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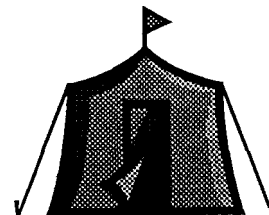
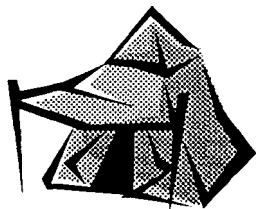
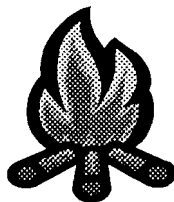
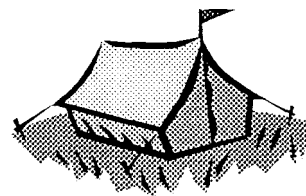
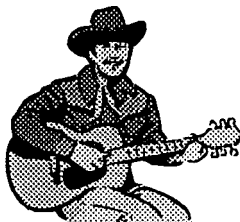
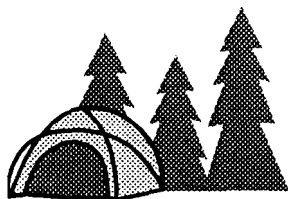
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## **Eighth Edition**



## *From the Pen of*



## *Grandma Hayman*

Time again for the news to be sent in for the Hayman Holler and for another reunion.

I've been shut in a lot this past winter, due to a flare up with my heart, and was sent by helicopter to a Columbus Hospital. This wasn't my first experience riding in a helicopter. Several years ago, your grandpa Gerald, Keith and I were visiting Don and Donna in Maryland, and we went to Gettysburg and flew over the battleground. They would only take two passengers at a time, so Keith and Mark went first. Don wanted to go, but neither Donna nor Gerald would go with him. So he said, "Mom will go with me", and I said "Sure." We had a very enjoyable ride, and when we came back and landed, here came Gerald and Donna with their tickets. Bruce flew a plane to Gallipolis one time and Gerald got to go with him. They flew up here over our house, but I was in Holzer Hospital at the time and didn't get to go.

I've got arthritis in my knees and hips, and also learned I have Parkinson's disease. Due to my medication, I get around much better now. I have been able to go to Church and Sunday School regularly, but really miss going when I'm not able.

Howard and Emma Jane Robinson took Linda and I on Memorial Day weekend for my annual trip to visit my Dad's and Mom's and my Grandma and Grandpa Stover's gravesites at

Creston, WV. Then we went to the Antioch Cemetery on Cow Run to visit Grandma and Grandpa Casto's graves -- my mother's side. Then we drove up to the old home place on top of Angerona hill. When I was ten years old, my Dad tore down the house I was born in, and built a new one. The new home was where we had the first Stover Reunion in 1936. Phyllis was just a baby and Lil was two years old. It doesn't look like the same place now. Our house burned down, and they have a trailer home on the site now. Everything looked so different -- it made me sad to look at it. Then we traveled on to Ripley, had lunch, and then came back home.

Last year I got to go visit my sister Pete several times; she lives 18 miles back of Parkersburg. She came down and stayed overnight with me two nights. I am 83 and she is 88, but she is in better health and gets around better. She plays the harmonica, and you should hear her play with Linda on the organ. She and I are the only ones left out of a family of twelve children.

Lil took me to Columbus in May for my pacemaker check, and we stayed overnight with Ted and Sallie. While there we got to go to Eddie's and Kathy's to see my great granddaughter, Emily Beth Hayman, and I got to rock her to sleep. I also got to go to Parkersburg last August to see Sophia Rose, Kenny's and Becky's

new baby. They sure are sweet, just like the rest of my grandchildren; and, I'm looking forward to a new one in November from Bobby and Annie. After we stayed overnight with Ted and Sallie, Ted took Lil to the airport the next morning and she flew to Atlanta to spend two weeks with Bruce and Lorna. Later that day Ted and Sallie took me to Logan to meet Phyllis, and she brought me home.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, I got to go to the Carpenter Inn here in Meigs County to a high school graduation party for Jonathan. It was real nice. I'll let Bruce and Lorna tell about that. So, I did get to go quite a bit, but mostly this spring.

I enjoyed everyone coming and helping paint my house this spring -- it looks much nicer now. I want to thank Don, Ted, Keith, Rob, Mark (Beth's husband), and Pete for painting, and Lil, Phyllis, Linda, Donna, and Beth for their cooking and work in the house. And, I want to thank Shane, Amber, and Logan for their part too. We had a fun time. I'll let Keith tell you more about that.

That's about all the news for now, and the good Lord willing I'll have more next year. Looking forward to the reunion and all of you being home.

Love, Grandma.

## INTRODUCTION

### Holler Goes High Tech

Back years of the Hayman Holler are available for download from the internet in Adobe Acrobat PDF format (if you don't already have Acrobat Reader to view these files it may be downloaded for free from the Ado be website at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>). T h e website address for the Hayman Holler is <http://www.bellpub.com/hayman/> and must be typed in to be reached (there is no link to it from the main website because it's in an unlisted directory). Hayman history and pictures are also on this website.

The above was made possible through the efforts of **Brian** and his computer expertise and business. **Don was the** editor again this year, but had a lot of help from assistant editor **Keri** who in particular designed the cover. Do we have a future editor here?

## FAMILY

### Reunion & Campout

Another event for the Reunion Campout that is back this year by popular demand is the fireworks on Saturday night. **Keith** planned a good little show for the old and the young at heart.

**John** and **Shari** say they are just as boring as they have always been, doing absolutely nothing that merits mention in the Hayman Holler. Some others must feel that way also as not everyone sent news.



### New/Future Additions

**Kenny** and **Becky** welcomed **Sophia Rose** on Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1999.

**Eddie** and Kathy welcomed **Emily Beth** on March 29<sup>&</sup>, 2000.

**Bob** and Annie are expecting a brother or sister for **Kyle** later this year.

**Bev** brought a kitten home from the animal shelter last August. It was a very pretty orange tabby with a very crooked tail. They called it Ivan for weeks. They found out upon a trip to the Vet that Ivan was actually Ivy. They had to get her crooked tail removed-it was causing all kinds of problems. Ivy is now very much a part of the family.

### Deaths

Beyl Wolfe, Clyde Stover's wife, Cleo Stover's second husband, and Linley (Babe) Hart, Rob's brother.

### Health



**Sallie** enjoyed her trip to Florida and is looking forward to the Hayman Reunion but is not looking forward to August 1. She is scheduled to have surgery to repair a tom rotator cuff on her right shoulder. She has been trying to get everything done around the house before the surgery so **Ted will** have more time to help take care of her.

**Mindy's** son **Aaron** has the worst kind of diabetes, Type I. **Phyllis** advises all grandchildren and great grandchildren to be on the lookout for signs. It is sure to pop up somewhere because of **Grandpa Hayman**. A lot of us have the Hayman curse, the spare tire waistline, and that is one of the traits.

**Donna** underwent some major surgery on Lil's birthday to have a heel spur removed. She was surprised at how much stamina she lost during her recuperation, which was several weeks.

Hard to believe, but **Derreck, Grandma Hayman's** oldest great grandchild, turned 30 on July 7, 2000.

## LEISURE & HOBBIES

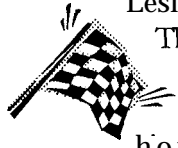
**Desiree** joined Kelly's School of Dance this year. She had her recital the first weekend in June. She dances in Ballet, Jazz and Tap.

At **Sandi's** dance recital this year, she danced on pointe shoes for the first time and did very well.

**Steve** wishes to say he is glad we all survived Y2K He went to the Coca-Cola 500 in Charlotte in May and had a great time.

Kayla continues to compete in horse shows. She won first place in Dressage Suitability, first place in Western Horsemanship, second place in Riding, third place in Reining, third place in Hunter Under Saddle, sixth place in English Equitation, and fifth place in Speed and Control. She will be performing with her horse at the Ohio State Fair.

**Keith** is now hooked on NASCAR racing. He went to his first race in May, the Coca Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He went with Leslie's brother **Chad**. They watched the last forty laps of the Busch race, and happy hour on Saturday. Sunday evening they were in the infield at the end of the pit lane. They camped in **Keith's** tent in the parking lot, but **Keith** told **Chad** they were taking the camper next year. Talk about chance, they stopped at a Welcome Center in Virginia to relieve themselves and ran into **Ted, Pete,** and Chris who were also going to the race. **Keith** says he can't wait for next year. I wonder if they **know Steve** went also?



**Don** is planning a little more exercise since he bought a new cross bicycle this spring. It was a lot easier to ride on the boardwalk at Ocean City, but **Keri** went with him around the neighborhood and said they didn't go fast enough.

**Russell** tied a school record for sit and reach at field day. He is doing very well in karate, and is in the black belt club.

**Terri is Emma's** Girl Scout leader and they made enough money from the sale of Girl Scout cookies < Thanks to **Ted's enormous cookie order** > to take some field trips. They went horseback riding at Marmon Valley farms and took a tour of the American Whistle factory in Westville. This is the only whistle factory in the United States.

Who Want's To Be a Millionaire?

Question:

How many Graeters T-shirts does **Ted** have?

- A) 3
- B) 6
- C) 8
- D) 11

**Timothy** learned to ride a two wheel bike and has been beaming ever since.

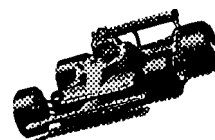
**Ted, Chris, and Pete** made a journey to Charlotte, NC in May for the Coca Cola 600 Nascar race. On the trip down on Saturday they stopped in a rest area in Virginia. coming out of the restroom who do they ran into, **Keith and Chad, Leslie's** brother, who were on their way to the same race. They did not get to hook up at the race as **Ted, Chris, and Pete** did



not get to the racetrack until time for the race to start. Chris and **Pete** needed a nap at the hotel before going to the track

Last August **Ted's** company sponsored a customer appreciation outing at the Mid-Ohio Race Course on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the CART FEDEX series cars weekend at the track The event included pit paddock passes, lots of food and all day at the track with some good racing. **Ted's** company is planning the same outing again this August. It is a tough assignment and someone has to do it, but **Ted is** up to it and willing to make the sacrifice.

**Eddie** always makes this race because of the



involvement of Honda. **Eddie, Ten-i,** and **Mike are** planning to go this year on Sunday. In June **Ted, Eddie, David, Pete,** and **Logan** went to the Mid-Ohio Race Track for a day to watch practice rounds for the CART racers and all had a great time.

**Lil, Rob, Beverly,** and **Beth,** have been going to yard sales every Thursday in Ravenswood. It's amazing how many people go up there, and they really do have yard sale prices. And to top it off, they all go to lunch. **Brice and Marcie** went with them when they were home for Easter, and **Lorna and Michael** went when they visited a week in June. It's beginning to be a family outing. The Ravenswood news even did a full-page article on the yard sales, and there was **Rob's** picture front and center.

Last summer **Keith's family** added a new toy to the toy box -- a 19-foot pleasure boat. **Keith** says, "I know what you are thinking, why would anyone that spends half of their life on the river want to go out on the river on their days off. Well, it is a whole different ball game. It's not like the mail man going for a walk on his day off." **Keith thinks the** only trouble is finding the time to play with all those toys.

**Nate** is an aspiring Pokemon Master. He is able to identify all 151 Pokemon (plus Togepi and Mew), as well as their special attacks and characteristics.

**Justin** and Cory are living in Middleport. **Mindy** says they are here and there so much it is hard to keep up with them.

**Rob** and Lil are camping again for another year on the river, but seems like for some reason or other they are not there as much as they would like. They are planning on going the 4<sup>th</sup> if no rain, and also planning to have Lil's Sunday School class picnic there July 13'. Lil says it's always exciting to be there when they get that special horn from a boat when **Keith goes** by. And he always comes out of the pilothouse and waves. Also last summer, **he** and Leslie and the **kids** would be out in the ski boat and would stop and visit for a while, and maybe have a hot dog or hamburger while there. **Lil** got **Rob** an AC Inverter for Christmas to plug into his truck and make electricity. They are going to try making a freezer of ice cream at the camp on the 4". Chocolate or pineapple is always the big decision on that.

## CAREERS

**Phyllis** had an ordinary year up until **May 31"** when she retired. The last two years were long ones, and she was really pushing, but it's finally here. She has no set plans, just taking each day as it comes and doing what ever. However, she is looking forward to getting to do some of the things she missed out on because of having to be in bed by 8 o'clock and working every other weekend, like **Rob's & Lil's** bean dinners and **Linda's** group (Proclaim) that has a singing ministry – they are quite good.

**Darlene** just quit one of her four part-time jobs, and is still collecting antique books, prints and jewelry.

**Ashley** settled in Lake Tahoe California and is employed at Heavenly Ski Resort. She rides the

tram everyday to work at the Mountain Peak Restaurant at the top of the tram. Ashley was promoted to night manager at her work place. **Jordan** went out to work for the season and was there from September until the end of April. He was working at Boulder Lodge in the Ski Rental Department and received Employee of the Month for December.



**Derreck is still in** Chicago and works for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Patron Services selling Concert packages for the assorted performances for the year to patrons interested in the arts and classical music. His band has added a Cellist and Violinist, and they are recording with the additions.

**Gloria** received recognition at work from the state level for dealings with the Department of Administrative Services at the State Office Tower.

**Keith** spent 2 1/2 days in Paducah, KY on a tow boat simulator. It was so real that the only thing missing was a deck hand coming up to the pilot house to do his clean up. It was a very good training class. It was also the cheapest crash that he could have, and with no paper work to fill out for the Coast Guard.

**Aaron is** working in asbestos removal.

**Olivia** had a busy year substitute teaching and babysitting. She spent time in Hilton Head with the family she worked for.

**Zac is** working as a board operator at radio station WLTP 1450AM in Parkersburg. He mainly plays commercials during sports broadcasts like Reds' baseball games. He also does some on-air work such as weather forecasts and sports scores. He really enjoys the work

## TRAVEL

**Phyllis** went to California with **Gloria** and **Mindy in** June. They flew into Reno, Nevada, rented a car, and set out for Lake Tahoe where Ashley lives. **Ashley** took them to all of the points of interest and there were plenty of them. They went to San Francisco, a beautiful city.

**Phyllis** wanted to cross the Golden Gate Bridge, **Mindy** wanted to ride the cable car, and



**Gloria** wanted to visit Haight Ashbury Street, the place where the Hippie movement started **in the 60's**. They did all three plus visited Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf. Then they did what Ashley wanted, stopped in Sacramento and went to the mall! **Phyllis** said it was beautiful scenery everywhere, almost as good as Alaska. **Mindy** said it was a beautiful place to enjoy the sites and the good company of each other.

**Linda** and **Barb** had a great Mother's Day this year when **Linda** went to Columbus for the Mother and Daughter Banquet at church, and then went to church the next day and sang the song that she had written for Grandma years ago. They also had a cookout on Sunday before **Linda** went home, so they both had a very nice weekend together.

**Brian, Carole, Sarah, Timothy, and Matthew** went on vacation to Pipestem State Park in West Virginia with **Carole's** family. Activities included a tour of the Beckley Coal Mine, a hay ride, night hike, bird watching, canoeing, paddle boating, bike riding, and horseback riding (**Sarah** talked Brian into taking her riding twice, while **Matthew** went for a pony ride and **Timothy** just looked at the horse, then looked at **Brian**, and said no).



Lil took her first air flight alone in April, from Columbus to Atlanta. **Ted** took her to the airport, **Bruce** met her at the Atlanta airport, and she spent two weeks with his family. She had planned to stay one week, but with the kids' special events at school, they wanted her to stay longer so she could attend. She stayed two weeks instead of one. She told **Lorna** she was holding her hostage, but was so glad she got to go. Her main reason for going was to see **Jonathan** in his school play, in which he had the lead role. The title was "Done to Death", a murder mystery comedy. It was very good and funny. Lil was really impressed with his acting. He got the drama award when he graduated, along with so much more. He also had the cast and crew party at his house after the play, with around fifty kids attending. Lil went to bed and slept through it all, barely hearing them.

**Lil** also went to **Michael's** school, and saw him as a reporter on their TV crew. They do a morning news report, and it's broadcast in all the classrooms. He's very good. If he keeps this up, he will be giving Cousin **Zac** some competition. Lil

also saw him sing in his chorus, and went to watch him play three baseball games, which **Bruce** helped coach. **Lorna** and Lil did some shopping, and went to an open house flower show in a big beautiful house and garden, and took in some yard sales.

**Linda** went to Columbus for Curt's 15th birthday. She has never missed a birthday since he was born, and said she was not going to miss this one either.

**Barb, Curt, Kim, Tara, Terry** and **Tara's** friend **Melanie** were all going to Myrtle Beach on July 9th. They will leave the beach the following Friday to go to Grandma's and pitch their tents for the Hayman reunion. They wouldn't miss that, not even for the beach. They have a lot of plans, and hope the rain doesn't have its own plans.



**Mark, Laura, Sandi, Wendy,** and **Russell** are beginning their vacation this year with the Hayman Reunion. Next on the list of destinations is Virginia Beach, VA for some time at the ocean.

**Benjamin** went to Florida over Christmas break, New Orleans this spring, and New York City this month.

**Mark, Gloria,** and **Derreck** spent Christmas with **Ashley** and **Jordan** Snow Skiing in Lake Tahoe. Having the opportunity to ski every day, **Ashley** is more into the technical skiing and **Jordan** has conquered the snowboard -- his nickname in Tahoe is "Boardin Jordan".

So far this year **Keith's family** has only had one camping trip. They spent two nights at Old Mans Cave. **Shane** and **Keith** did go on a small adventure for two nights at Portland for the Log Jam Motorsports and Music Festival. **Shane** got to see Cledus T. Judd, but **Keith was** a little more into the mud bogs.

**Mike, Terri, Emma,** and **Scott** just returned from the Great Smoky Mountains in June. They went to Dollywood where they were forced to listen to Dolly Parton's singing and blue grass music! In August they are renting a pop up camper and going camping at Maumee Bay in Northern Ohio and then to Cedar Point to ride the new roller coasters.

**Ted, Sallie, Chris, Joyce, Alex, Amy, Melanie, Terry, Terry Jr., Nicole, Mallory, Lucas, Max, Pete, Lisa, Logan, Katie,** and **Elizabeth Perry**, sister from Texas, returned on July 2 from 10 days in Pensacola Beach, FL. They traveled in a caravan of four vehicles and talked all the way down and back on CB radios. **Elizabeth** flew from San Antonio, TX to Nashville, TN where she was picked up and traveled with the gang. **Sallie was** a good sport and took a lot of good-natured ribbing the whole week. If you get the chance, ask her to name Snow white's seven dwarfs. The whole gang of 18 went together to church on Sunday morning and it took 2 1/2 pews to hold them all. **Ted was** up early every day but one and went to the beach with his chair and relaxed, read, and enjoyed the beginning of each day. They stayed in two condos right on the beach next to each other on the 15th floor. There was a swimming pool and hot tub at the condo also, and the kids spent more time there than on the beach and in

the ocean. **Nicole's** favorite place was the Tom Thumb store next to the condo and she visited it many times. **Ted** and **Sallie** visited the Wal-Mart (aka Wally World) every day for the first three days they were there. One morning Chris, **Joyce**, and **Ted** got up early and headed for Sam's Club to buy cookies. They could not get in until 10:00am so they went for a drive to find the new Wally World store that just opened and is supposed to be the largest Wal-Mart store in the United States. After driving about 40 miles they finally found it. They did manage to go back to Sam's Club for the **cookies**. **Sallie** talked for months before about getting to Florida and eating seafood. She did get her seafood. On Tuesday morning the whole gang got up early and went to the end of the island where there is an old naval fort, Fort Picken's. Across the bay is the Pensacola Naval Air Base, which is home to the Blue Angels. The Blue Angels practice at 8:00am on Tuesday mornings and the show was great.

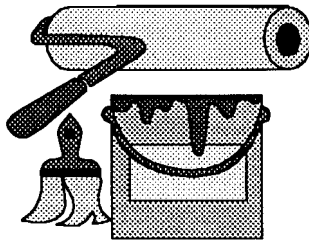
**Bev** and Alan took a trip to Schuyler, Virginia to visit **Walton's Mountain Museum** from July 12 through July 14. They had a great trip.

**Olivia** and her cousin Angie went to a **Lilith Fair** concert last summer. They spent the night with **Brice's family** and went to Hoffman's for ice cream. That's always a highlight on a trip to Maryland. She has also attended concerts by Tori Amos, Alanis Morissette, and The Who. She is hoping to see Neil Young sometime this summer.

**Beth** signed up in a drawing at the Pomeroy Regatta, and won a free weekend at the Royal Oak resort. **She** and **Mark** had a fabulous cabin

down on the lake, had an upstairs with a deck outside, and a deck outside downstairs with a swing overlooking the lake. While there, they went boating, swam, went in the hot spa, worked out in the exercise room, hiked, and met a nice couple from New York. Since this month is their tenth anniversary, they called it their second honeymoon. The only difference between this one and their first one was **Beth's** parents came to visit.

## HOMES



"Painting" by **Keith** Hayman

A bunch of our family all came piling in,  
It was Mom's home improvement time again.  
Don and Ted showed up with special tools,  
Even the kids helped out, we were all painting fools.  
Buckets and ladders and lots of good food to eat,  
We had a little rain and a little bit of heat.  
Painting all the boards as we dipped our brushes in the pails,  
I had to stop and think, it was our Dad that drove in the nails.  
If Dad had been there we would have done it his way,  
I wish he had been, just to hear what he had to say.  
With the painting all done in plenty of time,

We all stood back and the old house looked just fine.  
Our family is crazy, be it work or at play,  
But I sure am glad that our family is that way.  
Lil wanted a story about the work we had done,  
So this is it, about the work and the fun.  
The work wasn't bad, we will do it next time,  
The hardest part was making up this silly little rhyme.

**Carole** finally got her kitchen finished (her father retired and she got him to finish the tile work while **Brian** was at work). **Brian** and **Carole** got central air conditioning and they all love it (with the exception of **Timothy** who would wear a sweat shirt in Death Valley if you'd let him).

**Steve** installed a new pool pump, and completed a fence and deck at home.

**Sherman** and **Mindy** got married on January 11<sup>th</sup>. They live in a simple little farmhouse at the end of a long peaceful drive. In regular terms, they got a place up in the 'holler". They have rewired it, plumbed it, sided it, topped it, decked it, painted part of it, and carpeted it. Now they are saving up to finish it, or it **finish** them. LOTS OF WORK AND POOR PAY. They have lots of woods that **Sherman likes** to hunt in, have plenty of deer meat in the freezer, and a big 23 1/2 lb. turkey for their first thanksgiving. They also have a small pond where they enjoy watching the grandchildren catch Blue Gills.

The big event this past year for **Bev** and Alan was the purchase of new furniture. They don't like to tell how long they had the old (only that **Zac was very, very, young** when they got it). It was months of shopping before they found what they wanted and then months of waiting before it arrived. It has made a large improvement to their home. The furniture is very comfortable and they love it.

**Olivia** has rented her own apartment in Ripley. She decided when **Zac** came home from the Navy that there just wasn't room enough for four people at home anymore. **Beverly**, however, decided it was getting empty and that was when she adopted Ivy, the cat.

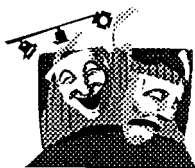
## CHURCH

**Terry, Nicole, and Mallory** will be attending Round Lake Church camp this summer.

**Don** and **Donna** attended **Wendy's** confirmation at Westminster United Methodist Church, and then the family with all four grandparents went out to eat.

**Nicole** was baptized on May 28.

## SCHOOL



Keri entered the Thespian world this past year, playing the part of Venus in Waterloo Elementary's production of "King Midas and the Palace of Gold."

**This year Shane is going** to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He says he is glad he passed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and hopes he can be good and not get in any trouble. He says he is scared, but might do good, and hopes he can pass into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Trace** completed his 2nd year at Pioneer Preschool and will start kindergarten this fall. He joined a new day care center this summer and made new friends.

**Desiree** received the Junior Pioneer Award at her school every month during the school year. She also was chosen for the Terrific Kid Award for being enthusiastic. She didn't miss a single day of school this year.

**Benjamin** graduated with honors from Marietta High School and completed his first year at OU. He is undecided about returning to OU this fall. But, he is moving to Athens in August.

**Keith** got off the boat at 12:00 noon, and **Amber's** kindergarten graduation started at 12:30. So, **Amber** is off to 1<sup>st</sup> grade this fall. **Shane's** awards day was the next day, so **Keith** got to go to it also. **Shane** got an award for going the whole year with no detentions, so he is heading into Junior High School this fall.

Kayla got a 3.5 grade point average and received an academic letter for that. She is a reporter for the FFA. She has her driver's license, and is buying a Nissan truck.

Beth is still going to Gallipolis Career College, working for an Associate Degree in Medical Secretary. She has been on the achievement list every quarter and is looking forward to graduation in March.

**Sandi was in the Who's Who** among American High School Students.

**Bruce, Lorna, and Michael** had a graduation party for **Jonathan** at the Carpenter Inn here in Meigs county. It was very good, long speeches, very good entertainment, and good food -- everyone really enjoyed it.

**Jonathan** is representing the state of Georgia for the second year in a row in Future Business Leaders of America in competition in California.

**Terry** is looking forward to being an upper classman at Hilliard Davidson High School.

**Nicole** ended her 7th grade year with a 3.85 GPA. She was also one of only a few students at her school to be elected to be a recipient of the T.O.W.E.R. award (treating others with equality and respect).

**Mallory** held the lead acting and singing role in her school play. She also had several solos during choir concerts. She is currently taking voice lessons -- no, Grandma **Sallie** is not her teacher!

**Lucas** received the Super Bee award at his school for displaying good behavior and progress.



**Wendy** graduated into High School, and for her eighth grade trip went to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania, and really had a good time.

**Timothy** just loved kindergarten and can't wait for first grade when he gets to go to school all day long just like his big sister.

**Matthew is** looking forward to tot school next year so he can go to school just like his brother and sister. He already thinks he should be going to school and tries to make himself at home in **Timothy's** class by plopping down with the other children when **Carole** stops by to pick up or drop things off as part of her volunteer duties.

**Sherman's** and **Mindy's** granddaughter Alley is five and has pretty little pig tails, grandson **Michael is** three and has the most curious blue eyes you ever saw. Alley is going to try to straighten out the folks in kindergarten this year; boy are they in for it. **Mindy is** sure she will have no problems conquering it, and hopes she gets them ready for **the Michael** storm to be coming in a couple of years. **Mindy** says she is lucky to have her grandchildren; they had a very near miss this year, barely escaping a tragic fire where they lost their best friend and family member **Jordan Smith**.

**Emma is** moving to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Scott is moving to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, this means that both kids will be in school all day. < This makes > very happy >

**Mike** will graduate in October from DeVry Institute of Technology with a Bachelors degree in Technical Management. < 18 yr. plan >

**Tara** graduated in June from Hill&d-Davidson High School.

**Zac** has been busy taking classes at WVU in Ripley and Parkersburg to get his Associate Degree in journalism.

## SPORTS

**Trace** has learned to swim underwater, and graduated from Safetytown this month. He played soccer last fall and this spring.

**Terry is** currently taking Kick-Boxing lessons.

**Lucas** loves wrestling with **Bubbie (Terry Jr.)**. **Lucas'** favorite activity is riding his dirt bike.

**Sarah's** softball team came in third in the regular season and first in their tournament. She also joined Girl Scout Brownies. **Carole** had the pleasure of going along on several field trips and a camping trip with the troop (just ask her about the arrangements, she loved it). **Sarah** has also recently taken up bird watching (with a little help from **Carole's** mom) and can't wait to record more lifers in her field guide.

**Desiree** played fall and spring soccer and loves it.

**Mike** coached Scott's soccer team last fall and again this spring and both got a workout running up and down the field. Scott is playing T-Ball this spring and made a double one-time at bat. His fielding needs some



work, most of the time he is kicking the dirt, making holes with his spikes, and picking the dandelions.

# The Greatest Game

By Zac Cunningham

Critics scoff that it is old-fashioned and too slow for the modern era of computers and fast food. Those critics claim that the “faster paced” and “more physically challenging” games of football and basketball have replaced it as our national pastime. Yet as each spring melts the snows and nurtures the flowers, a stirring creeps across our nation. As the first robins return from the South, young boys and old men begin to daydream of standing on the emerald green field of a palace-like stadium with Louisville Slugger in hand prepared to play America’s greatest game, the game of baseball.

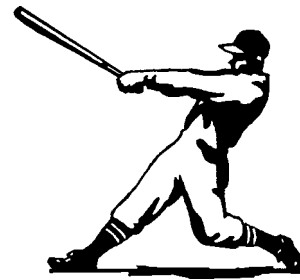
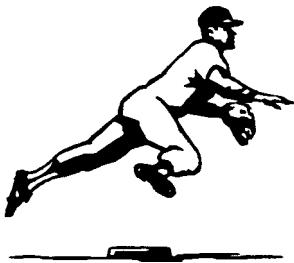
Baseball is great for many reasons, reasons that are as numerous and as varied as the fans of the game. Baseball is great because in its history one finds the history of our magnificent country. As far back as the 1700s, American children played a hybrid of the British games, cricket and rounders. The first settlers often called this hybrid “base.” As pioneers moved west, base moved with them. On their return from the Pacific Ocean, Louisiana Purchase explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark taught a tribe of Nez Perce’ Indians how to play base. By the mid-1800s, base was being called baseball. With the new name, the game’s popularity grew as millions of immigrants flooded the sprawling eastern cities. Eventually these immigrants formed the first ball club and developed many of the basic rules of modern baseball. During the Civil War both Union and Confederate soldiers played-sometimes against each other-on bloody battlefields named Gettysburg, Antietam, and Shiloh. After the war, the game became a business mirroring the growth of US Steel, Standard Oil, and the other gargantuan monopolies of the Industrial Age. It suffered labor strife and gambling scandals just like many of the businesses and political institutions of the late 1800s and early 1900s. By the 1920s, many people said that baseball was dead but thanks to a dirt-poor bartender’s son named Babe Ruth, the game survived to sustain a weary and fearful people fighting world wars and economic famine. On April 15, 1947, the archaic dinosaur of the all white team was slayed by Jackie Robinson just as the Civil Rights movement was beginning to sweep the South and battle the grievous injustices of Jim Crow. At the dawn of a new millennium, baseball provides stability and a connection to our past. Baseball is great because in its history we see our own.

Another reason for the greatness of baseball is its uniqueness and beauty. The game is played on luscious green fields-accented with rich bronze dirt and crisp white lines-bathed in the bright mid-summer sunshine. Its beauty comes from players’ bodies stretching, diving and twisting like accomplished dancers. Baseball’s movements are elegant and graceful. A perfect example of baseball’s beauty is the sweeping, fluid-like swing of homerun king Mark McGwire or Red Sox great Ted Williams. The intense base running and then headfirst slide of Pete Rose is another example of baseball’s splendor. The game is unique in many ways. It is the only game in which the defense controls the ball and the offense must avoid it in order to score. Baseball is the only game where the teams are not governed by a clock. It is a game of geometry. From Anchorage to Miami, every field measures ninety feet from base to base and sixty feet, six inches from pitcher’s mound to home plate. It is governed by the strictest rules and features the most meticulous system of record keeping. However, the game is played in alleys, streets, pastures, and hollows. It is played with two or three bases that are often just trees or tin cans. It has been adapted to hundreds of sandlots across the nation.

The third reason for baseball’s greatness is that it brings people, especially families, together. Whenever my family meets in the summer, baseball is often involved. While we visit with each other on the porch or in the swing, a radio is most likely tuned to the play-by-play of a

Cincinnati Reds game. Whether someone plays catch or a full-fledged game is undertaken, baseball will likely play a part in today's reunion. Many of my best memories involve a baseball game and a family member. I vividly recall a hot, muggy late summer night in 1995, when my father and I sat on the couch and watched Cal Ripken, Jr. play in his 2,131st consecutive game surpassing the celebrated Lou Gehrig. I still have a toy Cincinnati Reds batting helmet from a trip to Riverfront Stadium. I remember the hot dogs, the heat, and the fun of a trip to Cincinnati's Riverfront Park with Uncle Bruce and Jonathan. I remember the old-fashioned pageantry and the smell of barbecued ribs on a trip with Uncle Bruce to Baltimore's Camden Yards. I also remember the rain, the lightning, and the flooded dugouts. I formed a new baseball memory this past June. Poppy Hart and I spent an evening at the campsite straining to hear 700 WLW and the Reds through the static degrading the AM radio signal. In Mike Lupica's book *Summer* of '98 he describes a car trip with his father that was interrupted by an important moment in a ball game on the radio. His father pulled to the side of the road. "You can't watch the game and watch the road at the same time," he'd say. "But we're not watching the game," the young Lupica would say. "Sure we are," his father replied. Poppy and I sat on the riverbank in Meigs County, fireflies sparkling around us, watching the ballgame in Cincinnati. Baseball brings us together. Entire cities can become united behind their team as it fights for a post-season pennant. Baseball has the power to transcend our various cultural differences and make us one, make us America. As Dagwood Bumstead said, "Baseball, my son, is the cornerstone of civilization."

A story circulates on the Internet that tells of a young boy who is playing ball alone. Each time he tosses the ball into the air he says, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world." He swings at his first toss and yells, "strike one!" He swings again. "Strike two!" he cries. The boy tries once more and misses again. He quietly sighs, "strike three" and then stands there for a moment. Finally a huge smile breaks across his face and he shouts to the sky, "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!!" The greatest reason that baseball is the greatest game is that it makes us-as individuals and as communities-FEEL GREAT. Baseball supplies dreams of heroism for millions of Americans, young and old, each night. Baseball, like America, has problems and blemishes but because of the people who revere it the game is indeed the greatest, just like America. Perhaps Broadcaster Bob Costas describes this best, "Baseball is a human enterprise; therefore, by definition it's imperfect, it's flawed, it doesn't embody, perfectly, everything that is worthwhile about our country or about our culture, but it comes closer than most things in American life. "



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John Martin Wilson III	Jan 14, 1962	Jesse Nathaniel Young	Aug 11, 1986
Terry Allen Huber	Jan 14, 1962	Beverly Carol Hart Cunningham	Aug 15, 1956
Lucas Paul Edward Huber	Jan 16, 1996	Sophia Rose Young	Aug 15, 1999
Nicole Kay Wise	Jan 21, 1987	Wendy Christine Hayman	Aug 20, 1986
Melanie Jo Perry Huber	Jan 24, 1964	Keri Anne Wilson	Aug 25, 1990
Cory Joseph Seymour	Jan 28, 1977	Benjamin Combs	Aug 26, 1981
Zachary Alan Cunningham	Jan 29, 1978	Gloria Jean Young Sebring	Sep 1, 1952
Michael Aaron Davis	Feb 11, 1997	David Alfred Hayman	Sep 3, 1995
Lillie Mae Hayman Hart	Feb 25, 1934	Alexandra Megan Perry	Sep 5, 1991
Focie Leona Stover Hayman	Mar 2, 1917	Shari Lynn Hayman Wilson	Sep 6, 1962
Christopher Edwin Perry	Mar 15, 1962	Barbara Jean Jewell	Sep 6, 1963
Emily Beth Hayman	Mar 29, 2000	Kimberly Jo Hayman Barton	Sep 11, 1962
Michael Shipkowski	Apr 1, 1962	Alan Ray Cunningham	Sep 12, 1952
Leslie Roberts Hayman	Apr 3, 1963	Nicholas Edward Hayman	Sep 15, 1997
Diane Grimm Jewell	Apr 4, 1969	Ashley Brooke Whitlatch	Sep 21, 1978
Paul Frank (Pete) Perry	Apr 9, 1968	Teresa Lynn Hayman Shipkowski	Sep 23, 1963
Michael Robert Hart	Apr 10, 1990	Tara Jo Huber	Oct 1, 1981
Brian Wesley Hayman	Apr 13, 1965	Amber Dawn Hayman	Oct 4, 1993
Katie Monica Perry	Apr 14, 1998	Linda Carol Hayman Gleason	Oct 8, 1943
Mallory Roseanne Wise	Apr 17, 1990	Mark Allen Casto	Oct 8, 1961
Kyle Michael Hart	Apr 20, 1990	Mark Christopher Hayman	Oct 12, 1960
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Allyson Lee Davis	May 12, 1995	Sarah Elizabeth Hayman	Oct 26, 1992
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Phyllis Leona Hayman Young	May 22, 1935	Timothy Michael Hayman	Oct 30, 1994
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Kayla Casto	Jul 3, 1984	Terry Allen Huber, Jr.	Dec 8, 1983
Joyce Ann Deckard Perry	Jul 5, 1963	Sandra Michelle Hayman	Dec 14, 1984
Derreck Lewis Whitlatch	Ju17, 1970	Keith Alan Hayman	Dec 20, 1959
Donna Jean Lewis Hayman	Jul 10, 1939	Steven Ray Young	Dec 23, 1956
Sallie Rose Taylor Hayman	Jul 15, 1941	Jordan Lee Whitlatch	Dec 30, 1980
Nathaniel Kent Wilson	Jul 22, 1993	Sherman White	
Beth Ann Hart Casto	Ju123, 1966		
Logan Peter Perry	Jul 25, 1996		
Bruce Edward Hart	Jul 30, 1954		