

# *Thanksgiving Tributes*

*By English Period 7 a*

## *This is a tribute to Ruby Adkins*

Hi my name is Austin Adkins, I Was Born March 4, 2003. I have a younger sister that is in second grade. The three sports I play are baseball, basketball, and football. I play pitcher in baseball, shooting guard in basketball, and cornerback in football. My hobby is soccer even though I don't play soccer. My favorite basketball team is the Kentucky Wildcats. My favorite baseball team is Stanford University, and my favorite football team is Ohio State.

My relationship with my grandma is very good I see her almost everyday. I learned a bunch about the differences from today and back then. In Addition I'd never think I would of known that much about the JFK assassination. This is why I thank my grandma for letting me interview her.

Kids today have it made. To begin with we have computers, I Phones, Smartphones, and free calling. We also have a lot more money than people used to have back then. We also have a lot more technology than people used to have back then such as color TV's, PlayStation, Xbox, and Nintendo 3-DS. Kids today have a lot more freedom because there is no uniform that you have to wear. You can also wear tennis shoes to school all the time unlike back then were they could only wear them for gym. This is why I think kids today have it made, but fifty-seven years ago was a whole new story.

Ruby Adkins was born in 1947. They had to wear uniforms to school. They were also a lot more active than we are today. They had to play games outside like hide and seek, auntie over, and red rover. They didn't have color television either, or better yet video games, in addition food was homemade also, because there weren't as many fast food restaurants then back then. Now compare that to now days then you has something. childhood back then was much different than now.

Remembering back to Ruby's this is a story she will never forget. Ruby did not get a lot for Christmas as kids do today. One Christmas Ruby wanted a record player. Ruby's parents asked why, and Ruby said that all my friends had one. So they asked how much it was, and Ruby said \$65. So she would sell coal that Ruby's dad would bring home after his shift was over. In a few weeks she finally had enough to buy the record player. Ruby's family could not afford a lot but she had a lot to eat and a lot of fun. Ruby's parents were not rich, but they got her what she needed to have a good life.

An historic event Ruby will never forget is the JFK (John F. Kennedy) assassination. Ruby was at school when she heard about the event. (They did not have television so you would ask how we figured.) Well the janitor had her radio on, so she spread the word around said Ruby. Ruby was sad that he got assassinated; she did not know why someone would do such a thing to somebody that did not do anything to him. Ruby stayed up all night watching TV. She just could not stop watching it. John F. Kennedy was born May 29, 1917 in Brookline, Massachusetts. He had 5 sisters and 3 brothers. Lee Harvey Oswald sadly assassinated John Fitzgerald Kennedy November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas.

Even though kids have different circumstances as kids to day we still have some similarities. We both still play outside, also we both eat good food. We both still have chores to do. In addition we also play the same sports such as football, baseball, and basketball. In addition we both went to school. This is how kids are the same as we are today.



# *A Tribute to Dianna Coakley*

## *By Ema Hampton*

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Ema Hampton. I am 11 years old. I live in Marion, Ohio, with my mom, stepdad and three dogs. I have eight siblings, but they're all over 18 and are married and have children. My favorite color is light blue, I'm terrible at sports, and I love school.

For my interview, I interviewed my grandma. Interviewing her I found out a lot of stuff I didn't know about her before. Since our interview she told me all sorts of things, about her childhood. Because of this I'd say it was really fun writing the interview.

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Kids today are lucky. We have a lot more freedom when it comes to clothing for one thing. For them sneakers were made for gym class, and they didn't have many technologies. Today we can watch whatever we want on TV. The person I interviewed was nine years old when the TV came out. She said they only had three channels. We have it much easier than kids used to. Dianna Coakley said in her opinion the easiest chore was washing clothes on the washboard, and that would hurt! We, however can use washing machines.

Dianna Coakley was born on May 22, 1946. Life then was very different from today. They had to change their clothes as soon as they got home from school, and they had to walk or ride their bikes everywhere they went. In school, they weren't allowed to speak unless spoken to. Girls had to wear dresses and they mostly packed their lunches. There was no open enrollment. Dianna said outside of school she liked to play 'Chutes and Ladders' and 'Candyland' with her grandma, and with her friends she played jump rope and jacks. They especially liked to play

'marbles'. In fact in 5th grade, people called her the marble champion! Clothes were different also. Dianna said she and her friends always wore plaid dresses with black and white saddle shoes, And of course the clothes always had to be ironed. They didn't go out to eat. Instead Mrs. Parr- Dianna's mother cooked their meals at home, Dianna said that every Sunday they'd have her personal favorite food, fried chicken. For a snack she liked what they called a 'poor man's sandwich'. It was made of bread and ketchup. The Parr family listened to the radio a lot. When it came to T.V. they liked to watch 'Mid-western hayride', 'Ed Sullivan' and of course the news.

This is a childhood story that Dianna remembers. Because during this event she was embarrassed. Every weekend while her parents played cards with the adults in the neighborhood, the children played outside with each other. The Parr family was visiting Dianna's Aunt Tess in southern Ohio. She did something bad so her mother embarrassingly scolded her. Then her dad took her outside to give her official punishment. Mr. Parr told Dianna to sit on the porch step and not move until he told her she could. He forgot he told her to sit there and went to town with his uncle. Her Aunt Tess tried and tried but could not get the stubborn child off the porch step. Dianna's father and uncle returned three or four hours later to be greeted by the scene of Aunt Tess still trying to get the child off the porch step. Then her dad was embarrassed because he had forgotten and left her there.

Dianna was a senior in high school during the Vietnam War. During that time she went to school half-day, and worked the other half of the day for Dr. Murphy. one particular day they had the body of a soldier from the war. He had been brought to their office to be X-rayed because his parents wouldn't accept his body, and the only way to surely identify him, was to take X-rays and compare them to the ones he took before he went into battle. Dianna's friend

Marge was the x-ray tech at the time, and Dianna had to help her. She said it was horrifying, mostly because Marge's son was in war at the time. The Vietnam soldier was the son of the couple who would not accept his body. Dianna will never forget the event.

Despite all the changes from 50 years ago to now, there are some things that will always be the same. Kids are one of these things. Kids like to have fun whether it's 'Marco Paulo' or a computer game. They still hate chores whether it's using the washboard or taking out the trash. They still love having friends and hate getting yelled at. They still make mistakes and learn from them. They still celebrate holidays. They like music whether it's pop, rock, rap, or classical. They still have a favorite food and color. Some kids still hate sports, other kids still like sports. Kids in a special way will always be the same. Whether they were born in the 1940's or were born just this summer kids will be kids.

## *A Tribute to Debby Myers*

*by LeeAnn Sansotta*

This is a tribute to my Aunt Debby. I'm LeeAnn Sansotta. This is me. I love to swim, and swimming is my favorite thing to do. Sports is something I'm not real good at but I try my best and the one sport I do play is basketball. My favorite color is black. And I have three siblings, one is older the other two are younger. I have two sisters and one brother. My brother is 13 and my sisters are 9 and 10.

I interviewed my Aunt Debby. I live with her. I was at the table one night and asked her if i could interview her, and she said yes so I interviewed her. I don't do that much with my aunt, but I used to when I was little. And also I go to pass. Also I do basketball. And I want to do more sports.

Kids today have it made, and here is why kids today have it made. To begin with, kids have a ton of entertainment. They also have a ton of electronics such as Wiis, cell phones, iPods, computers, and a ton more stuff to keep kids occupied for hours. Next we can wear what we want. Then we have more freedom. But things were different 40 years ago.

When Debby Myers was a kid things were different. Debby had no electronics. Also when Debby was really little the TV was black and white and there was no color on it. Debby's TV was a turn knob TV. And when Debby was growing up the radio in the car was usually am stations. Debby rode in and drove cars that had windows you had to crank open and close, and the gas was only \$0.25 a gallon when Debby was little. Debby had party lines. Party lines are when you share a telephone line with someone else. When Debby was in school there weren't Promethean boards or white boards just chalk boards. And while Debby was in school girls couldn't wear pants till 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Debby had to wear knee socks and a gym uniform for gym. Also while Debby was in school there were only converse tennis shoes and girls could only wear tennis shoes in gym, and Debby and the other kids had to take una showers. Next when Debby was in school teachers were allowed to paddle. Also here are the games Debby used to play. *Stealies, kickball, dodge ball, hopscotch, jump rope, and hula-hoop.* This is how Debby played *stealies*, Debby and her friends would take a steel marble and try to knock out the other persons marble. In addition here are the types of clothes Debby wore when she was a kid. Debby wore Bell Bottoms,hiphugger jeans,Jordaches,Lees,Levi's. Debby wore Mary Jane shoes. Mary Jane shoes that are like Clogs, but they are wooden with a strap. There was no Nike, Under Armour, Hollister, or American Eagle. Finally here are the restaurants Debby enjoyed and her favorite meals. Debby's favorite restaurants were McDonalds, Brandenburger, campus Pizza chef, Lee's steakhouse,Turoffs,Isaly's,Ponderosa,Humpty Dumpty,and the Jerzee. Debby's favorite

meals were hamburgers, chocolate pudding, fried chicken with bone in it, and mashed potatoes. For entertainment Debby watched the *Monkees*, *Statrack*, and *Soultrain*. Debby listened to Michael Jackson, The Monkees, The Raspberries, And Top 40. That's all the games Debby played all the music and shows she watched and her life as a kid.

In Debby's childhood here are two stories she will never forget. Debby used to make mud pies out of real mud, and one time Debby made a pie out of mud and covered it in peanut butter. She then gave that peanut butter covered mud pie to her neighbor for a dollar or two. Later on that day she went over to her neighbor's house and asked if she liked it and her neighbor said yes. She then walked back to her house laughing. And her poor neighbor never knew it was mud with peanut butter on top. Another event that Debby will never forget is when she went dumpster diving for her mom's birthday present. Debby wanted to get her mom a birthday present but Debby had no money. Her parents managed Southland Apartments, and a tenant was moving out. The tenant threw out a bunch of household items in the dumpster. So Debby jumped in the dumpster and found a white linen table cloth and white linen napkins. Then Debby wrapped them up and gave them to her mom. But Debby's mom wanted to know where Debby had gotten the tablecloth and napkins. Then Debby's mom asked if Debby dove in the dumpster. Debby said no she said she saved her money, and bought it at the mall. But Debby's mom knew Debby was lying.

A historic event that happened when Debby was a kid was the first man landed on the moon. The first man to land on the moon was Neil Armstrong. Neil Armstrong landed on the moon on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1969. He was born on August 5<sup>th</sup> 1930. He died August 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. It was historic event she will always remember because she always thought the moon was made of cheese. When Neil Armstrong walked on the moon she was at her Aunt Betty's and Uncle June's in Sandusky, Ohio. She watched Neil Armstrong land on the moon on a black and white color TV

with no remote. When she was a bit older she visited the Kennedy Space center to see the Apollo spaceships. She was really proud to be from Marion, Ohio because the crawler that carried the Apollo to the launchpad was from Marion, Ohio.

Even though a lot of things have changed since 50 years ago, kids will always be kids. Here are all the similarities between kids now and 50 years ago. For starters kids today and 50 years ago played or play hopscotch, jump rope, and hula hoop. Next they played or play hide and go seek. Also they played and play tag. Next kids today and then liked to run and jump. And kids today and then liked or like to play board games. So kids then and now still have similarities. A lot of the games you played or play your parents and grandparents probably played them to.

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## A Tribute to Cynthia Wiley

Cynthia Wiley was very fun to interview. Hello! My name is Olivia Robinson and I interviewed Cynthia. I am eleven years old and in sixth grade. Some of the sports that I play are softball and basketball. Because I enjoy the company of animals, I have two dogs and a turtle. Although I am the oldest, I have one sister named Aleah. I also have two step-sisters, Ellie and Sydney, and a step-brother, Wiley. I am the oldest of all siblings whether they are full siblings or step siblings.

Interviewing my interviewee, I learned many new things about her that I had not known before. I interviewed my step-grandma, Cynthia Wiley. Even though I have not known her for very long, Cynthia is probably my favorite thing that came with the "bundle" of new things, if that's what you want to call it, that arrived when my parents got divorced. She was very kind and made me feel like part of the family. Of course, everybody else was kind too. She just did it in the most non-awkward way possible and acted as though she had known me for twenty years. She was very polite and was always offering to get me whatever I could possibly need. During the summer, she would get me a towel and place it very near the pool so that I was not cold when I got out. At family birthday parties, she was always asking me what food I wanted, how much, and would even get me the perfect piece of cake.



She lets me swim in her pool and ride her golf cart around in her front yard.

Cynthia is a wonderful person, and I wish you could all meet her.

Things are different for kids today than they were 50 years ago. To start things off, dress codes aren't as tight, and you are free to dress casually. There is also much more technology, such as computers, that makes finding information and communicating with others much easier. Another major thing is, today there are much more safety precautions and you really can't let your child walk anywhere by his or herself. But years ago, things were much different.

Cynthia Wiley was born on February 29, 1956. Life was much different when she was a kid. To begin with, school was much less complicated. The teachers were less experienced and the standards were much lower. The girls would wear a dress with a belt around the waist and saddle shoes. Most little girls had their hair cut with bangs across their forehead. Next, food was more home-cooked. Every Sunday Cynthia's mother would cook roast with green beans, potatoes, peas, and other vegetables from her grandfather's garden. In addition, kids played outside twenty four-seven. The children didn't have tablets and phones to play, so they would have gone outside and rode bikes or played a game of kickball with the neighborhood's kids.

Remembering back to her childhood, this is a story Cynthia will never forget. It was a beautiful Sunday morning, and her two eldest sisters had decided to each have a few friends over. Cynthia was eight, and her two older sisters were obsessed with The Beatles. The Beatles were a very popular boy band, and it just so happened that this Sunday, The Beatles were going to be on American television for the first time ever. Cynthia's sisters' friends arrived shortly before The Beatles would be starring on The Ed Sullivan Show, and they all gathered

excitedly on the living room couch, each with a small bowl of popcorn. They all chatted vigorously as Cynthia and her second-youngest sister spied on the teenagers. Eventually, The Ed Sullivan Show popped up on the television screen. Cynthia and her other sister began to become frightened as the girls started to squeal like little, baby, piglets. As soon as the band began to speak the teenagers began to jump on the couch, scream, point, cry, and even pull their own hair out. The craziness scared the two youngest because they didn't understand the older ones' actions. Eight year old Cynthia and her scarcely-older sister ran down the hallway, frightened, by what they didn't know was excitement.

Later that Sunday afternoon, after the visitors had left, Cynthia's mom enthusiastically explained to them what had happened and why.

Cynthia will always remember the day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas. John F. Kennedy was fatally shot by a sniper while traveling with his wife Jacqueline, Texas Governor John Connally, and Connally's wife Nellie, in a presidential motorcade. Cynthia was outside on the playground for recess when the teachers called the kids inside the building of East Elementary in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She, with all of the other disappointed kids, entered the building in a hurry. The first thing she saw when she walked through the doors was their principal yelling at Cynthia's second grade class to get to their classrooms. Shortly after she had sat down in her proper classroom, the principal ran in and shouted, "John F. Kennedy has been shot! The president has been shot and is pronounced dead!" All of the teachers started to cry hysterically. But, being only eight years old, Cynthia and

her classmates did not understand the sadness of the teachers. All they knew was that they would get the day of his funeral off of school. So, that day Cynthia and her classmates went home from school early. When the day of the funeral came, Cynthia's parents made her watch it as all of the neighborhood's kids played outside cheerfully.

Even though many things have changed over time, kids have stayed the same. First, kids have always had an education. Although we learn with much more technology today, such as ipads, laptops, and computers, we still learn just like they did sixty years ago. We also both have friends that we like to spend time with and hang out with. They could even go to the movies with their friends just like we can. The last thing that kids sixty years ago and kids now have in common is that we both like to play sports such as basketball and baseball. Although they didn't have organized sports for girls like we do now, they still enjoyed playing in the driveway or backyard. That is how kids have stayed the same over the past sixty years.

# *A Tribute to Grandma*

## *By Cailyn Davis*

My name is Cailyn Davis, and I'm 11 years old. My favorite sport is softball, and I've played since I was little. My favorite color is blue, and for some reason I've liked it all my life. I have 3 brothers, and 1 sister. My parents are divorced, and I live with my mom. I love horses, and I also have a horse. I enjoyed the interview, because it taught me a lot of things that I didn't know.

I interviewed my grandma one day when I went to her house, but I'm with her everyday. She was born on November 1, 1957. She watched me when I was little, she takes me places, and she helps me with my homework.

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Things are different for kids today than they were 57 years ago. Kids today have all kinds of technology. We have phones, computers, TVs, game systems, tablets, and cars, but people back then didn't have much technology. Kids today wash the dishes, but not the way people 57 years ago did. Back then people had to wash and dry their dishes by hand, but now people just place the dishes in a dishwasher. Some people have multiple ear piercings or tattoos, around 57 years ago they never heard of it, except for only tattoos on sailors and soldiers.

I interviewed Eveline Hawkins. Eveline Hawkins was born on November 1, 1957. Back then life was simpler. To begin with, school was less complicated. A lot of people walked to school, and they didn't have to worry about getting kidnapped. There wasn't

any air conditioning, and in middle school there weren't as many choices for lunch. The clothes people wore were bell bottomed jeans, peasant style tops, short dresses and skirts because people weren't allowed to wear shorts to school. Boys wore high-tops, girls wore sandals, and girls wore headbands in their hair. In addition, food was more homemade. The foods she liked to eat were watermelon, pizza, roast, and potatoes. Her favorite food was roast with potatoes, and the only restaurant she went to was McDonalds. Next, kids used to have to make their own entertainment. The games she liked to play were hopscotch, double-dutch, monopoly, kickball, basketball, and finger-strings. For entertainment she played Monopoly, read books, skated, played basketball, and played baseball. Her favorite movie was Planet of the apes, and her favorite TV show was Bonanza.

This is the story Eveline will never forget. She always liked to go swimming at Lincoln Pool. She could swim really well and dive off the low dive. One hot, sunny day in July she went to Lincoln Pool. To begin with, her friends, D. Ann and Christine, talked her into jumping off the high dive. Then, she climbed all the way up the ladder. Next, she walked to the end of the high dive, and looked down. Everyone was watching. Lastly, she got too scared and had to climb all the way back down. That was Eveline's most embarrassing moment.

An historic event Eveline will never forget is the Vietnam War. Eveline's father was in Vietnam twice while the Vietnam War was taking place. She didn't want him to get killed. She was worried, sad, and wouldn't stop thinking about it until she saw him again. The Vietnam War is the longest war in United States history. The Vietnam War was a war that occurred in Vietnam. It started on November 1, 1955 and ended on April 30, 1975. 8,744,000 are the total number of troops that served worldwide during the

Vietnam War, and there were 47,434 people that got killed during the Vietnam War. North Vietnamese begin helping South Vietnamese rebels fight South Vietnamese troops, and that's what started the Vietnam conflict.

Even though things are different from kids today and kids 57 years ago, there are still things in common. Kids today and kids 57 years ago both have chores, make mistakes, get in trouble, and go to school. The music, the food, the sports, and art are also in common. Plus both have friends, read books, and have fun. There are a lot of differences between kids today and kids 57 years ago, but there are also a lot of things in common.

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## *A tribute Martha Moser*

*By Henry Morris*

The past and the present are often very different, but often they can be very similar. I learned this while interviewing my grandma, but before I talk about her I would like to introduce myself first. Firstly, I like to play videogames. Secondly, I like to play outside (sometimes). Finally, I have two brothers, one older and one younger.

My interview experience was fun, but somewhat difficult because I don't conduct interviews very often. However, it was much easier because the person I interviewed was my grandma instead of someone I don't know.

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This passage is dedicated to Martha Moser, and what her childhood was like. Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology makes school a lot easier because it was easier to find information. Next, kids play outside less, and play video games more. Also, there are more choices in food. But, life was different many years ago.



Remembering her childhood, this is a story Martha will never forget.

One Halloween, Martha was getting ready to go trick-or-treating. She was dressed up like an old man; she had a beard and a lantern. There were some clothes hanging up to dry. As she bent over to walk under them, her beard got in her lantern and caught on fire!

Luckily, her grandmother was at the house, so she grabbed a blanket and wrapped it around her face. When she took the blanket off her face was burned, including her ear and lips.

One historic event in Martha's life was the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Martha had been babysitting her brother's kids, when she heard it on the television. She had thought that someone should call the school and let someone know. Kennedy was a very popular president, and things like this didn't usually happen. The idea of the president being assassinated was very frightening. Now here's what actually happened. It was November 22, 1963. Kennedy and his political advisers were preparing for the presidential campaign. He traveled to San Antonio, then to Houston, then to Fort Worth, and finally to Dallas. Crowds of excited people lined the streets and waved to the Kennedys. The car turned off Main Street at Dealey Plaza at 12:30 p.m. As it was passing the Texas School Book Depository, gunfire suddenly echoed in the plaza. Bullets struck the President in the neck and head and he slumped over toward Mrs. Kennedy. The governor was also hit in the chest. Later, the police discovered that the assassin was Lee Harvey Oswald. That was the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Despite the many differences, kids today have many things in common with kids sixty-nine years ago. Firstly kids still go to school five days a week except for days off like Memorial Day. Also, kids still like to play games. In addition, kids still play outside,

maybe not as often, but they still do. Finally, kids are still annoyed by their siblings from time to time.

# *A tribute to Ronald Carr*

*Created by: Zachary Carr*

I am Zachary Carr, and I am in sixth grade at Pleasant Local Middle school. I play two sports, basketball and football for the Pleasant Spartans youth leagues. On Sunday I go to The Prospect United Methodist Church. I go there with my parents and my sister, Grace. I also have five cats: Sunshine, S'mores, Creamsicle, Midnight, and Socks. I am a huge Buckeye fan! This year alone I have been to three Buckeye games, and I am going to one more. I have been to the Virginia Tech, Kent State, and Rutgers. I am going to the Ohio State versus Michigan game on November 29, 2014. I am also a huge Cleveland Browns fan, but I have not been to a game yet. My best subject is math, my worst subject is reading.

For my interview I interviewed my Grandpa Ronnie. I started my interview on a Sunday after church and before one of my football games. I liked interviewing my grandpa because I learned more about before I was born. My relationship with my grandpa is important to me because he is family. He is my dad's dad and before I was in Kindergarten he brought me to preschool on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. That is my relationship and my interviewing experience with my grandpa.

Things are different for kids than they were 64 years ago. To begin with clothing has changed a lot. The reason is clothes now are made to look worn, but 64 years ago it was embarrassing to have your clothes look worn. Another way it has changed is that now you look on dictionary.com, but 64 years ago you looked up the word in the dictionary. It is a lot quicker to go to Something else that has changed is that now you wear tennis shoes, for fun but 64 years ago you could only wear tennis shoes for PE during school. These are some ways it was different 64 years ago.

This paragraph is dedicated to Ronald Carr. He is 75 years old and was born April 16, 1939 in Radnor, Ohio. Now he lives in Prospect, Ohio across from the Prospect Dairy Bar. He worked at the Marion Power Shovel for 40 years from 1957 to 1997. He worked in an office and his job was to order the metal, aluminum, and iron. Now he works as a custodian for my church the Prospect United Methodist church. That is a biography about my Grandpa Ronnie.

The story my grandpa told me is when he got his drivers' license. He got it 2 weeks after he turned 16. Ronald was nervous when he took the written exam and got into the car for his driver's test. Ronald had passed the written exam and then he got in the car and was very nervous. Ronald tried to concentrate and not make any small errors. Ronald was very careful when turning corners and kept his eyes on the road trying not to hit anybody. Ronald did pass the test. That is the story my grandpa told me.

The historical event my grandfather told me is not one you would think of off the top of your head. He told me about the time the Marion Power Shovel in

1965, created the crawler that is used to haul rocket ships. It took 3,200 men 5 years to make the crawler. The first rocket it held to launch was the, "Apollo Saturn V ". The crawler's area was about 14,934 feet, which is 2,987 of me (That would put me at 5 foot). The crawler's weight was about 2,999.5 tons. If you have ever seen a rocket launch my grandpa helped make the giant iron thing under it. That was the historical event my grandfather told me about.

Kids are all related even from 64 years ago. First of all we still play sports for fun such as basketball, tag, football, and baseball. Secondly we still have tennis shoes to wear so we do not have to wear dress shoes or boots all the time. Also we still have friends so we can play sports and not be bored 24/7. Another thing is kids also still listen to music. We still have restaurants so we do not have to stay at home and eat all the time. Lastly kids today still get in trouble, but we don't get hit in the knuckles with a ruler, but we still get punished. Even though there are a lot of differences there are also a lot of similarities between 64 years ago and now.

## *Isaak Caldwell*

Hello I am Isaak Caldwell and I'm going to tell you about me. I play two sports basketball and football, I like football the most but basketball is fun too. My family has five people in it and they're my favorite people in the world. The sporting events that I like to go to are the Ohio state buckeyes games because they are my favorite football team. I like to go out side and walk through the woods by myself because its cool to walk back there and peaceful. That something about me and what I like.

## *Tribute to Harry Landon*

Harry is my grandpa and he was the coolest grandpa ever. My connection that I had with Harry was that him and I were like best friends. Harry and I would use little beans at birds on the telephone line. When I was 4 he would drive me around on his red lawn mower while he was mowing. My grandpa was funny too, when he told me them I would laugh really hard and not stop. The mower ended up breaking so he fixed it and it started to work and he rode my little brother around when he was born. Of course I was too young but then my brother experienced the ride. That is my connection to my grandpa Harry Landon

Things are different today from 60 years ago. Today kids have iPhones, ipods, ipads, and everything else, but kids back they had wagons, maybe no television, and people going crazy over different cultures coming to America and people actually dying from angry mobs. Instead of iPods they had boom boxes, which were radios that could get very loud . People didn't have a lot of things like we do today and didn't have it made.

Harry Landon was born July 5, 1954. He would go fishing a lot with his dad and he would sit out in the city. This is a story that Harry Landon will never forget. There was a woman who lived down the street from Harry's dad. The women always sat on her porch and look at people walking by. Then one day the women died and her house was never destroyed. The guy who was supposed to destroy the house never did. The reason is he thought someone was living living there. Harry's dad went down to the house to see if someone lived there. All he saw was the rocking chair she would sit in moving back and forth. There was no one there and was no breeze.

t on a boat and stay there for a while. He lived in the city and he would go with his dad and they would drive out to this pond that was back behind a woods that no one to go a lot. Harry didn't have much yard to lay sports in so he would maybe build stuff and fix fishing rod and dig up fishing worms. He didn't watch it but if he did he would watch *The Muppets*. He was 9 during the event and they were on vacation and they stopped at the gas station for gas and saw on the television that the president had been shot. After words he left the gas station and he was then on his way to the place they were going.

This is a story that Harry Landon will never forget. There was a woman who lived down the street from Harry's dad. The women always sat on her porch and look at people walking by. Then one day the women died and her house was never destroyed. The guy who was supposed to destroy the house never did. The reason is he thought someone was living



living there. Harry's dad went down to the house to see if someone lived there. All he saw was the rocking chair she would sit in moving back and forth. There was no one there and was no breeze.

An historic event my grandpa will never forget is we JFK had been shot and killed. My grandpa was in Texas during the JFK assassination in November 22, 1963 going and saw police cars flying past him and they arrived at the place they were staying and went to dinner and ate lunch and he saw it again and it went on for a long while.

Even though technology has changed the world,kids still have fun by playing games. The games that kids would play were like hide and seek, tag , simon says,and they didn't have iphones or any electronics they had wagons and trees to climb. These days you see kids with electronics and televisions with tons of channels and and they didn't but they were still happy and had no problems.

# *A tribute to Sharon Beeney*

*By: Addillay Beeney*

I'm Addillay Beeney and I am 12 years old. My hair color is brown, my eyes are green/hazel, and I am very tall. My favorite sport to play is softball. Math is my favorite subject. Drawing is my favorite hobby. Also I love food, music, and my social media networks. To begin with my interview was fun because I got to know my grandma more. My relationship with my grandma is we are very close because I go to her house every other weekend when it is my dad's week for dinner on Sunday.

Kids today have it a lot easier than kids did 68 years ago. The kids nowadays have it easier because they have spell check, electronics, and other cool bells and whistles. Also, kids are pretty fortunate because they didn't get smacked with a ruler. In addition they have colored T.V.s, Internet, and more movies and restaurants and music to choose from now.

Sharon Beeney was born July 1, 1944, in Marion, Ohio. She had it hard because they didn't have dishwashers, or riding lawn mowers, instead they had push mowers not the newer ones, but the old non-self propelled ones. She and three others took turns mowing three acres of land. They had K-12 in one entire school building. In the old days they didn't start switching classes until 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Going to school she had to wear long skirts and button up shirts. She wore saddle shoes and bobby socks. One of the games she played was called Mumbly Peg. It is where you take a pocketknife and have the pointed end on their nose, and threw it at a target while sitting down. She also played *Hide and Seek*. They always ate homemade foods. Restaurants weren't normal part of life for them. They only went to a restaurant for special occasions. Her favorite food to eat was her mom's homemade doughnuts and bread. T.V. shows she watched were *Mickey Mouse Clubhouse*, *American Bandstand*, *News*, and *Liberace*. Movies she had watched were *The Blob*. In high school she went to drive ins. Music she listened to was the earliest *Rock N Roll*, and *Hank Williams Sr.*

Remembering back to her childhood this is one of the stories she will never forget. Back when Sharon Beeney was three and her sister Sheila was eight, Sharon Beeney was taking a bath in the bathroom sink. The bulbs were missing in the light fixtures, and she reached up and stuck her fingers in the light sockets. Of course she got shocked. When she got shocked she was frightened. Till this day she takes two minute showers.

A historic event Sharon Beeney will never forget was The Vietnam War. Sharon Beeney had four nephews in the service right after they graduated from high school. It made Sharon more aware. Sharon Beeney's dad kept in touch with her nephews with letters. It wasn't that scary for her back then, but now it is scarier these days. She was at home. Also she saw it on the news for the Vietnam War. (1954–75), a conflict that pitted the communist government of North Vietnam and its allies in South Vietnam, known as the Viet Cong, against the government of South Vietnam and, the United States. At the heart of the conflict was the desire of North Vietnam, which had defeated the French colonial administration of Vietnam in 1954, to unify the entire country under a single communist regime modeled after those of the Soviet Union and China. The South Vietnamese government, on the other hand, fought to preserve a Vietnam more closely aligned with the West.

Kids are all related in all ways even from 68 years ago. Kids are all similar because they like playing, hanging out with friends, and they love food. Kids also get in trouble, but it's okay people make mistakes as long as they learn from it. Kids play sports, school, and music. Kids like playing because they like to have fun. They like hanging out with friends because they are your age or maybe a little bit older than you, but

they do that because kids understand kids adults just don't connect with kids like kids do. They love to eat food because kids are always hungry. Next, they get in trouble because no one is perfect. They like sports because it wastes their energy and they like being physical. Sadly kids have to go to school, but in the end school does pay off so it is well worth staying in school. Of course kids love music without it we would be bored in the car, and just being able to listen to it takes you to a whole different world because it's just you and music.

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# **A Tribute to Jean Cheeseman-Zahn**

**By Olivia Jordan**

My name is Olivia Jordan. I am 11 years old, but I am almost 12 so

I will just say that I am 12. I go to Pleasant Middle School, I'm in the 6th grade, and my homeroom teacher is Mr. Miller. I love to play softball and basketball. My favorite food is chocolate chip cookies or Oreos. Those are some facts about me.

The person I interviewed was my great-great grandma, I call her E-maw. When I interviewed her we were at my other grandma's house eating a birthday dinner for my other grandma's birthday. I love my E-maw very, very much. When I was little, and her house she would always take me to lunch, and then we would go to Wal-Mart and get something *Sponge-Bob* related. After we would get home we would play a board game like checkers or Monopoly.

Kids today have it a lot easier than kids back in the olden days. To begin with, school is a lot better because to look up a word you can just go on dictionary.com instead of looking it up in the dictionary. Another way it is better is because, if you do something bad, you do not get spanked. Back then, if you did something bad you got spanked with a paddle or belt. Also, schooling is better now because if you forget to write an assignment down, you can just look on the teacher's website. Another way would be social life, nowadays to talk to your friends all you have to do is text, facetime, or call to talk to them. That is how kids today have it easier than kids back then.

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Jean Cheeseman was born October 12, 1929. Back then in 1929, school was a lot more boring. For example, when she was in kindergarten there were only 14 kids in her entire graduating class! Also, she didn't even get to switch schools from elementary school to middle school or even high school because she went to school in a one-room schoolhouse. Another thing, girls were not allowed to wear jeans or shorts. They had to wear dresses or skirts made out of their dads feed sacks from the farm. Jean's life at home was also pretty boring, and they only could go into town once a week. For entertainment all she could do was play piano, play games either inside or outside, sing in church choir, listen to the radio, and read books. That is how life was different when Jean was a kid.

One nice sunny summer day Jean and her friend Susan went to the park. The first thing they did when they got there was swing on the swing. When they got bored of swinging, they found other kids at the park and started playing Red Rover

with those kids. They played that for about forty-five minutes but then those kids had to go home because it was about dinner time. However, Jean and Susan didn't have to be home until 6:30, and it was only about 5:00. After all of those kids left, Jean and Susan found a shed and they thought maybe that there would be toys in there, so they went in. After they went in, they soon figured out that there were no lights in there. They weren't wearing any shoes, but they didn't care. When they got into the shed Jean thought she saw a jump rope, but on her way over there she stepped on a nail, and it got stuck in her foot. As soon as it happened she screamed as loud as she possibly could, so Susan ran over to Jean as soon as she screamed.

Jean was yelling for Susan to get her out of the shed and to help her find an adult outside. When they found an adult she took them to the doctor. When they got to the doctor he said that he would take the nail out of her foot. When they took it out she was glad, but she screamed and even cried a little bit. After that day Jean and Susan never went into that shed ever again.

An event that impacted Jean's life was World War 2. Back in 1945 when the war had just ended, all the soldiers that were drafted into the war had come back home. Jean and her friend had gone to a sandwich shop called Bob's Sandwich Shop. Her friend worked there that is why they went. When they got there some of the soldiers that were drafted into the war had come back from the war. Then, Jean's friend had introduced her to her one friend named Richard Zahn. After they all got to know each other, they all sat down and ate lunch. Jean and Richard had pretty much talked the whole entire time, and when lunch was over Richard even asked her on a date. When Jean and Richard got to their date, Richard had told Jean a



bunch of stories from the war. One of the first things Richard told Jean was that he cooked for all the soldiers most of the time. The cooks cooked things like pickled onions, potatoes, soup, and for drinks they drank water and coffee. When Richard wasn't cooking for the soldiers he was fighting in the war. The war soldiers did things like shoot rifles, guns, and machine guns. Then finally after they had been on a few dates, they got engaged. After a while and got married and soon became Mr. and Mrs. Zahn That is how World War 2 impacted Jean's life.

Kids from back in the day are not as different as some people think. First, kids still play outside with friends and still play games like Red Rover, tag, and hide and go seek. Another way kids are the same would be kids still play with toys like hula hoops, jump ropes, and bouncy balls. Another way would be kids still annoy their parents when they want something. Kids also still, go to drive in movies sometimes. Those are ways kids are still the same from back then.

# *A Tribute to Gary Allen*

*By: Conner Sparling*

I am Conner Sparling. I love to play sports. My favorite is football. I play center on offense and left tackle on defense. When I grow up I want to be a marine or a defensive end or tackle in the NFL. My favorite food is pizza, and in my free time I like to play video games.

I did my interview on Gary Allen. I think that the interview was ok. I didn't hate it, but I didn't love it. Gary is on my mom's side. You gave us a lot of time to do it. I liked that. I liked everything. It was just that the person had to be born before 1960.

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Kid's today have it made. Today for school kids have calculators, and more freedoms. In school today kids have electronics, and busses to get to school. Kids also have a lot more freedoms. Girls can wear other clothes than a skirt and a blouse. Guys can wear other clothes instead of a suit and tie. They also are starting to cut down on bullying.

Gary Allen was born December 26, 1942. Back then life was harder. To begin with, school was different. Today worn out clothes are okay, but back then it was probably embarrassing. In addition, food was probably more homemade, because they didn't have a lot of fast food restaurants. Next kids probably had to make their own entertainment. Gary did a lot of plays and went outside a lot.

Remembering back to when Gary was a child, this is a story he will never forget. Gary was walking down to the woods on a beautiful day. He was going to cut a tree stump with the newly sharpened hatchet. He was pretending to be an Indian. He ended up missing the stump, and cutting his knee. He had to walk a quarter mile to get back to his house. He ended up missing his kneecap and artery by one millimeter. The doctor gave him 172 stitches.

A day that Gary Allen will never forget is the JFK assassination. He was on the bus and he heard that the president had been killed. He was very sad to hear that because JFK was the first president in his day. All the kids thought that they had a great leader. He talked about it all day in and out of school and his parents were very emotional. It was a very sad day. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the 35th president. He was assassinated at 12:30 p.m. on Friday November 22 in 1963 in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated him by a result of conspiracy.

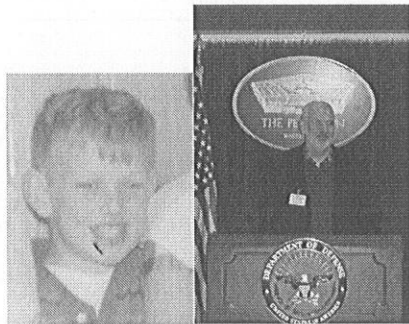
Despite our differences, kids from 60 years ago and kids nowadays have some similarities. Whether it is playing a board game or playing Xbox, kids still like to have some fun. It is also still important that kids get good education. They also like to have themselves a good meal. There are a lot of similarities between 60 years ago and now.

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# *A Tribute To Clyde Henry*

*By Eian Zachmann*

My name is Eian Zachmann. I was born in Somerset Kentucky, and I live in Marion, Ohio. Pleasant is the school that I go to as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. One of the most fun activities for me is playing video games. In school, my favorite subject is math. I interviewed my grandpa, Clyde Henry.



I enjoyed interviewing Clyde Henry. Interviewing my grandpa uncovered the secrets of the past that is many times hard to find the truth to. His experiences left me in fascination. I think the most amazing part is that he had to pick a memorable moment because options were in such a variety. I interviewed him when he came to visit me. That is why I think interviewing my grandpa was a great decision.

Kids today have it a lot better than kids 70 years ago. To start with, we have a lot more comfortable clothing to wear. Another reason is that we have higher technology so we can do better in school. Also, the teachers are less strict than they were before. In addition to that, kids these days have more freedom. Next in line is that we have very easy access to entertainment and television. The communication has also improved to make it easier to transfer information. Unfortunately, kids back then didn't have it very easy.

Clyde Henry was born in 1950 in Minnesota. Clyde didn't have good schooling like kids today have. He said quote "It was brutal." The teachers were not very well trained in his school either. When the teacher asked a question, he raised his hand at a 90-degree angle. If he got called upon, he would stand and answer the question in a complete sentence. Visiting friends for Clyde back then was also different. He used to just go to the house and knock instead of calling ahead of time. Clyde had sticky notes on his door in case he wasn't home when someone came by. They could leave a note. As a kid, Clyde had some strict dress codes. You were not allowed to wear jeans or shorts to school. You had to wear a light colored shirt. Clyde also played many games as a kid. One of the games he played was moonlight starlight. First, someone would hide. Then, after 10 seconds everyone else ran around, trying to find the person who hid. Everyone said "Moonlight starlight!" When somebody passed the person who hid, the hider chases them or anyone else. If he gets tapped, he hides for the next round. Clyde Henry also had some very interesting stories in his life.

Clyde Henry lived by the lakes of Minnesota. In the winter he walked on the frozen lakes. Unfortunately one lake had a factory that pumped warm water into the lake.

The warm water weakened the ice. He was not allowed to walk the ice. Of course, he and his friends did. They were walking to Grandma's house. "What a better way to check the ice than jumping on it," thought Clyde. Lyle wanted to show everyone where his leg fell through yesterday. Clyde could see a place where the ice was thinner than the ice around it. Lyle started poking a stick at it, just like any old kid would do. Eventually, fate took its turn. Lyle fell into the ice. No one knew what to do. They all just stood there. Finally Clyde's sister took charge. She pulled Lyle out of the water. She had everyone wrap their coats around him. They slowly walked to their grandma's house. When they got there, their mom took them home.

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An historic event that Clyde Henry will never forget is the Kent State Massacre. During the event Clyde Henry was a freshman at St. Nicholas. His roommate, who over exaggerates everything, ran to their dorm and told Clyde that the president was killing all the students in America. When they went to watch the news, the channel was already on with many kids watching. It turns out that only Kent State had the attack. He had heard that four students were killed. At that moment, Clyde later said, "It made me mistrust the government." He had been fearful of authority. Since he was a student at that time, he was extremely scared. That night there was a demonstration. He remembered the sound of voices saying that there were four students killed during a non-protest demonstration. The Kent State Massacre happened on May 4th. Four students were killed, 9 injured. People think that there was a miss-fire that caused other National Guards to start shooting.

Although things are different 70 years ago, kids are very similar. Kids are still the troublemakers like before. Also, kids still just want to have fun. Unfortunately, kids still

make mistakes and learn from them. Another similarity is that kids still want things that they can't get. Kids also still have trouble with school. Kids also still sometimes break the rules and face consequences. That is why some kids never change.



# *A Tribute To Noel Jerome*

*By: Dane Williams*

Hi my name is Dane Williams I'm 12 years old. I live in Marion, Ohio and have one sister. I like to hunt, play basketball, and watch Netflix. I have 3 pets, 2 dogs and 1 cat. My favorite sport is basketball. My favorite college football and basketball team is Ohio State. My favorite NBA team is the Cleveland Cavs.

I learned a lot from interviewing Noel Jerome. Interviewing Noel taught me a lot about the past. Information I learned from Noel was better than getting answers off the Internet. Listening to Noel was like watching the history channel but better. Noel told me secrets from the past that you can't get on Google.

Things are different for kids today than they were 60 years ago. American kids get whatever they want like iPhones, iPods, tablets, and way much more. Also kids have way better clothes and shoes and jackets. When Noel was a kid you had to dress proper and at school Noel had uniforms. But now kids get to dress however they want. Kids today have it made.

Noel lived on a farm as a kid. He didn't have much like some people did. Christmas for him was an orange, a piece of candy, some nuts, and one gift. Noel for fun played tag in the barn and hide- and- seek, and he didn't have texting or social media. Also, he raised cows. Noel also didn't get to dress like some kids today he had to dress proper and in school he wore uniforms. Noel was too poor to go out to eat. Noel ate what was cooked for him and what was on the plate wasn't much. Noel didn't get to choose what to eat, they didn't have enough money go out and buy what they want.

One time for Christmas Noels' mom asked him what he wanted and he had to think about what he wanted because he only gets one gift. About one day before Christmas Eve ,Noel had told her what he wanted. And the next morning he saw what he had asked for. A nice pair of basketball shoes fresh out of the box and still had the store smell on them. Noel only used them for basketball and basketball only. I think Noel was satisfied with his gift.

September 11th, 2001 is the day Noel Jerome will never forget. Noel was at work since 7 o'clock he said he was drinking coffee and had heard that someone crashed an airplane into one of the world trade buildings. So Noel turned on the TV and everyone gasped, another plane crashed into the other world trade center. Now everyone knew it was a terrorist attack. On September 11, 2001, lots of people were killed, 400 were police

officers and firefighters, in the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center in NYC, at the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C., and in a plane crash near Shanks Ville, PA.

Kids today aren't that different from kids 60 years ago. Every kid has chores or at least helps clean up, especially back then. All kids like doing something fun like sports or playing a game, especially back then. Every kid has gotten in trouble before. Also every kid has had homework or has to read for school. All kids want something like a toy or a good book, because everyone wants something. Most kids like playing with a friend, especially back then. Those are some ways kids aren't that different from today than 60 years ago.