

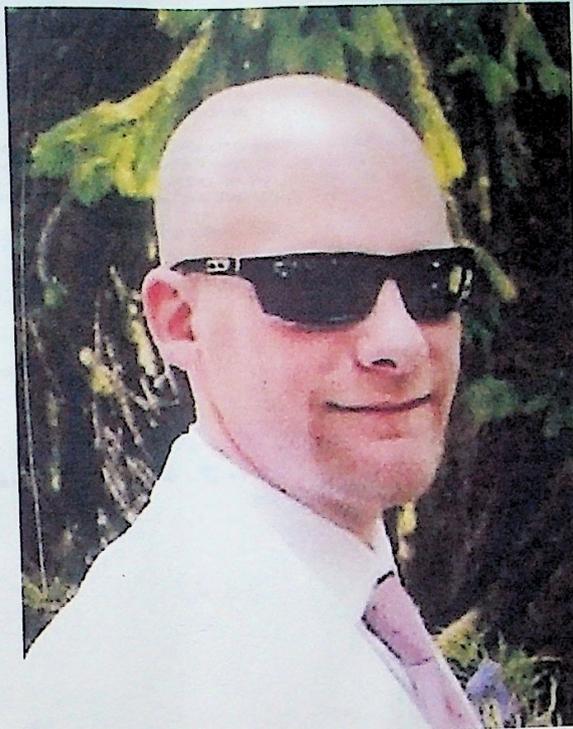


FAMILY



Frank Hirt
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Jason A. Koebel



Jason A. Koebel

FREMONT: Jason A. Koebel, 39, of Fremont, OH passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo.

He was born March 21, 1974 in Fremont, the son of Steven A. Koebel and Kimberly Sue (Good) Leasure. He was a 1993 graduate of Fremont Ross High School.

Jason married Susan L. Stine on July 14, 2012 in Fremont and she survives. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and supported them no matter if they won or lost. Jason loved life and loved watching T.V. He was always there for his family.

Jason is survived by his wife, Susan L. Koebel and step daughter, Celeste Wrightington both of Fremont, OH; father, Steven A. (Paula Vassar) Koebel, Fremont, OH; mother, Kimberly Sue Leasure, Toledo, OH; step father, Dan Leasure, Fremont, OH; grandmother, Mary Good, Fremont, OH; brother, Nick (Jackie) Leasure; step siblings, Danny (Tammy) Leasure, Sherry (Chris) Lucas, Jennifer (Ron) Fox; mother-in-law, Linda Stine, all of Fremont, OH.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Danny Good.

Visitation: Friday from 4pm - 9pm at Wonderly Horvath Hanes Funeral Home and Crematory, 425 E. State St., Fremont, OH. Service: Saturday, January 11, 2014, 11:00 am at the funeral home with Pastor Robert Young officiating. Burial: Four Mile House Cemetery, Fremont.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Online Condolences: www.whhfh.com

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Given a second chance



Register photos/LUKE WARK

Potential adopters William Klaehn and Amanda Allender are greeted Wednesday by Lilly, one of the many dogs available for adoption at Another Chance Animal Sanctuary in Clyde, and sanctuary owner veterinarian Laurie Hirt during their visit.

Another Chance Sanctuary gives animals a home

By **MELISSA TOPEY**

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Some are missing limbs, some suffer from liver or thyroid problems.

Others are diabetic, blind or deaf.

Their ailments run the gamut, but the animals at Another Chance





lyde's Jill Miller puts up a shot over top of Fremont SJCC's Maggie Hirt during the second half Tuesday. JONATHON BIRD/NEWS-MESSENGER

Fliers' youth on display in 86-21 win

Phil Huss: A champion at producing smiles

By STEVE GOBLE
Staff writer

Grab that stony grasp and stare into his craggy, granite face and you think you're meeting one stern guy.

Then Phil Huss grins. It's an ornery, sideways smile, but full of warmth. Kind of grandfatherly.

But don't forget the tough part. After all, this man was once the Navy's Pacific Fleet boxing champion. "And that's a big fleet," Police Sgt. Dana Dorsey says.

That's credential enough to establish Huss as a hardy fellow, but he's got more. This guy used to catch circus acrobats in mid-air. Add in 30 years as a Fremont police officer and you've got a he-man of sorts.

You say he's 66 years old? So what. His handshakes still hurt.

But he'll put you at ease very quickly. Clowns know how to do that.

Yes, that's right. This big guy with the bruiser's resume has been Smoky the Clown since 1954.

Somehow, all these diverse identities dovetail into one nice guy, born and reared on a Riley Township farm. "I love one job as much as I do the others," he said.

Huss is one of two retired Fremont police officers who work the parking detail downtown. He's easy to find on his work days — just walk downtown and wait for someone to yell "Hey, Phil," or "Hey, Smoky." Then look around for the white and blue Cushman scooter he uses on patrol.

Renewing acquaintances is the best part of his job, Huss says. He can't go a day without running into people he knows, either from his police days or from giving them kiddie rides on Smoky's "clown-cycle."

He serves as a sort of city ambassador, too. "People see the uniform and they come for help. They ask for directions, where they can get their drivers' license renewed, whatever," he said.

He likes being back with the police after an 11-year absence, minus the frequent visits during his retirement. "We get to reminiscing, and it's just great. When you forget the good old days, you forget everything."

The good old days include being a detective and being Fremont's first juvenile officer. Dorsey, who holds the juvenile post now, recalls how Huss used to break in rookies.

"When I first came on you had to spend two weeks in plain-clothes riding with Phil before you could do anything else. Two weeks with him was like being at the Police Academy," Dorsey said.

If Huss instilled some of his own tenacity into the rookies, they must be dedicated cops.



News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

Huss never lets go of anything he loves.

For instance, he started boxing at age 14 while attending Fremont Ross High School, and kept it up through four years in the Navy and 150 bouts. He picked up a number of Toledo Golden Gloves Association amateur titles along with the Navy belt. Today, he coaches young boxers in the Fremont Wreckers and serves as a ring announcer for amateur bouts all over northern Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

As for the clowning, he still does that, too. He started at the Fremont Speedway, after a Navy buddy introduced him to

some Ringling Bros. clowns. The same buddy got him involved with circuses, where he tested his muscles catching spinning aerial artists.

These days, Smoky still will travel up to 200 miles away to dispense his magic tricks, balloons and cycle rides.

"In another four years or so I'll be into my third generation of clowning," he said, explaining that some parents propping their kids on the clown-cycle will tell their children, "I used to ride with Smoky when I was your age."

And, of course, his new parking detail job maintains his po-

lice connections.

Huss hangs on to all these threads of his life because he knows first-hand how fragile the fabric is. "You see, when I was 18, I was in a serious accident. The car I was driving kind of left the road and hit a tree. I was very close to death for many days."

Afterward, he made a decision. "The good Lord had a job for me to do. He spared me, so I'm still trying to do what I can."

That's where the clowning and coaching come in.

Huss said both roles, boxing ring and circus ring, helped

OUR NEIGHBOR

NAME: Phil Huss, a.k.a.

Smoky

ADDRESS: 213 N. Columbus Ave

FAMILY: Wife Martha, children Phil, 42; Marsha, 40; Brenda, 38.

ON KIDS: "One thing that bugs me is the way some people neglect kids. They don't teach respect for elders or respect for law and authority. ... The kids get into trouble and really they're just screaming for attention."

ON CLOWNING: "I did it because so many kids are told to 'be good or I'll call a policeman. I don't want kids to be scared, I wanted them to see that the police love boys and girls, the same way a clown loves boys and girls."

FACE BRIGHTENER: "The quickest way to put a smile on a kid's face? Hand 'em a sucker!"

WEEKEND WORK: Mowing lawns for neighbors, for a few extra dollars.

BEST THING ABOUT BEING PHIL HUSS: "Loving life the way I do. Life is beautiful."

make him a better cop. Through boxing, he gained confidence and a tough-guy reputation that made people think twice before giving him guff. And through clowning he developed a sense of humor and kindness that helped him deal with the bad days on the beat. It also helped bridge the gap between the badge of authority and the rebellion of youth.

"I've had many times I was kicked or slugged. Many of those I ducked. I never came back with a KO punch, but I could have," he said. He's proud to say he never had to use his boxing skills to hurt anyone in all his police work.

With such a varied background, Huss has had some challenging moments. But the greatest, he says, wasn't a baffling investigation or a prize fight. It was the first time someone recognized him in his clown garb.

"It was my first time as a clown at the Speedway. A pair of boys in the stands saw me in my trumpy, patched-up clothes and said 'Phil, what are you doing in that outfit?'"

It made him think to himself, "What am I doing in this outfit?" It was a crux. He could succumb to stage fright and toss Smoky aside forever, or go on with the show.

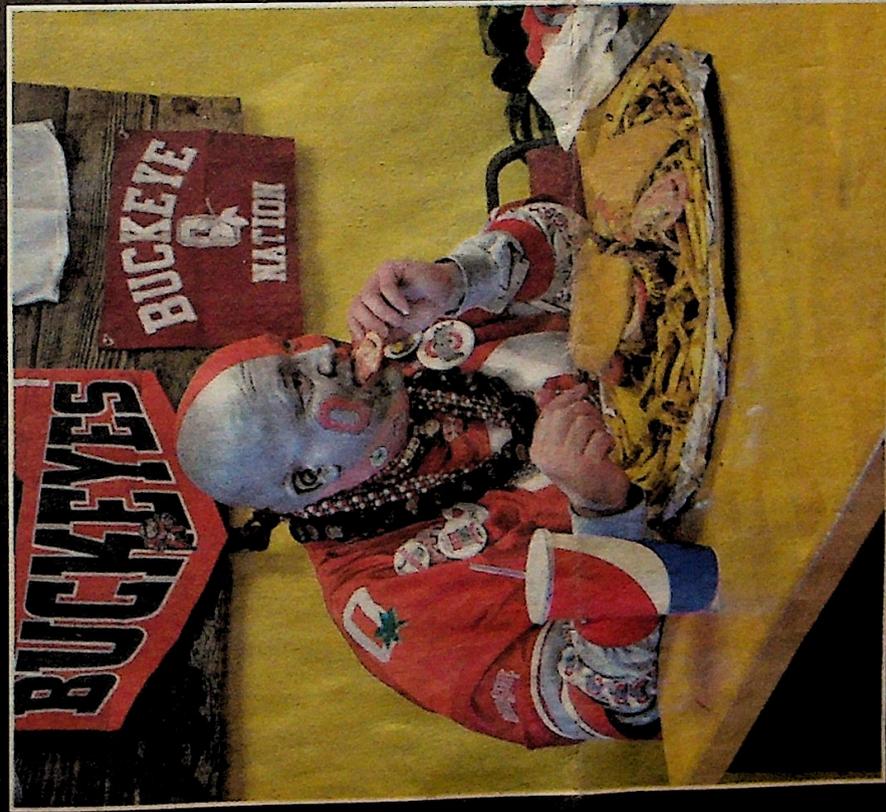
He went on, and now he and a whole lot of kids — grown and growing — have some wonderful memories.

SAM HIRT Family

son of Anna + Harry Huss
Feb 2, 1923 - Aug 27, 1993

'STILL A CHAMPION'

Sam Harts Family



Jon Peters dug into a Jimmy G's Goliath platter but announced his defeat 10 minutes shy of the hour he had to complete the challenge. HANNAH CAMILLE BEALER/NEWS MESSENGER

BIG NUT DEFEATED BY GOLIATH

By Hannah Camille Bealer
Staff writer

Jon Peters takes food challenge to raise money for scholarships

of the meal left

LEWIS HUNT FAMILY

Russ

Lawrence

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Veterinarian giving pets Another Chance



Many birds live at Another Chance Sanctuary, including macaws and African grey parrots. SHERI TRUSTY/NEWS-MESSENGER PHOTOS

Animal sanctuary
provides safe haven

By Sheri Trusty

News-Messenger correspondent

CLYDE — Veterinarian Dr. Laurie Hirt goes beyond caring for sick animals. She also takes in those that are



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Luther P. Hirt



Luther P. Hirt

CLYDE: Luther P. Hirt, 86, formerly of Fremont, now of The Gardens of Clyde, died at Stein Hospice, Sandusky on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

Mr. Hirt was born on March 1, 1928, to the now deceased Harold and Dorothy (Last) Hirt. He was a 1946 graduate of Townsend High School and a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery.

For many years Luther was a body shop mechanic at various area auto dealers, including Ralph Tucker, Tod Motors, and Don Paul.

His favorite activities included boating, snowmobiling, and playing cards. He truly enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

On November 1, 1947, he married Arline M. Meggitt. She preceded him in death on August 14, 2013.

Survivors include a brother, William (Marian) Hirt, Sandusky; sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Walter Binger and sister-in-law, Aline Barr, all of Vickery; numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Mr. Hirt was also preceded in death by two brothers, Warren (Pauline) Hirt and Roland (Doris) Hirt.

Visitation will be on Sunday, November 30, 2014, from 4:00 -7:00 pm at the Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, 218 South Main St., Clyde, Ohio. The funeral will be on Monday, December 1, 2014, at 10:30 AM at the funeral home with Rev. Gerhardt Gosnell officiating. Burial will be in Parkhurst Cemetery.

Luther's family would like to thank the many people who cared for him, especially the staff at The Gardens of Clyde.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery or to Stein Hospice.

Online condolences may be shared at www.auxterfuneralhomes.com

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218 South Main Street Clyde, OH 43410
(419) 547-9451

Published in the The News-Messenger from Nov. 27 to Nov. 28, 2014

Irene Frances Brindley



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FREMONT: Lifelong Fremont, OH resident, Irene Frances Brindley, 97, died at the home of her daughter in Temperance, MI on Friday, December 19, 2014

Born in rural Fremont on April 6, 1917, Irene was a daughter of Chester F. and Verna E. (Trick) Hirt. After graduating from Fremont Ross High School in 1935, she worked almost 20 years as a secretary at the former W.V-B Ames Company of Fremont. She then worked as a secretary for 15 years at Hayes United Methodist Church in Fremont, retiring on September 30, 1982.

On March 14, 1940, she married Morton W. Brindley at Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont. Together they raised a loving family, enjoyed bowling and traveling. They loved each others' company for over 61 years, until Mort passed on February 5, 2002.

Irene will be remembered as a very enthusiastic and caring person of the community. She was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church, a teacher of Sunday School, Bethal Study, secretary of the E.L.C.A. Church Women, member of the Lydia Circle of Faith Women, the bell choir, Sr. choir, the Altar Guild and the Christ/Care Ministry. She was also organist for Faith Church for over 36 years.

Irene was a member of the Sandusky County Farm Bureau and the Buckaroo Farm Bureau Council since 1941. She was a volunteer at Share & Care and the Historical Society. She sat on the American Red Cross Board for 21 years and was a former Red Cross Bloodmobile Coordinator and Volunteer, receiving the Clara Barton and other Red Cross Volunteer awards. She also received the Sandusky County Exchange Club Golden Deeds award in 1993.

Surviving her are children, Kenneth M. (Debbie) of Elk Grove, CA, Dr. Dennis L. (Ruth Ann) of Sault Ste Marie, MI and Janet Brindley of Temperance, MI; grandchildren, Amanda (Jim) Ward of El Dorado Hills, CA, Kathryn Weil of Las Vegas, Micah (Lindsay) Brindley of Sault Ste Marie, MI, Matthew (Tiffany) Brindley of Kalamazoo, MI and Elysha (Eric) Vincke of Traverse City, MI; ten great grandchildren; sister, Lucile (Norman) Atkinson of Fremont; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Mort; son, Allan; brothers, Howard and Franklin Hirt; sister, Anna Troxel.

Visitation will be held at the Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Fremont on Sunday, December 28, 2014, 1-4 & 5-7 p.m. Funeral Services will be on Monday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church where visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Robert Young will officiate. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memory Gardens, Clyde, OH.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran Memorial Fund or to the Sandusky County Red Cross.

To send online condolences or to view Irene's memorial tribute video, please visit; www.hermankinn.com

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Ohio State fan of the day



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Jon "The Big Nut" Peters

Hometown: Fremont, Ohio

Rooting Interest: The Ohio State University. Jon has dressed up in an elaborate Ohio State costume for games since 2002.

Peters and his fellow crazily dressed cohorts founded a nonprofit that provides scholarships to seniors in Fremont who want to attend Ohio State.

"Big Nut exemplifies the Buckeye Nation as we are all a big nut about Ohio State. Scarlet and gray, that's how we roll. We have a lot of fun doing what we do," Peters said.

Peters came to the Playoff Fan Central on Saturday with plenty of extra buckeye nuts to hand out to any wandering fan who might want one.

First thing accomplished in the Metroplex? Whataburger. "In Ohio, we didn't have a Whataburger. We've heard a lot about them and it was good."

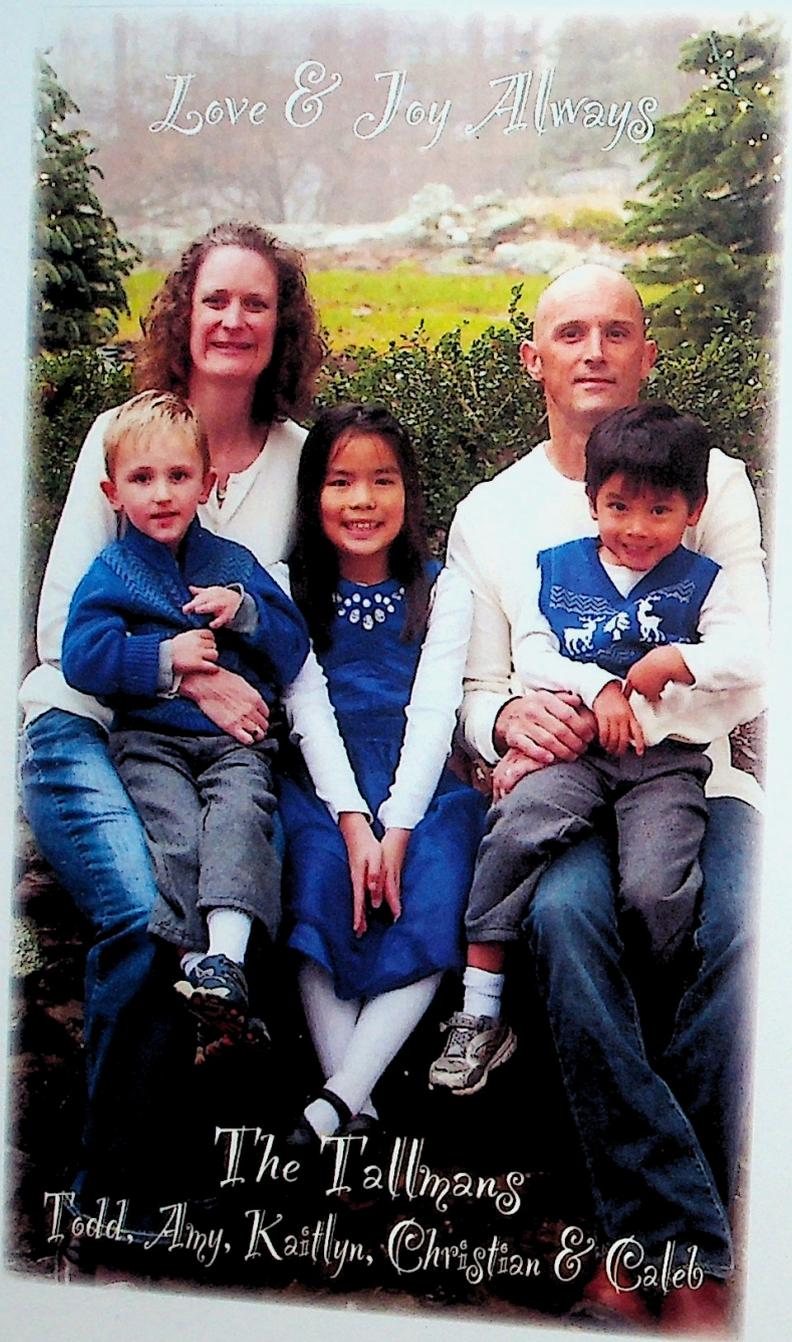
Peters said he likes the Buckeyes' chances in the title game despite Ohio State being a sizeable underdog, as was the case in the 2002 BCS championship game when Miami was a double-digit favorite against the Buckeyes.

"They're not double-digit here against the Oregon Ducks, but they're still an underdog and they play well as an underdog," Peters said. — Travis L. Brown



SAM HIRT family

Love & Joy Always



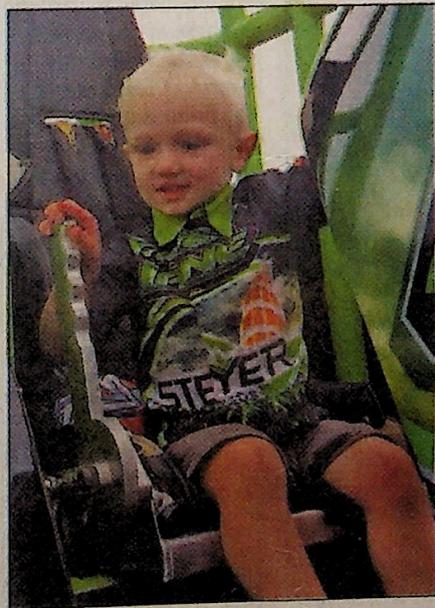
The Tallmans
Todd, Amy, Kaitlyn, Christian & Caleb



Jeff Hirt took first at the Ottawa County Fair recently with Fast Lane.

Kyle Timmons | The Exponent

Life in the 'Fast Lane'



Lane Hirt loves climbing on the tractors.

Courtesy photo

Kyle Timmons
Exponent Correspondent

PORT CLINTON — In 1971, Port Clinton resident Bill Hirt got involved in tractor pulling, and 45 years later, his son Jeff Hirt has continued the tradition and is finding success in the Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League.

"I had done some drag racing after high school," Bill Hirt said. "I found, as they say, 'The thrill of winning and the agony of defeat.'"

Bill Hirt said that his son Jeff enjoyed being a motor-head and the thrill behind horse powered engines and continued the hobby.

In 1994, Jeff Hirt began pulling for his first time and started with Runin Bare, a tractor which was named as a result of

a family joke.

"Dad started removing everything from (the tractor) and before long we called it 'Runin Bare' because we joked that it was like taking all the clothes off."

Now, Hirt drives a newer version of the tractor, affectionately named after his son, Lane Hirt.

"(The tractor) kind of portrays the life we lead," Hirt said. "We're also on the go, doing something. Whether we're at the store, working on the farm, or somewhere, and the name kind of stuck."

The new tractor, Fast Lane, has competed in eight events this season and has captured first in four of the events, 2nd place twice, third once, and

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atmosphere which rounds the league also is writer for the Exponent. He

Merle J. Hirt

July 24, 1931 - August 14, 2015

Frank Hirt Family

Merle J. Hirt, 84, of Fremont passed away unexpectedly at the Pro Fremont Memorial Hospital on Friday,

Aug. 14, 2015. He was born on July 24, 1931 in Riley Twp. to the late Clarence and Christina (Zilles) Hirt.

Merle was the 1949 Valedictorian at Fremont Ross High School and served his Country in the Air Force during the Korea conflict in Tague, Korea and Colorado Springs from 1950 to 1954. Merle was the assistant to the Head Chaplin the 5th Air Force during the Conflict.

On Sept. 25, 1959 he married his sweetheart Joanne

Barto at Grace Lutheran Church where they continued their worship. At Grace, Merle operated the sound system and was the Eucharist assistant for over 50 years.

He worked for the Fremont Airport for 19 years where he learned to be a pilot.

He also was a caravan driver for Memorial Hospital for 18 years. After retirement he volunteered for the hospital and continued his caring nature by also being a longtime blood donor for the American Red Cross. He was a member of the Buttons & Bows Square Dance and Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association.

Merle will be remembered also for driving the family antique tractor in all the Fremont parades for many years.

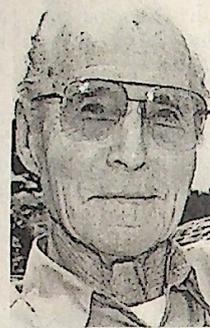
Surviving are his wife, Joanne; and many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his siblings Carl and Lyle Hirt and Gladys Billman.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Fremont. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, 10 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, where his body will lie in state beginning at 9 a.m. Rev. Jody Rice will officiate.

Burial with Military Rites will follow at Green Lawn Memory Gardens, Clyde.

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Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church or to the donor's choice.

To view Merle's tribute video or to send an online condolence, visit: www.hermankinn.com

Michael H. Eden

William "Bill" C. Spaulding

Lucile Atkinson

August 16, 1924 - October 25, 2015

Frank Hirt
Family

Lucile Elizabeth Atkinson, 91, passed away on Sun., Oct. 25, 2015 at Valley View Health Care Center, Fremont surrounded by family.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1924 in Riley Township to Chester & Verna (Trick) Hirt. Lucile graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1942.

On June 3, 1943, she married Norman Atkinson at Grace Lutheran Church. Together they raised a family and remained married until his death in 1984.

When the kids were little, Lucile was a homemaker. As they grew, she worked part-time as the Clerk of Courts for Sandusky County and as a Rice Township Trustee. Her entire life, Lucile was active baking, mowing lawns,

farming, and loved cutting squares for quilt tops. Lucile had volunteered for Rice Township Board of Elections. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsway, where she held various offices in the Women of the Church. Lucile was also a member of the Mary Martha Circle and Kingsway Happy Larks.

Surviving are children, Margaret (Jim) Schwartz of Lindsey, Robert (Sue) Atkinson of Oak Harbor, David Atkinson of Oak Harbor, Donald (Kathy) Atkinson of Fremont, Ronald (Nancy) Atkinson of Rutherfordton, NC, Yvonne (Mike Beatty) Hammer of Fremont, and Mary (John) Yager of Livingston, TN; grandchildren: Jacqueline (Brian) Mowry and Jennifer (Ken) Bonnigson; Rob (Tonya) Atkinson and Andy (Traci) Atkinson; Shelley (Darren) Lumby and Chad (Lindsey) Atkinson; Brittany (Mike) Royster; Krista (Patrick) Wiseman and Sharon Atkinson; Charlie Hammer and Jamie Hammer; John Yager Jr. Christopher Yager and Michael Yager; Karl Parker of TX, Ray Parker of NY, Jessica Parker of Fremont, and Anna Johnson of TX; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Lucile is preceded in death by parents; husband; and granddaughter, Amanda Hammer.

Family and friends will be welcomed to the Herman-Karlovetz Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Fremont from 2- 8 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 29.

Funeral Services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church,



Born: August 16, 1924
Death: October 25, 2015

Frank
HIRT family

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12/13/2015

Marian J. Hirt



Born on Nov. 26, 1927
Departed on Dec. 10, 2015 and resided in Danbury Township, OH.

Visitation: Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015
12 pm - 3:00 pm

Service: Monday, Dec. 14, 2015
11:00 am

Cemetery: St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery

Please click on the links above for locations, times, maps, and directions.

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Marian J. Hirt, 88, of Danbury Township, died Thursday, December 10, 2015 at Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky. She was born Nov. 26, 1927 the daughter of Edwin and Mary (Martin) Bergman. She married William Hirt on Oct. 18, 1947 and he survives. Marian grew up on a farm during the depression and worked on the assembly line at Philco Corp. where she met her husband Bill. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Danbury where she was active in the Women of the Church. She was a very gracious lady who enjoyed sewing, cooking, garage sales and collecting and shelling hickory nuts.

Surviving are her husband William; sons: Dave (Jan) Hirt of Marblehead, William (Terrie) Hirt, II of Bay View, Robert Hirt of Sandusky; daughter: Marla Hirt of Marblehead; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister: Marlene Phalin of Toledo. She was preceded in death by her brother: John N. Bergman.

Visitation will be held Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm at Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Peninsula Chapel, 7755 E. Harbor Rd. Lakeside—Marblehead, OH. Additional visitation will be held Monday, December 14, 2015 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Danbury, 541 S. Church Rd. Lakeside—Marblehead, OH where funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 am Monday. Reverend Chris Young will be officiating. Interment will take place in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 541 S. Church Rd. Lakeside—Marblehead, OH 43440. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com

Douglas Allan Hirt

of the Lewis Hirt Family

Saturday, September 17, 1938 –

Friday, March 18, 2016

Douglas Allan Hirt, 77, of Fostoria, passed away 10:28 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016 in his home.

He was born September 17, 1938 in Fremont to the late Russell R. and Catherine E. (Haas) Hirt. He married Jean Elizabeth Wolf on June 30, 1957 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fremont, and she survives him along with a son, Steven D. Hirt, of Delaware, Ohio; two daughters, Judy (Randy) Burk, of Findlay, Janet M. Hirt, of Lorain, Ohio; two grandsons, Ryan M. and Aaron M. Burk; two sisters, Jackie Diekman Hawk and Carol (Mike) Glick; and two brothers, Gary (Karen) Hirt and Bruce (Marsha) Hirt. He was also preceded in death by a son, David A. Hirt.

Douglas was a 1956 Fremont Ross High School graduate. He lived in Fremont for 27 years until moving to Fostoria in 1965 where he was a Millwright at Honeywell in Fostoria for 30 years, retiring in 1995. He was also a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Fostoria.

He will be laid to rest privately in Greenlawn Cemetery, Clyde, Ohio.

MANN-HARE-HOENING Funeral Home, Fostoria has been entrusted with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be considered to Hope Lutheran Church, Fostoria.

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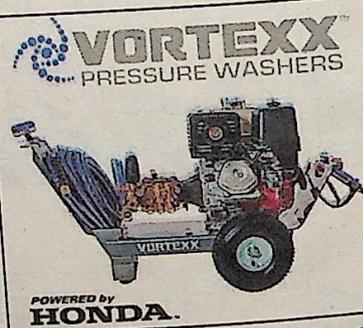


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LEWIS HIRT FAMILY

FREMONT - President Dave Amarante and President-Elect Jodi Albright recently presented Fremont Kiwanis Endowment Fund Scholarships of \$1,000 to Jessica Holland, Marie Villarreal, and **Maggie Hirt.**

Holland served as President and Div. 12W Lt. Governor of Fremont Ross Key Club, will attend University of Toledo, and is the daughter of Rick and Shelly Holland. Villarreal was treasurer of Gibsonburg Key Club, is heading to Bowling Green State University and is the daughter of Ricardo and Julie Villarreal. **Hirt** served as secretary of St Joseph Central Catholic Key Club, will matriculate to Ohio State University and is the daughter of **Chris and Denice Hirt.**

Lions Students of the Month



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Fremont Lions Club Students of the Month for December are, from left, Fremont Ross seniors Geonavin Hernandez and Kit Wilson and St. Joseph Central Catholic seniors **Maggie Hirt and Collin Spader.**

NEW YEAR'S CLOSINGS

100 YEARS STRONG

The descendants of Casper Hirt will be celebrating their 100th year reunion this July

On July 23 and 24, 2016 the Hirt Family will celebrate their 100th reunion.

Family members from all over the country will meet in Sandusky County to honor the patriarch who brought the Hirt family name to America.

The participants are descendants of Casper Hirt and his wife Verena Vogt.

Casper first immigrated to Ohio from Switzerland in 1848.

Casper sought his opportunity and fortune in the California Gold Rush. He made the journey on foot to California. Casper also journeyed to Australia but met with less success there than in the California Gold Rush. In 1854 he visited his native Switzerland once more before permanently settling in America. This time there was a group of 41 persons who immigrated with him to America, among them his future bride Verena (Fannie) Vogt. They travelled to New York City and then on to Philadelphia. While in Philadelphia, Casper and Fannie got married. From there they traveled to Sandusky County. Some of the immigrants were butchers, carpenters or bakers and began their own business in Fremont. Farmers went to Riley or Ballville Township and bought land in the Black Swamp. Casper and Fannie Hirt purchased an 80 acre farm in Riley Townships. With hard work and the help of this brother, John Henry, Casper's farm was enlarged to 2100 acres. In 1856 Casper Hirt became a US-Citizen.

Casper and Verena had nine children, eight sons and one daughter.

In 1878 Casper traveled to Switzerland to visit his relatives and old friends. In his lifetime Casper crossed the Atlantic Ocean five times and the Pacific Ocean twice. This trip, would be the last time he saw his native land, because in 1881 he passed away. Verena died in 1884. Five sons and the only daughter survived, married and had many children.

Casper and Verena's children were farmers, business owners, and political leaders and are prominently mentioned in Meeks History of Sandusky County.

In 1916 the Hirt's decided to make a reunion of all our descendants and to include the very close family Kistler. It was so successful that we resolved to repeat it every year. So we are preparing now to celebrate the 100th reunion this summer.

This year the Casper Hirt Family is having a two day reunion anniversary event featuring a family history adventure, fun, good food and plenty of time to catch up and share memories.

The Hirt's are fortunate to have a family historian, Max Bauman, who has published two books featuring their family. The first tracing the family back to the 15th century and the second dealing with their immigration to Ohio.

Extended Hirt family celebrating 100th reunion over the weekend

BY MICHELLE LIU
BLADE STAFF WRITER

FREMONT — The Sandusky County Fairgrounds is playing host this weekend to a century-old reunion.

Descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt, Swiss immigrants who settled in Fremont in 1855, are celebrating their centennial family reunion today and Sunday.

In light of 100 consecutive years of organized family gatherings, the two-day affair is an opportunity to look back at the history of a family that has grown closer with time.

The extended Hirt clan now numbers in the thousands, estimates Joel Hirt, one of Casper and Verena Hirt's great-great-grandsons and the current reunion secretary and treasurer.

He said he expects a turnout of 250 people this year. Hirt family reunions usually draw about 150 people.

"It's a good time to reconnect and be thankful for what our ancestors did for us," Mr. Hirt said. "And hopefully we can carry on their tradition."

The reunion will feature a cemetery crawl, a potluck meal and the annual white elephant fund-raiser.

Family members, wearing reunion T-shirts color-coded to represent descendants of each of Casper and Verena's children, will also gather on bleachers for a group photo.

Three decades after Casper



THE BLADE/JEREMY WADSWORTH

Linda Martin stands in one of the Hirt family plots at Oakwood Cemetery in Fremont. The family's 100th reunion celebrates Swiss immigrants Casper and Verena Hirt.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY



Doug Haynam, a Sylvania city councilman and faithful Republican, says he'll vote Libertarian.

Local GOP donor says he supports Johnson

'I cannot vote for Donald Trump'

BY KYLE ROWLAND
BLADE STAFF WRITER

Doug Haynam is a Republican to the core.

He briefly chaired the Lucas County GOP in 2005.

He attended the 2012 Republican National Convention. He's donated thousands of dollars to Republican candidates.

But when the Republican National Convention began Monday in Cleveland, Mr. Haynam was at his Sylvania home. And when he exits a voting booth on Nov. 8, the

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Read more on our locally focused website for Sylvania and Sylvania Township:

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Reunion

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Hirt's death in 1881 and Verena Hirt's death in 1884, other surviving children and other descendants gathered for a first reunion in 1916.

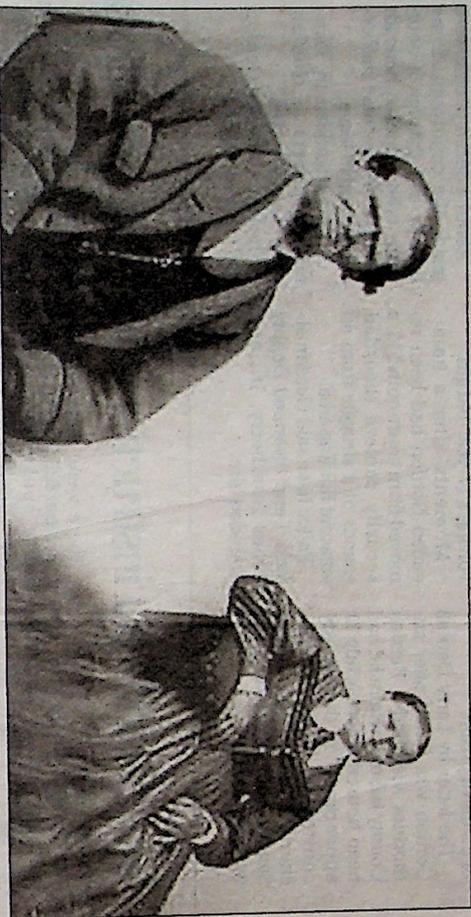
That successful reunion spurred another in 1917, and the tradition began.

Mr. Hirt traces the family's lineage back to Casper Hirt, who emigrated from St. Gall, Switzerland, to Ohio in 1848.

Casper Hirt walked to California in search of gold before settling in an 80-acre Riley Township farm with his wife, Verena.

The Hirts expanded the family farm, which had grown to 310 acres by 1876.

They had nine children, six of whom survived and had children of their own. At the upcoming reunion,



Casper and Verena Hirt emigrated from Switzerland and settled in Fremont in 1855.

children can enjoy miniature golf and ice cream, Mr. Hirt said.

Attendants can also peruse decades of newspaper clippings, photos, and other mem-

orabilia from over the years.

The Hirts even have a family historian from Switzerland, Max Bauman, who has pub-

lished two books examining Hirt history in Switzerland and

Ohio.

Family members will sing the family song, written at the 50th anniversary by two of Casper Hirt's granddaughters. Other long-standing reunion

traditions include a "baby bank" where collected donations are given to the youngest child present at the reunion each year as a savings account.

Linda Martin, one of Casper Hirt's great-great-granddaughters, recalls her own grandmother urging her to attend a family reunion. Ms. Martin, who had given birth to her son only 10 days prior, attended reluctantly, only to win the baby bank that year.

"This year, I have gigantic banks," said Ms. Martin, who is on the reunion committee. "The bigger the better. It's the 100th — hopefully we'll have lots of money to start a savings account for another baby this summer."

For Chuck Schefflin, a former Hirt family president who has attended reunions for each of his 55 years, this year's event is a chance to bring back memories of another Hirt relative, former Fremont policeman

Philip Huss, who died in 1993.

Mr. Huss frequently took on the role of "Smoky the Clown" — replete with a clown uniform, face paint, and balloon animals — at reunions and other local events. Mr. Schefflin has since performed the role.

Hirt family members come from states as far away as Texas and Connecticut, and countries as far away as Switzerland.

"I think it's a surprise," Ms. Martin said. "I'm amazed that we've come to the 100th reunion, especially in this day and age. A lot of kids move away from home, people are scattered throughout the country. We're so mobile and so busy — that this reunion continues to go on is a great feat in itself."

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Journalism and Business.



MICHELLE LIU

Reporter for the Yale Daily News; internship at Yale University Press; docent at the university's art gallery

Yale University

Ms. Liu of College Station, Texas, will be a junior. Her major is Art History.



JANET STENGLE

Assistant design manager for The Scholastic, a student magazine; internship at Toledo City Paper promoting local art events

University of Notre Dame

Ms. Stengle of Ottawa Hills will be a junior. Her major is History with a minor in Journalism.



JON VICTOR

Staff reporter at Yale Daily News; will be editor-in-chief of the Yale Daily News Magazine this fall.

Yale University

Mr. Victor of Montreal, Canada, will be a junior. His major is Philosophy.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Diedrich receives UMW Mission Pin

Award given to member involved in activity inside or outside church

SHERI TRUSTY
CORRESPONDENT

FREMONT - For the first time ever, Daun Diedrich missed the United Methodist Women's Christmas Brunch at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church. It was unfortunate timing, for she was to be honored with the group's Special Mission Pin.

Each year, the UMW recognizes one woman for her work promoting missions within and without the church.

This year, Diedrich was chosen. A family emergency kept her from attending the Dec. 12 brunch, but she stopped by the church before the luncheon to drop off decorations for the event. While there, Marie Zimmerman surprised her with the announcement that she had been chosen for the award. Zimmerman presented the pin to Diedrich right in the kitchen.

It was a fitting location, as much of Diedrich's volunteer work at the church is done there.

"I dropped off my stuff, so she presented me with the pin right there in the kitchen," Diedrich said. "That's OK, because that's where I belong."

Each fall, the UMW members vote on the Special Mission Pin recipient through secret ballot.

"We do this every year, and we give it to someone in UMW that has been very active in the church or outside of the church," said UMW president Nancy Wright.

Diedrich was surprised she was chosen for the award.

"I'm so honored that my peers would choose me, when there are a lot of people that are deserving," Diedrich said. "A lot of people work together. We're a family here."

Diedrich has helped with apple dumpling and pumpkin roll fundraisers, and she heads the New Horizons breakfast on Sunday mornings. She organizes meals for Bible School and youth group dinners and fundraisers. She makes cookies for shut-ins and members of the church that are in nursing homes.

One of Diedrich's most meaningful ministries in the church is serving as organizer of funeral dinners.

"Gosh, it really makes me feel good. When my mother passed away, they did it for me," she said. "It was so nice, so when they asked me to do it, I said, 'I think I



SHERI TRUSTY/FOR THE NEWS-MESSENGER
Daun Diedrich wears the Special Recognition Pin that she was given by Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church.

will."

Wright said Diedrich is willing to do anything she is asked.

"She just does so much," Wright said. "She's caring. Anyone in charge of funeral dinners has to be."

Carolyn Geiger, last year's mission pin recipient who was scheduled to present the pin to Diedrich at the brunch, agreed with Wright.

"She just is willing to do almost anything you ask her to do," she said. "She's a very willing and capable person."

Geiger said Diedrich enjoys growing plants and flowers at home, which she has often given to women at the church. She cares for the flowers in the church's sanctuary and works in the church's community garden. She has served as past president, vice president and reading chairperson for UMW. She also attended a mission conference at Ohio Northern University to increase her knowledge of missions.

Despite all that, Diedrich feels like her work within the church is insignificant.

"I don't really feel like I do much," she said. "I don't really look at it as a job. You do it from your heart."

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LOCAL

Former teacher, 95, shares memories of one-room school

**FREMONT
FLASHBACK
ROY WILHELM**



Grace Gessner Clulow not only attended a one-room school, she also taught in one.

At 95 years of age, she has fond memories of the experiences.

Teaching at Lance School on the corner of 216 (Lance Road) and 253 (Gessner Road), she earned \$900 a year, plus \$9 a semester for janitorial work.

"You could pay a student to do the work, but we didn't make a lot ourselves."

While the pay wasn't much, the memories are rich.

Despite the difficulty for a teacher to keep students in eight grades in one

room involved, Clulow agrees with others who saw the advantages for students listening to the lessons of different grade levels.

"They had assignments when they went back to their seats and they could listen to the other grades. That was a plus," she said.

She recalls that her sister, Ruth Gessner Watson, taught at Sanford School on County Road 265 and had a particularly bright young man. She allowed him to move up in lessons and he thrived through the experience.

She was happy to take a teaching job in Green Springs and then Stamm School in Fremont, but her memories of teaching in the one-room school are good ones.

"It didn't seem that you got into any misbehavior or things like that."

The youngsters "were always busy," she said.

There were, of course, some silly memories like the time a second grader threw her shoe on the top of the school building. "I don't know how we got it down," she said.

And there were memories that tell us about life in the first half of the 20th century. She recalls that pupils were required to use both sides of their papers and would be disciplined if they didn't. "Parents couldn't afford tablets."

As a student at Faust School, she has especially fond memories of Helen Hirt Hiebel, who was her teacher for five years.

"She made sure that we had the experiences," with activities, etc.

Clulow particularly recalls a trip to

the Toledo Zoo when the whole school — about two dozen youngsters — piled into the back of a truck to make the unforgettable journey.

She recalls Mrs. Hiebel leading school singing and reading books by famous authors.

"We had really good teachers. We got a very good education"

And her general comments about the challenges of teaching and learning in a one-room school?

"I would not want to miss that experience for anything. It was wonderful."

SATURDAY: The Little Red School House and more.

Roy Wilhelm started a 40-year career at *The News-Messenger* in 1965, as a reporter. Now retired, he is writing about the history of Sandusky County and Fremont.

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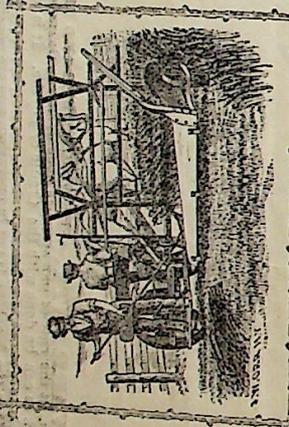
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Questions...Is your info from Max Baumann or is his info from you? What you have written on your website is very limited. Did he translate it for you because it is bare bones? I have been in contact with Max over the years, but I have never met him. My Swiss relatives in Villigen hired him to put together a short bio of our family (Karli). There is SO much in this book, and it is SO detailed. I am including some of the info. here that I translated. Would you be interested in other passages?

Verena Vogt, was the only unmarried Villigerin on the ship (Canvass Back). It was well-known that she wanted to travel to be with her finance, Heinrich Märki, who had already immigrated, and carried a portion of her dowry with her. However, on the way she fell in love with none other than Kaspar Hirt, the leader of the group. On the vast ocean they were thrown together on the steerage deck, and sparks began to fly, and by the time they landed they were a romantic pair. Verena Vogt gave up her previous relationship. She evidently trusted the experienced, English-speaking Kaspar more than the inexperienced fledgling, Heinrich. A docile future with Kaspar on a farm in Sandusky Country seemed more secure.

Note: Heinrich Märki immigrated in Feb, 1854, Johannes Märki and family May/June 1854, Johannes Hirt Oct/Nov 1854. I think I found Heinrich (1821-1896) in America living in Elkhart, IN. He married and starting having children in the 1860's. Heinrich and Johannes M were related, but I am unsure as to how. They could have been brothers or cousins. Johannes M was born in 1813. The following letter was written in Jan., and I expect it was 1855. I hope you can piece together the timeline here.

Not all of the members of the group "Canvas Back" approved of the unexpected liaison as exemplified by a passage from the already mentioned letter of Mandacher, Johannes Märki, written to the "Hirschen" innkeeper. **(Hirschen was the name of the inn, I believe)**

I want to conclude my letter here and will write again later. I have to report about Verena Vogt, that she behaved so badly towards Heinrich Märki by never contacting him. He wrote in January asking whether she had died. I received news from chimney sweep Ritz, about the comings and goings of this bad fellow and Verena, that wretched human being. I don't want to write what was in the letter.

In another passage-Johannes wanted to further his trip to Ohio, but he first wanted to make things right and marry Verena. In accordance with family tradition the wedding took place in Philadelphia. Unfortunately, there is no marriage record from there. They then traveled by train from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, from there to Pittsburgh, then to Steubenville and Cleveland. The Cleveland & Toledo Railroad finally brought them to Fremont. There they were reunited with the other passengers. The building of their new existence in the land of endless possibilities began.

Let me know if you would like more, or you think what you have is enough. Thanks.

Pam

- FRANK -



Patricia Ann Lengemann

May 4, 1951 - August 27, 2017

Patricia A. Lengemann

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Patricia A. Lengemann (Patty), 66, went to be with the Lord on Sunday August 27, 2017. A celebration of her life will be held this Thursday, September 7th at 10am at Community Congregational Church (C3) in Naples, Florida.

Patty was born on May 4, 1951 in Fremont, Ohio to Vince and Ann Troxel. She graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in Education and went on to become an elementary school teacher. She raised three children in Columbus, Ohio (Cari, Rob and Travis). Patty began a new chapter with a move to Naples, Florida in 1999. It was there that she met her best friend and soulmate Peter Lengemann who preceded her in death earlier this year.

She is survived by two brothers (Jim and Rich Troxel), 3 children (Cari, Rob and Travis) and 3 grandchildren.

Flowers and donations may be sent to Community Congregational Church (C3) in Naples, Florida.

Log Cabin Compound

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Each year during the Sandusky County Fair, the LOG CABIN COMPOUND (established in 1982) comes alive with activity.

- 1982** The "Freeh" log house was completed. It was donated in memory of Mrs. Charles (Elfreda) Hirt by her daughters: Jean Smith and Dorothy Claus and son Richard Hirt. This house last stood at the east end of Walnut St. in Fremont, (at what was then the location of Hirt Trucking)
- 1983** The Blacksmith shop, made from barn beams, was completed. It contains the old "crank" bellows and parts of the forge from the old harness racing days blacksmith shop at the east end of the fairgrounds.
- 1985** The log barn was completed. This building was from the former Raymond Hermes farm on Bolsinger Road, Salem Twp., Ottawa County. It was donated to the fairgrounds by the Toledo Area Catholic Diocese.
- 1997** The log general store was completed. Donated by Mr. Wayne VanDoren of Clyde, it was built by Wendel Sprang about 1859 or 1860 and last stood on the Dickman farm on County Road 220 south of U.S. Route 20 in Green Creek Twp.
- 1999** The "Conley" entertainment stage was completed.
- 2010** The log school and meeting place was completed. This was once the Fenstermaker house on Tiffin Road, Ballville Twp. 2/10 mile north of the Seneca County line. It was originally built during the Civil War and was donated by Carol Bender, (daughter of Mrs. Alice Fenstermaker)

2016 NEW Apple Butter will be made Thursday Aug. 25.

Back by Popular Demand!

The Bees were a hit in 2015! The Bee Farming Display will be coming back to the Log Cabin Area on Thurs + Friday. Stop in and see this interesting & educational display for all ages!

Visit our area of the fairgrounds and see how pioneer lives differ from the lives of people today. We will be demonstrating throughout the week many of the chores that had to be done, such as: carding and spinning wool, quilting, crocheting, candle making, wood carving, wood working, chair caning, flower and herb arranging, basket making, use of the potter's wheel and blacksmithing. Hours at the COMPOUND are from 11:00 a.m. to sundown.

Artist at the Compound are:

WOOD CARVERS: Roger Bartley, Don Leiser

WOOD WORKING CRAFTSMAN:

Don Leiser, Ray Myers, Roger Bartley

QUILTERS: Rita Myers

GREAT WHEEL SPINNER: Jan Jordan

HAND & NEEDLEWORK: Janet Bartley

BLACKSMITH: Scott Rathfelder

INDIAN BEADWORK: Clarence Nieset

TATTING & NEEDLEWORK: Louise Bullinger

POTTERS WHEEL/FLOWERS: Maria Norton

FLOWER/HERB GARDENS: Grace Siddell

COVERED WAGONS: Rebecca & Girard Recker, Tom & Iris Claar, Jim & Carolyn Edmonds

SHAVE HORSE: Roger Bartley, Don Leiser

CHAIR CANING: Celena Smith, Lamar Gardner

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Casey Conley, Denver Floriana, Gerard Recker
Wayne Smith, Jeff Hammer

The LOG CABIN COMPOUND is made possible by the effort of volunteers and the Sandusky County Agricultural Society. We appreciate and are very grateful for the hours donated to make this week possible.

Please feel free to visit with all of our artists and enjoy the gardens, barn, outhouse, corral, smokehouse, main cabin, covered wagons along with the general store which features old fashioned home made root beer and candies. **Fresh Corn on the cob is offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday Afternoon.** Be sure to sign our guest book while visiting the log cabin area.

Genoa foundation awards 62 scholarships for 2107

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GENOA - The Genoa Area Local Schools Scholarship Foundation, Inc., announced recipients of its scholarships at the high school's honors award program. The foundation offers scholarships to students graduating from the Genoa Area Local Schools.

In 2017, a total of 62 scholarships were awarded to 37 seniors through the foundation. There are 38 individual scholarship funds offering 51 scholarships in 2017. A total of 11 additional scholarships were given by various local businesses and organizations in conjunction with the foundation.

The scholarship funds in the Foundation total over \$790,000.

The 2017 scholarship recipients included: Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Firefighter Associations Scholarship: Kelsey Auger, Douglas Bergman; Helen Asmus Memorial Scholarship: Noah Heritag, Rider Osentoski, Angel Schultz, Sam Sutter, Stella Bertz Scholarship: Madelyn Buehler; Doris Brossia Memorial Scholarship: Erica Smith; Clay-Genoa High School Reunion Scholarship: Matthew Bradfield; Curtice Kidz/Allen Township Scholarship: Eriq Billingsley; Envirosafe Scholarship: Thor Morrison;

Timothy J. Fisher/Briana Bertok-Schack Memorial Science Scholarship: Morgan Contreras; Bruce and Alyssa Gackstetter

Memorial Scholarship: Madelyn Buehler;

General Scholarship Fund: Alexander Buffington, Sydney Erwin, Nicholas Strahl;

Genoa Area Federation of Clubs: Tomme Bergman Memorial Scholarship: Shayne Nissen; Genoa Area FFA Alumni Scholarship: Lynnsie Briones, Matthew Herrick, Rylee Kerchevall, Cearrah Norwalk; Genoa Area Music Boosters Scholarship: Macy Campbell;

Genoa Athletic Boosters Scholarship: Matthew Bradfield, Madelyn Buehler; Genoa Elementary Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) Scholarship: Morgan Contreras; Genoa Golf Scholarship: Jack Encheff; Genoa Grange Scholarship: Lynnsie Briones; Genoa Kiwanis Scholarship: Annalisa Claus, Breanna Curtis; Genoa National Honor Society Scholarship: Adam Bates; Genoa Wrestling Scholarship: Adam Bates; Margaret "Peggy" Hebert Memorial Scholarship: Desirae Villarreal; Lester M. Henningsen Scholarship: Breanna Curtis; Roger & M.C. Hesselbart Memorial Scholarship: Caden Cruickshank;

Andrew Hirt Memorial Scholarship: Caden Cruickshank; Ryan Kimball Memorial Scholarship: Trey Neumann; "Papa Joe" McBear Memorial Scholarship: Noah Smith; Edith C. Niehousmyer Scholarship: Morgan Cairl;

Helen L. Niehousmyer Scholarship: Morgan Cairl; Curt Reinbolt Memorial Scholarship: Marissa Pezzino; Carol Scharer Scholarship: Morgan Mazuchowski, Alayna Stewart; John F. Schultz Memorial Scholarship: Sam Sutter; The Sheahan Family Scholarship: Rylee Kerchevall, Kurtis Lee; Marcia Tank Education Scholarship: Kurtis Lee;

Marcia Tank Science/Engineering Scholarship: Jack Encheff; Debra Sue Vine Memorial Scholarship: Cearrah Norwalk; Wagner/Sondergeld Memorial Scholarship: Olivia Shrewsbury; James Walton Scholarship: Cearrah Norwalk; and Frances M Weirich Memorial Scholarship: Hayley Kandik.

Additional local scholarships were presented by First Federal Bank: Cearrah Norwalk; Genoa Area Education Association (GAEA): Dave Miller Honorarium: Lynnsie Briones; Genoa Area Education Association (GAEA): Morgan Cairl; GenoaBank: Matthew Bradfield, Connor Chapinski, Annalisa Claus; Genoa Coterie Club: Breanna Curtis; Genoain Chamber of Commerce: Matthew Bradfield, Annalisa Claus; and Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE): Connor Chapinski, Rylee Kerchevall.

For information on the foundation, email ScholarshipFoundation@genoaschools.com or call 419-855-7741, ext.21100.

Schack Memorial Science Scholarship - Morgan Contreras; Bruce and Alyssa Gackstetter

Lester M. Henningsen Scholarship - Breanna Curtis; Roger & M.C. Hesselbart Memorial Scholarship - Caden Cruickshank;

Norwalk; Frances M. Scholarship - Hayley Additional

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Hirt family celebrates 100th reunion



TALK ABOUT CLYDE
JEANETTE LIEBOLD
RICKER

The descendants of the nine children of Casper and Verena Hirt who emigrated from Switzerland and married in the United States in the 1850s celebrated their 100th annual family reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds last month. The days were busy. Nearly 300 descendants traveled from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Ohio, Virginia, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and more.

"Dad always enjoyed the reunion and we will do it as long as we're still around," said Paul Hirt, Fremont, about his late father, Lyle Hirt.

The July 23 events included a historical Hirt Family driving tour which was researched and written by Linda Martin. Their ancestors originally purchased an 80-acre farm in Riley Township in 1855. Putt-putt golf was enjoyed and 150 enjoyed a catered sit-down dinner in the 4-H building on the fairgrounds. Families wore color-coded T-shirts reading "100 Years Strong 1916-2016."

July 24 was the traditional potluck dinner kicking off at noon, serenaded by the Toledo Swiss Singers. Smoky the Clown (Chuck Schepflin) was on hand to entertain the children. Family relative Jon "The Big Nut" Peters was

in persona to raise funds for his scholarship program and could be heard shouting out O-H to which the crowds had a rousing return of I-O! Families were photographed by Ken Dumminger, who said it was one of the largest families he had ever done. The family sang the "Hirt Song" written in 1966 by Grace Hirt Zilles and Ruth Hirt Peffly and sung to the tune of "Green Green." Max Bauman of Switzerland gave a historical review of their patriarch Casper Hirt. Bauman and the Rinderer family came from Switzerland for the reunion, said Joel Hirt, Genoa.

A complete history of the Hirt family has been posted online by Paul's son, Matthew Hirt, Indiana. According to the history, if printed out on paper, it would be 170 feet long, "I enjoy doing it. I like family history," said Matthew, who keeps it up to date.

CHS alumni to plan 50-plus year reunion

The Clyde High School alumni committee is holding a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the lounge of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 147 W. Forest St., to complete arrangements for the 24th annual alumni reunion for those who graduated 50 years or more ago. It will be held Sept. 10 in the CHS cafeteria.

Seventh graders, seniors need inoculations

Because teens are at a higher risk of getting meningococcal disease, the State of Ohio has decreed that all students entering the seventh and twelfth

grades must have the meningitis vaccine before starting the 2016-2017 school year or no later than the first 15 days of the school year. Students will be excluded from school attendance. If not possible, an appointment card for the inoculation must be presented to the attending school. The first day for Clyde-Green Springs Exempted Village Schools is Aug. 29. A copy of the inoculation must be submitted to the school as proof. The recommended inoculation is MCV4.

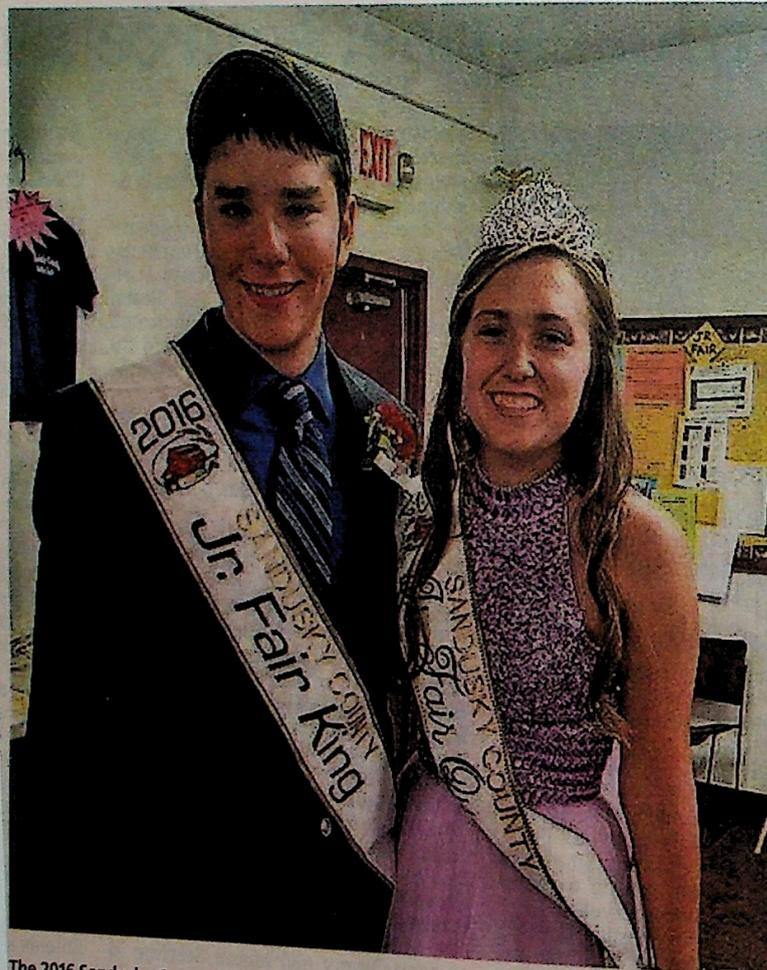
Age recommendations apply. Students must be age 12 or in the seventh grade. A booster shot is needed after age 16 or when one begins their senior year. Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord and is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in teens.

Karen Horn, school nurse for Clyde-Green Springs Schools, said that inoculations can be received at the Sandusky, Seneca or Huron County Health departments, which have extended their hours for the inoculations. One must call for an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted. She explained that not all doctors give inoculations, so one should first call their family doctor to inquire.

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Sandusky County Jr. Fair Royalty



The 2016 Sandusky County Junior Fair Royalty includes King Mark Miller and Queen Alicia Klohn. Other members of the court included first runner up to the queen, Natalie Liskai, and first runner up to the king, Robert Selvey, plus second runner up to the queen, Ann Gottfried.

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Witnesses said this antique 1951 Reo wrecker tow truck struck a man in a crash during the Fourth of July parade in Fremont. Police confirmed multiple people were hurt from the incident.

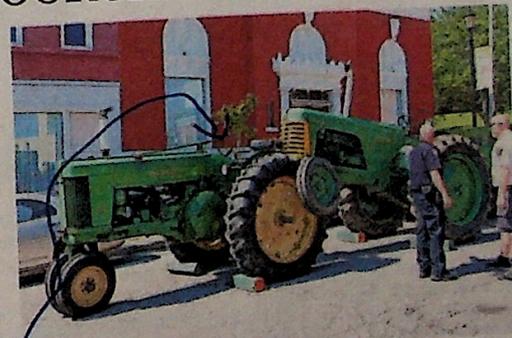
Antique tow truck reportedly loses control, strikes onlookers in Fremont

JON STINCHCOMB
REPORTER

FREMONT - A citywide Independence Day celebration took a tragic turn when an antique tow truck reportedly went out of control, injuring multiple people during Fremont's annual Fourth of July parade.

At least five people were taken to the Fremont Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning, according to Fremont Police Chief Dean Bliss. One man was later transported to a Toledo-area hospital by LifeFlight helicopter.

The crash occurred around 10:30 a.m., a half hour after the parade began, on Croghan Street near the intersection of Arch Street, a few blocks from the beginning of the parade route.



An antique wrecker reportedly struck two farm tractors before hitting parade goers.

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William Hirt Obituary

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William H. Hirt

August 23, 1926 - March 14, 2017
Resided in Marblehead, OH

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Obituary

William H. Hirt, 90, of Danbury Township, died Tuesday March 14, 2017 at the Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky. He was born August 23, 1926 in Vickery, OH the third son of Harold "Sprocky" Hirt and Dorothy (Last) Hirt. He married Marian J. Bergman on October 18, 1947 and she preceded him in death on Dec 10, 2016. Bill was raised in Vickery and went to school in Townsend High School where he graduated as the valedictorian of his class in 1944. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having duty in the Philippines and with a military police unit in Tokyo serving as a prison guard for "Tokyo Rose", Tojo, and other high ranking Japanese officials. In 2010 he had the opportunity to enjoy an Honor Flight to Washington D. C. with several other veterans from northwest Ohio. He was also a rural letter carrier with the post office retiring after 30 years of service, and was elected to two terms as president of the Ohio Rural Letter Carriers Association serving from 1985 -1989. As for his dedication to his community, he was a Boy Scout Master for the Peninsula Scouts, served five terms as a Danbury Township Trustee and was a past president of St Paul Lutheran Church where he was a remarkable tenor in the church choir.

Surviving are his sons: David (Jan) Hirt of Marblehead, William (Terrie) Hirt, II of Bay View, Robert Hirt of Sandusky; daughter: Marla Hirt of Marblehead; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Marian; brothers: Rollin, Warren and Luther Hirt.

Following cremation funeral services will be conducted 11:00 am Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church 541 Church Rd. Lakeside-Marblehead, OH where visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00 - 7:00 and Wednesday from 9:00 until the time of the service at 11:00 am. Interment will be in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Danbury. Reverend Chris Young will be officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church 541 Church R. Lakeside-Marblehead, OH 43440. Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Peninsula Chapel, 7755 E. Harbor Rd. Lakeside-Marblehead, OH is handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com.

Lewis HIRT family

Nancy A. Leiser(1932 - 2016)

Nancy A. Leiser

FREMONT: Nancy A. Leiser, 84, of Fremont, died at 8:30A.M. on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at Valley View Health Care Center in Fremont. She was born July 2, 1932 in Riley Township to the late Walter and Grace (Hirt) Zilles. On September 8, 1951 she married Leon (Joe) Leiser, he preceded her in death on June 20, 2005.

Nancy was a 1950 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Fremont. She retired from the Sandusky FSA office after 30 plus years of service. Nancy and Joe happily spent their retirement winters in Fort Myers, FL. She loved spending time with her family and friends in Ohio and Florida.

Nancy is survived by her daughters: Kim (Tom) Love, Chippewa Lake, OH; Linda (Lynn) Martin, Fremont, OH and Betsy (David) Murphy of Midlothian, VA; Five grandchildren: Joe (Joy)Love; Westfield Center, OH; Rob Martin, Naples, FL; Tim (Daisha) Love, Palmyra, PA; Jeffrey (Jordie) Martin, Lindsey, OH; Emma Murphy of Midlothian, VA; six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters: Shirley Brodbelt, Timonium, MD; Barbara (John) Cole, Ukiah, CA; and Mary (Ken) Manifold, Dayton, OH.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and sisters Kay Louise Zilles, Gwen Dunster and brother -in-law Sam Brodbelt.

The family would like to thank the staff of Valley View Health Care Center and Stein Hospice for the kindness and comfort offered to all at this difficult time.

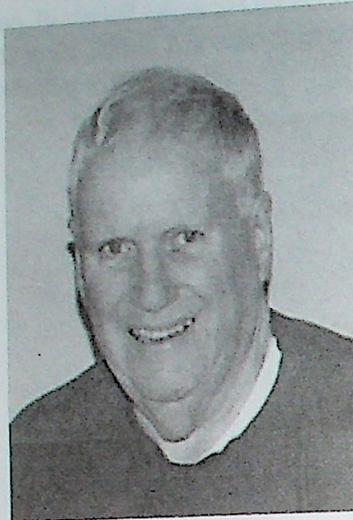
Visitation will take place at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church, 1187 CR 128 Fremont, OH. Funeral services will begin at 11:30 A.M. at the church with Rev. Robert L. Young officiating. Burial will follow at Faith Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Arthritis Foundation or Stein Hospice. Keller- Koch-Chudzinski Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.kkchud.com

Funeral Home

Keller-Koch-Chudzinski Funeral Home
416 South Arch Street Fremont, OH 43420
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In Memory of
Larry F. Schepflin

April 8, 1942 - March 6, 2017

Visitation

Thursday, March 09, 2017

Keller-Koch-Chudzinski Funeral Home

416 S. ARCH STREET, FREMONT, Ohio 43420

Driving Directions

Funeral Services

Friday, March 10, 2017 | 10:00 am

Keller-Koch-Chudzinski Funeral Home

416 S. ARCH STREET, FREMONT, OHIO 43420

Driving Directions

Larry F. Schepflin, 74, of Fremont died Monday, March 6, 2017 at his residence. He was born April 8, 1942 in Fremont the son of Paul and Hazel (Coy) Schepflin. He was a graduate of Fremont Ross and went on to work locally for Great Scot Community Market, retiring after 46 years of service. Larry was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was a people person with a genuine interest in his customers and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially the grandchildren and never passed on a good party or the opportunity to have one. Other interests included playing cards, Sprint Car Races, the Sandusky County Fair and S.C.R.A.P. Larry was an avid sports fan always eager to root on The Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Indians and the Browns.

Surviving is his wife of 51 years, Virginia (McClory) Schepflin; children Troy (Cheryl) Schepflin of Dublin, OH; Amy Tallman of Loveland, OH; Casey (Chad) Fisher of Fremont, OH; grandchildren: Alex, Ben, Nick, Kaitlyn, Christian, Caleb, Jordan, and Andrew; siblings: William (Helen) Schepflin of Fremont, OH; Sara (Myron) Zibbel of Graytown, OH; Fred (Arlene) Schepflin of Norton Shores, MI; sister-in-law Barb (Jay) Moran Engler of Fremont, OH. He was preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law Todd Tallman and brother-in-law Dan Moran.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 2-4 & 6-8P.M. at Keller-Koch-Chudzinski Funeral Home, 416 S. Arch Street, Fremont, OH. Funeral services

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Cultant Family



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Dan Diedrich, the lucky winner of the mower parade, ended up marching solo after being the only entrant, but it was a blast nonetheless at the farmers market in downtown Fremont on Saturday.

SMALL PARADE BRINGS SMILES

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Diedrich strolled with an old lawn mower he estimated to be from around the early 1950s. He found it years ago at a garage sale.

"It's pretty old," Diedrich said. "It still works, but it's more of a weed chopper than a typical lawn mower. It works on higher, heavy grass."

The farmer's market, now in its 12th year, has become a summer time staple in downtown Fremont for more than a decade, featuring plenty of options for locally grown fresh produce, the event has come to offer far more than just agriculture.

With more than 40 vendors, selections also include many local small

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businesses, garden plants, baked goods, crafts, clothes and much more.

The farmer's market has six more dates remaining this year, each on Saturday, continuing through October, with returning vendors and entertainment stretching over the four blocks downtown, rain or shine.

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Remaining schedule for Croghan Colonial Bank Farmer's Market

- Each begins at 9 a.m.
- Aug. 5, "Dog Days of Summer"
 - Aug. 19, WSOS "Dignity & Respect"
 - Sep. 2, "Paint the Town 5K Color Run"
 - Sep. 16, "Street Play Saturday"
 - Oct. 7, "Remember When..."
 - Oct. 21, "Harvest Happenings"



MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

The Ohio EPA has ordered corrective measures and removal of soil at Waste Management's Vickery site.

Vickery Environmental nears end of long cleanup program

DANIEL CARSON
REPORTER

VICKERY - Since 1991, Vickery Environmental Inc. has been taking soil samples all over its site as part of a corrective action program initiated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Steve Lonneman, VEI's general manager, said the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act program applies to all U.S. sites, including Vickery, that hold a federal hazardous waste permit, with the goal of eliminating threats to human health and groundwater.

"I don't think anybody thought it would take 27 years," Lonneman said Friday, adding, "we're pleased with having done it and pleased with the results."

VEI will soon be excavating about 200 cubic feet of soil contaminated with benzo(a)pyrene near one of its emergency drain tanks and a section of above-ground transfer piping, said Ohio EPA spokesperson Dina Pierce, citing it as an example of how the RCRA program's corrective measures work.

The issue involving the emergency drain tanks and above-ground transfer piping, as well as the other areas, are old issues identified years ago, Pierce said. These areas have been going through the corrective action process to determine if clean up was needed.

Lonneman said the materials found in the soil are not considered hazardous waste. He said the excavated dirt could be disposed of in a number of ways, including a solid waste landfill, with a deed restriction put in place to prevent the future building of homes at the site.

The "Home" SITE

Vickery

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"We think there may be crumbled up asphalt in there," Lonneman said, as he talked about the company's long term efforts to clean up the Vickery site and ensure there are no threats of contamination.

Vickery Environmental, whose parent company is Waste Management, runs a regulated hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility.

It operates four injection wells at the site, used to dispose of industrial and hazardous wastes including corrosives and acids, pickle liquor from iron and steel production, water from recycling operations, water from incinerator scrubbers and leachate recovered from other solid waste facilities.

The total liquid waste disposed for all four active injection wells in 2015, the last full year reported, was 1.46 billion gallons. The facility is required to file a report every two years.

The waste stream is injected into the Mount Simon Sandstone at depths of approximately 2,800 feet below ground level.

The underground injection wells where liquid waste is disposed are not part of the most recent corrective action, Pierce said.

Pierce said the RCRA corrective action program is a step-by-step process to evaluate what type of contamination may exist at a facility that manages hazardous wastes. If contamination is found, a plan is required on how to address the situation to protect human health and the environment.

"This is why we call it a corrective measure or remedy," Pierce said.

Pierce said the VEI emergency drain tanks system consists of 26 empty tanks located throughout the facility next to the above-ground transfer piping. The tanks are used if an

for benzo(a)pyrene exceeded the health-based risk goal for exposure to outdoor workers, Pierce said.

She said where the soil will be disposed depends on the analytical results that will determine if the waste is hazardous or not.

If it is hazardous, it must be disposed in a facility authorized to accept solid hazardous waste; if it isn't, then it can be disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill.

Lonneman said the company had worked hard over the past few decades to clean up its wells and remove any residual contaminants left behind by previous site owners.

Waste Management acquired the deep injection wells from Ohio Liquid Disposal Inc. in 1978.

In a 2009 Ohio EPA report, the agency noted that there had been a work plan developed for 53 waste management units and 10 areas of concern at the Vickery site.

Between 2002 and 2003, VEI submitted documentation to the EPA that revealed there was no unacceptable human exposure to contamination and no groundwater contamination had left the site.

Pierce said there are groundwater monitoring wells around the old cell that is regulated by federal hazardous waste laws.

VEI performs semi-annual sampling of these wells, analyzing samples for metals, volatile organic compounds, PCBs and certain chlorinated organic chemicals.

Pierce said the Ohio EPA reviews the data submitted by the facility to ensure that established standards are not exceeded.

"Generally, the data we've reviewed in recent history does not suggest the current injection activities are pushing any previously injected wastes into unintended or non-permitted zones," Pierce said.

Lonneman said the next step for Vickery Environmental is to file a plan with the Ohio EPA detailing how the facility will implement

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Hi Merry,

I came across your website on the Hirt family tree. I am not directly related to Casper Hirt, but I am sure we are related way back. My great-grandmother, Bertha Karli, came from Villigen, Switzerland. I have Hirts, Vogts, Baumanns, Kellers, Suss' etc. in my family tree. I am currently reading a 2012 book published in German by Max Baumann, the Villigen historian. I speak and read German. He probably contacted you for the information and pictures that are included in your website. Do you have other photos other than those that you have posted, because he has several in his book which you don't have online?

I still have Swiss relatives in Villigen whom I have visited and who have visited us in CO. There is a letter in this book written by Johannes Märki to whom I am distantly related. He refers to Verena Vogt and was quite infuriated at Kasper and Verena. It seems that his brother, Heinrich Märki, had been engaged to Verena in Switzerland, and she was immigrating to meet him. She was the only single woman onboard the Canvas Back when she fell in love with Casper. Heinrich (1820-) who immigrated in Feb. 1854, had written to Johannes asking him if she had died because he never heard from her again. Johannes immigrated with his family in May/June 1854, and Kasper and Verena came in Oct. The Hirts and Märkis both went to Sandusky. Heinrich ended up in Indiana, probably too hurt to go to Sandusky. In Johannes' letter he labeled Kasper and Verena as very deceptive people. Hey, things happen.

I thought this info. was interesting. If you have this information already, then just delete this email. Thanks.

Pam Chalus

Couple, whose courtship was interrupted by WWII, celebrate 72nd anniversary



TALK ABOUT CLYDE
JEANETTE LIEBOLD RICKER

Congratulations to Walt and Melvina Auxter, who recently observed their 72nd wedding anniversary. They were married August 5, 1945, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont. Walt said he first saw Melvina when she was decorating Easter eggs in a dime store in Fremont. Their courtship was interrupted when Walt was one of the first to be drafted after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Walt said they were married during his 30-day leave from the U.S. Army and he had orders to be sent overseas afterwards. But the next day, August 6, President Harry Truman ordered the atomic bomb to be dropped on Hiroshima, which canceled Auxter's overseas assignment. Gas was rationed, but he had enough gas in his '35 Chevrolet coupe for their honeymoon when they drove to his sister's cabin in Michigan, said Walt, 97. The Auxters are well known in the community by their involvement in the family business, Auxter Funeral Homes.

The Auxters now reside at Clyde Gardens Place, an assisted living facility on Coulson Street. The facility has been there several years, but has changed names and owners several times. The owner for the past 11 years is Enlivant from Chicago. Previous names were Gardens at Clyde, Arbors at Clyde and Woodview the... owners. To... nursing Home, 9...

Nearly 200 attend Hirt Family's 101st reunion at fairgrounds

FREMONT - Nearly 200 descendants traveled from throughout the country for the 101st Casper and Verena Hirt Family Reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds on July 23.

Following a potluck meal, President Adam Hirt called the business meeting to order. The family said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Hirt Family Song, loud and strong. Members of the military were recognized and then honored by the singing of "God Bless America."

Four births, two marriages, and five deaths were reported since the last reunion. The 102nd reunion will be held on July 22, 2018 at the fairgrounds.

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or break it. They are super." Her family put two bird feeders outside her window and also planted a flower bed, giving her hours of viewing enjoyment.

"If you can't take care of yourself, this is the place to be," said Eleanor Orndorff, who just observed her 103rd birthday. Residents are able to come and go. Orndorff still attends church weekly with her daughter, Kathy Rosen. Orndorff passes her time reading library books delivered to her by the Clyde Public Library.

Ramonda Stahl, the executive director, has been employed at the facility for 21 years, starting as an aide and working her way up. Other longtime employees are Sandy Shiets, the cook, for 20 years, and Becky Light, housekeeper, for 18 years plus. Several aides who have logged 15 years, said Stahl. y Blevins, community relations er, is new, but has extensive ence.

2017 Clyde High School graduate each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the CHS Alumni

Association. They are Brooklyn Caudill and Kaylee Klinski. Caudill is the daughter of Malisa Sheffield and James Caudill. She will be attending Bowling Green State University for health care administration, with a minor in business. Klinski, the daughter of Patricia Klinski, will be attending Cleveland State University, majoring in nursing.

The CHS Alumni Association will be holding its 25th annual reunion on Saturday, September 9, in the CHS cafeteria. Letters have been mailed and reservations are due by August 31 to Phyllis Fiser, treasurer.

Nearly 200 people traveled across the country to attend the 101st reunion of the descendants of Verna and Casper Hirt, held July 23 at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. Anderson Hirt was the youngest baby present and was the recipient of a piggy bank passed around for donations. New officers are Mike Schepflin, president; Chris Hirt, vice president; Jill Diedrich, secretary and Joel Hirt, treasurer.

The Clyde Public Library is holding the Great American Eclipse Program from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at the Shelter House at Clyde Community Park to view the solar eclipse, which hasn't occurred in almost 40 years. The shadow of the moon will sweep across the United States in a narrow band from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Snacks, games, and eclipse viewers will be provided for all in attendance. Register for this free program by calling the library at 419-547-7174 or sign up at the circulation desk.

Jeanette Liebold Ricker writes about Clyde and Green Springs. Contact her at 419-547-8177 or by email at jlriccker@ambt.net.



The Rev. Janine Dress, left, chairwoman of the Danbury Food Pantry, has been volunteering with the pantry since its inception in 1983. Jan Hirt, right, the group's volunteer treasurer, joined about 20 years ago. SHERI TRUSTY/CORRESPONDENT

Danbury food pantry keeps fighting hunger

Sheri Trusty
Special to Fremont Messenger
USA TODAY NETWORK

DANBURY TOWNSHIP - An ecumenical, charitable project has been feeding families in Danbury Township since 1983. That year, the Danbury Ministerial Association formed the Danbury Food Sharing program, commonly known as the Danbury Food Pantry, with a check from FEMA. Today, the program feeds hundreds of people each year thanks to widespread community support.

The Rev. Janine Dress, the food pantry's chairperson, has been a part of the pantry since its inception. For the last 20 years, she has been assisted by Jan Hirt, who serves as

there are no stairs, so they were kind enough to let us use it."

Each month, parishioners donate food. The churches also provide financial support, as do local businesses, civic organizations, and individuals. Bassett's Market gives a discount to the pantry, and Bergman Orchards donates apple each October.

The pantry's operating budget exceeded \$30,000 in 2017. FEMA now funds very little of that budget.

Kristen Gerwin of United Way of Ottawa County said a state committee makes decisions on the disbursement of FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Dollars to counties.

"The committee looks at data from Job and Family Services. They

moved to nursing homes, and some have moved because they need subsidized housing," Hirt said. "They needed to change to a different location where they could find affordable housing, because there is none in Marblehead."

Dress has seen an increase in senior clientele since the food pantry's early days.

"There's been a shift to more elderly, especially out here. The elderly are being taxed out of their homes. The tax base is so great that they struggle each month," she said.

The Danbury Food Pantry is open to Danbury residents who meet HEAP financial guidelines. The pantry is open the third Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The food is displayed on tables and

'Smoky' brought smiles to many Fremont faces



ROY WILHELM
COLUMNIST

As the Sandusky County Fair approaches next week, many area residents may be remembering taking a ride on

the back of Smoky's mini scooter. "Smoky" was a mainstay at the county fair, area parades and festivals and gatherings of all kinds.

I first met "Smoky" on one of the first days that I started working at The News-Messenger in June of 1965.

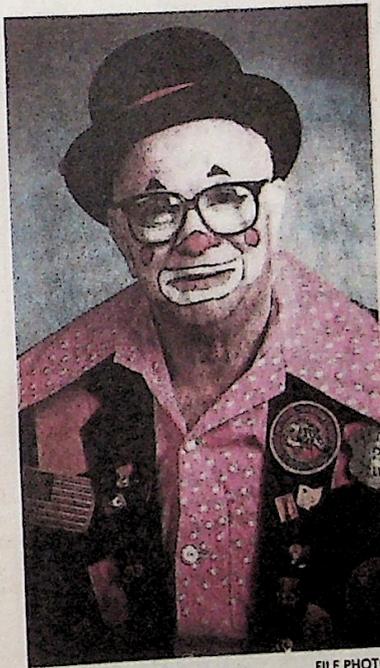
It's an introduction that I will never forget.

My hand disappeared into the powerful grip of Phil Huss when we first met and through the years I learned more and more about the man who served residents of the area on the job and at play.

In addition to entertaining young and old alike as Smoky the Clown, Phil Huss was a successful boxer, a circus performer, something of a pioneer in the Fremont Police Department and the man other officers wanted around when the going got tough.

He won several Golden Glove boxing awards as a student at Ross High School, was heavyweight champion of the Southwest Pacific while in the Navy, and later served as coach and announcer for local amateur boxers.

He became a catcher in the trapeze acts for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus after World War II



FILE PHOTO

Phil Huss as "Smoky the Clown"

ended, but joined the local police force in 1948. There, he served as Fremont's first detective and then its first juvenile officer.

Fellow officers told me that they always liked to be accompanied by Phil

when they were called to a fight because people settled down fast when they saw him.

Other people, however, became quite excited when they saw him.

Dressed as a rag-tag clown with a derby hat, patchwork clothes and shoes and a face beaming with make-up happiness, he spread joy with magic tricks, juggling and free rides on the back of his scooter. He also made a splash with his bucking clown car.

The "Smoky" character was launched at the Fremont Speedway but rapidly spread to the county fair, parades, church groups, company picnics, community celebrations and virtually any kind of gathering, reportedly being booked two years in advance at times because of his popularity.

He went to schools to entertain and deliver a message about staying away from drugs.

There are very few longtime Fremonters who don't remember Phil and the fun he brought to community events, including the fair.

He certainly was remembered by the community when he passed away in 1993. For his funeral, flags hung at half-staff throughout the city and people lined State Street to view his funeral procession.

Roy Wilhelm started a 40-year career at The News-Messenger in 1965 as a reporter. Now retired, he writes about the history of Sandusky County and Fremont.

Family

18 area historic farms recognized by Ag Department

The Ohio Department of Agriculture recognizes the many social, economic and historic contributions made by Ohio's founding farm families. Ohio's Historic Family Farms program was developed as a way to honor these families for their enduring legacy to our state.

The program grants three designations based on the number of years of same-family ownership:

- Century Farms (100-149 years);
- Sesquicentennial Farms (150-199 years); and
- Bicentennial Farms (200 years and more).

In 2017, the Ohio Department of Agriculture recognized 125 new century, sesquicentennial or bicentennial farms owned by the same family for at least 100, 150 or 200 consecutive years. Nearly 1,500 farms are now registered across the state in the Ohio Historic Family Farms program.

Among them are 18 local farms, including eight in Ottawa County, six in Wood County, three in Sandusky County and one in Lucas County.

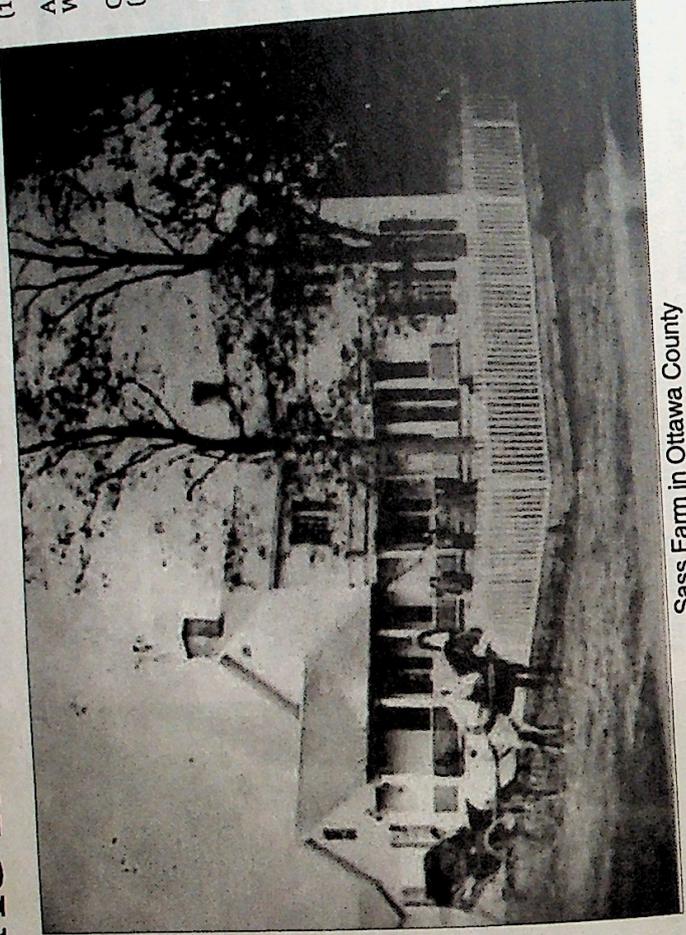
Ottawa County farms are Blausey (1917), Lenz (1867), Lenz (1873), Lenz (1906), Lentz (1873), Lickert (1908), Sass

(1858) and Sass (1903). Wood County farms are Abke (1895), Ayers (1908), Potter (1863), Schulte (1896), Welling (1901) and Zepernick King (1865). In Sandusky County, farms are Geyman (1903), Hirt (1904) and Rathbun (1876).

The Lucas County farm is Fox (1914). Each family received a certificate signed by Governor John R. Kasich and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David T. Daniels to keep with their historic documents and pass down to future generations.

"Our historic family farms are an important link to Ohio's great agricultural history and promising future," said Director Daniels. "It's an honor every time we are able to recognize Ohioans who take such great pride in their own agricultural heritage."

Ohio Historic Family Farms is a voluntary recognition program administered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Century farms have been recognized since 1993, with the bicentennial farm designation added in 2013, and the sesquicentennial farm designation in 2016.



Sass Farm in Ottawa County



Jack Ferguson, who served as superintendent of Oakwood Cemetery from 1988 to 2002, said the cemetery has fallen into disrepair, with a number of monuments tipped over, lying on the ground or cracked.

PHOTOS BY MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

History fading away at Oakwood Cemetery

Former superintendent calls for monument, road repairs

Daniel Carson
Fremont News-Messenger
USA TODAY NETWORK

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP – History means a lot to Jack Ferguson.

For 15 years, he tended to Oakwood Cemetery as its superintendent, working every day next to the burial plots and monuments honoring some of Fremont's most famous residents.

President Rutherford B. Hayes was buried at Oakwood for about 20 years, until the former president's remains were moved to their current resting place in Spiegel Grove. His wife, Lucy, also was originally buried at Oakwood before being reinterred to be near her husband.

Several of Hayes' children and family members are buried around the cemetery's Hayes Circle, with other prominent Fremont residents at Oakwood that include Maj. Gen. Ralph Buckland, 1912 U.S. Olympic bronze medalist Clarence Childs and Russ Christy, founder of the Christy Knife Company.

Ferguson retired as superintendent in 2002, but the historic cemetery and how it looks still mean a lot to him.

And the cemetery's current condition upsets Ferguson.

He wants something to be done about the burial monuments that are either cracked, leaning, tipped over on to other monuments, or lying on the ground.

The former superintendent wants to see roads and curbs repaired inside the cemetery. He wants loved ones and local residents to come into Oakwood and see a cemetery fit for the history it contains.

"It's not fair to the lot owners," Ferguson said, as he walked near the cemetery's Hayes Circle.

Mike Gilbert shares Ferguson's affection for Oakwood Cemetery.

Gilbert, a retired educator and historian, has led cemetery trolley tours as part of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums History Roundtable.

In September, 40 people joined Gil-

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LYLE HIRT (center) and his wife Gladine accept the Golden Deeds Award presented by Dr. Willis McCune of the Fremont Exchange Club. Hirt, a Riley Township farmer,

has long been associated with the Riley Grange and county 4-H clubs. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Stewart)

Lyle Hirt named winner of Golden Deeds Award

By **BILL STEWART**
News-Messenger Staff Writer

Riley Township farmer Lyle Hirt was named the winner of the annual Golden Deeds Award by the Fremont Exchange Club Friday night.

The award goes to a citizen considered to have performed for the service of the community.

Hirt and his wife Gladine were presented the Golden Deeds plaque award by Exchange Club member Dr. Willis McCune of the Golden Deeds Committee. Nearly 80 people attended the annual club dinner at the Ramada Inn.

Hirt farms 156 acres and milks about 30 cows on County Road 247, north of Clyde. He is also a part-time school bus driver.

When reviewing the activities of Hirt, McCune said he has been a member of the Riley Grange for 21 years. He served as assistant steward for the grange in 1970, master in 1971 and was on the executive committee from 1972 to 1974. He also helped rebuild the grange hall after a fire in 1971 and is president of the county grange dartball league.

Hirt has been active in 4-H groups. He was a 4-H member from 1939 to 1946, and had dairy, poultry, woodworking and

junior leadership projects. He attended camp and held offices of secretary, treasurer, and president in 4-H. He was selected the healthiest boy in Sandusky County in 1946 and was a delegate to the Ohio 4-H Club Congress that same year.

He has been adviser for the Riley Boosters 4-H Club, which has received the honor club and dairy display awards for 11 years. He was on the 4-H Committee from 1963-64 through 1965-66 and 1971-72 through 1973-74. He served as president one year and was on the 4-H Chicken Barbecue Committee and Junior Fair Board. He was also adviser of the county 4-H Junior Leadership Club.

Hirt has been an officer of his church council and has been active in various church committees. He served as usher, adult study program member and delegate to various conventions.

Hirt and his wife have five children—Kenneth, John, Merry, Paul and Joel.

Mrs. Hirt is a library aide for the Fremont schools and was a 4-H adviser for eight years for the Riley Boosters. Kenneth and John are both in the United States Navy; Merry is a student at Capital University, and Paul and Joel are students.

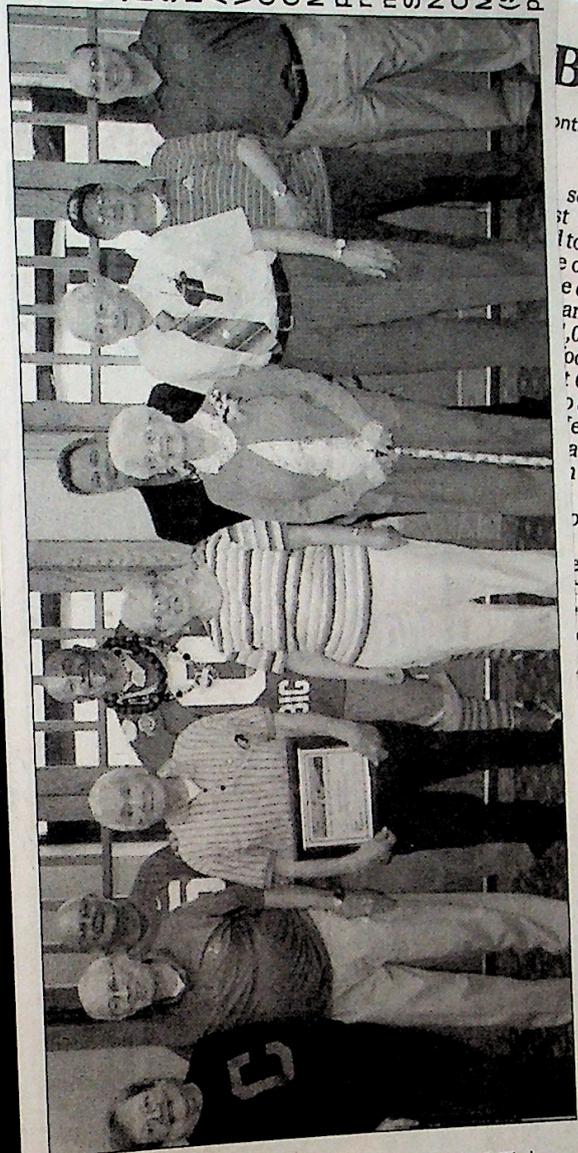
Family

Ottawa County Seniors announce Hall of Famers

Ottawa County Senior Resources inducted six new Senior Hall of Fame recipients at their 2018 Senior Day, held at Camp Perry Clubhouse May 2.

The recipients for this year's awards include Sharon Arndt, nominated by the Elmore Golden Oldies Senior Center; Ruth and Ned Ammons, nominated by the Genoa Senior Center; Dean Whiteside, nominated by the Ottawa County Transportation Agency of Oak Harbor; Betty and Jack Easton, nominated by the Danbury Senior Center; Darrell Gress, nominated by the Port Clinton Senior Center and Bob and Dianne Smith, nominated by the Put-in-Bay Senior Center.

• Sharon Arndt is an active member of the Elmore community. She has been active with the church, having served on the church secretary several



(L to r, front row) Betty and Jack Easton, Darrell Gress, Sharon Arndt, Ruth and Ned Ammons, Dean Whiteside and Ottawa County Commissioner Mark Coppler. (Back row) Commissioner Jim Sass, Jon "Big Nut" Peters and Commissioner Mark Stahl. (Submitted photo)

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'Big Nut' pays it forward

Superfan donates \$51K to start OSU scholarship fund

CRAIG SHOUP
REPORTER

FREMONT - One of Ohio State's most recognizable football fans, Jon "Big Nut" Peters, is also one of the university's most philanthropic supporters, giving out annual scholarships to area students.

To continue supporting his favorite university, Peters, of Fremont, has started the "The Big Nut — Jon Paul Peters Scholarship Fund" with a donation of \$51,000 to Ohio State's endowment fund.

The fund will be open to donations from anyone interested in helping build up Peters' scholarship.

"We will also set aside money each year to put into the fund," Peters said. For Peters, sharing his love for Ohio State is his way of paying it forward.

With his donation of \$51,000, which he collected through various fundraisers, Peters plans to assist three students who apply for scholarships to OSU starting in the fall of 2018.

Wiping tears away as he signed documents recently at Impact Credit Union in Clyde, Peters took care of the paperwork required to set up the Ohio State University scholarship endowment fund.

"It's always been about the kids," Peters said. "I hope everyone will donate to the scholarship and I hope to give money each year to see it build up."

There are only two criteria to earn See BIG NUT, Page 4A



Ohio State superfan Jon Peters of Fremont has been dressing as "Big Nut" since 2003. ROB SCHUMACHER/AZCENTRAL SPORTS

COMMUNITY ROUNDUP



The Fremont Exchange Club awarded Jon and Terese Peters as the 2018 book of Golden Deeds Award winners. SUBMITTED

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Nutty couple receives Golden Deeds Award

FREMONT - The Fremont Exchange Club awarded Jon and Terese Peters ("The Big Nut" and "First Lady") as the 2018 book of Golden Deeds Award recipients .

For the past 51 years, the Fremont Exchange Club has honored individuals or groups with The Book of Golden Deeds Award, which recognizes dedicated volunteers who give endless hours of their time and talents toward making their communities better places to live.

One of Ohio State's most recognizable football fans, Jon "Big Nut" Peters, and his wife Terese, were honored on May 3 at the Terra Neeley Center.

The Peterses are two of the university's most philanthropic supporters, giving out annual scholarships to area students. To continue supporting their favorite university, the Peters, of Fremont, have started the "The Big Nut - Jon Paul Peters Scholarship Fund" which has awarded more than 39 scholarships and more than \$19,500 since 2011.

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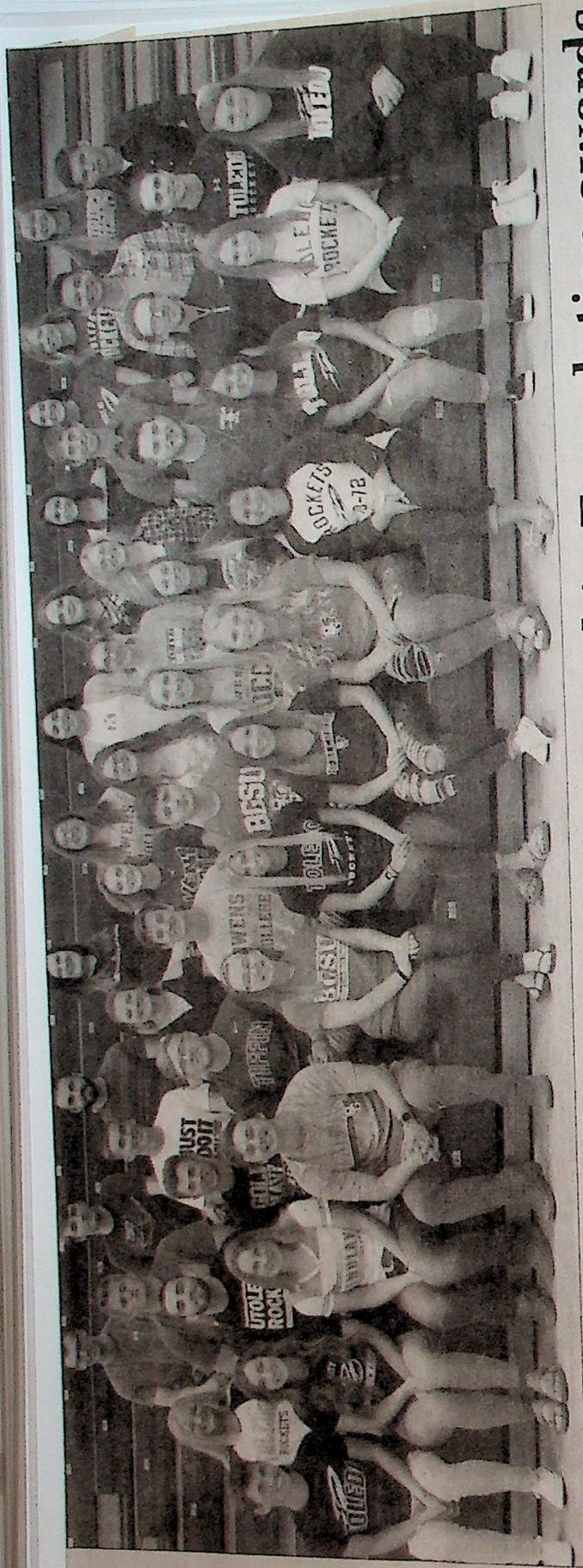
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Treasurer: Joel Hirt (419) 855-3790 , joeldhirt@yahoo.com



Genoa Area Local Schools Scholarship Foundation awards

The Genoa Area Local Schools Scholarship Foundation, Inc. announced recipients of their scholarships at the high school's Honors Award Program on May 18. The foundation offers scholarships to students graduating from the Genoa Area Local Schools. It was organized in 1991 as a public charitable organization created by the citizens in the community to improve the opportunity for a quality education for Genoa High School graduates.

The Foundation has held a tax-free status with the IRS since March 2, 1994. In 2018, 71 scholarships were awarded. Scholarships range in value from \$300 to more than \$2,500.

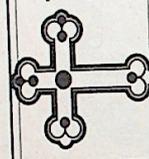
"In 2018, we awarded one four-year renewable scholarship at \$1,000 per year; four scholarships offered at \$2,500 each; six were \$1,000 and 20 were \$500 or more," said Diane Gerkenmeyer, president, Genoa Area Local Schools Scholarship

chosen. For more details, contact the foundation at ScholarshipFoundation@genoa.schools.com; call 419-855-7741, ext. 21100, or contact one of the Trustees - Alan Brown, Diane Gerkenmeyer, Jean Holcombe, Denise Hoyles, Mitchell Hoyles, Christina Lewis.

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

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.

- Genoa Elementary Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) Scholarship: Gary Goodman, Sophie Trainer.
- Genoa Golf Scholarship: Gabe Scott.
- Genoa Grange Scholarship: Sadee Skaff.
- Genoa Kiwanis Scholarship: Sabrina Klavinger, Samantha Partin.
- Genoa National Honor Society Scholarship: Samantha Partin.
- Genoa Wrestling Scholarship: Andrew Muir.
- Margaret "Peggy" Hebert Memorial Scholarship: Anthony Hayes.
- Lester M. Henningsen Scholarship: Hannah Rowland.
- Roger & M.C. Hesselbart Memorial Scholarship: Maggie Novotney.
- Andrew Hirt Memorial Scholarship: Calvin Rumengan.
- Jennifer L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship: Lindsay Nissen.
- Ryan Kimball Memorial Scholarship:



The Press Church Worship Guide

Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am

Inspirational Message of the Week: Be Your Own Hero

Works of fiction are sometimes disparaged by those who resolve the conflict or deal with the adversity. And before the inspiration fades, one usually has to create a workable plan. In the same way that an author must plan her work, is to be human in difficult circumstances. Furthermore, we thinking over and Irving out different plots and plans for

7/17/2018

Quilt Regatta to highlight fiber arts, plus 100 quilts



These wool applique works were created by guild member Kim Hirt. (Photo: Sheri Trusty/Correspondent)

This year's show will include quilt appraisals and a quilt raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit a local charity. Past years' raffle donation recipients have included Ruth Ann's House and the Red Cross.

"A lot of places just need a little boost," Hofacker said. "We gave money to the Ottawa County Fair Board for a concrete floor in a display barn. It was a dirt floor, and we didn't want to display our quilts in there."

The Ohio Star Quilters Guild recently voted to add "A Fiber Arts Community" to its name to reflect the evolution of the group than now includes many fiber arts beyond quilting. The group is open to new members of any skill interested in any fiber art. For more information, visit ohiostarquiltersguild.org (<http://ohiostarquiltersguild.org>) or the group's Ohio Star Quilters Facebook page.

"We're open to new members," Hofacker said. "Now that we're including all fiber arts, we've opened up the world."

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Quilt Regatta to highlight fiber arts, plus 100 quilts

Sheri Trusty, Correspondent Published 7:13 a.m. ET July 16, 2018



(Photo: Sheri Trusty/Correspondent)

PORT CLINTON - The "Ohio Star Quilters Guild, A Fiber Arts Community" will host its biannual Quilt Regatta Quilt and Fiber Art Show on Friday and Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church.

The show will feature a variety of fiber arts, including quilting, rug hooking, knitting and wool applique. The show will include vendors, demonstrations, hands-on projects and door prizes and will feature over 100 quilts plus other fiber art works.

The Ohio Star Quilters Guild began with 11 members in 1981 and has grown to over 40 members with interests in a wide variety of fiber arts. Founding member Carol Hofacker is still active in the group.

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Members of the "Ohio Star Quilters Guild, A Fiber Arts Community" meet informally every Monday at Ida Rupp Public Library. Here, guild members work on individual projects. (Photo: Sheri Trusty/Correspondent)

"My sister owned a quilt shop here in town, and I worked in it. People would come in there and sit and work," Hofacker said. "They just needed a place to get together, so we started meeting in homes. We outgrew the homes and started meeting here at the library."

The guild celebrated its 35th anniversary on March 25 and has been meeting weekly at Ida Rupp Public Library for about 34 years. Each Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the ladies meet at the library for an informal gathering to work on individual projects and connect with other fiber artists.

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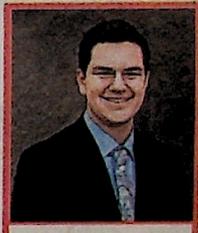
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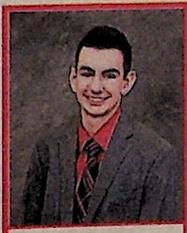
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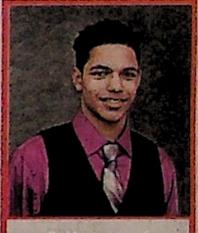
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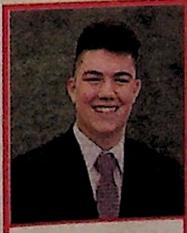
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Charles Hirt Family Tree

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1st Generation

1. **Charles Hirt** was born on Feb. 2, 1857 and died on Sep. 28, 1884. He married **Lydia Ann Hirt [Schoch]**. **Lydia Ann** was born on Sep. 7, 1861 and died on May 1, 1932.

Children of **Charles Hirt** and **Lydia Ann Hirt [Schoch]**

- i. 2. **William Adolph Hirt** was born on Feb. 17, 1883 and died on Jan. 13, 1962.
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2nd Generation (Children)

2. **William Adolph Hirt** was born on Feb. 17, 1883 and died on Jan. 13, 1962. He married **Bess Marguirite Hirt [Herdic]** on May 7, 1913. **Bess Marguerite** was born on Nov. 17, 1890 and died on Nov. 9, 1968.

Children of **William Adolph Hirt** and **Bess Marguerite Hirt [Herdic]**

- i. 3. **Madelyn Merle Hirt** was born on Feb. 2, 1914 and died on Oct. 19, 1998.
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3rd Generation (Grandchildren)

3. **Madelyn Merle Hirt** was born on Feb. 2, 1914 and died on Oct. 19, 1998. She married 1st **William Leary Kohne** in 1937. **William Leary** was born in Jul. 1909 and died on Sep. 19, 1941. She married 2nd **Fred H. Schoof** on Jul. 27, 1968. **Fred H.** was born on Mar. 23, 1910 and died on Mar. 6, 1996.

Children of **Madelyn Merle Hirt** and **William Leary Kohne**

- i. 4. **William Leary Kohne, II** was born on Jun. 17, 1939 and died on Nov. 4, 1989.
 - ii. 5. **Robert Alvin Kohne** was born on Apr. 27, 1941.
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4th Generation (Great-grandchildren)

4. **William Leary Kohne, II** was born on Jun. 17, 1939 and died on Nov. 4, 1989. He married **Coleen Kohne [Clough]** in 1962. **Coleen** was born on Jul. 17, 1942.

Children of **William Leary Kohne, II** and **Coleen Kohne [Clough]**

- i. 6. **William Leary Kohne, III** was born on Apr. 25, 1963.
 - ii. 7. **Brian Joseph Kohne** was born on Jun. 29, 1964.
 - iii. 8. **Kevin Ikea Reilly (NDD)** was born on May 6, 1984.
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iii Julia Jaqueline Boye was born on Feb. 15, 2002

iv Elijah Scott Boye was born on Jan. 5, 2004

v Jenna Isabella Boye was born on Jan. 13, 2006

13. Dale Kevin Niemi (NDD) was born on Sep. 14, 1972. He married Kim Niemi [Donnelly] on Oct. 12, 1996. Kim was born on May 11, 1977.

Children of Dale Kevin Niemi (NDD) and Kim Niemi [Donnelly]

i. 21. Kelsey Ariel Donnelly was born on May 23, 1992.

ii. 22. Vincent Dale Niemi was born on Mar. 5, 1997.

lii Ariana Haven Majzoub was born on Apr. 22, 2006

lv Jace Zakaria Niemi was born on Nov. 28, 2011

6th Generation (Great(3)-grandchildren)

14. Haley Marie Kohne was born on Dec. 22, 1993.

15. Madelyn Alise (TWIN) Kohne was born on Dec. 29, 1997.

16. Trevor Andrew (TWIN) Kohne was born on Dec. 29, 1997.

Provided by Auxter Funeral Homes

Shirley Brugger

January 25, 1936 ~ June 26, 2018 (age 82)

Services

A service summary is not available

Shirley Brugger, 82, formerly of Riley Township, Vickery, Ohio, more recently of Valleyview, Fremont, Ohio, died at Valleyview on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

Shirley was born in Vickery on January 25, 1936 to Henry Herman and Freda (Hirt) Brugger. She was a graduate of Fremont Ross High School in 1954 and had been a nurses' aide at Fremont Memorial Hospital for many years.



Shirley was an animal lover, having been the friend and companion to many dogs over the years. She loved flowers and most of nature.

She was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery.

Survivors include three sisters, Thelma Blair of Sandusky; Katie (Glenn) Genzman of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Margaret (Chuck) Anderson of West Salem, Ohio. Nine nieces and nephews, along with several great nieces and nephews also survive.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, John Brugger and a sister Lillian Arthur, as well as a great niece and a great nephew.

Visitation will be on Monday, July 9, 2018 from 10:00 am until the 11:00 am service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery. Pastor Jeanette Thorp will officiate, with burial in Parkhurst Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or to Dr. Laura Hirt, Last Chance Sanctuary.

Kristina Hirt

September 30, 1985 - July 16, 2018

Kristina Hirt, 32, of Vickery, Ohio, passed away at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio on Monday, July 16th, 2018. She was born on September 30, 1985, in Shelby, Ohio.

Kristina is survived by her soulmate and wife, Katie, and their four beautiful children: Chase, Karlie, Coby, and Cohen; her mothers, Lori and Julie Elliott; her father, Rock Merritt, father-in-law, John Hirt; mother-in-law, Deb Lohrbach; grandparents, Barbara and Charles Elliott of Shelby, Ohio; grandmother Patricia McNeill, of London, England; sister and brother-in-law, Katie Merritt and Justin Collins; sister, Kasie Kissel; brother, Marcus Kissel; and many more family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her grandfather, David Merritt; her aunt, Pam Merritt; and her daughter, Faith.

Kristina adored spending time with her wife and children, their many pets, friends, and extended families. In May of 2017, she recognized her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse when she graduated summa cum laude from Terra State Community College at the top of her class.

Her bright spirit and generous heart will be celebrated by friends and family Saturday, July 21 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Coon Creek Country Club, 1589 OH-510, Vickery, Ohio. There will be a service led by Pastor F



Born: September 30, 1985

Death: July 16, 2018

Her Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of her as gone away
her journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
the earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.*

*Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much.*

