



Scrapbook

To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, You can only guess

How much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part.

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be there.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

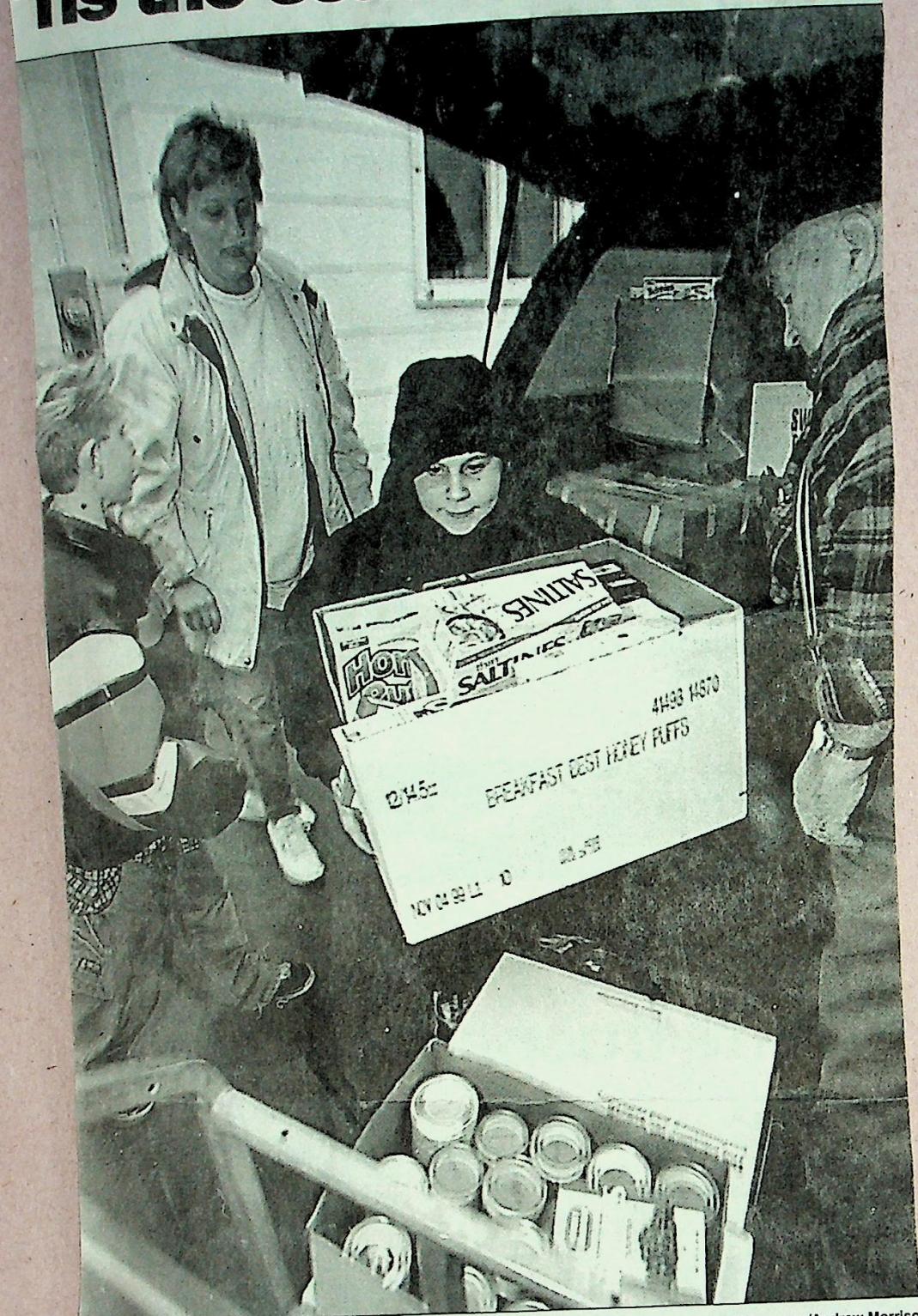
And then, when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and welcome you home.

Sheryl L. M. Hirt and other loving Sweet Adeline members

Read at funeral of Pauline Hirt

'Tis the season for giving



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison
SCOTT ADAMS unloads a box of food Monday at the Fremont Food Pantry with Caleb Hudson, left, student council adviser Bonnie Gay and pantry president Carl Hirt. The Hayes Elementary School fourth grader was helping deliver 404 food items collected at the school.



Margaret Alyse Hirt
 Chris and Denice Hirt
 Bellevue
 January 30, 1998

Hemmer-Dahnke

Evelyn Hemmer, 1888 N. Ohio 510, Vickery, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Caroline Bess Hemmer, to Todd Dahnke.

Dahnke is the son of Leonard Dahnke, 515 Liberty Ave., Huron, and Carla Westhoffen, 3917 Hilltop Drive, Huron.

The bride-elect is a junior at Bowling Green State University and is employed as a student library assistant by the university.

Her fiancé is a junior at Bowling Green State University. He is employed by Tenneco Automotive as a production coordinator.

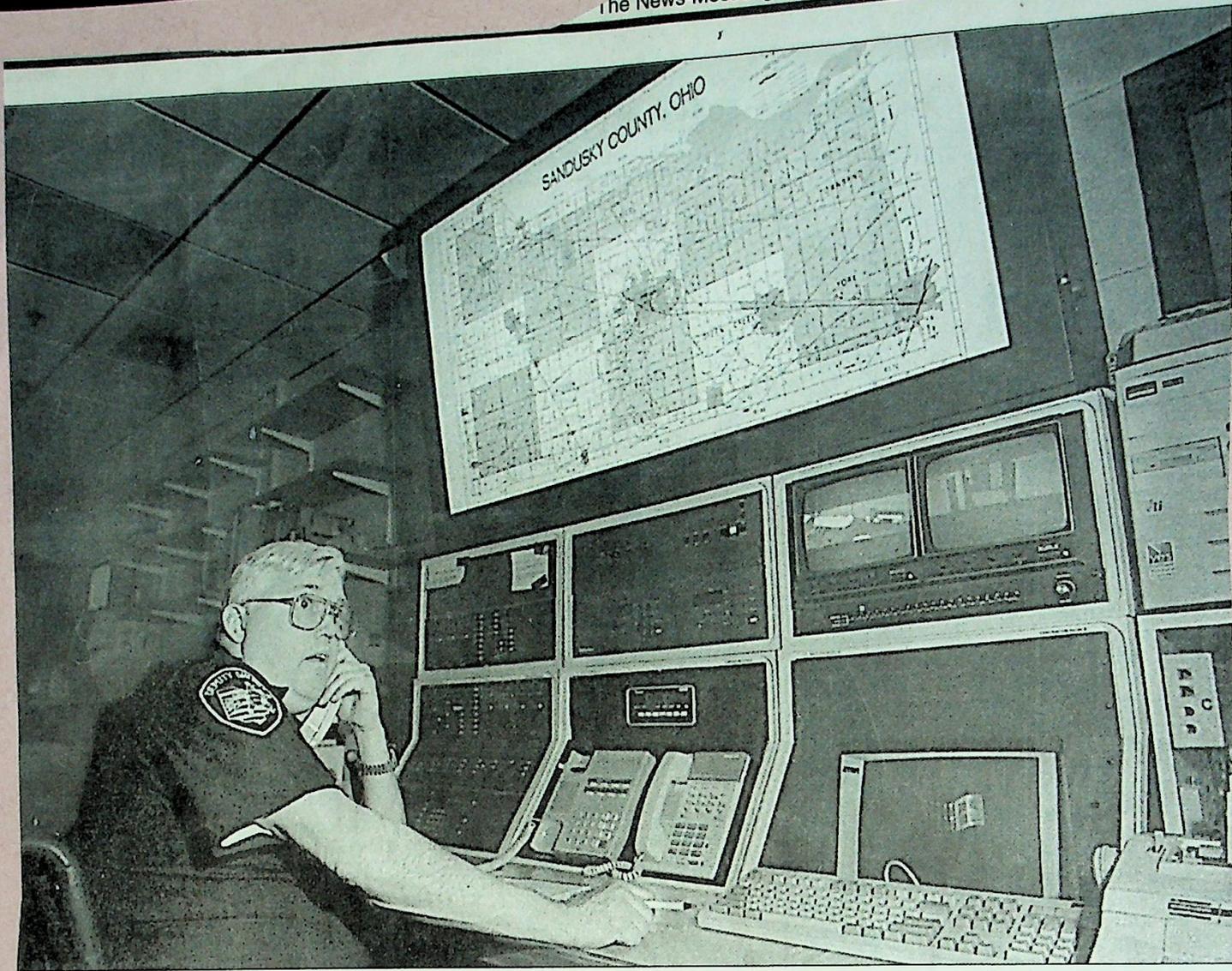
The couple will be married at 2 p.m., July 10 at Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky.



TODD DAHNKE and CAROLINE HEMMER



Brennan Thomas Withrow
 Mark and Laura Withrow
 Fremont
 August 4, 1998



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

SANDUSKY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCHER Dave Smith takes a call Sunday.

Jan. 24 — Jackie and Brian Mowry, 2844 Sandusky County Road 1, Burgoon, a 9-pound, 7-ounce son, Paul Brian, at 3:04 a.m. He was 21 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Jim and Marg Schwartz of Lindsey and Pat and Chuck Mowry of Fremont. Great-grandmothers are Nina Overmyer, Lucille Atkinson and Rosemary Schwartz of Fremont.

Robert Blair

SANDUSKY — Robert S. "Bob" Blair, 73, 730 1/2 Perry St., Sandusky, died unexpectedly early Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30, 1999, at his residence.

He was born April 24, 1925, in Sandusky and was a 1943 graduate of Sandusky High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, was a self-employed carpenter and fisherman for more than 50 years. He was a member of American Legion Post 83 and a former member of AMVETS.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jeff (Karen) Anderson of Carson City, Nev.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Jerry Blair of Sandusky; nieces and nephews; one cousin, Mildred Scott of Elyria; and other

cousins.

He was preceded in death by one son in infancy, Robert S. Blair Jr.; one daughter in infancy, Patricia A. Miller; and his parents, Delos M. and Lila B. (Scott) Blair.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at David F. Koch Funeral Home, 520 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, where services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Rev. John Mawhirter of Zion Lutheran Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Parkhurst Cemetery, Clyde.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran Memorial Home, 795 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, OH 44870; or Zion Lutheran Radio Fund, 503 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870.

Agnes R. Huss

Jan. 8, 1931 — April 20, 1999

Agnes R. Huss, 68, of Buckland Avenue, died Tuesday at St. Francis Health Care Centre.

She was born in Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada, to James R. and Pearl Martin. She married William Huss on March 18, 1960, and he died Sept. 15, 1964.

Mrs. Huss worked at Singer Controls, retiring in 1993.

She enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Fremont Eagles and First Church of Christ.

Surviving are sons James LaCumsky of Fontana, Calif., and Harry Huss of San Bernardino, Calif.; daughters Connie Canini of Columbus and Anna Randall of Fremont; brothers James Martin of Spring Hills, Fla., Douglas Martin of Garden Grove, Calif., John Martin of Sandusky, Dale and Elmer Martin of Fremont, William Martin of Glendale, Calif., and Robert Martin of Torrence, Calif.; sisters Barbara Batesole and Sue Ramon of Fremont; and eight grandchildren. Sister Dorothy Husing is deceased.

Visitation: Begins at 10 a.m., Friday, Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home.

Services: 11 a.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials: To the church.

Smith-Tyson

Tim and Diane (Beier) Smith of Tiffin, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heidi R. Smith of Athens to Stephen Wray Tyson. She is the granddaughter of Wilbert and Helen Rose Smith and Joseph and Helen Beier, all of Fremont.

Tyson is the son of Dale and Virginia Tyson of Wilmington.

The bride-elect will graduate in June from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University. She is the city editor for The Post in Athens.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Ohio University and is a cartographer for the Central Intelligence Agency, Langley, Va.

They will be married at 6 p.m.



STEPHEN TYSON and HEIDI SMITH

July 9 at St. Mary's Church in Tiffin.

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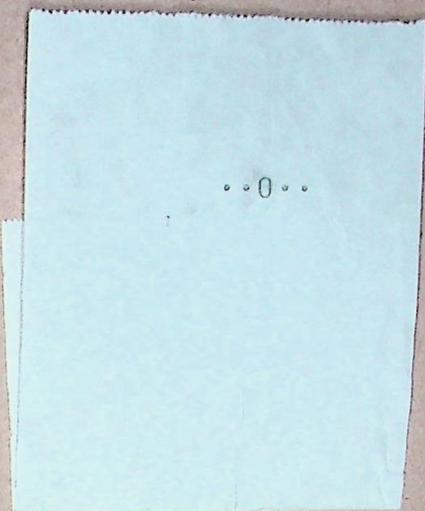
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Groomsmen was Chad Atkin- son, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Arron Lumby, nephew of the groom. The reception was at the VFW Hall in Oak Harbor. The bride is a 1991 graduate of Oak Harbor High School and a 1995 graduate of Capital Universi- ty. She is employed as an account- ant for Bank One. The groom is a 1989 graduate of Wauwatosa West High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He is a financial an- alyst for BancOne Investment Management Group. The couple will live in Lewis Center.



DARREN and SHELLEY (ATKINSON) LUMBY



Atkinson-Lumby

Susan Atkinson of Graytown and David Atkinson of Oak Har- bor are announcing the engage- ment of their daughter, Shelley E. Atkinson, to Darren W. Lumby. Lumby is the son of Dennis and Deborah Lumby, Wauwatosa, Wis. The bride-elect is a 1991 gradu- ate of Oak Harbor High School and a 1995 graduate of Capital University. She is employed as an accountant at Bank One. Her fiancé, a 1989 graduate of Wauwatosa West High School, graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1994. He is a finan- cial analyst at Bank One Invest- ment Management Group. They will be married at 2:30 p.m. April 10 at St. John's Evan- gelical Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor.



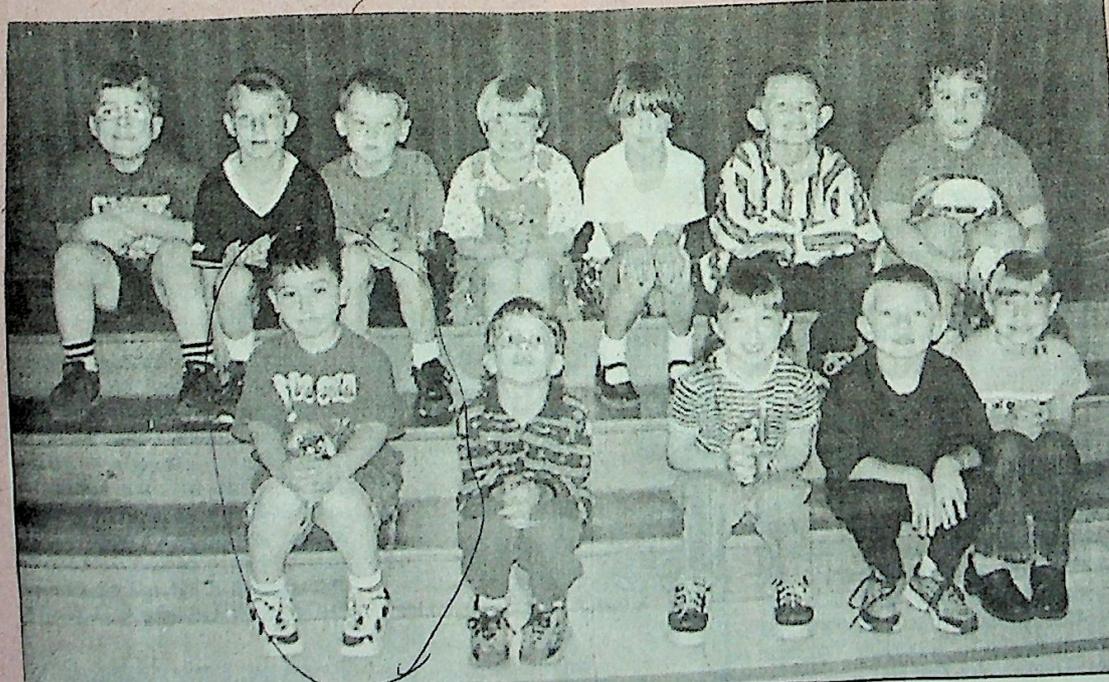
DARREN LUMBY and SHELLEY ATKINSON

Lagrou-Monnett

Jim and Sylvia Lagrou, 3350 Sandusky County Road 247, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer L. La- grou, to Mark R. Monnett. Monnett is the son of Ron and Jo An Monnett, 3611 W. Oak Har- bor S.E. Road, Port Clinton. The bride-elect is a 1988 gradu- ate of Ross High School and a 1992 graduate of Terra Technical Col- lege. She is a data entry clerk at Lud- low Composites and a clerk at the Croghan Carry-out. Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Port Clinton High School and is employed as an operator for Mol- nar Construction. They will be married July 31.



JENNIFER LAGROU and MARK MONNETT



Principal Awards

South Main Principal Award recipients for April in kindergarten and first grade include: in front, left to right, David Hirt, Dustin Oddo, Kyana Kaiser, Nicolas George and Nicole George. In back are Nicolas Nims, Robert Wilerson, Royce Laurendeau, Briana Thoss, D'Andrea Frey, Dillon Chaffee and Rachel Hoven. Not pictured are Megan Braun and Stephanie Roy. (Enterprise Photo by Becky Brooks)

On Campus

Fremont resident Benjamin Hirt received The Rev. John W. Mattern Alumni Prize for Men during Capital University's annual Honors Convocation ceremony. The senior French and educa- tion major served as an assistant in the French department and as a conversation partner in Capital's English as a Second Lan- guage Program. He also participated in the Gospel Choir and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Sig- ma Iota. As a result of his academic per- formance, he was awarded a teaching associate position in French at the University of Ken- tucky and will begin graduate studies there in the fall. Hirt spent the spring semester at the University of Québec at Chicoutimi. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hirt, 1543 Sandusky County Road 226.

PHILIP B. HUSS: FEB. 2, 1923 TO AUG. 27, 1993

Smoky lived for kids

Former police detective dedicated his life to making them smile

By TARA PORCZAK
Staff writer

Phil Huss first became Smoky the Clown in 1954 to make children smile, and in the process forever endeared himself to thousands of Fremont-area residents.

Instantly recognizable as Smoky in his derby hat, patch-covered clothes and shoes, and an exaggerated smile, Huss's service to the community was much more than just clowning around. He was an officer for 30 years with the Fremont Police Department, serving as the city's first detective and then its first juvenile officer.

"His life was for the kids. It really was," said his widow Martha Huss.

Born in Fremont, he was the son of Harry B. and Anna (Hirt) Huss. He began boxing at 14 while he was a student at Fremont Ross High School and won several Golden Gloves awards.

After graduating in 1941, Huss had a brush with death when the car he was driving hit an ice patch, spun out of control and slammed into a tree. Huss's fate was unknown for many days, and as he lay in the hospital battered and bruised, he decided that if he survived, it was because he was meant to make a difference in the world.

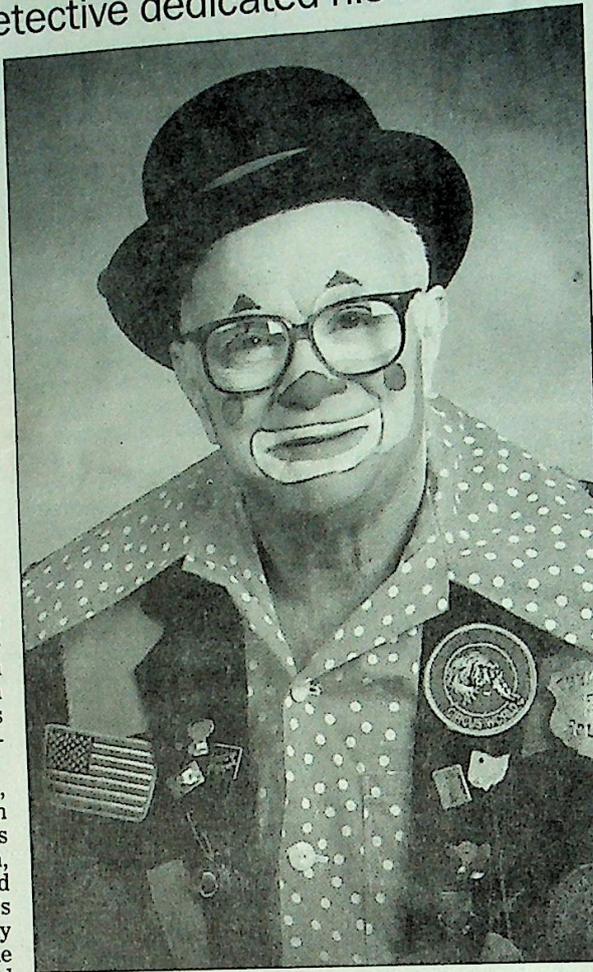
"The good Lord had a job for me to do. He spared me, so I'm still trying to do what I can," Huss once said.

A fully recovered Huss enlisted in the Navy in September 1942, and soon began boxing again. A veteran of more than 150 amateur boxing matches, in 1944 Huss won the Southwest Pacific Heavyweight Championship title.

Also in 1944, he met Sunday-school teacher Martha Martindale at a U.S.O. club. They married in March 1946 and would have three children, Philip J., Marsha "Marty" and Brenda.

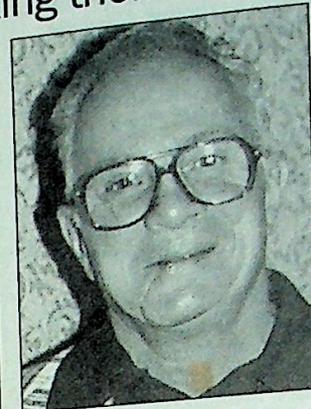
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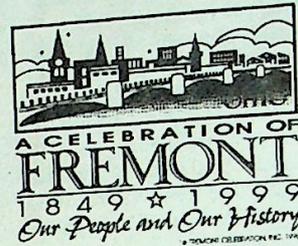


Photos courtesy of Martha Huss

PHIL HUSS as Smoky the Clown.



HUSS



OUR NEIGHBOR

To mark the city's celebration of its 150th year as Fremont, The News-Messenger has changed the format of its Our Neighbor feature. Throughout the year we'll focus on those people who helped shape Fremont and its history.

ways did a lot for kids," remembered Dana Dorsey, retired Fremont Police Department juvenile officer

Dorsey also said Huss always knew how to handle people.

"I remember I had only been with the department for a week or two and was doing my ride-along with Smoky. We were just passing the old Billy's diner

when we got a call about a rowdy customer.

Smoky went in and walked right up to the guy and said, "Hi,

There is practically no parking lot, just a driveway. thing because there is no place to park if you are visiting because there is no parking lot, just a driveway. Two years ago the county would have been used to build a new facility but it failed.

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Guest column
Jerry Lunsford

ly patched shoes rest on a stand in a room of Smoky memorabilia at Huss's house. A glance around the room of pictures and newspaper clippings also reveals several awards and plaques: The 1979 Liberty Bell, the Fremont Exchange Club 1989 Book of Golden Deeds, awards from the National Child Safety Council for his work with children and drug-use prevention, and several proclamations from local and statewide government.

Huss was diagnosed with cancer in July 1993. That same month, the Wreckers set up a ring in Huss's backyard and all of the amateur

Recently I was given the opportunity to visit the Sandusky County Jail and the Detention Center during a session of my Leadership Sandusky County Class. My classmates and I first toured the Sandusky County Jail and were amazed by what we saw. The jail was set up a ring in Huss's backyard and all of the amateur

Juvenile detention makes progress

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He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.



LETA (Halbeised) BAUMANN
93rd Birthday -
MARCH 25, 1999

From
Leta Baumann
Hirt Keenan
1999

Dear Hirt Family -
Greetings from California -
Sorry I will miss your
Big Day - July 18th - I will
be having eye surgery on 19th.
So unable to make it.
I feel my health and well
being comes first. I have
attended at least 20 times
in the past, so I will miss
all of you. I will be waiting
to hear about your party.

My health is good for my
age - but each year I can
see I can't do the things I
want. I have had a good
life, so have no complaints.

Hoping some of you folks
come see me - always welcome.
Happy Thoughts - Leta

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Question of the Month

How can kids participate in Earth Day?

"They can buy trees and plant them since the rain forest is being torn down and clean up the parks and stuff."

— Green Springs resident Morgan Conn, 9, in third grade at Green Springs Elementary School



"They can tell people, don't cut down the trees."

— Fremont resident Meghan Mills, 9, in fourth grade at Washington Elementary School



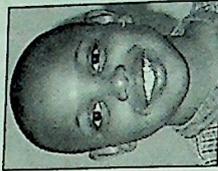
"You could clean up parks or clean up a yard nobody uses."

— Green Springs resident Travis Conn, 11, in fifth grade at Green Springs Elementary School



"Go around and pick up. If they see litter, throw it in the trash. Recycle more."

— Fremont resident Bryan Burel, 10, in fifth grade at Otis Elementary School



"Don't litter. We're doing a trash program picking up trash around the school yard."

— Fremont resident Hailey Mills, 11, in fifth grade at Washington Elementary School



"Take care of trees." — Fremont resident Maddie McFarland, 6, in kindergarten at Lutz Elementary School



"Plant trees, pick up trash, don't litter."

— Fremont resident Gage Forman, 9, in third grade at Otis Elementary School



"Recycle." — Fremont resident Michael Schepflin, 6, in kindergarten at Croghan Elementary School





70th reunion for Class of '29

Classmates share memories

SENIORS

The News-Messenger, Fremont, Ohio

Wednesday, July 7, 1999

70th class reunion



News-Messenger/Liz Margerum

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1929 vice president Hilda Schwartz, left, and classmate Ruth "Rudy" Peffly help Susan Sheffer identify class pictures for her

mother's photo album. Sheffer is the daughter of Mary Ann Sheffer, who was also in the class of 1929.

Fremont High School class of 1929 hits big milestone, shares memories

JILL FICK
writer

Everything was there in the school yearbook, the class composite photo from the newspaper, the hugging classmates, the letter for deceased class mem-

ber. It could have been any class reunion, but this was special. It was the 70th anniversary of the graduation of the Fremont High School class of 1929.

The five-year wait for this reunion happens every year, the first on Monday at 1 p.m., Ser-

vice. The 118 people in the graduation class, 30 survive. Ten attended the luncheon. They used to come as far away as Albuquerque, N.M., as Tiffin and Woodville, Ohio. (Although) Schwartz of Fremont, the remaining class officer, served as vice president her first year.

"I got a call from an Apple Valley man," she said. "He said he'd like to come, but he couldn't get on the train still brought people on and he asked about the Fremont. He probably hasn't been here for 60 years. It's interesting.

"I'll have letters to write to them," Peffly of Fremont said.

Class of 1924 also still meets

The Fremont High School class of 1924 also met recently at classmate Lela (Stiger) Rowe's house. "It was nice," said Doris (Stout) May.

May, Rowe and classmates Marie (Keefer) Wolleslagel and Merritt Beebe were joined by seven guests for lunch, which was prepared by the Bereans Sunday school class of Calvary Methodist Church in Green Springs.

The group signed and sent cards to absent members Thelma (Snyder) Trick, Florence (Claus) Coerd and Kathryn (Stout) King-ley.

Rowe will again play host to the class on the last Saturday in June 2000.

helped send letters and make telephone calls to remind classmates about the luncheon.

"It's great," she said of the gathering.

"We used to have a program, but now we just reminisce and talk. It's fellowship and good food."

"We used to have speakers from all over," said Mary Ann (Adams)

Good news for future reunions

Fifty-year-plus class reunions might be more crowded in the next century, if census predictions are correct.

The aging of baby boomers will change the age structure of the U.S. population by 2020. Between 1990 and 2020, the population age 65 to 74 is expected to grow 74 percent while the population under age 65 will increase 24 percent. — Source: U.S. Census Bureau

In 1998, people 80 years or older were about 11 percent of the population aged 60 and above. By 2050, 27 percent of the older population will be more than 80 years old. — Source: United Nations Population Fund, Dec. 1998

Sheffer of Woodville. "But then, people used to come from all over."

Bill Anspach of Tiffin missed last year's reunion, but not the 1999 version.

"It brings back a lot of memories," he said.

As for being the lone male in the group?

"It's fine with me," he said with a

chuckle. Marvel (Hull) Root of Fremont used the opportunity to share family news with Irene (Stickel) Swint.

"Just to see everyone," she said of the reason she attends. "I live right out on Route 20, so it's not a big job to come. We can catch up on one another."

"You get back with friends who you don't see every day," Swint added. "I very seldom see any of them."

Most of their conversation centered around current activities and family news, but Swint did recall their graduation.

"We were the last class to have graduation at the Fremont Opera House," she said. "They renovated the auditorium at the high school (now Fremont Middle School) and that's where they had it after that."

Several of the classmates are retired teachers, and most of them received their education degrees from the Bowling Green Normal School (now Bowling Green State University).

"Hilda went to college with me," said Lillian (Turner) Jacobs. "We both taught in Fremont until we got married. Then you weren't allowed to teach. It was during the depression."

Peffly also taught, at two schools in Riley Township.

Blair retires after 39 years with Erie Co.

By MARK MESZOROS
Staff Writer

SANDUSKY — Thelma Blair didn't want a big deal made of her last day at work Friday — the capping of 39 years working for Erie County.
Her co-workers in the county

auditor's office, where she has worked for the past 14 years, tried to oblige. However, she was still met with cards, flowers and a couple of cakes, she said.

"It's hard to leave these people. It's not easy because they're my family more or less," Blair said.

Blair worked in the county probate court for the first 23 years. Her two positions allowed her to meet a lot of great people, she said, and witness many changes in Erie County over the years.

"It's been a wonderful learning experience," she said. "My favorite subject in school was history and this is living history. Every day is different."

County Recorder John Schaeffer had a chance to interact with Blair on an almost daily basis, turning financial records in to the auditor's office.

"She's been a really dedicated worker and quite a joy to work with

and have around. She's quite aware of what's going on in the community," Schaeffer said. "She has a farm background and so do I, so we always reminisced about the good old days."

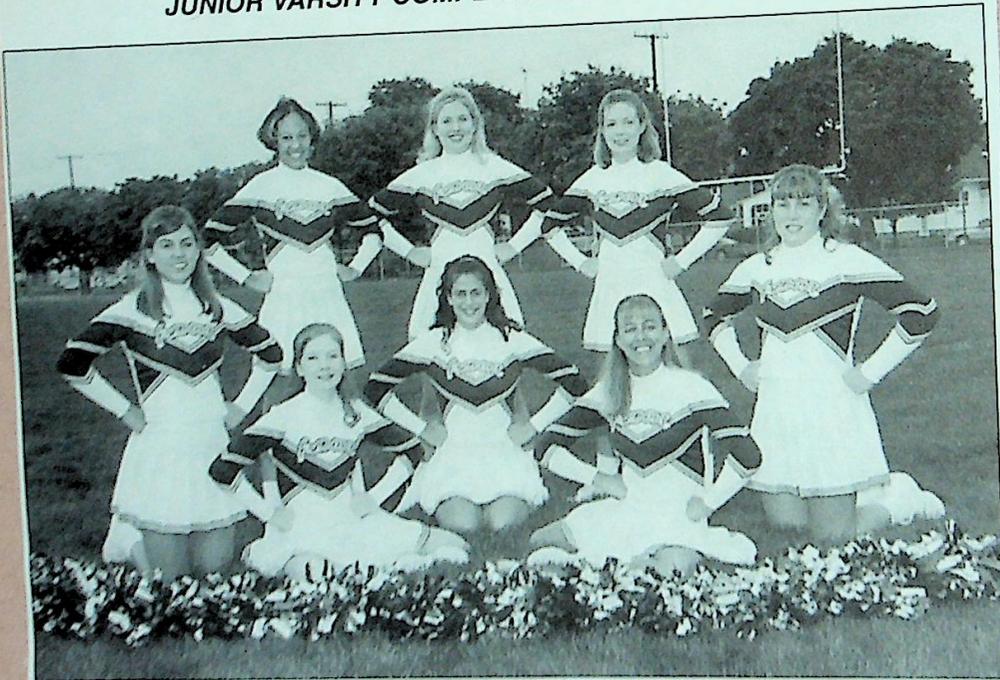
Jude Hammond, the fourth county auditor she worked for, couldn't say enough good things about her.

"She has been the consummate public servant," he said. "The county owes her a debt of gratitude for her service, in my opinion."

Blair said she plans spend time working on her house, but will make plenty of visits to the office, where her fellow staff members might have become dependent on the cookies she regularly bakes. 4-30-99

1999

JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITION CHEERLEADING



Front Row (l-r): Alicia Voelzke, Abbey Meggitt, Ashley Peters, Kristen Brown, Lara Bachelder
Back Row (l-r): Stacy Hines, Amy Staib, Kristy Sauber

Hirt family

The 83rd Hirt Family Reunion for the descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt was July 18 at Misty Meadows Camp Fire complex. A total of 203 members and guests signed the registration book.

The day began with a golf scramble at Sycamore Hills Golf Club with 40 golfers participating. Winning was the team of Bruce Hirt, Mark Hirt, Matt Hirt and Brad Wendling. Dick Schepflin has organized this for nine years and now Joe Leiser will take over.

A huge potluck was at 12:30 p.m. After cleaning up, the meeting was called to order by president Lyle Hirt. There were four marriages, 10 births and six deaths in the last year.

Jeanette Hirt reported on the progress of the new Hirt family book, it will be ready next year.

Letters were read from out of town relatives and cards were passed for those in hospitals.

Election of officers took place with William (Chuck) Schepflin as president, and Greg Diedrich as vice president and Helen Schepflin as secretary.

The meeting ended with a craft and white elephant auction, with John Hirt doing the auctioneering. The balance of the afternoon was spent swimming, visiting and ended with an evening barbecue.

The News-Messenger, Fremont, Ohio, Thursday, August 5, 1999

June 16 — Tracy and Andy Atkinson, Greenburg, a 7-pound, 8-ounce daughter, Madison Brooke Hinkle, at 8:30 a.m., at Bellevue Hospital. She was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Ed and Linda Thum of Clyde and Bob and Sus Atkinson of Elmore. Great-grandparents are Betty Hullman of Clyde, Leella Atkinson of Fremont and Betty and Emily Wasserbach of Meigs.

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The United States Attorney's Office
Middle District of Florida
presents
in dedication and memorium

The Robert M. Genzman Law Library

May 28, 1999 - 10:00am
Orlando, Florida



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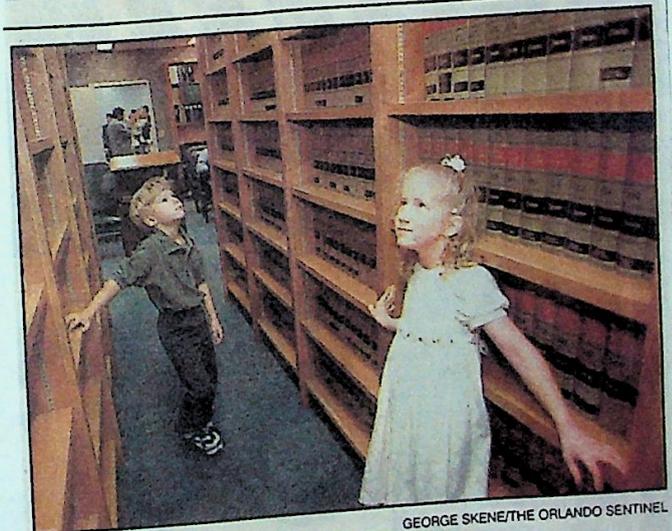
Catholic Charities also recently hired Cindy Hirt of Fremont as the new administrative assistant.

Hirt previously worked at the main office of The

Croghan Colonial Bank as a receptionist in the bank's loan department and as secretary to the senior vice president.

ZILLES
Thank you Family,
Relatives and
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wonderful
90th Birthday
Celebration. Your
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I'll always
remember.
Much love,
Grace Zilles

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GEORGE SKENE/THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Library bears their name



Robert and Jackie Genzman, 6-year-old twins, (above) see the law library that was dedicated Friday to their father, the late Robert Genzman (left). Genzman was the former U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida from 1988 to 1993. He died of kidney cancer last year. U.S. Attorney Charles Wilson of Tampa led the dedication at the federal courthouse in Orlando.

LOCAL

Teen night set for Saturday

By CHRISTINA JOLLIFFE
Reflector Staff Writer

NORWALK — Are you feelin' hot, hot, hot? Well, Teen Night at Ernsthausen Aquatic Center should cool you off.

Teens ages 12 to 18 are invited to the outdoor pool for pizza, pop and entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Dudley Dawson, composed of four Norwalk teenagers, will perform.

Members of the band either knew each other from school or were in bands together before forming Dudley Dawson.

Kevin Smith and Matt Meyer, both 18-year-old graduates of Norwalk High School, were members of the local band Morning Wood. Kevin plays bass in the eclectic band and Matt plays rhythm guitar and does the vocals.

Jason James and Billy Scheid are both 16-year-old students at Norwalk High School. Jason plays lead guitar and Billy plays drums.

And Billy and Matt switch positions once in awhile because they both play drums and rhythm guitar.

Band members say they play every type of music imaginable from alternative to classic rock to



Practicing Wednesday afternoon for a Saturday night show at the Ernsthausen Aquatic Center are members of the band Dudley Dawson (from left) Matt Meyer, Billy Scheid and Jason James. Not pictured is Kevin Smith.

rock 'n' roll and pop music.

"We play whatever the crowd wants to hear," Jason said.

The band generally plays cover songs and takes requests from the audience. They can play Bare Naked Ladies, Jimi Hendrix, and Van Morrison just to name a few.

"We play music from the '60s

through the '90s," Kevin said.

Dudley Dawson has played at two other Teen Nights, opened for Dave James and the Twang Factor and even played at Bourbon Street in Sandusky.

"They should definitely come watch us play," Matt said. "We're pretty good."

Jason agreed.

"We have a good time, and when the crowd gets into it, we get into it," he said.

Cost of the evening is \$4 for Ernsthausen members and school district residents and \$5 for all others.

For more information about Dudley Dawson, check out www.acenorwalk.com/~munxer.

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Whirlpool hires 300 workers

By ELIZABETH NENDICK
Staff writer

Just months after announcing a \$100 million, three-year expansion, Clyde's Whirlpool Corp. bounded past its original predictions and hired 300 new employees.

When the company received a 100 percent tax abatement from city officials in February, it was considering adding 150 new positions over the next three years. But

according to Whirlpool spokesman Jay Porczak, the company doubled that estimate in just a few months.

"We've gone over and above that with the 300 people we hired," Porczak confirmed.

The company's expansion plan for the Clyde washing machine plant included a 28,000-square-foot manufacturing facility to hold an additional factory line on the

eastern end of the plant. Construction on the line was completed earlier this year.

The plan also called for 75 people to be hired in 2000 and 75 in 2001. According to Pete Cantu of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, which helped Whirlpool find its new hires, another 75 workers are still expected to be hired next year.

Porczak attributed Whirlpool's recent growth to increased production of the

plant's washing machines. This is good news for the city of Clyde, which will get about \$36,000 in additional income taxes from the new hires.

"All we're concerned about is that they meet their projection, which it sounds like they've done," City Manager Dan Weaver said Monday.

And while "maybe the original number of applicants wasn't as high as in the past," Whirlpool had nearly

1,000 applicants, Porczak said.

He added that the company's good returns may be due to its longstanding reputation in Clyde.

"We have been here so long," he said. "We are well recognized in the community."

For forklift driver Jon Peters, who has been at Whirlpool for 17 years, the company is moving in the right direction.

"Obviously, when you add jobs, you are doing something right," he said.

Whirlpool is "a premier company and a good place to work," Cantu said.

"We have been working with Whirlpool and we made our recommendations. ... I don't know how many of our referrals were hired. We hoped that, with our referrals and their efforts, we could have a positive outcome."

HAZEL SCHEFFLIN

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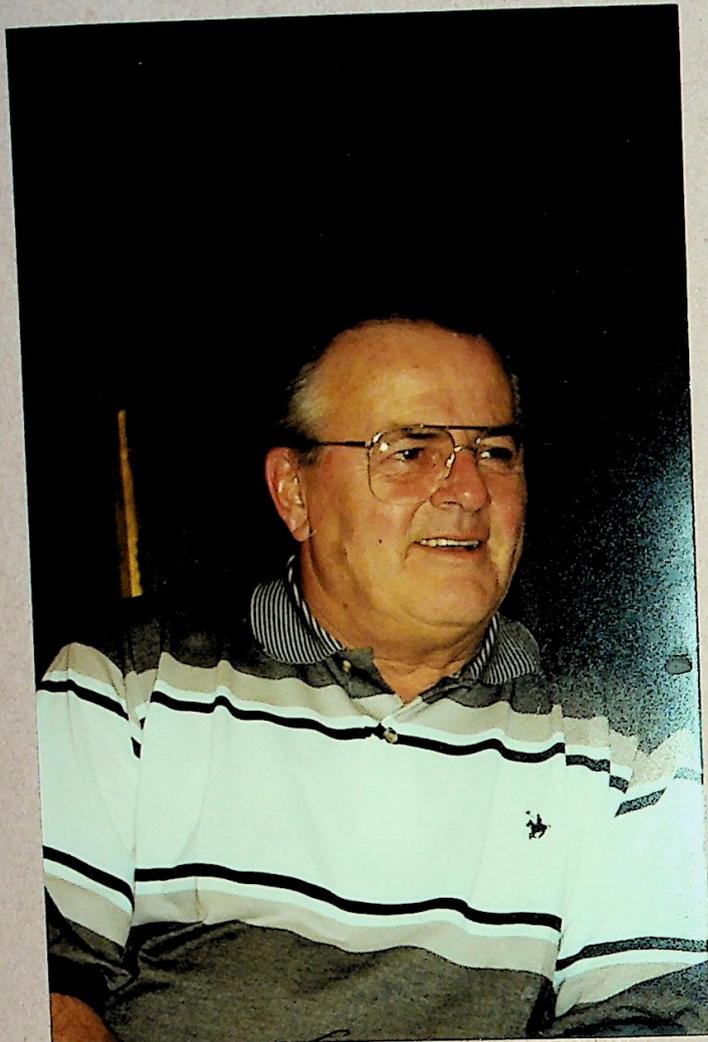
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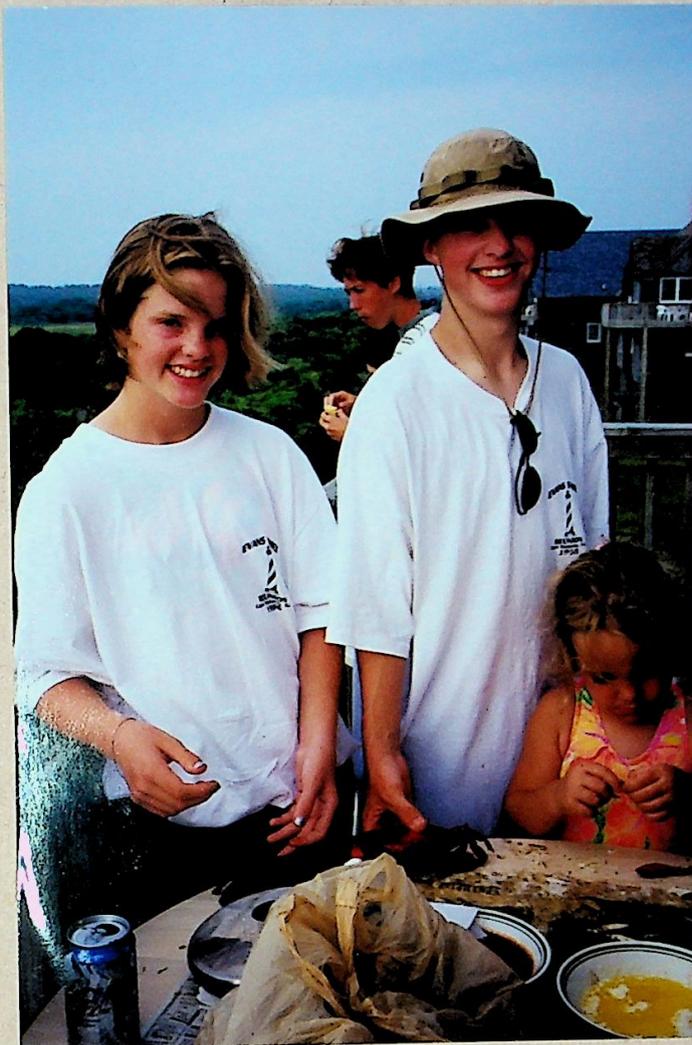
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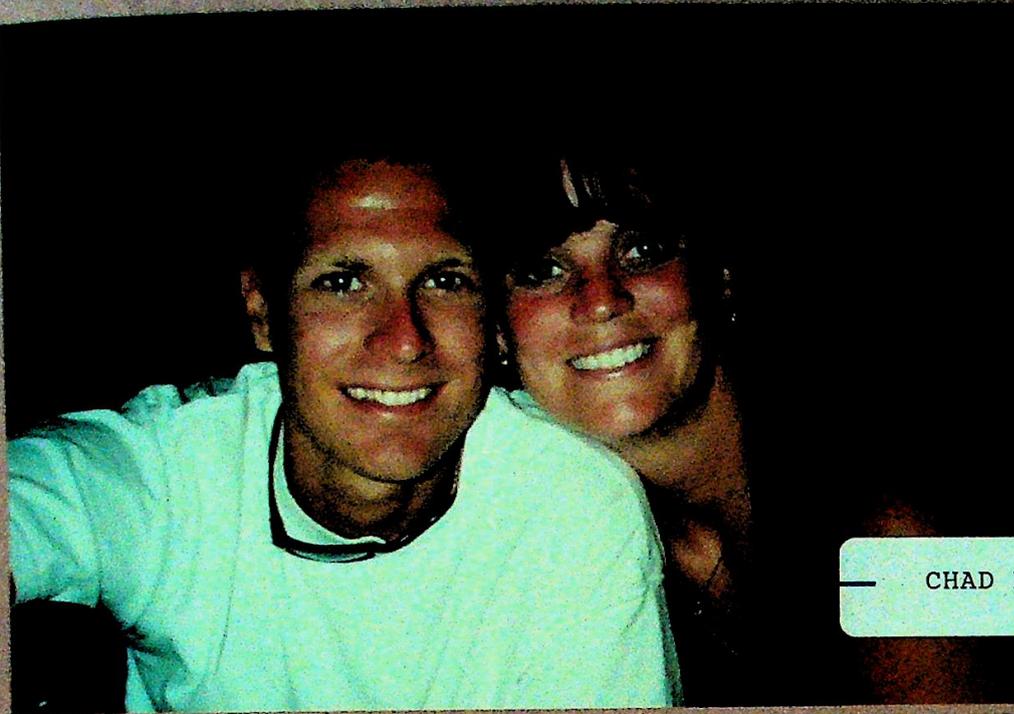
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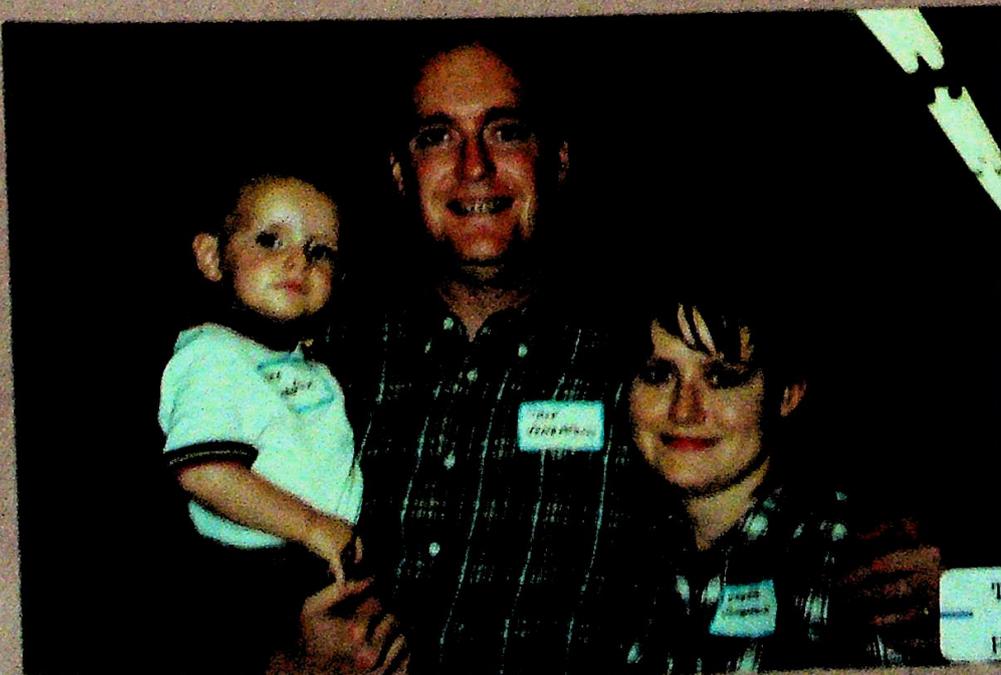
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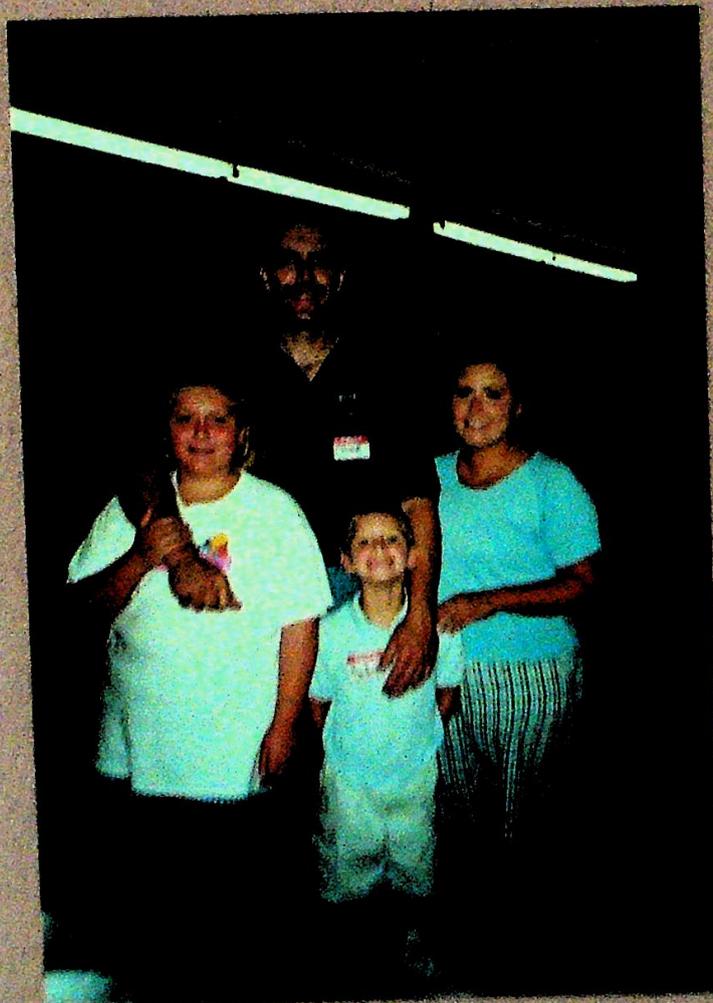
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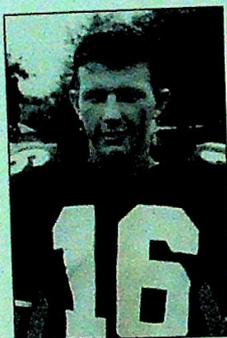
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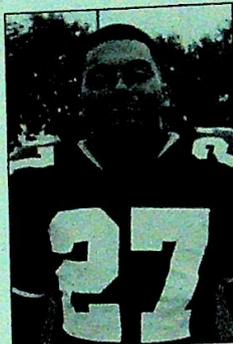
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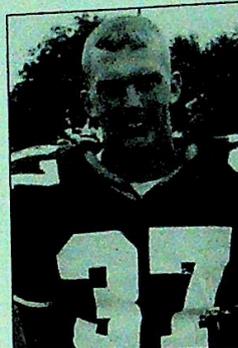
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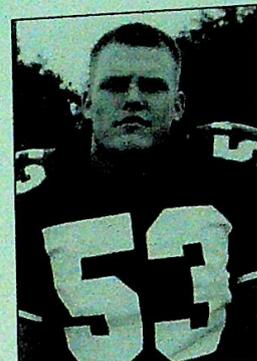
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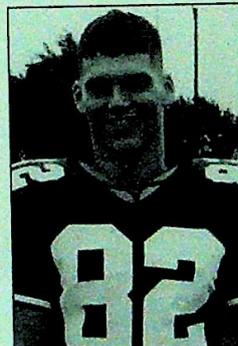
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Thelma M. Hirt

Feb. 8, 1904 — Nov. 5, 1999

Thelma M. (Sweet) Hirt of Fremont died Friday at Countryside Continuing Care Center. She was 95. A Bettsville native, she was the daughter of Irvin and Florence (Mapes) Sweet.

She first married Charles Hess and then Lawrence Hirt in September 1942 at Grace Lutheran Church. He died in 1974.

She is survived by her son Dean Hess of Fremont; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Jessie Hetrick and brother Chauncey Overmyer.

Mrs. Hirt was a homemaker and an inspector at the Erie Proving Grounds during World War II. She belonged to the Navy Mothers and the First Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1922.

Visitation: 6 to 7 p.m. Monday at Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home. Memorial Service: 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials: To donor's choice.



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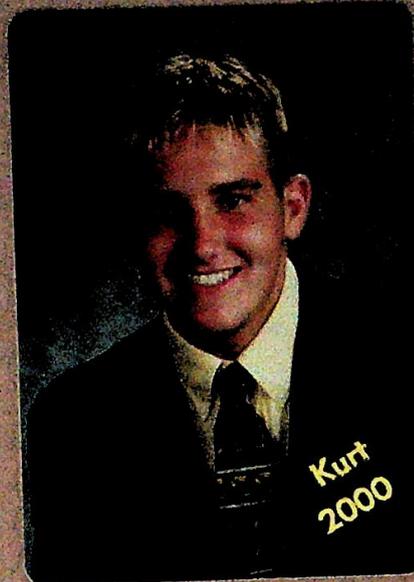
Gwendolyn (Zilles) Dunster

Died Dec. 4, 1999

Former Fremont Gwendolyn (Zilles) Dunster, 68, of Lima, died Saturday at Ohio State University Hospital.

Visitation: Tuesday, Chiles and Sons-Layman Funeral Home, Shawnee Chapel, Lima.

Services: Wednesday, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lima.



Kurt Schepflin Prosser

Fremont Ross

Parents: Carol Yahl

What's unique about this student? "He is always willing to step up and go beyond," said Assistant Principal Mike Wetzel.

Community service: He went to North Dakota in 1997 as part of the Lutheran Disaster Response Team, has helped at the Kiwanis Pancake Festival, the Haunted Greenhouse and a soup kitchen and donated to the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

School activities: He belongs or has belonged to the National Honor Society, varsity football, Key Club, Political Club, and the Physics Club.

Other activities: He attends post secondary option classes at Terra Community College, hunts, fishes and works part-time mowing lawns and at UNew Tent Rental.

On volunteering: "It makes you realize what you have and what's important in life."

LOOKING BACK



Lewis S. and Clara H.C. Werth Hirt & Family
1939



Wedding Photo of
Lewis S. and Clara H.C.
Werth Hirt
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Back Row (l-r) Sam Glaspy, Stacy Hines, Amy Stahl, Kristy Sauber, Brooke Eustebeyer

Chilly dogs take out?

Saturday, December 18, 1999



News-Messenger/Shantel Shriver

MARSHA HIRT (front) 46, and Erica Hirt, 20, both of Fremont brave the cold to take their dogs for a walk the through Hayes Presidential Center grounds.

Hirt-Zender

Bruce and Marsha Hirt, 1028 Birchard Ave., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erica Hirt, to Zachary Zender.

Zender is the son of Thomas and Ilene Zender, West Street, Carey.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Ross High School and is attending nursing school at Owens Community College.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Carey High School and received his law enforcement certification at Terra Community College.

He is employed by the State of Ohio as a police officer in Toledo.

They will be married at 3 p.m. Dec. 18 at Grace Lutheran Church.



ZACHARY ZENDER and ERICA HIRT



Madison Brooke Hirt
 Hirt-Zender
 Born to Bruce & Marsha Hirt
 Dec. 16, 1999

Genzman

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Glenn and Catherine Genzman, 1061 Martin Blvd., Orlando, Fla. 32825 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family cruise in the Western Caribbean at the end of May.

Glenn and the former Catherine Brugger were married at 7 p.m. April 15, 1950, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clyde by the Rev. Frank A. Jordan.

They live at 2459 N. Ohio 19, Oak Harbor, and winter in Virginia Beach, Va. and Orlando, Fla.

They are the parents of son Robert, who is deceased, and daughters Gloria and Scarlett of Orlando, Fla., and Melody Miller of Virginia Beach, Va.

The Genzmans have six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

Mr. Genzman graduated from Oak Harbor High School, Bowling Green State University and The University of Toledo. He retired from the Fremont City



CATHERINE and GLENN GENZMAN

School system in 1984.

Mrs. Genzman is a graduate of Ross High School, Bowling Green State University and The University of Toledo. She retired from the Fremont City School system in 1988.

Gwen (Zilles) Dunster

March 23, 1931 — Dec. 4, 1999

Former Fremont Gwen (Zilles) Dunster, 68, of Lima, died Saturday at Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus.

She was born in Riley Township to Walter and Grace Zilles. She graduated magna cum laude from Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y., in 1953 with a degree in laboratory medical technology. She married George Dunster on May 20, 1954, and he survives.

Mrs. Dunster worked for the State of Ohio, St. Rita's Medical Center and Memorial Hospital in Lima, Van Wert County General Hospital and Riverside Hospital in Columbus, retiring in 1996. She then taught laboratory phlebotomy at Lima Technical College. For the past three years, Mrs. Dunster also worked part-time as a floor director at WLIO-TV. She recently became a substitute teacher for the Allen County School system.

She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross, Riverside North Neighborhood Association, Lima Area Arts Council and Amil Tellers of Dramatics. She was one of the founders and was managing director of the Art Council's Kibby Corners Playhouse during the 1970s.

She taught sewing classes for the Ohio Agriculture Extension Service and was an active member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are children Kay Nibert of Bowling Green, Dr. Patrick Dunster of Kidron, Laura Rodriguez of Port Hueneme, Calif., Lisa Pietrantano of Delaware, Ohio, Chris Dunster of Lima and Sean Dunster of Cincinnati; 17 grandchildren; her mother of Fremont; and sisters Nancy Leiser of Lindsey, Barbara Cole of Eukiah, Calif., Shirley Brodbelt of Timonium, Md., and Mary Manifold of Centerville. Her father, sister Kay and twin brothers Joseph and John are deceased.

Visitation: 4 to 9 p.m. today, Chiles and Sons-Laman Shawnee Chapel, Lima.

Services: 1 p.m. Wednesday, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lima.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials: Lima Public Library children's department, Physicians Without Borders, Children's Hospital of Columbus and the church.



MRS. DUNSTER

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Hazel Catherine Schepflin

Sept. 9, 1913 — Feb. 11, 2000

Hazel Catherine Schepflin, 86, of Fremont, died Friday at Parkview Care Center.

She was born in Dayton to Frank and Ida (Knudsen) Welsh. She married Paul E. Schepflin, and he died Feb. 22, 1980.

Mrs. Schepflin and her husband were owner/operators of "Wilema" Dairy Farm in Fremont and she was also a homemaker.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and its Altar Guild, the In-Betweeners and the Moose and Eagles auxiliaries of Fremont. She was an avid bowler and was past city secretary of the Women's Bowling Association.

Surviving are sons William E. and Larry F. Schepflin of Fremont and Fred P. Schepflin of Mansfield; daughter Sara Ann Zibbel of

Graytown; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Sister Helen Posey and brother Merle Coy are deceased.

Visitation: 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home. Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church Altar Guild Fund.

Dean Hess

Sept. 5, 1924 — March 16, 2000

Dean "Slick" Hess, 75, Adams Drive, died Thursday at home.

He was born in Clyde to Charles and Thelma (Sweet) Hess. He graduated from Ross High School in 1943 and attended Bowling Green State University. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II in Europe and in the Pacific.

Mr. Hess worked in the maintenance department at Fremont's Water Filtration Plant and had been a building contractor.

A member of the Ross High School sports hall of fame for swimming, Mr. Hess was a record holder in the 220 yard and 200 yard freestyle and also set the 200 yard freestyle state record in 1943. He was a member of the Fremont Aqua Giants state championship medley team. He was a district, state and national high school champion in the 200 yard freestyle.

Mr. Hess was a member of the Navy's swim team, was the Amateur Athletic Union swim coach in 1965 and the YMCA swim coach in Fremont.

He was a member of the VFW, Elks, Moose, Eagles, Fremont Artist Club and Grace Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine (Cress) Hess, daughter Amy Weiker and son Kirk, all of Fremont; four grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren, and stepsons Maj. David Grieger of Alabama and Mark Grieger of Alaska. His first wife, Eileen (Naeley), died March 25, 1987.

Memorial services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nupper-Karlovetz Mortuary.

Visitation: Begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials: American Cancer Society or donor's choice.

Rollin F. Hirt

Sept. 7, 1921 — Nov. 19, 1999

Rollin F. Hirt, 78, of Woodland Ave. in Clyde, died Friday at Bellevue Hospital.

He was born in Riley Township to Harold and Dorothy (Last) Hirt.

Mr. Hirt worked for the Ohio Turnpike Commission for 29 years before retiring in 1984. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clyde.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Clyde Eagles. He was a member and past commander of the American Legion of Clyde and commander of the Sandusky County Legion.

He attended Chippewa School in Riley Township.

Surviving are his wife Doris Gilbert Hirt, daughter Sandra Jay of Fremont, son Gary of Clyde, brothers Warren and Luther of Fremont and William of Port Clinton, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, Clyde.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday, the funeral home.

Burial: McPherson Cemetery, Clyde, with military graveside services provided by the Clyde VFW and the Clyde American Legion.

Memorials: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Endowment Fund, or the American Heart Association.

Births

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

Feb. 1 — Alisha and David Taylor, Green Springs, a 7-pound, 6-ounce daughter, Kieley Carol, at 8:44 a.m. She was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Michael and Carol Glick and Patricia and John Craig of Green Springs and David and Carolyn Taylor of Kendallville, Ind. Great-grandmother is Catherine Hirt of Fremont.

Births

MEMORIAL

Sept. 12 — Sandy and Joel Lagrou, 1508 Edwards Drive, an 8-pound 3-ounce son Jake James Amos Lagrou at 2:20 p.m. He was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Carol Michaels of Fremont and Jim and Sylvia Lagrou of Fremont.

Catherine E. Hirt

Sept. 20, 1914 — Sept. 13, 2000

Catherine E. "Betty" Hirt, 85, a resident of North Fifth Street for more than 50 years, died Wednesday at Tiffin Mercy Hospital.

She was born in Sandusky County to Frank and Carrie (Williams) Haas. She married Russell Hirt on Dec. 12, 1936, at Grace Lutheran Church, and he died July 24, 1984.

Mrs. Hirt graduated from Ross High School in 1932 and worked at Hilt Ins. Co. and Farm Loan Association until she got married.

She then was a homemaker. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, the Hope Circle and the In-Betweeners club at the church.

She enjoyed playing the piano and cards. She was active in genealogy and enjoyed her family's company.

Surviving are sons Douglas A. of Fostoria, Gary L. of Bellevue and Bruce N. of Fremont; daughters Jacqueline Diekmann-Hawk of Perrysburg and Carol Glick of Green Springs; and 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Brothers Carl, Richard and William Haas and Francis Newman and two grandchildren are deceased.

Visitation: Begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Wunderly Horvath Funeral Home.

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials: In the church or Birchard Public Library.

Lagrou-Monnett

Jennifer Lagrou and Mark Monnett were married at 2 p.m. July 31 at St. Joseph Catholic Church by the Rev. Ron LeJeune.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Sylvia Lagrou, 3350 Sandusky County Road 247.

The groom's parents are Ron and Jo An Monnett, 3611 W. Oak Harbor S.E. Road, Port Clinton.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white matte satin gown with floral appliques shaping the off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline and Basque waist. Appliques with beading, highlighted the fitted bodice. Beaded lace was placed over the full tulle skirt.

The detachable train featured silk flowers along the back waist and rich appliques were scattered throughout. The skirt and train featured hem lace.

Her headpieces was a Venise lace tiara with pearl clusters and satin leaves attached to a two-tier pencil edged veil.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white glamelias, lavender silk roses, stephanotis, bright pink miniature carnations, statice,



JENNIFER (LAGROU) and MARK MONNETT

lavender daisies, baby's breath and ivy.

Maid of honor was Anne Fleming, friend of the bride. She wore an A-line floor-length black crepe gown with short sleeves, scoop neck and empire waist. She carried a bouquet of lavender roses, blue iris, hot pink miniature car-

nations, statice, lavender daisies, baby's breath and ivory.

Bridesmaids were Jeannine Brown and Mindy Miller, friends of the bride. They were dressed identical to the honor attendant.

Flower girl was Samantha Monnett, niece of the groom. She wore an ankle-length white lace over crepe dress with pouf sleeves and Peter Pan collar. She wore a halo of flowers in her hair and carried a basket of matching flowers.

Best man was Michael Scott, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Troy Brown, friend of the groom, and Jim and Joel Lagrou, brothers of the bride.

Ring bearer was Nicholas Monnett, nephew of the groom.

The reception was at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed.

They honeymooned in Jamaica.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Ross High School and a 1992 graduate of Terra Community College. She is employed at Ludlow Composites.

The groom is a 1988 Port Clinton High School graduate and is employed at Molnar Construction.

They live at 1012 Carbon St.

Food Pantry boss Hirt steps down

By ELIZABETH NENDICK
Staff writer

He might have stepped down as president, but long-time Sandusky County Food Pantry volunteer Carl Hirt said his time at the pantry is far from over.

"It gives me something to do and you feel like you're helping a good cause," he said. "People come down when they're having a problem and you give them some food. It makes you feel good at the end of the day."

Hirt has been volunteering at the pantry since 1984, but has acted as either president or vice president since 1990. He decided to retire from the president's post because the work was becoming too overwhelming.

"I got tired of having all the responsibility," he said. "It got to the point where it was too much responsibility."

But Hirt still plans to help out at the pantry — only now he can put in fewer hours and have a more flexible schedule.

The new president of the food pantry will be Barb Kocsis of Fremont, who has been volunteering there for about two years. She also works part-time at Marco's Pizza.

Kocsis said she started working at the food pantry as a way to fill her time. Now she enjoys helping people every



HIRT

KOCSIS

day.

The benefit of working there is "just knowing that I'm helping other people," Kocsis said.

She decided to take up the president's job because she wanted to invest more at the food pantry.

"I saw that they needed the position filled and wanted to volunteer more of my time," Kocsis said.

In her new position, Kocsis will organize fund-raisers, maintain the volunteer schedule, keep the pantry stocked, pick up goods, preside over quarterly meetings and arrange the annual Community Christmas dinner.

Among her first goals for the pantry, Kocsis is looking for two frost-free refrigerators. Anyone who wants to donate one can call the pantry at 334-8158.

The Sandusky County Food Pantry is open from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Deaths

Marjorie C. Schepflin

Dec. 3, 1913 — May 21, 2000

Former Fremont Marjorie C. Schepflin, 86, of Mesa, Ariz., died there Sunday at The White House care facility.

She was born in Fremont to Irvin and Mary Elizabeth (Rudolph) Henne and graduated from Ross High School. She married Richard H. Schepflin on March 15, 1941. He died March 20, 1964.

Mrs. Schepflin was a homemaker and a member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

She attended Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont and First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mesa.

Surviving are daughters Sylvia Lagrou of Fremont, Ruth Lipnick of Aurora, Colo., and Sherry Underwood of Mesa; sons Samuel of Mesa and Richard C. of Fremont; brother Robert Henne of Cincinnati; and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sisters Willetta and Carlotta and brothers LeRoy, Kenneth and Clarence are deceased.

Services: 11 a.m. Friday, Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home.

Visitation: Begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, or First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 142 N. Date St., Mesa, Ariz., 85201.

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Multiple sclerosis

More than 150 county residents live with the debilitating disease

By JENNIFER FUNK
Staff writer

Retired Sandusky County Sheriff's Office dispatcher Dave Smith started out his career "working the road" until life took a dramatic turn in November 1977.

It was then that he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a debilitating disease that attacks the central nervous system. MS is chronic and causes numbness in the limbs and can even cause paralysis or loss of vision.

"I had no idea what it was. I had heard about it, but ..." Smith said, trailing off. "But, hey, life goes on. You've got to live with it. You can't change it."

Smith is one of more than 150 people in Sandusky County diagnosed with the disease and there might be many more who have not yet been diagnosed, said Sandusky County Multiple Sclerosis Society President Vicki Carlson.

The county MS group is having an auction Sunday

Auction Sunday

The Sandusky County Multiple Sclerosis Society will conduct a benefit auction at 2 p.m. Sunday at The Race Place behind Kmart.

The organization will auction off a variety of items, including signed memorabilia from NASCAR drivers, toys, tools and coupons for local restaurants, among many other things.

All benefits from the auction go to the Sandusky County MS Society.

The Sandusky County organization is separate from the National MS Society. The local group functions solely from donations.

It separated from the national organization nearly 30 years ago because the money raised in the county went to the national headquarters and little came back to Sandusky County.

Now, all money raised by the Sandusky County MS Society stays in the county.

For more information on the Sandusky County organization, contact Vicki Carlson at 334-7450.



News-Messenger/Liz Margerum

DAVE SMITH works on a crossword puzzle at his home Friday. Smith, a retired Sandusky County Sheriff's Office dispatcher, is wheelchair-bound as a result of multiple sclerosis.

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to raise money for the group, as well as to raise awareness about the disease.

Smith started to notice the symptoms while he was serving in the U.S. Army. There were times when his legs would go completely numb, but doctors told him the symptoms were more psychological than physical.

Carlson said it is not unusual for the disease to be misdiagnosed because of the wide range of symptoms.

Smith, now 50, quit his role as part of the volunteer deputy sheriff program after his diagnosis, but in 1981, he came back working as a dispatcher for the Emergency Medical Service. He then continued with the sheriff's office when it absorbed the county's EMS dispatching responsibilities in 1989.

By about 1982, the disease had taken a turn for the worse, and Smith started using a wheelchair to get around. He said while the chair is frustrating, it allows him to be more mobile than without it.

"My mobility, naturally, is bad. My balance is the worst part," Smith said. "When I get a bug or flu of any type, it just drains me completely."

He uses a special van equipped with a wheelchair lift to travel, but recently he has had enough strength to use a walker.

Despite some of the setbacks he has experienced with MS, it doesn't stop Smith from trying to touch the lives of others.

He is a troop leader for the Sandusky County EMS Explorers post 2770, which is an emergency services division of the Boy Scouts of

America. He said his disease never gets in the way of interacting with his troop, made up of eight boys ages 14 to 21.

"As far as I'm concerned, they treat me just like everybody else," he said. "They don't treat me any differently, that's for sure."

He has also taken an active role as treasurer of the Sandusky County MS Society, and retired in January from the Sandusky County Sheriff's Department.

Carlson said the symptoms of MS can be so deceiving that many do not realize they have it.

"Some people can have an episode of it and never have it again," she said, adding they still have the disease, they just won't see obvious symptoms of it.

Some stress can make the symptoms flare up, and it has been found that the disease is more prevalent in the northern part of the United States, especially near the Great Lakes, rather than the southern.

Carlson said although there

have been many studies on it, researchers still can't give a reason for the higher number of cases.

Her organization, the Sandusky County MS Society, sees much of the research and medical progress with the disease, and can help those in the county who suffer from MS.

"I think the most helpful thing we do is we talk about it," said Carlson, who also works full-time as the corporate marketing coordinator at SSOE Architectural Studios in Toledo. "If you're recently diagnosed and come to a meeting, you can ask questions."

Jeanne Kerr, 53, said she had many questions about 21 years ago when she was first diagnosed with the disease.

She relied on her doctors to help her through.

"I let them be the guides because ... if you begin reading and know the next thing that happens, there are types where you can become completely disabled, and that can be a frightening experi-

ence," she said. "Obviously anything like that, there are days and bad days."

As a former health and physical education teacher at St. Jo Central Catholic School and a theology/philosophy teacher and director of student life as well, being diagnosed with MS made her job increasingly difficult.

"So things like running, jumping, and all of those things you used to be able to do, you no longer do," she said.

Her school and students have been supportive in her changing role as a teacher.

"They are extremely ... very helpful, very caring ... couldn't ask for a more caring environment," she said.

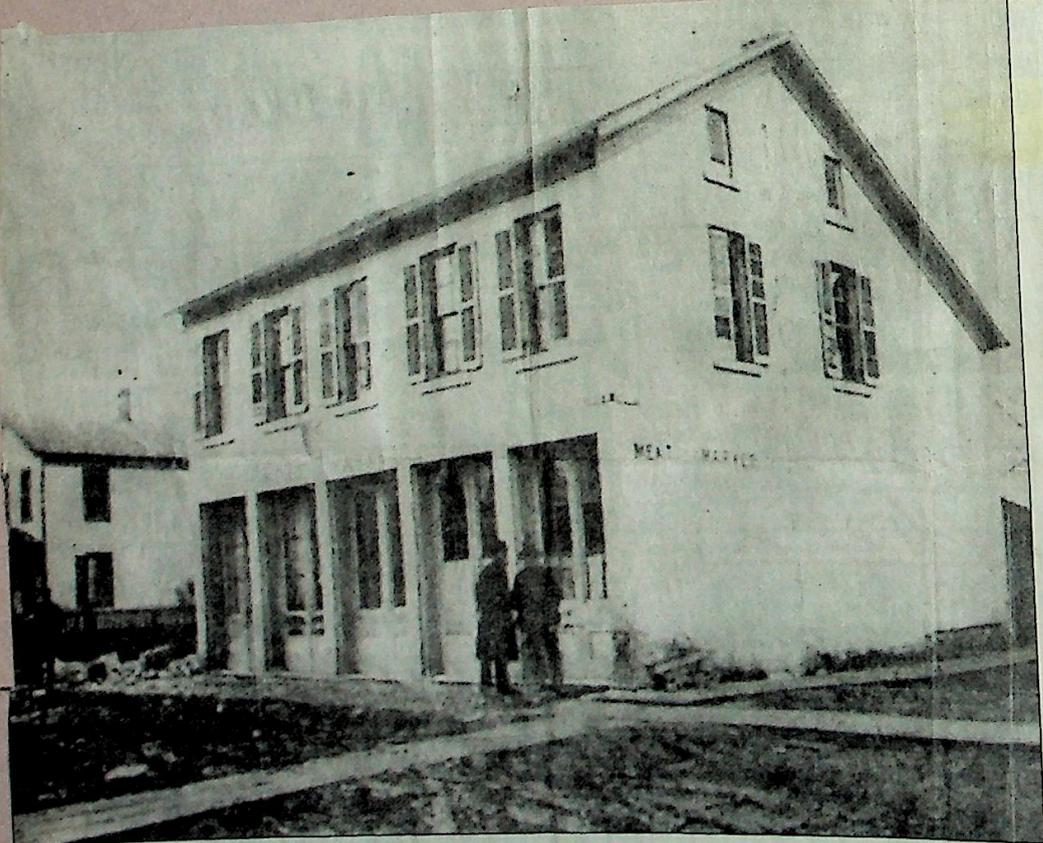
Kerr said there are still many days, especially around the changing of the seasons.

"The body has to step up and say 'OK, how am I going to deal with this,'" she said. "It's a time."



Rock-a-bye, Baby
 Guess what we've got
 A sweet little baby
 We love a whole lot!

Name Jayden Avery Jackson ★
 Date Dec. 13, 1999
 Weight 8 lbs 3 oz Length 21.5"
 Born to Abbi Scheglin + Chris Jackson



Picture of Meat Market Building located on corner of East State Street and Sandusky; now occupied by Kline Building. In 1856 Jacob Baumann, Sr. opened a grocery store and meat market at this location. In 1857 Jacob Baumann, Sr. sold this business and relocated to the west side, where he established an exclusively meat market. His "Central Market" was established by him in 1875 at the northeast corner of Arch and Croghan.

This Might be of Interest To You ...

Taken from the Sandusky County
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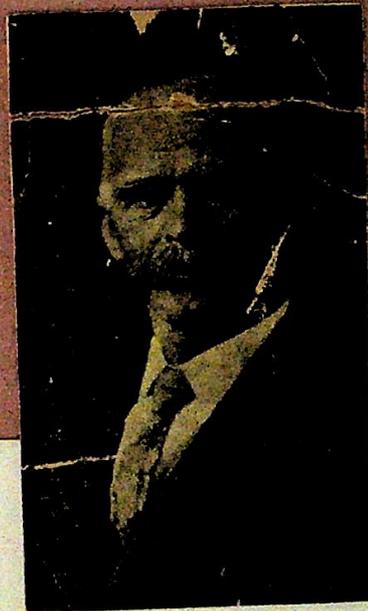
J. BAUMANN & SON. Among the enterprising businessmen of Fremont, perhaps no firm is more widely and favorably known throughout Sandusky County than the firm of J. Baumann & Son, proprietors of the "Central Meat Market," corner of Croghan and Arch Streets, opposite the City Hall.

JACOB BAUMANN, SR., the senior proprietor, was born in Villigen, Switzerland, December 6, 1827, a son of Henry Verena (Hartman) Baumann, who lived on a farm near the borders of Baden. He attended school in his native place until fifteen years of age when he learned the trade of butcher. On May 10, 1850, he married Elizabeth Vogt, daughter of John Vogt, a farmer, who afterward emigrated to America and settled in Sandusky County, Ohio. In the fall of the year 1854, Mr. Baumann came to America with his family, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in the sailing vessel "Canvas Back" from Havre to New York City in forty-three days. Coming thence to Fremont, Ohio, he located on the east side of the Sandusky River, and worked at his trade as a butcher. The following year he kept a meat market at Clyde, Ohio. In 1856, he opened a grocery store and meat market on State Street in the Third ward, on the corner now occupied by Kline



SAMUEL HIRT,
Auditor.

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Deputy Auditor.

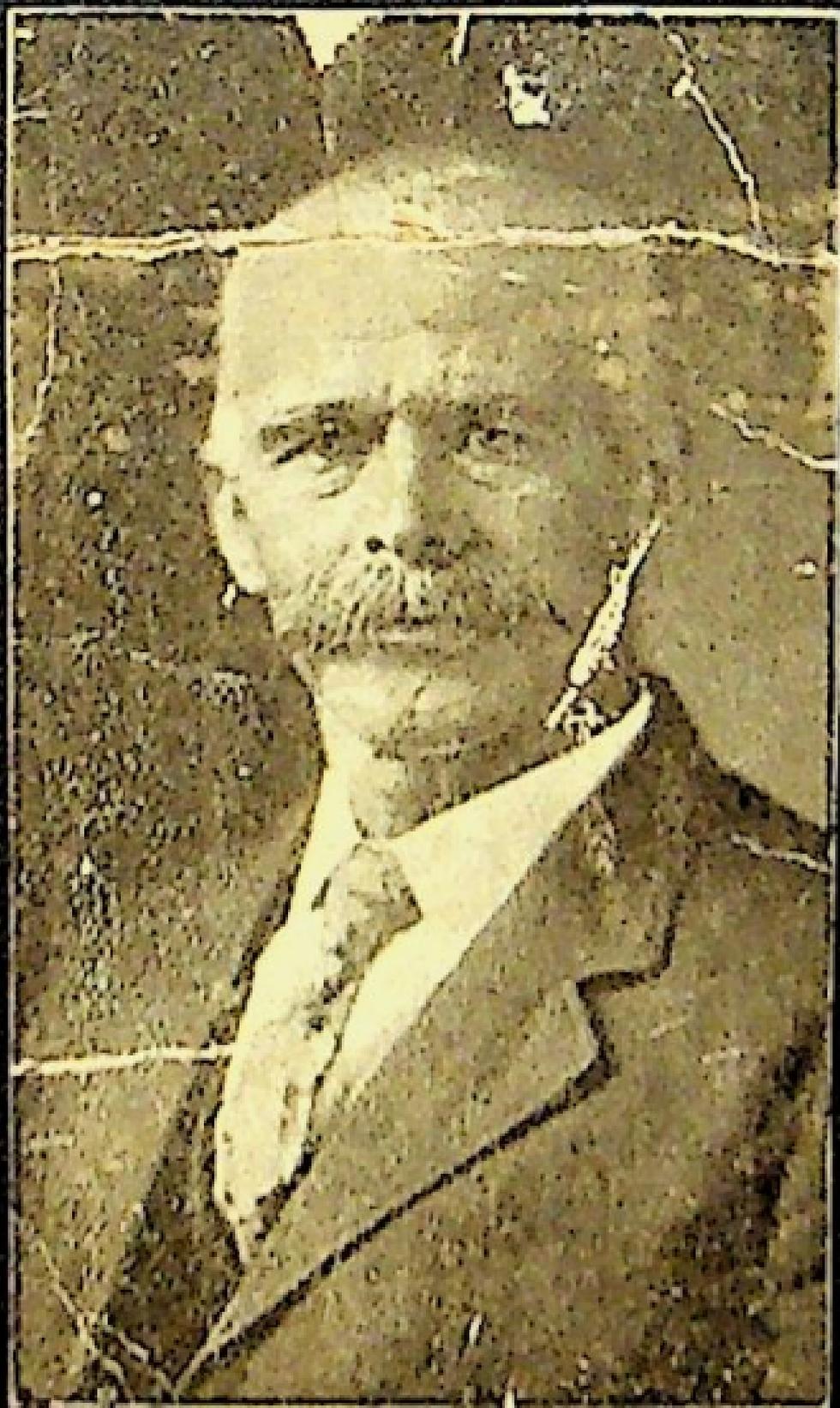


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Chainsaw carver highlights Summerfest

If you go ...

Event
Sacred Heart Summerfest

When
6 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday

Where
Sacred Heart grounds, 550 Smith Road.

What
Food booths, music, hourly drawings, bingo, games and rides.

By JILL FICK
Staff writer

Visitors at this weekend's Sacred Heart Summerfest will have the opportunity to see a unique art form.

Chuck Schepflin, a member of the Stihl Pro Carving Team, will demonstrate the art of chainsaw wood sculpting.

"(The Sacred Heart festival organizers) have been after me for years to come and demonstrate but I'm always so booked up," said Schepflin, an eight-year Paul Bunyan champion.

"This weekend just happened to be open."

The 39-year-old Fremont got his start in chainsaw sculpting at an early age.

"(My family) sold chain saws and we started displaying at the Sandusky County Fair," said Schepflin, owner of Willie's Sales and Service Inc. "I just started playing around with the saws."

Twenty-one years later, he's the winner of numerous championships and his art-work has been bought by people all over the country.

Schepflin said a large part of any demonstration he gives is chainsaw safety. He always wears all the appropriate protective gear while he works and takes every opportunity to talk about power equipment safety.

As a national speed carving champion, Schepflin said he can finish a finely detailed 5-foot eagle in 35 minutes. But he won't be doing any speed carving during his appearances.

He predicts he will complete two or three pieces

The schedule

Friday
6 p.m. — Festival opens with fish fry and chainsaw carving.
7 to 11 p.m. — Nightwatch.
11 p.m. — Prize drawing

Saturday
6 p.m. — Festival opens with pig roast and chainsaw carving.
7 to 11 p.m. — Fritz & The Kid.
11 p.m. — Prize drawing.

Sunday
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Chicken, ham dinners (carryouts until 2 p.m.)
Noon — Festival opens
1 to 5 p.m. — Fire Safety House
2:30 to 4 p.m. — Omega.
5 to 9 p.m. — Matt & Jamie O' perform
9 p.m. — Prize drawing.

each night. Most likely, the sculptures will be eagles, owls and lighthouses, which are Schepflin's specialties. The carvings will be auc-

tioned off when completed. Of course the Summerfest also means lots of food, fun and more traditional entertainment.

*BINGO * GAMES * RIDES

It's Here...

Sacred Heart Summerfest

July 28th, 29th & 30th

550 Smith Rd., Fremont, OH
(Just off US 20, East State Street)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 28

6:00 p.m. Festival Opens
Fish Fry (sandwich booth)
Chain saw carving by **Chuck Schepflin** of the Stihl Pro Carving team and 8 year Paul Bunyan champ. Carvings will be auctioned when completed

7:00 p.m. **Nightwatch** performs until 11 p.m.

11:00 p.m. Prize drawing — \$250 (\$125 if not present)

Saturday, July 29

6:00 p.m. Festival Opens
Pig Roast (sandwich booth)
Chain saw carving by **Chuck Schepflin**

7:00 p.m. **Fritz & The Kid** performs until 11 p.m.

11:00 p.m. Prize Drawing — \$250 (\$125 if not present)

Sunday, July 30

11:00 a.m. Chicken & ham dinners until 5 p.m. (Carry-outs available till 2 p.m.)

12:00 p.m. Festival Opens

1:00 p.m. Fire Safety House open until 5 p.m.

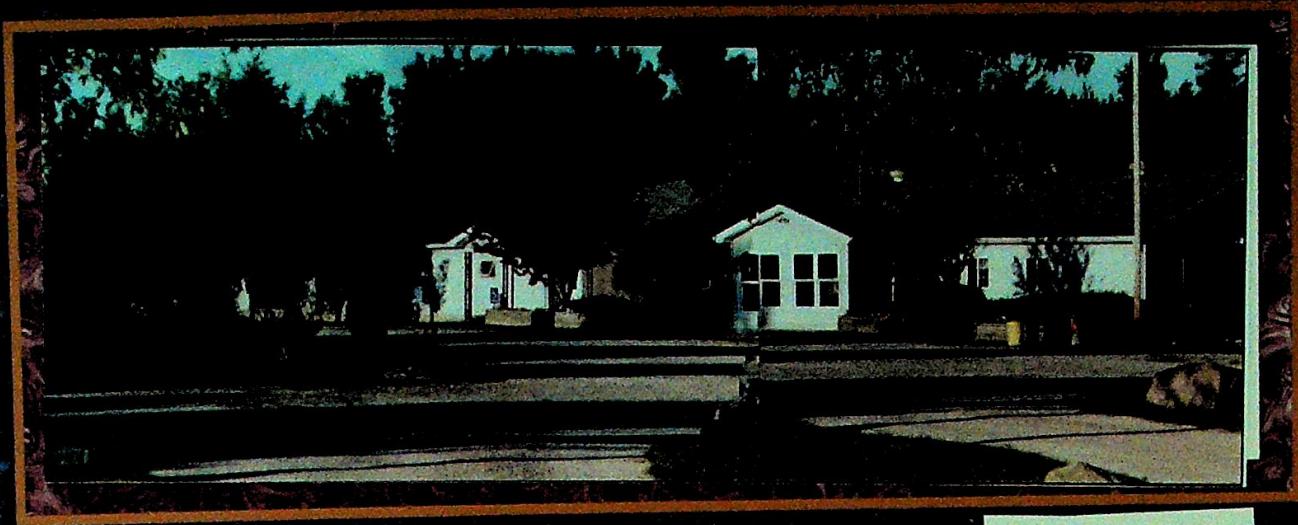
2:30 p.m. **Omega** performs until 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. **Matt & Jamie O'** perform until 9 p.m.

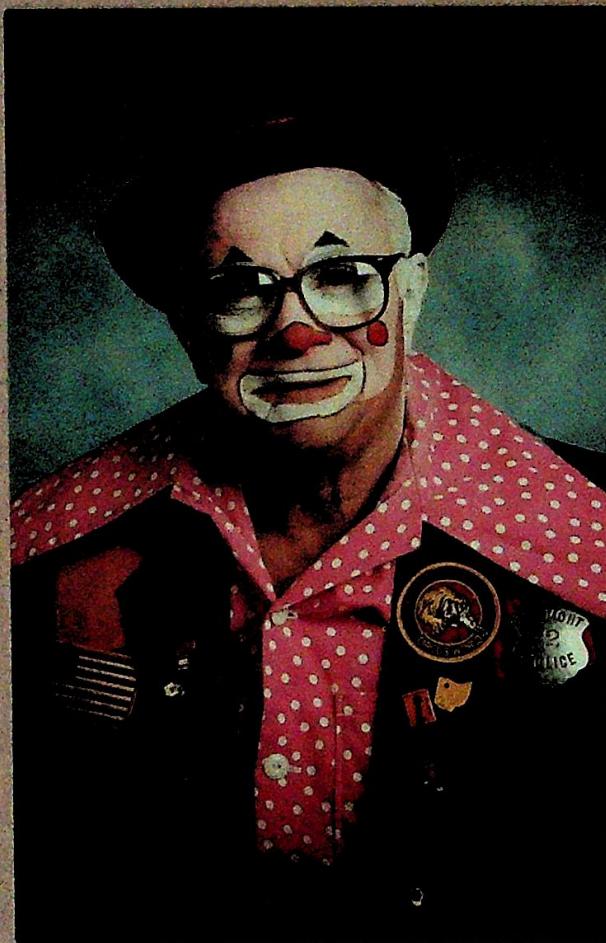
9:00 p.m. Grand Prize Drawing — \$2,500!!!!
Festival Closes

(Hourly drawings all weekend)!

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Misty Meadows



Smoky the Clown

Born and raised on a farm in Riley township (DOB 2/2/23) Sandusky County, Fremont, Ohio.

Became involved in the sport of amateur boxing as a youth at age 14, and still active in the sport today.

Served four years in the United States Navy in World War II. Was Navy heavyweight boxing champion and also won golden glove championships.

Was a member of Fremont Police Department for thirty years 1948 - 1978. Most of those years were devoted to working with youth and their problems. Last seventeen years on department as a Juvenile Officer and Detective.

Started clowning at Fremont Speedway (the track that action built) in 1954. Clown at all types of events for people of all ages. Have magic shows, animal balloons, and rides with Smoky on his clown scooters.

Clowningly Yours,

Smoky the Clown

Photo by Dumminger Photo Fremont, Ohio



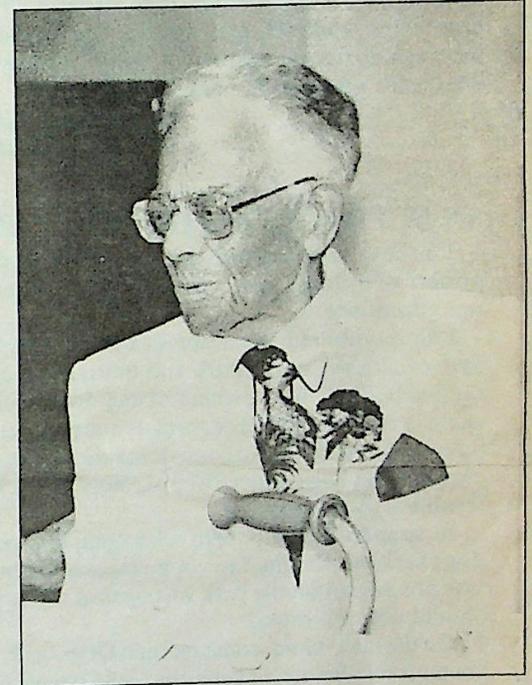
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*94th Birthday
2000*

Rossmoor's Great 90s celebrate



News photo by Mike DiCarlo

Rossmoor residents who are 90 years and older were honored at a Recreation Department party on June 27. Enjoying the party are, top photo left, clockwise, Thelma Gardner, who is 100; Lincoln and Grace Gratyson and Muriel Dolins; Emmanuel Navone, at 106 was the oldest at the party; Mary Beck, 95; and Leta Baumann. *W*

Rossmoor's Buddy Program will be expanding

Newcomers in Rossmoor are discovering that more seasoned residents are glad to be a "buddy" in helping them cope with some of the puzzlements of settling into Rossmoor.

Moving to a new community is uniquely individual and feels excruciatingly painful. The Buddy Program can only succeed if there are enough resourceful and generous residents willing to volunteer their time and energy to newcomers.

The monthly meetings of the Buddy Program are in the Peacock Room at Gateway Clubhouse at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Every-

one brings a snack and the first half hour of each meeting is spent getting better acquainted with others in the program.

Some of the questions which surfaced in the June meeting were: Can a buddy develop con-

nections with more than one newcomer? Can the newcomers be buddies to one another? What if the buddy team is not very compatible? Can they get a divorce and start over?

The goal of the Buddy Pro-

gram is to help newcomers in Rossmoor. The program is flexible enough to accommodate any combination of buddy teams that is mutually beneficial. Each monthly meeting yields interesting ideas for newcomers. There

are more male newcomers than male buddies, so the group needs more male volunteers.

Bring a snack and come to the next meeting in the Peacock Room at Gateway, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 13.

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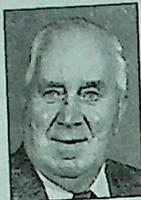




Carl F. Hirt

April 8, 1920 — Oct. 23, 2000

Carl F. Hirt, 80, of South Buchanan Street, died Monday at Memorial Hospital. Mr. Hirt was the president of the Sandusky County Food Pantry for more than 15 years.



MR. HIRT

He was born in Fremont to Clarence L. and Christine (Zilles) Hirt. He graduated from Ross High School in 1938 and was a member of the National Honor Society. He married Geraldine Myers on Jan. 6, 1961, at Salem Lutheran Church, and she survives.

Mr. Hirt was a farmer and maintenance worker at the Fremont Kraut Co. for many years, retiring in 1983. He also worked at the Fremont Oil Co.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church where he was the Sunday school superintendent for more than 20 years and served as an usher. He was a former member of the Green Springs Band and as a blood donor, he donated 16½ gallons of blood.

Also surviving are son Donald C. of Fremont; daughter Connie S. Diekman of Lindsey; stepchildren Larry Ackerman of Fremont, Linda Stine of Fremont, Christine Tabbert of Rocky Ridge an Janet Owen of Findlay; brothers Lyle and Merle of Fremont; sister Gladys Billman of Fremont; and 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Faith Lutheran Church. Additional visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

Burial: Four Mile House Cemetery.

Memorials: To the church or the food pantry.



Bill Hirt's Tractor

Jane (Christy) Powers Watts

Died April 20, 2001

Jane (Christy) Powers Watts, 87, of Umatilla, Fla., died there April 20.

She was born in Fremont to Arthur R. Sr. and Ethel (Hirt) Christy. She graduated from Fremont High School in 1930 and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

An accomplished vocalist, she sang locally at Rainbow Gardens and on Catawba Island at Terrace and Gem beaches.

She moved to West Palm Beach, Fla., in 1946.

In the 1930s, she was a radio singer and appeared in musical productions sponsored locally in Florida. She was a charter member of Mayacoo Lakes Country Club and was a founding parishioner of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church of West Palm Beach.

Surviving are children Patti J. Powers of Green Acres, Fla.; Arthur Christy Powers of New York City; Sandra W. Stearns of West Palm Beach; Wendy W. Hallgren of Umatilla; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; brother Arthur R. Christy Jr. of Tampa, Fla.; sister Ann Christy Hayes of Tampa; brother Edward Hirt Christy of Orlando, Fla.; sister Myky Christy Barnard of Webster Grove, Mo.; and many relatives including Hirts, Wisbons and Christys in the Fremont and Toledo areas. She was preceded by her first husband, Millard "Shorty" Powers of Clyde and Rehobeth Beach, Del., second husband, John Watts of West Palm Beach, her parents, and brother Russ J. Christy II.

Service/Reception: Was April 24 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Burial: Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Memorials: Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society or Hospice of Palm Beach County, Fla.

Catherine E. Hirt

Sept. 20, 1914 — Sept. 13, 2000

Catherine E. "Betty" Hirt, 85, a resident of North Fifth Street for more than 50 years, died Wednesday at Tiffin Mercy Hospital.

She was born in Sandusky County to Frank and Carrie (Williams) Haas. She married Russell Hirt on Dec. 12, 1936, at Grace Lutheran Church, and he died July 24, 1984.

Mrs. Hirt graduated from Ross High School in 1932 and worked at Hilt Ins. Co. and Farm Loan Association until she got married.

She then was a homemaker.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, the Hope Circle and the In-Betweeners club at the church.

She enjoyed playing the piano and cards. She was active in genealogy and enjoyed her family's company.

Surviving are sons Douglas A. of Fostoria, Gary L. of Bellevue and Bruce N. of Fremont; daughters Jacqueline Diekman-Hawk of Perrysburg and Carol Glick of Green Springs; and 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Brothers Carl, Richard and William Haas and Francis Neuman and two grandchildren are deceased.

Visitation: Begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home.

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials: To the church or Birchard Public Library.

Disability activists protest post office doors

By MICHAEL BRICE
Staff writer

About two dozen people gathered outside the Fremont post office Friday afternoon to protest the lack of automatic doors.

The protest has prompted post office officials to take a second look at the building's doors.

Handicapped activists said the installation of power doors would not only benefit those who use wheelchairs but also average citizens carrying in packages and patrons with small children in strollers.

The doors, which push open, meet the minimum standards called for by the American Disabilities Act, protesters said.

The post office, protesters said, should go beyond the letter of the law and install automatic doors that are convenient and provide greater access to the public.

Dave Smith, of Riley Township, uses a motorized cart, and was among the people who demonstrated the challenge of entering the post office.

"If I have something to

carry, I have trouble," Smith said of getting through the double-door entrance. "It's up to code but sometimes code is not enough."

Richard Moe, of Kingsway, uses his motorized cart as a battering ram to get through the door.

"With a power chair it's not such a problem because I can bash it with the chair," Moe said. "It's more difficult with a manual chair or crutches."

"It's an example of where the letter of the law is not enough."

Protesters, who are regular patrons of the post office, said the staff has been as accommodating as possible when they see people struggling at the doors.

Help from the staff, however, is not what people want.

"Part of it is a dignity issue," Moe said. "We want to be as independent as possible."

State Rep. Rex Damschroder (R-Fremont), who organized Friday's protest, said he started inquiring about the doors last summer after hearing from

patrons and employees of the post office.

Damschroder said the year-old building should have automatic doors like the other retail buildings that surround it.

"These businesses did it because it makes good sense," Damschroder said. "The government ought to be the leader in handicap accessibility."

Damschroder also questioned why other post offices have automatic doors, while the Fremont building doesn't.

"Are we second-class citizens because we didn't get automatic doors?"

Damschroder said. "The standard should be the same at all post offices."

U.S. Post Office spokesman Victor Dubina, Cleveland, said the decision to install doors is made on a case-by-case basis and automatic doors are often not included in cold weather climates.

In cold weather locations, the doors often malfunction due to snow and ice, he said.

In Cleveland, for example, the automatic doors on the

main post office malfunctioned this winter, Dubina said.

Dubina said that because of the concern the post office would take a second look at the need for automatic doors at the Fremont post office.

Employees that work the counter at the post office agree automatic doors would be a welcome addition.

"They should have put in (automatic doors) in the beginning," employee Sandi Gobel said.

Post office employee Richard Chambers said people carrying packages often struggle with the doors.

"It definitely would help," Chambers said of automatic doors.

Renee Riddle, a Toledo-based disability rights advocate, had difficulty getting through the doors in a wheelchair because the weight of the door made it difficult for her hand to access the controls.



News-Messenger/Ben French
DAVE SMITH of Fremont tries to open the door that is not handicap accessible at the Fremont Post Office on Ohio 53 North.

Reunion

L.S. Hirt

The 35th annual L.S. Hirt Family Reunion was held Nov. 4 at Faith Lutheran Church with 50 members in attendance.

The Douglas Hirt Family hosted the evening which began with a potluck dinner.

Randy Burk offered the table prayer.

The door prize was won by Suzy Hemmer and a special prize was won by Kim Diedrich.

Kiely Taylor was given a gift for being the youngest member present.

Entertainment for the evening was bingo with many prizes being awarded.

There were four births, three deaths and one marriage in the past year.

Those in attendance were from Clyde, Green Springs, Kidron, West Salem, Norwalk, Lima, Sandusky, Vickery, Fremont and Fostoria.

Next year's gathering will be Saturday, Nov. 3 with the Brugger family in charge.

Fans renew rivalry



News-Messenger-Ben French
Ohio State and Michigan fans got together Friday night at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed for a fund-raiser put together by the Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joseph Athletic Boosters. Ohio State Fan Jon Peters of Fremont, fills more sausages as Michigan Fan, Bill Kaiser of Lindsey helps himself to food. Kickoff is at noon at the Horseshoe in Columbus, and the game airs on ABC. See B1 for the complete story.

Saturday, November 18, 2000

Downtown firms offer one-stop shopping for many wedding needs

3 firms share space and goals

By RICK NEALE
Staff writer

Planning a wedding can be a chaotic experience. Pulling off a successful ceremony and reception can require enormous behind-the-scenes scrambling and legwork.

But a cluster of three businesses inhabiting connecting showrooms in downtown Fremont offers one-stop wedding shopping to try to give customers convenience — and fewer headaches.

Village Toggery, New Beginnings Bridal and Personal D'Signs expanded their shared space in October 1999 into a neighboring storefront.

And the owners of the businesses at 105 and 107 S. Front St. say the move has made a strong financial impact.

Ginny Schepflin, who owns Personal D'Signs with sister Barb Moran and friend Betty Love, said their sales have increased about 50 percent over the past year. Inventory has hopped up by 30 to 40 percent.

"Oh, we love it," Moran said.

"Our customers seem to appreciate it. This is a much more comfortable location."

Personal D'Signs offers wedding dresses for mothers of the bride, bridal accessories and casual wear. Village Toggery provides clothing for the men, along with wedding items and gifts, and New Beginnings Bridal outfits the brides for the event.

The businesses have



BETTY LOVE, Ginny Schepflin, Sandy Bodnar, Steve Bodnar, Barb Moran, Deb Fisher and Karen Retter, owners and operators of Personal D'Signs, Village Toggery and New Beginnings Bridal shop at 105-107 South Front St.

shared space since 1991, but were squeezed into a space about half as large. Personal D'Signs was previously located in an upstairs area at the rear of the Toggery/Beginnings stores.

"We lost our complete identity," Moran said.

"People thought we were closed, or they didn't want to walk through a men's shop."

But last fall, Village Toggery owner Steve Bodnar jumped at the chance to expand their boundaries when neighboring Gift Baskets & Bouquets moved to another downtown location.

"You can walk from one area to the other," Bodnar said.

"The extra room opens it up, and there's no more climbing stairs for the girls."

Bodnar's wife, Sandy, is

in charge of New Beginnings Bridal. "We gained access we didn't have before. There were grandmas who weren't able to go up to see the girls in their dress — the girls had to walk back down the steps to show them," she said.

Steve Bodnar said the all-under-one-roof layout makes it easy to accommodate entire wedding parties.

"Say you're getting married and your girl likes this shade of red. Our sales staff can coordinate the colors for everybody a lot better," he said.

Since the October 1999 expansion, Personal D'Signs beefed up its sportswear and accessories departments, put out a scarf book and joined the Toledo Convention Bureau in January.

New Beginnings Bridal added the Maggie Sottero

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Personal D'Signs and New Beginnings Bridal

Where: 105 S. Front St.

Phone: 332-6101 (D'Signs); 334-7100 (Bridal)

Hours: Personal D'Signs: From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. New Beginnings Bridal opens at noon on weekdays; other hours are as listed above.

Village Toggery

Where: 107 S. Front St.

Phone: 332-3500

Hours: From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

bridal gown line to its selections last week.

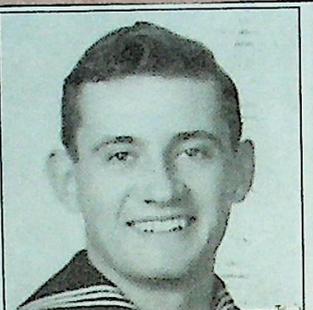
And Steve Bodnar said this of his tuxedo line: "If it's made, I'll get it. Let's put it that way."

Information is also available at the South Front Street stores on wedding photographers, disc jockeys and reception halls.

Celebrating Veteran's Day



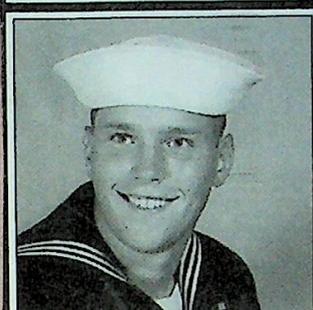
Scott E. Hirt
1968 - 1972
Air Force



Howard J. Hirt
1940 - 1946
Navy



Merle J. Hirt
1950 - 1954
Air Force, Airman First Class



John O'Neill
1972 - 1978
Navy



We Welcome With Love

Michael Eric
December 28, 2000
at 10:14 pm
4 lbs. 4 oz.
17 1/2 inches

Sean Anthony
December 28, 2000
at 10:16 pm
3 lbs. 8 oz.
17 inches

Proud Parents Lisa & Randy and Big Sister Lauren

12/04/00

Dear Cousins!

Yes, we know it has been a long time since July 16, 2000 and the 84th annual Hirt reunion picnic. For those of you that weren't there, Quinlan was able to attend this year. After he picked up the latest issue of the "History of Casper and Verena Fannie Hirt and their Descendants", he decided to create an index for the publication. (i.e. If you know a name, how do you determine the relationship??)

Quinlan did start about 07/20/00 but took a weekend off when Leta Halbeisen Baumann flew to Grand Island Nebraska from San Francisco the first weekend in August. He came home and continued typing up the database. There are now 1,445 persons listed in the latest issue of the Hirt book. While creating this Database in our computer, Quinlan decided to enter some significant data such as marriage date etc.

Quinlan got Howard and Jeanette Hirt to agree to proofread his work and sent them final draft in mid September just before he went on vacation. One of the things we were able to derive from the database was a list of 26 couples that have been married 20 or more years.

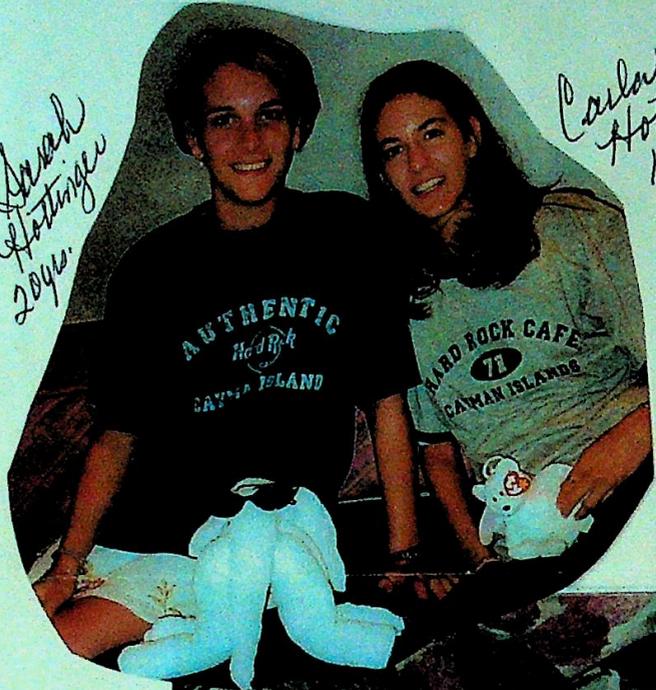
These cards should have been mailed out 11/01/00 when Quinlan and Ann would have returned from their annual trip to visit Ann's family. But alas that trip didn't happen this year due to Quinlan being in the wrong place at the right time on 10/06/00. Quinlan was entering the Kansas Turnpike Toll road and had stopped in line and was waiting to get his toll road ticket when suddenly from out of nowhere a woman driver, age 49, rear-ended our car. It is estimated that she was going 90 miles an hour when she hit it. For some bizarre reason she was only wearing a nightgown. She was into the final stages of Lupus. She was not wearing her seat belt. 3 minutes later when the Kansas Highway Patrol arrived on the scene, she had not survived. Quinlan has no memory of this incident in his life. Our car was "totaled", but it wasn't just time yet for Quinlan to go to eternal reward. His lower left arm has a complex compound fracture and apparently will take weeks to heal with some permanent loss of elbow movement.

So, sorry to be so late in wishing you many more happy returns on your 40 th wedding anniversary during this past year

Ann and Quinlan Halbeisen

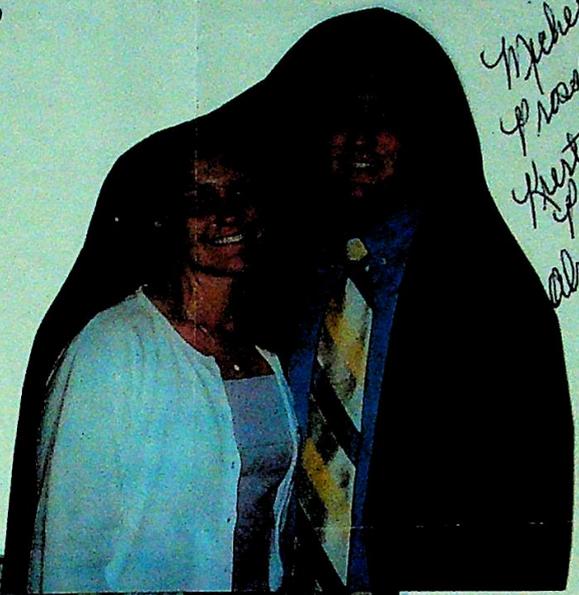
Can't place Quinlan and I? See Hirt Book page 50. He is the eldest living grandson of his grandmother **Elizabeth Hirt Halbeisen**

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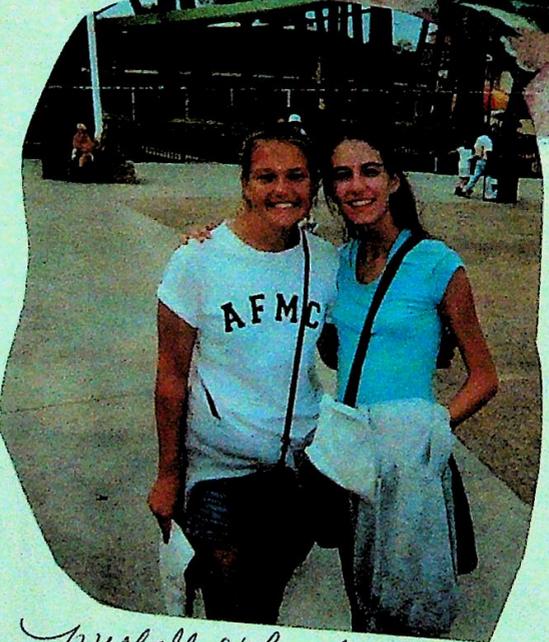
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Family
update



Michelle
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Our
newest
member in
the
Hottinger
family



Michelle & Prosser



Michelle & Prosser Sarah & Carla
Hottinger

Schepflin-Fisher

Larry and Ginny Schepflin, 204 Norbert Drive, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Casey Schepflin, to Chad Fisher, the son of Robert and Debra Fisher, 401 Smith Road.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a degree in elementary and special education. She is currently working as a substitute teacher.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Hocking College with a degree in ranger services. He is employed by the Sandusky County Engineer and Highway Department.

They will be married at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church.



CHAD FISHER and
CASEY SCHEPFLIN

Saturday, June 2, 2001

Class of 2001



Adam Hirt

Jill Diedrich

Jeffrey Martin

Joshua Hirt

May 7 — Jennifer and Dave Meek, St. Augustine, Fla., a 4-pound, 9-ounce daughter, Brittany Marie. She was 17½ inches long. Grandparents are Judy Meek of Paris, Tenn., Gary Meek of McKenzie, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burkett of Florida. Great-grandmother is Gladys Brugger of Vickery.

May 3 — Melanie and Mike Pocock, 411 S. Main St., Clyde, an 8-pound, 6-ounce daughter, Alexis Elizabeth Leigh, at 8:43 a.m. at Firelands Community Hospital, Sandusky. She was 20½ inches long. Grandparents are Bonnie and Dave Worster of Greenwood, Ind., and Kenny and Carol Pocock of Fremont. Great-grandparents are Mable Worster of Clyde and Lillian Arthur of Fremont.



Mason Christopher Hirt

Chris & Denice Hirt
Fremont
April 12, 2000

Aug. 11 — Danielle (Worster) and Timothy S. Dearth, 123 W. Forest St., Clyde, a 7-pound, 7-ounce son, Tyler Ford Dearth, at 3:26 p.m. at Firelands Community Hospital, Sandusky. He was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Dave and Bonnie Worster of Greenwood, Ind., and Timothy L. and Rene Dearth of Clyde.

Nov. 14 — Dena and Michael Hirt, 14104 53rd Drive NE, Marysville, Wash., an 8-pound 4-ounce son, Zachary Michael at 11:59 p.m. He was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Kim Evans of California, Don and Sarah Hirt of Fremont and Ron and Linda Dominick of Castalia.

William R. O'Connor

Bill "O'C" O'Connor, 75, passed away at his home on January 30, 2001. Born in Toledo, Ohio, on September 24, 1925, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946.

Bill is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sally J. O'Connor, and grandchildren, Eric and Jack Herman, Steven and Emily Bigelow, Jordan and Jacek Kuron, and great-grandson, Gregg Herman.

There will be no visitation. Bill has donated his body to MCO.

Feb. 13 — Jeanette (Bauer) and Craig Diekman, 8117 Martindale Lane, Charlotte, N.C. 28216, a 7-pound 1-ounce, son Craig Scott Diekman II at 11:38 a.m. at the Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C. He was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Ed and Judy Bauer of Gibsonburg and Carroll and Connie Diekman of Lindsey. Great-grandparents are Geraldine Hirt and Melvin and Helen Diekman, all of Fremont and Mildred Baker of Gibsonburg.

Wisbons' 50th



Dan and Marilyn Wisbon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Saturday, October 14, 2000. A dinner party was given in their honor at H.J. Prime Cuts. Dan and the former Marilyn Lucas were married on October 21, 1950, in Toledo. They are the parents of 6 children and have 10 grandchildren.

Congratulations Dad and Mom...
Happy 50th!



Jake James Amos Lagrou

Joel & Sandy Lagrou
Fremont
September 12, 2000

Sept. 12 — Sandy and Joel Lagrou, 1508 Edwards Drive, an 8-pound 3-ounce son Jake James Amos Lagrou at 2:20 p.m. He was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Carol Michaels of Fremont and Jim and Sylvia Lagrou of Fremont.

Hirts marking their golden anniversary

Waynesboro, Pa. Thursday, March 22, 2001

Art and Ele Hirt of 310 Grandview Ave., Waynesboro, were guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration Feb. 10 at Fulton's Crab House at Walt Disney World, Buena Vista, Fla.

The party was hosted by their children, Jeffrey Hirt of Houston, Texas, Suellyn Crossley of Orlando, Fla., Cynthia Wiseman of Canton, Ga., and Barbara Scott of Evans, Ga. The Hirts also have five grandchildren.

The round tables were decorated with white linens, gold and white floral arrangements each with a single taper and gold confetti.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirt received a boutonniere and corsage made of white carnations with gold bows. They also received a book about their life together entitled "A Real Love Story" designed by their daughter, Cynthia.

Their granddaughter Jamie Scott wrote and recited the poem "Ele and Art: The Happy Couple." Their daughter, Barbara presented them with a treasure chest filled with cards and letters from friends and family and a family photo was taken on the deck of the restaurant.

Special guests included Mr. Hirt's brother and sister-in-law, Lew and Marty Hirt of Delaware and their grandson, Justin Hirt, and Nicole Pope of Houston.

The couple spent two weeks visiting their children and vacationing at Animal Kingdom, Epcot, Magic Kingdom, MGM Studios and the Holy Land Experience.

The Hirts were married Feb. 10, 1951, in Green Ridge Pres-



Art & Ele Hirt on their wedding day



...and today

byterian Church in Scranton by the Rev. Brewer L. Burnnett.

They owned the Montgomery Wards catalog sales agency on Main Street in Waynesboro, then Mr. Hirt worked at The Public Opinion in Chambersburg and Mrs. Hirt worked at West Penn Power.

Road to regional



News-Messenger file photo/Ben French

JILL DIEDRICH of Fremont Ross slams a pitch during an April 23 game against Sandusky at Alumni Field. Diedrich will play third base today as the Little Giants meet fifth-ranked Celina in a Division I district final at Tiffin University.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Ross tops Findlay 7-0

Giants still perfect in GLL

Thursday, April 12, 2001

News-Messenger photos/Ben French

JILL DIEDRICH (11) of Fremont Ross winds up to throw to first baseman Amanda Shaffer for the first out of the seventh inning Wednesday at Alumni Field. Diedrich had three hits as the Little Giants defeated Findlay 7-0.

July 1, 2001

On June 1, 2001, I wrote to 115 family units. As of June 30, I had had replies from 24 family units. I have heard from each of the family branches and I feel most of this information is complete and up to date.

There was a marriage in 2000 that I did not learn about until now.

Fannie Halbeisen Fox Branch:

Fannie's Daughter Beulah – Beulah's Son David – David's daughter Kristin:

Kristin Lynn Denver married Thomas Henry Buck 03/04/00

They reside at Wichita Kansas

Since Meeting last year in July there have been 6 births and two other weddings:

Fannie Halbeisen Fox Branch:

Fannie's son Carl – Carl's son Dean married Carolyn Angus – Carolyn's son Randal had daughter Lisa:

On 08/31/00 a son was born to Tracy and Lisa Stroup

Tristan Tucker Stroup NDD at Lincoln NE.

Albert Halbeisen Branch:

Albert's son Donald has a son named Rex –

On 10/21/00 a son was born to Rex and Paula Halbeisen

Alec William Halbeisen at Westminster CO

Mervin Halbeisen Branch

Mervin's son Lyle had a son Steven. Steven had a son Bryce –

On 12/10/00 a son was born to Bryce and Joselyn Halbeisen

Spencer Lyle Halbeisen at Salem OR

Ellen Halbeisen House Branch

Ellen's Daughter Alice had a daughter Lisa –

On 12/28/00 twin sons were born to Randy and Lisa Wallace

Michael Eric and Sean Anthony Wallace ** at San Jose CA

John Halbeisen Branch:

John's daughter Helen had a son Jacques II – Jacques II had a son Jacques III –

On 01/26/01 a girl was born to Jacques III and Tara Smith:

Laikyn Noel Smith at Hasting NE but since that time the family has relocated to Overland Park KS

Fannie Halbeisen Fox Branch:

Fannie's son Carl – Carl's son Dean married Carolyn Angus – Carolyn's son Randal had daughter Staci:

On 09/23/00 Staci Ann Angus (NDD) Married Ryan Scott Wiederstein

They reside at Lincoln Nebraska.

Fannie's son John had a daughter Merna – Merna had a daughter Linda – Linda had a daughter Bridget:

On 10/13/00 Bridget Colleen Marie Miller married Kevin Reta.

They reside at Elk Grove California

Reported by

Quinlan Halbeisen on behalf of Elizabeth Hirt

** Previously reported directly to you by Alice Moscato.

Grove California and

Jacques Stirling Smith III and **Tara Moores** on 09/11/1999 at Hastings Nebraska

Question:

Have you and Jeanette set a mail price for the new Hirt Book?

Quinlan Halbeisen

Quinlan Halbeisen



The Halbeisen Family of Salem Oregon

Elizabeth Hirt Married **Charles Halbeisen**. One of their sons was **Mervin Halbeisen**

Mervin and Lena Halbeisen had 5 children. One son was **Lyle Halbeisen**.

Lyle and Marie Halbeisen had but one son Steven Halbeisen

Pictured after the recent birth of Spencer are::

Back Row Left to Right: Steven, Deborah, Bryce and Joselyn Halbeisen

Front Row Left to Right are Alex and Spencer Halbeisen

Red = Deceased

Steve & Debbie have two sons Bryce & Alex

<p><i>Maggie</i></p> 	<p>1832 SW MEADOW LN TOPEKA KS 66604-3567</p> <p>Phone 785-272-6578</p> <p><i>FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE</i></p>	
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February 8, 2001

Dear Helen,

I know it has been months since you wrote me a note (08/01/00). I assume by now you understand why I have procrastinated so long. But in the rare case you have not heard from Jeanette, enclosed is a reproduction of newspaper clippings from early last October.

Anyway I recently found your letter and wanted to take a minute to say Thank you!

Arm cast placed on 10/06/00. Cast removed on 12/04/00 and replaced by sling. Stopped wearing the sling as of 01/01/01. Per doctor visit 01/29/01 bone is still healing.

Enclosed is a list of the couples in the extended Hirt family that will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries this year. **Accidentally do you have a valid address for Paul and Sandra Stearns** celebrating their 30th anniversary this year?

I was somewhat disappointed in my total trip to Fremont last year in that I did not really meet to many folks on a one to one basis. I was somewhat hesitant about going up to homes and ringing doorbells and by Sunday I was somewhat tired.

The Halbeisen branch had some twins born in late December. I am waiting for grandma to send me the details. My cousin Elizabeth House Moscato's daughter has some new babies at her house. So prior to the July picnic, I will forward information assuming that I ever get it!

Have you seen the index to the Hirt Book that I created? Do you need one for any reason? Although the traffic incident fouled up my schedule for finishing it, I did complete it by 12/31/00. I still need to thoroughly proofread it because being human I made my share of typo errors. Jeanette did try to proofread it, but she may have missed something.

Local young woman racing through life

2001

By AMBER L. EDDES
Staff writer

Allison Weiker looks like an average 19-year-old in khakis and a pale blue sweater.

It's difficult to imagine the petite blonde in full safety gear, strapped into a dragster that races at speeds of more than 170 mph.

But that's what she does at Norwalk Raceway Park every weekend.

"When people see me and my dad says I drive a race car, they look at me like I'm crazy," said Weiker, a 2000 Ross High School graduate. "But it doesn't bother me at all."

The season starts this month and runs through October.

"Every year I get so excited," Weiker said. "I'm just ready to get out there and start racing again."

It was Weiker's father's interest in racing that got her started.

"My dad started racing when I was 13 and I always asked him if I could go with him in the car," she said.

Her dad, Richard, was new to racing, but moved out of the seat long enough for her to get hooked.

"When my parents got divorced he picked a hobby," Weiker said. "And he wanted to be able to spend more time with me."

Weiker grew up with her father's interest in cars. She fondly remembers him working on cars, including a '60 Chevy when she was about 7 years old.

"I got under the car with him and read off some numbers he needed," Weiker said. "I always used to sit with him in the garage while he worked on cars."

Richard Weiker flamed his daughter's interest in rear-end dragsters by getting her a little one.

The car is a smaller version of the long, skinny full-size dragsters with big tires in back and small tires in front and a roll cage over the top.

"It looks like one of the top fuel race cars," Allison Weiker said.

"I had a junior dragster

when I was 14 or 15," Weiker said. The car went about 35 mph, but it was only a year before she was driving her dad's car — a car that can go 170 miles per hour and can cover a quarter of a mile in 7 seconds.

Last year, Richard Weiker bought himself and his daughter a new dragster.

Most dragster drivers are men years older than Weiker, so it was difficult for Weiker to break into the field. But once she did, she never looked back.

"When I came back the first time, my dad said my eyes were this big and I was so excited," Weiker said gesturing with her hands. "He knew from then on I'd keep racing."

Richard Weiker warned his daughter that her first run down the quarter-mile strip of track would throw her back against her seat, but she didn't expect the sheer force that hit her.

"It just threw me back so hard, my foot came off the pedal," Weiker said. She recalled seeing her dad standing on the side of the track, laughing.

Other people at the track may also have been laughing, but Weiker doesn't mind.

"Most guys think I don't know what I'm doing," she said. "Most of the people I race with are guys and they're 30 and over and they don't take too well to me being there and racing with them."

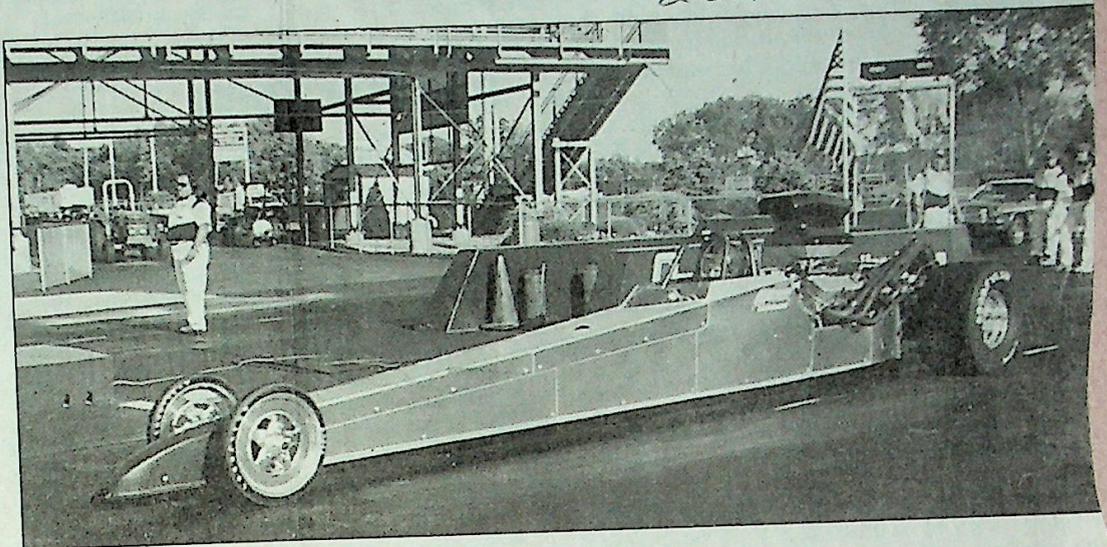
"Some think it's really, really cool, but others won't talk to me."

There are some women at the track, but they are usually much older than Weiker.

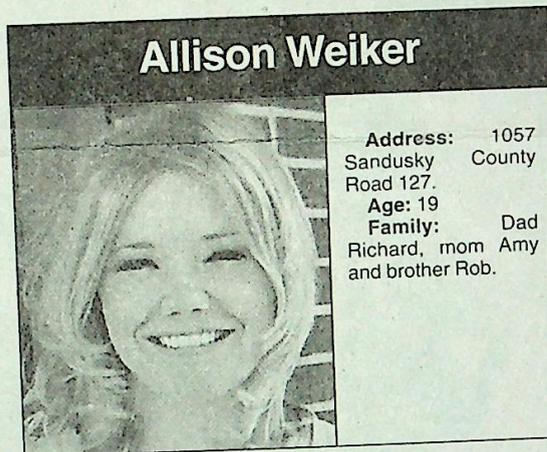
"Women just think it's the greatest thing in the world," she said. "They'll come up and talk to me."

Since Allison Weiker started racing every weekend, her dad doesn't get out on the track very much because they use the same car.

"They fitted the pedals, steering wheel and roll cage to me," Weiker said. "It's for safety so you're not banging around in the car."



ALLISON WEIKER'S dragster.



Allison Weiker

Address: 1057 Sandusky County Road 127.
Age: 19
Family: Dad Richard, mom Amy and brother Rob.

She also wears a four-point harness that straps her to her seat, a neck brace, a helmet, a fire suit, gloves, and arm straps that keep her arms inside the dragster.

"It seems really dangerous, but there's a lot of stuff to do to make it safe," Weiker said. "Especially with my dad. He makes sure everything is safe before I go in the car."

The hobby has helped keep Weiker, who lives with her mom Amy, close to her dad even after her parents divorced.

"We were always real close, so seeing him more helped out a lot," Weiker said.

She thanks both of her parents for supporting her and her hobby choice.

"Mom's excited that I do

it and it's different from what most teen-agers do, but she gets really nervous," Weiker said. "I have to thank her for supporting me even though she gets nervous when she comes to watch."

Amy Weiker doesn't go to every one of her daughter's races, but she always asks how they went.

"She would rather watch them on tape afterward," Allison Weiker said, laughing.

Amy Weiker is proud of her daughter even if her hobby scares her.

"She enjoys it and I'm happy she's pursuing something she likes," Amy Weiker said.

Few people saw all of her races during the Night Under Fire last year when races went on until 5 a.m.

"I won three rounds and then my fourth round I was so tired," Weiker said. Her brother, Rob, also watches her race when he is home from California.

"When he comes home, he thinks it's the greatest thing in the world," Weiker said. "He gets so excited about it."

The number on Weiker's dragster is 313. The 3 is for Dale Earnhardt and the 13 because it was her brother's baseball number.

"Dale Earnhardt is my favorite race car driver ever," Weiker said. "No matter what, he always did his best."

She is also doing her best.

"I've won trophies the past year and some money," Weiker said. "I've done really well."

"My dad always says I don't give myself enough credit."

This year, Weiker hopes to push herself and her car a little further.

"I want to go six seconds," Weiker said. To reach that time, her car would go 180 to 190 mph. "I just want to go faster so my dad's going to try."

Weiker said her dad does everything he can to make it possible for her to race.

"If that's what I wanted to do he would have helped me no matter what it was," Weiker said. "He was the same way with my

brother when he played baseball."

"My dad inspires me all the time to do better and do what I want to do."

Richard Weiker was not available for comment, but Joyce Talbot knows how much he enjoys helping his daughter.

"He loves every minute he spends with her," Talbot said. "He almost bursts when she's out there."

Allison Weiker also enjoys every minute she's with her dad, even helping him to keep the car running.

"I help my dad, but Scott does a lot of it," Weiker said. "At the race track I help him out as much as I can. I'd rather be involved with it than sitting in a chair."

Scott Grassman is her sponsor, although she needs more sponsors to reach her goals.

"It'd be nice if I could drive a top fuel dragster," Weiker said.

Until then, she'll race in Norwalk, wait tables at Bob Evans and continue college classes. She will transfer from Terra Community College to Owens Community College in the fall to continue her nursing education.

Contact staff writer Amber Edde at 334-1058 or aedde@fremont.gannett.com.

To Helen Schepflin

For The Hirt Reunion, July 15, 2001

I'm writing to say I regret I can't come to the reunion this year. I wish I could attend and see the whole gang again.

Perhaps you've heard I have changed my address this past January. I am living in an assisted living lodge with 130 other residents. There is a lot to do to keep us busy but mostly we all sleep and eat at this age.

I moved from a two bedroom apartment to a one bedroom – but since I don't cook or do the cleaning or laundry I don't have to keep all those tools or utensils. I play games – bingo mostly – and go on picnics and we have other entertainment. I do get back to Rossmoor occasionally and will be going there next week to see old friends.

I am expecting Jeanette and Howard, and Mort and Irene to visit me when they come to California to see their kids. My new place is only about a mile from Rossmoor where I lived for 23 years.

I believe Quinlan (my nephew) will be there for the July 15th Reunion so he will represent my family. As you know, I'm the oldest living descendent of Casper Hirt.

My health is fair and I've slimmed down a lot since I was there last.

Have a good time and I'll be thinking about you.

Alan and Mary Ann are very busy on their jobs. Mary Ann was in Cleveland the last week of June. Alan was in Japan about a month ago so they both travel a lot.

Best wishes to all.

As always,

Leta



Greetings to Hirt's
Family Reunion 8/15-

Enclosed a snap
of myself on 95th
Birthday. Also, some
address labels, if
any want to write
me a note.

If any get out this
way - I'd be happy
to see you any time.

Best Wishes to All.

Lovingly, Letta

Monday, July 30, 2001

Howard Julius Hirt

July 24, 1922 — Aug. 23, 2001
Howard Julius Hirt, 79, of Fremont died Thursday at County-side Continuing Care Center. He was born in Riley Township to Chester and Verma (Trick) Hirt. On Oct. 28, 1946, he married Jeanette Slotz at Grace Lutheran Church. She survives.

He graduated from Ross High School in 1940 and served in the U.S. Navy as a turret gunner on the battleship USS Colorado during World War II. After his military service, he worked as a truck driver for Hirt Trucking and retired in 1986 as a driver with The Fremont Co.

A history buff, he liked to farm and garden and was known to give away vegetables from his large garden. He liked sports and enjoyed going to his grandchildren's athletic games as well as watching NASCAR races. He belonged to Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont VFW, American Legion and the Burger King Lairs Club.

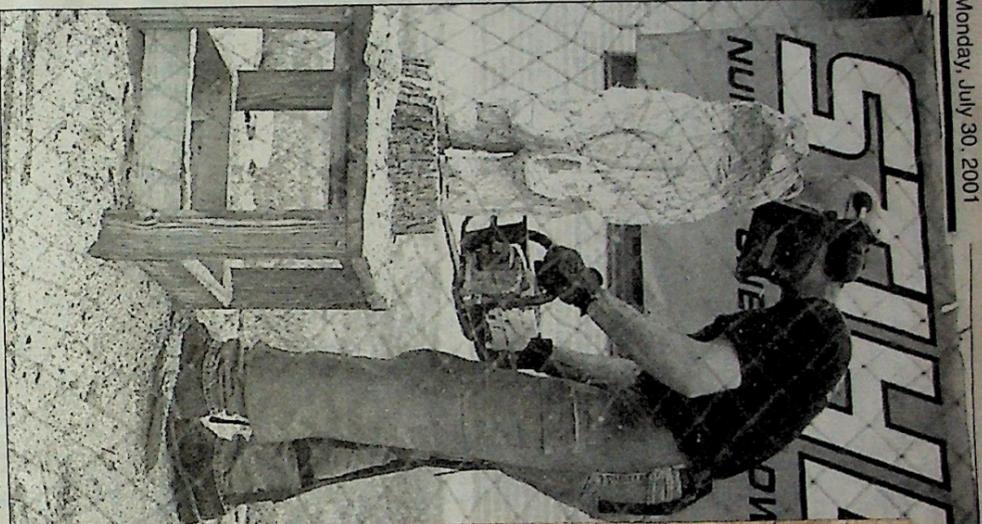
Surviving are his wife; sons Michael, Bruce W. and Mark of Fremont and Scott of San Diego, Calif.; daughter Cynthia L. Hirt of Fremont; sisters Irene Brindley, Anna Troxel and Lucille Atkinson of Fremont; and five grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents and brother Franklin.

Visitation: 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

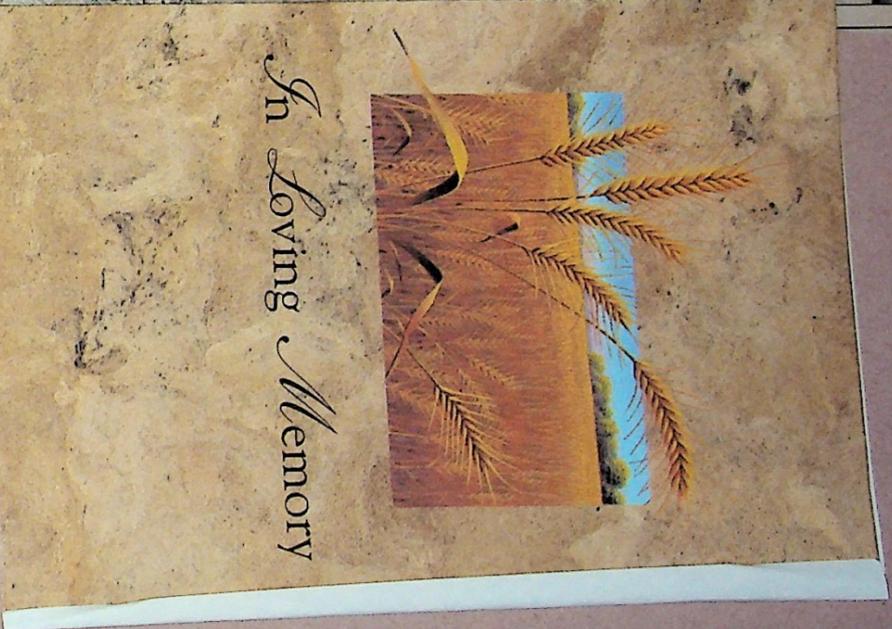
Services: Noon Wednesday at the church.

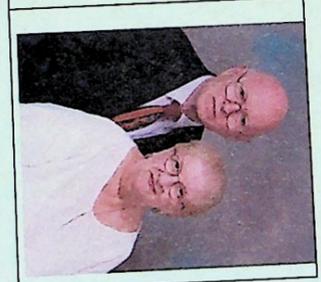
Burial: 11 a.m. Thursday at Greenlawn Memory Gardens, Fremont. Military rites will be performed by the Fremont American Legion and VFW.

Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church, Countryside Continuing Care Center or American Red Cross.



News-Messenger/Drew Kashner
CHUCK SCHEPFLIN, an eight-year-old member of the Stihl Professional Carving Team, carves a bear out of a tree stump with a chainsaw on Saturday night at the Sacred Heart Summerfest. The bear was auctioned off later that night.



 <p>Maggie</p>	<p>1832 SW MEADOW LN TOPEKA KS 66604-3567 Phone 785-272-6578</p>	
<p>FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE</p>		

July 5, 2001

Dear Cousins (William and Helen)

Here at the last minute, I guess it is fair to warn you that I probably will be in Fremont next week.

It was quite a project to arrange transportation. I studied all of the possible air flight paths and decided it was too much and too cumbersome for an 800 mile trip.

Some of you know that on 10/10/00 I got a Cadillac 2000 Deville for the good family car. I never really have liked it and after a trip in late March to Des Moines, I elected to get a better car. I approached our local Cadillac dealer about May 1st and asked them to help me. Finally on Monday June 18, I went back to them and rather demanded action. At 7 PM that night I turned my old Deville 2000 in for a genuine Cadillac and now own a 1993 Fleetwood.

So hide the good silverware and beware, Quinlan would like to drop by and say hello again. I find it awkward to try to visit one on one on Sunday the 15th at the 85th Reunion. It is easier to try for one on one or maybe one on two!

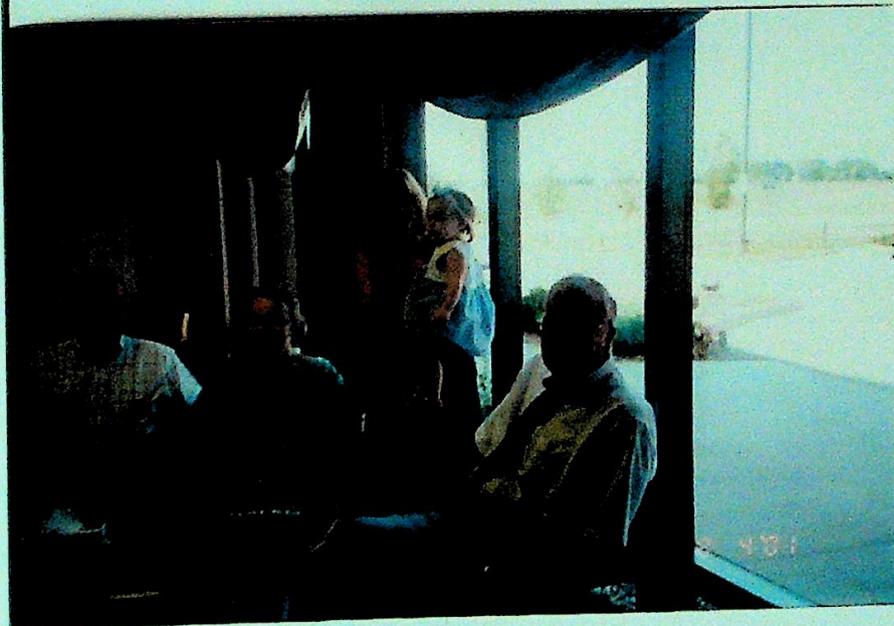
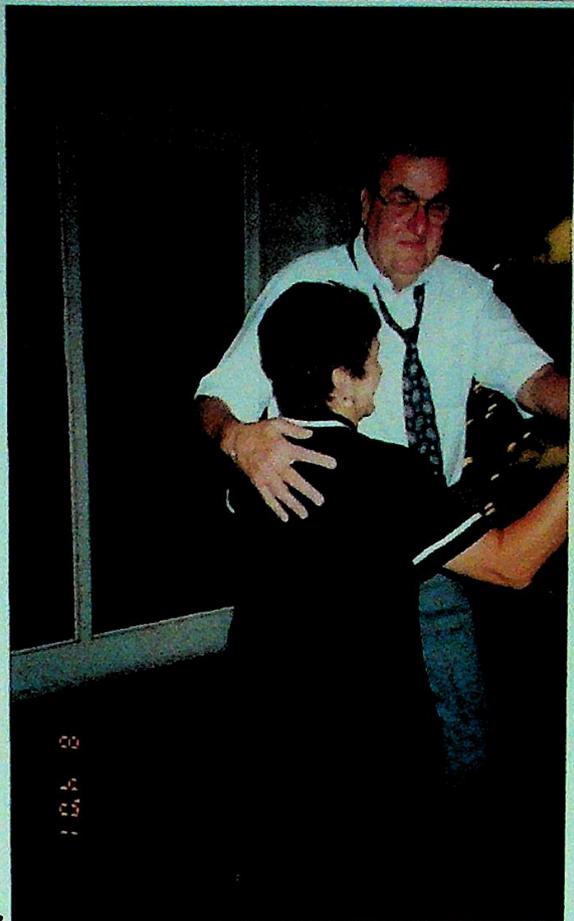
So it is very late for me to let you know, but that is the way things go sometimes. I should arrive on Thursday the 12th and be in Fremont all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 13th, 14th and 15th!

Please do not try to plan any meal engagements in that I am still on a very strict diet. I only wish to drop by for an hour or less and visit a bit when it is most convenient for you. There is not sufficient time for you to reply to this by mail or even by phone, as I will start at 9AM on the 11th!

Without previously asking her to do so (Act as my social secretary) I might suggest that you contact Jeanette Hirt and advise her of a convenient time that I might come by. Call her at 332-6539

The only fly in the ointment is that I do have a Medical appointment at 10:40 AM on 07/11/01 at Kansas City Kansas. In the rare case that they would want to perform surgery # 3 prior to 07/18/01, I would cancel my trip to Fremont. (In the rare event that that were to happen I will call Jeanette and advise her) Otherwise after this medical appointment at 10:40, rather than drive back to Topeka I would just depart for Fremont from Kansas City upon leaving the doctor's office.

Quinlan Halbeisen
Quinlan Halbeisen



The first picture is of Todd Nash, the new flame, Dena, Jacob (Sherry Schepflin Underwood's grandson---his mom is Nicki) and myself.

Picture two is of Dick's sister, Sylvia and husband, Jim. Sherry(Dick's youngest sister) is holding Jacob's little sister, Kaitlyn...

Apr 2001

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schefflin
and

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher
invite you to share in the joy of
the marriage uniting their children
Casey Renee

and
Chad Allan

This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the thirteenth of October

Two thousand and one
at three-thirty in the afternoon
St. John's Lutheran Church
212 North Clover Street
Fremont, Ohio

Reception
immediately following ceremony
Ole Lim's Wagon Shed
1375 North State Route 590
Fremont, Ohio

Denice Hirt named principal at Stamm Elementary School

By SARAH WILLIAMS
Staff writer

Denice Hirt will begin her new position Monday as principal at Stamm Elementary School. The Fremont native replaces 11-year veteran Sam Preston, who accepted a superintendent position last week at Bucyrus Wynford.

Hirt, who was hired at a special Fremont Board of Education meeting this morning, had been the district's state and federal programs coordinator for about four years. She was a teacher at Atkinson Elementary for about three years prior to taking that position.

"It's a new challenge and opportunity, and I'm very happy," 31-year-old Hirt said this morning. "This happened so quickly and unexpectedly." Hirt received her administrative certificate about

Friday, October 26, 2001

a year and a half ago. She will be paid \$51,086 for 205 days of work.

Hirt will shadow Preston beginning Monday through his last day Wednesday.

"I'll get to shadow him for a few days, so it should be a smooth transition," Hirt said. "With my old position, I got to see everything and was always at all the schools. I know how they're all made up — but I'm sure it'll be different from the inside."

Hirt's initial goal as she takes her new post is to get to know the students, staff and teachers at Stamm, and to become familiar with the programs already in place.

"Denice will be a real asset to the school and community," Fremont Superintendent Don King said this morning. "She brings a lot of curriculum knowledge to the position and has had the opportunity to mingle with all the programs. We're happy to have her."

Hirt graduated from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in 1988. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Bowling Green State University and her administrative certificate from the University of Findlay.

She and her husband, Chris, have two children, Maggie, 3, and Mason, 1.

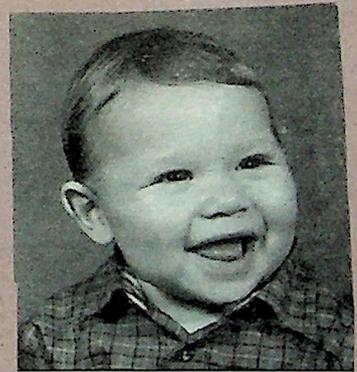
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Egg hunting



News-Messenger/Ben French

Stephanie Page, 4, of Fremont shows Grace Zilles, 92, left, and Esther Linder, 89, of the Bethany Place Retirement Center the eggs that she found during an easter egg hunt at the center. The children from the Sandusky County YMCA child care came to Bethany Place as part of an effort to promote intergenerational activities. The kids had an easter egg hunt, colored eggs for the residents, and sang a song.



Craig Scott Diekman II

Craig & Jeanette Diekman
Charlotte, NC
February 13, 2001

Friday 8-17-01

Dear Helen

I recently moved to Wheeling W.Va. to be closer to my children. It was the best decision because I love it here. Claudia was my real estate agent and J.F. (Jim II) took care of all the moving van decisions. They've both been such a great help and I love seeing J.F. on week-ends. He lives in Bridgeville Pa only 45 min away. Both of them have said "lets all go to the reunion" so hopefully 2002 will be the year. I'm a walker so every morning I stop and visit with Jim. We bought him a rose marble bench for a marker and rest will I visit. He was a great husband, dad and Pap & miss him terribly. Love Bev.



Mrs. Bev Wisbon
58 Williamsburg Cir.
Wheeling, WV, 26003



Helen Schepplin
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Deaths

Morton W. 'Mort' Brindley

April 16, 1914 — Feb. 5, 2002

Morton W. "Mort" Brindley, 87, of Fremont died Tuesday in the intensive care unit at Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Oak Harbor to J. William and H. Louise (Petersen) Brindley.

Mr. Brindley was a farmer and worked for Purdy Sales Inc. where he sold and serviced farm equipment. He retired Jan. 1, 1979.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, the church council, the dartball league and also taught Sunday school. He was also a member of the Sandusky County Farm Bureau and its council and the Lindsey Lions Club.

Mr. Brindley was a retired Lindsey firefighter and was an American Red Cross volunteer.

Surviving are his wife, Irene (Hirt), whom he married March 14, 1940, at Grace Lutheran Church; sons Kenneth of Elk Grove, Calif., and Dennis of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; daughter Janet Brindley of Temperance, Mich.; brothers Howard of Fremont and Curtis of Ocala, Fla., and five grandchildren. He is preceded by son Allan W. and brother Wilton.

Visitation: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nopper-Karlovetz Mortuary.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Faith Lutheran Church. His body will lie in state one hour before the services.

Burial: Greenlawn Memory Gardens, Clyde.

Memorials: To the church or the American Red Cross.



Kenneth Joseph Bonnigson, Jr.

Ken & Jen Bonnigson
Clyde
November 2, 2001

News-Messenger reports

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Babione was westbound on Sandusky County 239 near U.S. 6 at 8:40 p.m. when she stopped and exited her 1996 Plymouth Voyager, according to reports from the Fremont Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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Early Sunday morning, three people were injured when their vehicles collided at the intersection of South Front Street and Birchard Avenue.

Cyrus D. Connors, 48, of 1653 Swiss Road and a passenger in his 2001 Ford Taurus, Benjamin C. Connors, 14, same address, were taken to Memorial Hospital after the 5:38 a.m. crash. Benjamin Connors was released after treatment, while Cyrus Connors was admitted. His condition was not available this morning.

The driver of the other vehicle, Michael R. Payne, 47, of 404 N. Clay St., Green Springs, also went to Memorial Hospital and was released after treatment.

Payne was northbound on South Front Street when he failed

to stop for a flashing red light and was struck by Connor's car, which was westbound on Birchard Avenue, according to reports from the Fremont Police Department.

The Connors were wearing their seat belts, but Payne was not, reports show.

No citations were issued according to reports.

Two men were also injured Sunday morning when their car went off Ohio 163 in Ottawa County's Portage Township and struck two wooden poles.

Driver Jason D. Tackett, 23 of Ohio 314, Mt. Gilead, was taken to the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo with head injuries, according to reports from the Sandusky Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He was in seri-

ous condition this morning. The passenger in Tackett's 1978 Mercury hatchback, Justin D. Mollenkopf, 22, of 1230 John St., Bucyrus, suffered minor visible injuries and was taken to Magruder Hospital, reports show. He was released after treatment.

Tackett was westbound on Ohio 163 just west of Christy Chapel Road at 2 a.m. when he lost control of his car after rounding a curve, reports show. The car slid off the right side of the road and struck to wooden poles.

The crash remains under investigation.

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, Port Clinton Police Department and Port Clinton Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Deaths

David R. Smith

May 24, 1949 — Nov. 7, 2001

David R. Smith, 52, of North Sandusky County Road 204, Fremont, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Fremont to Carl E. and Jean K. (Hirt) Smith. He graduated from Ross High School in 1967 and was a Vietnam War era veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Smith was a dispatcher for Sandusky County 911.

He then worked at the county jail and retired in 2000 after 18 years.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and served as vice president of the church council. He was also a member of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Sandusky County Sheriff's Explorers Club, Riley Grange, Fremont Moose, Eagles and FOP. He was a lifemember of the VFW and American Legion.

Surviving are stepdaughter Kelly Wammes of Green Springs; his mother, sister Judy Rapp and brothers Tom and Ed, all of Fremont; and three stepgrandchildren.

His father is deceased.

Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home.

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Additional visitation begins one hour before the services.

Burial: Shock Cemetery, Fremont, with military services conducted by the American Legion and VFW.

Memorials: Multiple Sclerosis Society or the church.

Schepflin-Fisher

Casey Renee Schepflin and Chad Alan Fisher were married Oct. 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Robert Quillen.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Virginia Schepflin of Fremont.

The groom's parents are Robert and Debra Fisher of Fremont.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a candlelight dulcine satin gown. The A-line silhouette was embellished with re-embroidered lace and covered with pearls and sequins. The V-neckline had wide straps that accented the open back and a large candy box bow topped a cascading flounce edged with pearls. Trails of re-embroidered alencon lace were covered with pearls and sequins which gently flowed down the back of the cathedral train. A broad hem of embroidered scalloped lace was beaded with pearls and sequins that edged her skirt and train.

Her headpiece was a ring of silk Venice lace adorned with pearls and rhinestones with two layers of elbow-length pencil edge bridal illusion.



CASEY (SCHEPFLIN) and CHAD FISHER

She carried a long cascade hand bouquet of white dendrobium orchids, white lilies, and snow drift pom-poms, yellow button pom pom and ivy garland camelia foliage.

Matron of honor was Amy Tallman, sister of the bride, who wore a floor-length, A-line dress with a princess style bodice. The dress back was detailed with criss-cross straps with three covered buttons across the left shoulder. She wore a matching stole draped around her shoulders.

Bridesmaids were Dena Schepflin, cousin of the bride, Cheryl Schepflin, sister-in-law of the bride, Bobbie Jo Fisher, sister of the groom, and Jen Swint and Donna McCartney, friends of the bride. They were dressed in gowns identical to the honor attendant.

Best man was Kyle Smith, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Troy Schepflin, brother of the bride, Jared Fisher, brother of the groom, and Brian Mosser, Joe LeJeune and Tony Decker, all friends of the groom.

Ring bearer was Alex Schepflin, nephew of the bride.

Their reception was at Ole Zim's.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Ross High School and a 2000 graduate of Bowling Green State University. She is a 5th/6th grade learning disabilities teacher at Lutz Elementary School.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Ross High School and a 1998 graduate of Hocking College. He is employed by the Sandusky County engineer and highway department.

They live at 2027 E. State St.

One year later, Hirt a big help to sheriff

By YENA PEACH HART
Staff writer

It's been a year since Sandusky County Sheriff David Gangwer named his first chief deputy to aid him in daily operations, and the sheriff couldn't be happier.

Gangwer promoted then Capt. Bruce Hirt, who has been with the sheriff's office since 1971, to take on the job as second in command.

"He's my right-hand man," Gangwer said, and added that having the extra help gives him more time to do "sheriffing."

Gangwer now focuses more of his time handling organizational commitments and lets Hirt oversee



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SHERIFF DAVID GANGWER, left, shares a laugh with his chief deputy, Bruce Hirt.

the office and take on projects.

Hirt has the power to do most things the sheriff does except hire and fire employees and sign off on certain documents.

"Anything that happens, it's still my responsibility," Gangwer said. "That's why I still approve everything."

Gangwer said in the past year, Hirt helped him implement programs, including the marine patrol that

begin in the spring and a citizens academy that began last fall. Hirt also helped coordinate the installation and set-up of new computer software at the sheriff's office and is in charge of union negotiations.

Hirt oversees other programs, including the search and rescue team, the arson unit and the SWAT team.

Thursday, January 31, 2002

As chief deputy, Hirt helps sheriff

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Staffing increases, state laws and mandates compelled Gangwer to ask county commissioners for the money to take on a chief deputy, after being without one since 1985 when he was first elected sheriff. Gangwer said he had 38 employees when he in 1985, and now has 65.

"We're reaching the point where we are expanding so much," Gangwer said. "I'm a real stickler for the command of this office. ... He's taken a lot off my shoulders. We've got a good working process here."

Gangwer's predecessor, Joe Kindred, had a chief deputy — Frank Hush — during his three terms as sheriff. Hush and Kin-

dred are now retired.

Bob Cornwell, executive director of the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, said 15 of Ohio's 88 counties do not have chief deputies. Those counties are primarily less populated counties.

"Some have a population of less than 20,000," he said, noting that Sandusky County has more than 60,000 people.

Cornwell said it's a matter of personal preference whether a sheriff has a chief deputy, not for financial reasons or because of state mandates.

"I don't think money's the issue," he said. "It's the ability to entrust someone with the day-to-day operations in your absence."

Hirt's salary increased by \$8,000 when he was promoted,

making his annual pay \$38,000. That money comes out of the county's general fund.

Gangwer said Hirt works well with Jail Administrator Scott Ickes and with the deputies.

"I always tell (Hirt) we're going to do the best if we're going to do it — it won't be done half-ass," Gangwer said.

Hirt said he's enjoying the opportunity to be the sheriff's chief deputy.

"I look forward to coming to work," Hirt said. "I appreciate the trust that the sheriff has placed in me. He's one of the busiest public officials I know."

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Beeker-Hirt

Stephanie Beeker and Matt Hirt were married Aug. 10 at St. Ann Catholic Church by the Rev. Gerry Chmiel.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Deb Beeker, 3370 Township Road 87, Gibsonburg.

The groom is the son of Bruce and Cindy Hirt, 1702 Emmett Drive.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a champagne, strapless gown with embroidered ivory flowers and lace embroidered scalloped skirt and sweep train.

Her headpiece was a 3-tiered crown veil.

She carried a bouquet of Virginia roses hand-tied by her attendants.

Bridesmaids were Kim Timmons, Addie Horn, Shannon Reinbolt and Bre Kuhlman, all friends of the bride, Laura Hirt, sister of the groom, and Roberta Thompson, cousin of the bride. They wore ivory dresses, sewn by Martha Lantz, with spaghetti straps, gathered bodices and A-line skirts with stems of rosebuds climbing the skirt. They carried bouquets of ivory roses hand-tied by the bride and her attendants.

Groomsmen were Dave Tischler, Curt Knochs, Jeff Mosser, Kevin Kayden and Nick Halm, all friends of the groom, and Dan Beeker brother of the



STEPHANIE (BEEKER) and MATT HIRT

Ross High School, a 2000 graduate of Ohio State University with a bachelor of special education and a 2001 graduate of OSU with a masters in education.

She is employed at the School of Hope as a multiple handicap instructor.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School and a 2000 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in business education.

He is a business education teacher at Geneva Area High

Christine Zilles Lindsey

Feb. 10, 1959 — March 7, 2002

Christine Zilles Lindsey, 43, of Norbert Drive died Thursday at home.

She was born the daughter of Robert L. and Lillian (Parkson) Zilles and they survive in Fremont. She graduated from Ross

High School in 1977 and Bowling Green State University in 1982. She married Mark Lindsey on June 29, 1996, at Grace Lutheran Church and he survives.

MRS. LINDSEY She was a teacher in the learning disabled program at Bellevue High School and was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and the Bellevue Education Association.

Also surviving are daughter Hannah Hoffmann of Fremont; sisters Cindy Waggoner of Fremont and Cheryl Patterson of Lisle, Ill.

Services: 10 a.m. Saturday, Grace Lutheran Church.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers to the Hannah Hoffmann Scholarship Fund, in care of Croghan Colonial Bank, 323 Croghan St., Fremont, 43420.

Arrangements: Nopper-Karlovetz Mortuary.



Deaths

Warren E. Hirt

March 25, 1923 - April 24, 2002

Warren E. Hirt, 79, formerly of East Maple Street, Clyde, currently a resident at Elmwood Nursing Home in Green Springs, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Vickery to Harold and Dorothy (Last) Hirt and attended Garvin School. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He married E. Pauline Brutcher on June 12, 1948. She died May 28, 1998.

Mr. Hirt worked as a mechanic at Fremont White Truck, retiring in 1989 after 39 years.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clyde.

Surviving are sons Thomas of Blacksburg, Va., and Timothy of Findlay; daughter Susan Collins of Lubbock Texas; four grandchildren; and brothers William of Port Clinton and Luther of Fremont. One brother, Rollin, is deceased.

Visitation: 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, Clyde.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial: McPherson Cemetery, Clyde.

Memorials: To the church's endowment fund.

May 19, 2000

Deanne Rider



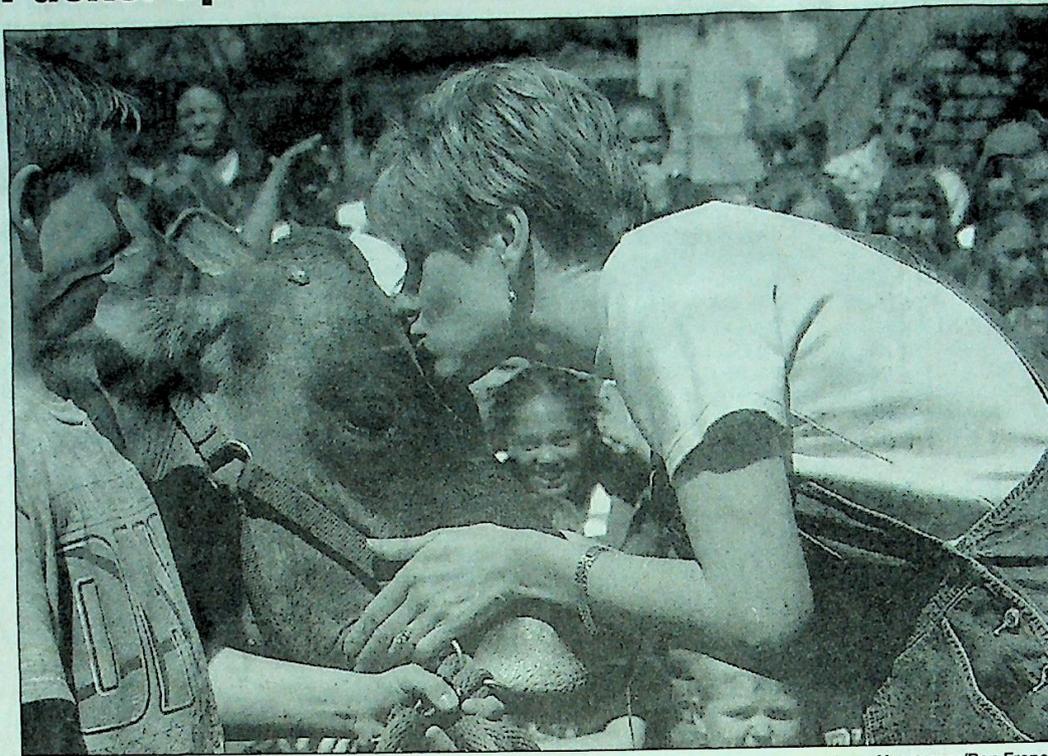
Deanne Rider will be attending The College of Wooster in the fall with a major in Geology. Rider's activities mostly have a musical base. She is involved in Harding Singers, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Woman's Chorus. Rider's favorite activity is her participation in the school musical and her favorite class is AP Music Theory.

Her best Harding memory is going to Boston and New York for Orchestra. Rider's favorite television show is *The Pretender* (when she finds time to watch it) and her preferred movie is *Cruel Intentions*.

Rider regrets that she was shy when she first came to Harding and did not join more activities. The advice Rider gives to the class of 2001,

"Don't procrastinate or allow outside issues to get in the way of what you really need to get done." In ten years Rider plans to be out of school and in a job that allows her to travel.

Pucker up!



News-Messenger/Ben French

Above: Denice Hirt, principal of Stamm Elementary, kisses the Camp Storer mascot, a moose (cow), after the school reached its goal of raising \$400 for transportation for the sixth-grade to go to the camp. Students bought tickets to vote for staff members to participate in various activities such as "Pie in the Face" and "Dodge a Water balloon."

The 2-year-old collects lambs and china dolls — with a lot of help from her mom Tracy and aunt Tanya Atkinson who are also collectors.

"The China dolls are basically from her aunt (Tanya) and Grandmother (Linda Thurn)," Tracy Atkinson, of Fremont, said. "She has several lambs because we raise sheep," Tracy Atkinson said.

Madison's lamb collection includes TY brand stuffed animals.

"These are her biggest collections," Tracy Atkinson said.

This will be Madison's second year entering the collection show at the fair.

"She didn't win anything last year, but hopefully she'll win this year," Tracy Atkinson said.

The little girl's favorite piece is Baa-Baa, a purple and yellow stuffed lamb.

Collecting is in Madison's genes, as her mom started collecting pigs when she was about 8 years old.

"When I was a little girl we all started showing in 4-H with pigs," she said. After a good show, Tracy Atkinson bought herself two tiny ceramic pigs to reward herself. That started a collection that continues today.

She won awards for her pig collection both as a child and as an adult. This year she is planning to enter her lamb collection.

"The lambs I kinda just recently started," she said pointing to several lambs. A small lamb made of real wool is her favorite, but she is also partial to a lamb on a wooden wagon.

"I'd been wanting him forever," she said.

Tracy Atkinson's sister-in-law

was a collector before joining the family although Tanya Atkinson started showing at the fair at her sister-in-law's urging.

"Last year was the first year I showed anything," Tanya Atkinson said. She took second place with her old Christmas ornament collection, which is one of many.

"I seem to just collect a lot of stuff," she said. "I kinda like old things because of the history behind them."

She also collects Mary Moos, Golden Books and salt savers.

"I got started on Mary Moos from a gift exchange and it's just grown from there," Tanya Atkinson said.

She finds books and ornaments herself, although her salt saver collection grows with help from friends and family members.

"I just recently started collecting

Golden Books," Tanya Atkinson said. "I like the older ones more so than the newer ones so it's more of a challenge."

Her favorite book is the Three Little Kittens.

"I remember that from when I was a kid," she said.

Salt savers are much rarer.

"People used to have them at their dinner tables instead of salt shakers," Tanya Atkinson said. Salt savers are individual salt containers that hold just enough salt for a meal. Pinches of salt are taken from the dishes and sprinkled over food.

She finds a lot of them at garage sales. "I just love these because they're so cute."



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MADISON ATKINSON, left, collects lambs and china dolls with the help of her mother, Tracy Atkinson, holding her, and aunt, Tanya Atkinson.



THE BLADE/JEREMY WADSWORTH

Madison Atkinson, 3, of Gibsonburg, Ohio, introduces herself to a goat at the Ottawa County Fair. The 38th annual fair opened yesterday at the fairgrounds in Oak Harbor.

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Tollbooth death possible suicide

By TIM HRENCHIR
The Capital-Journal

Suicide appears to be the manner of death for a Topeka woman whose vehicle slammed into the rear of a stopped car last week at the Kansas Turnpike's South Topeka tollbooths, an official said Thursday.

The phrases "no autopsy" and "cremation only" were included in a note left by Patricia A. Winternheimer, 48, of Topeka, before she was killed in the collision, said Dr. Herbert Brahma, deputy Shawnee County district coroner.

Winternheimer had been suffering from a chronic medical condition that caused her pain, Brahma said.

Winternheimer was declared dead at the scene of a collision that occurred at 5:43 a.m. Oct. 6 on turnpike property, a Kansas Turnpike Authority dispatcher said.

The dispatcher said the crash occurred as Winternheimer was driving a 1996 Geo Tracker southbound and approaching the turnpike tollbooths from the north.

Winternheimer's vehicle struck the rear of a stopped 1992 Cadillac car driven by Quinlan Halbeisen, 72, of Topeka, forcing it into the rear of a stopped 1995 Ford Probe driven by David W. Sayyae, 35, of Topeka, the dispatcher said.

All three drivers were alone in their vehicles. Both stopped drivers had been waiting to get toll tickets.

Halbeisen was taken to St. Francis Hospital

and Medical Center, where he was operated on and has since been released. Sayyae was treated at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center, then released.

Halbeisen and Sayyae were wearing seat belts. Winternheimer wasn't. She died of chest trauma resulting from the accident, Brahma said.

He said that while Winternheimer's failure to stop her vehicle indicated her death may have been a suicide, the main evidence to support that conclusion involved the words of a somewhat cryptic note she had left.

"From the note, it sounds like she knew she was going to die," Brahma said.

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Briefly in Topeka

Hospice volunteer training course offered — Enrollment for Midland Hospice Care's Volunteer Training Course is now being accepted for a course scheduled to begin Monday. Volunteers who have completed the basic orientation course are eligible to attend the four-week volunteer training course. The course sessions will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 at the Midland Hospice campus, 200 S.W. Frazier Circle.

Hospice care volunteers offer care through a team of professionals committed to meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs of clients. Opportunities are available for volunteer contributions in the area of clerical support, respite care for caregivers, patient care, companionship, transportation, fund raising and special projects.

Collision at tollbooth kills one, injures two

By TIM HRENCHIR
The Capital-Journal

ATopeka woman was killed and two Topekans were injured Friday morning when her vehicle slammed into the rear of a stopped car, forcing it into another, at the Kansas Turnpike's South Topeka tollbooths, authorities said.

Both stopped drivers had been waiting to get toll tickets, a Kansas Turnpike Authority dispatcher said.

Patricia T. Winternheimer, 49, was declared dead at the scene of the crash, which occurred at 5:43 a.m. on turnpike property, a Kansas Turnpike Authority dispatcher said.

Quinlan Halbeisen, 72, of Topeka, was listed in fair condition Friday afternoon at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, where a spokeswoman said he was being operated on for a broken arm.

David W. Sayyae, 35, of Topeka, was treated at Stormont-Vail

Regional Health Center, then released, a spokeswoman there said.

Winternheimer wasn't wearing a seat belt, according to the dispatcher, who said it was unknown whether the other drivers wore seat belts.

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Halbeisen and Sayyae were taken by American Medical Response ambulances to St. Francis and Stormont-Vail, respectively.

Circumstances of the crash remained under investigation.

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Saturday, October 7, 2000 THE TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL

P.A. Winternheimer

Cremation is planned for Patricia A. Titus Winternheimer, 48, Topeka, who was killed early Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, in a collision at the Kansas Turnpike's South Topeka tollbooths.

She was born Dec. 19, 1951, in Yankton, S.D., to H.R. "Jack" and Muriel A. Anderson Titus. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1970 and attended Maplewood College in Kansas City, Mo. She worked for several years for Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Ford Motor Co., both in Kansas City, Mo.

She married Charles Winternheimer in 1978. He died in 1983.

Survivors include a son, Matthew Winternheimer, Topeka; her father, H.R. "Jack" Titus, Sioux Falls; and a brother, Michael J. Titus, Topeka.

Inurnment will be private. Relatives and friends will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Funeral Home.

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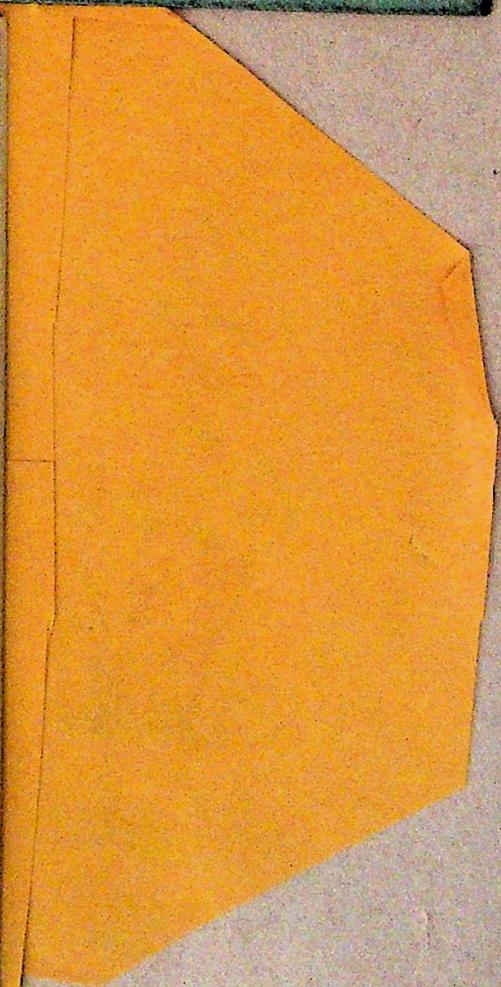


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Hirt Reunion 2001

HOWARD HIRT

Larry Steven Rapp

Dec. 14, 1953 — May 31, 2002

Larry Steven Rapp, 48, of Castalia Street died Friday at home.

He was born in Fremont to Harry and Wilma (Adkins) Rapp Sr. and graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1973. He married Judy Smith on April 24, 1987, in Fremont, and she survives.

He was a self-employed mechanic and loved street rods.

Also surviving are sons Kyle Lee Rapp of Fremont, Wesley Steven Rapp of Charlotte, N.C.; daughter Danylle Smith of Fremont; parents Harry and Wilma (Adkins) Rapp Sr. of Fremont; grandfather Harold Hoffman; brother Harry Rapp Jr. of Fremont; sisters Terri Laeng and Robin Beal, both of Fremont. He is preceded by grandparents Russell Adkins, Florice "Sue" Hoffman, Lilly Rapp and Charles Rapp.

Visitation: 6 to 9 p.m. today, Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home.

Services: 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Meg Knappe of St. Mark Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial: Greenlawn Memory Gardens, Clyde.

Memorials: St. Mark Lutheran Church or First Baptist Church, Bettsville.



AND TRILL

IRENE BRINDLEY

Lucille ATKINSON

Orioles end season in second



The Orioles baseball team played its way to second place in the Fremont Parks and Recreation Department Elks League. The Orioles ended the season with a 9-3-1 record. Team members in the front row, left to right, are Zeke Rodriguez, Grant Root, Ian Mowry, Brant Reardon, Matt Mehalco and Troy Turner. Standing in the back row, left to right, are coach Bob Mosser, Zack Bowman, Alex Chudzinski, Connor Dudley, Ruben Robinson, coach Vince Mehalco, David Dixon, Mike Scheptlin and coach Mike Reardon. Missing from the picture are Nathan Mills and coach Chuck Scheptlin.

8-13-02

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Feb. 19 — Danylle and Patrick Colston, Fremont, a 5-pound, 4-ounce son, Conner James, at 12:01 a.m. He was 18½ inches long. Grandparents are Judy Rapp of Fremont, Ken and Annamarie Colston of Port Clinton and Eduardo and Eva Castillo of Florida. Great-grandparents are Jean Smith and Harry and Wilma Rapp, all of Fremont.

Bonita Sue Crockett

April 19, 1938 - March 26, 2002

Bonita Sue (Frantz) Crockett, 63, of Ream Road died Tuesday at home.

She was born in Wyandot County to Alfred and Edna (Brown) Frantz. She married Gerald Crockett on Sept. 22, 1966, in Kenton and he survives.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving in addition to her husband are son Samuel of Nevada City, Calif.; daughters Renee Kindred and Aren J. Hirt of Fremont, Jerusha Hall of Truckee, Calif., and Randi Schaffer of Nevada City; brother Robert Frantz of Clyde; sisters Kay Dew of Toledo, Retha Gurney of Findlay and Mary Frantz of California; and nine grandchildren. She is preceded by her parents, brothers Richard, Jack, William, Ned and Donald Frantz and sister Donna Hagerty.

Services: None.

Memorials: Hospice of Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements: Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home.

Online condolences: www.wonderlyhorvath.com

MARCH 30, 1944

Grace High School Luther League Met

The High School Luther league, of Grace Lutheran church, held a monthly meeting with a large attendance of the young people of the parish last evening. Scripture and prayer were given by Viola Claus.

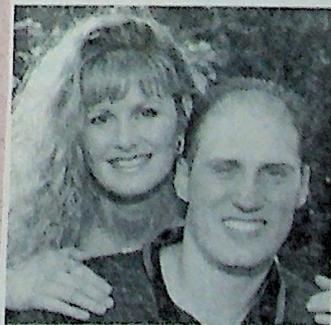
Reports were presented by the chairman regarding the reception and supper to be given Palm Sunday evening at 5:30 for the Confirmation class.

Howard Hirt, of the U. S. N., who recently returned home, after spending the past three years in the South Pacific area, was the guest speaker, and an informal discussion followed. The meeting closed with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer.

The group enjoyed a contest, conducted by the committee consisting of Doris and Duley Burton. The tasty lunch was served by Jeanne Breymann, Joyce Howey, Jean Longanbach, Barbara Goode-man and Mary Warner.

After the lunch, the group enjoyed some movies shown in the dining room. Next meeting will be held April 11, returned to the old schedule.

Diekman - Mauk



Jennifer Diekman and Kyle Mauk announce their engagement to be wed during the summer of 2002. Jennifer, the daughter of Jacqueline Diekman and the late Frederic Diekman, is a 1987 graduate of Genoa High School, attended BGSU, and is employed by The Blade.

Kyle, the son of Wayne and Karen Mauk, is a 1990 graduate of Whitmer High School, a 1994 graduate of the University of Findlay, and is employed by Owens-Corning.



Bill Hirt
1933



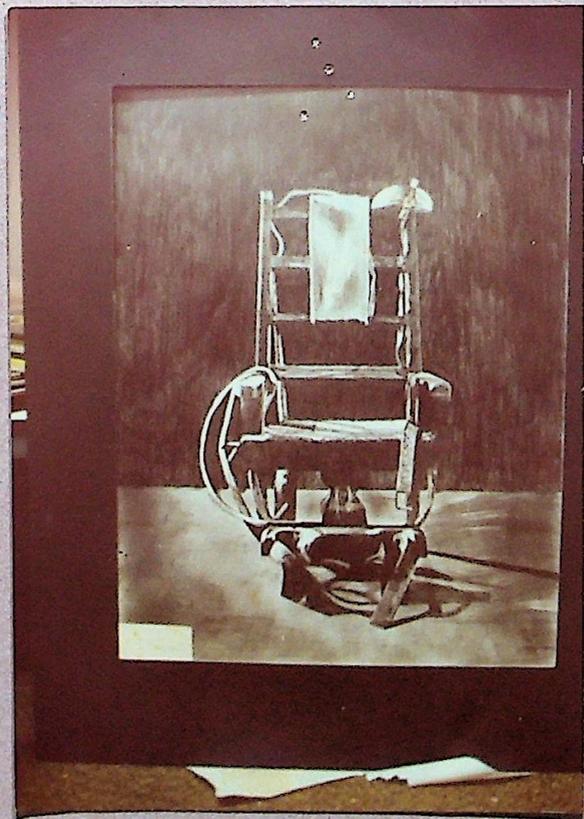
Bill Hirt 1901



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Bill Hirt Dec 29-1913

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FREMONT, OHIO



Charles
Voigt



R. Peffly



In froher Runde: Im «Blauen Engel» zu Rüfenach liessen sich's die «Amerika-Stiller» wohl sein. Leta Baumann, die Enkelin von Kaspar Hirt (2. von links), ist mit 90 Jahren die Älteste.

Auch die «Amerika-Stiller» feiern den 550. Geburtstag von Stilli mit

Kaspar Hirts Nachfahren besuchen ihre alte Heimat

Heute beherrschen in Stilli die Ortsbürger das Feld, denn es ist im Festprogramm «550 Jahre Stilli» Ortsbürgertag angesagt. Unter den 240 gemeldeten Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmern reisten deren 13 aus den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika an, es sind Nachkommen des 1848 in die USA ausgewanderten Kaspar Hirt. Die unternehmungslustige Schar ist bereits seit Donnerstag auf Erkundungstour in der alten Heimat.

RUDOLF WERNLI

Die Eisenbahn und der Bau von Brücken liessen Mitte des letzten Jahrhunderts die Erwerbsquellen von Stillis Bevölkerung versiegen. Zur Überquerung von Flüssen brauchte es keine Fähre mehr, Waren konnten billiger und schneller auf Schienen transportiert werden, als auf dem Wasser. Bittere Armut

Mary mit der doppelten Verwandtschaft

Es war wirksame Werbung, denn es meldeten sich 13 Nachfahren aus Übersee zum Ortsbürgertag an. Am Donnerstag versammelte sich die unternehmungslustige Schar im Laufe des Tages in Stilli, wo sie von Max Baumann und Arnold Lehner in Obhut genommen wurden. Am Abend genossen sie in

besonderen Art hat Mary Hutchinson, zu bieten. Sie ist übrigens eine geborene Kistler von Gallenkirch. Sie ist dem Auswandererehepaar Hirt-Vogt gleich zweifach verwandt: Ihre Grossmutter war eine geborene Vogt und die Schwester von Kaspar Hirts Gattin, ihr Urgrossvater auf der «Hirt-Seite» war Kaspar Hirts Bruder. Ich bin die Schweizerische von allen, freut sie sich.

Unverwüstlich und bester Dinge war dabei Leta Louise Baumann, die mittlerweile 90jährige Enkelin von Kaspar Hirt (in Amerika «Hört» ausgesprochen). Sie habe ihren Grossvater nicht mehr gekannt, erklärt sie. Sie sei als jüngste zur Welt gekommen, und ihr Grossvater sei schon vor ihrer Geburt gestorben. Sie lebt heute in einer Alterssiedlung ausserhalb von San Francisco, unweit vom Domizil ihres Sohnes Alan, der mit seiner Frau Mary Anne die Reise in die Schweiz ebenfalls angetreten hat. Sie ist nicht zum erstenmal hier, sondern hat das Dorf ihres Ahnherrn schon dreimal besucht.

«Die Schweiz ist ein Paradies»

80jährig, aber sehr sportlich und unternehmungslustig ist Richard «Dick» Hirt aus Riley («West-Riley, the best Riley»). Bevor der Urenkel Kaspar Hirts nach Stilli kam, genoss er eine

R. Peffly

Smoky the Clown

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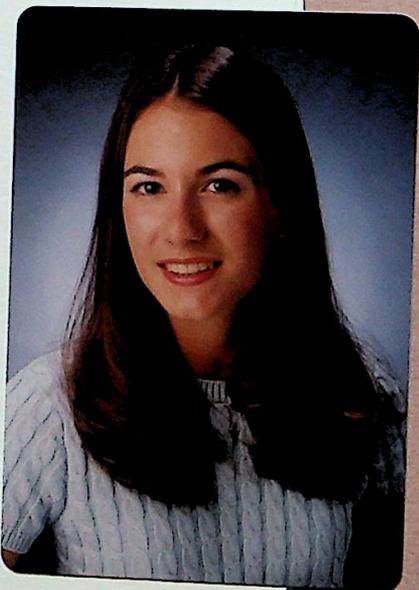
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Engagements

Schepflin-Nash

Richard C. and Anne Schepflin of Fremont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dena Schepflin of Overland Park, Kan., to Michael Todd Chandler Nash, of Shawnee, Kan., the son of Judy Nash of Lawrence, Kan., and Mike Nash of Toepka, Kan.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Ross High School and received a bachelor of science in business and a bachelor of science in mass communication from Miami University. She is currently attending MBA school at night at Rockhurst University. She is employed as an associate product manager for Hallmark Cards.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lawrence High School and Washburn University with a bachelor of science in business management. He is a regional account



MICHAEL NASH and DENA SCHEPFLIN

executive for Warner Brothers. The couple will be married July 4 at St. Ann Catholic Church.

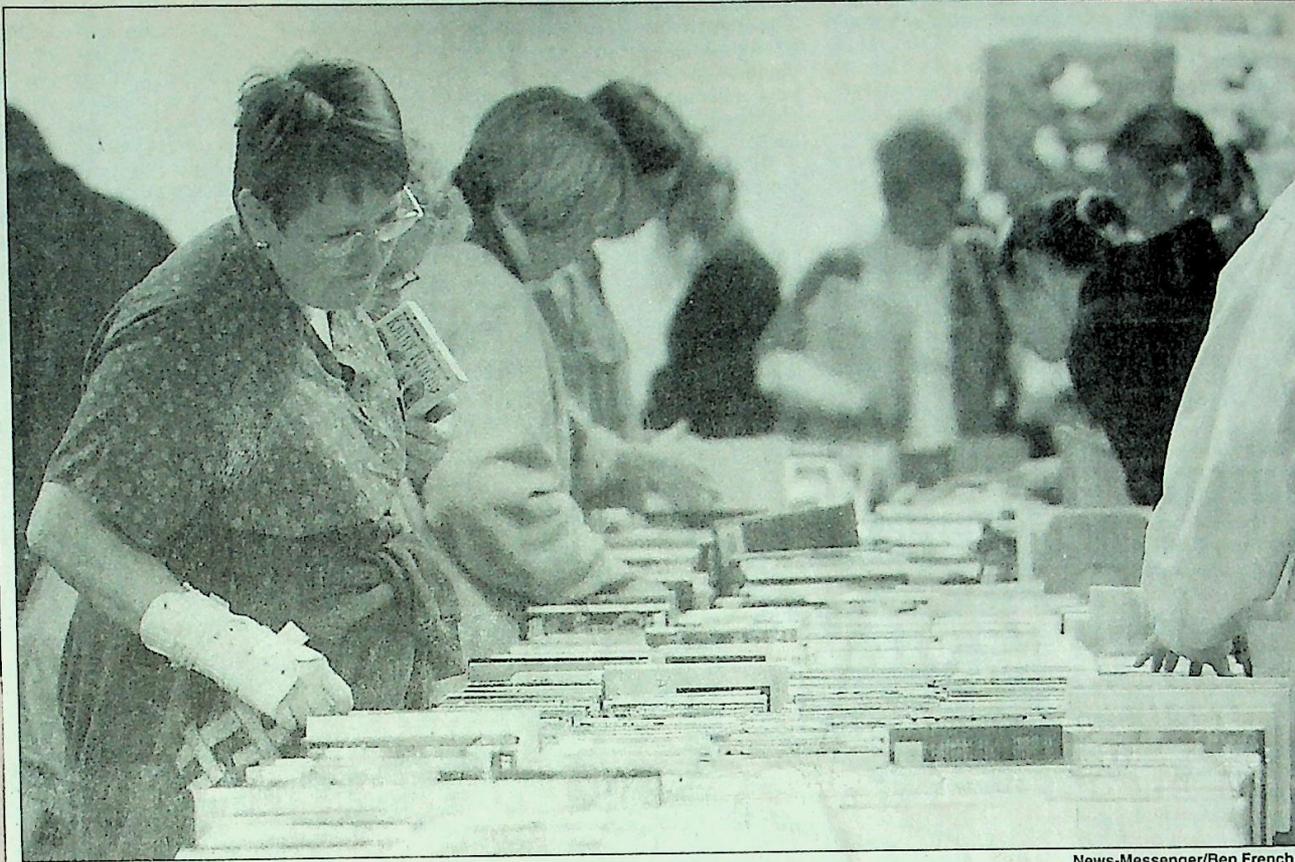
Happy 19th Ash!

Sorry I'm not there!
Love, Kyle

Saturday, May 24, 2003

Book sale

Thursday, October 24, 2002



News-Messenger/Ben French

TINA BAKER OF FREMONT looks over the hundreds of books at the preview for the Friends of Birchard Public Library fall book sale at the Birchard Public Library Wednesday night. The public sale begins today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will continue through Saturday. The hours on Friday will be from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. A hand-made Mickey Mouse quilt is on display at the book sale and will be raffled off with the proceeds going to the new Green Springs Library. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the book sale and the winning ticket will be drawn during the dedication of the Green Springs Library in December.

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Diedrich

James C. and Marian (Hirt) Diedrich of Fremont will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary May 30.

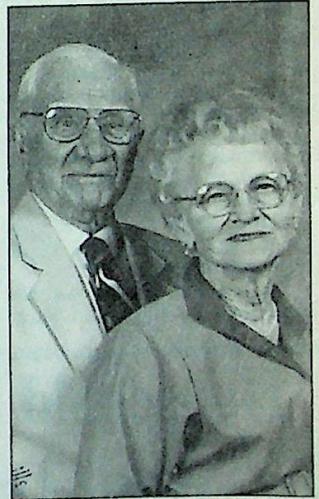
The couple, who have lived in Riley Township their entire marriage, were married May 30, 1943, at the St. Joseph Rectory by Monsignor Arnoldi.

They are the parents of James H., twins David L. and Daniel C., and Gregory.

They have three grandchildren.

Jim, known throughout the town as "Mr. Kroger," worked for the Kroger Co. for more than 50 years. He started at the old Kroger Store on the corner of East State Street and Sandusky Avenue, then opened the Justice Street store in 1952. He opened the current Kroger store in January 1979, retiring in 1985.

Marian was active in the Sandusky County Heart Association for 40 years and is still bowling with the Women's Bowling League — 65 years! She also enjoys antique auctions, collecting



JAMES and MARIAN DIEDRICH

glassware and raising chickens. A family dinner at the Fremont Federation of Women Home will be hosted by their children.

Pair exchange gunfire during Cape burglary

Each fires two shots but neither are hit

By CHARLES RUNNELLS
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A Cape Coral man chased a burglar from his house early Friday morning with his 38-caliber handgun blazing, police reported.

The burglar returned fire, but neither man got hit.

Gary Hirt, 60, said he wasn't scared at the time — just mad the guy was in his house. He and his wife live at 3813 S.E. 21st Place.

"I didn't ask him what he was doing there," Hirt said. "He wasn't supposed to be there."

Hirt and his wife woke up at about 3 a.m. Friday when they heard sounds of drawers opening. "Let's put it this way," Hirt said. "It wasn't the ice machine dropping ice."

Hirt got his Smith & Wesson handgun from a nightstand drawer and told his wife, Karen, to lock herself in the bathroom. Then he went to investigate.

The two met in the hallway as the burglar rounded the corner from the family room.

Hirt opened fire.

He got off two shots, and one hit the wall about 4 inches or so from the man, Hirt said.

The burglar — a white man about 20 years old wearing a white T-shirt and shorts — took off running through the kitchen and out the back door.

The burglar fired two shots from what appeared to be a 9 mm Llama semiautomatic handgun, police reported. Hirt said the burglar took the gun from the house.

"They were wild shots," Hirt said. "One hit the ceiling, and the other went in the totally opposite direction."

The whole melee lasted about 20 seconds, Hirt said.

Hirt said he's comfortable around handguns and regularly practices at the firing range. "As far as I'm concerned, I think everyone should have a gun in their house and know how to use it."

The State Attorney's Office wouldn't comment specifically on the Hirt incident, but they said people generally have the right to defend themselves in their own home if they feel their life could be in danger.

"The law does allow a person to use deadly force if there is a violent felony in the home, and burglary is one of those classes of violent felony," said Assistant State Attorney Dean Plattner.

Police said they have no suspects in the burglary and no charges are expected against Hirt.



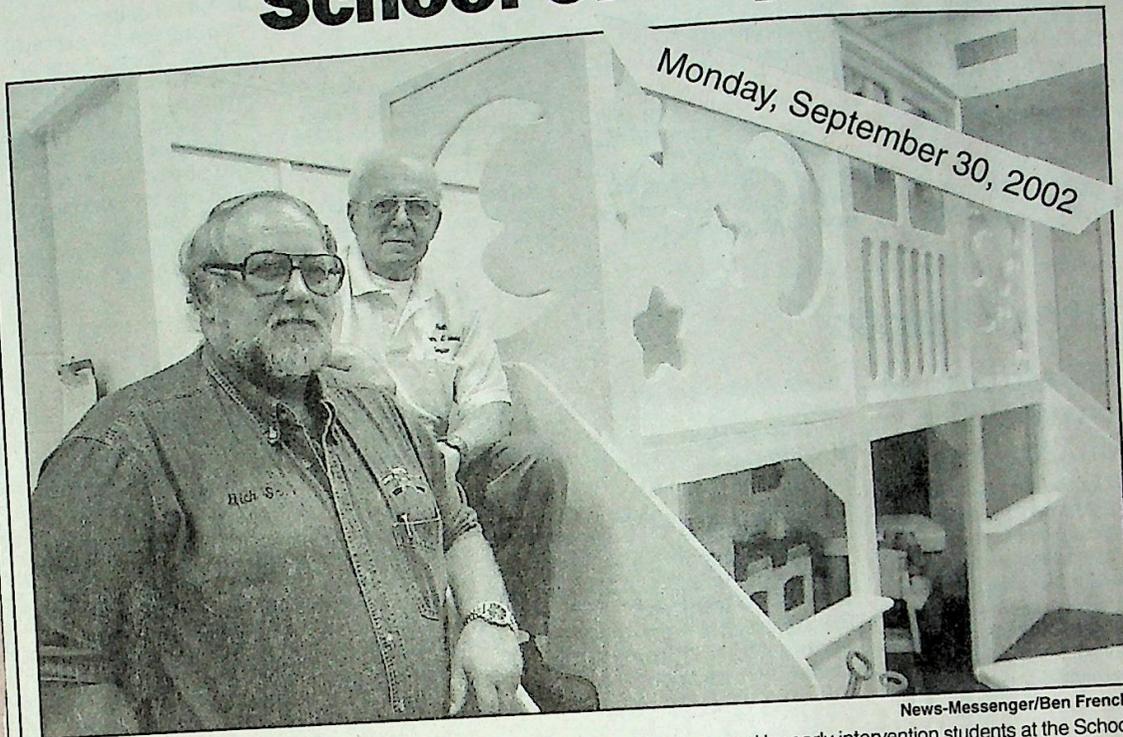
Our Neighbors: Richard Roth and Lyle Hirt

Fremont men build loft for School of Hope

Our Neighbor

Local men give, receive at School of Hope

Monday, September 30, 2002



News-Messenger/Ben French

RICHARD ROTH, front, and Lyle Hirt designed and built this loft that is being used by early intervention students at the School of Hope.

Fremonters share time, efforts with children

By AMBER L. EDDS
Staff writer

Last week a group of preschoolers played house in the early intervention room at the School of Hope.

A girl pretended to cook in the kitchen.

A boy read in the living room.

Others climbed the stairs to the second floor.

Their fun was made possible by two Fremont men.

Fremonters Lyle Hirt and Richard Roth designed and built the loft that will be used by early intervention students at the school.

"We had expressed an interest in having a loft in our room and Lyle was there," said early intervention specialist Bonnie Loparo.

The idea was brought up at the end of last school year and eventually presented to the Council for Retarded Persons, which funded the project.

When Hirt heard the project was a go, he got his friend Roth, of Roth Construction and Maintenance, and they got to work.

"I get these ideas and he helps me fine tune them," Hirt said.

Roth was an engineer for 17 years. After retiring from farming, Hirt worked at the School of Hope as a volunteer, bus driver, teaching assistant and custodian for 10 years.

So the match was made.

"I spoiled them rotten when I worked here," said Hirt, who is on the board of trustees for the Council for Retarded Persons at the Sandusky County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

During his tenure, he built shelves, bird feeders, changing tables, adaptive equipment, a special bed for a student and jigs for Sandco, which is an adult work facility next to the School of Hope.

On developmental/motor activities day, Hirt brings his farm animals and sets up a petting zoo. He brings a wagon of straw for the yearly Halloween hayrides.

"He's always one to say, 'What do you need?'" said teacher Joan Heberling. "He's been our handyman for years."

And many of the students still remember him. "He can't walk through without someone hugging him," Roth said.

Hirt shrugged and said: "It's part of my make-up I guess. I think I was able to see what the kids needed when I was here at the school."

And what the kids needed most recently was the loft.

"It will be used to encourage gross motor skills. Stair climbing," Loparo said. "There's also a dramatic play area under-

neath that we expect to change every month."

Next month, the living room set up under the loft will probably be changed to a pumpkin market.

It took Hirt and Roth four days to build the loft in August. The early intervention staff then painted it in two.

"I don't like to finish things because everyone likes them a different way," Hirt said.

The loft is 16 feet across and 4 feet wide. A set of stairs goes up either side and there is storage under those stairs. The top floor features two open ends and a room in the middle. The open ends and the roof of the room have moon- and star-shaped windows. The bottom floor of the loft has an opening in the middle and two large windows on either side.

"We didn't know how it was going to turn out when we started," Hirt said. "The kids like it. That's why we're satisfied."

The men looked at other lofts in the area and in magazines before starting the project.

"I sketched it in my mind and we started putting it together," Roth said.

Hirt said adjustments were made as they built the loft.

"We made it look more homey, like a playhouse," he said.

Lyle Hirt

Age: 73

Address: Fremont
Family: Wife Gladine, children Ken, John, Merry Lyn, Paul and Joel, 15 grandchildren

Hobbies: Woodworking, caregiving

Richard Roth

Age: 51

Address: Fremont
Family: Children Rich Jr. and Russ, two grandchildren

Hobbies: Reading, collecting, NASCAR

Roth suggested making the windows in fun shapes instead of plain squares. The pieces of wood cut out to make the windows were painted and put on the walls of the room as decorations.

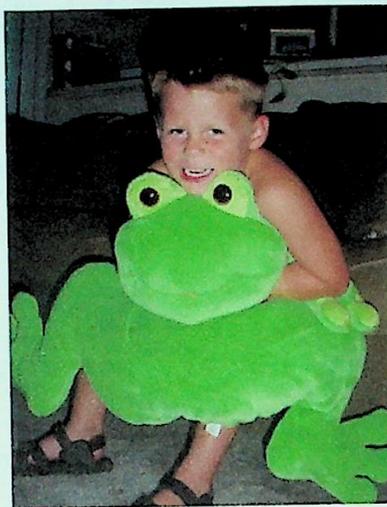
Shelves on the bottom of the window openings on the bottom floor were added during the building process.

"It gives them something more to play with," Roth said.

The upstairs windows are covered with Plexiglas so the children can't throw items out or get stuck.

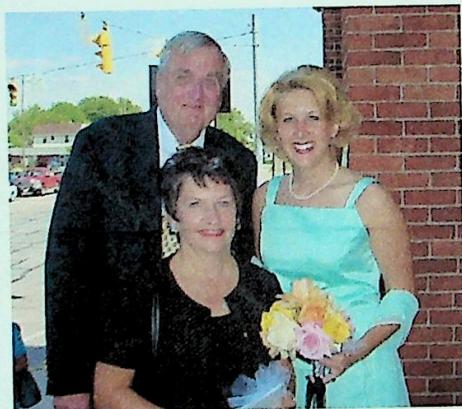
"The Plexiglas added a little more sturdiness and a little more protection," Roth said. "This was built with safety in mind."

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Far left – Dena and Todd pose for a picture this summer at a friend's wedding.

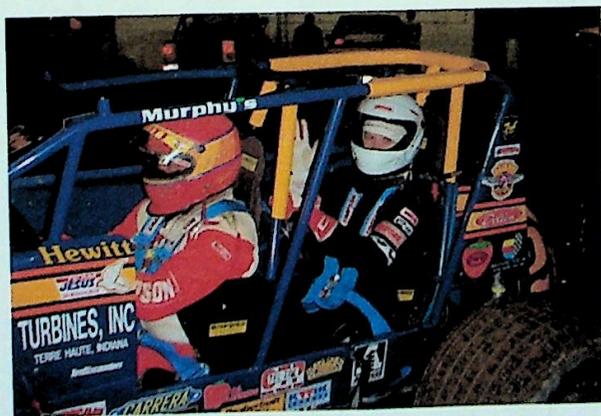
Left - Todd's son, Parker, holds the big frog I brought home for him from a work trip to the Big Apple!



Left - Mom, Dad and Dena stop for a picture outside St. Ann's Church after Kelly Lotycz's wedding.

Bottom left - Dena puts gloves on in the backseat of Jack Hewitt's sprint car before racing around Fremont's 1/4-mile track!

Bottom right - Ann (Szymanowski) Hertzfeld and Dena pose for a quick picture in Spiegel Grove.



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Governor joins in barn festivities

Friday, September 20, 2002

By SHAWN GAINER
Staff writer

It's a done deal. Sandusky County now has its own Bicentennial Barn, and the state's barn painting campaign to promote its 200th birthday is over.

Gov. Bob Taft on Thursday climbed into the bucket of a mechanical lift with artist Scott Hagan to put a few last, ceremonial strokes on the bicentennial logo that now graces the roof of the 131-year old historical barn at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

The hoopla was rounded out by barn owners, Stamm Elementary students, senior members of the Fremont-Ross High School marching band and, of course, the "barn groupies," as so dubbed by the commission — those who travel to watch every barn painting they can.

When asked by Fred Stratmann of the bicentennial commission, several who have been to 50 or more barn paintings raised their hands.

Before getting into the bucket, Taft said few campaigns to promote the state's 2003 bicentennial could match the barn painting program. He called the barns a reminder of Ohio's agricultural heritage and the fact that agriculture is the state's biggest economic activity to this day.

"Thank you for making millions of Ohioans aware of our bicentennial through your painting," Taft said to Hagan.

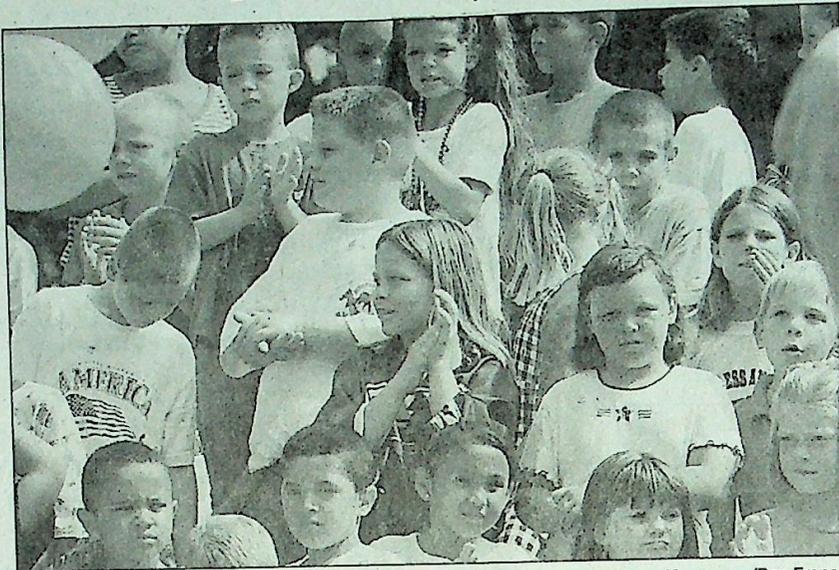
To promote the bicentennial, the state bicentennial commission contracted with Hagan to paint one in each of Ohio's 88 counties. Hagan started in 1998, and the historical barn was the last.

Taft said, however, that Hagan will paint logos next year as part of other bicentennial projects.

A big crowd — more than 180, at a conservative estimate — turned out for Thursday's celebration. Camera-wielders made their way toward the front to capture images of Taft and Hagan in the bucket.

While Taft got a warm reception from the crowd, spectators reserved their most enthusiastic applause for Hagan, who signed autographs and posed for pictures with barn enthusiasts before the ceremony.

"I'm proud of what I've done and I'm glad to be a part of it," he said.



News-Messenger/Ben French

STUDENTS FROM Stamm Elementary joined the activities at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds for the dedication of the Ohio Bicentennial barn.



News-Messenger/Ben French

BICENTENNIAL BARN painter Scott Hagan listens to a speaker at the festivities at the Sandusky County fairgrounds Thursday afternoon.

The historical barn was once in dire straits, with a decaying wooden foundation further damaged by tunneling groundhogs.

But after fund-raising by the Save Our Barn group, which was founded in 1999, and materials donations, the foundation was replaced in time for Hagan's painting.

Christine Michael, representing the Historical Barn Committee, had to cut her

remarks short as dark clouds rushed in from the west. Yet she was able to convey the view that old barns are more than just amalgamations of wood, and the effort to restore the Sandusky County barn isn't over yet.

"Barns are a tangible reminder of our cultural history," Michael said.

Commissioner Dan Liskai heaped praise on the people who worked to restore the

Bicentennial Barn festivities set for today

The Bicentennial Commission will kick off a celebration of the completed barn program at 4 p.m. today at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

The event will include musicians and Bicentennial vendors selling shirts, caps, pens, cups, blankets, barn prints, bird houses, crystal, wooden miniatures of barns and more.

There will also be a beer garden and food vendors, according to the Sandusky County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Lindsey Fire Department will provide a barbecue chicken dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the visitors bureau office.

People can also buy tickets from the fire department at the dinner.

At 7 p.m., commission officials will recognize barn painter Scott Hagan and the barn owners in attendance. All 88 were invited. The program will also include the debut of the commission's barn video "Brush With History."

A barn dance will then be held from 8 to 10 p.m.

barn. He also recalled an early logo of the Save Our Barn group, in which the name was in smaller print underneath the initials S.O.B.

"When I saw T-shirts that said S.O.B., I took a second look," Liskai said.

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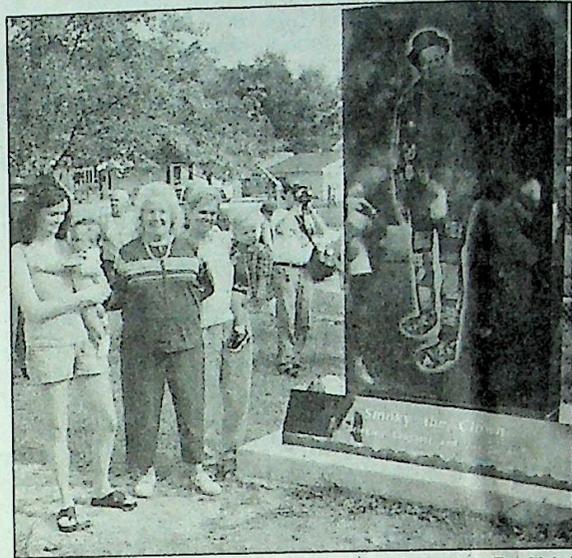


Photo courtesy Tom Liskai

MARTHA HUSS, center, the widow of Phil Huss, who was also known as Smoky the Clown, poses with the monument to Smoky that was unveiled at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds Thursday. With her are her daughter Brenda Huss, right, holding her son Brenner, 1, and granddaughter Dawn Marie Smith, holding her 4-month-old son Jayden.

Smoky monument unveiled at fairgrounds

News-Messenger reports

A monument honoring longtime community fixture Phil Huss, better known as "Smoky the Clown" was unveiled Thursday at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

The 4-foot-wide, 10-foot-tall black granite monument was unveiled by family members during a 30-minute ceremony at the right side of the Rawson Avenue gate.

Huss, who died Aug. 17, 1993, served in the Fremont Police Department from 1949 to 1975, but was best known as Smoky, the good-humored clown who delighted people at local parades and community events.

Melvin "Swift" Swift, who served with Huss on the police force and spearheaded the memorial effort, said he was extremely pleased with how the ceremony turned out.

"I think it went off real well," he said. "There were probably about 80 or so people who came out ... maybe even more than that. We had a lot of compliments on how nice the ceremony was, and of course, the statue looked really nice."

Swift was happy with how the monument turned out, with a laser-cut image of Huss on one side and milestones of his life on the other. Inscribed on the base are

the words: Smoky the Clown "Bringing Laughter and Joy to All."

"It's beautiful," Swift said of Huss's image. "Anyone who did know him will certainly know who he is."

Sandusky County Commissioner Dan Liskai, Fremont Police Chief Monte Huss and Fremont Mayor Terry Overmyer were among the speakers at the dedication, and all three commissioners presented Huss's widow, Martha, with a plaque commemorating the ceremony honoring her late husband's life.

Order forms for pavers were also available at the dedication. The pavers will be placed in a walkway to and around the monument and the proceeds will be used to defray the \$45,000 cost of the monument and support the Smoky the clown Scholarship Fund, which will provide a \$500 college scholarship annually to a local boy and girl.

Thus far, Swift estimates, more than \$3,500 has been raised through the paver forms.

"We gave away an awful lot of them away at the dedication," he said. "We've been getting a great response from everyone on the pavers. We got a great response about everything yesterday."



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We welcome with great joy
into our home and into our hearts
Benjamin William Schepflin

Born: October 16, 2002

Length: 20 inches

Weight: 7 lb. 14 oz.

Cheryl and Troy Schepflin

BABY Shower for CASEY FISHER
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Earth Day 2003

Earth Day 2003 Saturday

By MARY ANN DULL
Times-Gazette Staff Writer

Several activities are being planned in observance of the 2003 Earth Day celebration Saturday at the County Fairgrounds. The event will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to the public. A variety of education, entertainment and food attractions for those attending are planned.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. with the presentation of colors by Boy Scouts Troop 501 from Harry Higgins Post 88 of the American Legion serving as the color guards. The Rev. Don Earlenbaugh from First Church of the Brethren on Third Street will give the invocation and the benediction.

Winners of the Earth Day poster contest and essay contest will be recognized, as well as the recipients of this year's Ashland County Solid Waste District scholarships.

Entries in the Earth Day poster contest will be on display during the Earth Day festivities Saturday at the County Fairgrounds.

Dan Scott, Ashland County Solid Waste District coordinator and recycling director, said five \$800 scholarships will be presented this year. He said these scholarships were established by the Ashland County Solid Waste District and are funded with proceeds from the annual scholarship golf outing and Earth Day events.

The Earth Day spaghetti cook off also will make a return appearance. The cook off judging will take place at 10:30 a.m., after opening ceremonies. The serving of the food will start at 11 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. or when the sauce is gone.

In addition to the spaghetti, members of the area Lions clubs will be serving a variety of food on the grounds that day.

Bicyclists will have an opportunity to pedal their way through Ashland County and parts of Richland County during the Earth Day bicycle tour. Bicycle tours of 10, 25, 50, 75 and 100 miles are planned. The bicycle



Submitted photo

Chuck Scheplin, a chainsaw wood sculptor from Fremont, will be demonstrating his abilities Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

tour will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Other activities are a 5K run starting at 9 a.m. and a car and truck show-in with registration starting at 9 a.m. The car show awards will be presented at 3:30 p.m.

Chuck Scheplin, a chainsaw wood sculptor from Fremont, will be demonstrating his abilities from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Two of his creations will be entered in the popular Earth Day auction that will start at 2 p.m. The auction will include a wide variety of goods and services, which have been donated by area companies and businesses.

Environment-focused displays will be set up, as well as a bottle rocket making and launching activity using recycled two-liter pop bottles. Wagon rides will be offered by Hershel Bartley of Ashland. Pony rides will be offered.

The litter retriever dog will

make an appearance.

There will be a wide variety of displays from companies and individuals which will open at 11:30 a.m.

The Ashland Noon Lions will be collecting used eyeglasses during the event Saturday. The Ham Radio Club will be giving demonstrations and the Ashland County Sheriff D.A.R.E. program will have a display.

Free flower and vegetable seed packets will be available, in addition to sunflower and pumpkin seeds.

In addition, there will be a limited number of free white pine seedling trees and other tree seedlings, available one to a family. Members of Cub Scout Pack 517 will be handing out the seedlings.

The Earth Day store will be returning, in which items will be sold.

Entertainment will be provided by Faces Made For Radio

from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. The all-county band performance will be at 3:30 p.m. Scott said this band includes students from Black River, Mapleton, Loudonville, Ashland and Crestview schools. They will be performing patriotic songs under the direction of Steve Taylor from Hillsdale High School and Doug Houston of Mapleton High School.

Serving on the Earth Day committee are Scott, Linda Price, Melissa King, Kay Wright, JoAnn Denslow, Georgene Aber, Pat Shenberger, Don and Mary Berringer, Ed Howard, Jody and Kurt Brown, Dave Booth, Bob Kerr, Duncan Jamieson and Nancy Earick.

Lifestyle writer Mary Ann Dull can be reached at mdull@times-gazette.com or 419-281-0581, ext. 254, regarding this story and other story ideas.

Bluegrass band to perform Saturday

Faces Made for Radio, a North Central Ohio based bluegrass band, will be performing from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Earth Day festivities.

Members are Steve Baxter, Bobby Brooks, Brad Williams, Mike Martin and Gary Fossaceca.

"Faces," as they often refer to themselves, places strong emphasis on tradition while keeping an eye toward the future. They perform tried and true bluegrass standards from Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers, as well as more contemporary music from artists such as the Beatles, the Monkees, to name a few, all done in the bluegrass style. They have received critical acclamation and international airplay for their debut CD, "RIDE," which features original material.

Baxter, the band's lead vocalist and guitar player, didn't come from a musical family, but there was music being played. He is an Ashland County native and resides in Jeromesville.

Brooks has almost 30 years experience. He is from Big Prairie and is well-known for his involvement in several area rock bands as well as The Bluegrass Express, a 1970s era, north central Ohio bluegrass. He plays Dobro, pro-



Faces Made For Radio

vides baritone and lead vocals and has contributed original songs.

On mandolin is Williams. He is an original band member and recently rejoined the group. He is an accomplished songwriter and well-known to the regional acoustic music scene. He is originally from Davenport, Iowa, and makes his home in Mount Gilead.

Martin plays the bass fiddle. He has established himself as a rock solid bass player and songwriter, having been involved in bluegrass for the last 25 years. He is the newest member of the group.

Fossaceca is the band's banjo player. He grew up in Youngstown. Listening to a wide variety of music. In 1992, he attended his first bluegrass festival.

Steven Lyle Halbeisen

October 16, 1953 - May 20, 2003



SALEM - Steve died after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born and raised in Salem-Keizer and graduated from McNary HS in 1971. During his teen years, he was an active member of Willamette Chapter, Order of DeMolay and served as Master Councilor. In 1971, with his mother, he opened The Flower Boutique and in 1978, sold the business to his CPA.

During his years as a florist, he helped decorate the White House in Washington, D.C. in 1973. He served as president of Oregon SW Washington Teleflora unit - was the youngest member in the nation to be selected for

membership in AIFD - also a member of American Academy of Florists. He was nationally acknowledged as a floral designer and commentator.

He was honored by Salem's El Nido chapter of business women as "Boss of the Year". In 1973, he founded the Keizer Jr. Miss Pageant and served as director for several years. In 1979 and 1980, he was the State Director for the Miss Oregon USA Pageant. He was an active member of Keizer Merchants Association and served as president and honored as Merchant of the year and also selected as First Citizen.

In 1981, he moved to Lincoln City, Ore., where he owned and operated Royal Pacific Jewelry store. He was an active member in the Rotary club. After 8 years, he returned to Salem where he began a successful career in residential real estate. He was consistently a top producing sales associate. His illness forced him to retire in 1997.

Steve is survived by his wife, Debbie "Boyer" of 29 years; sons, Brice and Alex; and daughter-in-law, Joselyn and 2 year old grandson, Spencer. His parents, Thomas and Marie 'Halbeisen' Sullivan, all of Salem; brother, William B. King of Amity; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Jerry Koontz; nephew, Matt Koontz, all of Springfield; in-laws, Harry and Peggy Neuwirth of Silverton. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Lyle in 1996.

Services 11:00 a.m., Fri., May 23, at Restlawn Funeral Home, off Highway 22 in West Salem. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Salem.

Steve was an exceptional, charismatic young man who always stood tall. He loved his family and gave freely to those less fortunate.

To Know Him Was To Love Him.

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Larry S. Rapp

12/14/53 - 5/31/02



*Still Missing You
Still Loving You*

Your Wife, Judy,
Wes, Kyle, Danylle,
Mom & Dad,
Harry, Terri,
Robin & Russell

Saturday, May 31, 2003

Jeanette E. Hirt

Sept. 10, 1926 — June 29, 2003

Jeanette E. Hirt, 76, of Fremont died Sunday at St. Charles Mercy Hospital in Oregon.

She was born in Fremont to Edward and Neva (Heinman) Stotz and they are deceased.

Jeanette graduated from Ross High School in 1944, and on Oct. 26, 1946, she married Howard Hirt at Grace Lutheran Church. He preceded her on Aug. 23, 2001.

An active member of Grace Lutheran Church, Jeanette served on the church council, taught preschool Sunday School, worked at Project Day and was curator of Grace Lutheran Church Museum for 20 years.



MRS. HIRT

Jeanette worked for the Fremont City Water Department for several years and also as secretary for Grace Lutheran Church.

She loved watching her children and then her grandchildren at sporting events in which they participated.

After her retirement from Grace Lutheran Church, she became very active at the American Red Cross as a volunteer. She organized many blood drives and received many awards for her dedicated work with the Red Cross.

Jeanette also received many other awards: 1988 Woman of the Year by the Fremont Business and Professional Women's Club; 1995 Exceptional Volunteer Award by the American Red Cross; 1999 Meritorious Volunteer Leadership Award; and the 2002 Community Sponsor Award for her hard work in handling the very successful East Side Presbyterian Church blood drive.

Surviving are children Michael Hirt of Fremont, Scott (Annette) Hirt of San Diego, Calif., Bruce W. (Cindy) Hirt of Fremont, Cynthia L. Hirt of Green Springs and Mark (Belinda) Hirt of Fremont; five grandchildren; brothers Charles (Norma) Stotz, Richard (Paula) Stotz and sister-in-law Betty Stotz, all of Fremont. She is preceded by brother Don Stotz.

Visitation: 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Grace Lutheran Church with memorial services at 11 a.m.

Burial: Greenlawn Memory Gardens, Clyde.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, to the church or American Red Cross.

Arrangements: Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home.

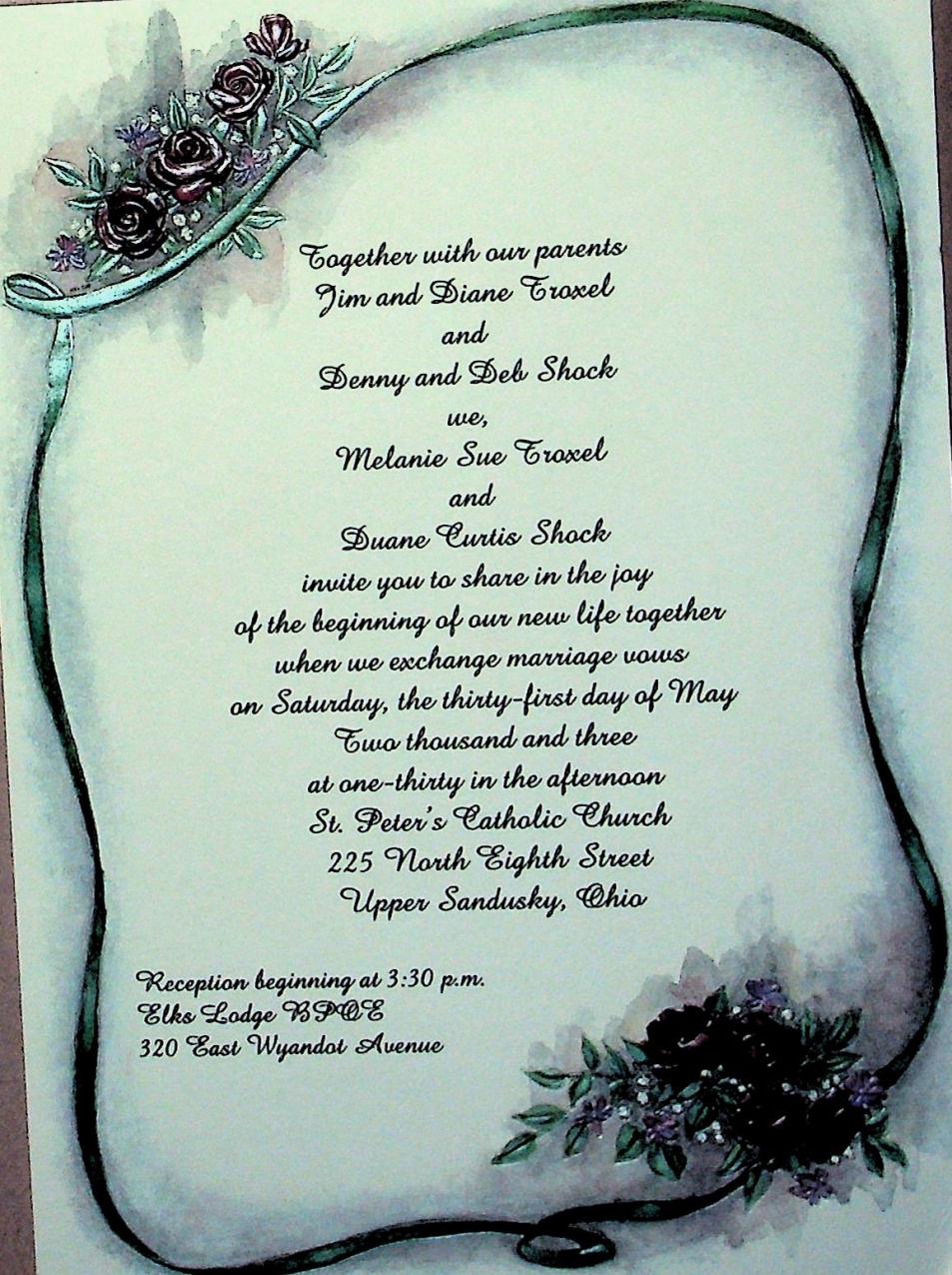
Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Schepflin
and
Ms. Judy A. Nash and Mr. Michael L. Nash
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their children

Dena Lynn Schepflin
and
Michael Todd Chandler Nash

on Friday, the fourth of July
Two thousand and three
at five o'clock in the evening
Saint Ann Church
1011 West State Street
Fremont, Ohio

Reception following the ceremony
at seven o'clock in the evening

Camden Falls
2460 South State Route 231
Tiffin, Ohio



Together with our parents
Jim and Diane Troxel
and
Denny and Deb Shock
we,
Melanie Sue Troxel
and
Duane Curtis Shock
invite you to share in the joy
of the beginning of our new life together
when we exchange marriage vows
on Saturday, the thirty-first day of May
Two thousand and three
at one-thirty in the afternoon
St. Peter's Catholic Church
225 North Eighth Street
Upper Sandusky, Ohio

Reception beginning at 3:30 p.m.
Elks Lodge BPOE
320 East Wyandot Avenue

Births

BELLEVUE

June 19 — Denice and Chris Hirt,
2248 Augusta Drive, a 7-pound, 14-
ounce son, Merrick William, at 11:39
p.m. He was 20 inches long. Grandpar-
ents are Jim and Dorothy Quaintance
and Ken and Marge Hirt, all of Fremont.



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FRANK
 1862 1866
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LOUISA T.
 1862 1866
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FEEL GOOD

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his life would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene. One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

EPILOGUE.....There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy.

The origin of this letter is unknown, but it brings good luck to everyone who passes it on. Do not keep this letter. Do not send money. Just forward it to five of your friends to whom you wish good luck.



Family reunions, not life, on hold

By SHARON RANDALL

AS A child, I didn't think much of family reunions. I knew people had them because I read about them in the newspaper:

"The living descendants of Clyde and Eula May Wofford gathered recently in the Polk County Grange Hall for a covered dish supper that was attended by four generations, some 75 strong, including Clyde, Jr., who drove all the way from Zanesville, and a good time was had by all."

I always wondered about people like that. What kind of family had to have a potluck as an excuse to get together? It never occurred to me that there would come a day when my family would have need of such an occasion. It seemed to me, like it or not, we were always together. And I felt sure we always would be.

My mother was one of 10 children, including nine girls, all said to be blessed with the voices of angels, and one boy who, if he had a voice, never got much chance to use it.

Years after they were all married with children of their own, they still gathered, most of them, every week, give or take, for Sunday dinner at my grandparents' home.

When we were little, my cousins and I thought those gatherings were Heaven; when we were teenagers we called them something else. But we went anyhow, because in our family, that was what we did.

We'd pack into that house like a family of sardines, fight for a seat on the couch or the porch and eat every scrap that my grandmother and my mother and my aunts served up, especially the banana pudding.

We would sing a little, laugh a lot, argue politics and religion, and talk about anyone who was fool enough not to be there.

When it was time to go, we'd stand in the yard hugging and kissing and hanging on each other until our grandparents

dismissed us with a benediction that went like this: "Hope to see you all soon, but if we never meet again here on this Earth, we'll look for you in Heaven."

Then we grew up, my cousins and I, and scattered ourselves like dandelions on the wind. After that, we seldom gathered except for funerals.

Three years ago, when my husband died, I decided it was time to plan a family reunion and take my children, who grew up in California, to the South to get to know their kin.

I've been working on it ever since. Not the event, that's easy, but finding a date when everyone could be there, which has been nigh on to impossible.

It was set for this weekend. We were to gather, the living descendants of Fred and Neta Wilde, at my brother's house, four generations, some 50 of us strong. And a good time would have been had by all.

But plans are like families: for better or for worse, they change. After the terrorist attacks on our nation, I heard someone say, "We'll be better people because of this. It will only make us stronger and more aware of what's important."

I believe that. I believe we have an obligation to make it so — to turn a great tragedy into a great good — on behalf of those who lost their lives, and those who lost their loved ones.

My family has decided to put our reunion on hold while we regroup our forces — as a nation and a family — rebook our flights and do whatever we need to do to bring us together.

It may take a while, but it will happen. We're determined. And we're stubborn. We're the living descendants of Fred and Neta Wilde.

And if we never meet again here on this Earth, we will look for each other in Heaven.

Sharon Randall is a writer for the Monterey County (Calif.) Herald and Scripps Howard News Service.

SENIOR SENIOR SENTIMENTS

A very weird thing has happened. A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly did not invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she was.

She is a clever old lady, and manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her. And whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there she is, hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and body. This is very rude. I have tried screaming at her, but she just screams back.

If she insists on hanging around, the least she could do is offer to pay part of the rent, but no. Every once in a while, I find a dollar bill stuck in a coat pocket, or some loose change under a sofa cushion, but it is not nearly enough.

I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think she is stealing money from me. I go to the ATM and withdraw \$100, and a few days later, it's all gone. I certainly don't spend money THAT fast, so I can only conclude the old lady is pilfering from me.

You'd think she would spend some of that money to buy wrinkle cream. Lord knows she needs it. And money isn't the only thing I think she is stealing. Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate — especially the good stuff like ice cream, cookies and candy. I can't seem to keep that stuff in the house anymore. She must have a real sweet tooth, but she'd better watch it, because she is really packing on the pounds. I suspect she realizes this, and to make herself feel better, she is tampering with my scale to make me think I am putting on weight, too.

For an old lady, she is quite childish. She likes to play nasty games, like going into my closets when I'm not home and altering my clothes so they don't fit. And she messes with my files and papers so I can't find anything. This is particularly annoying since I am extremely neat and organized. She also fiddles with my VCR so it does not record what I have carefully and correctly programmed.

She has found other imaginative ways to annoy me. She gets into my mail, newspapers and magazines before I do, and blurs the print so I can't read it. And she has done something really sinister to the volume controls on TV, radio and telephone. Now, all I hear mumbles and whispers.

She has done other things — like make stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier, all my knobs and faucets harder to turn. I even made my bed higher so that getting in and out of it is a real challenge. Lately, she has been fooling with my groceries before I get them away, applying glue to the lids, making it almost impossible for me to open the jars. This any way to repay my hospitality?

She has taken the fun out of shopping clothes. When I try something on, she stands front of the dressing room mirror and monologues it. She looks totally ridiculous in some of those outfits, plus, she keeps me from seeing how great they look on me.

Just when I thought she couldn't get a meaner, she proved me wrong. She came along when I went to get my picture taken for my driver's license, and just as the camera shut clicked, she jumped in front of me! No one going to believe that the picture of that old lady is me.

is so true it's scary

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's

allowed in most public schools anymore because the

mentioned....a kid in Arizona wrote the attached

prayer. I liked it....

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd,
If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights,
and anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

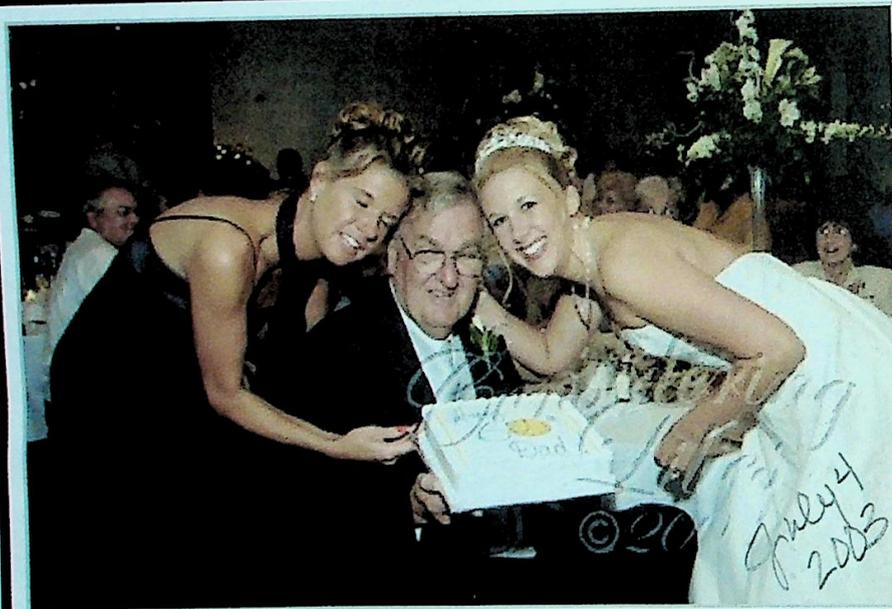
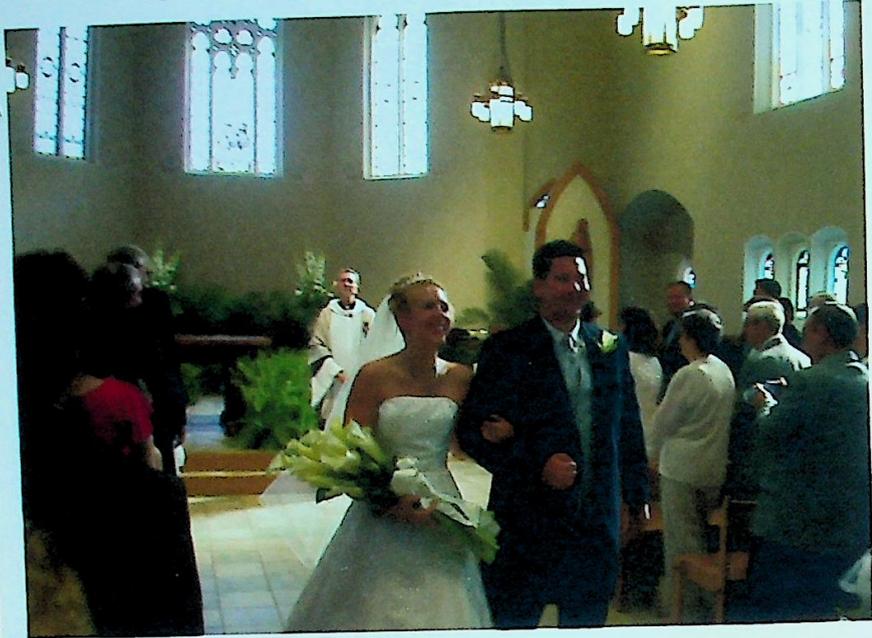
Amen

If you aren't ashamed to do this, please pass this

Jesus said, "If you are ashamed of me," I will be
ashamed of you before my Father."

Not ashamed. Passing this on.

DENA (SIRAF) & Todd Nash 7/7/03



Dena & Casey

7-4-03

Jan. 31 — Kimberly Huss and Brenda Huss, Toledo, a 3-pound, 3-ounce son, Brayden Kennedy Douglas Huss, at 2:24 p.m. at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo. He was 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Grandpar-



B O O Y

Come and share the joy of
Jenny (Lagrou) & Mark Monnett's
 baby boy...It's a celebration for
Grant Michael Monnett

Sunday, September 28th
3:00pm – 5:00pm

1929 Riverbend Parkway, Fremont

Given By:
Anne Schepflin
Dian Wendling
Dena Nash

RSVP - Regrets Only
419-334-3288

• **Please park behind Schepflin's house**

Gladine Amelia (Erb) Hirt

Nov. 12, 1929 — Oct. 11, 2003
 Gladine Amelia (Erb) Hirt, 73, formerly of Riley Township and Lakeside, died Saturday at Bethesda Care Center.

She was born in Fremont to Dewey and Ada Rozella (Overmyer) Erb and graduated from Ross High School in 1947. She married Lyle E. Hirt on Nov. 27, 1948 and he survives.

Mrs. Hirt was a homemaker and was a librarian for Fremont City Schools.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Fremont and former president and vice president of the Lake Erie Conference Women of the Church. She was a Riley Boosters 4-H Club adviser and a member of the Riley Grange, Button and Bows Square Dance Club and Senior Line Dancers.

She is also survived by sons Kenneth (Sue) Hirt of Preston, Conn., John Hirt and Paul (Sarah) Hirt, both of Vickery, and Joel (Kimberly) Hirt of Wellsville; daughter Merry Lyn (B.L.) Bagwell of Colleyville, Texas; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; brother Duane (Ruth) Erb of Fremont; and sister June (Stan) Abbott of Santa Fe, N.M. Her parents are deceased.

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, Faith Lutheran Church with Rev. James Avers officiating.

Visitation: Begins at 9 a.m. until the time of the services at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials: Northwest Region of the Ohio Parkinson's Foundation, 424 Kentucky Ave., Mansfield, Ohio, 44905, the Golden Bridge Unit at the care center or the church.

Arrangements: Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home.



News-Messenger/Jack Buehrer

BAYTOWNSHIP volunteer fire fighters work to put out a house fire on West Fremont Road in Port Clinton. The fire began late Monday morning when the home's owner, Jim Casperson, was burning leaves in his front yard.

Burning leaves cause house fire

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — A burning leaf pile caught a house on fire Monday morning on West Fremont Road, causing mostly smoke and some fire damage to the home.

The owner, James Casperson of 5036 W. Fremont Road was in the driveway burning leaves about 20 feet from the house when the blaze started, said Bay Township Fire Chief David Regal.

Once firefighters arrived at the scene, Casperson began having

chest pains and difficulty breathing. A squad took him to Magruder Hospital, where he was later released after treatment, Regal said.

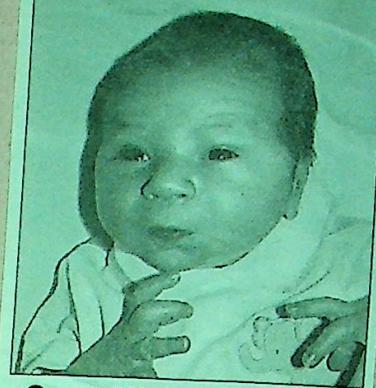
The fire started when wind blew some leaves up against the house — then wind blew sparks into the leaves, catching them and the house on fire, he said.

The flames scorched the vinyl siding on one end of the home, and smoke filtered throughout the house, causing much of the dam-

age. Also, a window air conditioner fell out of place and some items laying on the floor had burned, the chief said.

In all, Regal estimated about \$15,000 in damage, and said the home was too damaged for Casperson and his wife to live there for the time being.

A nearby trailer initially was thought to have been damaged by the fire as well but later firefighters found it untouched by the flames.



Grant Michael Monnett

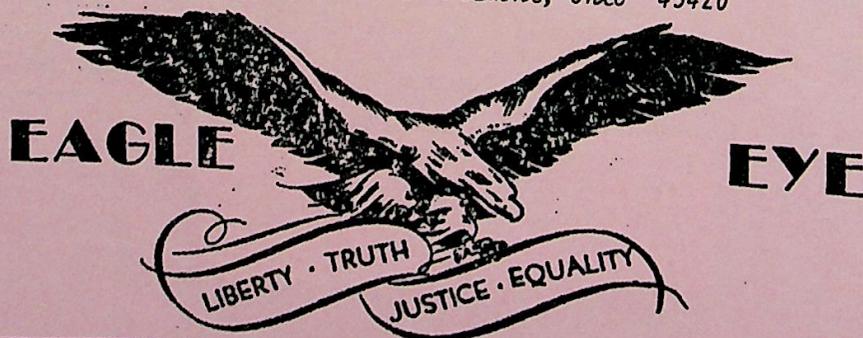
Mark & Jenny Monnett
Fremont
August 28, 2003



Merrick William Hirt

Chris & Denice Hirt
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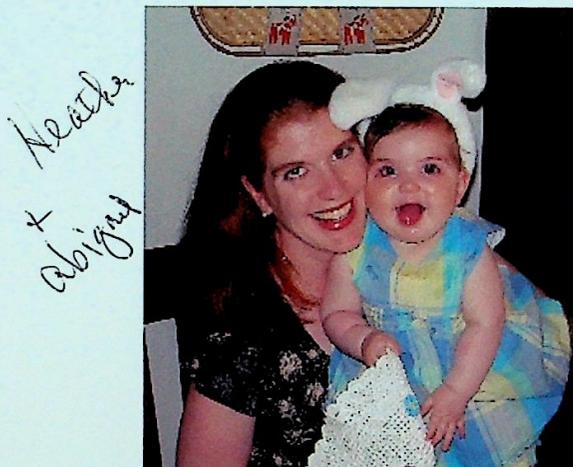
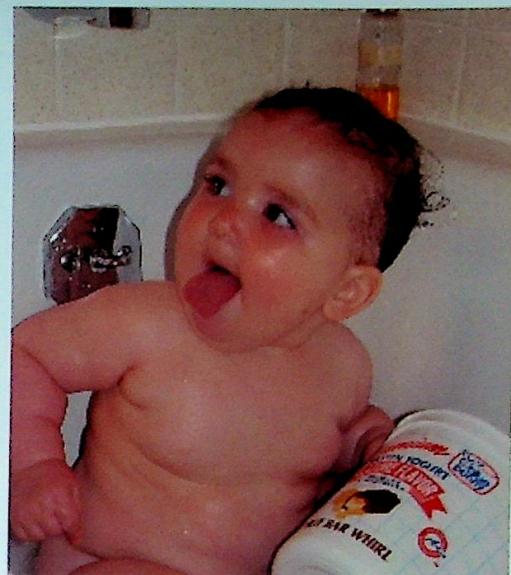
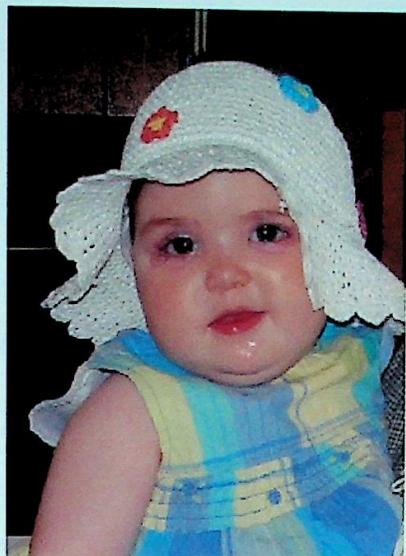
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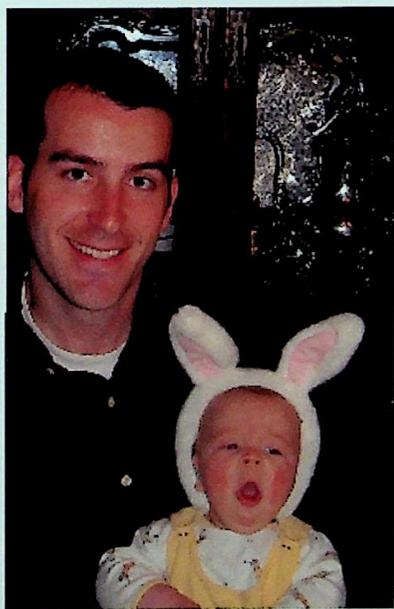
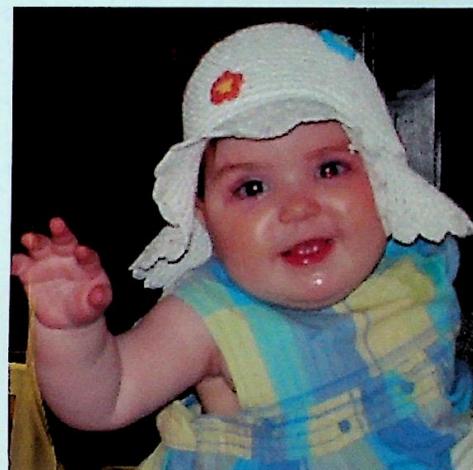
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HISTORICAL TIDBIT: Around 1934-1935 Helen Heibel heard noises coming from her chicken coop. She went out to her chickens with a ball bat and found a Eagle after her chickens. She hit the eagle with the ball bat and killed it. Her husband took that eagle into town to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, who then perserved that Eagle. That is how we got the Eagle we now have encased in our social room. Thanks to Bruce Hirt for this information, as Helen was his Aunt.

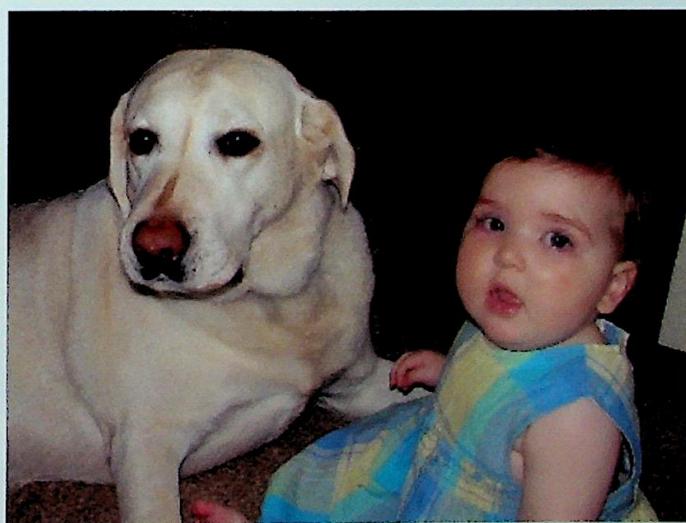
Ruth (Schepflin) + Mike Lipnick's Grandchildren
2003/2004



Ruth
+ Abigail



ALAN
LIPNICK + SON HAVEN



Abigail

Jan 2005



Lily Danielle Hemmer
John & Amy Hemmer
Clyde
2/17/04



John Howard Hirt
Matt & Stephanie Hirt
Fremont
5/11/04

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HAVEN
LIPNICK

RUTH
(SCHEPFIN)
LIPNICK'S
GRANDSON

2005



Clarke-Hirt

Rachel Anne Clarke and Eric Brandon Hirt were married Oct. 2 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Long Beach, Calif., by Father Gerald Meisel.

Rachel is the daughter Douglas and Susan Clarke of Newbury Park, Calif.

Eric is the son of Kennard and Margaret Hirt, 918 Woodland Ave.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white Duchess satin, strapless gown featuring an A-line skirt. Her gown was created by Justina McCaffrey and was designed with pickups around the dress and ending with a long train.

She wore a cascading veil of tulle and satin.

Her bouquet featured tropical flowers, glorioso lilies and orchids.

Maid of honor was Lindsey Krause, friend of the bride. She wore a Tahitian green tea-length dress featuring T-straps, designed by Jim Hjelm. She carried a bouquet of tropical flowers, orchids and lilies.

Bridesmaids were Laura Addison, Laura Litvinchuk, Carey Moyles, and Amy O'Conner,



RACHEL and ERIC HIRT

friends of the bride. They were attired in gowns identical to the honor attendant's and carried similar bouquets.

Flower girl was Maggie Hirt, niece and Godchild of the groom. She wore a dress handmade by family friend, Marilyn House. Her dress was designed in white satin trimmed with material which matched the bridesmaids'. She carried single stem orchids.

Best man was Christopher

Hirt, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Brady Houlberg, brother of the bride, and Bob Pressler, Biff Curtis, Tony Jenkins, and Doug Celek, friends of the groom.

Ring bearer was Mason Hirt, nephew of the groom.

Their reception was held at the Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, Calif. A local reception was held Nov. 26 at PK's Banquet Hall, Fremont.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Agoura High School, Agoura Hills, Calif. She received her bachelor's degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo College in 1998. She is currently a district director for the Orange County, Calif., Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School. He received his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University in 1998 and received his master's degree from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., in 2002. He is currently a sales representative for Nellcor in Los Angeles.

They reside at 315 N. Winnipeg Place Suite H, Long Beach, Calif.

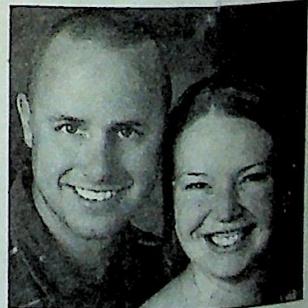
Hirt-Tooman

Bruce and Cindy Hirt of Fremont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Hirt, to Shawn Tooman, the son of Michael and Brenda Tooman of Lindsey.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School and a 2003 graduate of Terra Community College with an associate's degree in early childhood education. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Tiffin University.

She is employed as a teacher for the Early Learning Center at Terra Community College.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Ross High School and a 2001 graduate of The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree



SHAWN TOOMAN and LAURA HIRT

in construction management. He is employed at Mosser Construction.

They will be married June 3, 2006, at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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PHOTO BY ALISON SCHEPFLIN News-Messenger/David Distelhorst
FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL students leave at the end of the day under a banner that proclaims the excellent ratings achieved on all the state proficiency tests Thursday.

Rated excellent

Report cards show performance of Ohio's schools

By SARAH WILLIAMS Staff writer

The Fremont Middle School has been rated "excellent" five years in a row by the Ohio Department of Education. That's as good as it gets. "Every single day, something positive is happening in this school," said middle school math teacher Rea Rippe. "Something good is going on in every classroom. But then people see one student light up a cigarette and they don't see the other 99.9 percent of the students who are doing the right thing. And the teachers care. "I always say, 'Come to the classroom. Just come and see what we're doing. And then you'll know.' " The middle school is one of three buildings in the Fremont District to receive an excellent rating on the ODE's annual Report Card — the highest ranking there is. The report cards, which come out every year, highlight perfor-

mance of Ohio's school districts. Fremont Ross High School and Washington Elementary also received excellent ratings. Hayes Elementary held a celebration Friday, reveling in the success of jumping from a continuous improvement ranking to effective. And the rest of the district's buildings, all elementary schools — Otis, Croghan, Lutz and Stamm — are ranked as continuous improvement schools, as is the district as a whole. Continuous improvement is the middle of five rankings. The Fremont district as a whole reached its designation by meeting 13 out of 22 state indicators and garnering an 81.8 performance index score. The district failed, however, to meet "adequate yearly progress" which measured performance for different demographic groups.

Viola Sarah (Kranz) Schepflin
Aug. 31, 1921 — Oct. 21, 2005

Viola Sarah (Kranz) Schepflin, 84, of Fremont died Friday morning at Heartland of Perrysburg. She was born in Gibsonburg to Arthur J. and Lucinda S. (Linkey) Kranz. Viola was a graduate of Gibsonburg High School, and on May 7, 1944, she married Carl Samuel Schepflin. He died March 31, 1979. Viola was a homemaker and office clerk for Dr. Kreilick. She enjoyed traveling with her husband to Florida and Virginia during his military time. Viola assisted her husband, Carl, who was president and manager of The Modern Construction Co. for many years.

Viola was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Church Council, Altar Guild, Fremont Federation of Women, Rutherford B. Hayes Historical Society, Catawba Island Club and Emblem Club. She was a very caring, loving and charitable person to everyone who knew her. Her friends received great support from her over the years and admired and respected her for her quiet strength and faithful spirit. She loved to play bridge and pinochle.

The family would like to acknowledge with gratitude for the support and guidance of friends and family and professionals from MUO, Heartland and Hospice of Northwest Ohio during Viola's final journey.

Surviving are daughters Linda (Randy) Hottinger of Perrysburg, Carol (Jim Troyer) Prosser of Ottawa; grandchildren, Sarah Lucinda Hottinger of Toledo, Carla Sue (Joshua Kaiser) Hottinger of Perrysburg, Kurt Schepflin (Katie Simonton) Prosser of Chicago, Michelle Cara (Grant Hoerig) Prosser of Bowling Green, brother, Leonard (Audrey) Kranz of Naples, Fla., and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Fremont.

Funeral services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Gruetter officiating. Additional visitation is one hour prior to the service at church.

Burial: At Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations: May be made to Grace Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

Online condolences: www.herman-kinnfuneralhomes.com

Still confusing the girls at 18



Happy Birthday "Little Peter" Love, Mom & Dad

2005
Cory Peters

Leon L. 'Joe' Leiser

Feb. 29, 1932 — June 20, 2005

Leon L. "Joe" Leiser, 73, of Sandusky County Road 127, Lindsey, died Monday at the Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center in Fort Myers, Fla.

Joe was born at home in Ottawa County to the now-deceased Otto and Emma (Walter) Leiser. He was a 1950 graduate of Ross High School. On Sept. 8, 1951, he married Nancy Zilles at Grace Lutheran Church of Fremont.



LEON L. 'JOE' LEISER

Nancy, his wife of 53 years, survives along with daughters, Kimberly (Tom) Love of Chippewa Lake, Ohio, Linda (Lynn) Martin of Fremont and Betsy (David) Murphy of Midlothian, Va.; grandchildren, Joe (Joy) Love, Tim (fiancee, Amber Faust) Love, Rob (Sarah) Martin, Jeffrey Martin and Emma Murphy; and his mother-in-law, Grace Zilles of Fremont. Joe was preceded by granddaughter, Katherine Grace Love, and brother, Cleo "Jim" Leiser.

Joe was the president and CEO of Ag Credit, until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1994.

Mr. Leiser started farming in 1951 until 1970 when he began his career with Ag Credit. He was the past secretary of the Ohio Council of Cooperatives and served as a member of the Farm Credit Administration's Regulations Negotiations Committee. Joe was very dedicated to serving the members of the Ag Credit of which he was their president from 1989 to 1994. After his retirement, Joe worked with the Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA) in both Romania and Armenia.

Joe was also a Rice Township clerk and served on the Washington Township School Board. He was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church, past secretary of the Ohio Council of Cooperatives, a member of the Elks, Moose, Fostoria Kiwanis, Ohio Horseman's Association, Ottawa County Horseman's Association and the Sandusky County Farm Bureau. In 1995, Joe received the Ag Committee of the Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce's Ag Service Person of the Year Award.

Joe had many interests and hobbies throughout his life including golf, flying (he had a private pilot's license), standard bred horses, lawn work and landscaping, handy man projects, but most of all spending time with his family.

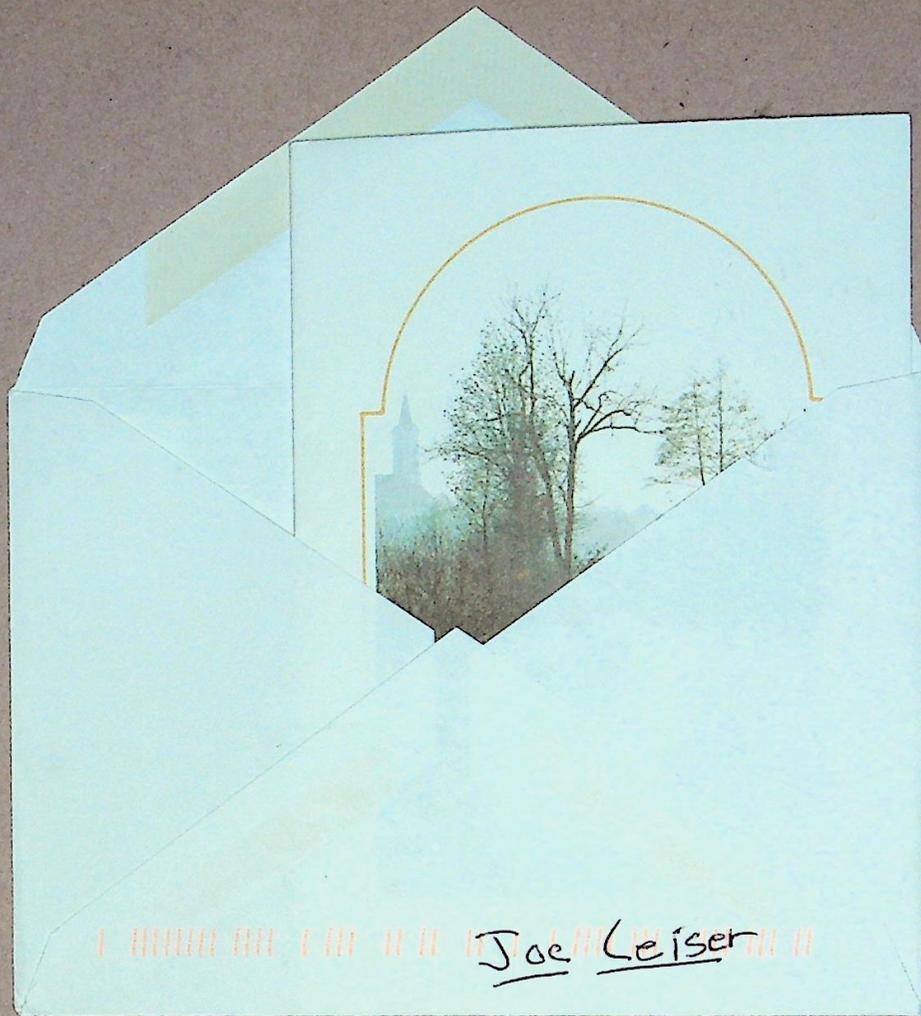
Visitation: 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Keller-Ochs-Koch Funeral Home, 416 S. Arch St.

Funeral services: 11 a.m. Monday at Faith Lutheran Church, 1187 Four-Mile-House Road. Mr. Leiser will lie in state from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church. The Rev. Robert Young will officiate.

Burial: Faith Cemetery.

Memorials: In Mr. Leiser's name to Faith Lutheran Church, Sandusky County Historical Society or to Ross High Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund.

Online condolence: koch@ezworks.net



Leta Louise (Halbeisen) Baumann

March 25, 1906 — Nov. 21, 2005

Leta Louise (Halbeisen) Baumann, "Aunt Leta," 99, passed away Nov. 21, in Jupiter, Fla.

She was the youngest of 14 children born to Charles and Elizabeth (Hirt) Halbeisen in Litchfield, Neb., and was a descendant of Casper Hirt, an immigrant from Stilli, Switzerland.



LETA LOUISE BAUMANN

Leta graduated from Litchfield High School in 1924 and following her marriage in 1928 to S. Albert Williams in Broken Bow, Neb., moved to Colorado where she lived for 20 years. From there, she moved first to Grants Pass and Eugene, Ore., and then to Walnut Creek, Calif. Most recently she relocated to Florida with her son and daughter-in-law.

She had many occupations over the years: A schoolteacher in a one-room school, home day-care, retail sales, a high school cook and a homemaker.

She was a lifemember of the Rossmoor Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary of Walnut Creek, Calif., the Tice Valley Methodist Church and the Eugene Methodist Church.

She loved baseball, was an avid Oakland A's fan, enjoyed knitting, crocheting and crafts and traveling to visit family and friends.

Leta was predeceased by two husbands, S. Albert Williams and Lee Baumann; and a son, Philip Franklin Williams. She is survived by a son, Alan L. (Mary Ann) Williams of Jupiter, Fla.; and many Halbeisen family and Hirt family descendants living in Nebraska, Ohio, and throughout the country.

Leta's warm and outgoing personality made her a major catalyst who bridged the generations of her family.

Services: There will be a remembrance and prayer service Dec. 9 in Grand Island, Neb.

Burial: Dec. 10 in Litchfield, Neb., where her ashes will be laid to rest with other relatives.

She will be remembered at the Hirt family reunion in Fremont in July 2006.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., W. Palm Beach, Fla., 33407.

It's still winter

Wednesday, March 2, 2005



News-Messenger/Diane Cebula

A persistent snowfall coupled with winds made for slippery conditions and some accumulation and drifting Tuesday. It forced Ginny Schepflin of Fremont out to clear the sidewalk in front of Personal D'Signs in downtown Fremont. It also resulted in many area schools to open two hours late this morning. Flurries were to continue throughout the day today with scattered snow showers tonight. The snow is expected to clear after midnight. Thursday should bring mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 20s. A chance of snow returns to the forecast Friday night and in-brought mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 20s. A chance of snow returns to the forecast Friday night and in-brought mostly sunny skies with highs in the mid to upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.

Edward Charles Smith



Nov. 27, 1946 — March 5, 2006

Edward Charles Smith, 59, of Ohio 412, Fremont, died Sunday in the emergency room at Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Fremont to Carl "Fuzzy" and Jean K. (Hirt) Smith.



He served with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

EDWARD CHARLES SMITH

Ed married Teresa A. Hoffman June 2, 1972, at Sacred

Heart Church in Fremont, and she survives.

Ed's life revolved around his family and friends, and his greatest joy was watching his children in all of their sports activities. Michele was inducted into the Ross High Hall of Fame in 2005, and Ryan's softball team won the World Series Championship in 2004. He was so proud of their accomplishments and happy to be their biggest "Booster." His life revolved around his family, home and the outdoors. He enjoyed gathering with friends at Whitey's Diner and the Tackle Box where he cruised the Sandusky River on the "Chubby." His other hobbies included bowling and golfing, and he was widely known in the sprint car racing circuit for "Smith Engines." His respect and dedication toward friends, family and his business will never be forgotten.

He was the owner/president of Smith Automotive, Inc. since November 1975. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fremont Outing Club, American Legion, Fremont Elks, past president of Fremont Ross Athletic Boosters, and was on the Fremont Ross Hall of Fame Committee.

Edward is survived by his wife, Teresa A. Smith; son, Ryan Smith, both of Fremont; daughter, Michele Smith, Chicago, Ill.; mother, Jean K. (Hirt) Smith; brother, Tom Smith; sister, Judy Rapp, all of Fremont. He was preceded by his father, Carl "Fuzzy" Smith; and brother, David Smith.

Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. today at Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home and Crematory;

Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, with a one-hour visitation prior to the service at the church.

Burial: Schoch Cemetery, Riley Township.

Memorials: Fremont Ross Athletic Boosters.

Online condolences: www.wonderlyhorvath.com

June 23, 2004

Dear Friends and Relatives,

November 28, 2005



Dear Family and Friends,

Although we have talked with many of you during the past week, for some this will be new and sad news. Mom has left us.

Leta Louise Baumann, "Mother B" as she liked to be called, passed away on November 21, 2005 in Jupiter, Florida. She was 99 years old and would have been 100 on March 25, 2006.

Mom was the youngest of 14 children born to Charles and Elizabeth (Hirt) Halbeisen in Litchfield, Nebraska. She was proud of her Swiss roots through Casper Hirt, who immigrated from Stilli, Switzerland in 1848 and settled near Fremont, Ohio. After about 20 years in Colorado and 30 years in Oregon she moved to Walnut Creek CA in 1978 to be close to Mary Ann and me. The three of us moved from California to Florida about a year and a half ago. While in Walnut Creek she was active in many clubs and associations including being a life member of the Rossmoor Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, and a member of the Tice Valley Methodist Church. Her love of baseball and the Eugene Emeralds led her to be an avid Oakland A's fan in California. Among all of her skills she especially enjoyed knitting, crocheting and crafts. She was extremely fond of traveling to visit family and friends.

Two husbands, S. Albert Williams and Lee Baumann, and a son, Philip Franklin Williams, predeceased her. She is survived by us and many Halbeisen Family and Hirt Family descendants living throughout the country.

We received family and friends on November 26 at Howard-Price Funeral Home in North Palm Beach, Florida and will receive family and friends and have a prayer service on December 9 at the Livingston-Sonderman Funeral Home in Grand Island, Nebraska. Interment will be on December 10 in Litchfield, Nebraska where her ashes will be laid to rest with other relatives.

As you know Mom was a major catalyst who bridged the generations of her family. We will remember her at the Hirt Family Reunion in Fremont, Ohio in July 2006

Alan & Mary Ann Williams
18988 SE Loxahatchee River Road
Jupiter, FL 33458-1078
Tel 561 798-9845

Email: Alwmaaw@cs.com

Memorials for Mom may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407 or to your charity of choice.

XEROX

June 23, 2004

Dear Friends and Relatives,

I have some exciting news to share with you. After living 26 years in Walnut Creek California I'm packing up and moving to Florida!

Yes, Alan and Mary Ann are moving back and I'm going with them. The moving van is coming this week to pack up their house and my apartment stuff here at Valley View. We will be on an airplane headed east by noon, Saturday, July 3rd. So, here is my new mailing address:

Leta Baumann
131 Gulfstream Road
North Palm Beach, FL 33408-3807

(561) 627-4736

This is actually Mary Ann's parent's house and Alan and Mary Ann will be living there while looking for the ideal replacement for their Walnut Creek house. I am going to be in an assisted living facility called Prosperity Oaks. Haven't seen it yet but Alan says it's very nice and it's only about five miles from their place.

*98 years
3 months*

Well, at 98 years I didn't think there was going to be much more excitement in my life except for winning at Bingo now and then. I'm looking forward to making this change and think it will be fun. Of course you are all invited to come visit me in the new place. It might be a great excuse to get away from some of those cold winters and snow shoveling.

I'll have lots of new adventures to tell you about when it's time to write a Christmas letter.

Leta Baumann



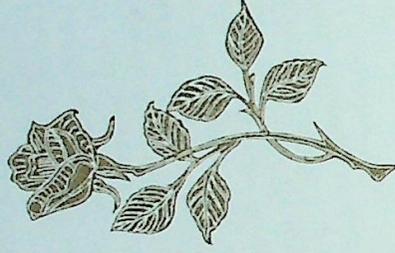
Scanning The

SPECIAL HOMECOMING — When Pasadena, MD residents Karen and Gary Cooper, discovered that they were going to have a second child, they began making arrangements to have the baby at St. Charles Hospital in Oregon.

Karen, a RN at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, wanted the blessed event to be a homecoming. An event to be shared by their parents: Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Zibbel, Graytown.

On March 25 Jamie Cooper was born at St. Charles, just like her 2 year old sister Jodi. The newest Miss Cooper weighed 7 lbs.

The Coopers made several trips home to be attended by Dr. Erol Riza and arrived in Oregon three weeks ago to await the delivery. Both mother and daughter are reportedly doing well. The new parents say they are looking forward to the celebration meal, traditional at the hospital.



Wedding Bells

Todd Nash and Dena Schepflin

July 4, 2003

Losing Todd's Car at Loose Park

Todd and Dena met on April 1, 2001 during a licensing meeting at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City. Todd had just started a new job in Licensing and Dena was his new contact in marketing for cards. After about a month, the two decided to have a "get acquainted" lunch, so that they could get to know each other better since they'd be working with each other.

After having a great time at lunch and learning that they had a lot in common, Todd and Dena decided to spend an afternoon together playing tennis. He picked her up at noon on Sunday, May 6 and they played for 3 or 4 hours. Afterward, they decided to grab a bite to eat and spend some time driving around Mission Hills, a very exclusive neighborhood in Kansas City. Upon arriving at Loose Park, the twosome found some tennis courts and decided to check them out. Since it was such a nice day, they spent some looking at the beautiful rose gardens. It was so picturesque and they agreed that it would be a perfect spot for a wedding!

After spending some time there, Todd and Dena decided to stroll leisurely around the pond, enjoying the beautiful setting and each others' conversation. After about 45 minutes, they walked back to where they had parked the car. Unfortunately, the car was nowhere to be found at the tennis courts. Standing in utter disbelief, Dena proclaimed, "My tennis rackets, my wallet, my car keys!" Todd looked at her and said, "My car is gone!" Although being a little flustered and not sure what to do since all their belongings other than Todd's car keys were in the car, Todd and Dena decided to walk up the street to find a phone. Luckily, they found a wonderful family who was returning from a weekend away.

Immediately, they opened their home and offered help. The woman began to help Todd, while the man helped Dena. Todd called the police station, but they refused to come to the scene of the crime since there was technically nothing to see. At the same time, Dena called her roommate Julie (Delk) Poast to warn her to lock the door and call the police if she saw anything suspicious at their apartment. After making those two phone calls, the Doctor and his wife insisted that Todd and Dena cancel all of their credit cards, since their wallets were in the stolen card. So, they called their credit card companies and canceled their cards. While

they were doing this, Dena overheard the woman ask Todd, "So, how long have you two been married?" To which he said, "Oh, we're not married, but until about 10 minutes ago, we were having a great time on our first date!" Dena was shocked — she didn't think they were on a "date". She'd played tennis with lots of guys and it was never a big deal, but this time, he called it a *date*! Despite her surprise, they finished making their phone calls and headed to the man's car since he had generously offered to take them home.

Before leaving the Mission Hills area, the couple asked the man to drive once around Loose Park, just in case something weird had happened. So, instead of heading right to the tennis courts where the couple had parked, they turned left and headed to the rose gardens. Sitting all alone in the empty parking lot was Todd's blue Toyota Avalon complete with wallets, cell phones and sporting equipment, all in tact. Not knowing what to say or do, the couple thanked the man and got out of the Doctor's SUV and didn't know whether to laugh or two looked at each other and Todd called out, "Todd called the Police to let them know that the "stolen car" was in fact just missing! Unfortunately, the cops would not accept that story and needed the twosome to make a trip to the police station, where they could inspect the car. What an eventful, first "non-date."

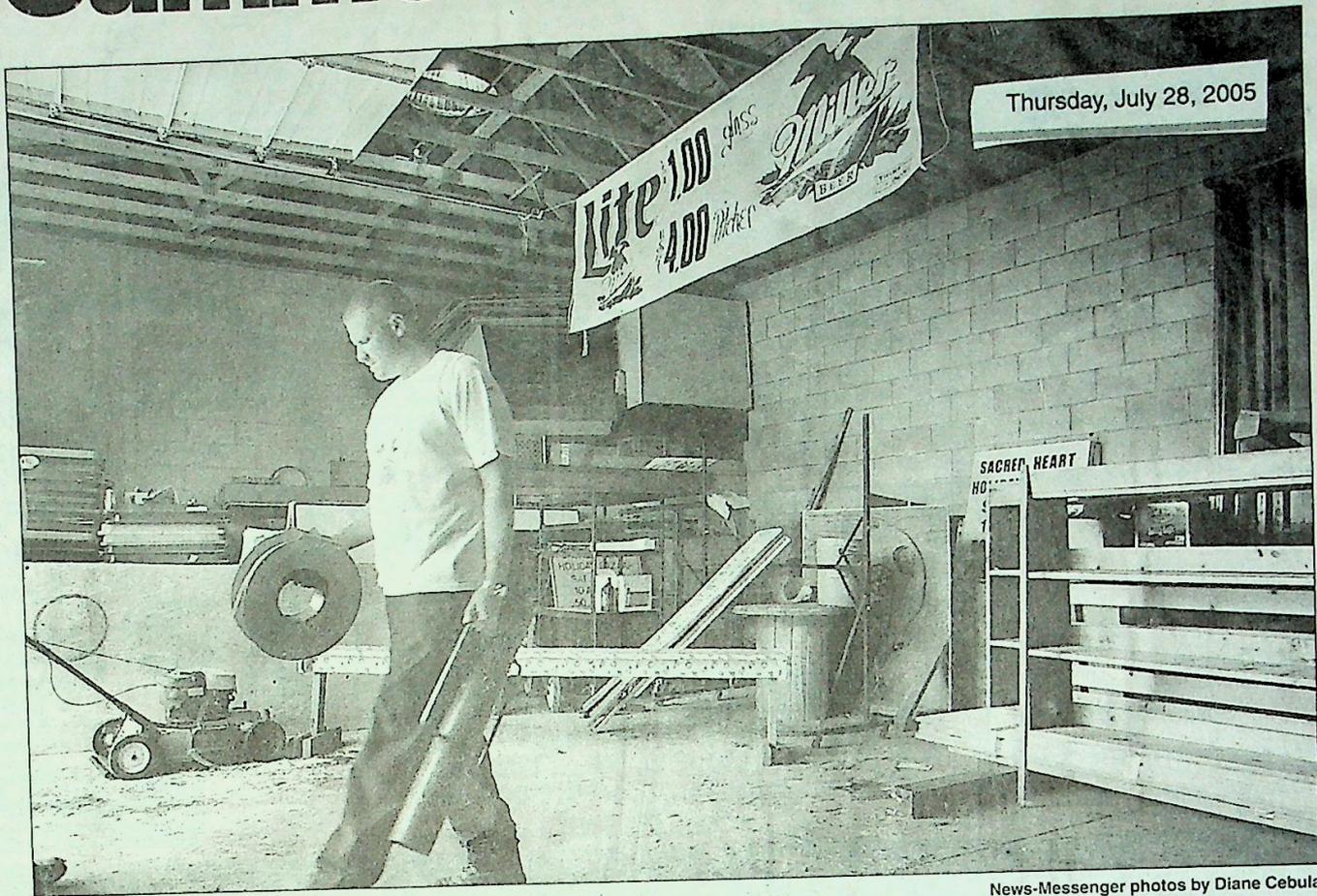
What's Next for the Newlyweds . . .

Todd and Dena will be vacationing in Hawaii until July 16, enjoying over a week of relaxing on the beach, swimming, snorkeling, hiking and so much more. Once back in Kansas City, Dena will continue to work at Hallmark, as an Associate Product Manager (marketing) for the Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Club. Likewise, Todd will continue working at his new job as a Regional Account Executive for Warner Brothers Home Video.

At the end of August, the couple will move into their new house in a suburb of Kansas City. So, if you are ever in the Kansas City area, please look them up — they would love to have visitors! Their new address will be:

Todd and Dena Nash
21700 West 98th Terrace
Lenexa, Kansas 66222

Summerfest setup



Thursday, July 28, 2005

News-Messenger photos by Diane Cebula

CHAD FISHER takes equipment for booth setup out of storage Tuesday for this weekend's Sacred Heart Summerfest 2005. Items for the festival are stored in a building located next to the church. The church celebrates its 50th year next year, and the summer festival has been running for an estimated 30 to 40 years.

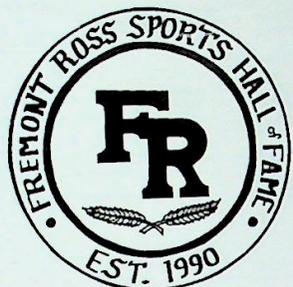


- NASH - FISHER

News-Messenger/Charlie Longton/clongton@gannett.com

COUSINS DENA, back, and Casey Shopflin share a laugh during the Fremont Ross Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony Saturday night. The Schepflins, a tennis doubles team, were two inductees honored at the dinner at Crystal Arbors.

May 20 - 2006



HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEES
CASEY & DENA SCHEPFLIN



Tennis Doubles Team

Cousins Casey and Dena Schepflin were the best girl's doubles tennis team to have played at Fremont Ross. The duo had a four-year record from 1992-1995 of 113-9 while qualifying for the state tournament in 1993 and 1995 and placing in the top eight.

They earned first-team All-Great Lakes League honors in the first-doubles slot all four years. The Schepflins won the Sandusky, Michaels and GLL titles all four seasons.

As freshmen, the duo was 26-1, winning the sectional tournament and qualifying for the district tournament. In their sophomore year, they were sectional and district champions while finishing the season 28-1. As juniors, the Schepflin team was runner-up in the sectional and finished fourth in the district tourney. In their senior season, they qualified for the state tournament, finishing second in both the sectional and district tournaments. The team helped Ross finish second in the 1995 State Tennis Coaches Association Tournament.

Casey earned seven letters at Ross, four in tennis and three in softball. She was honorable mention in All-GLL in softball in the 1994 and 1995 seasons.

Dena was also a seven-time Ross letter-winner—four in tennis and three in basketball. She was honorable mention All-GLL in basketball in the 1995-96 season.

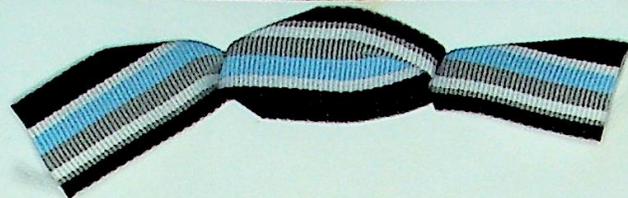
With long awaited joy,
we welcome with love

Kaitlyn Cai

Born February 28, 2005
Hunan, China
Adopted November 7, 2005



Amy and Todd Tallman



Welcome To The
Wedding Celebration Of

Katie Curtin Simonton

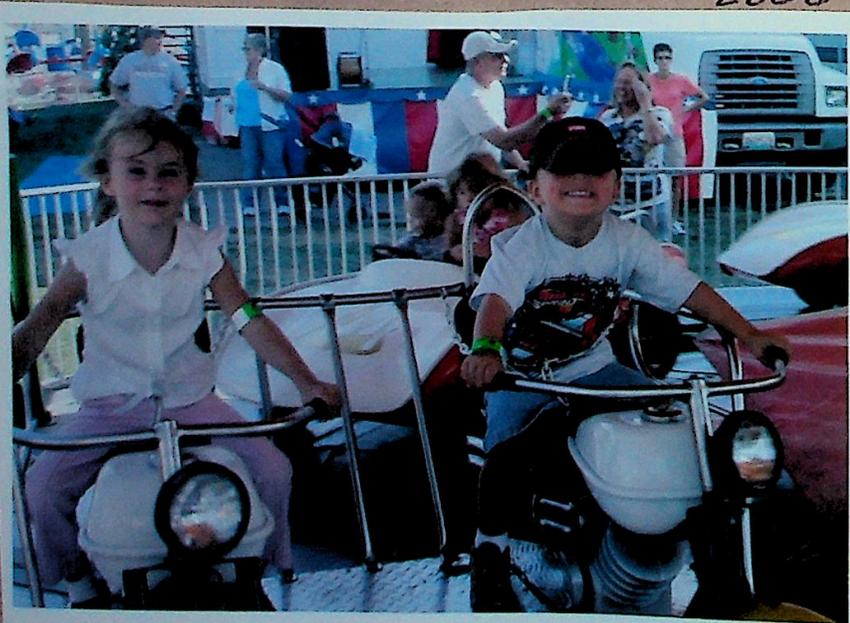
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Kurt Schefflin Prosser

August 26, 2006
Put-In-Bay, Ohio



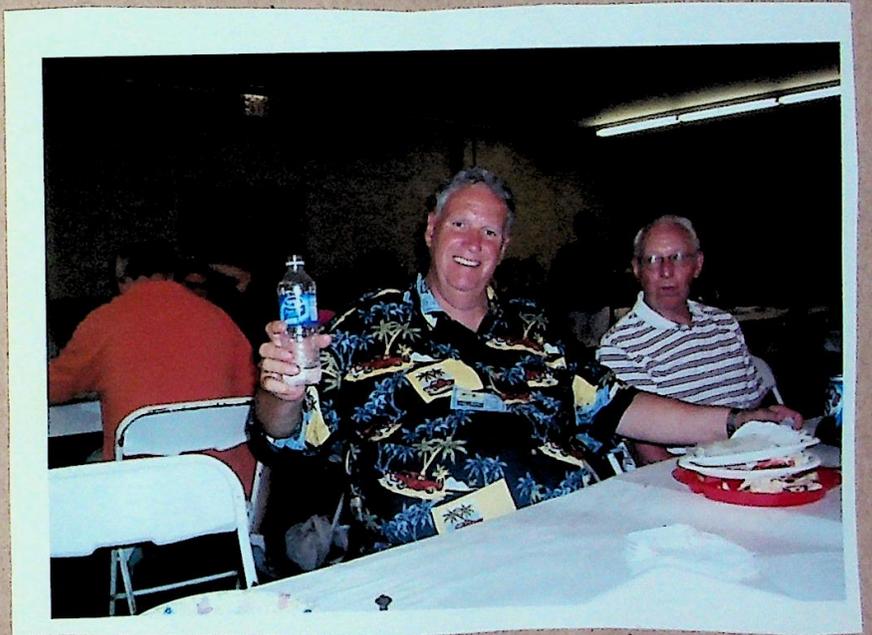
JORDAN Fisher AND
EMMA Schefflin @ FAIR
2006





2006
REUNION
FAIR Grounds

Larry Schepflin
Mica Zibbet



Laura
Hirt

Before they say "I do" at their island wedding,
Join us in a **couples party** honoring
KURT PROSSER and **KATIE SIMONTON**

Bring your mate or a date,
Come wearing your favorite **island attire**
And join in a tropical prelude
to Kurt and Katie's August wedding

WHEN

Sunday, May 21st
12:00-2:00PM

WHERE

36 River Run Drive, Fremont

RSVP

419.332.2660
Dian Schepflin & Derrick Denman

HOSTED BY

Anne Schepflin
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Dena Nash

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Bed Bath & Beyond
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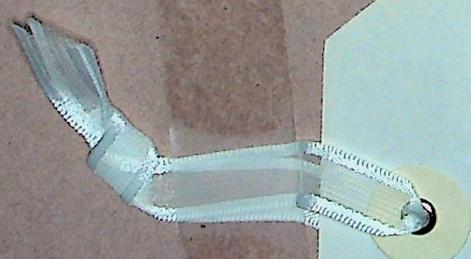
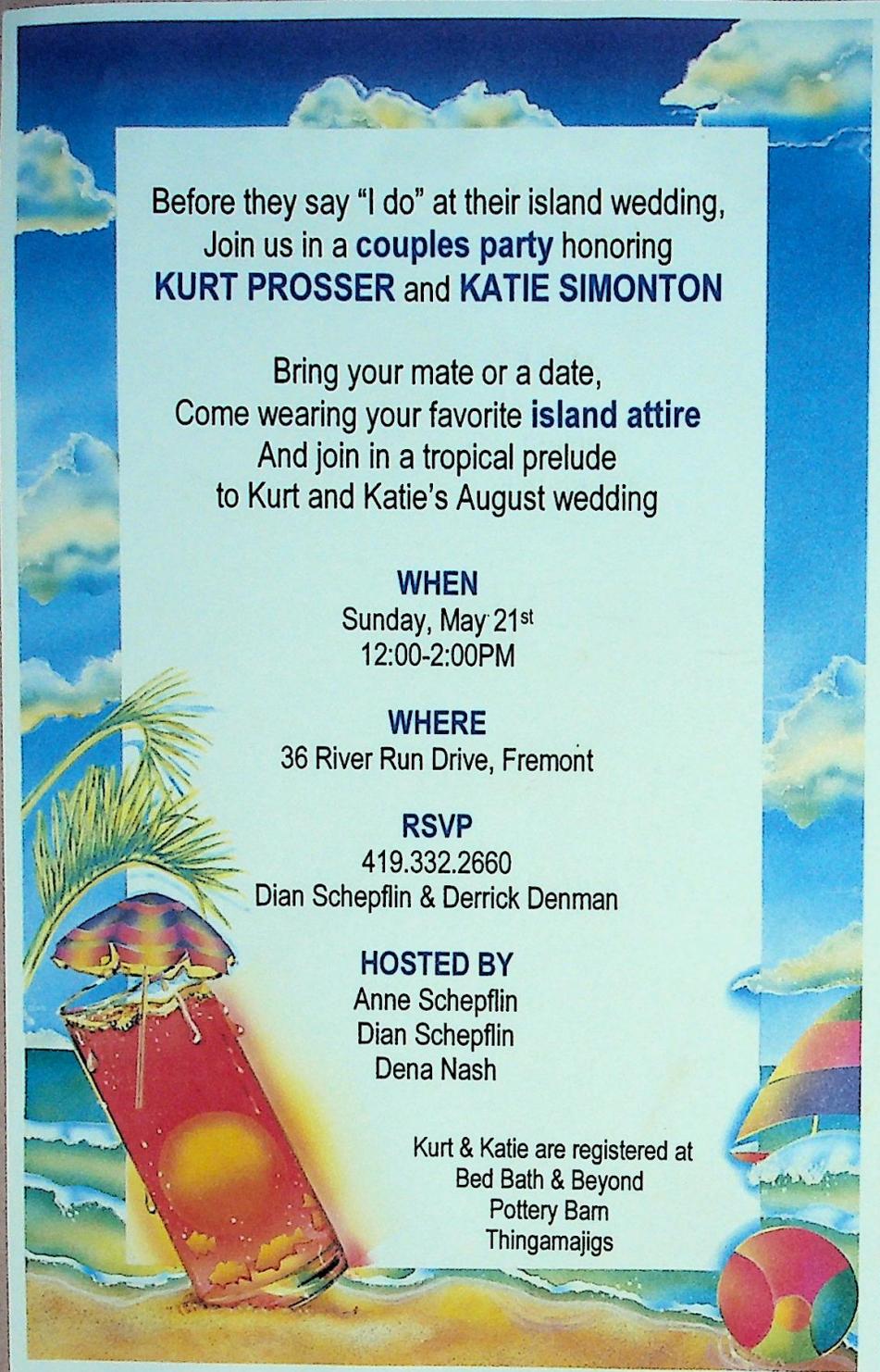
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BABY

*Dian Denman's baby is on the way,
let's get her prepared for the big day!
We'll shower her with wishes for the precious little one.
Hope you'll join us for an afternoon of fun!*

Second HIRT FAMILY Reunion
1917



1920 HIRT Reunion
GEM BEACH



1933 HIRT
Reunion
GRAND Children



JUNIOR FAIR KING AND QUEEN NOMINEES

NOTE: This year's Junior Fair King and Queen Presentation is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the grandstand.

Laura Pearce, 17, is the daughter of Marvin and Peggy Pearce of Fremont. She is representing Clyde FFA where she has been a member for four years. Laura is a member of Junior Fair Board, currently serving as president. Her favorite fair project is her market pigs and the fun of raising them and preparing them for show. Laura would like to be queen because she wants to represent Sandusky County by being a good leader and a positive example for younger members of Junior Fair.



Katie Klotz, 17, is the daughter of Kenneth and Rita Stahl and the late Emerson Klotz of Helena. Katie is representing the St. Mary's 4-H Club, where she has been a member for 11 years. She has participated in the health and safety speaking contests and has represented the sheep industry as its lamb and wool queen. Katie has been active in high school and her community. Katie feels the Junior Fair queen should be responsible, reliable and dedicated to the job. She should smile because it is a special title for her because of the memories and because she truly loves it.



Alexis LaPorta, 17, is the daughter of Tony and Laurie LaPorta of Clyde. Alexis is representing the Clyde FFA chapter, where she has been a member for four years. Her favorite fair project has been



raising cattle. She has found that to be successful, she has had to be extremely responsible and willing to put in lots of time and effort. She would like to be Junior Fair queen because of her love for the fair and agriculture. She feels the queen also should be a kind and honest person.

Latisha Fields, 17, is the daughter of Terry and Melody Fields of Bellevue. Latisha is representing the York Producers 4-H Club and has been a member for eight years. Her favorite project was her first project eight years ago. Her rabbit, Frenchy, taught her all the responsibilities of caring for and nurturing an animal. As Junior Fair queen, she would step forward and help others find their potential to become the best.



Alison Schepflin, 16, is the daughter of Chuck and Paula Schepflin of Fremont. Alison is representing the Riley Boosters 4-H Club, where she has been a four-year member. Her favorite Junior Fair project is her goats. Alison said she always is finding ways to have fun with these peppy, furry creatures. She would like to be Junior Fair queen because of the experiences she has had throughout her 4-H years. Her family has been involved in the Sandusky County Fair for four generations and she plans to continue the tradition.



Emily Miller, 16, is the daughter of Louis and Lori Miller of Kansas. Emily is a nine-year member of The Belles of St. Mary's 4-H Club. Emily feels she is a living



example of how rewarding it is to be involved in 4-H and Junior Fair. She feels she is a happy and confident person and an excellent leader thanks to these organizations. Her favorite project was a teen mentoring project, which required her to assist first-year members with projects, as well as preparing them for judging. Emily would like to be Junior Fair queen because of the honor and tradition. She also is willing to go above and beyond to make the Junior Fair the best it can be.

Allysen Kindred, 16, is the daughter of Richard and Jackie Kindred of Fremont. She is representing the Clyde FFA, where she has been a member for three years. Allysen also belongs to Burning Daylight 4-H Club. Her favorite project was planting flowers around the fairgrounds to spruce up its appearance and the chance to work with other Junior Fair Board members on this project. Allysen would like to be queen to have the opportunity to represent the county and also for the experiences she would gain.



Kayleah Thorbahn, 16, is the daughter of Sandi Thorbahn of Vickery. She is an 11-year 4-H member and belongs to the Clover Patches 4-H Club. Kayleah has had many leadership positions during her 4-H years. Her favorite project has been raising dairy beef feeders. It has taught her not only responsibility, but she has met many long-lasting friends along the way. Kayleah would like to be a positive role model if selected as queen. Her passion is to help others, especially the younger members. She feels her



leadership skills would be a helpful quality along with confidence and enthusiasm.

Ashley Williamson, 16, is the daughter of Chris and Cecilia Williamson of Fremont.



Ashley is representing the Riding High 4-H Club, where she has been a member for six years. Ashley also is involved in FFA and community service. Her favorite project is light-legged horses. She loves working with people of all ages. If selected as Junior Fair queen, she welcomes the responsibility that comes with the title. She is committed, loyal, honest, and a well-rounded person.

Kathy Peiffer, 16, is the daughter of Phyllis Peiffer of Gibsonburg. Kathy is representing the Sugar Creek 4-H Club, where she has been a member for eight years. She is involved with her church and youth group, and helps with children's camps. She is a tutor in the elementary school, working with fifth-grade math students. Her favorite project was Family Treasure Hunt. She researched her family history and talked to family members, enjoying the many stories they told. She would like to represent Sandusky County as its queen. She feels that by visiting other fairs in Ohio, she would get ideas on ways to improve our fair.



Jessica Stiltner, 16, is the daughter of Mike and Verna Stiltner of Green Springs. Jessica is representing the Burning Daylight 4-H Club as a 10-year member. She is a member of Junior Fair Board, and serves as



secretary of her 4-H Club. She also is involved with the Clyde FFA. Her favorite project has been her horses. She has been around them her entire life and enjoys the people in the horse barns. As queen, she feels she would be a good role model, a good leader and responsible.

Nathan Richter, 17, is the son of Dave and Robin Richter of Gibsonburg. Nathan is representing the Gibsonburg FFA, where he has been a member for three years. Nathan's favorite fair project was his sewing project. He got a real kick out of making a vest and pants that he wore to the prom. He had a great time modeling it for the ladies at the Extension Office during early judging. Learning to appreciate the humor in it all was a terrific lesson. Nathan would like to be king because he thinks it would be fun. He would like to expand his experiences of reaching out to others and to keep his mom and sister from bugging him to do it, although he respects their encouragement.



Cody Miarer, 16, is the son of Rick Miarer of Fremont. Cody is a 12-year member of the Country Guys and Gals 4-H Club. Cody's favorite project is his dairy heifers and cows. They have taught him the skills and knowledge he will need to be a successful dairyman in the future. Cody feels he has the qualities that are expected to successfully fill the Junior Fair king position.



Benjamin Harper, 16, is the son of Rick and Christie Harper of Bellevue. Ben is representing the York



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Casey + Andrew Fisher
Youngest baby - 2006

Linda Martin w/ mic

SARA (Schepflin)
Zibbel
and Andrew Fisher



2006 Reunion Cooks
at Fair Grounds.



Gladys Mae Brugger

April 5, 1919 —
March 19, 2007

Gladys Mae Brugger, 87, of Vickery died on Mon., March 19, 2007 at her home.

Mrs. Brugger was born in Green Springs on April 5, 1919 to the now deceased John and Bessie (Ludwig) Miller. She graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1938 and was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery and NOPE.

For eighteen years she worked at the Sandusky Co. Home prior to retiring in 1970.

On August 25, 1945 she married John L. Brugger and he preceded her on Feb. 2, 1994.

Two daughters survive, Judy Meek (Bob Futrell) of Little Switzerland, NC and Evelyn "Susie" Hemmer of Vickery. Three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive. Her sister, Helen (Robert) Pine survives in Bellevue.

Mrs. Brugger was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Hoffman and two brothers, Charles Mill and Ralph Miller.

Visitation: 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, 218 S. Main St., Clyde.

Services: Friday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery with the Rev. David Klappenbach officiating.

Burial: Parkhurst Cemetery. Memorials: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Building Fund or the Hospice of Memorial Hospital, South Main St., Clyde.

Online condolences: condolences@auxterfuneralhomes.com.

News-Messenger reports

A group of hospital leaders, a long-time legislator and an elementary principal have been honored by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

What they all have in common is Terra Community College.

They were recognized Monday at the OACC Excellence Awards Luncheon in Columbus.

The honorees:

Friend of Community Colleges Award: Area hospital CEOs from The Community Care 5 (CC5) consortium — Al Gorman, Memorial Hospital; Patrick Martin, Fisher-Titus Medical Center; David Norwine, H.B. Magruder Hospital; Chuck Stark, Firelands Regional Medical Center; and Mike Winthrop, The Bellevue Hospital;

Outstanding Achievement in Trusteeship — Dwight Wise;

Distinguished Alumna— Denice (Quaintance) Hirt.

"This is as varied a group of people as any we have nominated, and I think it demonstrates that not only does Terra touch all parts of our community but every resident in our service district can impact the college as well," Terra president Dr. Marsha S. Bordner, said.

The CC5 consortium is the first group of people to be nominated by Terra for an OACC honor.

The five CEOs who comprise the group have had a major impact on Terra's nursing program. They have contributed scholarship money to students in their service areas to

pursue healthcare careers, provided clinical sites for nursing students, and plan to continue to play an active role in the development of allied health programs at Terra. The group also came forward with its support as the Terra Associate Degree in Nursing program sought final approval from the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Board of Nursing in the summer of 2006.

Wise is a charter member of the Terra board of trustees which formed in 1969. He continues to visit campus regularly as a member of ElderCollege and serves on the group's curriculum committee and as an emeritus member of the steering committee.

He was a state representative in the Ohio General Assembly from 1983 to 1994 where education was always a priority for him. He was on the education committee for 10 of his 12 years in the legislature.

Wise, who retired from farming in 1982 after 31 years, lives near Fremont with his wife, Darlene. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

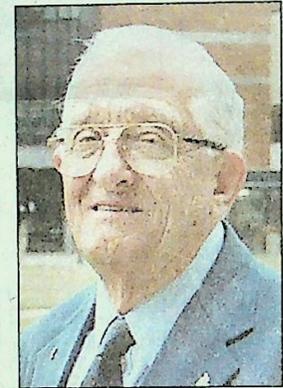
Hirt graduated in 1990 from Terra with an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. She used that start to move on to Bowling Green State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1993 and a master's in education in 1994.

She completed her course work for an Elementary Principal's Certificate from the University of Findlay in 1999 and has been the principal at Stamm Elementary School in Fremont since 2001.

Hirt and her husband, Chris, live in Fremont with their three children.

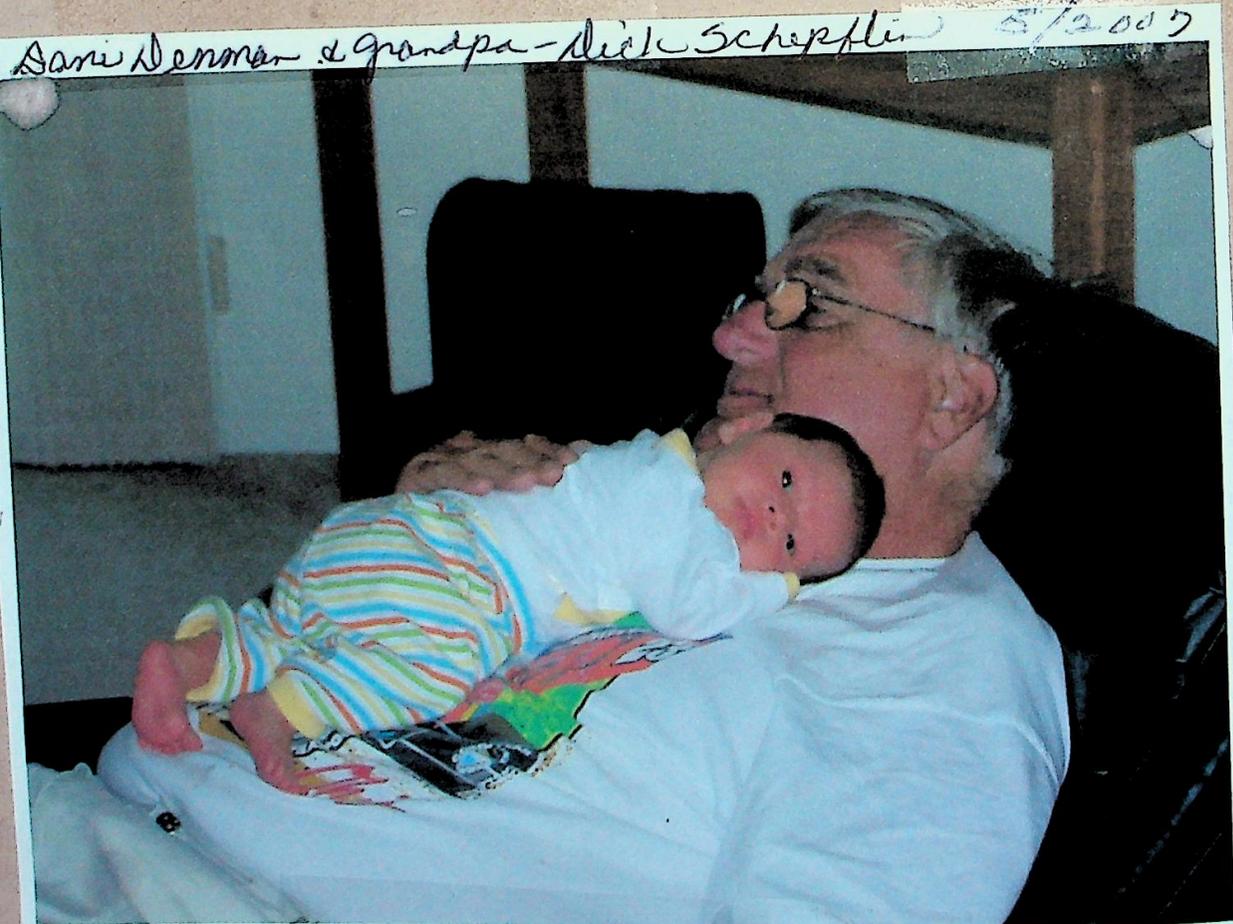


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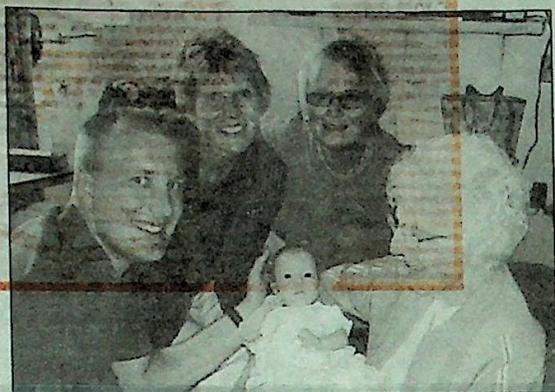
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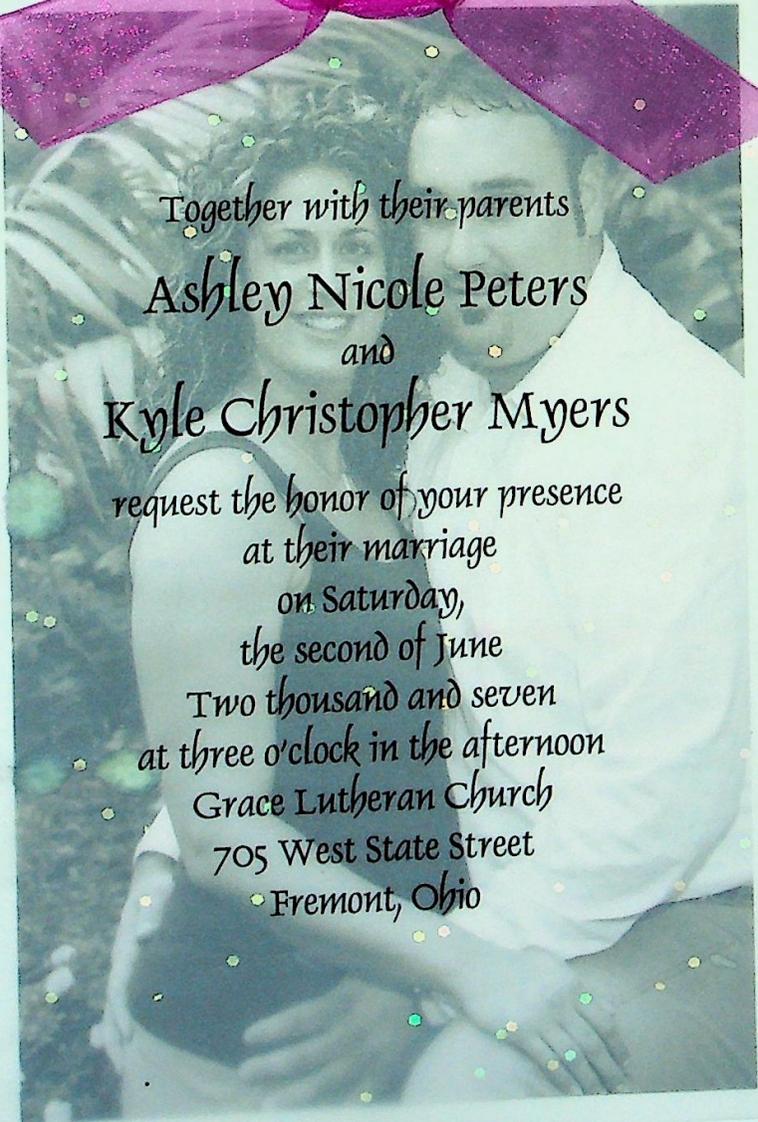
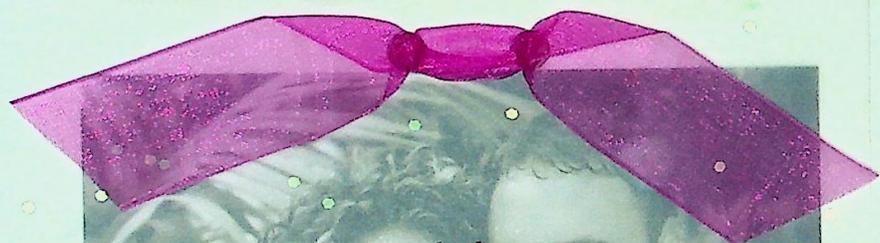


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Zilles



From left to right: Joe Love, Kim (Leiser) Love, Nancy (Zilles) Leiser, Grace Zilles and (baby) Lily (Leiser) Love.



Together with their parents
Ashley Nicole Peters
 and
Kyle Christopher Myers
 request the honor of your presence
 at their marriage
 on Saturday,
 the second of June
 Two thousand and seven
 at three o'clock in the afternoon
 Grace Lutheran Church
 705 West State Street
 Fremont, Ohio

Schepflin at fair

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in. I was very artistic when I was in school and I've always done things and I started carving odds and ends and people wanted to buy them, and it was great arcade money when I was a kid. So, it took off from there," he said.

The artist said he's never taken classes to learn the craft. "I can visualize something and just start carving away. I've always been that way," he said.

One of his scrapbook pictures shows a 10 1/2-foot "palm tree" flanked by two flamingoes.

Schepflin said the Cincinnati-area client had asked him to travel to his home to sculpt a tree which was being cut down. "In about four and a half, five hours I had it all done. I do a lot of one-of-a-kinds like that," he said. "I'm so busy. I'm booking for next season already with private carvings, and I'm already booked a year in advance on shows."

The Stihl chainsaw company sponsors a team which attends several carving competitions each year.

"This is my 28th year, carving professionally, doing Stihl Timber Sports, Cabela's, Iron Jack Series, fairs, festivals and private carvings," Schepflin said. "It's a full-time hobby-job. My full time job is running the store in Fremont, and then I'm on the road with the Stihl team going to all the big events."

He's planning to compete in the National Paul Bunyon show in Cambridge, Ohio, during the first weekend in October. "I've won that 10 times," he said, and added he's taken second place about 15 times.

"We use stock original saws from Stihl," he said. Some of the smaller saws also have a carving tip which is new this year.

Schepflin uses catalpa, red cedar, elm, walnut and other wood for his pieces. "I'm not real picky. I'll use just about anything," he said.

when he was a youth helping his father at the family business, Willy's Sales and Service in Fremont.

"We were at the county fair which we always go to in Sandusky County, and my dad said, 'Get behind the tent and make some noise and draw customers

good entertainment for everybody," he said.

He said he's been at this fair for four or five years, and usually sells all of the items he carves during the week. Four of his sculptures will be auctioned tonight.

Schepflin began the unusual form of carving

mont carves the figures from wooden logs using chainsaws, then spray paints the sculptures.

Onlookers fill the bleachers in front of his screened work area as he transforms a log into a cactus, complete with "needles" of splintered wood. "We just pack them in here. They'll almost have to bring more

By CATHARINE HADLEY Staff writer

Along with the normal cattle, horses, sheep and poultry at the Ottawa County Fair, visitors might also see a bear or two. They'll also see some eagles, a ram and a fish — all surrounded by palm trees, cacti and lighthouses. Chuck Schepflin of Fre-



Jonathon Bird/News-Messenger
 CHAINSAW SCULPTOR Chuck Schepflin makes a cactus at the Ottawa County Fair Thursday evening.

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Sculpting w Four of Fremont's piece

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