, which is a new service offered by The Paw Patch. Another employee, Fremont's Jamie Purcell, is a veterinary student from the Ohio State School of Veterinary Medicine.

The vets are Brenneman and Laura Hirt, who has been

associated with Paw Patch for the past 11 years.

Planning for the facility began three years ago. Ground was broken November 1992 and the facility opened for business June 11, 1993.

Office hours are held six days a week, with emergency service available 24 hours a day. One of the vets is always on call.

### Hirt family

The 77th annual family reunion of the descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt was July 18 at the Rendevous Lodge.

The day started with a golf scramble at 9 a.m. with 30 golfers participating.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by everyone at noon with 220 members and guests attending. A program and business meeting followed with president Bill Hirt presiding. Lyle Hirt read a tribute remembering the three deceased members — Franklin Hirt, Helen Kistler and Robert Wisbon.

Eleven births were recorded. The youngest baby present, David Alan, son of Mark and Belinda Hirt, received the baby bank.

Five marriages were acknowledged.

A white elephant and craft auction took place with John Hirt as the auctioneer.

Awards were given to Jim Stine, Marsha Smith, Ben Hirt, Judy Hirt and Melissa Meyer.

Special acknowledgement was given to Phil Huss, Smokey the Clown, who spoke a few words of praise for all the great past reunions and all families attending for 77 years.

The next reunion will be July 17, 1994, at the F.O.R.T. Rendevous Lodge with president, Willis Schepflin; vice president, Gary Hirt; and secretary/treasurer, Jeanette Hirt.

Family members enjoyed the afternoon with swimming, volleyball, horse shoes, and much conversation, followed by an evening barbecue.

July 17 — Michelle and Capt. Brady Glick of Kalamazoo, Mich., an 8-pound, 10-ounce son, Keegan Michael in Kalamazoo. He was 20 inches long. Local grandparents are Carol and Michael Glick of Green Springs. Local great-grandmother is Mrs. Russell Hirt of Fremont.

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July 31 — Judy and David Stine, 3777-4 Alaska Ave., Andrews AFB, Maryland, a 6-pound 15-ounce daughter, Kori Fae, at 5:56 p.m. at the Malcolm Grove Medical Center in Maryland. She was 21 inches long. Local grandparents are Jim and Linda Stine of Fremont; local great-grandparents are Mrs. Carl Hirt, Dora Fae Stine and Don Ackerman, all of Fremont.

**HAWAII:** Kelly Hirt, daughter of Gary and Peg Hirt; Jimmy Laremore, son of James and Susan Laremore; Julianne Stevens, daughter of Edward and Martha Stevens; and Free Star Yost, daughter of Jeff and Maureen Yost, have qualified to participate with the All-American Dancers in the Hula Bowl Performance Tour in Honolulu, Hawaii in January.

They were chosen on the basis of personality, academics and dance ability. They will represent the youth of this area.

The four dancers are students of the Class Act Dance Studio in Clyde. Laremore is also a company member of the Fremont Ballet. Hirt and Laremore are from Clyde and Yost and Stevens are from Fremont.

The All-American Dancers will perform at the 1994 Hula Bowl Pregame Show, parade and halftime. The dancers will compete individually in the National Dance Invitational for \$2,500 in college scholarship money. It is also an educational trip including historic sightseeing. They will join other selected students from across the United States to travel to Honolulu for eight days of sightseeing, competing, and performing.

They will be raising a major portion of their expense money. Anyone interested in sponsoring



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## Chainsaw chief

Chuck Schepflin uses a chainsaw to sculpt an Indian figure at the 141st Sandusky County Fair. Schepflin, who works for Willie's Sales and Service Inc., 2215 E. State St., completed the sculpture in about seven hours.

## Huss a longtime favorite

News-Messenger reports

Since 1954, Fremont Phil Huss, 70, has brought smiles to county residents as "Smoky the Clown."

But lately, local residents are saying "thank you" to Huss for his work in clowning, boxing and police work.

Huss has been diagnosed with cancer, according to previous reports. He was in the hospital this morning, his family said.

Several honors came Aug. 6, which was proclaimed Phil "Smoky the Clown" Huss Day in Fremont. That night, at a Fremont Wreckers Boxing Club show, Huss was honored with a trophy, a photo of himself as a young man in a boxing uniform and a standing ovation.

Huss was once the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet boxing champion. He



HUSS

started boxing at age 14 while attending Fremont Ross High School. His titles included a number of Toledo Golden Gloves Association amateur titles and the Navy title.

Later, he coached young boxers in the Fremont Wreckers and served as a ring announcer for amateur bouts in northern Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

"Phil Huss has been part of our organization forever," Wreckers coach Buddy Laughlin said during the special boxing night. "If it wasn't for Phil, there wouldn't be boxing."

But his professional career was in law enforcement. Huss was a detective and the first juvenile police officer for the Fremont Police Department. His more recent duties included downtown parking patrol.

Huss became Smoky the Clown in 1954 after a Navy buddy introduced him to some Ringling Bros. clowns. His clown circuit eventually led to travels up to 200 miles away to perform magic tricks, pass out balloons and give rides on his "clown-cycle."



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**HONORING SMOKY:** County Commissioner Jack Battles speaks, while a huge portrait shows Phil honored today at the county fair.

# Fair is for you, Smoky

■ **Local clown honored:** This year's fair is dedicated to longtime clown Phil Huss, hospitalized with cancer.

By PAULA WETHINGTON  
Staff writer

A large, framed picture of a smiling clown leaned against the log cabin at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds during the opening ceremony this morning.

The portrait was of Fremont Phil Huss, also known as Smoky the Clown. Nearly everyone who spoke gave kind remarks to the local retired police officer, clown and boxing champion.

"This is a very special day because we've dedicated the week of the fair to Smoky the Clown," Dan Liskai, president of the Sandusky County Agricultural Society said.

Huss has been diagnosed with cancer.

The honor seemed appropriate to fairgoers including Sharon Mader, Sandusky County home economics agent. She remembers seeing Smoky at Fremont Speedway in her childhood.

"I think it's great. He's very deserving," Mader said.

Huss was not able to attend the ceremonies because he was in the hospital, family members said. But his wife, Marty, and daughters Marsha Smith and Brenda Huss were among the relatives who were at the fair today. His son was out of state.

Before the ceremonies, local residents went up one at a time to say hello to Marty Huss as she stood on the fair midway. At times, she had to wipe away tears.

But as one speaker after another praised Phil Huss, Liskai told Marty to sit in a chair near the podium and collect the honors.

One such honor came from the Sandusky County Commissioners:

"I'd like to say we're pretty stingy with these proclamations," commissioner Jack Battles said.

Many comments were directed to Phil Huss.

"You are indeed a remarkable individual," state representative Dwight Wise, D-Fremont, read from a House of Representatives certificate.

"We, the mayors of Sandusky County, tip our hats off to you," Clyde Mayor Kenneth Winke said. "You are a perfect example of what we would all like to be."

Marty Huss later cut the rib-

## Fremont's Smoky diPrice takes new job with Chemi-Trol Co.

Julie Price recently began her new job as administrative assistant to the president of Chemi-Trol. Previously, she was administrative assistant at the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County.

Price's new duties include reviewing insurance policies for Chemi-Trol, as well as managing corporate and shareholder communications.

Since taking her new job in Gibsonburg, Price has resigned from the co-presidency of the Fremont Downtown Business Association. She remains executive director of the chamber's leadership program — pending a replacement, she explained.

"The chamber offered me a lot of good experience and background," Price said.



News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

PHIL HUSS works at ringside during the Aug. 6 Fremont Wreckers Boxing Show.

## City won't forget Huss



PHIL HUSS, as Smoky.

**■ He'll be missed:** Flags at the fairgrounds and police station were at half-staff today in honor of Phil Huss.

By STEVE GOBLE  
Staff writer

**W**hen Phil Huss — Fremont's Smoky the Clown — learned he had terminal cancer, he found out just what he meant to this city.

"I'll bet he's got up to 400 cards," wife Martha said in early July.

"It's in the thousands, now," daughter Marsha Smith, 2269 E. State St., said Wednesday.

Huss, 70, died Friday morning at Toledo Hospital. Friends say cards and letters and flowers poured in at a rate of 50 or 60 a day all the time he was ill.

Huss had been in and out of the hospital since exploratory surgery revealed extensive cancer in early July.

A News-Messenger reporter talked briefly with Huss Thursday. Huss did not feel up to a lengthy interview, but said he appreciated the support from all his friends and fans. "I love them, too."

"They're outstanding. It picks me up," he said. "Thanks a million."

**J**ust about any Fremonter recognized Huss in his ragtag, patch-covered clown garb and the painted smile with a real one right behind it. For years Smoky was a part of nearly every major gathering here, from the county fair to the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. Fair officials dedicated this year's event to Huss. Ask anyone. Smoky was as much a part of Fremont as the State Street Bridge, the steeply sloping Sandusky River. Boxing fans knew Huss, too. An amateur fighter since age 14, Huss racked up several Golden Gloves awards and won a Pacific Fleet championship while serving in the Navy during World War II. He was an assistant coach for the Fremont Wreckers for a while and provided the ringside voice for many amateur bouts. The



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After retiring from ...  
1978, Huss still popped in frequently to visit.

"He helped out. A lot of times he could give you a tip. He had a lot of contacts."

**B**eing a cop is rough work, but Huss was proud that he never had to hurt anyone. "I've had many times I was kicked or slugged," he told a reporter a few years back. "Many of those I ducked. I never came back with a KO punch, but I could have."

**I**f it hadn't been for Phil Huss, there might not be a Fremont Wreckers Boxing Team. Several years ago, the team's coaches found job commitments eating away their time. Huss, a boxer since he was 14, didn't want that to end the team.

"Phil came to me the day those guys were going to shut the gym down," said Buddy Laughlin, 121 Fairhome Ave., Clyde. "I told him I had just one fighter. He said we still had a gym."

Huss introduced Laughlin, who had the interest in coaching but wasn't sure about keeping the club going, to Robert Dorsey. Dorsey also was an avid boxing fan.

At Phil's urging, the two hooked up to keep the team alive. Today, about 30 youngsters work out and fight in the Wood Street gym above May Painting Co., and the team has earned a solid reputation in the ring.

Laughlin called Huss the spark behind the Wreckers. "I don't think we could have done it without him," he said. "You start talking to him about boxing and a gleam just comes to his eyes." Laughlin said. "He knew every boxer, every fight, everything about it."

Laughlin recalled Huss' demeanor as ringside announcer. "He had a clear voice, a voice with authority, like thunder." Huss was a gem with the kids, too.

**W**hen Robert Dorsey joined the Fremont Police Department in 1967, he was already a little in awe of Phil Huss. "Everybody heard about him to start with. What three people do now, Phil did himself," Dorsey, now chief of police, said Thursday. "He was a cop's cop."

He figured God's hand pulled him through it. "The good Lord had a job for me to do. He spared me, so I'm still trying to do what I can."

When Jennifer Claar was growing up, Phil Huss was a constant presence. "In 1954, the year I was born, he started clowning," Claar said. Huss and Claar's father, Tom, were fast friends.

For Jennifer Claar, 712 Willow St., Huss was a guardian angel. "Some of my earliest memories are of Smoky the Clown. I remember a sweet face and arms

Wreckers dedicated their recent boxing show to Huss, who appeared at ringside.

Throw in 30 years of police work and a more recent stint on the downtown traffic detail, and it's easy to see why everybody knew him.

Some people, though, count themselves as lucky enough to have gotten closer. Those whom Huss touched — and there are many — look back at the relationship with love.

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## Fremont bids farewell to Smoky



News-Messenger/Chris Walker

**LAST BLESSING:** Fremont Police Chaplain Milton Mann officiates at graveside for Phil Huss. The longtime popular clown and police officer was buried Tuesday at Greenlawn Memory Gardens in Clyde.

## Hundreds at Huss services

By JILL FICK  
Staff writer

They came in suits and ties, brown and blue uniforms, jeans and T-shirts. They came from all walks of life — politicians, relatives, business owners, police officers and members of a motorcycle group. They all came to Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home Tuesday morning to say good-bye to a friend — Philip Huss.

Huss, also known as Smoky the Clown, died Friday after a bout with cancer.

About 200 people, including Fremont Mayor Terry Overmyer and state Rep. Dwight Wise Jr., D-Fremont, gathered for services at the Arch Street funeral home.

As a police honor guard flanked the casket, Fremont police dispatcher Lorna McKinstry sang "The Lord's Prayer." Brightly colored balloons bobbed near the casket.

The Rev. Milton Mann, Fremont Police chaplain, conducted the services.

"There's very little that I can add that has not been said by others," Mann said. "Phil's eulogies have been sung and said by family and friends better than any preacher could say."

Huss spent more than 30 years as an officer with the Fremont Police Department, serving as patrolman, detective and juvenile officer. He was a certified boxing announcer and a member of Toledo Golden Gloves, the Fremont Wreckers Boxing Team and the Ohio Former Boxers.



**PRESENTATION:** Martha Huss receives the flag that adorned her husband's casket from VFW Post Commander Craig Swartz. Seated with her, from left, are her children Brenda Huss of Fremont, Phil Huss Jr. of Charlotte, Ark., and Marsha Smith of Fremont.

The 1993 Sandusky County Fair was dedicated to him. Huss' son, Philip J. Huss of Arkansas, thanked everyone for attending the funeral.

His father was able to not only help people but make them laugh, he said.

"He said it wasn't his job to arrest people but to keep them from being arrested," he recalled. "... And he told me, 'Al-

ways, 'be good to other people.'"

After McKinstry's rendition of "Amazing Grace," representatives from Fremont police, Fremont Fire Department, Sandusky County Sheriff's Department, the Highway Patrol and police from Clyde, Gibsonburg, Woodville and elsewhere filed past the casket.

About 35 law enforcement vehicles including two police motorcycles, lights flashing, escorted the funeral procession to Greenlawn Memory Gardens in Clyde where Huss was buried. Ten riders from the Third Saturday In August charity motorcycle group preceded the hearse which was followed by about 55 cars.

Another 150 people were waiting at the cemetery when the funeral arrived. Alongside people paying their respects, Dana Dorsey stood with a line of armed officers and played pressed by the scores of Fremonters who lined State Street to pay their final respects as the procession drove past.

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as Smoky the Clown, 213 N. Columbus St., died at 8:54 a.m. Friday at Toledo Hospital.

Born in Fremont, he was the son of Harry B. and Anna (Hirt) Huss. He married Martha Martindale on March 22, 1946, in Olatha, Kan. She survives.

Also surviving are son Phillip J. Huss, Charlotte, Ark.; daughters Marsha M. Smith and Brenda S.M. Huss, Fremont; brother John S. Huss, Florida; and four grandchildren.

A sister, Helen Babione, and a brother, William, are deceased.

Huss spent more than 30 years as an officer with the Fremont Police Department, serving as patrolman, detective and juvenile officer. He retired in 1976, and later served as a traffic control officer. He was a past president of Ohio State Juvenile Officers and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Huss was known as Smoky the Clown for nearly 40 years, and was a member of Circus Fans Association of Ohio and Clowns of America. He also was a certified boxing announcer and a member of Toledo Golden Gloves, the Fremont Wreckers Boxing Team and Ohio Former Boxers Association.

Other memberships include Grace Lutheran Church; Dads Post No. 14, state senior vice president; Brahnard Masonic Lodge; Fremont Moose; and Kiwanis.

He graduated in 1941 from Fremont Ross High School. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home, with burial in Greenlawn Memory Gardens, Clyde. The Rev. Milton Mann, Fremont Police chaplain, is conducting the ceremony.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Special memorial services with police and VFW will start between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The Dads of Foreign Service will have memorial services at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Fremont Wreckers Boxing Team, in care of Fremont Police Department, 1141 W. State St., Fremont, Ohio, 43420.

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IN MEMORY OF  
**Phil Huss**  
a.k.a. *Smoky the Clown*

February 2, 1923 - August 27, 1993

*He filled the world with  
joy and laughter.*

**The greatest Wrecker of all**

Went to the fights last night to see a friend,  
A very special friend indeed;  
One who always had time to help people in  
need,  
For it was time to say thanks.

As the bouts progressed you could see the  
sparkle in his eyes  
One boys started to cry, and my friend asked  
him why  
"He won, he is the champ," said the boy  
With a smile and a hug I overheard my friend  
say,  
"Son, you don't understand, everyone is a  
champ who enters that ring and gives their best."

As the night wore on there were many awards  
big and small,  
There was warmth, thanks and love in all;  
As the crowd rose to their feet, my friend, all  
chokes up, could hardly speak;  
No words were necessary, for there was smile  
from cheek to cheek.

As the 21st bout started the fans came alive,  
For they knew they would never see a dive,  
From the red corner the announced proclaimed  
the champ,  
Some cried, some cheered, for these fans had  
just witnessed the last call,  
For the greatest Wrecker of all  
Our friend, Phil Huss.

David Fahrback  
501 Jackson St.

**Schwartz-Mowry**

Jacqueline L. Schwartz and Brian E. Mowry were married at 3 p.m. Sept. 25 at Grace Lutheran Church by Pastor Paul Fuchs, assisted by Rev. Douglas Nagel.

The bride is the daughter of James and Margaret Schwartz, 509 S. Main St., Lindsey.

The groom's parents are Charles and Patricia Mowry of 533 Third Ave.

The bride wore an ivory satin gown, designed with a V neckline and accented with schiffli lace. The basque waist was heavily beaded in the front and back featuring a bow in the back. The leg-of-mutton sleeves were accented with sunburst pleats, pearls and sequins, as was the cathedral-length train. She wore an ivory pleated picture hat adorned with pearls and beads. A puff at the back accented the fingertip-length veil. She carried an arm bouquet of eucalyptus, dried everlasting and preserved foliage, tied with ivory lace ribbons.

Matron of honor was Michelle Nelson, friend of the bride; and maid of honor was Jennifer Schwartz, sister of the bride. They wore sapphire blue, acquard satin, full tea-length kirts. The dresses were accented with an ivory applique front with a keyhole back and bow. They carried arm bouquets of dried everlasting and eucalyptus tied with sapphire blue and ivory ribbons.

The best men were Mark Hasselbach and Kenneth Hossler, friends of the groom.

Ushers were Michael and



JACQUELINE (SCHWARTZ) and BRIAN MOWRY

Kevin Mowry, brothers of the groom; and Steven Hasselbach, friend of the groom.

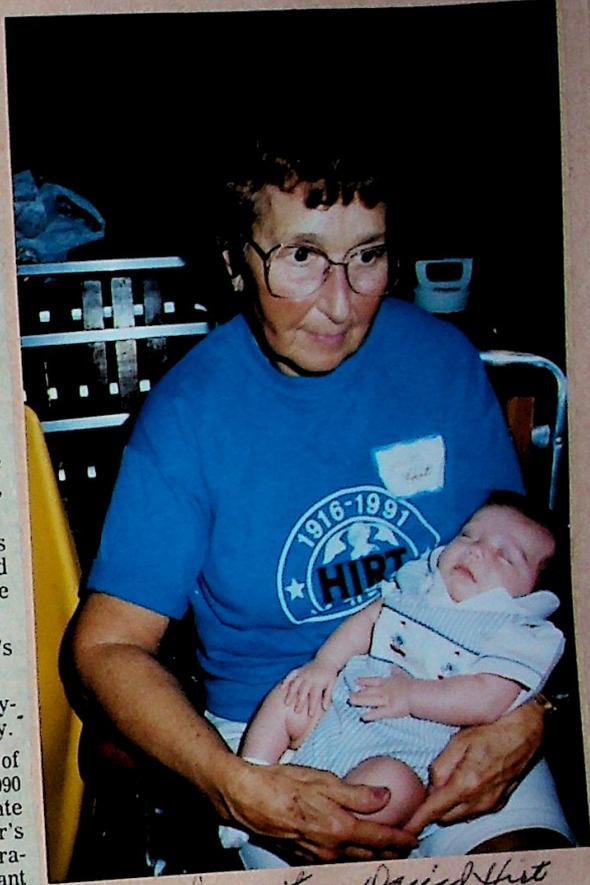
Ringbearers were Charles Hammer, cousin of the bride; and Matthew Bucci, friend of the groom.

A reception took place at PK's Banquet Hall.

The couple will take a honeymoon trip to the Amish Country.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Ross High School and a 1990 graduate of Bowling Green State University, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a financial assistant caseworker with the Sandusky County Department of Human Services.

The groom, a 1986 graduate of Ross High School, is employed at Whirlpool Corp. in Clyde.



*Jeanette + David Huss  
Newest baby 1993*

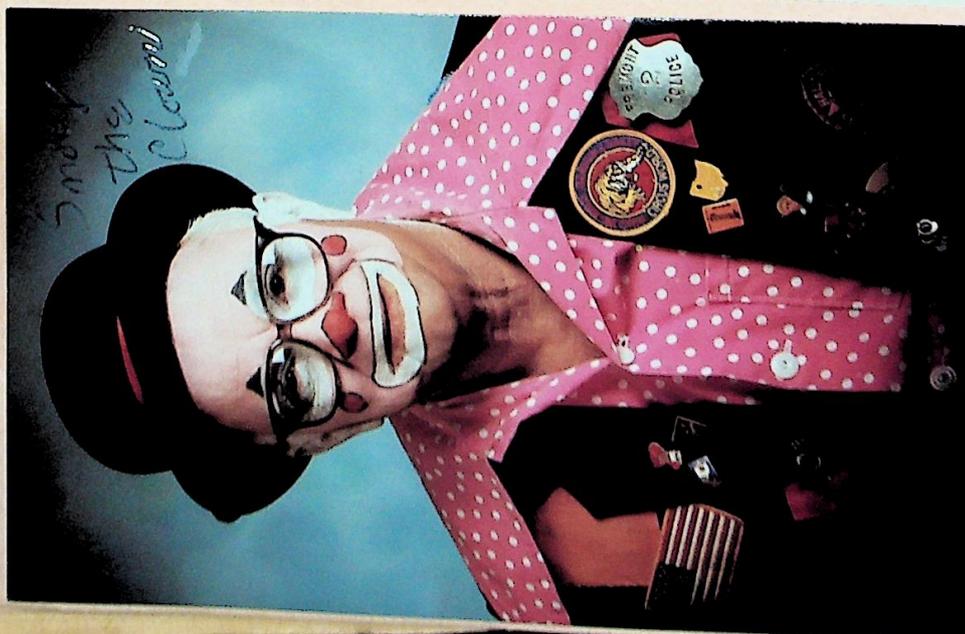




The Schepflins won both times, stretching their season record to 28-0 and 54-1 in two seasons. The

**HEADING TO** Columbus for the Ohio High School Girls Tennis Tournament are Fremont Ross players Dawn Zerman (front) and back row, from left Dena

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Schepflin, Casey Schepflin and Kristen Farrell. The Schepflins are a team and Zerman and Farrell form another doubles team.



# Statue planned in honor of clown Smoky

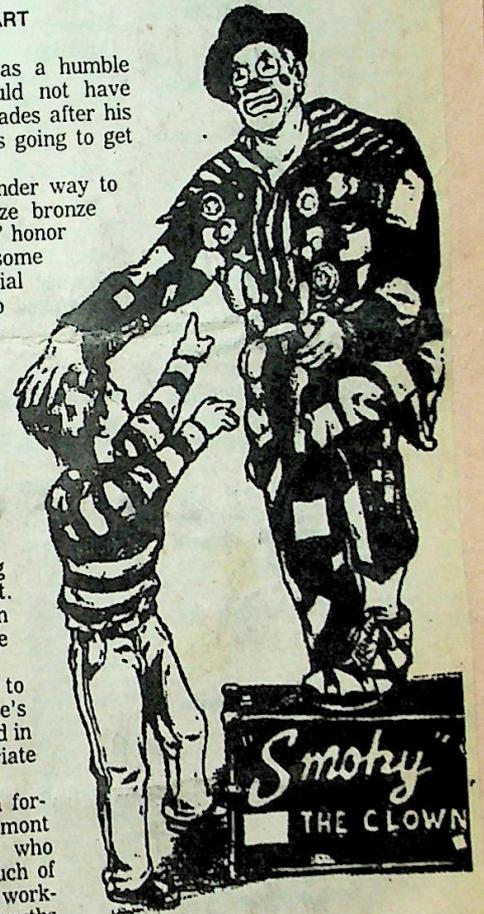
By JAN REINHART  
Staff writer

Phil Huss was a humble man who would not have expected accolades after his death. But he's going to get them anyway.

Plans are under way to erect a life-size bronze statue in Huss' honor and establish some sort of memorial foundation to continue his good works.

"Phil did so much for the community," said Kenn Bowler, the local merchant spearheading the project. "Now, I'm sure the community will want to see that he's remembered in an appropriate way."

Huss is a former Fremont policeman who devoted much of his life to working with youths in the community. Children and adults alike came to know him as Smoky the Clown, and he was a fixture at the county fair and all local parades.



ARTIST'S RENDERING: A bronze statue of Phil Huss as Smoky the Clown is planned at the county fairgrounds.

**ESCAPE TO THE**  
A SPECIAL WEEKEND FOR BUS  
Maumee Bay State Pa  
Sat. & Sun., Nov. 6

AGEND

**SATURDAY**  
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Registration  
11 a.m. Speaker and Lunch  
12:30 a.m. Introduction  
1 p.m. Break out - Select One  
Break out - Menopause  
Break out - Cancer  
Break and Hotel Check in  
3:15 p.m. Exercise Tips  
4 p.m. Rating Diets  
4:45 p.m. Free Time, Dinner on your own  
5:30 p.m. **HOOPS**

commemorative items



*Robert & Jacqueline Langman  
to Mrs. Bob Langman*



CASEY SCHEPFLIN of Fremont Ross hits a backhand during the opening round of doubles play during the 18th state girls tennis tournament in Colum-

bus Friday. Schepflin and her cousin, Dena, prevailed in the first round before losing in the second round.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

# Ross girls gain experience

■ They're only sophomores: All four state participants have two years left at Ross.

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DENA SCHEPFLIN of Fremont Ross follows through on a backhand Friday during the first round of the Division I doubles portion of the 18th state girls tennis tournament

Friday at Columbus. Schepflin and her cousin Casey won their first match before losing. Ross' Dawn Zeigler and Kristen Farrell, lost in the first round.

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OST VALUABLE fall sports performers at Fremont are left to right, front row: Grace Durnell, Tricia Busdeker, Dena Schepflin and Casey Schepflin; back row: Rob Randall, Bob Dorobek and Jeremiah Wagner.

### Marsha Huss Smith

Oct. 20, 1948 — Dec. 15, 1993

Marsha Huss Smith, 45, 2269 E. State St., died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital.

Born in Fremont to Philip "Smokey the Clown" and Martha (Martindale) Huss, she was a 1966 graduate of Ross High School and attended Bowling Green State University. She married Donald L. Smith on July 3, 1974, at Grace Lutheran Church, and he survives.

She was formerly employed at Burger King.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Women of the Moose, VFW Auxiliary and the Elks Emblem Club. She was active in bowling and women's softball.

Surviving are daughters Dawn Marie and Angela Gail Smith of Fremont; stepsons Dennis L. Smith of Augusta, Ga., Steven D. Smith of Roswell, N.M., and Randall J. Smith of Fremont; her mother of Fremont; sister Brenda S.M. Huss of Fremont; and brother Philip J. Huss of Charlotte, Ark.

Her father is deceased. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home, where visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church or Sandusky County Hospice, 3729 W. State St.

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## GLL tennis



Casey Schepflin  
Fremont



Deana Schepflin  
Fremont



### The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
 paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
 shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
 for thou art with me: thy rod and  
 thy staff they comfort me.  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the  
 presence of mine enemies:  
 thou anointest my head with oil:  
 my cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
 me all the days of my life:  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### IN MEMORY OF

Marsha Huss Smith

DATE OF BIRTH

October 20, 1948

DATE OF DEATH

December 15, 1993

SERVICES FROM

Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home  
 December 20, 1993 at 10:30 AM

CLERGY

Rev. Paul Fuchs

INTERMENT

Oakwood Cemetery

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home  
 Fremont, Ohio

## Hawaii trip well timed, successful

Several Clyde High School students missed last week's frigid weather because they were in Hawaii enjoying 80-degree temperatures.

They were in Hawaii for 10 days for the All-American Cheerleading and Dance Competition and Hula Bowl festivities. Present were the Clyde varsity cheerleaders and a handful of dancers from Class Act Dance Studio.

Representing the dance studio were Kelly Hirt, Jimmy Laremore and Freestar Yost. They became eligible for competition at last summer's competition at Myrtle Beach., S.C.

Members of the varsity cheerleading squad were seniors Wendy Thompson and Tricia Hoffman; juniors Lisa Collins, Janelle Chrisman and Hirt; and sophomore Nikki Wettrich. Hoffman had also qualified to compete as a dancer last summer at Myrtle Beach, but chose to perform as a cheerleader.

Kelly Hirt, 16, daughter of Peg and Gary Hirt, placed second in the dance competition. Kelly was spotted by a talent scout from the University of Hawaii and was also awarded a four-year college scholarship there.

"It's a dream come true," said her mom.

Although Hirt was a member of the cheerleading squad and performed with them in other events, she had to choose to either compete as a cheerleader or a dancer. She made the right choice, choosing to compete as a dancer, which earned her the scholarship.

Cheerleaders qualified for a trip to the Hula Bowl last summer at Cheer Ohio cheerleading camp, in Mt. Vernon, said Smith. Several fund-raisers took place during the past school year, with the cheerleaders raising approximately \$7,000 for the trip. The balance was paid for out of their own pockets, said Smith.

## Klausz-Halsey

Mary Klausz, 101 S. Granville Blvd., and Philip Klausz, 809 W. Cole Road, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann Klausz, to John Thomas Halsey Jr.

Halsey is the son of John and Iva Halsey Sr., 423 Moore, Bellevue.

The bride-elect, a 1985 graduate of Ross High, is a production operator at Whirlpool in Clyde.

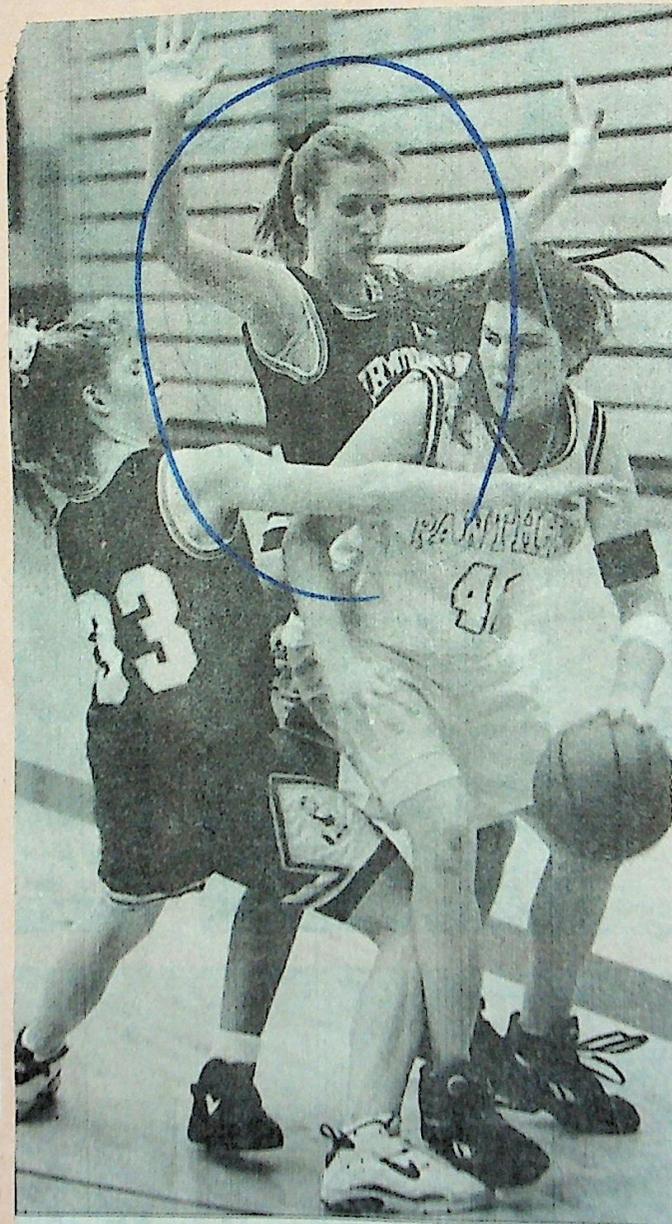
Her fiancé, a 1983 graduate of Bellevue High School, is also a Whirlpool production operator.

They will be married April 23 at Trinity United Methodist Church.



LORI KLAUSZ and JOHN HALSEY JR.

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News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

NATALIE ROBBINS (33) and Dena Schepplin (back) of Fremont Ross double team Toledo Whitmer's Heo Deem Thursday night during Great Lakes League girls action.

## John L. Brugger

Jan. 30, 1920 — Feb. 2, 1994

John L. Brugger, 74, of North Ohio 510, Vickery, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital.

Born in Riley Township to Herman and Freda (Hirt) Brugger, he graduated in 1937 from Ross High School. He married Gladys Miller on Aug. 25, 1945, and she survives.

Mr. Brugger worked as a farmer.

Surviving are daughters Judy Meek of Paris, Tenn., and Evelyn "Susie" Hemmer of Mission, Texas; sisters Lillian Arthur of Fremont, Thelma Blair of Sandusky, Catherine Genzman of Oak Harbor, Shirley Brugger of Vickery; and Margaret Anderson of West Salem; and three grandchildren.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vickery, with burial at Parkhurst Cemetery in Clyde.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home in Clyde.

Memorials may be made to the church or American Cancer Society.



News-Messenger/Jen Bell

DENA SCHEPPLIN models a wedding gown at the Sunday show.

# A cat's tale

Owner's storybook tells how Ellis recovered from injury and found a way home a year later

BY JILL FICK  
Staff writer

**CLYDE** — In Sheila Burnford's "The Incredible Journey," two dogs and a cat found their way home through the Canadian wilderness.

Ellis, a tiger cat from Green Springs, didn't have companions and probably didn't face the same perils, but did complete an incredible journey of its own.

**Its owner**, Christine Marie Bell, gave a token of appreciation in the form of a handwritten book Monday to the local veterinarian who made the miracle happen.

The story began a year ago when the cat's leg was injured. Bell, thinking the leg was beyond repair, took Ellis to Clyde veterinarian Laura Hirt.

"I took him to the vet to be put to sleep, as I couldn't bear to see him suffer," Bell wrote in the book. "The vet advised me not to have him put to sleep, offering instead to keep him for me."

**Hirt first** treated the cat at her South Ohio 101 office, but Bell made the move with her to the new office on U.S. 20 west of Clyde. Eventually, Hirt took the cat to her home, south of Clyde.

One September day Ellis disappeared. Hirt notified Bell, and Bell combed the area and left her phone number for neighbors to call in case they spotted him.

"I was afraid to tell her at first," Hirt recalled.

In November, the cat returned to its Green Springs home — about four or five miles away — to the amazement of its owner.

"I just couldn't believe it because I'd given up months earlier," Bell said.

**Since Hirt** would not accept any payment, Bell decided to thank her in a special way. The book retells Ellis' story, through pictures and words. She also included a savings bond.

"Christine, you should have had the leg fixed," Hirt quipped. "It would have been cheaper."

Hirt said cats and dogs seem to have a homing instinct. She had a cat which left her new home three times to return to the old house on Limerick Road.

"People think cats are stupid, but it couldn't have been to find its direction like that," Bell said.



ELLIS: Travels at an end

## Cat's walk



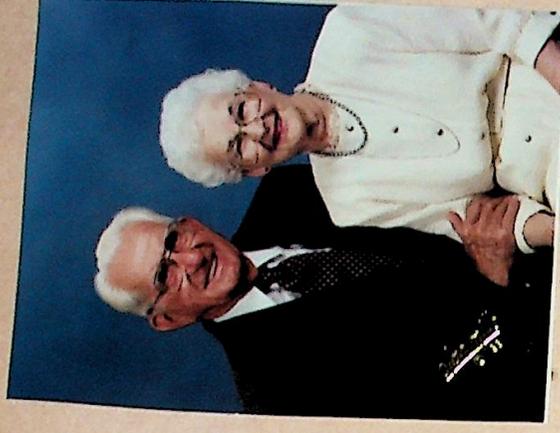
Map courtesy of scale

N-M/Steve Goble  
Ellis was taken from his Green Springs home to (A) the veterinarian's office on Ohio 101. The vet took Ellis along when she moved to a new office (B), on U.S. 20, and later took Ellis to her home, (C). Despite the many moves, Ellis managed to find a way back to the Green Springs home of owner Christine Marie Bell, (D).



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THANK-YOU GIFT: Clyde veterinarian Laura Hirt looks at a book given to her by Christine Marie Bell.



Richard  
Anne  
Schepflin

## Schepflin-Wending

Richard and Anne Schepflin, 1929 Riverbend Parkway, Fremont, announce the engagement of their daughter Dian Michelle Schepflin to Bradley Scott Wending.

Wending is the son of Robert and Sherrie Wending, 1913 Harvey Road, Grand Island, N.Y.

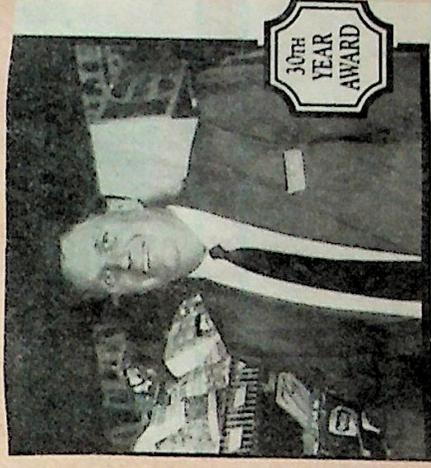
The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and a 1993 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She is employed by the Ottawa County Board of Education, teaching talented and gifted students within the Port Clinton City Schools.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Grand Island High School and a 1992 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in hospitality management. He is employed as director of food and beverage at the Catawba Island Club.

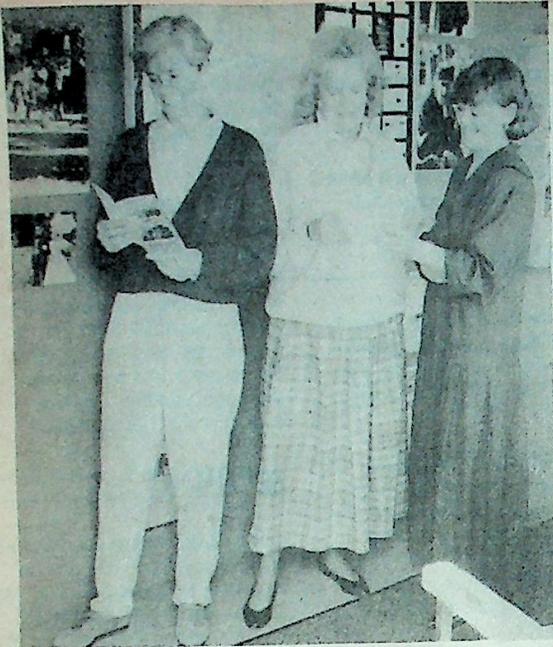
They will be married at 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Fremont.



DIAN SCHEPFLIN and  
BRADLEY WENDING



Larry Schepflin, Store Manager,  
Fremont



Connie Durdel, at right, presents the 1994 Sandusky County visitors brochure to Martha Huss (center) and daughter Brenda Huss. The

brochure cover features a photograph of the late Phil Huss, better known to many as Smoky the Clown.



Ryan Smith

### Schumaker-Schepflin

Mrs. Becky Sonner and Mrs. William Schumaker of Reynoldsburg have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Lynne Schumaker to Troy Michael Schepflin.

Schepflin is the son of Larry and Ginny Schepflin, 204 Norbert Drive, Fremont.

The bride-elect is attending Columbus Community College and works as a coordinator at Huntington National Bank in Columbus.

Her fiancée is a graduate of Ohio State University. He works for the Huntington Trust Company.

They will be married June 11 at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.



CHERYL SCHUMAKER and TROY SCHEPFLIN

### Rumball-Troxel

Gilbert and Marjorie Rumball, 9618 West Ohio Route 163, Oak Harbor, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl L. Rumball to Tracy A. Troxel.

Troxel is the son of James and Diane Troxel, 14706 Wyandot County Road 119, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

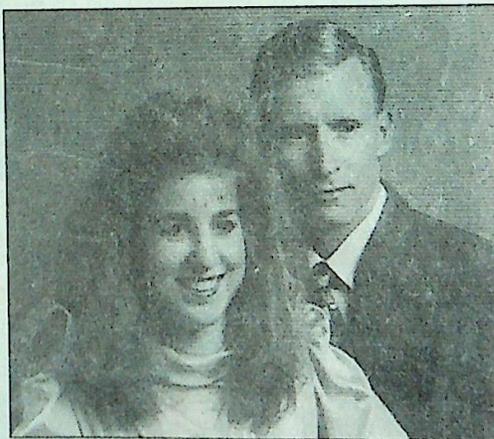
The bride-elect, a 1986 graduate of Port Clinton High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Toledo, is currently attending graduate school at Bowling Green State University.

She is employed as a substitute teacher for Benton-Carrol-Salem and Genoa Area Schools and as a bartender at Catawba Island Club.

Her fiancée is a 1988 graduate of Upper Sandusky High School and attended Terra Community College.

He is Air National Guard Technician with the Ohio Air National Guard in Swanton, Ohio.

The will be married Dec. 10, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Port Clinton.



CHERYL RUMBALL and TRACY TROXEL

**PHIL HUSS:** Kenn Bower, the coordinator of the Phil Huss memorial project, has been getting a lot calls from people wondering whether the statue is still going up.

"It is continuing," Bower said Thursday. The \$1,000 or so donated so far is still in the Croghan Colonial Bank special fund, he added.

Currently, Bower is linking up with local fraternities and veterans organizations to develop a full-scale fund-raising campaign. The project — which plans to erect a lifesize bronze statue of Phil as "Smokie the Clown" — needs about \$50,000.

Bower will meet with the organizations June 9 to begin mapping strategy. In the meantime, he has developed a memorial T-shirt, the profits of which will go to the project.

The T-shirt, which features a rendering of the planned statue and some facts about Huss, sells for \$15 apiece at Benchmark Prints, 2252 W. State St.

### RETIREMENT TEA:

A Retirement Tea honoring Joanne Hirt, Leader of Girl Scout Troop 21 at Lutz School for 39 years. All Past Troop members are invited from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Hayes United Methodist Church, 1441 Fangbener Road. She has also been a past Service Unit director, Day Camp director and currently on Girls Scout Archives committee.

**HONORED:** Jo Ann Hirt, wife of Merle Hirt, was recognized May 22 at Hayes Memorial Church in Fremont for her 30 years as a Girl Scout Leader. Most of those years were served at Lutz School, but she also had a city-wide cadet troop, was day camp coordinator and organizer for Lutz.

Many will remember the floats she and her husband had for many of the parades in town. She retired from the Fremont School System in 1992. She still tutors three hours daily at the Sandusky Correctional Center and is on Grace Lutheran Church Council.

### Mechanics

Junior Fair FFA Farm Mechanics winners were:  
Outstanding-Wood Project/Wooden Noah's Arc — Ben Hirt, Fremont FFA



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

## Division I district champions

Ross won the Division I district softball tournament. Members of the team are, front row, right: manager Nick Cleveland, Casey Schepplin, Linkle, Kristen Farrell, Andi Opre, Belinda San-Natalie Rob, Tricia Budeker, Holly

Pelfrey, Erin Lease; Back row: assistant coach Jeff McNutt, manager John Kleinoeder, Ragan Rusch, Jessica Rollins, Kim Timmons, Beth Sanford, Adrienne Brown Dawn Zerman, Donna Steinberger and coach Cheryl Carwood.



**FAMILY TEAM** — The family of Phil and Toni Huss, Joseph and Erica is scheduled to speak to the Batesville Chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship at a regular meeting Saturday.

## Family team will speak to Aglow group

A family team of speakers will address the Batesville chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship Saturday morning.

The meeting begins at 11:30 in the Citizens Bank community room.

The team consists of Phil and Toni Huss, Joseph and Erica. The family moved to Charlotte four years ago from Oak Forest, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Huss is a Vietnam veteran and served in the

Navy on river patrol boats in 1968-69. He was wounded May 25, 1969, in an ambush and spent a year in the Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

Huss' testimony is featured in a book, "Vietnam, the Other Side of Glory," along with other veterans. He co-founded a veterans counseling center in Palos Heights, Ill., and recently went back to Vietnam on a mission he will speak about at Saturday's meeting.

## Klausz-Halsey

Lori Ann Klausz and John Thomas Halsey Jr. were married at 4:30 p.m. April 23 at Trinity United Methodist Church by Pastor Don Irvin.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Klausz, 101 S. Granville and Philip Klausz, 709 W. Cole Road.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Halsey Sr., 423 Moore, Bellevue.

The bride wore a white slipper satin gown designed with a sweetheart neckline, puffy sleeves with rosette accents and jeweled cuffs and Basque bodice, all appliqued with schiffli lace, sequins and pearls over a full satin skirt with an attached cathedral-length train beaded with pearls, sequins and scalloped lace edging the entire hemline. She wore a crystal pearl crown with a back pouf. She carried a cascading bouquet with white and red roses, white daisies, baby's breath and greenery with white ribbon and pearls throughout the bouquet and hanging down in front.

The matron of honor was Kellie Poole, sister of the bride. The top of her dress was plush black velvet designed with a rounded front neckline and a deep V back with a white satin drape, princess seaming and full sleeves. The full skirt was teal-length of white taffeta with layers of white tulle overskirt. The back was accented with a white satin bow and a black velvet knot. She wore a matching hat. She carried a crystal candle holder with red candles that were lit during the ceremony. A wreath of red roses, baby's breath and greenery, accented with black, white and red ribbon surrounded the globe.



LORI (KLAUSZ) and JOHN HALSEY JR.

ritt, Tracy Rahrig and Robin Miller, friends of the bride; and Carla Rider, cousin of the bride. They wore gowns identical to the matron of honor's.

Flowergirl was Deanne Rider, cousin of the bride. Her gown was identical to the bridesmaid's.

Miniature bride was Kayli Merritt, friend of the bride. She wore a full-length white satin gown accented with black velvet bows. She scattered rose petals.

Best man was Jeff Logan, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Frank Colorado and Matt Hushour, friends of the groom; Todd Poole, brother-in-law of the bride; and Mike Rider, cousin of the bride.

Ringbearer was Cyle Poole, nephew of the bride.

A reception took place The Fort, Rendezvous Lodge.

The couple honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The bride, a 1985 graduate of Ross High, works at Whirlpool.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Bellevue High School and

## Ross hosts invitationals



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

The Ross girls tennis team will host the fourth Pete Michaels Memorial Tournament Saturday at Rodger Young Park. The first matches begin at 9 a.m. Members of the Ross team are, front row, left to right: Christina Melchioni, Kristen Farrell, Alyssa Brickner, Sandy Holewinski; Back row: Assistant coach Ken Badertscher, Casey Schepplin, Dawn Zerman and coach Sue Badertscher. Teams entered in the tourney are Tiffin Columbian, Perrysburg, Bowling Green, Toledo Central Catholic, Bryan and Port Clinton. Ross is the defending champion. The tournament is sponsored by the Ross Athletic Boosters.



*Casper Hirt*

# Casper & Verena Hirt 78th Annual Reunion



*Verena Hirt*

Sunday, July 17, 1994

Dear Hirts!

Time again for the Hirt families to gather and meet their kin and enjoy another reunion. We all have good thoughts from the past big reunions, so the committee is working hard to have another good one. Expect to see you all again this year.

Same place as last year. Rendezvous Lodge at the F.O.R.T. in Fremont, 1313 Tiffin Road, behind the Thornwood Golf Course. The day will start with a GOLF SCRAMBLE at 9:00 a.m., followed by a potluck dinner at noon, business meeting and program. Other activities will be putt-putt golf, volleyball, swimming (\$1.50 children; \$2.00 adults), badminton and horse shoes with games for the kids.

WHITE ELEPHANT & CRAFT AUCTION (please wrap & mark gifts: man, lady or child)

50/50 drawing during the meeting

Barbecue at 5:00 p.m. with hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream for all.

Due this year will be \$3.00 per family.

*SEE YOU ALL ON THE 17TH OF JULY FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!*

William Schepflin, president  
Gary Hirt, vice president  
Jeannette Hirt, sec./treas.

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## FOR ALL GOLFERS

Return to: Dick Schepflin      before July 9th, or call 334-3288  
1929 Riverbend Pkwy.  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

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# Phil Huss: A champion at producing smiles 1988

By STEVE GOBLE  
Staff writer

Grab that stony grasp and stare into his craggy, granite face and you think you're meeting one stern guy.

Then Phil Huss grins. It's an ornery, sideways smile, but full of warmth. Kind of grandfatherly.

But don't forget the tough part. After all, this man was once the Navy's Pacific Fleet boxing champion. "And that's a big fleet," Police Sgt. Dana Dorsey says.

That's credential enough to establish Huss as a hardy fellow, but he's got more. This guy used to catch circus acrobats in mid-air. Add in 30 years as a Fremont police officer and you've got a he-man of sorts.

You say he's 66 years old? So what. His handshakes still hurt.

But he'll put you at ease very quickly. Clowns know how to do that.

Yes, that's right. This big guy with the bruiser's resume has been Smoky the Clown since 1954.

Somehow, all these diverse identities dovetail into one nice guy, born and reared on a Riley Township farm. "I love one job as much as I do the others," he said.

Huss is one of two retired Fremont police officers who work the parking detail downtown. He's easy to find on his work days — just walk downtown and wait for someone to yell "Hey, Phil," or "Hey, Smoky." Then look around for the white and blue Cushman scooter he uses on patrol.

Renewing acquaintances is the best part of his job, Huss says. He can't go a day without running into people he knows, either from his police days or from giving them kiddie rides on Smoky's "clown-cycle."

He serves as a sort of city ambassador, too. "People see the uniform and they come for help. They ask for directions, where they can get their drivers' license renewed, whatever," he said.

He likes being back with the police after an 11-year absence, minus the frequent visits during his retirement. "We get to reminiscing, and it's just great. When you forget the good old days, you forget everything."

The good old days include being a detective and being Fremont's first juvenile officer. Dorsey, who holds the juvenile post now, recalls how Huss used to break in rookies.

"When I first came on you had to spend two weeks in plain clothes riding with Phil before you could do anything else. Two weeks with him was like being at the Police Academy," Dorsey said.

If Huss instilled some of his own tenacity into the rookies, they must be dedicated cops.



News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

Huss never lets go of anything he loves.

For instance, he started boxing at age 14 while attending Fremont Ross High School, and kept it up through four years in the Navy and 150 bouts. He picked up a number of Toledo Golden Gloves Association amateur titles along with the Navy belt. Today, he coaches young boxers in the Fremont Wreckers and serves as a ring announcer for amateur bouts all over northern Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

As for the clowning, he still does that, too. He started at the Fremont Speedway, after a Navy buddy introduced him to

some Ringling Bros. clowns. The same buddy got him involved with circuses, where he tested his muscles catching spinning aerial artists.

These days, Smoky still will travel up to 200 miles away to dispense his magic tricks, balloons and cycle rides.

"In another four years or so I'll be into my third generation of clowning," he said, explaining that some parents propping their kids on the clown-cycle will tell their children, "I used to ride with Smoky when I was your age."

And, of course, his new parking detail job maintains his po-

lice connections.

Huss hangs on to all these threads of his life because he knows first-hand how fragile the fabric is. "You see, when I was 18, I was in a serious accident. The car I was driving kind of left the road and hit a tree. I was very close to death for many days."

Afterward, he made a decision. "The good Lord had a job for me to do. He spared me, so I'm still trying to do what I can."

That's where the clowning and coaching come in. Huss said both roles, boxing ring and circus ring, helped

## OUR NEIGHBOR

**NAME:** Phil Huss, a.k.a. Smoky  
**ADDRESS:** 213 N. Columbus Ave.

**FAMILY:** Wife Martha, children Phil, 42; Marsha, 40; Brenda, 38.

**ON KIDS:** "One thing that bugs me is the way some people neglect kids. They don't teach respect for elders or respect for law and authority. ... The kids get into trouble and really they're just screaming for attention."

**ON CLOWNING:** "I did it because so many kids are told to 'be good or I'll call a policeman. I don't want kids to be scared. I wanted them to see that the police love boys and girls, the same way a clown loves boys and girls."

**FACE BRIGHTENER:** "The quickest way to put a smile on a kid's face? Hand 'em a sucker!"

**WEEKEND WORK:** Mowing lawns for neighbors, for a few extra dollars.

**BEST THING ABOUT BEING PHIL HUSS:** "Loving life the way I do. Life is beautiful."

make him a better cop. Through boxing, he gained confidence and a tough-guy reputation that made people think twice before giving him guff. And through clowning he developed a sense of humor and kindness that helped him deal with the bad days on the beat. It also helped bridge the gap between the badge of authority and the rebellion of youth.

"I've had many times I was kicked or slugged. Many of those I ducked. I never came back with a KO punch, but I could have," he said. He's proud to say he never had to use his boxing skills to hurt anyone in all his police work.

With such a varied background, Huss has had some challenging moments. But the greatest, he says, wasn't a baffling investigation or a prize fight. It was the first time someone recognized him in his clown garb.

"It was my first time as a clown at the Speedway. A pair of boys in the stands saw me in my trumpy, patched-up clothes and said 'Phil, what are you doing in that outfit?'"

It made him think to himself, "What am I doing in this outfit?" It was a crux. He could succumb to stage fright and toss Smoky aside forever, or go on with the show.

He went on, and now he and a whole lot of kids — grown and growing — have some wonderful memories.

# House pet set nationwide S singlepawed

BY CAROLINE ABELS  
BLADE STAFF WRITER

FREMONT — No one was surprised that Richard Hirt's house pet in this small city could singlehandedly send signals throughout the country. Mr. Hirt, a retired truck driver and pilot, discovered that exactly what happened after the police and an officer with the Air Patrol showed up at his house Thursday night.

An antiquated aircraft transmitter he had brought to his basement earlier in the year apparently activated when his pets tipped it from the table, causing various aircraft age to think a serious accident had occurred in northwest Ohio. "We wanted to check the thing, and we put it on the table," said Mr. Hirt, who was trying to show the emergency transmitter to a prospective

"It was knocked down by either one of my dogs or one of my cats. Moments after the transmitter fell out of a brick-size box which pilots use to signal for help in emergency situations, fell the search and rescue satellite at the Air Force and Coordination Center in Langley, Va., began picking up a distress signal from northwest Ohio.

Traffic control at Cleveland International Airport and radio receivers at Fremont Progress Airport also began receiving signals of an emergency, as did aircraft flying in the area.

"We treat every signal as if it's a possible distress," said Capt. Steven Mayer, executive officer at the center in Langley.

For that reason, officials asked the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) of the U.S. Air Force auxiliary in Sandusky to locate the exact source of the emergency. The CAP used latitude and longitude lines provided by the signal, which, when followed, merged onto Mr. Hirt's street. Neighbors who recalled that Mr. Hirt is a pilot took the CAP to his house.



In Memory Of

## Deane L. Fox

**Born** August 13, 1936  
Grand Island, Nebraska

**Died** May 9, 1994  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Memorial Services**  
Monday, May 16, 1994 at 11:00 a.m.  
Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**Reverend Robert E. Favre**  
Officiating

**Musical Selections**  
"Amazing Grace"  
"Tears In Heaven"  
"We Shall Behold Him"  
Gary McCord—Soloist

**Honor Guard**  
by Fort Riley, Kansas

**Interment of Cremains**  
Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery  
Lincoln, Nebraska

## Deane Fox

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Deane L. Fox, 57, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Grand Island, died Monday, May 9, at Oklahoma City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert Favre will officiate. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery with Honor Guard by Fort Riley, Kan.

Memorials are suggested to Timberlake Ranch Camps at Marquette.

Mr. Fox was born Aug. 13, 1936, in Grand Island to Carl and Lois (Newhouser) Fox. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a degree in business.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally Meritorious Service. He was a Chief Warrant Officer-3.

He was a member of the Havelock United Methodist Church in Lincoln and was a lifetime member of the VFW post No. 181.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of Oklahoma City; one son, Randy Angus of Lincoln; two daughters, Sandy (Mrs. Phillip) Yoakum of Lincoln and Kandy (Mrs. Dave) Albert of Clatonia; four grandchildren; his mother, Lois Fox of Lincoln, and two sisters, Jeanne (Mrs. Gary) McCord of Bechtelsville, Pa., and Carlene (Mrs. Dick) Myers of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl.

## Smith-Sprenger

Larry and Judy Rapp, 713 Castalia St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Danylle L. Smith to Jeremy E. Sprenger.

Sprenger is the son of Rudy and Janice Sprenger, 2609 Cherry Ridge Estates.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Ross High School and is attending Terra Community College. She works as a waitress at Bonnie & Cy's Restaurant.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Ross High School. He works at Ludlow Composites.

They will be married at 6 p.m. July 15, 1995 at St. Mark's Church.



JEREMY SPRENGER and  
DANYLLE SMITH



## 'Smoky the Clown' Phil Huss

A group of area citizens intends to preserve the memories of Phil Huss with a monument to honor him for all his good work, and for the laughter he shared with all of us. "Smoky" will be depicted with two children at his side. To raise the needed funds, many fund raisers will be organized.

Currently, donations are being taken at Croghan Colonial Bank, T-shirt sales continue at Benchmark Prints, and several of our fraternal organizations are planning fund raisers within their groups.

In August, all proceeds from the sale of "Sandusky County Fair Shirts", will go to the "Phil Huss" fund.

Stop by our tent at the fair to purchase your shirt.

## Benchmark Prints

2252 W. State St., Fremont • 332-7640



SMOKEY THE CLOWN

## HELP US REMEMBER A GREAT MAN!

During the month of August for each new or used Vehicle sold, we will donate \$10.00 to the statue fund to this very worthy cause. He gave so much - let's show his family we remember and we care!

**HONORED:** The Depot/Miller Girls softball team is wearing the late Marsha Huss Smith's number, 44, on the sleeves of their jerseys this season in honor of her years of playing softball.

On July 10, the team presented Mrs. Martha Huss with her daughter's jersey in a ceremony at Rodger Young Park during one of their games.

Smith died Dec. 15, 1993, after a battle with cancer.

# Funds needed for statue

## Committee honors late Phil Huss, a.k.a. 'Smoky the Clown'

By JAN REINHART  
Staff writer

A committee trying to erect a bronze statue of the late Phil Huss is ready to mount a major fund-raising campaign.

Huss, a career city policeman and beloved local figure, died almost a year ago. A few months after his passing, Fremont merchant Kenn Bower and Huss friends and family announced their intention to erect the memorial statue.

The plan is to cast a life-sized bronze of Huss as "Smoky the Clown" with two adoring young children at his knee. The cost: at least \$50,000, Bower estimates.

Over the past year, donations for the statue have trickled in to a bank account at Croghan Colonial Bank. So far, they total only about \$1,000. But Bower said very little in the way of public fund-raising has been attempted yet.

"The real fund raising will be kicked off at this year's Sandusky County Fair," he said.

Here's what's planned:

■ A T-shirt sale at the county fair. The shirts, designed by Bower, will feature Huss as Smoky the Clown.

"We're debating the price of the shirts right now," said Bower, who regularly sells hundreds of standard county fair shirts at the summertime event. "I'd like to go as reasonable as possible, but I want to raise some money on this."

■ Commemorative aluminum can sale. Made by American National Can, the cans will feature a portrait of Huss and information about his career as a



PHIL HUSS, also known as Smoky the Clown.

policeman and as a professional clown. The \$2 cans would be empty, but suitable as coin banks.

"We're hoping they can be ready in time for the fair," Bower said. "We could put a pallet of them out there...and maybe raise \$10,000 with that alone."

■ A special sales promotion by Western Ford Mercury Inc. of Clyde. Owner Phil Lloyd will donate \$10 to the memorial statue project for every car his dealership sells during August.

"We average 65 to 70 cars in the month of August," Lloyd said.

■ Possible community auction next February.

Lloyd said he joined the fund-raising campaign because of his admiration for Huss, who occasionally played a clown at Western Ford Mercury sales promotions.

"He was one of those people you wish everyone was like," Lloyd said of Huss' work with local youth. "He did fabulous things for our community. And he could have just retired and sat back on the riverbank."

Lloyd said he hoped his and others' efforts to raise funds for the memorial will spark some public interest.

"I personally feel it should be more publicized," he said. "That would get more people involved."

Bower thinks the interest will perk up as the fund-raising campaign gets off the ground.

"We've got a year or so to go," Bower predicted.

## Junior Fair King



Benjamin Hirt, 16, son of Deborah and John Hirt of Fremont, Riley Boosters 4-H Club.

Aug. 18 — Betsy (Leiser) and David Murphy, 3911 Wakefield Road, Richmond, Va. 23235, a girl, Emma Rose.

Local grandparents are Joe and Nancy Leiser. Local great-grandparents are Walter and Grace Zilles.

## Where will the statue go?

By JAN REINHART  
Staff writer

While a campaign to raise funds for the proposed Phil Huss memorial statue picks up momentum, a question remains.

Where will it go?

Two sites have been suggested: Flag Park (in front of the Sandusky County Courthouse) or somewhere on the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. Kenn Bower, a spokesman for the memorial statue committee, prefers the latter.

"That's where Phil started his career as professional clown, at the fair and race track," Bower said. "That's the place we want to go with it."

But the Sandusky County Fair Board gave Bower very mixed signals when he approached

the board with the idea.

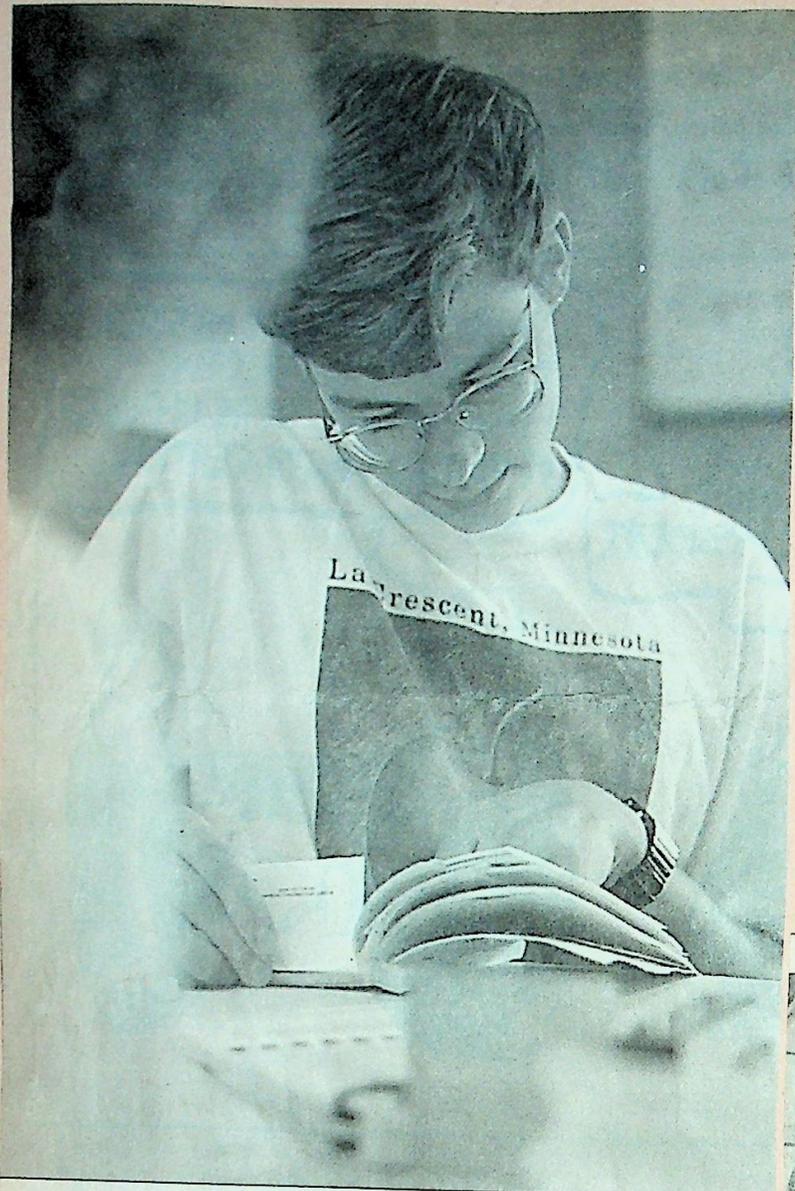
"No decision has been made," said Wendelle Miller, secretary-manager of the fair.

"But it (the statue) couldn't go just anywhere," he added. "The fair takes up just about all the space there is already."

"We don't want it to take away much of our saleable space," agreed David Bennig, vice president of the fair board. "That's critical to our operation."

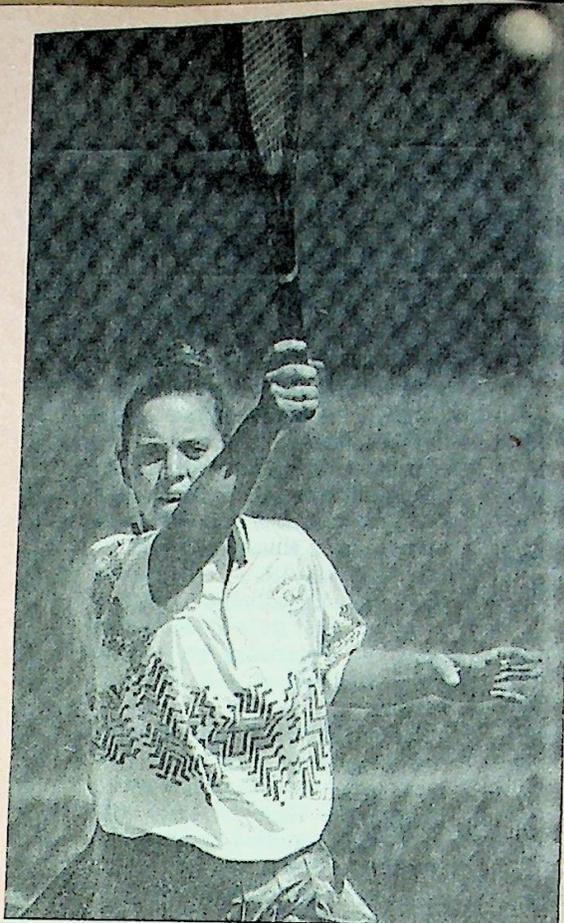
In fact, Bennig and his colleagues on the board have a suggestion for Bower and his committee.

"Our suggestion is not to go with the statue," Bennig said. "Our suggestion is that those funds would better be used for some people-oriented purpose. That would better serve the purpose of Phil Huss."



**BENJAMIN HIRT**, 1543 County Road 226, looks for the categories he wants to enter at the Sandusky County Fair. Hirt spent part of Tuesday getting all 17 of his entries into the fair office as it was the last day to enter.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison



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Casey Schepflin returns a shot during the second round of the Fremont Invitation Saturday at Rodger Young Park.



News-Messenger/Eric Branda

### Fair royalty

Jessica Potter, second from left, front row, of Fremont, and Nathan Lantz, second from left, back row, of Fremont were crowned King and Queen of the Sandusky County Fair Tuesday night. Their court, includes, from left: second runners-up, Benjamin Hirt of Fremont, and Krista Collins of Vickery; first runners-up, Jason Conklin of Fremont and Julia Bordner of Fremont, and third runners-up, Eric Johns of Fremont, and Abigail Held of Fremont.



#### Michael & Alison Schepflin

Grandchildren of:  
Will & Helen Schepflin, Ralph & Bernadine Hirshberg.  
Great Grandparents: Hazel Schepflin, Chuck & Celia Savage



#### David A. Hirt

Grandchild of:  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hirt  
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Cruz

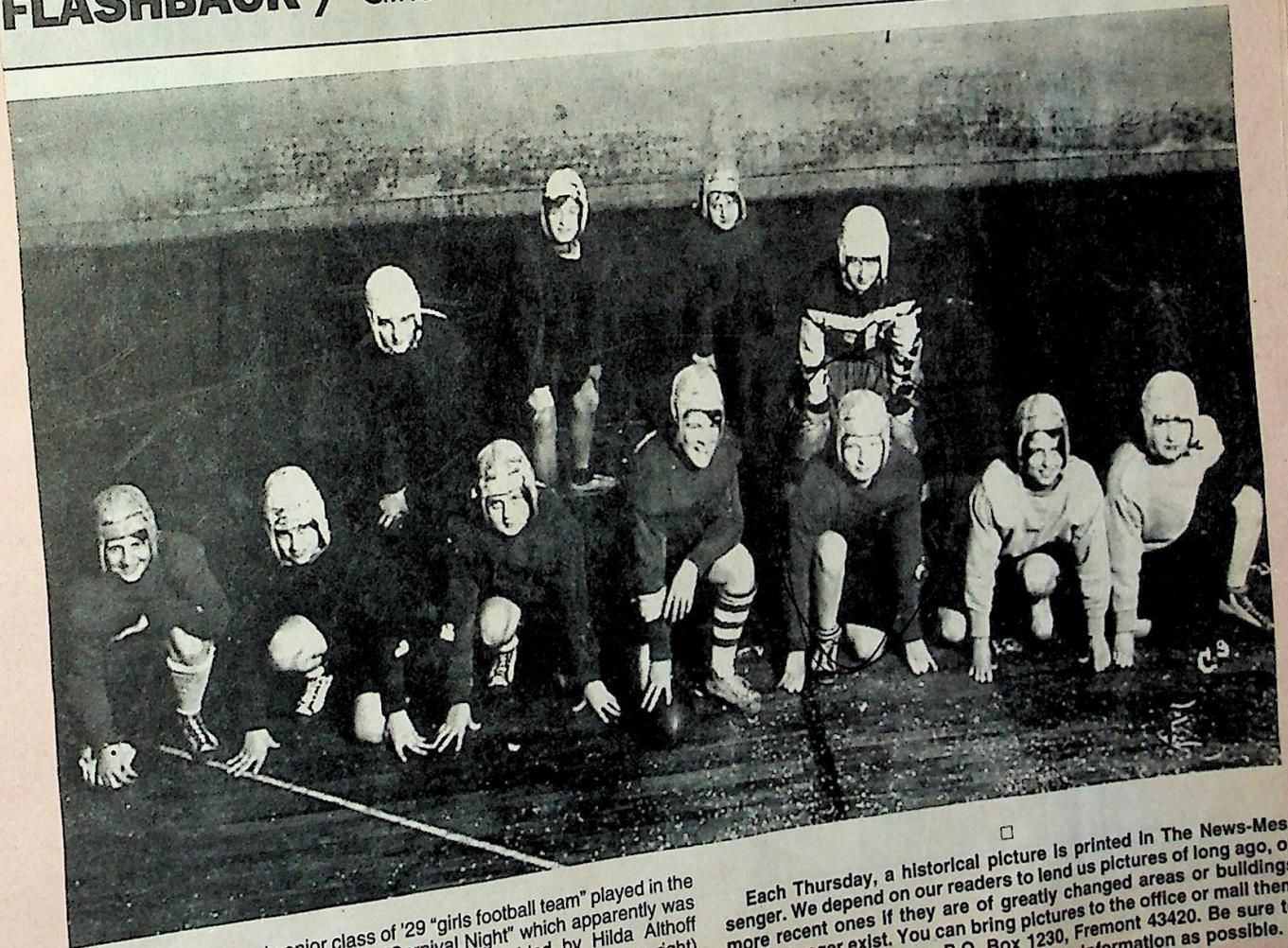
## Personal D'Signs:



(Left to right) Ginny Schepflin and Barb Moran are ready to serve you.

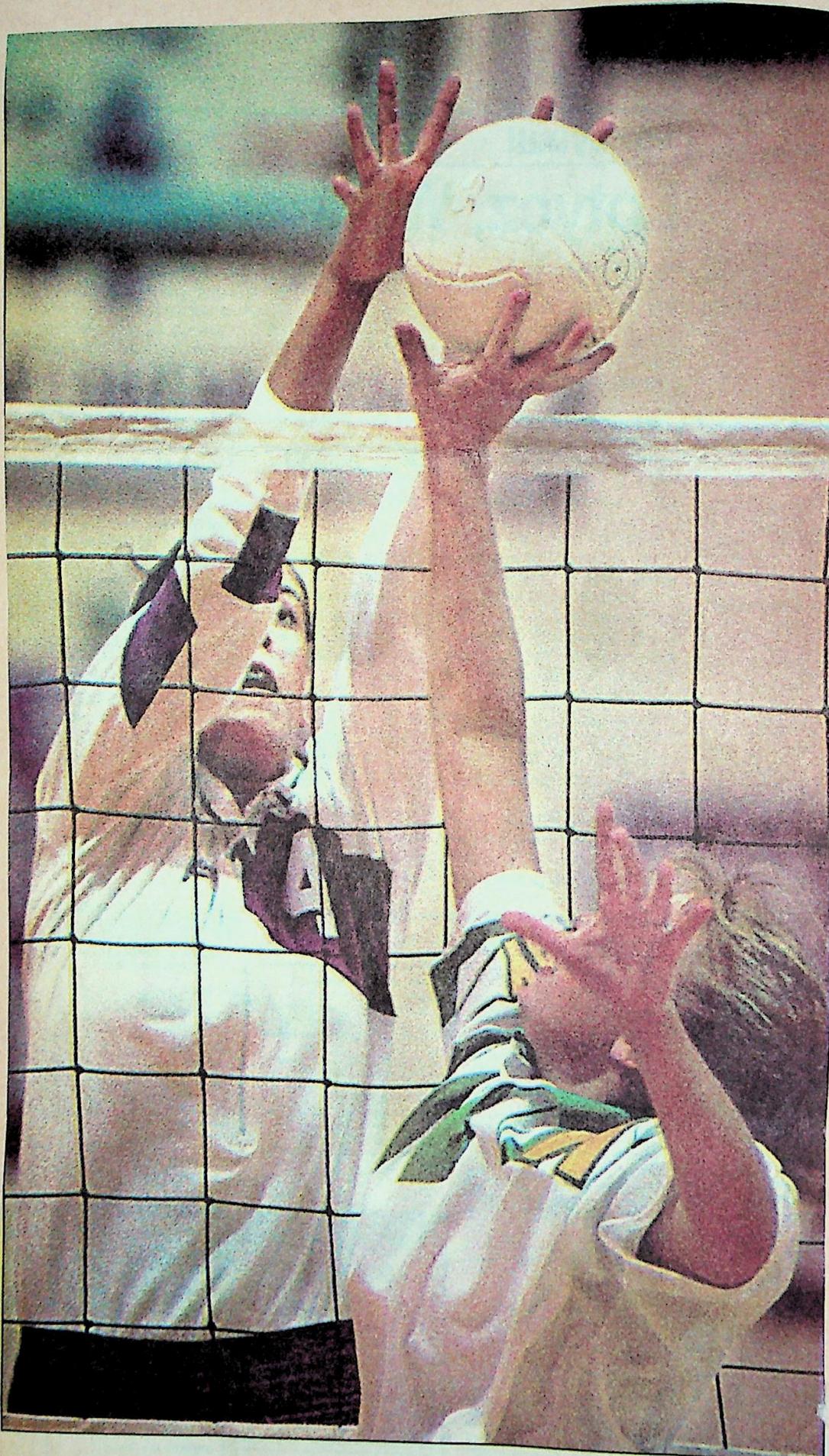
Barb Moran (left) and Ginny Schepflin proudly display some of the jackets that are available during their Jacket Trunk Show, which ends September 3. Styles of jackets on display are The Bomber, Quilted Reversible and The Throw Rug Coat.

## FLASHBACK / Girls football team



Fremont High School senior class of '29 "girls football team" played in the gymnasium as a special feature of "Carnival Night" which apparently was a school spirit assembly. The photo was provided by Hilda Althoff Schwartz. Members of the team pictured here are (front row left to right) Grace Fisher Thompson, Ruby Vermilya McMahon, Nellie Lambert Delp, Edna Beatty Hines, Ruth Hirt Peffly, Winifred "Dickey" Rose Baumann, Melba Karbler Schwensen and (backrow) Helen Moseberger, Matilda "Tillie" Lucas Maxwell, Hilda Althoff Schwartz and Doretta Hetrick Popka.

Each Thursday, a historical picture is printed in The News-Messenger. We depend on our readers to lend us pictures of long ago, or more recent ones if they are of greatly changed areas or buildings that no longer exist. You can bring pictures to the office or mail them to The News-Messenger, P.O. Box 1230, Fremont 43420. Be sure to include your return address and as much information as possible.



**MICHELLE SMITH** of Fremont Ross stuffs Oregon Clay's Amanda Nowak Tuesday night during the Little

Giants' 15-5, 7-15, 15-4 Great Lakes League victory over the Eagles at the Purple Pit.

News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

Sept. 17 — Stacy and Matt Glick of Green Springs, a 6-pound 11-ounce son, Thomas Matthew, at 4:55 p.m. at Bellevue Hospital. He was 20 inches long.

Local grandparents are Virginia and Bob Berlekamp and Carol and Mike Glick of Green Springs. Local great-grandmothers are Evelyn Glick of Green Springs and Betty Hirt of Fremont.



**D. SCHEPFLIN**



**C. SCHEPFLIN**

### GLL champions

Fremont Ross won its third straight Great Lakes League tennis title, winning four of five tournament championship matches. Dawn Zerman, Kristen Farrell and Andrea Andrews won singles crowns while Dena and Casey Schepflin won the first court doubles title. Alyssa Brickner and Sara Binau were runners-up in the second-court doubles.

### Quaintance-Hirt

Jim and Dorothy Quaintance, 319 N. Wayne St., have announced the engagement of their daughter Denice Quaintance to Christopher Hirt.

Hirt is the son of Ken and Marge Hirt, 918 Woodland Ave.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic and a 1994 graduate of Bowling Green State University. She is employed by St. Joseph Elementary School.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic and will graduate in August 1995 from Ohio State University with a degree in pharmacy. He is employed at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, where he is serving his internship.

They will be married at 2 p.m.



**DENICE QUAINANCE and CHRISTOPHER HIRT**

Nov. 18, 1995 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

## Schepflin-Tallman

Amy Schepflin and Todd Tallman were married at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Walther. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Ginny Schepflin, 204 Albert Drive.

The groom's parents are Glenn and Pat Tallman, 117 Maple Street, Woodfield.

The bride wore an ivory gown with re-embroidered alencon lace overlay, with pearl and sequin detailing. The drop waist with a full tulle skirt was accented with a large satin bow at the back with a semi-cathedral train. She carried an elongated cascade of dendrobium orchids, lilies, ivory roses, ivy garland and camellia foliage.

Maid of honor was Casey Schepflin, sister of the bride. She wore a red sheath dress featuring a bow at the waist and a long wrap skirt. She carried a show-stopping cascade of oncidium orchid, red miniature carnations, blue bachelor buttons,

orange lilies and purple statice with ivy garland and camellia foliage.

Bridemaids were Shannon Moran, cousin of the bride and Jennifer Zienta, friend of the bride. They were attired identical to the maid of honor.

Best man was Bart Tallman, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Dave Mallett and James Smith, friends of the groom, and Troy Schepflin, brother of the bride.

A reception was given at PK's Banquet Hall.

They honeymooned with a trip to England and Scotland.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Ross High School and a 1992 graduate of Ohio State University. She works for GE in Albany, N. Y.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Woodfield High School and a 1992 graduate of Ohio State University. He works at GE in Albany.



AMY (SCHEPFLIN) and TODD TALLMAN

Oct. 4 — Kellie and Todd Poole, 519 Homer St., a 5-pound, 12-ounce daughter, Amber Elizabeth, at 6:28 a.m. She was 19 inches long. Local grandparents are Mary Klausz, Phil and Connie Klausz, Pam and Jerry Gebauer, and great-grandparents Jim and Jeanie McClure, all of Fremont.

## Schepflin-Wendling

Dian Michelle Schepflin and Bradley Scott Wendling were married at 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at St. Ann Catholic Church by the Rev. Chmiel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Schepflin, 1929 Riverbend Parkway.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wendling, 1913 Harvey Road, Grand Island, New York.

The bride wore a white satin sheath trimmed with schiffli lace and heavily beaded with pearls and sequins. The closely fitted bodice was designed with short sleeves and an off-the-shoulder neckline scalloped with lace and traced with pearls.

The Basque waistline dropped to a long, slim, split skirt, trimmed with jeweled appliques. A detachable chapel length train featured sheer cut-out lace, adorned with sequins. She wore a modified pearl and crystal wreath with lace leaves and roses that was draped with lilies of the Valley and held double pouf of illusion and a two tier finger-tip veil.

She carried a full European style bouquet of dendrobium orchids, white alba lilies and white freesia, accented with foliage of bear grass, camellia, dracena and ivy entwined with stephanotis flowerettes.

Maid of honor was Amy Homan, friend of the bride. She wore a two-piece floor-length suit in teal bengaline. The long, slim, split skirt featured a double breasted sleeveless jacket styled with a pleated portrait collar and closed with two large pearl buttons. She carried a European style bouquet of white dendrobium sprays, white lilies, purple statice, greenery and trimmed with teal ribbons.

Bridemaids were Dena Schepflin, sister of the bride, Amy Ritzman and Jenny Spieldenner, friends of the bride. They were attired identical to the maid of honor.

Flowergirl was Kelsey Wendling, niece of the groom. She wore a white floor-length dress with short sleeves, sweetheart neckline, short pouf sleeves, sash and a bow at the back.



DIAN (SCHEPFLIN) and BRADLEY WENDLING

Best man was Jeff Wendling, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Rob Wendling, brother of the groom, Paul Lang and Mike Baker, friends of the groom.

Ring bearer was Jarred Storer, friend of the couple.

A reception was held at Ramone's in Sandusky.

The honeymooned in northern Georgia Mountains and Chattanooga, Tenn.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Ross High School and a 1993 graduate of Miami University of Ohio with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She is an English teacher at Bellevue Senior High School.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Grand Island High School, Grand Island, N. Y. and a 1992 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in business management. He works for Standard Sheet Metal and Supply in Fremont.



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MEMBERS OF THE Fremont Ross tennis team include left to right, front row: Casey Schepflin, coach Sue Badertscher and Courtney LaBonne; second row: Alissa Brickner, Dena Schepflin and Dawn Zorman; top row: Kristen Farrell and Andi Andrews.

# 'Wish' comes true

Young Fremontner to meet TV actress Brett Butler - again

By PAULA WETHINGTON

Staff writer

**W**hen 7-year-old Fremontner Ashley SangGregory met television star Brett Butler at an airport this summer, the actress mistakenly was taken away in handcuffs.

But the two plan to meet again in California Wednesday, courtesy of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northwest Ohio.

Ashley, a first-grader at Croghan Elementary School, is recovering from a muscle cancer called rhabdomyo sarcoma. After almost a year of medical treatment, she is now free of cancer.

She qualified for the donated trip from the Make-A-Wish Foundation because of her life-threatening disease. But for the family, the trip is a celebration of a healthier future.

"It's the beginning of the end," Ashley's mother Cheryl Smith said. "It's really neat. We never thought it would come to an end."

So why ask Brett Butler to help celebrate?  
Butler is the star of the televi-



**ASHLEY SANGGREGORY**, 7, Fremont, has received balloons, candy and a stuffed bear from television star Brett Butler.

News-Messenger/Paula Wethington

sion series "Grace Under Fire."

"I just want to see her again," Ashley said.

"Under better circumstances," Smith added.

The complicated story begins with two sisters who were very proud of a new litter the black dog named Maggie.

Ashley and sister Nicole

SaintGregory, 9, accompanied their mother to the Cleveland airport June 11. Smith's mother, Clara Renninger, was arriving from South Carolina for a visit.

The girls begged to take

along Maggie to meet grandma.

But airport security officials wouldn't let Maggie into the airport terminal past the metal detectors.

Rather than walk back to the car, Smith asked an airport security guard to watch her daughters and the dog while she met the flight.

"Don't worry," the security guard said, and Smith walked down the terminal.

In the meantime, Butler came

up to talk to the two sisters and their puppy. The girls recognized the actress, having seen the television show before. Brett Butler then autographed a news article for them.

The security guard asked Butler to leave the girls alone.

"I wanted to say, 'But we know her,'" Ashley recalled.

Instead, Butler was led away in handcuffs and the upset security guard quickly told the girls' mother what happened.

Pointing to the newspaper clipping, the guard said, "This is the lady. Do you know who she is?"

After reading the newspaper her daughters still held, Smith was surprised to see the inscription: "To Ashley and Nicole, Love Brett Butler."

A few months later Ashley's family learned that she qualified for a gift from Make-A-Wish Foundation. The program grants wishes through donations for children with serious illnesses.

Ashley's first thought was a thank-you party to everyone who helped her out during the past year. The list includes kindergarten teacher Joan Wensinger, who tutored her during the summer. The big wish was to have



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

## Christmas spirit at Ross

The Ross High School drama department presents its current production this weekend. "A Christmas Carol" is performed 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Ross High Little Theatre. No performance will take place Friday because of a home basketball game.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. You may call for advance tickets at 334-5426 or 332-8221 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. In the picture above, Ross junior Katie Hirt appears near the bedroom of Scrooge, played by sophomore Jason Hillier during dress rehearsal.



News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

**DENA SCHERLIN** of Fremont Ross pulls down an offensive rebound after getting inside position on Oregon

Clay's Jodi Jeson during the Little Giants' 60-45 Great Lakes League victory over the Eagles Thursday night.

## Rumball-Troxel

Cheryl Lynn Rumball and Tracy Alan Troxel were married at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Port Clinton, by the Rev. Charles Steward.

The bride is the daughter of Gilbert and Marjorie Rumball, 9618 W. Ohio 163, Oak Harbor.

The groom's parents are James and Diane Troxel, 14706 County Highway, Upper Sandusky.

The bride wore a white satin gown adorned with schiffli lace, iridescent sequins and rows of miniature seed pearls. The fitted bodice was styled with a deep V-neckline and long Venetian sleeves. The open, heart-shaped back was accented with multi strands of crystals and pearl teardrops. The drop waist was highlighted with a back peplum of layers of lace and satin. The full skirt was trimmed with sheer beaded lace that scalloped the hemline and flowed into a cathedral train. Her headpiece was a double crown of pearls accented with a pouf of illusion and a two-tier bridal illusion with finished edging. She carried a traditional cascade hand bouquet of white poinsettias, white rosebuds, snowdrift pompom, evergreen and holly foliage.

Maid of honor was Amy Guth, life long friend of the bride. She wore a gown of matte satin in



CHERYL (RUMBALL) AND ALAN TROXEL

Christmas red. The gown was styled with a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice and elbow-length sleeves. The straight slim skirt featured a waist peplum that cascaded down the back. She carried a modified Victorian style bouquet of red poinsettias, white snowdrift pompoms, holly and evergreen accented with iridescent and white ribbons.

Bridesmaids were Kelli Frindt, friend of the bride; Melanie Troxel, sister of the groom; Lisa and Lori Bradshaw, cousins of the bride. Their gowns were identi-

cal to the maid of honor's.

Flowergirl was Olivia Szilagyi, friend of the bride. She wore a three-quarter length long sleeve dress of Christmas plaid taffeta, tied with a red sash. The dress was designed with a white lace collar and petticoat ruffle. She carried a white miniature log basket filled with Christmas flowers.

Best man was John Heidenreich, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were James Knapp, friend of the groom; Craig, Jamie and Eric Troxel, brothers of the groom.

Ring bearer was Andrew Szilagyi, friend of the bride.

The reception took place at the Elks Lodge in Port Clinton.

They honeymooned in Toronto and attended a stage production of "Phantom of the Opera."

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Port Clinton High School and a 1991 graduate of The University of Toledo, and is attending Bowling Green State University. She is a substitute teacher for Perrysburg and Wood County Schools.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Upper Sandusky High School. He is employed as an aircraft maintenance technician at the Ohio Air National Guard Base in Swanton.

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## Allen Duane "Mickey" Hemmer

April 4, 1932-Dec. 24, 1994

MISSION, Tex. — Allen Duane "Mickey" Hemmer, 62, Texas, died Dec. 24 after a brief illness at his home in Mission, Tex.

Born in Sandusky, he was the son of George and Myrtle Hemmer. Both are deceased. He married the former Evelyn Brugger of Vickery, and she survives in Mission, Tex.

A long-term resident of Sandusky, he was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors also include a son, John Gabriel Hemmer of Mission; daughter Caroline Bess Hemmer of Mission; sisters Dolores Gifford of Huron, Barbara Baaske of Sandusky, and Corliss Johnson of Norwalk; and a brother, David Hemmer of Ker-ville, Tex.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Rose Hemmer, brother Kenneth Hemmer and step-mother Dorothy Hemmer.

Memorial services took place Dec. 29 at Fellowship Baptist Church, Edinberg, Tex.

## Happy Birthday

Jacob Waldon  
3 years old



Love, Aunt Sarah

## Merry Christmas

Jonathon & Jacob



Love, Aunt Sarah

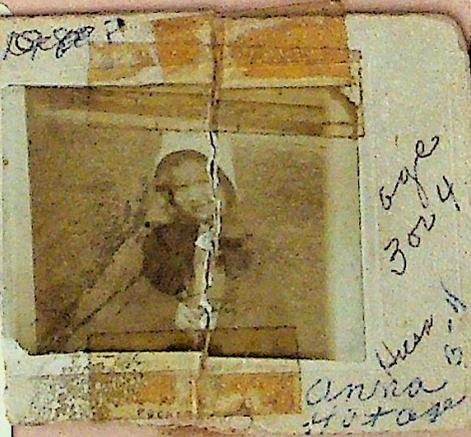
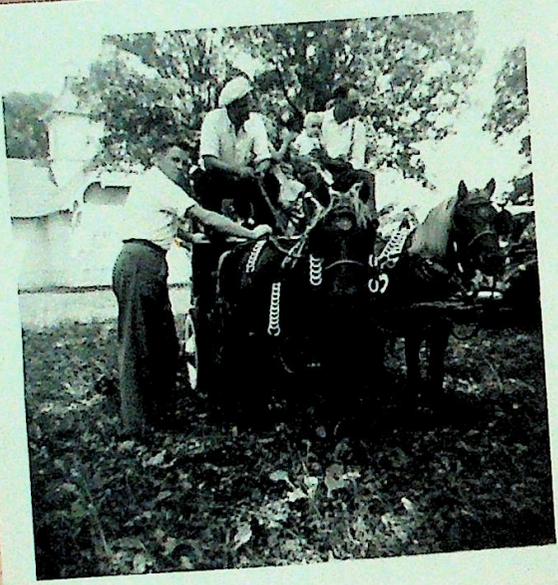
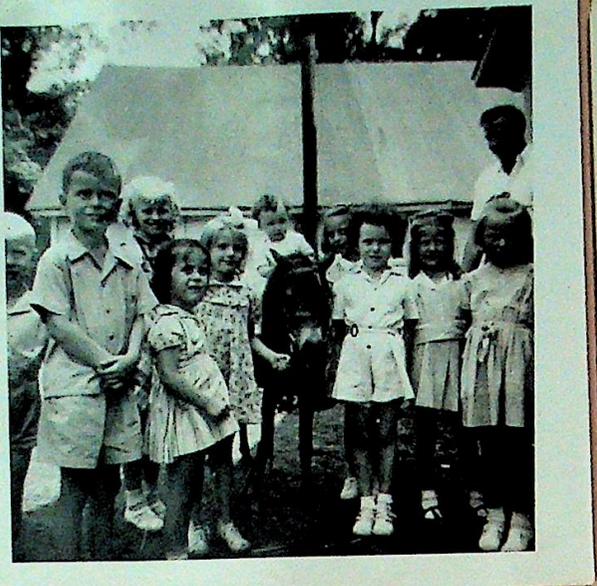
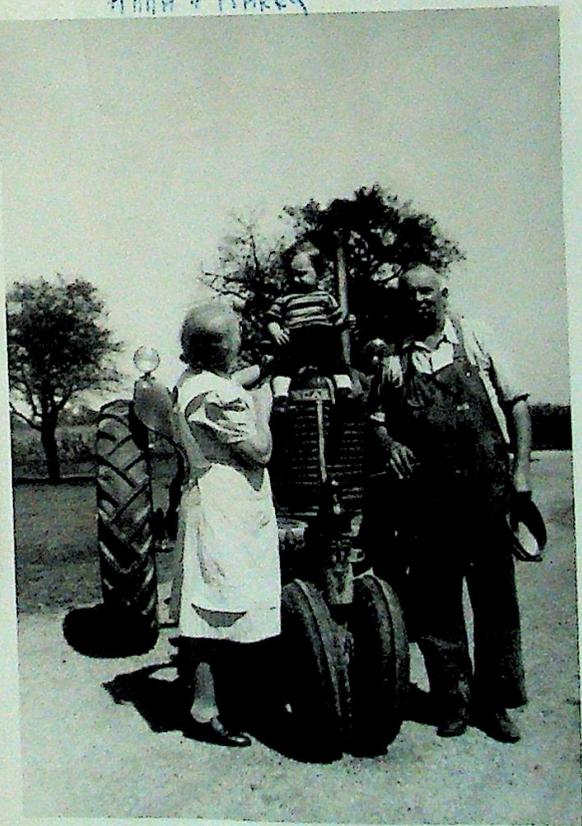
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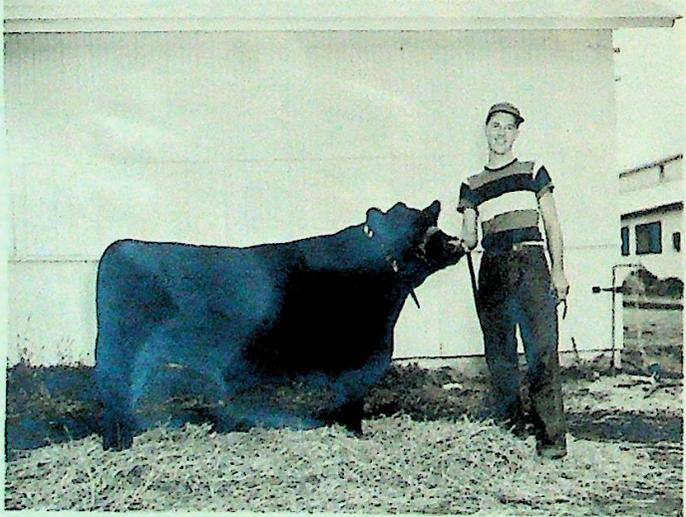


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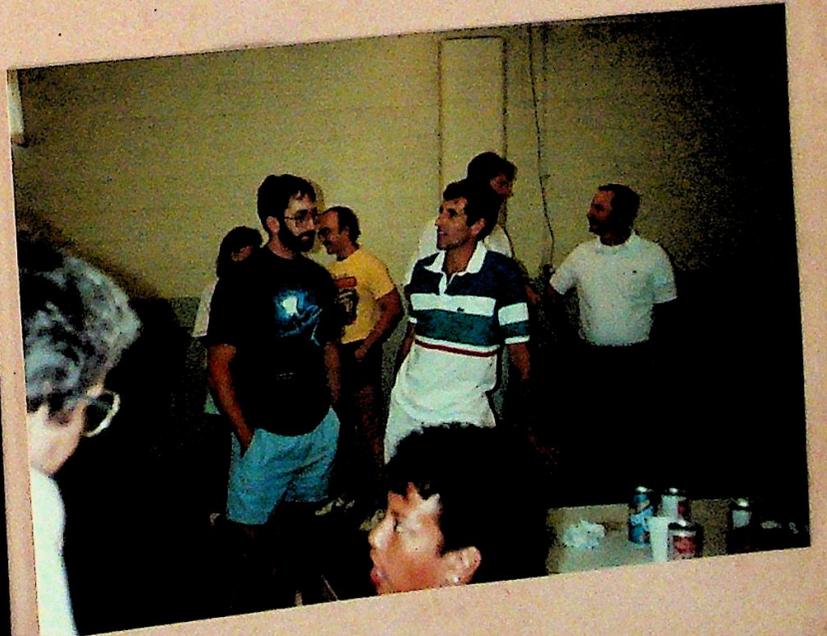


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## DEATH SUMMONS MRS. SAM J. HIRT

Well Known Woman Died Early  
Thursday Evening Following  
Brief Illness

Mrs. Sarah Hirt, 60, wife of Samuel J. Hirt, president of the Colonial bank, a life long resident of Sandusky county and a prominent and well known woman died Thursday evening at 6:20 at the family residence, east of Fremont on the McPherson highway. The death of Mrs. Hirt followed a two week's illness with complications which, while not believed alarming at their inception, became more serious several days previous to her death.

Funeral services will be held in the home, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. W. F. Rose, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church officiating, followed by interment in Oakwood cemetery. The news of the death of Mrs. Hirt was received with profound regret by her immediate relatives, members of the family and her large circle of friends. The maiden name of the deceased was Sarah Schoch and she was born in Riley township October 10, 1863, the only daughter and only child of Henry and Catherine Schoch, who were among the esteemed pioneers and first residents in their locality. Her aged mother, Mrs. Catherine Schoch still lives to mourn the death of her faithful and devoted daughter and makes her home with the Hirt family. Mrs. Hirt spent her early life on the farm of her parents and on April 15, 1884 was united in marriage to Samuel J. Hirt, the husband who survives. Mr. and Mrs. Hirt spent the first years of their married life on their Riley township farm; and some years ago built and occupied their present beautiful home east of the city. Mrs. Hirt was the mother of five children, two of whom preceded her in death. The surviving children are two daughters and a son: Mrs. Emma Schepfin of Fremont, Charles R. Hirt and Mrs. Anna Huss of Riley. There are also nine grandchildren.

In her youthful days Mrs. Hirt was baptized and confirmed in the St. John's Lutheran church in Fremont and all her life had been a faithful and active member of St. John's congregation. She was a woman who was extremely devoted to her home, her family and her friends. A kind and loving daughter, wife and mother, a woman whose friendship was always highly prized by those who knew her best, her passing will be sincerely mourned by all who shared her acquaintance.