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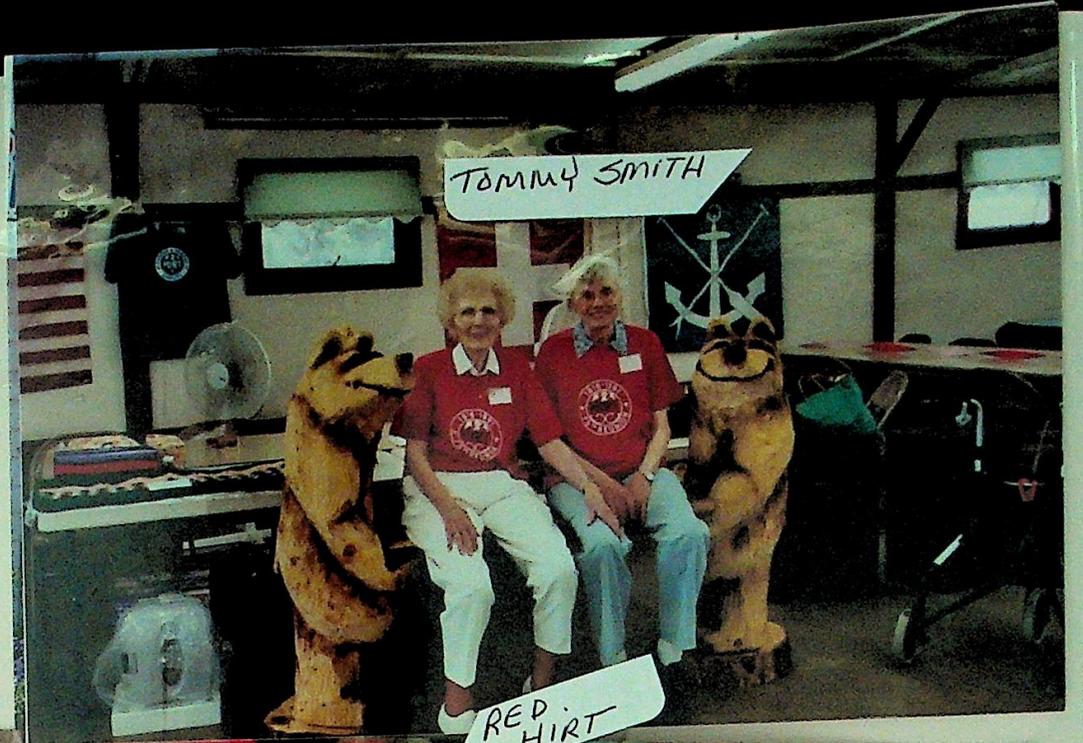
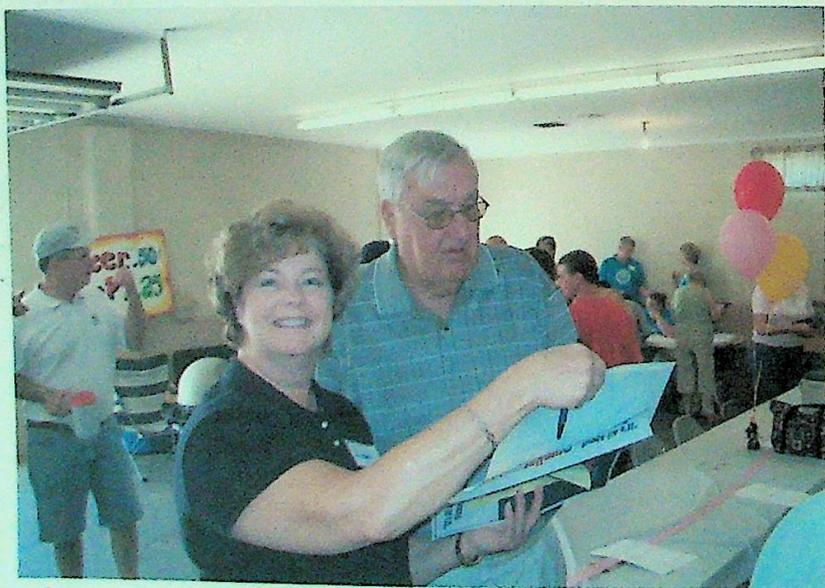


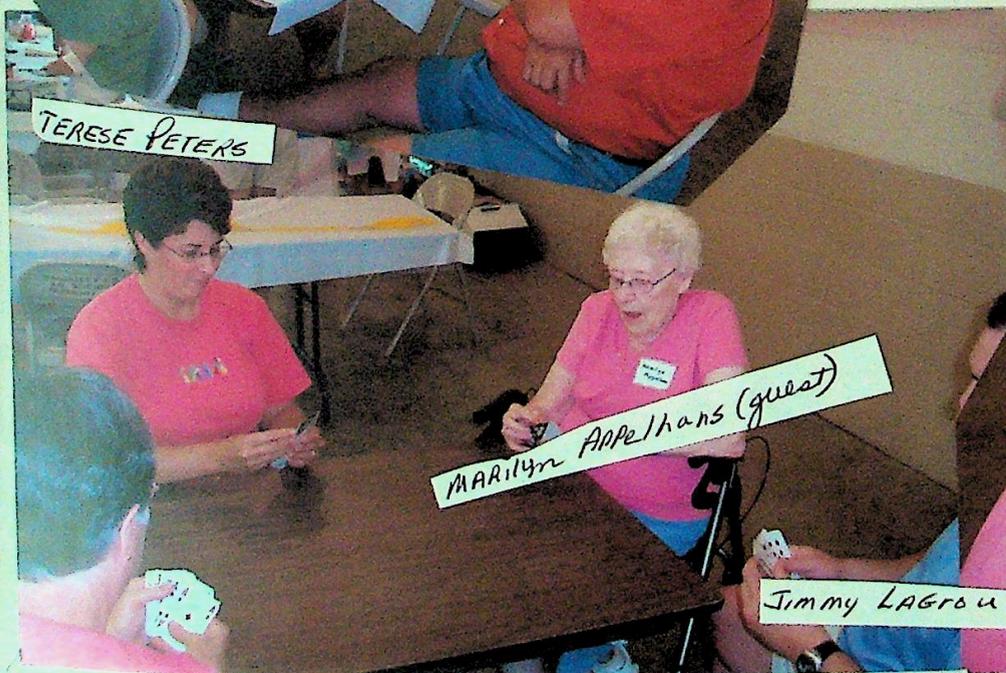
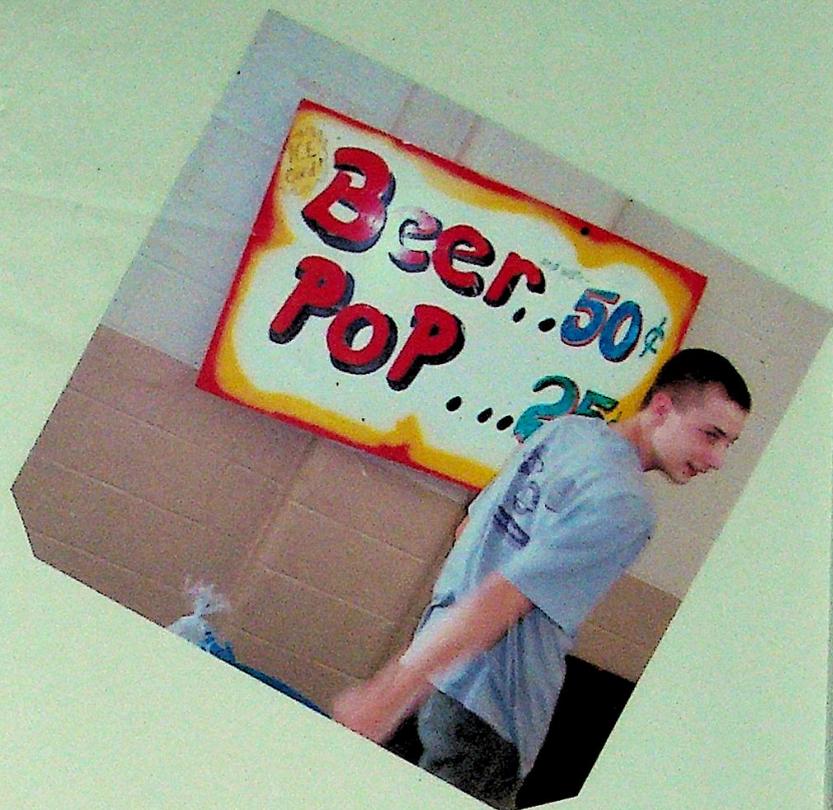
Will Schepflin

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MIKE SCHEPFLIN





*Leah Kelly*  
**At State Fair, he questions Obama's push for withdrawal timeline**

admission from the ex-presidential candidate.

**Molly Hottle**  
 mhottle@dmreg.com

John Edwards, the former North Carolina senator who won the hearts of thousands of Iowans during a pair of presidential bids, broke many of those hearts Friday when he admitted to an extramarital affair with a former campaign video producer.

The apparent strength of John and Elizabeth Edwards' marriage had struck a chord with Iowans — especially as Elizabeth Edwards battled cancer.

But John Edwards' admission of infidelity brought feelings of betrayal and tears to the candidates' former supporters in Iowa, where he finished second in this year's caucuses behind Barack Obama, edging then-national front-runner Hillary Clinton.

Bev Strayhall, former coordinator of Edwards' campaign in Davenport, cried when she

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HOLLY MCCUBEN/THE REGISTER

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, accompanied by his wife, Cindy, gets ready to eat a pork chop on a stick Friday at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. McCain also checked out the butter cow and spoke at The Des Moines Register's Soapbox.

## Invasion, Russian nearly stoke

**Donald C. Hirt**

May 3, 1947 — July 23, 2007

Donald C. Hirt, 60, of Fremont, died Monday at the University of Toledo Medical Center. He was born on May 3, 1947 in Fremont to the now deceased Carl



HIRT

and Lillian (Wohlgamuth) Hirt. Donald was a 1965 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and a Mess Sergeant in the 612th Engineer Battalion of the National Guard retiring in 1990. On February 24, 1984, he married Sarah Scherger in Fremont and she survives. Donald was a member of the Sandusky Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. and current treasurer, FFA, Ross Reunion Committee of 1965, and Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff. He enjoyed the water and loved to mow his lawn. Don attended Faith Lutheran Church.

Also surviving are his children, Michelle (Mike) Miarer of Findlay, Michael (Dena) Hirt of San Diego, CA, Amy Hirt (Paul Overmyer) of Fremont; grandchildren, Mason & MaKade Miarer, Zachary & Trevor Hirt; sister, Connie (Carroll) Diekman of Millbury; stepbrother, Larry (Marcia) Ackerman of Fremont; stepsisters, Linda Stine of Fremont, Christine Talbert of Oak Harbor, Janet (JD) Owen of Findlay and stepmother, Geraldine Hirt of Fremont.

Visitation: Thursday from 1-9 p.m. with the family present 1-3 & 6-9 p.m. at the Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Fremont.

Services: Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church with one hour of visitation at the church prior to the service. Pastor Robert Young will officiate.

Burial: Four Mile House Cemetery, Fremont with military honors provided by the Fremont VFW and American Legion.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, to Sandusky Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

Don's request was for NO black to be worn to his funeral and visitation.

# Sculpting with power

## Four of Fremonter's pieces auctioned off tonight

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-

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

bleachers in here ... it's 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

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



Jonathon Bird/News-Messenger

**CHAINSAW SCULPTOR** Chuck Schepflin makes a cactus at the Ottawa County Fair Thursday evening.

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# 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.

## Students of the Month



Contributed photo

**THE ROTARY CLUB** May Students of the Month are (from left) Laurie Harman, Meagan Swaisgood, Alison Schepflin, Josh Smith, Alex Price and James Rathbun.

Alison Schepflin is a student at Ross High School. She is the daughter of Chuck and Paula Schepflin.

Her activities include being Tech Center Student of the Month, music letter, multiple superior solos, Tech Center letter, 11 years in 4-H including two years on the junior fairboard, marching band, pep band and orchestra.

Her hobbies are music, raising goats, working at Paw-Patch Vet Clinic, and being with family and friends.

Future plans include attending Bradford School and majoring in veterinary technology and mi-

noring in criminal justice.





*Grace Hirt Zilles at 99 years*

*July 26, 2009*

*Today, Grace Zilles (daughter of Lewis and Clara Hirt) is the oldest living descendant of the Casper and Verena Hirt Family. Furthermore, a search of the family records indicates that no one else in the family has ever lived as long as Grace has.*

*Grace will be 100 years old on September 5, 2009. We would appreciate your joining us in sending her a card as we shower her with love to commemorate this milestone.*

*Grace Zilles  
Bethesda Care Center  
600 North Brush Street  
Fremont, Ohio  
43420*

*Respectfully requested,  
The Grace Zilles Family*

**Grace Hirt Zilles**

**Grace Hirt Zilles**



FREMONT: Grace Hirt Zilles, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother died early Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the age of 100. She was a life-long resident of Riley Township. Grace was born to Lewis S. and Clara (Werth) Hirt on September 5, 1909. She married Walter E. Zilles on November 23, 1930 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, by Dr. Henry F. Schul. Walter died April 17, 1998.

Grace and Walter were both 1927 graduates of Fremont High School. She participated in many athletic activities including basketball and baseball. She attended Bowling Green University where she prepared for a teaching career having taught in Riley and York Townships. Her family, church, and teaching became her life-long interests.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church having been confirmed there by Dr. Walter Eugene Tressel, and was a member of the Women's Hope Missionary Circle.

She was a member of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Sandusky County Retired Teachers Association, the Sandusky County Farm Bureau, the Nifty Neighbor's Farm Bureau Council, the Sandusky County Historical Society, and Riley Reaper's Farm Women's Club.

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## HIRT DECENDENTS

The 93rd reunion for the decedents of Casper and Verena Hirt was held on July 26 at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds in the 4-H building. Two hundred and six family members and guests signed the record book.

President Joel Hirt (filling in for Joel Lagrou) called the group together and asked Merle Hirt to offer a prayer of thanks.

Barbecue chicken, prepared by Tom Smith, and covered dishes were enjoyed by all. After the meal, the children were called to the games with Casey Fisher, Dee Hirt and Ginny Schepflin.

Marge Hirt and Kim Diedrich decorated the tables with flowers and balloons. Joel Hirt opened the meeting with the pledge to our flag and Ruth Peffly led the family in singing the Hirt Song.

Special guest this year was noted historian and writer Max Baumann from Switzerland. He has been working on the family history for many years.

Merry Bagwell, family historian, asked all military men and women to stand with their families while we all sang "God Bless America."

Linda Martin announced the births and marriages. Two sets of twins born this year. Lucus and Logan Garza to Danylle (Smith) and Alex Garza. Cooper and Cayden Nash to Dena (Schepflin) and Todd Nash.

Merry Bagwell offered a reading for the deceased and a moment of silence.

Grace Zilles was honored as our oldest living member of the Hirt family. She will be 100 in September. Web master Matt Hirt was introduced.

The meeting was ended, and the auctioneer, John Hirt, took over. This auction supports our reunion and makes it possible to publish the family history book soon.

### In Loving Memory Grace Hirt Zilles

#### Born

September 5, 1909

#### Died

January 23, 2010

#### Services

Grace Lutheran Church

January 26, 2010  
Fremont, Ohio

#### Officiant

Pastor Paul Gruetter

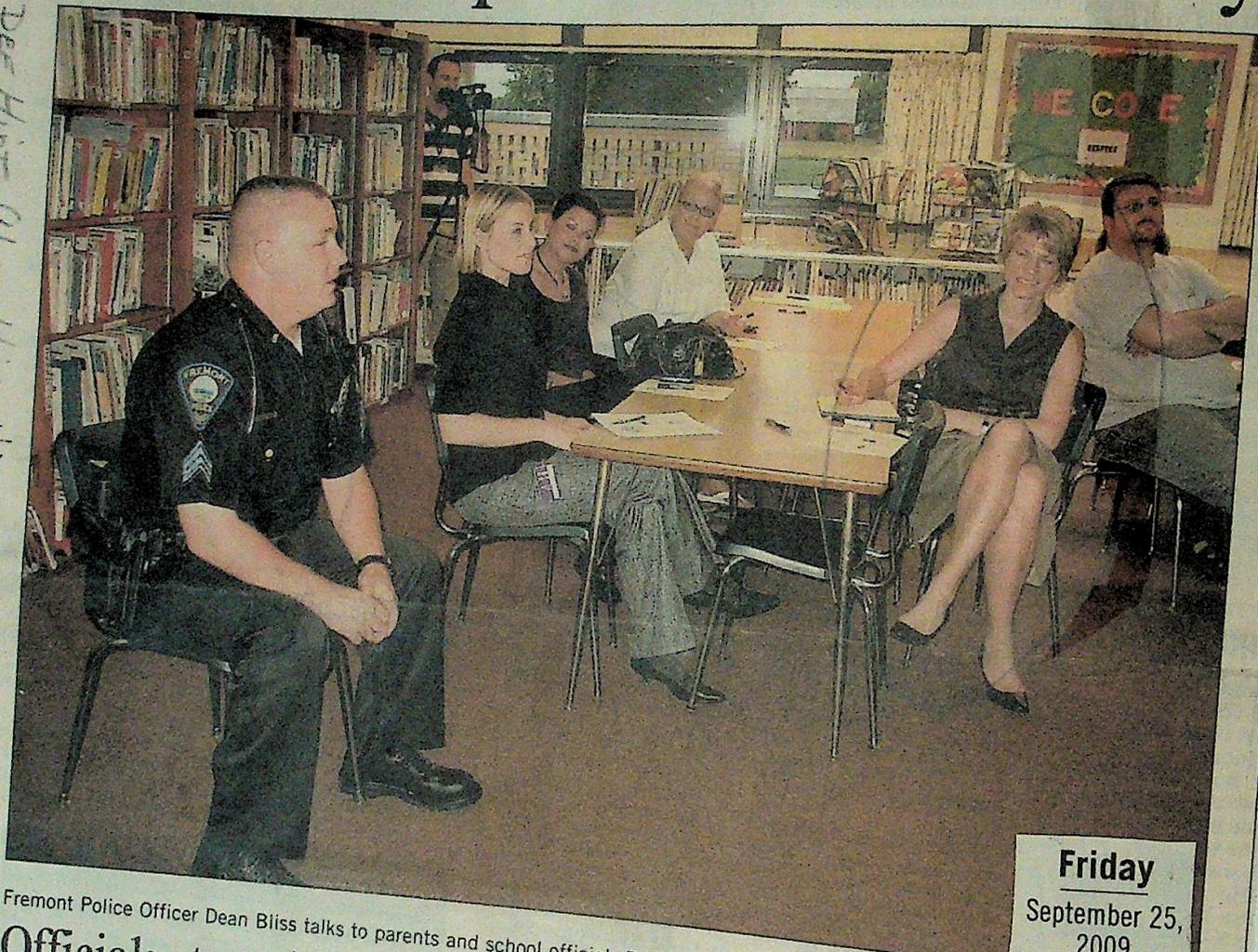
#### Concluding Service

Oakwood Cemetery  
Fremont, Ohio

#### Arrangements By

Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home  
Fremont OH

# Police teach parents Internet safety



Friday  
September 25,  
2009

Fremont Police Officer Dean Bliss talks to parents and school officials Thursday about Internet safety at Otis Elementary School

Leslie Bixler | News-Messenger

## Officials stress importance of monitoring to prevent abuse

BY LESLIE BIXLER  
Staff writer

FREMONT — Fremont police officers Roger Oddo and Dean Bliss gave a PowerPoint presentation Thursday night at Otis Elementary School on how easily, if unmonitored, a child can get into troubling situations.

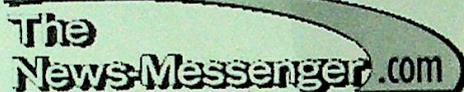
They talked with parents about Internet safety. And they encourage parents to constantly monitor who their children are talking to and what Web sites they visit.

Bliss told parents about a 13-year-old girl who was a detective's daughter in Arkansas. She began talking to someone she

thought was a young boy, but turned out to be an older man from California. After talking to him for a while through a chat room, he gained her trust and quickly found out details about her life. One day, he ended up making his way to Arkansas when her parents weren't home and he took her by force. He

ended up killing her and himself at a storage unit.

Dean Bliss - Charles Bliss wife - Morgan Ken Bliss daughter & son



November 11, 2009

## Beverly Lloyd "B.L." Bagwell

COLLEYVILLE, TX: Beverly Lloyd "B.L." Bagwell, 64, passed away Sunday, November 8, 2009.

Memorial service: 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 504 Bedford-Eules Road, Hurst.  
Interment: Graveside services were private. Family visitation: Will follow the service.

Pallbearers: Robert Alexander, Gage Kimmel, Aaron Stewart, Derek Stewart, Nailan Stewart and Neon Stewart. Honorary pallbearers: Charles Barrett, Buster Finstad, George Morris, Clyde Porter, Mike Wallace and Hugh Willett.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 504 Bedford-Eules Road, Hurst, Texas 76053; N.E.E.D. Hurst, 424 W. Bedford-Eules Road, Hurst, Texas 76053; American Cancer Society, 3301 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas 76107; or Mid-Cities Optimist Foundation, Box 463, Hurst, Texas 76053.

B.L. was born on April 22, 1945, to the late Beverly Lloyd, Sr. and Johan Miller Bagwell. He was a native Texan and lifelong resident of Fort Worth. He graduated in 1963 from Arlington Heights High School and attended Arlington State College, now the University of Texas at Arlington. B.L. began his career in the grocery business working with Worth Food Market, and was later employed by Piggly Wiggly and West Texas Produce. He worked as district sales manager with the Keebler Cookie Co., retiring in 1998.

B.L. enjoyed cooking for family and friends, playing golf and traveling the United States.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Gerry Dene Tucker.

Survivors: Wife, Merry Lyn Bagwell; daughters, Heather Kimmel and Ashley Alexander and husband, Robert; grand- daughters, Breckan Kimmel, Cheryl Alexander and Brooklynn Alexander; grandson, Gage Kimmel; sister, Judy L. Stewart; nephews, Nailan Stewart, Aaron Stewart and Derek Stewart; and nieces, Joni Rich and Jami Tucker.

Greenwood Funeral Home 3100 White Settlement Rd. 817-336-0584.

View and sign guestbook at [www.star-telegram.com/obituaries](http://www.star-telegram.com/obituaries)

Frank HIRT Family

We Remember You  
In the rising of the sun,  
and in it's going down,  
We remember you.  
In the blowing of the wind  
and in the chill of winter,  
We remember you.  
In the opening of buds  
and in the warmth of Summer,  
We remember you.  
In the rustling of leaves  
and in the beauty of Autumn,  
We remember you.  
In the beginning of the year  
and when it ends,  
We remember you.  
As long as we live,

shall live too,  
are a part of us as,  
remember you.

**Walter E. Zilles**

Sept. 24, 1909 — April 17, 1998  
Walter E. Zilles, 88, formerly  
of Sandusky County Road 232,  
died Friday afternoon at Bethes-  
da Care Center.

He was a lifelong resident of  
Riley Township, born there to John  
and Louise (Hetrick) Zilles. He  
married Grace Louise Hirt on Nov.  
22, 1930, in Toledo. She survives.

A Ross High School graduate,  
Mr. Zilles was a member of  
Grace Lutheran Church, the  
Sandusky County Farm Bureau,  
The Riley Grange and Nifty  
Neighbors Farm Bureau Coun-  
cil. He was an active past mem-  
ber of the Fremont Lions Club.

Mr. Zilles was a farmer and  
retired from the Erie Ordinance  
Depot as a supervisor.

Also surviving are daughters  
Gwen Dunster of Lima, Nancy  
Leiser of Lindsey, Shirley Brod-  
belt of Timonium, Md., Barbara  
Cole of Ukiah, Calif., and Mary  
Manifold of Dayton; 18 grand-  
children; and 23 great-grandchil-  
dren. Brothers Wilbur, Orville,  
George and Earl Zilles, and sis-  
ters Edna Stout, Elizabeth Hirt  
and Hilda Isch are deceased.

Services: 11 a.m. Monday at  
Grace Lutheran Church, where  
visitation will be from 9 a.m.  
until the time of services.

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials: To the church.  
Arrangements were made by  
the Nopper-Karlovetz Mortuary.

**In Loving Memory**  
**Grace Hirt Zilles**

**Born**  
September 5, 1909

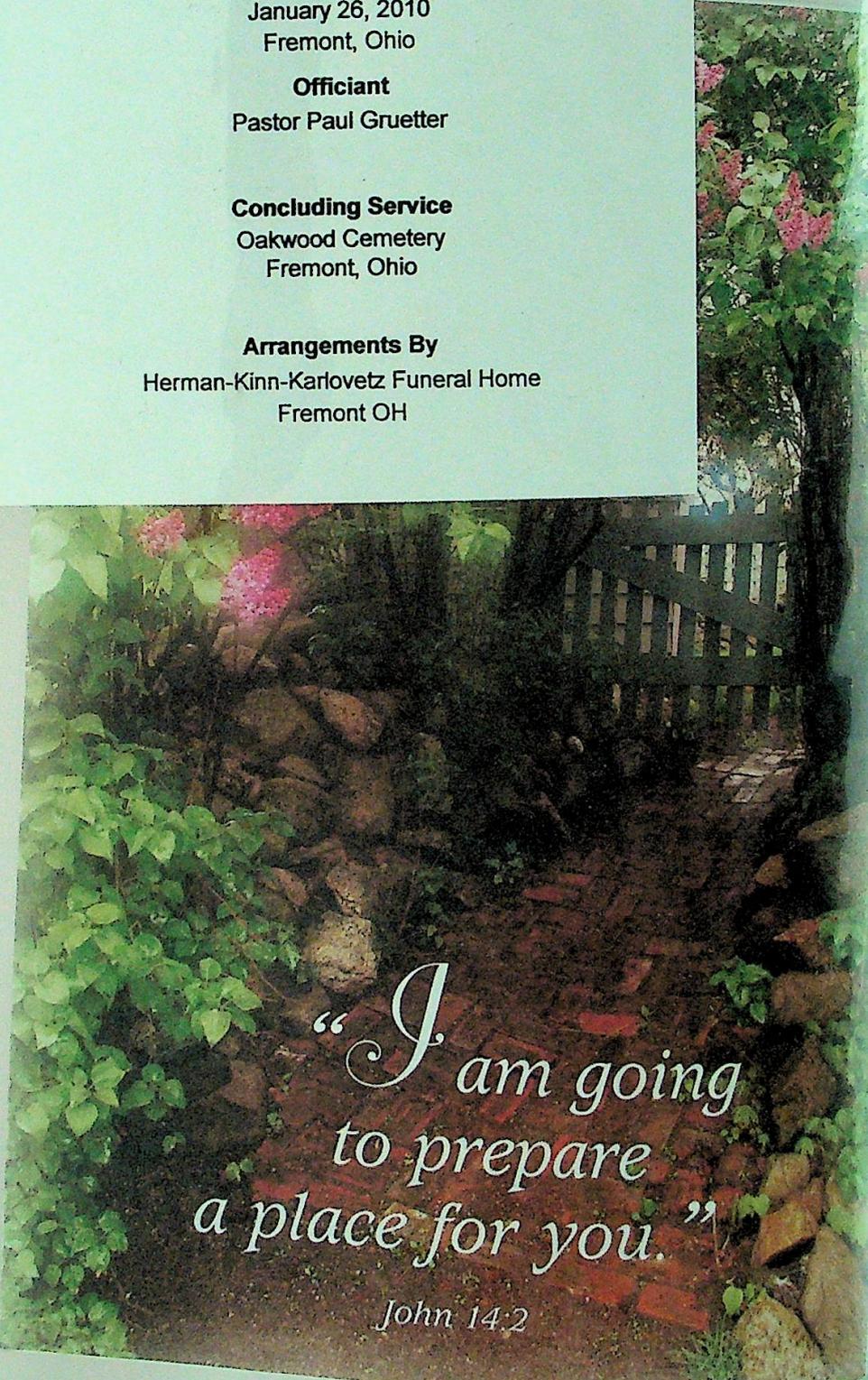
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Fremont OH



*"I am going  
to prepare  
a place for you."*

*John 14:2*

## Helen A. Hirt and Richard C. Hirt

Helen A. Hirt and Richard C. Hirt, husband and wife for 62 years and life long residents of Fremont, passed away on April 15 and May 6 respectively.

Surviving are daughters, Tina Baker and Janet and Laurie Hirt, and son-in-law Mick Baker.

There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Oakwood Cemetery, Fremont, OH with Rev. Keith Koppenhofer officiating and military services provided by the American Legion and V.F.W.

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Richard C. Hirt, 92, of Sixth Street, Fremont, died Thursday, May 6, 2010 at his home.

Helen Hirt, 88, of Sixth St., Fremont, died Thursday, April 15, 2010 at Elmwood Healthcare Center at the Springs in Green Springs, OH.

SAM HIRT FAMILY

## James C. Diedrich

April 17, 2010

RILEY TWP: James C. Diedrich, 92, of Riley Twp, died Friday, April 16, 2010 at his home. He was born on June 28, 1917 in Green Springs, OH to Clarence H. and Josephine (Ronski) Diedrich.

He was a 1935 graduate of St. Joseph High School. James was married to Marian Elaine Hirt for 62 years and she preceded him in death on August 6, 2005. Jim, known throughout the town as "Mr. Kroger," worked for the Kroger Company for more than 50 years. He started at the old Kroger store on the corner of E. State St. and Sandusky Ave. until he opened the Justice St. store in 1952. He then opened the current Eastside Kroger store in January of 1979 until he retired in 1985. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and was very active with the Catholic Churches in Fremont and the Chapel at Elmwood at the Springs formerly known at St. Francis Healthcare.

James is survived by his sons, James H. Diedrich, Daniel C. (Daun) Diedrich, Gregory S. (Kim) Diedrich all of Fremont and David L. Diedrich, Sandusky, OH; sisters, Ila Rose Griffin, Helena, OH, Lois Wood, Port Clinton, OH, Marilyn Smith, Catawba Island, OH, and Phyllis (Bud) Frampton, Fremont, OH; grandchildren, Tatum James Diedrich, Jill Elaine Diedrich, Chelsea Brooke Diedrich; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Marian E. Diedrich; brothers, Donald, Charles and Bernard "Von" Diedrich; sisters, Margaret Diedrich and Rita Clary.

Visitation will be Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 550 Smith Rd., Fremont, OH.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, April 19, 2010, 11:30 a.m. at the Church with Fr. Kenneth Lill officiating.

Burial will be at Schoch Cemetery, Riley Twp, OH.

Memorials can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hospice of Memorial Hospital or the American Heart Association.

Online Condolence: [www.wonderlyhorvathhanes.com](http://www.wonderlyhorvathhanes.com)

Arrangements were entrusted to Wonderly Horvath Hanes Funeral Home and Crematory.

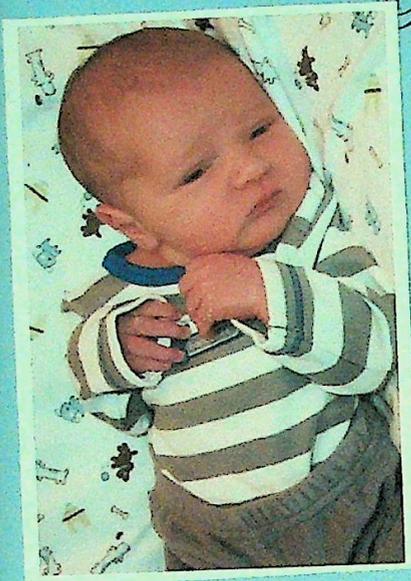
Lewis Hirt Family

Your kind expression  
of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated and  
gratefully acknowledged  
by the family of  
Jim Diedrich

Frank Hilt Family

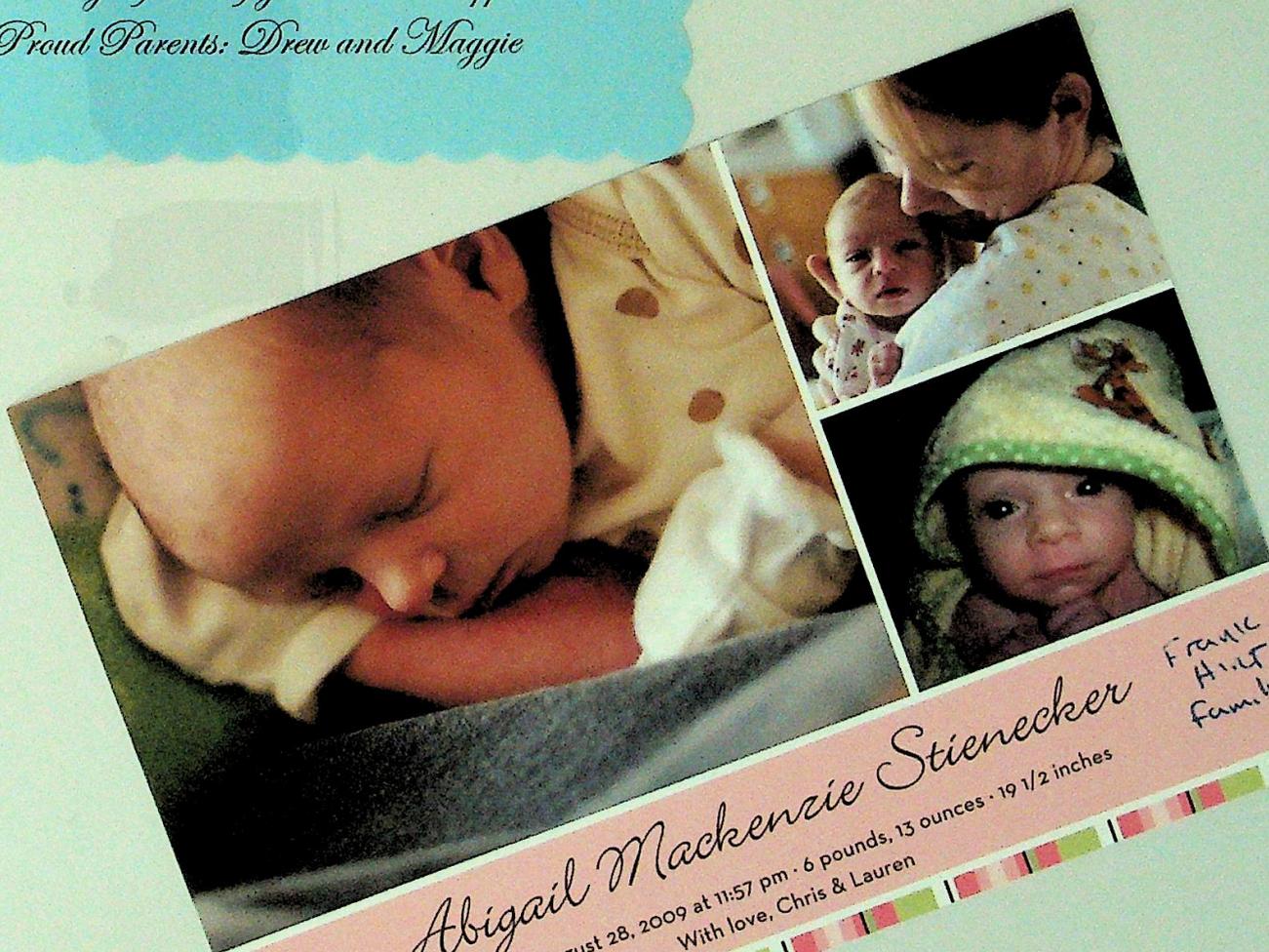


Proud to announce the arrival of,  
*Parker Lyle Tourangeau*



Born: February 17, 2010  
6lb 9oz, 20.5in

Thank you for all of your love and support,  
Proud Parents: Drew and Maggie

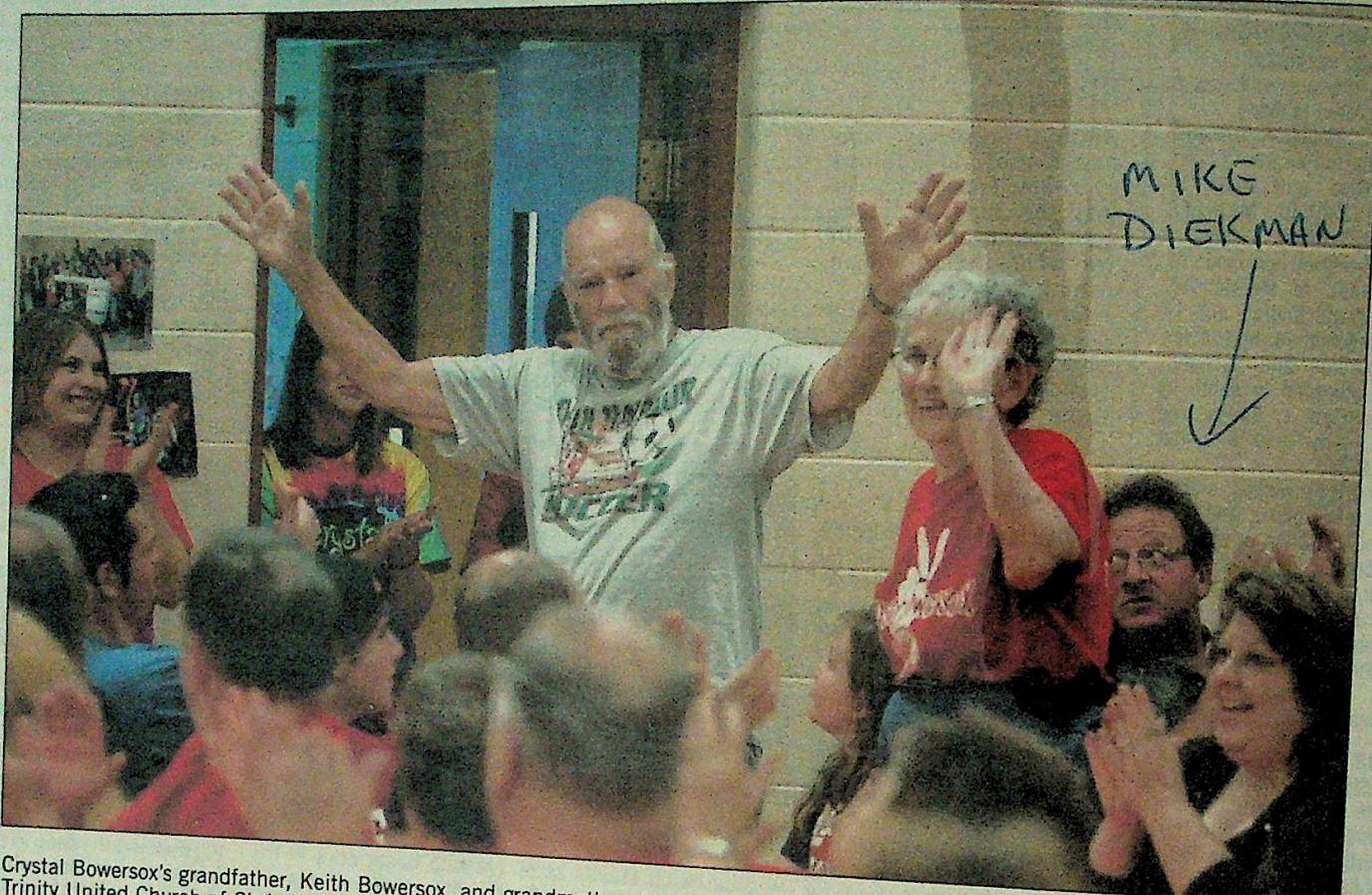


*Abigail Mackenzie Stienecker*

Born on August 28, 2009 at 11:57 pm · 6 pounds, 13 ounces · 19 1/2 inches  
With love, Chris & Lauren

Frank  
Hilt  
Family

# Bowersox thank you party



Crystal Bowersox's grandfather, Keith Bowersox, and grandmother, Alice Bowersox, wave to the crowd during a thank you party at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston on Wednesday. **Jonathon Bird | News Herald**

## Celebration honors donors, volunteers

BY CATHARINE HADLEY  
Staff writer

ELLISTON — For 14 weeks, members of Trinity United Church of Christ had fun and fellowship while they followed their "American Idol" star, local singer Crystal Bowersox.

Bowersox was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes as a child, and she asked that any money raised in conjunction with these gatherings be donated to groups that raised awareness about the disease.

She got her wish. On Wednesday, they held a

party to thank the donors and to give money to charities. Judge Kathleen Giesler, who emceed the event, announced \$40,000 had been raised by the "TLC" group — the Trinity Ladies Club — alone.

That group presented a check for more than \$10,000 to Diabetes Youth Services, which runs a camp for children with diabetes that the singer attended as a child. The group donated \$5,000 to DYS earlier in the year.

The TLC women raised the money through the sale of Crystal Bowersox T-shirts, handled by Tracy Dresser.

Giesler said Dresser had contacted her early in the "American Idol" season to ask if the judge wanted one of the first order of 24 shirts.

"Those 24 T-shirts grew to 8,000," the judge said.

Jim Gildea, chairman-elect of the DYS board of directors, accepted the check. "We work until there's a cure to help children live long and healthy lives," he said.

The money that was previously donated has already been put to use, he said.

"Some of that \$5,000 has been used to give scholarships to 36 children," he told the crowd.

One mother burst into tears when she heard the news about

## PARTY

Starting June 23, Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston will host a weekly Wednesday "Holy Hot Dog" party from 5 to 9 p.m. Church member Ron Giesler, event organizer, will grill hot dogs and hamburgers. Apple pie and ice cream will also be provided. People who are more than 80 years old will not be charged. All proceeds will benefit community youth services.

the scholarship.  
"Please know that you will have our eternal thanks and

SEE BOWERSOX | A6

# Chain saw sculptor transforms dead tree into art at Flag Park

BY MARK TOWER  
Staff Writer

FREMONT — Sandusky County commissioners recently had to decide what to do with a dead ash tree on their property at Flag Park.

Rather than cutting the tree and pulling out the stump, one Fremont man decided to help out by turning the dead tree into a work of art.

Chuck Schepflin, a championship chain saw sculptor, said he would get to work on something to fit the park's patriotic theme.

After Schepflin worked with his chain saw for about an hour July 12, the result was an eagle on a perch watching over the park.

"It came together pretty quick," he said. "I have been carving for 32 years, and I've done a lot of eagles, so I know where every cut is."

Carving eagles is one of Schepflin's favorite projects, he said. After the initial carving, Schepflin said, he used enamel spray paint to make the bird look more realistic and used a torch to burn dark outlines into the wood.

County Administrator Warren Brown and county commissioners said they appreciated Schepflin's help in turning an unsightly dead tree into a prominent feature in the park.

Carving wood sculptures with a chain saw, a task some might find daunting, just came naturally to Schepflin.

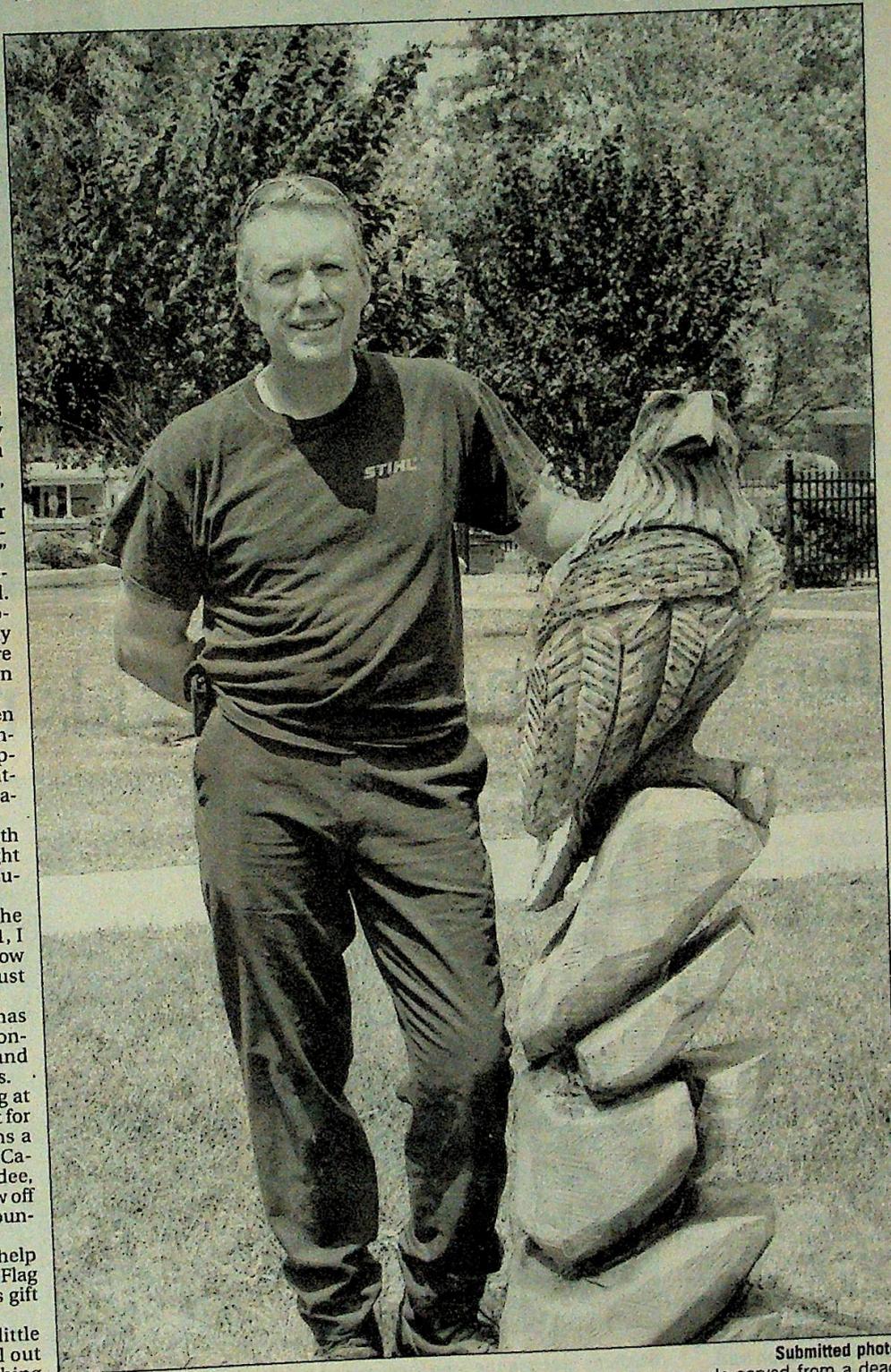
"I had seen guys do it at the county fair," he said. "In 1981, I started at the Paul Bunyan show and took third place. It all just snowballed from that."

For 20 years, Schepflin has competed on Stihl's professional chain saw carving team and has piled up 12 national titles.

Schepflin has been carving at the Sacred Heart Summerfest for the last three days. He plans a carving demonstration at Cabela's outdoor store in Dundee, Mich., Saturday and will show off his skills at the Sandusky County Fair in August.

He said he was happy to help out with his contribution to Flag Park and enjoys sharing his gift with people.

"It saves the county a little money from having to pull out the stump, plus it's something cool to look at," Schepflin said.



Submitted photo  
Chuck Schepflin, of Fremont, stands next to his latest wood creation, an eagle carved from a dead ash tree in Sandusky County's Flag Park. Schepflin, a championship chain saw sculpture carver, said he was happy to do something positive with the tree, which otherwise would have been removed.

E-mail Mark Tower at  
mtower@gannett.com.

Saturday November 26, 2005

On Monday November 21, <sup>2005</sup> Leta Baumann died at Jupiter Florida. She had lived to be 99 years, 6 months and 26 days! My Aunt Leta was the 14<sup>th</sup> child born to my grandparents Charles and Elizabeth Halbeisen. After mother died in 1948 it seemed that Aunt Leta took her place in some respects. We will certainly miss her. We last saw her when she flew to our Halbeisen family reunion at Denver in 1998.

Her ashes have been returned to Litchfield Nebraska and she has been buried with 18 other Halbeisens already buried there.

For those of you that are Genealogy buffs, Charles and Elizabeth Halbeisen are in the Litchfield cemetery. 4 of their sons (Carl, Harold, Louis and Mervin) as well as 3 of their daughters (Cora, Florence and Fannie) are there with them. In addition there are 3 son-in-laws (Florence's husband George DeBruler, Fannie's husband Wheeler Fox as well as Lottie's husband WB Daniels. 4 grandchildren (2 DeBruler boys and 2 Fox Boys are there as well as one great granddaughter.)

As I now write this, final burial is scheduled at Litchfield on Saturday December 10, 2005. Alan Williams (Leta's son) and his wife did fly up from Florida on 12/07/05 to make final arrangements. If the snow isn't too deep, at least 7 nieces or nephews of Aunt Leta (4 of the Halbeisen boys as well as Helen Mae Smith, Wilma Sweeley and Loucille Reissland) were there. Probably some of Loucille's children were also able to attend.



Leta (Halbeisen) Baumann 1906-2005

*This is a copy.*

*Sent to me from Gunder Halbeisen  
SR.*

# 3. Tutor

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JoNell Courson, who manages the program for FOCUS, nominated Ms. Genzman for the recognition.

Ms. Courson said Ms. Genzman is "very faithful" in showing up once a week and being there for the young people.

"She is very patient," Ms. Courson said, adding it takes a long time before the rewards of such tutoring are apparent. "She shows them a lot of respect. She brings in cookies for the kids and gives them a lot of time."

Ms. Genzman, 54, said she

enjoys the impact she is having on the students.

"It helps me to not get stale," she said about volunteers with Youth Works. She has helped seven students through the program so far and feels like she is making a difference.

"Two or three have said to me, 'You have helped me a lot,'" she said.

Ms. Genzman comes from a family of teachers — both parents and two sisters were teachers.

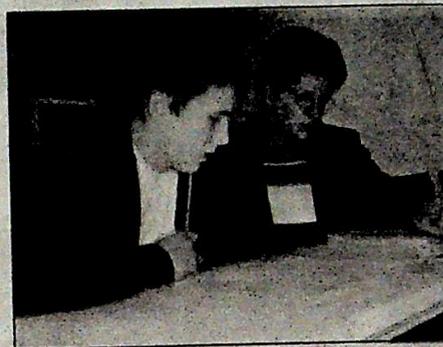
When she was an elementary school teacher, Ms. Genzman would tell her students, "Don't give up and don't give in," a lesson she said applies to the Youth Works participants she tutors as well.

**WHAT:** Youth Works, a program to help teens and young adults prepare for and enter the workforce

**HOW TO HELP:** Tutors are needed to help youth pass the GED test and mentors are needed to help them develop resume, interview and work skills

**INFO:** (770) 345-5483

1. SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009



Cherokee Tribune/Ashley Fuller

Scarlett Genzman, right, offers help to Robert Sonner of Canton, 17, son of Janet and Aden Sonner, Tuesday at the Cherokee FOCUS (Families of Cherokee United in Service) office in Holly Springs. Ms. Genzman's work with the Youth Works program has earned her recognition as the Cherokee FOCUS Volunteer of the Month.

## GED tutor honored for work with youth

2. By Ashley Fuller

afuller@cherokeetribune.com

Scarlett Genzman of Ball Ground was not sure at first how she would be received by older kids.

Her background is in teaching first grade and tutoring first- through sixth-graders. She was now stepping up to helping high school-age youth.

"I didn't think I could handle it," she said, adding she was "very hesitant" the first time she arrived at Cherokee FOCUS (Families of Cherokee United in Service) to provide GED test preparation tutoring for the Youth Works program.

She was observing another teacher with the program, and it turned out that she enjoyed it. "The students are eager to learn, and they are very polite," she said.

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See Tutor, Page 7A

### The Scarlett Genzman file

**Age:** 54

**Residence:** Ball Ground

**Community service:** Tutor for the Youth Works program, for which she has been honored as the Cherokee FOCUS Volunteer of the Month.

**Occupation:** Former elementary school teacher

**Education:** Bachelor's and master's degrees in early and middle Childhood Education from Ohio State University

**Church:** Celebration of Grace Lutheran Church

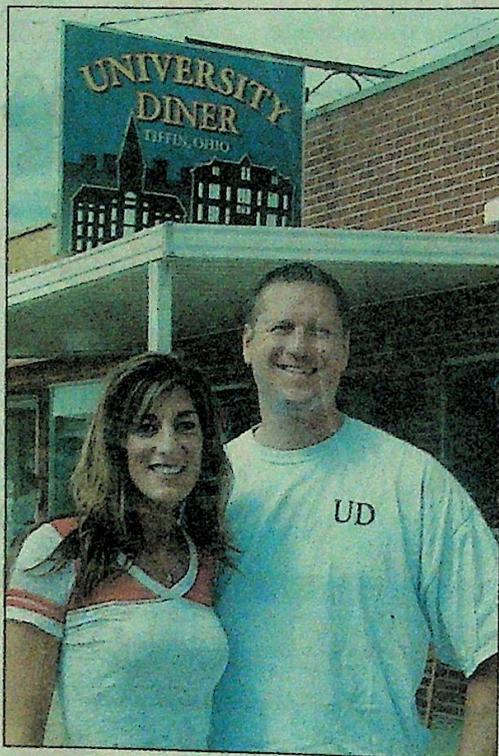
# Business

Tiffin, Ohio Monday, June 28, 2010 - 7A

The Advertiser-Tribune

## University Diner serves up revitalization

By JESSICA HUFFMAN  
Correspondent



Tanya and Matthew Glick operate University Diner.

PHOTO BY PAT GAJETTO

May was the start of a new era for the former Mary and John's Hamburger Shop.

The restaurant was bought by Matthew Glick in March and renamed University Diner.

"I bought it to make it a place for people to have fun," Glick said.

He has revitalized the location but kept its history alive. He displays the sign that has graced the front of the building since 1954, when Mary and John's originally opened.

"It is a tribute to the success of Mary and John's," he said.

He also kept the original counter, counter seats, booths, tables and flooring.

"Our vision for it was to give credit to the universities, but keep the 1950s diner feel," said Glick's wife, Tanya.

He has made the restaurant his own by renaming it and giving it a college theme. Pictures of Tiffin

University and Heidelberg University appear on the wall next to the booths.

Glick updated pipes, added a flat-top grill, ice machine, cooler and flat-screen TV. The restaurant has been spruced up and painted, as well.

"I like the grill being out front," said part-time cook Mike Skelley, a junior at Tiffin University. "I can interact with the customers."

The staff includes local students from both universities as the cooks and waitresses.

"It doesn't feel like work, it feels like you're hanging out with friends," said waitress Morgan Shriver. "It is a big family environment."

Glick also employs local restaurant veteran Ellen Bland. Bland has been in the business for 25 years. She has run several local restaurants, including Irongate Cafe and Miss Julie's, which became Ellie's. Bland will be working part time as a manager/assistant.

"I like the fact that he left the

original tables and booths and floors," Bland said. "Tiffin always needs a place for professionals to eat, other than fast food."

The menu is similar to that of Mary and John's. The food is the classic diner cuisine with a twist; the specialties follow the college theme with names such as The Bachelor's, The Master's and PhD. Homemade soups, pies, cakes and muffins are to be added to the menu, along with healthy sandwiches.

"It's nice to say that nothing is frozen and things are homemade," said Tanya Glick.

The restaurant has drawn back some of Mary and John's regulars and has begun to attract new clients.

"I like the place. I think it's a nice addition to the community," said George Cepeda, who had been a Mary and John's regular. "I hope they stay and prosper."

*University Diner is open 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.*

## Busy weekend for two Martin area families

By Harold Hamilton  
Special to The Press  
sports@presspublications.com

It all started for two Martin area families Friday night at the Genoa-Rossford football game and ended at Oregon's German-American Festival Sunday.

Both the Diekman and Reeder families have that tough middle European ancestral blood, and it was demonstrated over a single weekend.

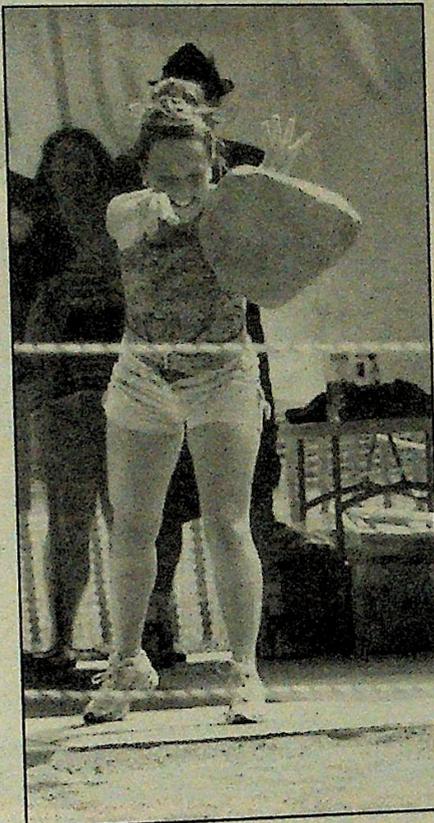
Because the Comets had a significant lead in their win over Rossford, as is Genoa coach Mike Vicars' custom, the starters were pulled early and Genoa began to substitute younger players to give them experience.

One of the freshmen was the 120-pound fullback Max Reeder. Being a wrestler, ranked No. 3 in the state as an eighth grader in his weight division, and able to bench press 215 pounds, Reeder had both the balance and the strength to handle the position. These qualities more than make up for his 5-foot-3 height. In fact, his height may have been an advantage as it seemed the Bulldog linebackers could not see him behind Genoa's front line until he broke through. Reeder was given the ball more than six times and he gained yardage nearly every time.

Olivia Reeder, Max's "big" sister and 5-4 senior, is also a Genoa athlete. She was the leading scorer on the 2009 soccer team and is a catcher on the Comet softball team. She wants to play college soccer somewhere next year.

Not to be out done by Max, Olivia at 120 pounds can squat lift 210 pounds. Get the feeling that there's some athletic ability in this family?

The following Sunday, at Oregon's German American Festival waiting for her father to compete in the "steinstossen" (stone throw), Olivia said, "That looks like fun. I wonder if I should try."



5-foot-4, 120 pound Genoa senior athlete Olivia Reeder competing in the "steinstossen." (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.lifepics.com)

not only improves distance due to the extra height but it also allows one to push the stone with his legs rather than his shoulders. Everyone now uses this technique except

perhaps those who cannot lift it that high. While he did not win Sunday, Curt has set "steinstossen" records twice in the past.

In the stands, cheering at both the football game and the GAF was Curt's wife and other daughter, Melissa Edens, who played golf for Bowling Green State University. Curt credits his wife, a teacher at Brunner Elementary and an active physical fitness person, for keeping everyone motivated.

Curt said, "Actually she probably works out more than any of us."

Just a "stones throw" away from the Reeders, pun intended, lives Zach Diekman, this year's winner of the steinstossen contest.

Diekman is 6-9 and weighs 285 pounds. He threw the stone 12 feet, 11 inches. Diekman has competed in the event for several years.

Diekman had some coaching from Curt Reeder, but he credits his father, Mike Diekman, as the one who really got him started. Zach said he remembers as a little boy his dad competing and winning trophies, so he decided that when he grew up he was going to win one for himself. That he did, winning first place on both days of the event.

Zach's technique is simple — get the stone as high up as you can and then start running, being careful not to cross the foul line. Zach is a 2004 Genoa graduate who played football and basketball for Genoa and then went on to play basketball at Owens Community College.

Zach's older brother Jeremy is a 2002 Genoa graduate who also played basketball with his brother both at Genoa and later at Owens. Younger brother Nate graduated in 2008 and was a lineman on the football team and threw discus and shot put on the track team. Father Mike is a 1974 Genoa graduate who played basketball and football.

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1187 C.R. 128 & U.S. Rt. 20  
Fremont, Ohio 43420  
Rev. Bob Young, Pastor



Church: 332-6820  
Home: 334-2351

In Thanks to God for the Life of

**Geraldine E. Hirt**

March 31, 1923 – November 4, 2010

Baptismal Date: August 2, 1923

Confirmed: May 16, 1937

Confirmation verse:

*"Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19 KJV*

And for the Hope of Resurrection from the Dead  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)*

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. *(Romans 6:3-5)*

HYMN: *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

ELW 597

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER**

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,  
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Geraldine. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 121

John 14:1-6

Revelation 21:1-4, 9-21

Special Music: *"Amazing Grace"*

J.D. Owen, soloist

**SERMON "GOING HOME"**

HYMN: *"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"*

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**TIME OF SHARING**

Frank  
HIRT  
Family

### Geraldine Hirt



FREMONT: Geraldine E. Hirt, 87, formerly of S. Buchanan St., Fremont passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at Parkview Care Center. She was born on March 31, 1923 in Clyde, OH, the daughter of Everett N. and Olive F. (Brittenburg) Myers. She was a graduate of Townsend High School. Geraldine married Carl F. Hirt on January 6, 1961 at Salem Lutheran Church in Fremont and he preceded her in death on October 23, 2000.

Geraldine was a Homemaker and member of Faith Lutheran Church and their Women of the Church where she also taught Sunday School for twenty-five years. She loved to work on jigsaw puzzles and enjoyed reading.

Geraldine is survived by her children, Larry (Marcia) Ackerman, Linda Stine, both of Fremont, OH, Christine Tabbert, Oak Harbor, OH, Janet (J.D.) Owen, Findlay, OH; step-daughter, Connie S. (Carroll) Diekman, Millbury, OH; siblings, Ralph (Joyce) Myers, Dorothy (Dale) Swedersky, both of Fremont, OH; twelve grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl F. Hirt; step-son, Donald Hirt; brothers, Wayne and Ralph Myers; sisters, Vera Frederick and Vonda Myers; son-in-law, Jim Stine.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Wonderly Horvath Hanes Funeral Home and Crematory, 425 E. State St., Fremont, OH.

Thank you for  
the memorial  
gift to Faith  
Church

The family of

Geraldine Hirt

In Loving Memory Of  
Geraldine E. Hirt

GOD'S GARDEN  
God looked around His garden,  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

Date of Birth  
March 31, 1923

Entered Into Rest  
November 4, 2010

Service  
Monday, November 8, 2010 at 11:00 AM  
Faith Lutheran Church

Clergy  
Pastor Robert Young

Interment  
Four Mile House Cemetery

  
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## Herman-Kinn Funeral Homes

### Samuel C Schepflin

(February 8, 1944 - January 4, 2011)

Samuel "Sam" C. Schepflin, 68, of Glendale, AZ, died on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 under the care of Hospice of Arizona.



He was born on February 8, 1942 in Fremont to Richard H. and Marjorie C. (Henne) Schepflin and graduated with his class from Fremont Ross High School. He also served in the Navy during peacetime.

Surviving Sam are his siblings, Sylvia (James) Lagrou, Richard (Anne) Schepflin all of Fremont, Ruth (Mike) Lipnick of Aurora, CO and Sherry (Dan) Underwood of Mesa, AZ.

Graveside services will be held at Oakwood Cemetery, Fremont on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Paul Gruetter will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont or to Hospice of Memorial Hospital.

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SAM  
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Surviving are many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings, Freda V. Brugger, Helen E. Hiebel, Grace L. Zilles, Marian E. Diedrich, Lawrence L. Hirt, Julius A. Hirt, Alfred C. Hirt, Jesse W. Hirt and Russell R. Hirt.

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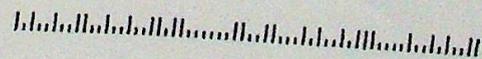
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by the family of

Ruth Peffly

Lewis  
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Family

Lyle Hirt family  
c/o Joel Hirt  
1504 Superior St.  
Genoa, OH 43430



## Andrew D. Hirt

Born on Feb. 14, 1989

Departed on Feb. 12, 2011 and resided in  
Genoa, OH.

Visitation: Friday, Feb. 18, 2011

Service: Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011

Funeral Home: Walker Funeral Home

Funeral Home: Robinson-Walker Funeral Home,  
Genoa



FRANK  
HIRT  
Family

Andrew D. Hirt, 21, of Genoa, died unexpectedly in Cheboygan Memorial Hospital, Cheboygan, Michigan, Saturday, February 12, 2011. Andrew was born February 14, 1989, to Joel D. and Kimberly A. (Henning) Hirt.

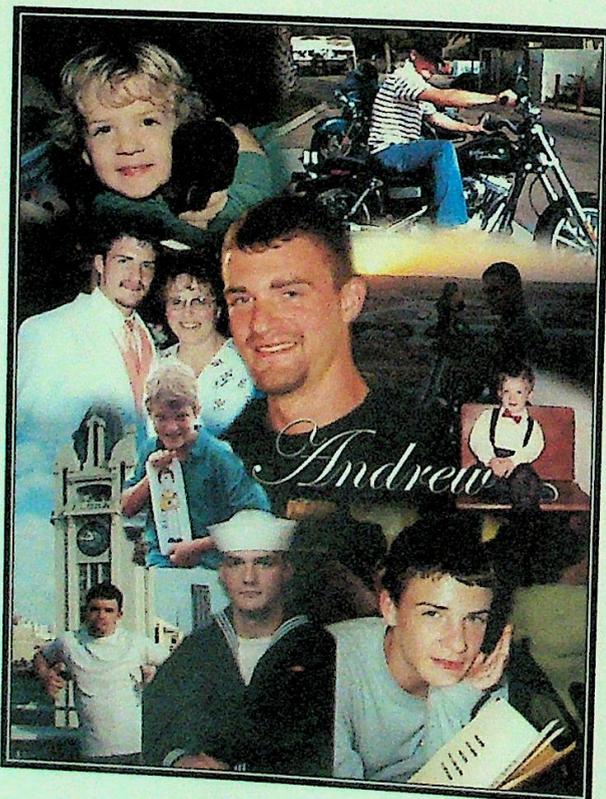
Andrew attended schools in Moncks Corner, SC, Williamsburg, VA, Wahiawa, HI, St. Mary's, OH, Wellsville, OH, and Genoa. He had also attended the University of Toledo, Owens Community College and Terra Community College. He loved drafting and construction and was working towards a degree in construction management and construction engineering. Andrew was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Genoa. He was a member of the American Legion Post #324 in Genoa and the VFW Post 7510. He served in the U.S. Navy and the Reserves and had been stationed at Great Lakes, IL, Fort Leonard, Wood, MD, and Port Hueneme, CA. Andrew served a six-month tour in Iraq and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Medal. Andrew's hobbies included skateboarding, video and computer games and surfing. He loved riding his Harley, taking road trips and spending time at the beach; but best of all, Andrew loved spending time with his many, many friends.

He is survived by his parents, Joel and Kimberly of Genoa, brothers, Christopher (Lauren) Stienecker and Kyle (Lauren) Hirt, sister and "part-time mom", Jamie Stienecker, niece, Abby Stienecker, grandmother, Marilyn Henning, grandparents, Lyle and Marian Hirt, and his dog, Dixie. Andrew is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Henning and grandmother, Gladine Hirt.

Visitation for Andrew will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2011, in the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio. A memorial service will be held 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2011, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 303 Main St., Genoa, with an hour of visitation prior to the service; 3-4 p.m. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, memorials for Andrew be given to the scholarship fund at Trinity Church in Genoa.

"...a better place if instead of fighting, we all just danced." – Andrew Hirt

This Memorial Obituary provided by [Walker Funeral Home](#)



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## David L. White



David L. White

Frank  
Hirt  
Family

FREMONT: David L. White, 81 of Fremont, died Monday at Memorial Hospital in Fremont.

He was born December 1, 1929 in Fremont the son of Marlin P. and Grace I. (Shepherd) White. He is a 1947 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and in 1954, married Evelyn (Hirt) White in Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont. He was a part-owner of Marlin White & Sons Plumbing and Heating, Inc. and worked for the business for many years, even after his retirement. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, where he was on Church Council and served as an usher. David will be remembered as a man devoted to his family, he loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He held a 60-year membership with the Local 50, was a member of the Antique Auto Racing Association and Pioneer Auto Club. Mr. White enjoyed driving his antique race car at various exhibition shows and recently celebrated his 50th year of attending the Hershey Pennsylvania Flea Market and Car Show. David's life long hobby was restoring antique cars, as well as an Indy car and made so many friends all over the country doing what he loved. He continued the family tradition of playing baseball on the Marlin White & Sons team for many years. Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Evelyn White of Fremont; son, Jerry White of Fremont; daughters, Marsha (Jim) Thiessen and Judy Connors, all of Fremont; sisters, Martha Belch of Fremont, Mary Weil of Toledo; grandchildren, Derek, Sara, and Matt Thiessen, Cody and Catie White, and Shelby Connors; great grandchildren, Gabriel and Evan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, David William White; brothers, Jack, Mernie, Tom, and Buddy White; sister, Willa Linder.

Visitation will take place Friday, March 4, 2011 from 9-11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont with funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. Maureen Pump will be officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Grace Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.kokm.net](http://www.kokm.net). Keller-Ochs-Koch-Mason Funeral & Cremation Service was entrusted with the privilege of serving David's family.

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Aren J. Hirt



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FREMONT: Aren J. Hirt, 54, of Fremont, OH, passed away on March 2, 2011.

He was born on January 17, 1957 in Fremont, OH to Reynold "Ren" Hirt and Bonita "Sue" (Frantz) Crockett.

Aren was a 1975 graduate of Clyde High School. He worked as an Operating Engineer for Mosser Construction and most recently at the Fremont Energy Center (formerly Calpine). Aren grew up on a tractor so it's no wonder that he chose heavy equipment operation as his profession. He enjoyed helping people, and barbecuing with his grandson and family. He also liked bowling, throwing darts and racing at the Fremont Speedway.

Aren is survived by his daughters, Jessica Hirt and Rebecca Hirt both of Port Clinton, OH, Ericca Hirt of Leadville, CO; father and step-mother, Reynold "Ren" and Sandra (Schwartz) Hirt of Fremont, OH; step father, Gerald Crockett of Key West, FL; sisters, Renee Kindred of Fremont, OH, Randi (Steve) Schaffer of Nevada City, CA; half-brother, Sam (Anna) Crockett of Grass Valley, CA; half-sister, Jerusha (Jason) Hall of Truckee, CA; step-brother, Dusty (Janie) Lee of Clyde, OH; grandson, Jerren-Lee Hirt of Port Clinton, OH; five nephews and two nieces.

Aren was preceded in death by his mother, Bonita "Sue" Crockett.

Visitation: Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Wonderly-Horvath-Hanes Funeral Home & Crematory, 425 E. Sate St., Fremont, OH with a Memorial Service beginning at 11:30 with Pastor Forrest Kirchenbauer officiating.

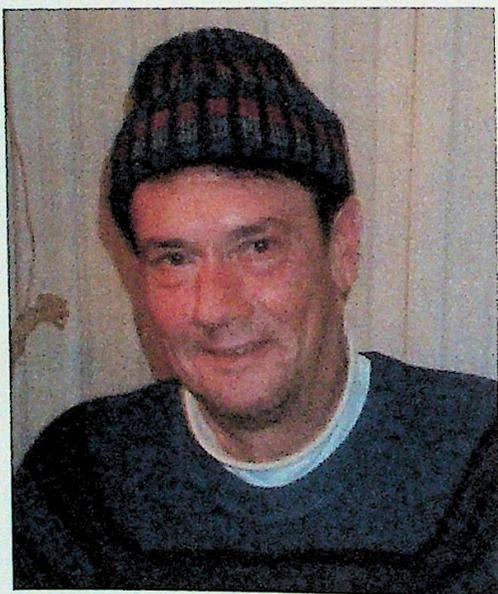
Memorials: American Cancer Society -Northwest Regional Office, 740 Commerce Dr. Suite #B, Perrysburg, OH 43551 and the American Lung Association, 1950 Arlingate Lane, Columbus, OH 43228.

Online Condolences:

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*In Loving Memory*

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## Jean K. Smith



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She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl "Fuzzy" Smith; sons, Ed and David Smith; and brother, Richard Hirt.

Visitation: Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Wonderly Horvath Hanes Funeral Home & Crematory, 425 E. State St., Fremont, OH 43420.  
Service: Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 902 E. State St., Fremont, OH with Pastor Keith Koppenhofer officiating. Burial: Schoch Cemetery. Memorials: St. Mark Lutheran Church or Donor's Choice

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She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl "Fuzzy" Smith; sons, Ed and David Smith; and brother, Richard Hirt.  
Visitation: Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Wonderly Horvath Hanes Funeral Home & Crematory, 425 E. State St., Fremont, OH 43420.  
Service: Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 902 E. State St., Fremont, OH with Pastor Keith Koppenhofer officiating. Burial: Schoch Cemetery. Memorials: St. Mark Lutheran Church or Donor's Choice

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# Fremont man views war's bloody battles



Bruce Hirt said he was amazed when he opened one of four binders assembled by Richard Stotz, his late uncle who was a combat photographer for the U.S. Marines. He wants to find a place to display them.

THE BLADE/JEREMY WADSWORTH

## Combat photos left by late uncle draw interest from Marines

By JENNIFER FEEHAN  
BLADE STAFF WRITER

FREMONT — From behind a camera lens, Richard Stotz watched history unfold at Saipan and Iwo Jima, in Hawaii and Nagasaki.

A combat photographer for the U.S. Marine Corps' 5th Division during World War II, the Fremont native returned to his hometown in 1946 and quietly resumed his life, first as a studio photographer in Fremont and Clyde, Ohio, then as a salesman for a local plumbing supply business.

Somewhere along the line, Mr. Stotz assembled four thick binders showcasing his work during the war — nearly 1,200 photos of bloody battle, mourning, devastation, humanity, and a bit of Hollywood too. During photography training in California, Mr. Stotz snapped pictures of stars and starlets; some were on movie sets, others were in boot camp for real.

His nephew Bruce W. Hirt of Fremont had no idea what his uncle had done and seen during his stint in the Marines.

"He kept it all to himself. They were very private people," Mr. Hirt said of his uncle and aunt, Paula Stotz, both of whom died in 2008.

Mr. Stotz's friends said the same.

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## More charges in Danbury Twp.

Fiscal officer's husband gets disorderly conduct charge; resident also charged in separate incident

By James Proffitt  
Staff writer

DANBURY TOWNSHIP—The plot thickened in Danbury Township politics as two more residents were charged in separate incidents.

On Monday, a summons for disorderly conduct was issued to Matt Seamon, the husband of Shelley Seamon, Danbury Township's fiscal officer since she unseated fiscal officer Rhonda Botti Sowers in the November 2009 election.

Seamon's minor misdemeanor charge was the result of a conversation between he and Danbury Township Trustee Dave Hirt in a church parking lot in Lakeside on

May 29. During that conversation, according to Ottawa County Sheriff's Office reports, Matt Seamon told Hirt he was holding the trustee responsible for his wife Shelley's personal safety.

"If anything happens to my wife I am coming after you," Seamon told Hirt, according to the report.

Hirt reported the conversation to the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, who is handling investigations and reports involving Danbury Township trustees and employees as a courtesy to Danbury Township police. A deputy investigated, and after interviewing both men, warned Seamon on how conversations can be perceived. Seamon assured the deputy he

had no intention of instigating any physical altercation or assaulting Hirt.

He and his wife both expressed concern about safety issues at future township meetings.

Though the deputy investigating the conversation between Hirt and Seamon decided not to pursue the issue further at the time, at a subsequent meeting between Ottawa County Prosecutor Mark Mulligan and law enforcement officials, it was decided that Kristensen and Seamon would also be cited.

The conversation between Hirt and Seamon follows trouble at a May 25 township meeting.

After that meeting, Botti Sowers, the township's zoning trustee,

was charged with menacing, criminal damaging and disorderly conduct after a chair and radio were knocked over. A radio and recorder belonging to Sonja Kristensen fell to the floor and broke, according to a sheriff's office report. Botti Sowers told investigators she moved the chair between herself and Kristensen, a resident upset with her over zoning issues, after she was charged by Kristensen, who was at the other end of the room before she approached Botti Sowers. But Kristensen told investigators Botti Sowers knocked over the chair intentionally, striking her, the report says.

Kristensen was charged with disorderly conduct for her part in

the May 25 confrontation at the township meeting. The minor misdemeanors do not require court appearances if either decides to pay the \$90 fine.

If Seamon or Kristensen decide to fight the charges, they must appear in Ottawa County Municipal Court at 8:30 a.m. June 22.

Since the May 25 meeting, Danbury Township trustees held a special meeting to address the issue of public comments and concerns. Trustees voted 3-0 to set a three minute limit per person for comments, questions or concerns to be aired at future meetings.

Email James Proffitt  
at [jproffitt@gannett.com](mailto:jproffitt@gannett.com).

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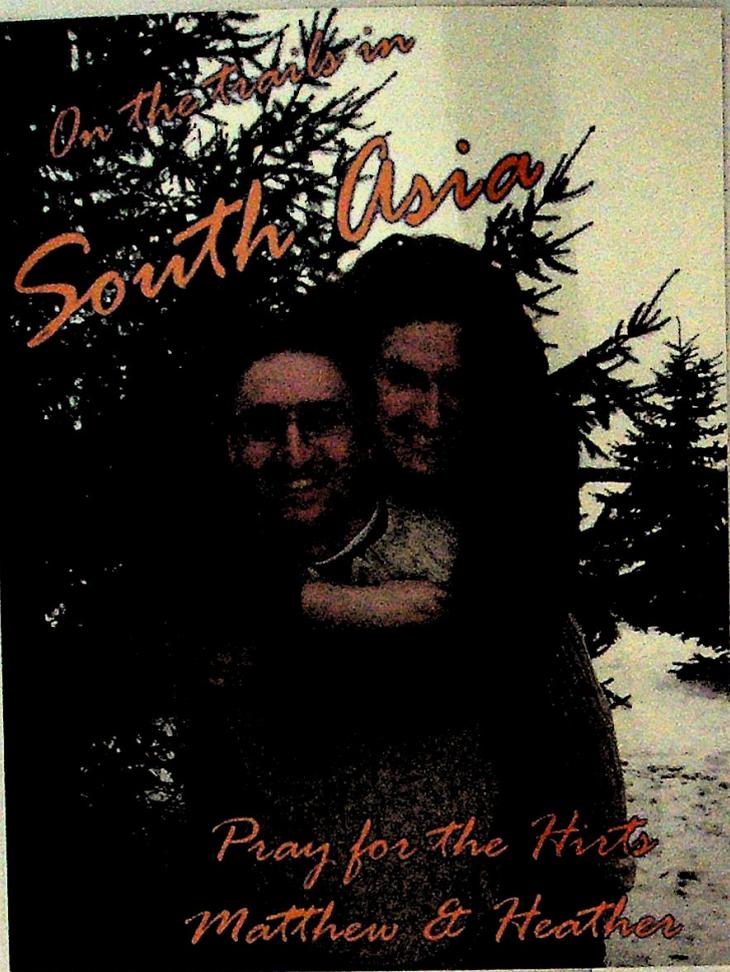
Dear Cathy and Glenn

Thank you very much for your  
Christmas card. I hope you began  
the new year well and Glenn will  
recover more and more.

My book about immigration from  
Switzerland to Sandusky county will  
be finished soon. I have to write  
only the last two little chapters.

Kind regards for you and your  
whole family  
Max





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July 2011

Namaste (Nah-mah-stay) and greetings,

We regret that we are unable to be with you at this year's Hirt Reunion. We are beginning a new adventure, and we begin eight weeks of training starting tomorrow (July 25).

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded, and remember I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Heather and I are being obedient to the command of Christ to make disciples among all the people groups in the world. We will be working among the Tibetan Buddhists in South Asia for the next three years. This is a difficult task, but we know that Christ is with us as He has promised. We also know that many people will be praying for us as well, and we are greatly encouraged by this. If you would like to pray for us, please take one of our cards. An email address and a website are on the back of these cards. Send us an email if you would like to receive regular updates. We will be praying for the entire Hirt family. We look forward to seeing you in three years.

Matthew & Heather Hirt

## 95th Casper Hirt family reunion held

The 95th Annual Hirt Family Reunion for the descendants of Casper and Verna (Vogt) Hirt was held July 24, at the Sandusky County Fair grounds in Fremont. Over 170 members and family guests signed the registration book.

The reunion was called to order and Merle Hirt led the group in prayer. Merle, who was also celebrating his 80th birthday, received a singing of "Happy Birthday". Tom Smith prepared barbecued chicken and hot dogs to compliment the potluck meal.

After the meal, the children were treated to a bounce house, pony rides, and a petting zoo. President Paul Hirt presided over the business meeting. The group joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the traditional singing of the Hirt family song.

Nancy Leiser read the list of deceased members and we remembered these nine with a reading, a flower, and a moment of silence.

Two marriages and two births were reported. The youngest baby was Elliot Tooman, son of Laura and Shawn Tooman. Elliot received the baby bank. Other infants present received a Hirt family onsey in the color of their family tree.

Visitors were recognized from out of state. Military members past and present were recognized and thanked for their service and honored with a singing of "God Bless America".

Webmaster Matt Hirt took the floor and encouraged all to frequent the family web site and check it for accuracy and to contact him as necessary to make corrections.

Ken Hirt was thanked for his hard work and long hours getting many names to faces on the 1951 group photograph. Chuck Schepflin took on the task of doing the same for the 2006 group picture.

Max Bauman's new book about Swiss immigrants to America was discussed with a pre-sale form distributed. Nate Dieckman invited the group to the Hayes Center to hear the Toledo Swiss Singers in concert in August.

Volunteers were recognized for their support and a request for more volunteers was made.

Results for the elections of officers were Larry Schepflin moving up to president; Butch Diedrich, of the Lewis Hirt Family, unanimously won vice president; Joel Hirt returning as secretary and treasurer.

A white elephant and craft auction, led by auctioneer John Hirt, was held after the meeting was adjourned.

Monday

August 1,  
2011



Genoa American Legion Band members Ron Miller, of Oregon, front, and Barbara Rollins, of Genoa, play Sunday at Post 324's annual July fundraiser at the post's West Street headquarters. The 35-member band will play at Fremont's annual Croghan Day commemoration Saturday. DANIEL CARSON/NEWS-MESSENGER

## New gig for Genoa Legion band

Group plays annual American Legion fundraiser for first time

By Daniel Carson  
Staff writer

GENOA — His right hand raised and holding a conductor's baton, Fred Dais politely shouted out instructions to the Genoa American Legion Band on Sunday.

"OK, 'The Music Man.' Here we go. Everyone watch, look and listen," said Dais, the band's director, as the band members played at an annual

chicken barbecue fundraiser for the town's American Legion Post 324.

The 35-member band played Sunday under a white tent at the post's Genoa headquarters.

It is scheduled to perform Saturday at Fremont's annual Croghan Day celebration, a tribute to Col. George Croghan and his leadership in defense of Fort Stephenson in 1813.

Post Commander Joel Hirt said the post normally hosts an

annual carryout barbecue event at the headquarters.

Dais offered the band's services this year, Hirt said, and the post decided to try something different with its fundraiser.

"We want the community to know about the American Legion. We wanted the community to be able to appreciate the band," Hirt said.

Hirt said the band is the oldest American Legion band in the state and performs for Honor

Flight World War II veterans. Between songs, as spectators ate barbecue and stayed in the shade, Dais said he thought his group was the oldest continuously active American Legion band in the country.

Dais said the band performs at 40 events between April 1 and Oct. 1 and plays a mix of classic songs, patriotic music and show tunes.

He said this was the first time the band had played at the

See BAND, page 2

### Helen G. Beier



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She married Joseph P. Beier on June 26, 1940 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clyde, OH and he preceded her in death on February 3, 2004.

Helen was a School Teacher who began her career in a one-room schoolhouse in Riley Township. She later taught at the State School for The Blind for two years. She also taught Elementary School at Atkinson School for sixteen years, retiring in 1973.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Rosary Altar Society. She was also a member of the Ohio Teachers Association.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Diane Smith, Philadelphia, PA, Joseph F. (Carrie) Beier, Fremont, OH; grandchildren, Hans Smith, Heidi (Smith) Tyson and Haley Beier; great grandchildren, Timothy Diego Smith and Santana Alexander Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joseph P. Beier, brothers, Walter and Lester Kistler; sisters, Ruth Kistler and Mary Hutchinson; and son-in-law, Timothy R. Smith.

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Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorials made to Sacred Heart School, 550 Smith Rd., Fremont, OH.

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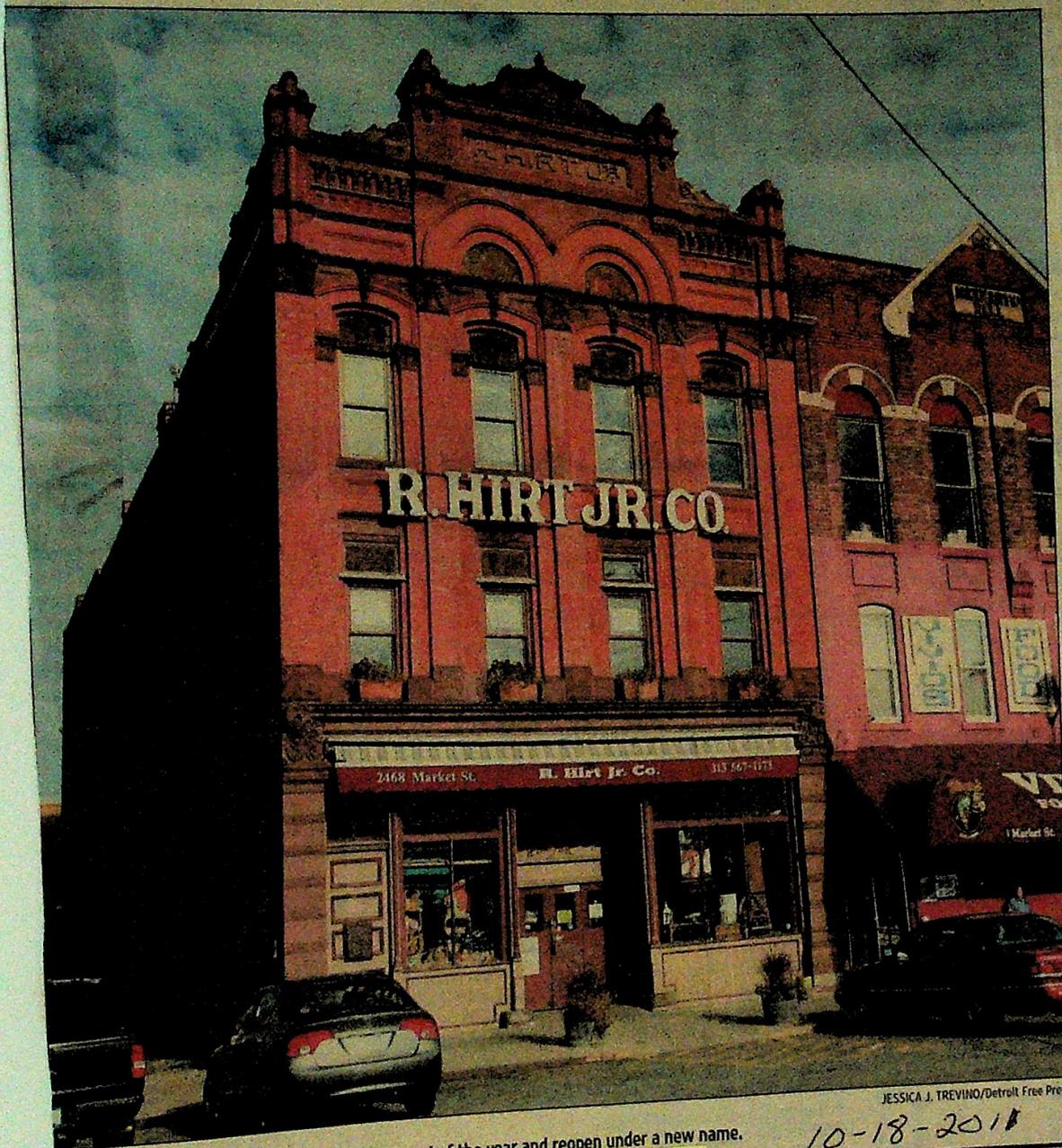
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Invoice # (Helen G. Beier)

# R. Hirt store to close, reopen



Customers will be asked to rename the business

By JOHN GALLAGHER  
FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER

The famed R. Hirt Jr. store in Eastern Market will close by the end of this year after more than 120 years in business, but a member of the family that has run the store for generations said he will reopen it under a new name almost immediately.

David DeVries, who ran the store for decades and will return to run it again, said the new name tentatively will be 1887 Cheese Shop, but that customers will be asked to suggest a permanent name.

David DeVries' grandfather, Rudolf Hirt Jr., a Swiss immigrant, started the business in the late 1800s.

"I'm trying to get it to the next hundred years," David DeVries said of the store.

David DeVries' nephew, Tom DeVries Jr., president of the company, said the company that he controls will continue to use the name R. Hirt Jr. for its wholesale specialty food distribution business, located elsewhere in the Eastern Market district, but not for the retail store.

The change in management and store name stems from a division of opinion within the family over the direction of the business, David DeVries said.

David DeVries said he and other family members control the actual retail building while Tom DeVries Jr. controls the name and the wholesale business.

The store has been known for generations as a source of specialty jams and jellies, cheeses, coffees and teas, and snacks and candies from many lands.

JESSICA J. TREVINO/Detroit Free Press

R. Hirt Jr. in Eastern Market is to close by the end of the year and reopen under a new name.

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Hi Joel -

Fred, (Will's brother)  
found this in  
the Detroit News  
paper -

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## Edward Hirt Family Tree

Edward Ursinus: April 20, 1867 - May 7, 1933

married: Dec. 24, 1889

Carrie Black: Dec. 25, 1872 - July 17, 1942

1. Gretta Ethel: Dec. 20, 1890-Oct. 3, 1984

married: Nov. 30, 1912

Arthur Russ Christy: March 29, 1890 - Dec. 1, 1959

A. Jane Ethel: Sept. 4, 1913

married: May 18, 1934

Millard Powers: Dec. 1, 1912

married: Oct. 24, 1942

John Daugherty Watts: July 1, 1910 - Aug. 6, 1973

(1) Patty Jane: Nov. 11, 1935

married: 1954

Matthew Coleman Scurry: Dec. 16, 1953

(a) Sherry Jane: Nov. 8, 1954

married: 1983

Saeid Shaverdi: Dec. 16, 1953

(aa) Sasha: Aug. 14, 1984

(bb) Keyon: March 7, 1988

(b) Matthew Coleman Jr.: April 28, 1959

married: 1980

Monica Lynn Booth:

(aa) Matthew Coleman III: Jan. 21, 1982

(bb) Taylor Brendan: May 31, 1983

(c) Scott Frederick: Oct. 4, 1962

married: 1986

Teresa Marie Theriault

married: June 21, 1991

(aa) Jesi Marie: 1991

(bb) Baylee Jane: 1995

(2) Arthur Christy Powers: July 24, 1939

married: July 29, 1979

Carol Turkington

(3) Sandra Joan: May 13, 1944

married: July 26, 1971

Paul Farrington Stearns: Nov. 7, 1937

(4) Wendy Ann: Aug. 13, 1950

married: Dec. 14, 1968

Bruce Burton Hallgren: May 8, 1948

(a) Christopher Dale: July 8, 1971

(b) Tory Walker: Aug. 7, 1982

B. Russ Jackson I: Dec. 28, 1915 - Dec. 31, 1958

married: 1942

Helen Burk: March 29, 1912 - 1996

(1) Russ Jackson II: Dec. 26, 1945

(2) David Burk: Sept. 28, 1945

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### Patricia "Teta" Christy Woodland Goodbody



COLORADO: Patricia "Teta" Christy Woodland Goodbody Eighty-two years, seven months and 22 days is a wonderful long life achieved by Patricia "Teta" Elise Christy Woodland Goodbody who passed on to join her father, Daniel LaMar Christy Sr.; mother, Elise Bowman Christy; brothers, D. LaMar Christy, Jr., Earl Bradford Christy; first husband, Jack Woodland and second husband, Garrett Goodbody on December 21, 2010.

Teta was a beautiful, energetic, optimistic woman with an incredible memory who always had a compliment to share and unconditional love in her heart. Her life's journey included being a daughter of the President of The Christy Company and the Croghan Colonial Bank, wife to husband Jack Woodland for over 2 decades, wife to second husband Garrett Goodbody and mother to daughter Christy Elise Woodland and son John Bernard "Chip" Woodland, M.D.

Patricia's adventures included riding and hunting with her family as a young girl in Ohio, winning numerous ribbons and trophies for Equitation classes in three-gate and five-gate classes, attending Vassar College in 1946, graduating from Bowling Green State University in 1950, teaching synchronized swimming, writing a book for women to help them understand football and modeling for Patricia Stevens Academy in Toledo, Ohio. She was active in the League of Women Voters, Camp Yukita, Camp Fire Girls, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Perrysburg, Ohio and President of the Middle Keys Orchestra Association in Marathon, Florida.

Her numerous vocations included being Consumer Affairs Representative for Master Card where she lectured on the wise use of credit, creating yearly recipe booklets using sour kraut for the Fremont Kraut Company as well as appearing on radio and television throughout the country to promote this product. She founded "Dream Wear" for which she designed and created sleepwear for women who have had mastectomies.

Since Teta grew up fishing and boating off Manitoulin Island near Kagawong, Ontario, she was a natural to take up catch and release fly fishing later in life. She fished primarily at the La Garita Club in southern Colorado and at Rockwell Trout Club in Ohio. She amazingly had just completed her 45th year of distance swimming! Her life travels moved her from Ohio to Marathon in the Florida Keys and finally to Colorado. She and her family traveled around the world together and her trip to Vienna in September marked 40 years of traveling abroad!

Teta leaves a full life of adventure and family who have fabulous memories of her life including her daughter, Christy Elise Woodland; son, John "Chip" Woodland, M.D.; son-in-law, Mark Ferguson; daughter-in-law, Betty Ann Woodland; and grandsons, Luke Spencer Woodland and Bryce Elliot Woodland.

As She wrote in her Memoires "Oh, the Adventure we had! Oh, the Beauty we had! Oh, the Fun we had! Oh, the Love we had! It surely was Camelot."

In honor of Patricia's Memory services will be held at the Beaver Creek Chapel in Beaver Creek, Colorado on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 1 p.m. MST and in Perrysburg, Ohio at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on the same date at 3:00 p.m. EST.

Teta has requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to "Room to Read" or The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Vail, CO. <http://www.episcopalvail.com/contactus.cfm>

Frank Hirt  
Family



## Foundation announces Scholarship recipients for 2012

The Genoa Area Local Schools Scholarship Foundation, Inc. announced recipients of this program should contact their school coun-

Students interested in information on scholarships offered through this program should contact their school coun- There are currently 33 or more. (32 in 2011) individual scholarship funds that offered 44 scholarships in 2012. (This includes in 2004 (The Dehn Sis-

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# Genoa Schools Foundation awards scholarships

The Genoa Area Local Schools Scholarship Foundation, Inc. announced the recipients of their scholarships at the high school's Honors Award Program, held in May.

This year, 55 scholarships were awarded to 41 seniors through the Foundation, which was organized by a group of interested citizens in 1991. The Foundation has held a tax-free status with the IRS since 1994.

"The growth of the Foundation continues. In 2012 our current funds total \$550K (\$512K in 2011) compared to \$330K in 2007 (up 67 percent)," according to Diane Gerkensmeyer, Foundation president. "Our growth continues only due to a community program that is funded by caring supporters of Genoa Schools, local businesses, local community clubs as well as many thoughtful and helpful individuals."

Foundation policy is to give 80 percent of the annual interest to selected students for scholarships (remaining 20 percent reinvested in fund balances). As funds mature, they could provide more than one scholarship. All fund balances continue to grow.

Each scholarship fund has a documented agreement including a section on how the scholarship winners are to be chosen.

There are currently 33 individual scholarship funds that offered 44 scholarships in 2012. This includes one new

scholarship that was funded this past year - The Andrew Hirt Memorial Scholarship. In addition, 11 scholarships were given by various local businesses and organizations in conjunction with the Foundation. Three scholarships offered were at \$1,000 or more; and 12 were \$500 or more.

Scholarship awardees included:

**Helen Asmus Memorial Scholarship:** Kailey Fairchild, Trevor McLargin, Karleigh Newmister and Erin Schwamberger;  
**Stella Bertz Scholarship** - Alysa Malcolm;

**Doris Brossia Memorial Scholarship** - Hannah Johnson;

**Clay-Genoa High School Reunion Scholarship** - Ashlee Zunk;

**Curtice Kidz/Allen Township Scholarship** - Melissa Clough;

**Envirosafe Scholarship** - Shane Leavens;

**Bruce and Alyssa Gackstetter Memorial Scholarship** - Dominick Thumel;

**General Scholarship Fund** - Anna Boss, Rachael Goetz, Patricia Snider, Brooke Sternberg;

**Genoa Area Federation of Clubs-Tomme Bergman Memorial Scholarship** - Jane Schlievort;

**Genoa Area FFA Alumni Scholarship** - Veronica Chalfin, Hannah Johnson, Chelsea McCormick;

**Genoa Area Music Boosters Scholarship** - Derek Miller;

**Genoa Athletic Boosters Scholarship**

- Ricky Bierbaum, Hunter Giles;

**Genoa Elementary PTO Scholarship**

- Forrest Braddock;

**Genoa Golf Scholarship** - Andrew Goeckerman;

**Genoa Grange Scholarship** - Chelsea McCormick;

**Genoa Kiwanis Scholarship** - Derek Miller, Christine Mominee, Kelley Pollauf;

**Genoa National Honor Society Scholarship** - Jaron Bintz;

**Lester M. Henningsen Scholarship**

- Erica Brown;

**Andrew Hirt Memorial Scholarship**

- Samantha Fouty;

**Ryan Kimball Memorial Scholarship**

- Stephenie Sabin;

**"Papa Joe" McLearn Memorial Scholarship** - Chelsea McCormick;

**Edith C. Niehausmyer Scholarship**

- Veronica Chalfin;

**Helen L. Niehausmyer Scholarship**

- Emily George;

**Curt Reinbolt Memorial Scholarship**

- Alexandra Edgerton;

**Carol Scharer Scholarship** - Alan Reeder;

**John F. Schultz Memorial Scholarship**

- Hannah Johnson;

**The Sheahan Family Scholarship** - Veronica Chalfin, Andrew Nutter;

**Marcia Tank Education Scholarship**

- Erica Brown;

**Marcia Tank Science/Engineering Scholarship** - Kelsey Miller;

**Debra Sue Vine Memorial Scholarship**

- Erica Brown;

**Wagner/Sondergeld Memorial Scholarship** - Christianna Bialorucki;

**James Walton Scholarship** - Amanda Bergman;

**Additional local scholarships**

**Clay-Genoa Volunteer Firemen's Association** - Ricky Bierbaum;

**The Dehn Sisters Memorial Scholarship Trust** - Andrew Price;

**First Federal Bank** - Holly Hecklinger;

**Genoa Area Education Association-David Miller Honorarium** - Christopher Chapinski;

**Genoa Area Education Association**

- Hannah Strayer;

**GenoaBank** - Andrew Goeckerman,

Ben Jensen;

**Genoa Coterie Club** - Hannah Johnson;

**Genoa Chamber of Commerce** - Ben Jensen;

**Ohio Association of Public School Employees** - Hannah Johnson;

**Pepsi Americas** - Tyler Pickard.

For more information about the scholarship program or how to make a donation, call the high school office at 419-855-7741 or contact one of the trustees, which include Alan Brown, Diane Gerkensmeyer, Jean Holcombe, Mitchell Hoyles, Kellie Szymanski and Melissa Wagner.

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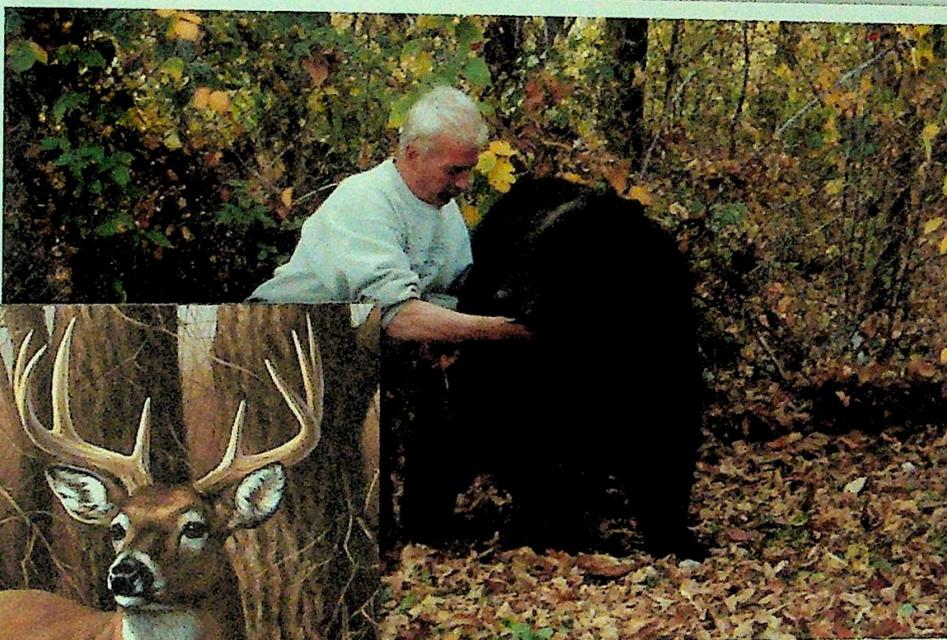
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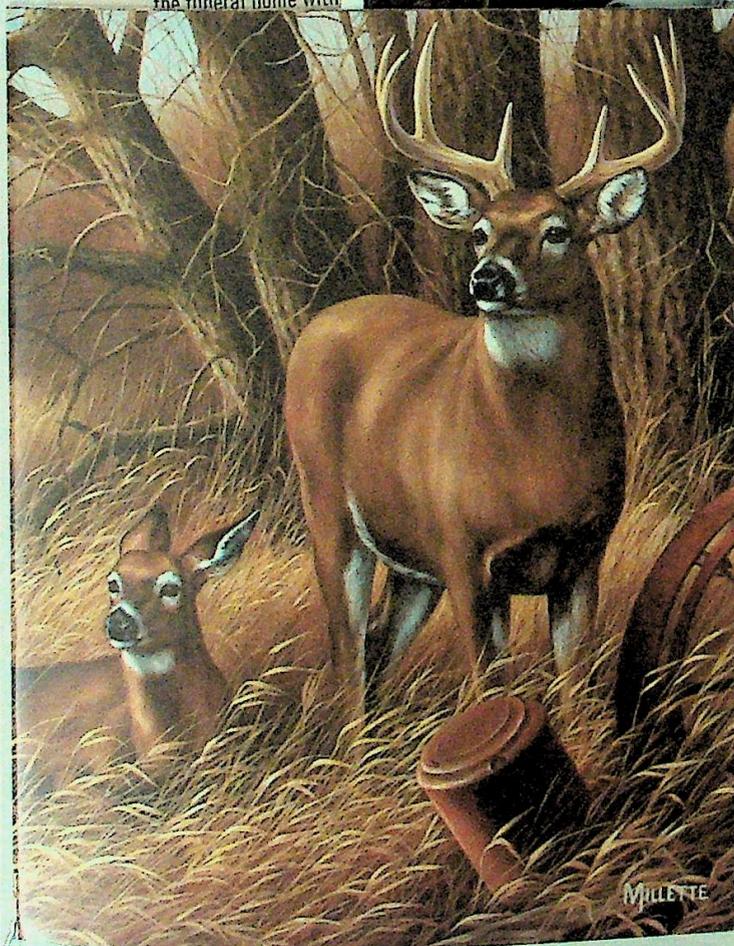
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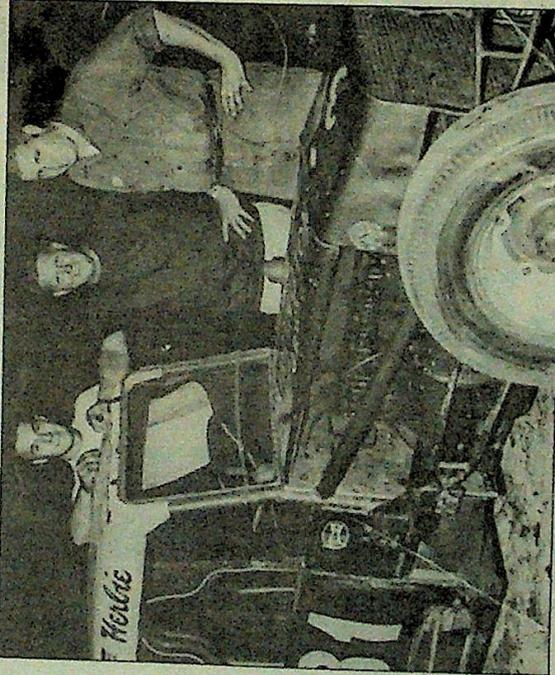
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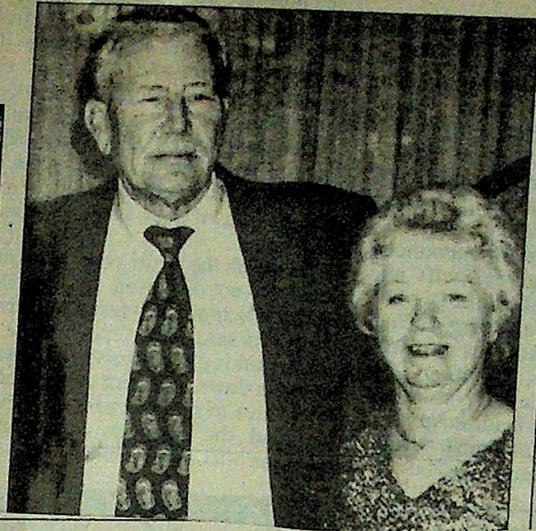


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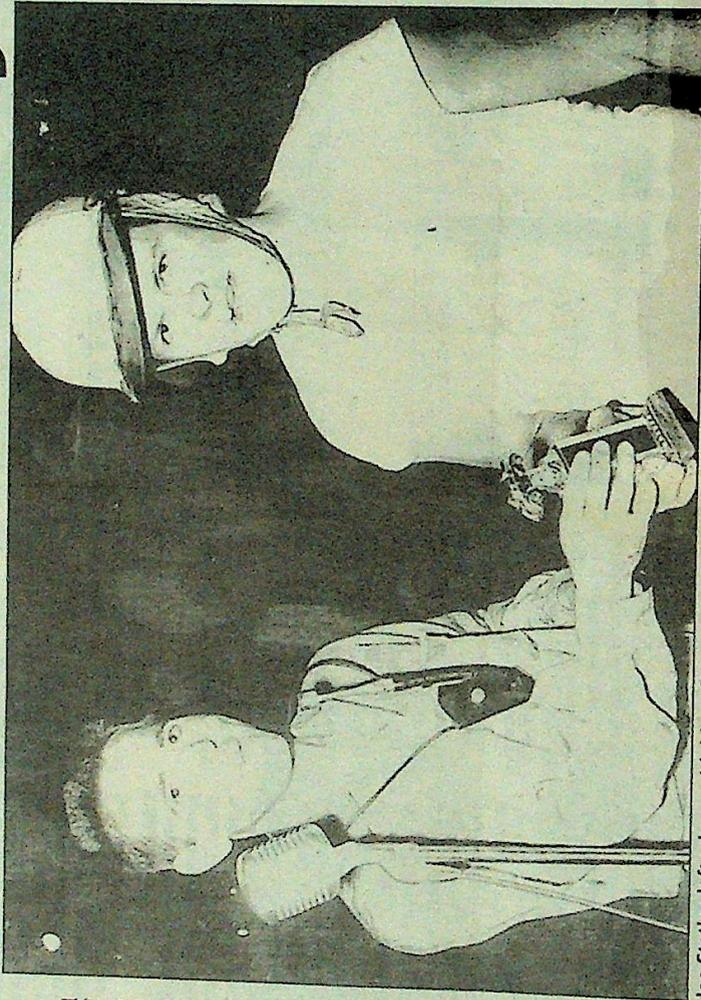
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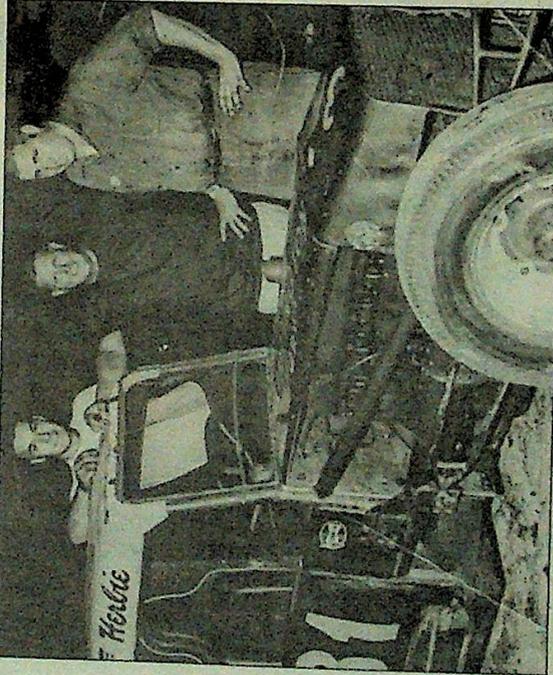
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SAN DIEGO, CA: Scott Edward Hirt (aka "Bucko") of San Diego, California died June 28, 2012 at the age of 61 after a long battle with prostate cancer.

Scott was born on September 17, 1950 in Fremont, Ohio. Scott graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1968 and served in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force. Scott was a member of the Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 669 and retired after working many years for Schmidt Fire Protection.

Scott is survived by his wife of 29 years, Annette of San Diego; Brothers and Sister; Michael, Bruce, Cindy and Mark of Fremont, Ohio.

He is predeceased by his father and mother, Howard and Jeanette Hirt.

Scott and Annette inherited MiMi, a toy poodle, upon the death of Annette's mother and MiMi became Scott's constant companion. Scott was the most wonderful husband, brother, uncle, and friend anyone could ask for.

A special thanks to Dr. Tom Song and his staff at San Diego Oncology, and to the Sharp Memorial Hospital ER and MICU for their compassionate care.

Per Scott's wishes, there will be no services. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

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Frank Hirt Family

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A GANNETT COMPANY

## Police return cafe owner's seized cash

Charges dismissed in May not re-filed by 60-day deadline

By Mark Tower  
Staff writer

FREMONT — Turns out you can fight city hall, or at least the police department. Kurtiss Hirt, owner of one of the three businesses raided by police Jan. 7 on charges of illegal gambling, walked out of the police station this morning with a box full of property police seized from his business.

"It's a start," Hirt said. "But it doesn't do any good to the people they put out of work and it doesn't repair any of the damages to my business' name and credibility."

Search warrant in hand, police seized more than \$8,000 in cash, all the computers and miscellaneous items from the business at 1800 W. State St.

About a month after the raids on Hirt's business and two similar Fremont businesses, police filed 28 criminal charges against 10 people.

Police Chief Tim Wiersma and Mayor Jim Ellis have maintained the businesses were

### COMING UP

Check out Saturday's edition of The News-Messenger in print and online for the first in a three-story series looking in-depth at the phenomenon of Internet cafes in Fremont and across Ohio.

conducting illegal gambling operations.

Assistant Prosecutor Jeff Kane agreed the city initially had a good case against the defendants. But Kane said things got tricky for any prosecutor trying such a case after the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 386, requiring all cafes to register with the state and placing a moratorium on new cafes.

"It's hard to argue to a jury that something was illegal if the state has put a moratorium on it but not came out and said it was illegal," he said.

Negotiations with city officials began after the owner of Player's Club Internet Cafe, one of the three raided, filed a feder-

al lawsuit claiming civil rights violations. City Law Director Jim Melle announced in May the city would dismiss all 28 charges, reserving the right to re-file within 60 days. That time limit ran out this week, Kane said.

"I made the determination that we would not re-file," Kane said.

Hirt, who has reopened his cafe just outside city limits in Ballville Township, says he plans to pick up the computer equipment later. He said he's not sure whether he will move back into the city, where he would be required to pay an annual license fee approved by Fremont City Council last week.

Player's Club has agreed to pay \$7,500 to get its equipment back and forfeit all the cash seized by police.

It plans to reopen Monday at its former South Fifth Street location, after Safety-Service Director Marc Glotzbecker completes a city inspection Sunday afternoon.

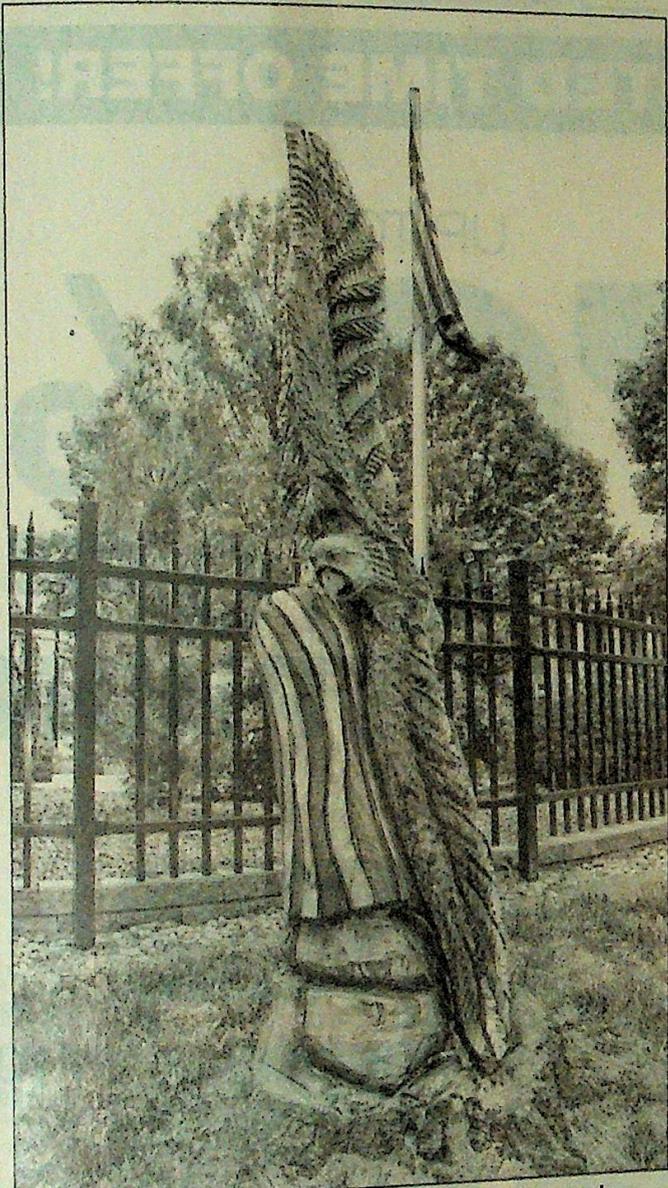
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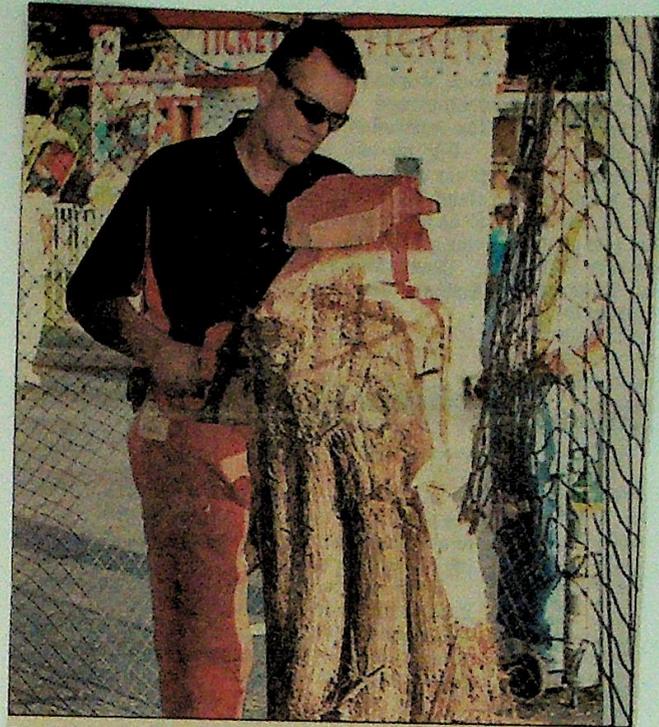
Lucky Dog Cafe owner Kurtiss Hirt loads property retrieved from the Fremont Police Department into his pickup truck yesterday morning. MARK TOWER/NEWS-MESSENGER

June 2012

## Flag Park's eagle soars



Local championship chain saw sculptor Chuck Schepflin recently carved a dead tree into a soaring eagle in Flag Park, across from the Sandusky County Courthouse. MARK TOWER/NEWS-MESSENGER



Chuck Schepflin carves a piece of wood with a chain saw Saturday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Summerfest in Fremont. For more photos, see our online gallery at [www.TheNews-Messenger.com](http://www.TheNews-Messenger.com). VINCE

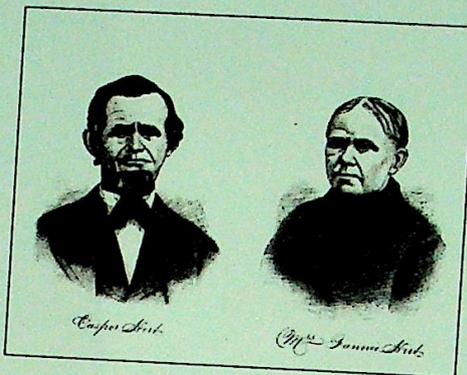
## Demolition of Fremont Middle School



Spectators gather at the intersection of Park Avenue and Garrison Street as demolition of the old Fremont Middle School began Monday. JONATHON BIRD/NEWS-MESSENGER

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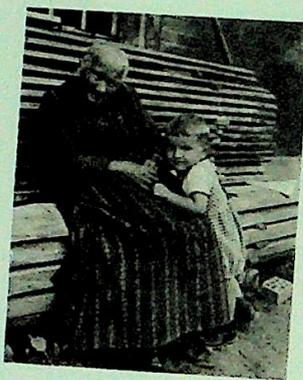
The Hirt from Stilli and the Vogt from Villigen – a illustrated family link



The founder couple: Casper & Verna (Verena, Fannie) Hirt-Vogt.  
Verena Vogt (1826-1884), from Villigen, was the aunt of Elisabeth Vogt (1858-1948).  
Elisabeth married Adolf Baumann (1858-1933).



Elisabeth & Adolf, together with Walter & Rosmarie, 2 of their 4 grand-children.



Elisabeth in 1948, with her grand-grand-child Hans R(udolf) Vogt.

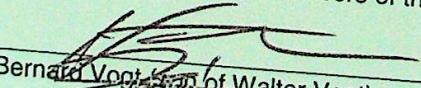


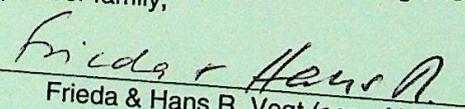
Anna (1888-1978), Elisabeth's only child, with her husband Hans Vogt I (1890-1962), and their 4 children Rosmarie (\*1929), Hulda (1912-2000), Walter (\*1925) and Hans II (1916-2000), in Villigen.



Karen & Gary L. Hirt, from Bellevue/Ohio, visiting Hans R. (son of Hans II) and his wife Frieda (with Stilli roots) in Brugg, May 27th, 2000. The link is updated!

For Karen & Gary, at our 2nd meeting in Stilli, 20th August 2010, and with kindest regards to the other descendants and members of the Hirt-Vogt pioneer family,

  
Bernard Vogt, son of Walter Vogt)

  
Frieda & Hans R. Vogt (son of Hans Vogt II)

Dear Joel, dear „cousins“, dear members of the Hirt-Vogt family, hello in swiss german: gruetzi mitenand!

In the name of our Hirt and Vogt families here, I would like to address to all of you our kindest regards! To give you a 1st idea of my relation to you : The 1st enclosed picture shows you our quite close familiar relations. As you can see, Verena/Fannie Hirt-Vogt was the aunt of my grand-grand-mother.

Special regards go to Karen and Gary Hirt, who visited us twice! They made my childhood dreams come through: to meet living descendants of our emigrating fore »mother » Verena – thanks to our friend Max Baumann who brought us together. The 2<sup>nd</sup> picture shows us Hirt and Vogt descendants together with Gary and Karen in Stilli 20th August 2010 (I am on the far left).

Max brought us now even much closer together with his latest book he presented Friday 6 th July in Stilli. Under the title „Ich lebe einfach, aber froh“ ( I am living in a simple way, but I am happy), he tells us the story of the emigrants from Stilli and Villigen to Ohio as well as their further ways of life in Ohio. Caspar and Verena/Fannie are giving the red line throughout the book! Fantastic! The book can be ordered in german at [www.libreka.de](http://www.libreka.de), also as an e-book (ISBN E-Book 978-3-03919-872-6).

I went already halfway through - the whole Hirt-Vogt family is coming to life again! I would like to thank to all of you who contributed with informations, documents and pictures. The family story becomes part also of my identity!

Of course, I would strongly recommend and encourage you – Max will certainly agree - to have this historical treasure translated in english.

Enclosed, you find some pictures of Max's presentation. Special regards from my wife Frieda as well as Arnold and Therese Lehner! As some of you might remember, Arnold and Therese attended your 75th reunion in 1991 (Arnold's grand-grand-grand-mother was Caspar Hirts oldest sister, quote page 8).

With this, we all wish you a very succesful familiy reunion. Of course, we would be happy to hear from you again or even to have your 100th reunion held here in Stilli and Villigen! In between, any visitors are welcome. Gary Hirt would certainly be so kind to give you some advice if necessary.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

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A GAN

## Hand-sewn quilts on display at bi-annual regatta

By James Proffitt  
Staff writer

PORT CLINTON — The Port Clinton Chapter of the Ohio Star Quilters Guild's bi-annual Quilt Regatta is at Peace Lutheran Church today and Saturday.

More than 110 hand-sewn quilts, in a wide range of sizes and styles, will be displayed.

Organizer Kim Hirt said the quilts were all made by the guild's 50-plus members.

Sizes range from California king to small 13-by-13-inch works.

"Some have hundreds of thousands of hand-stitches," she said.

Some feature large, simpler patterns and fabrics, while others include hundreds of fabrics.

Guild member Jo Coon said

Frank  
Hirt

she's been quilting for about four decades. One quilt she's showing, suspended from the ceiling on a metal rod, is called "Batik Garden."

"It has embroidery on top of applique," she explained. "The fabrics came from all over. It's like a five-year collection."

Coon said she's been working on the quilt, off and on, for about five years. It features Oriental boats, flowers, birds and landscapes.

Hirt said many of the quilts are for sale, and range in price from \$200 up to several thousand dollars.

Coon said "Batik Garden" could be for sale.

"It could be, for the right price," she said. "I've sold quilts

### IF YOU GO

#### 2012 QUILT REGATTA

» **When:** Today 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

» **Where:** Peace Lutheran Church, 900 Jefferson St., Port Clinton.

» **Cost:** Admission is \$5

for \$3,200."

Hirt displayed a quilt she made for her son, now deceased. She said he used it to protect a much-prized Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

One quilt features sections cut from concert shirts — Santana, Bob Dylan, Crosby, Stills and Nash

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Jo Coon, left, spent years creating this quilt, "Batik Garden," which show organizer Kim Hirt described as exquisite. The quilt is one of more than 100 that will be displayed, with many for sale, at the Quilt Regatta on Friday and Saturday. JAMES PROFFITT/NEWS HERALD

## Quilts

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and Woodstock, among others.

Another quilt features 91 ties owned by the quilter's father, a used car salesman.

In addition to more than 100 quilts, water paintings, wool hook rugs and other fabric arts will be displayed.

Hirt said three quilt-shop vendors will be set up at the show.

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Register photos/JASON WERLING

**ABOVE:** Marla Hirt and Andrea Smith sit Monday in the showroom of Cloud Nine Bridal & Formal. The pair own the business with Smith's husband, Ryan, and Kelly Randolph, not pictured.  
**BELOW:** Bridal gowns hang on the racks at Cloud Nine Bridal & Formal.

Frank Hirt Family (William Harold Hirt's daughter)

# Bridal bliss

Cloud Nine Bridal & Formal takes stress out of wedding planning

By MELISSA TOPEY

to \$3,000.

frank HIRT family

## Man donates riding mower to veterans

By Mark Griffin  
Press Contributing Writer  
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Ray Aldrich will turn 78 in February, but every summer he still enjoys hopping onto his riding mower and cutting the nearly two-acre property he lives on in Genoa.

Over the summer, Aldrich noticed that there was one mower he wasn't using very often.

"I had three of them and I bought another one, newer than what I had," he said. "This particular one was a 2007 and only had 130 hours on it. I didn't use it that much, just in the fall to mulch leaves."

Aldrich said he overheard members of Genoa American Legion Post 324 talking about mowers back in October, so he decided his 2007 Toro needed a new home. Aldrich, who is not a veteran, donated the mower to Post 324.

"I heard them talking one morning and I approached them and told them if they need a lawnmower, I would give them one," Aldrich said. "Tom (Chalfin) thanked me and was really happy about it. I said, 'I'd like to see it taken care of like I took care of it, and I hope you have a place to put it.' He said, 'I'll make sure that happens.'"

Chalfin, who has been vice commander of Post 324 for two years, said he was "kind of floored" when Aldrich approached him about the mower.

"It was nothing that I or anyone else expected," Chalfin said. "One morning he said, 'Tom, I want to talk to you. I have a mower if you guys want to have it.' I said, 'yeah, we'll take it.' This guy did this for us, and you have to say thank you in a big way. He just gave it to us; it was just a generous thing to do. Even though he's not a veteran, he's probably as good a patriot as you'll ever find."

Aldrich said he bought the mower five years ago off "a neighbor lady who didn't like it."

"She said, 'I'll take \$1,000 for it,' and that's what I gave her," Aldrich said. "It was brand new. It only had seven hours on



(Left to right), Commander Joel Hirt, Ray Aldrich, and Vice Commander Tom Chalfin of American Legion Post 324 in Genoa. (submitted photo)

it when I bought it."

Chalfin said the mower will be used a few times a month at the 170-member Post, which covers about four city lots. He added that the mower is at the home of one of the Post members for now, but Post 324 is in the process of building a utility shed to store it in.

Post 324 presented Aldrich with a plaque on Dec. 8, thanking him for his generous donation.

"I thought that was pretty nice," Aldrich said. "I gave the plaque to them, and a picture, and they're going to hang it on the wall at the American Legion. If somebody can use that mower, like the armed services or the American Legion, that's a good cause. If I can give them a shot in the arm, that's all I care about."

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# County families in need to receive presents

Dec 27, 2012

Submitted story

PORT CLINTON — What started as a idea five years ago as a way to give back to the community has turned into an amazing fundraiser for some special families in Ottawa County. Ed Fitzgerald and David Stover threw around a few ideas on how to help out the community at Christmas and came up with the idea to start Kids for Christmas.

Kids for Christmas is a program that uses the funds raised to buy Christmas presents for children in Ottawa County who aren't as fortunate as others. The group works hard to find families in the area that are very deserving and may have fallen on some hard times. Phone calls are made to all of the schools in the area and many local churches to assist in finding families in need. In addition, there are many individuals that stop in or call to nominate family, friends and co-workers that could use some extra help as well. Typically, the program has to have a



Morgan Welty shows an outfit she is about to wrap.  
SUBMITTED PHOTO



Debbie Hirt and Billy Branum have fun while wrapping presents. SUBMITTED PHOTO

limit set on how many families to help each year due to funds and time. Fitzgerald and Stover

take the time to sit down with the parents from each family to not only get an idea of what their story is, but also to help guide them as to what little ones may want and need for Christmas. They try to get every child at least one outfit and a new pair of winter boots in addition to toys.

Kids for Christmas has become a humbling experience for all involved and the program wouldn't be possible without strong support from loyal Port Clinton patrons, as well as many others from surrounding

areas. Kids for Christmas would like to thank everyone that have contributed over the years, as well as those who have helped organize and wrap presents each year. Special thanks to those who help find families in need: Jen Bolte at Jefferson, Lynne O'Neal at Bataan, Rose Tibbels at Danbury, Debi Luman at Immaculate Conception and Karen Gruber at RC Waters. With all of the continued support, Kids for Christmas will continue to be a fundraiser and try to be a blessing to the kids of Ottawa County.

Clifford Doebel, 75  
Lewis Thorbahn, 87  
Dixie C. Slusher, 76  
Carlene L. Long, 73

### Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 7  
•Clyde Planning Commission and Public Hearing Canceled.  
Tuesday, Feb. 12  
•4:30 to 7 p.m.  
Clyde Exchange Club Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper at the First United Methodist Church.  
•7 p.m. Clyde Landscape Committee Meeting.



Mr. and Mrs. Big Nut have turned their love of Ohio State into more than just fun. They have now stated the Big Nut Scholarship fund to help young students attend college. (Submitted photo)

## 'Big Nut' nuts about giving back

By Michael Carter  
Enterprise Editor

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The faces have changed year after year at The Ohio State University. Players, coaches, Professors, students have all come and gone, but since 1996, one face has remained the same.

Jon Peters, better known as "The Big Nut"

has painted his face scarlet and gray and been a part of OSU Athletics for over 15 years.

"I am an average fan with a Big Spirit," said Big Nut.

It all started in 1996 when Big Nut wanted to win the grand prize at the Fremont Ross Boosters' OSU vs Michigan party.

"The ladies had been

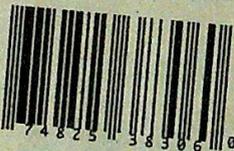
winning the best dressed competition for years at this party," said Big Nut.

"I knew if I wanted to win I was going to have to come up with something unique. So I painted my face half scarlet and half gray and put on everything OSU I could, and people just fell in love with it."

(See Nut A2)

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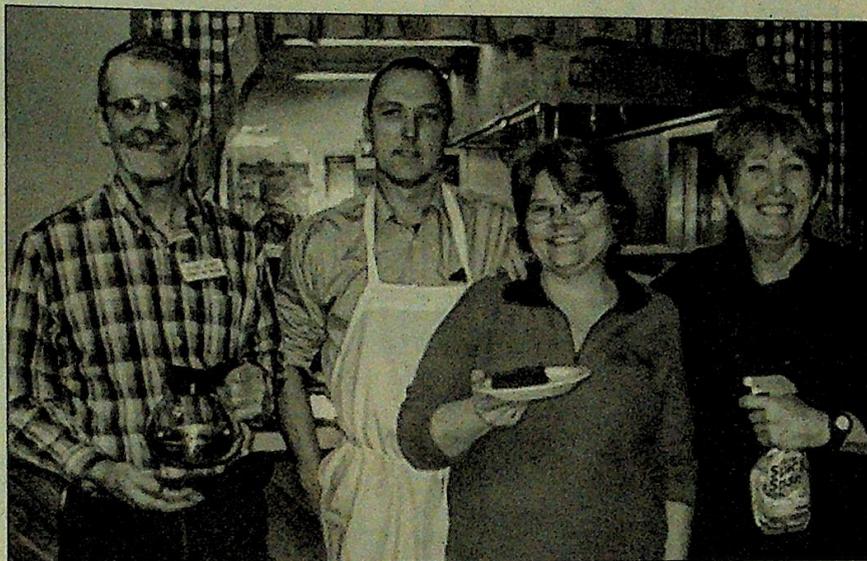
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Frank Hirt Family



Trustee Dave Hirt, Trustee Charles Scott, Fiscal Officer Shelley Seamon and Trustee Dianne Rozak.  
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## Trustees' goal nears completion

Submitted story

**MARBLEHEAD**—A successful fundraiser at Ken Kostal's Big Bopper restaurant in Danbury Township was held Feb. 21 to raise funds for the purchase of 26 memorial trees to be planted in Newtown, Conn.

More than \$1,300 was raised that evening with the assistance of the community, local stores and restaurants, the sale of spaghetti dinners donated by Kostal and the sale of tickets for donated raffle items.

The total raised for the project is over \$2,600, with another \$400 pledged by Lori Fletcher and Patty Pepa from the upcoming 9th annual Marblehead Bank 5K Daisy Run on May 9.

The pledge will be used toward the purchase of a memorial sign to accompany the trees.

Fletcher and Pepa, both assistant vice-presidents at the bank, organize the yearly run with all proceeds going to area charitable organizations.

"With just over \$3,000 in the bank

account and pledged we are nearing our goal to purchase 26 evergreen trees for Newtown, a next-door neighbor to Danbury, Conn., for whom our township is named.

"We would like to raise another \$500 to cover all of the expenses for the tree purchase and planting," said Danbury Township Trustee Dianne Rozak, coordinator of the 26 Trees project.

Donations will continue to be accepted until mid-March at both locations of the Marblehead Bank, at the Danbury Township Police Station and at Danbury Township Hall, where a 24-hour drop-box is available outside of the zoning office.

Checks should be made payable to the Newtown Community Fund.

Questions can be directed to Rozak at 419-798-4071 or visit the township's website [www.danburytownship.com](http://www.danburytownship.com) for information. In the event donations exceed the amount needed for the tree purchase, they will be donated to a fund established in Newtown for the victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Clifford Doebel, 75

(Frank - Hurt Family)

## Giving Comfort When It's Needed Most: A Day in the Life of a Hospice Nurse

# HOSPICE

## MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

### MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

As the patient laid in his hospital bed with his eyes closed, she took his vital signs. There was a calmness to her, despite the fact that we all knew the end was near. Even though his eyes were closed and he was resting, she gently stroked his hair as she listened to his heart and lungs. It was clear to see that even though she knew she could not make him get better and that he would pass away soon, she still cared for him, showing compassion. There were no walls up to protect her from the hurt that she will feel once he is gone. Hospice nurse Mary Klausz cares for all of her patients with the same tender compassion.

Hospice of Memorial Hospital has been serving Sandusky and Ottawa Counties and the surrounding areas for 28 years. This year Mary is retiring after 27 years of service to our community. It is quite uncommon for someone to be a hospice nurse for 27 years, let alone being a hospice nurse with the same agency for 27 years. The feeling that Mary gets when she knows that a patient is well cared for is why she has been a nurse all of this time. "My reward for hospice nursing is that I did the best I can for the patient and their family. That's what keeps me coming back," says Klausz. Hospice is a special type of care that

of Memorial Hospital is committed to enhance quality of life by supporting our patients and families physically, emotionally and spiritually. The hospice team creates an individual plan of care for every hospice patient - specific to their needs and desires.

Mary decided to become a hospice nurse after her close friend was cared for by hospice. During her friend's illness, she told Mary that she was meant to do this kind of work. It was then that Mary found her calling as a hospice nurse.

In shadowing her for a day, it was clear to see that Mary continues to serve her patients with the same passion that she had when she first started 27 years ago. I asked her to describe to me a normal day as a hospice nurse. She laughed and said, "There is no 'normal' day since every day is filled with a different challenge or experience."

At Mary's first patient she found that they were having a really bad day. "You have to read the situation, the patient, and the family each time you enter the home because circumstances, like the patient's health status and family dynamics change," Klausz commented. When a patient is having a

**Mary's Pampered Date**

bad day, making sure that their needs are met is the first priority. During this visit, Mary wore many hats. She provided nursing support, as well as spiritual and emotional support. She continued, "It is very important that you provide whatever support possible to make sure that the patient and family feel comfortable." Mary would not leave her patient until she knew that they were feeling comfortable and that the family was confident in caring for their loved one. She asked many questions like, "Is there anything you feel that you still need to do?" She asked the caregiver, "Do you feel well-supported by Hospice? Do you feel confident in caring for your husband?" Mary also expressed the importance of respite for the patient's caregiver. She told the patient's wife, "It is important for you to get out once in a while. Even if you just get out for an hour to go to the store, or church, you need to do that for yourself." Mary sat at the kitchen table with the patient's wife and just listened. "Supporting the family is just as important as supporting the patient," claimed Mary. She asked the patient and his spouse if there was anything that Hospice could do to make them more comfortable. The caregiver responded by saying, "I don't know what we would do without the support of the Hospice staff. You all make this whole transition so much easier."

As Mary arrives at her next patient's home, she finds that they are having a really good day. The patient was able to go for a short walk outside and then go out to lunch with his family. "It is so nice to have your patient have a good day. It's difficult knowing that



they will likely never get better, but to know that they had good days towards the end makes me love the work that I do," says Klausz. Mary carefully checked the patient over to make sure that all was in order. She sat and talked with the patient and really had a connection. It was obvious that Mary puts her heart and soul into being a hospice nurse. She stated, "You can't just come in here and do the clinical part of the job. A Hospice nurse has to invest a bit of themselves in the care that they give. You're in the patient's life to help them cope with the transition from this world to the next so you need to make it count."

As Mary is leaving, she gets a call from the Hospice office informing her that her next patient is having pain. Mary assesses her patient and she finds out that they are having a little bit of pain and uncomfortable side effects from other medications. Mary explained, "With a situation like this, you have to think about the medications the patient is already on and make choices of

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# Fremont Speedway to induct fifth class

## Hall of Fame to include mechanics, owners

Submitted story

The Fremont Speedway Hall of Fame will induct its fifth class Saturday before the weekly races. The inductees were picked for the first time by members of the Fremont Speedway Historical Club and includes five groups of drivers, two racing mechanics, two race car owners and a special service recipient.



stood for several years. Al, who resides in Fremont, recorded track championships at Millstream Speedway in Findlay and two at KC Raceway near Chillicothe. He also made the A-main for the 1973 Knoxville Nationals. Dick, who died in 2002, raced from the late 1960s through the 1990s. He posted three wins at Fremont and scored wins at Millstream as well. At one time Dick even got into the promoting of racing at



Paul Dewald



Phil Huss



Bill Hahn



Randy Ford



Gordon Holbrook



Dick Liskai



Gordon Holbrook



Dick Liskai

## Season kicks off Saturday at Fremont Speedway

By Kevin Shields  
Sports writer

FREMONT — Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Rick Mears once said, "to finish first, you must first finish."

That credo proved successful for Mears, a three-time Indy-Car national champion, and it's one many others try to follow as well, including local open wheels racer, Craig Mintz, Mintz, the defending champion of the Fremont Speedway's 410 sprint car division, didn't win a race in any of his 18 feature event starts at the "The Track That Action Built" in 2012. But when the dust settled at the end of the season, the Gibsonburg native had scored an incredible six runner-up feature finishes, nine top fives and 14 top tens, which earned him his second track championship in three seasons.

Mintz, also the defending 410 sprint car champion at nearby Attica Raceway Park, will begin his quest for a third title on Saturday as the Fremont Speedway

opens its 62nd season of racing with Pepsi Night. Gates will open at 4 p.m., with racing getting under way at 7 p.m.

"We as a team, just tried to stay consistent and race the race track," said Mintz of his 2012 consistency. "We've generally been a better race team at Attica, but what we always tried to do was finish races. Our goal was to keep the car on all fours and roll it into the trailer every night."

Mintz finished 22 points better than 410 runner-up Byron Reed and 24 ahead of Mike Linder. Phil Gressman and Chris Andrews weren't far behind at 35 and 38 points, respectively, in fourth and fifth in the final standings.

"It's going to be a very competitive division again with a lot of teams that equal each other," Mintz said. "Out of the 35 cars that show up, 30 can win. On a weekly basis, Chris Andrews and Byron Reed are the two that first pop in my head that are able



This 1931 Ford Model A, nicknamed "Leapin' Lenna" and formerly owned by Phil Huss, aka Smoky the Clown, was recently donated to the the Fremont Speedway Historic Club. SUBMITTED PHOTO



This 1947 Crosley, formerly owned by Phil Huss, aka Smoky the Clown, was recently donated to the the Fremont Speedway Historic Club. SUBMITTED PHOTO

### Historic Club adds two cars

Submitted story

FREMONT — Thanks to the family of Phil Huss, aka Smoky the Clown, the Fremont Speedway Historic Club has added two cars to its collection.

The 1931 Model A Ford "Leapin' Lenna" and 1947 Crosley — built in Cincinnati — will be used for special occasions at Fremont Speedway and local parades and special events. The family of Phil Huss also has donated many items of Smoky's to be displayed in the hall of fame.

Huss was a Golden Gloves boxing champion, and a heavyweight boxing champion while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He spent 26 years with the Fremont Police Department, but he's probably best known for his alter ego, Smoky the Clown, who entertained children for years

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# Enterprise Focus

## Editorial

### Editorials from around Ohio

#### The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Excerpts of recent editorials of statewide and national interest from Ohio newspapers:

Federal officials announced (last) week that Ohio has become one of the first states in the nation to be part of a new program to curb crime in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, popularly known as food stamps. Under the arrangement, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the state will share data that will help the state monitor food stamp transactions and detect fraud.

About 1 percent of the \$80 billion spent nationwide on the program is lost to fraud, federal officials estimate. That is down from 14 percent just a few years ago — and the lower estimate certainly is suspect.

More than 1.8 million Ohioans receive food stamp aid, dispensed through "swipe" cards. The program costs more than \$2.4 billion a year in the Buckeye State alone.

Just a year ago, state Auditor Dave Yost warned of abuse in the food stamp program. Yost said one scam involves obtaining a food stamp card, using or selling it, then seeking another one by claiming the original was lost. As many as 17,000 Ohio food stamp clients received 10 or more "reissued" cards during the previous year, he said.

Clearly, curbing food stamp fraud is in taxpayers' best interests. Ohio state officials should use this new data-sharing opportunity to stop at least some of it and file criminal charges against those responsible.

#### The (Findlay) Courier, April 5

Ohio's municipal income tax code isn't broken. It works just fine for the cities and towns which collect the tax from individuals and businesses.

The problem is the code is bulky, and collecting taxes is far from business-friendly.

Ohio is the only state that allows every municipality to set its own income taxes. It has 600 municipalities using 300 different forms, each municipality with its

## News from days past

### 135 Years Ago 1878

C. Boylan of Clyde, who was some time ago arrested on a charge of keeping a gambling house, has had a hearing before the Probate Court at Fremont, to which he was

### 130 Years Ago 1883

Fire struck the three-story furniture factory to A.R. Young and Co., Green Springs, Tuesday night, with losses of \$10,000.

### 100 Years Ago 1913

Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Ward, ran in front of Leonard Carr's horse and buggy near the Empire house and was knocked under the horse's feet, but escaped with a few bruises.

Clyde came near to needing a new school this week when a bolt of lightning struck the northwest corner of the cupola during a heavy rain and thunder storm, knocking off boards and a corner of the cupola. Fortunately, no fire started.

### 90 Years Ago 1923

John Gross purchased a new Ford touring car to replace the one stolen from him.

Mrs. Charles Kistler and her four children suffered severe attacks of

ptomaine poisoning from eating some cheese.

Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keyse Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Russell and Mr. and Mrs. George Bolinger.

Local deaths reported were: Mrs. Alice Niles

to Clyde for burial.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Cleveland.

Local deaths reported were: Ignatz Meyer, a Green Creek farmer; and Bernard G. Stall.

### 70 Years Ago 1943

Clyde firemen answered five fire calls this week as grass fires on Mulberry Street, East Grant Street, at the Storer place on the Green Springs road and near Lloyd Sutton's place and a fire under the floor at the Farrar Shoe Store were extinguished.

The frame residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hirt in Vickery was totally destroyed by fire of undetermined origin.

George Brutcher, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brutcher, had his middle finger on his right hand so badly smashed that it had to be amputated. The finger was smashed when a large stone was dropped on it while he was playing with

some other children.

Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Brashares, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Franks.

Local deaths reported were: Rev. Carroll Stewart, 57; James Drew, 74; Mrs.

grandfather of Royce, who was joined by his son, A. Ross Pickett. Later Ross' sons, Royce and Harold Pickett, joined him in the business. George Pickett's association with the firm has the business in the Pickett family for four generations.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Moore.

Local deaths reported were: Mrs. Dorothy Tuck Hoy, 53.

### 40 Years Ago 1973

Two men were injured, several motorcycles were destroyed and there was extensive property damage done in a fire at the Custom Cycle Shop at 206-208 North Main St. Injured were Kim Leiter and John Hamilton.

Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Roschie, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mooney and Dr. and Mrs. Scott Shell; and sons to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Winke, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ladd, Mr. and

Mrs. John Perry and Mr. and Mrs. David Burroughs.

Local deaths reported were: Mrs. George (Yetta Roof) Kale, 76; Harry Neill, 69; and Karen Rice Schoenfeld, 30.

### 30 Years Ago

were: John V. Fox, 76; and Alan Hawxhurst Tyson, 73.

### 10 Years Ago 2003

Clyde Hardware owners Larry and Jackie Bower purchased Maplewood Gallery and combined the hardware store with the antique store. The hardware store had been at its previous location on Main Street for 124 years.

Local deaths reported were: Walter C. "Farm" Ferkel, 89; Alma A. Reichert, 82; Charles E. Young, Jr., 61; Irene A. DeVanna, 67; Vearl E. Smith, 84; and Laura G. Stout, 84.

### 1 Year Ago 2012

Foos Funeral Home and Cremation Service announced the completion of their new 5,000 square foot funeral home on E. McPherson Highway. The Foos Funeral Home and Cremation Service began 75 years ago in Attica and now has locations in both Bellevue and Clyde.



# Emergency services now consolidated

Submitted story

DANBURY TOWNSHIP — On March 13, a century-plus history of contracting with Marblehead Volunteer Fire Department and the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Protective Association came to momentous consolidation with the formation of The Danbury Township Fire Department.

Trustees Charles Scott, David Hirt and Dianne Rozak unanimously agreed to a resolution to create the merged department with an effective date of July 1 for full operational implementation. This combination of resources will continue to offer the same dedicated, professional level of service that resi-

dents and visitors on the Marblehead Peninsula have come to expect and appreciate. The trustees have appointed Marblehead Fire Chief Doug Waugh as interim chief to oversee the merger process.

"I am extremely pleased to be a part of this momentous undertaking. I have found that our community has been blessed to have so many dedicated people serving us," said Waugh. "Through two years of dedicated work, we have found that we are able to merge our four entities (Lakeside Volunteer Fire Protective Association, Marblehead Volunteer Fire Department, Village of Marblehead Council and Mayor, and Danbury Township) into a unified Fire

and EMS department. All of our personnel have put forth an untold effort to streamline and enhance our public service to all of the residents of Danbury Township."

Ed Cochenour, chief of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department and Gary Deerhake, fire fighter and president of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Protective Association, said "Thank you to our Township Trustees for the opportunity to operate entirely as one department in Danbury Township. We will now be able to more efficiently administer and manage the equipment, buildings, personal, recruitment, training and the changing to a full-time/part-time EMS."



Back row: John Englebeck, Dave Hirt, Doug Waugh, Ed Cochenour, Charles Scott and Gary Deerhake. Front row: Dianne Rozak, Marv Rettig and Shelley Seamon. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Frank Hirt  
Family

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Frank HIRT  
Family

**Lyle E. Hirt**

04/20/1929 - 05/26/2013

Lyle E. Hirt went to stand before the throne of Christ on May 26, 2013.

Lyle was born on April 20, 1929 to Clarence L. and Christine Elizabeth (Zilles) Hirt. He began his life in Riley Township, the great-grandson of Casper Hirt, whom will be celebrated at the 97th Hirt Family Reunion, July 21, 2013 ([www.casperhirtfamily.com](http://www.casperhirtfamily.com)) at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

Lyle was the father of five, Kenneth (Susan) Hirt, Preston, Connecticut; John Hirt, Fremont; Merry Lyn Bagwell, Colleyville, Texas; Paul (Sarah Wilson) Hirt, Vickery and Joel (Kim) Hirt, Genoa. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. His brother, Merle (Joanne) Hirt survive in Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladine Amelia (Erb) Hirt, brother, Carl Hirt; sister, Gladys Billman and his parents adn two grandchildren.

His wife, Marian Flickinger-Hirt survives in Fremont..

Mr. Hirt was a 1947 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and formerly been a long-time member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery.

Among his many memberships and activities were being a current member of Faith Lutheran Church, Fremont; a dairy farmer; he had served on the Sandusky and Ottawa County Fairboards; a member of the Buttons and Bows Square and Round Dancing club; had been active in the Northwest Ohio Parkinson Association. He was member of the Riley Grange.

Along with Gladine, he inspired countless youth as a 4-H advisor for twenty five years with Riley Boosters..

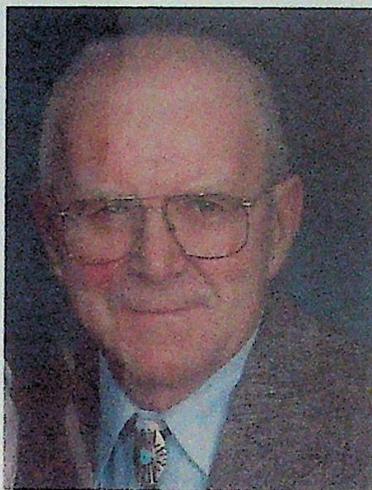
Lyle was also "Mr. Fix-It", a title he earned while working at the School of Hope, Fremont, where he was able to use his love and talent in woodworking.

He was awarded the Fremont Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds and is in the Sandusky County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.

Lyle's greatest achievement was being a devoted family man and neighbor.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Faith Lutheran Church, Fremont at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Robert Young officiating. An hour of greeting will take place prior to the service, which will be followed by a luncheon at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church or NW Ohio Parkinson Foundation.



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## Genoa Area Schools' scholarship foundation honors 58 recipients

The Genoa Area Local Schools Scholarship Foundation, Inc. honored 33 students at the high school's Honors Award Program.

This foundation was organized by a local group of interested citizens in January 1991, and has held a tax-free status with the IRS since March 2, 1994. The organization's assets continue to grow. In 2013, funds totaled over \$570,000 – up from \$550,000 in 2012, compared to \$383,000 in 2008.

"Our growth continues only due to a community program that is funded by caring supporters of Genoa Schools, local businesses, local community clubs, as well as many thoughtful and helpful individuals," said Diane Gerkenmeyer, foundation president.

This year, the Foundation awarded a total of 58 scholarships to 33 seniors. The awards included 33 individual scholarship funds that offered 47 scholarships in 2013. In addition, 11 scholarships were given by various local businesses and organizations in conjunction with the Foundation. In addition, one four-year renewable scholarship of \$1,000 per year, the Dehn Sisters Memorial Scholarship Trust, was awarded. For more information, call 419-855-7741.

Awardees included:

**Helen Asmus Memorial Scholarship**  
– Jacob Cameron, Abby Karikas, Clay Parlette, Ryan Szymanski;

**Stella Bertz Scholarship** – Mackenzie Baumhower, Bailey Dipman;

**Doris Brossia Memorial Scholarship**  
– Clay Parlette;

**Clay-Genoa High School Reunion Scholarship** – Jeremy Kopena;

**Curtice Kidz/Allen Township Scholarship** – Chelsey Criswell, Jeremy Kopena;

**EnviroSAFE Scholarship** – Jason Helle;

**Bruce and Alyssa Gackstetter Memorial Scholarship** – Mackenzie Hoyles;

**General Scholarship Fund** – Alex Claussen, Emily Henneman, Chris Smith;

**Genoa Area Federation of Clubs**  
– Tomme Bergman Memorial Scholarship

– Kayla Carmody;

**Genoa Area FFA Alumni Scholarship**  
– Nicholas Keller, Seth Morrison, Rachael Weber and Kevin Witt;

**Genoa Area Music Boosters Scholarship** – Mackenzie Baumhower;

**Genoa Athletic Boosters Scholarship**  
– Karlie Borowicz, Jacob Young;

**Genoa Elementary Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) Scholarship** – Ryan Szymanski;

**Genoa Golf Scholarship** – Skyler Zunk;

**Genoa Grange Scholarship** – Rachael Weber;

**Genoa Kiwanis Scholarship** – Mackenzie Baumhower, Karlie Borowicz, Kevin Witt;

**Genoa National Honor Society Scholarship** – Nicholas Keller;

**Genoa Wrestling Scholarship** – Jacob Fejes;

**Lester M. Henningsen Scholarship**  
– Nicholas Keller;

**Andrew Hirt Memorial Scholarship**  
– Jeremy Kopena;

**Ryan Kimball Memorial Scholarship**  
– Selina Peer;

**"Papa Joe" McLearn Memorial Scholarship**  
– Payton Wolfe;

**Edith C. Niehousmyer Scholarship**  
– Nick Mortensen;

**Helen L. Niehousmyer Scholarship**  
– Jeremy Kopena;

**Curt Reinbolt Memorial Scholarship**  
– Shantel Hunt;

**Carol Scharer Scholarship** – Angelita Zacharias;

**John F. Schultz Memorial Scholarship**  
– Rachael Weber;

**The Sheahan Family Scholarship**  
– Rachael Weber, Jacob Young;

**Marcia Tank Education Scholarship**  
– Paige Neuman;

**Marcia Tank Science/Engineering Scholarship** – Jason Helle;

**Debra Sue Vine Memorial Scholarship**  
– Alexis Ortiz;

**Wagner/Sondergeld Memorial Scholarship** – Paige Neuman;

**James Walton Scholarship** – Skyler Zunk.

Additional local scholarships include:

**Clay-Genoa Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Mackenzie Hoyles;

**The Dehn Sisters Memorial Scholarship Trust** – Nick Mortensen;

**First Federal Bank** – Alexis Ortiz;

**Genoa Area Education Association (GAEA)-David Miller Honorarium** – Nick Mortensen;

**Genoa Area Education Association (GAEA)** – Nick Mortensen;

**GenoaBank** – Elizabeth Bates, Jonathan Belsky;

**Genoa Coterie Club** – Alexis Ortiz;

**Genoa Chamber of Commerce** – Elizabeth Bates, Alexander Miekis;

**Pepsi Americas** – Kyle Nutter.

Frank Hirt  
Family

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## **Arline M. Hirt**

CLYDE: Arline M. Hirt, 84, formerly of Fremont, more recently of Arbors at Clyde, died at the Arbors on Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

Arline was born in Venice, Ohio on September 11, 1928 to the now deceased Alfred and M. Maudaline (Donaldson) Meggitt. She graduated from Townsend High School in 1946.

Mrs. Hirt was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery and the Plus 10 Group. She had worked at the former Philco and Peter Ecrich Co.

On November 1, 1947, she married Lutheran P. Hirt, he survives; other survivors include her twin sister, Aline Barr and sister, Evelyn (Walter) Binger, all of Vickery; sister-in-law, Doris Hirt, Clyde and brother-in-law, William (Marian) Hirt, Sandusky; numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Arline was preceded in death by three brothers, George Meggitt, Don Meggitt and John Meggitt.

Visitation will be on Friday, August 16, 2013 from 4-7:00 PM at the Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, 218 South Main St., Clyde, Ohio. The funeral will be on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the funeral home with Rev. David Klappenbach officiating. Burial will be in Parkhurst Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or Red Cross or Stein Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.auxterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.auxterfuneralhomes.com)

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Frank Hirt Family

### Doris E. Hirt

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In addition to her parents and her husband, Doris was also preceded in death by her brother, Robert Gilbert.

Visitation will be 3pm-7pm Monday, October 7, 2013 at the Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, 218 South Main Street, Clyde. Her funeral service will be 10:30am Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the funeral home with Rev. Mike Tamorra officiating. Burial will follow in McPherson Cemetery.

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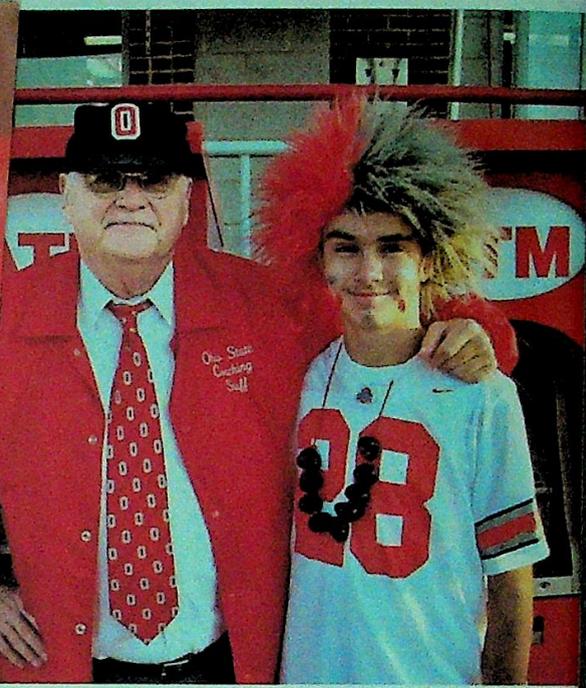
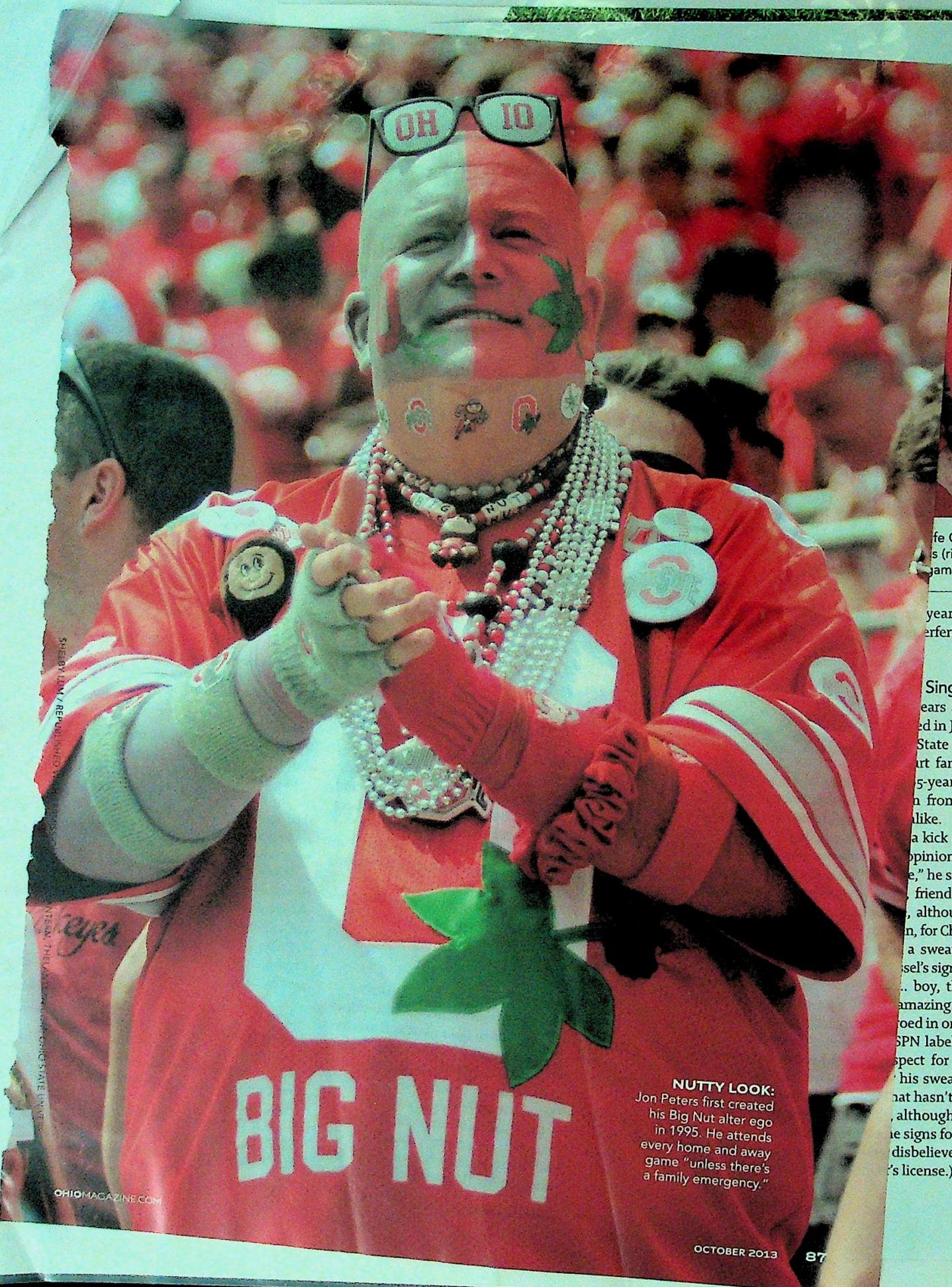
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**Roger 'WOODY HAYES' Thomas**

Thomas "became" the legendary Ohio State coach organically. When the now-retired commodities trader from Tipp City and Sandy, his wife of 47 years, would go to sports bars to watch the Buckeyes, patrons would call him "Coach" or "Woody" because he looked and sounded just like Hayes.

But the persona came to life when he started wearing a Woody-like black Block O ball cap, black dress pants and a white short-sleeve shirt with a tie — even in cold weather. "Had to be like Woody, you know," he says.

Even his hometown optometrist, an Ohio State grad, got into the act, customizing Woody-style frames for Thomas' prescription.

Larry "Buckeyeman" Lokai would take Thomas to alumni events, where he, of course, was a huge hit. There were even a few seasons when the two of them attended every game, home and away.

Unfortunately, those days are gone. Now 74, serious health problems have sidelined Thomas, who isn't up for attending games anymore. But he still basks in the memories.

"I met a lot of really nice people," he says, recalling one pre-game tailgate visit where a woman picked up a camera and said, "Let me take a picture of you with Jack." I said, 'Jack who?' It was Jack Nicklaus. ■

**NUTTY LOOK:** Jon Peters first created his Big Nut alter ego in 1995. He attends every home and away game "unless there's a family emergency."