

# *Thanksgiving Tributes*

*By English Period 8*



# *A Tribute to Peggy Blair*

*By: Kennedy Colby*

I am Kennedy Colby and I'm going to tell you about me. I'm 12 years old and I go to Pleasant Middle School. I play softball and basketball, but I quit playing basketball because I didn't like it at all. I have an 18-year-old brother who is all the way in Florida for college. He is with his girlfriend, and I miss both of them so much. I would say that I am kind of spoiled because when I ask for something I will usually get it. My favorite color is blue and my favorite animal is an alligator. My favorite subject is Science and Health. That's all about me.

My interview experience was very fun. I interviewed my grandma Peggy Blair; she is an amazing grandma to have because she's never mean unless you act like a brat. My mom and I go over to her house every Friday to eat dinner and sometimes play games. My grandma and I have a very good relationship because we both love cooking together and shopping with each other. That was my tribute to Peggy Blair.

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It would have been cool being a kid many years ago. To begin with kids today have so many different styles of clothing compared to the clothing people had fifty years ago. Also, they didn't have technology, which makes it easier to write essays with spelling checks, to find information, and play games. It would be different because kids Skype and text friends. It's also easier for people because people today have so many other ways to communicate with each other.

Things were so different back when Peggy Blair was a child. For example Peggy said that the teachers in school were very strict, and she thought that her principal was very scary. She

started school a week after Labor Day, and finished before Memorial Day. Peggy also had no spring breaks or long Christmas breaks. Peggy had gym and played some of the games kids play today. Like one of them is Foursquare. Some other games she played were Ghost in the Graveyard, Freeze tag, Red light- Green light, Kick the Can, Red Rover, and Mother May I. The clothes that she had to wear to school were a lot different from what kids wear now. The girls weren't allowed to wear slacks to school and had to wear skirts or dresses. The boys weren't allowed to have long hair. They had to wear shirts with collars. It is different today because kids wear all different kinds of clothes and can have long hair. The foods and meals Peggy's family ate are different but somewhat similar to the meals families eat now. Peggy didn't eat out much.

Her family had beans, ham, and bread. Peggy's grandma used to make homemade mac-and-cheese, ham, pecan rolls, and her famous homemade fudge. Peggy had lots of fun to do for entertainment. She went out to movies, but she especially loved reading, and she would regularly go to the library for books. Her family also loved to ride bikes and go outside. Her favorite bands were the Monkees and The Beatles even though she loved Sonny and Cher and also the Four Seasons.

Remembering back Peggy took a family vacation to her grandma's in South Carolina. Peggy's aunt, uncles and cousins were all there. She enjoyed fishing at her cousin's house down by a river and cooking fish for dinner, and she also loved swimming in a big pond. Peggy's family went down to the Tastee-Freeze for ice cream. Her family went to Piggly Wiggly with her grandma for groceries. Peggy played Hide and Seek with her cousins; also she would help out in her grandma's garden, and pick blackberries for cereal in the morning. Then, at the end of the day, Peggy slept on her grandma's fold out couch. Her family finally had to go home, and she hated that.



An historic event Peggy will always remember is the JFK assassination. Peggy's feelings weren't so good. Her feelings were sad and she felt bad for the family of JFK to be there and see it all happen. She was at school when it all happened. The announcement came on that JFK had been shot. The principal came into the classroom and talked to all the students about what had happened and not to be worried about anything. Then, the principal told them what had happened to the guy that had shot JFK. Peggy saw on the newspaper that the man accused of shooting JFK had killed him. The shooting of JFK was on November 22, 1963. It occurred in Dallas, Texas at 12:30 p.m. What happened was that JFK was shot in the head located right next to his ear by a sniper while traveling with his wife in a presidential motorcade. There was no real explanation for JFK's assassination, because Lee Harvey Oswald was dead before all the facts had come out.

Kids today use technology and play outside for fun. Education is very important. Today teachers use special boards to study and present class with, whereas fifty years ago they used chalkboards and didn't have the kind of stuff that people have. Today we utilize technology. For example, we use Ipads and iPhones for games and to look things up for research because it is so much easier than using a dictionary. Kids today are very different from kids in the past, but some may still be living in the past and not want to use technology. That was the interview with Peggy Blair.

## A Tribute to Mary Rice

By Landon Tipsword

The author of this interview is me. Playing basketball, baseball and football are all examples of things I like to do. Mac and cheese is probably the best food ever according to me because I love it. I have a family of five people including me. We also have a dog named Gunther.

The person I interviewed was my mom's mom or my great grandma Rice. I love my grandma and she loves me. Interviewing my grandma was great because I got to spend time with her and she also gave lots of details.

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Today things are much easier for kids than they used to be. To begin with there is a lot of useful technology. There are computers so people can look up whatever they need to. Everybody can get all of the information they need. In addition there are phones so people can call or text whenever and wherever. Our clothes are a lot different because now kids wear tennis shoes, T-shirts, and shorts or sweatpants. We can also do any sports kids want like football, baseball, basketball, tennis, track, hockey. But it wasn't like that back then.

Mary was born in 1928. Back then things were different than today. To begin with there was no TV. The telephones were big boxes hanging on their walls with receivers. The bathrooms were outside but Mary had indoor plumbing which was unusual. There were freezers. Instead there were iceboxes. In addition school was different. There were usually two grades in one classroom. They always had to pack their own lunch because you couldn't buy lunch. Very seldom would they have homework. Next games were somewhat different. Mary would always play Red Rover. To play everyone would join hands and send someone over. Then the person that was sent would try to break through the arms. That is what it was like back then.

The story I'm about to tell you is something Mary will never forget. When Mary was 4 or 5 she had a tree she liked to climb. One day she was climbing the tree. She was almost to the top, but then she started to slip. Mary tried to hang on but she couldn't any longer. She fell and instantly knew she hurt something. She had broken her collarbone. Mary's parents tried to take care of her but every time they touched it she screamed in pain. They took Mary to the doctor and there she let them move her arm all around. They taped her arm in adhesive tape. When it healed she went back to the doctor and they used painkiller and took the tape off. That is one story Mary will never forget.

It would be hard to forget the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. It was a Sunday afternoon and Mary just finished lunch. Her mom was in the kitchen making Christmas candy while Mary was snuggled up with her radio on the couch. When the news came on it said the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. Lots of lives were lost, ships sunk, and the U.S. was at war. Everybody's lives were changed including Mary because all the men had to go to war and everything was rationed. That is a story Mary would never forget.

Many things are different today than they used to be but kids remain the same. To begin with kids want a good education so they can get a job they want. Next kids want to have the most popular games, clothes, or technology. Kids also like to have fun with friends. Most kids liked to play the sports we have today. For example there is football, basketball, baseball, soccer, etc. All kids also want to have the latest fads. That is how kids are the same back then to now.

## A Tribute to Don Goebbel

By Jacob Romero

If you drive by my house you will see me dribbling a basketball. I am Jacob Romero and I was born June 23, 2003. I have a family of five. (Including me) My sister, Kyler, is older than me by two years. My sister, Isabel, is two years younger than me. I have two parents my mom, Abby, and my dad, Dana.

While interviewing Don I had a lot of fun, and I talked to Don over the phone. Don is my grandfather on my mother's side.

Kids today are very different from kids back in the 60s. To begin with kids today have technology that has made everything easy to do. For school people can write a paper on the computer. In addition computers give you information by a click of a button that is what makes it so easy. Kids can also play games on tablets and phones. Kids have tons of TV channels. Kids have a lot of choices that they make everyday. Kids can also choose what to wear when they want to. Now in these several paragraphs I will be telling you how time as a kid in the 60s/70s were like for Don. There are also some stories along the way.

Don was born in 1955. During the time he was a child things were fun for him. To begin with Don took advantage of school. He played sports and enjoyed them. He did well in school. His last two years of high school he took a location class for automotive. Clothing that Don wore people still wear today. Don usually wore a pair of blue jeans and a striped or patterned t-shirt. For special occasions he wore a suit. With everything he wore a pair of Converse. Don ate a variety of foods. His favorite restaurant was a restaurant in German Village. Although he couldn't recall the name he loved it. They

served German food such as bratwurst, kraut, etc. They also had other foods such as burgers, fries, and hot dogs. Don's favorite homemade food is his mother's meatloaf and mashed potatoes. He says it is like hog heaven. Making food is something Don loved. He made the best-frozen pizza in his house! Watching T.V was something Don didn't do that much. He had a TV show that he watched on Fridays. The show was called *Chiller Theater*, it came on at 11 o'clock p.m. Listening to music was something Don did frequently. Don listened to The Beatles, Rolling Stones, and Pink Floyd. His favorite was The Beatles because they had more of a pop nature to it.

This story Don will never forget. When Don was 16 years old and in the tenth grade he had a band and they played at private parties. One time they played at an outdoor party. His brother Billy came. His band got on the stage and sang a Beatles song called *Why Don't We Take This On the Road*. The song was only 50 seconds, so they repeatedly played the song over and over again. After about 5 minutes of playing the song some people started singing. Later even more people started singing. Finally everyone started singing. Then everyone got on the stage, and they were all singing and enjoying the song. It gave Don the satisfaction that he could do something that everyone joined in and liked.

The JFK assassination was something Don will never forget. When JFK was assassinated, Don was in the third grade. He was in class when the principal began talking over the PSA and said that the president had been shot and that they were dismissing. On his way home he saw a group of girls crying. When they were crying he realized how serious it was and he asked why someone would do that. J.F.K or John Fitzgerald Kennedy was shot in November 22, 1963. He was riding in a motorcade

through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald was the one responsible for JFK's death. Later on November 24 Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby, Oswald died two hours later. That is what Don thought of the JFK's assassination.

Although children have changed with fads coming and going they are just kids. Kids today are still curious. Don's grandson still explores his neighborhood. Kids still play sports. Don's grandson plays football, basketball, and baseball. Also they still get an education. Don's grandchild is in school. In addition kids still play games outside, duck, duck, goose. Lastly kids still love pizza today. That is how kids today are similar from back then.

*A Tribute to: Mary Ann Ruscín*

*By: Malaya Renee Gray*

If you ever go to a volleyball court you'll see me out there! My name is Malaya Gray I love to play volleyball its like my life. Another thing I love to do is bake! I bake with my dad, while I got older I started watching him bake and then I started baking with him and now most of the time I bake! I also play two instruments a viola and piano I can play lots of things on both instruments. Last but not least I love singing! Singing is a passion it's just a way you can express yourself. I probably can't go a day without music! If I'm not singing I'm listening to music if I'm not listening to music I'm singing or I'm doing both!!

Interviewing my grandma was a great experience it was fun and funny at the same time if I wouldn't of interviewed her I wouldn't of learned that my grandma was awesome! No I'm just kidding I already knew she was awesome I just learned that my grandma didn't have it easy like kids do today she didn't have a phone in her pocket to call her to pick her up from the mall or take her phone out of her pocket and ask what was for dinner. My grandma is pretty awesome you would love to meet my grandma she's probably the most sweet person in the world I am so grateful for my grandma she would do anything for me no she would do anything for anybody.

Today kids have it real easy they have phones they can just pull right out of their pocket and call someone and they have their contacts saved in their phones! Kids today have a whole bunch of electronic devices like I phone, I pods, I pads, computers and much more! Today kids are very disrespectful to teachers. Kids are not as grateful today kids are greedier today. Kids today don't have to work hard for things they get. Things are easier for us and a lot of us don't know how to appreciate that.

Mary Ann Ruscin was born Sept. 19 1947, back then life was way different then it is today. Mary started school after Labor Day, and summer vacation started on Memorial Day. Mary would go outside and play sports with her friends, like baseball, instead of staying inside and watching T.V. and texting. Her and her friends would have to find different things to use for the different bases. Like a brick for first base, a light for second base, a light pole would be third, and an old piece of tile would be home plate.

One summer say one of Mary's sisters hit her grandmothers' friend with a water balloon. Her friend stood up and grabbed a water balloon and Mary thought that she was going to throw it at her little sister. As she pulled her arm back and threw the balloon, she threw it right at Mary's Grandmother. Mary's aunt, in retaliation, picked up the water hose and sprayed her friend until she ran across the street. When she was across the street out of range of the water hose, the neighbor boy got his water hose and started spraying her with it. Then Mrs. Parks, one of the grouchy old neighbors, came outside and started yelling at everyone for wasting water. They then quickly put everything away so they wouldn't get in trouble by their parents.

When JFK was assassinated Mary was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, they didn't have televisions so the speakers in the classroom notified them. Nobody said anything, everyone sat in



silence. School was released early that day, the halls were quite, and everyone was in shock. That's when she realized that death comes to everyone. Also that was the first time she saw the whole country come together, no matter political background.

Some kids today still have the same values that were given to their parents. They respect their elders, and do what their told. Things don't have to change for the worse in people. You just have to be willing to be proud of who you are and where you came from. Pass that on to your children and they will pass it to your grandchildren. If you love your kids like your parents loved you, the cycle will not be broken, and I believe that kids would appreciate that more.

## A TRIBUTE TO

Chuck Ellsworth

By Ryan Schlecht

If you drive by my house you would see me checking on my chickens or you would see me getting ready to go hunting. I'm 11 years old I was born December 6, 2002. I have 14 chickens part of them live somewhere else and the others live with me in their chicken coop. I have two brothers my younger Drew and my older brother Tyler, so that makes me the middle child in my family. I also have a mom and dad my dad works at a fire department and a construction business. That describes who I am. Chuck Ellsworth is my grandpa and he owns a business called Ellsworth well and pump. I also don't get to see him often because his job. That is my relationship with the person I interviewed.

It would have been cool being a kid about 60 years ago. First off you would still had to go to school, but there was less homework to do. Grade cards are different that they are today. Busses are different than they are today. Busses have evolved more and busses are still changing That is one out of one million still evolving today. Prices for items at stores are increasing prices (example) it used to be 2 cents for half a pint of milk.

What life was like when Chuck Ellsworth was a child? First of all, when Chuck went to school, he would wear double knit pants and a T-shirt, and if he wore jeans, he would be looked upon as a lower class person. Also, Chuck only had two pairs of clothes. His mother died when he was 3 years old. There were 15 students in his grade at school. His school was divided into four rooms, and the rooms were divided into six grades. His school ate in the school basement (where the lunchroom was). That is what life was like when Chuck Ellsworth was a child.

Chuck told me about his father, and his father told him stories about the Civil War, Chuck heard lots of stories. The one story chuck told me was about when people ran away from the Civil War to get away from the war. (If they were found) they would be hung from they're thumbs and they were shot and killed.

Chuck was in eight grade and Chuck remembers when he got on bus he sat down waiting to arrive at school and a kid got on the bus and he said that the president had been shot and killed. Chuck was nervous because the president had been shot, and anything could happen. Chuck had to believe him because no one said anything different. Then when Chuck got home the story was all over the news and all over all shows John F. Kennedy assassination was November 22,1963 and he was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald

at 12:30 on Friday at a Plaza in Dallas, Texas because he and many other people disagreed with him. That is a story Chuck will never forget.

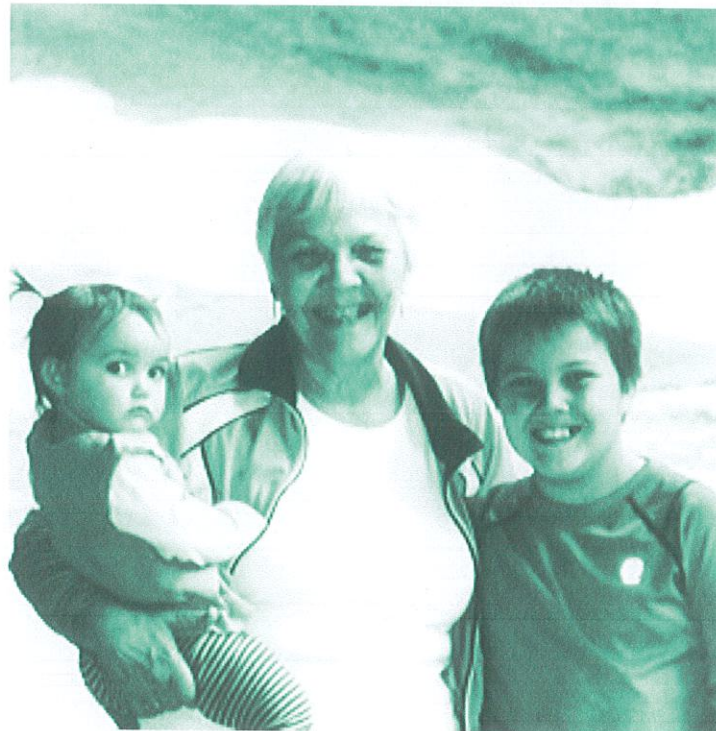
Technology has changed however there are still similarities. First off there are still schools and schools still teach. Schools still give you grade cards. And you still have the option to ride the bus to school.

# *A Tribute to Barbra Bosh*

*By Hunter Bosh*

My name is Hunter Bosh. I have two brothers and two sisters Brenden, Owen, Addy, Maggie. I like to hunt. I like to hunt deer and pheasants. I also like to spend time with my family, do 4-H, and draw. I have two dogs their names are Bo and Duke.

I interviewed my great grandma. I liked interviewing my grandma because I learned more about her childhood. My relationship with my grandma is strong. She babysat me when I was little and I still see her at least two times a week. She is a caring person and a good role model.



Kids today have it made. To begin with if you're hungry you can go straight to a fast food restaurant. Kids today also have iPhones, iPods and other devices for entertainment. Schools now are better because the teachers aren't as strict and most schools let you have more freedom in what you want to wear. The technology we have helps a lot in school too. The technology kids like for school is spell check and grammar check. These are some of the reasons kids today have it made.

Barbra Bosh was born on August 24, 1939. Her dad worked and her mom stayed home. They only had one car so she walked everywhere. When Barbra got home from school she had to change right into her play clothes. Then she would wait for her dad to get home from work. When he got home they would eat as a family. After eating Barbra was able to go outside to play, but when the streetlights turned on she better be back home. Her school was never cancelled so that meant even if it was terrible weather she had to walk to school. She also walked home for lunch. The teachers could crack the kids with rulers if they were bad. They would say the pledge and the Lord's Prayer. The kids with different faiths left the classroom while they said it. At recess boys and girls did not play together. The games Barbara played were checkers, monopoly, hide and seek, riding bikes and playing outside. The clothes she had were one church outfit, a few for school and a play outfit. Girls wore blouses, skirts, penny loafers and saddle shoes to school. Boys wore jeans and plain white t-shirts. Barbra's aunt would take one of her old dresses cut it down and make a new one for Barbra. She had two pairs of shoes, one for school and one for church. If the shoes got worn out they would take them to the shoe repairman. Barbra's favorite food as a child was mac and cheese. She and her family would have one treat a week. Barbra's family would get one coke and Barbra said, "It was split between three kids." Another treat they would get was popcorn. She didn't go to fast food or restaurants. Sometimes on Sunday Barbra would get ice cream. Barbra didn't have a TV so she listened to the radio. There were four movie houses. The movie houses showed westerns on Saturday you would get a double feature for twenty-five cents.

On a sunny day Barbra was at Crystal Lake quarry swimming with her friends. She was around the age of eight or nine. She didn't know how to swim so she was floating on a raft. She was having fun splashing with her friends and all of a sudden she was flipping into the water. She tried to hold her breath and find the way to the top. When she was about out of breath her friend pulled her up by her hair. Barbra has had a fear of drowning ever since then.

A historical event Barbra remembered was J.F.K assassination. She remembered she was wearing jeans and a t-shirt. She was ironing clothes and she also remembered she was watching TV when the news that J.F.K was killed popped up. She couldn't believe someone would do that. That was what Barbra could remember but here are some facts about the assassination. The date was November 22, 1963 at 12:30 p.m. J.F.K was killed by a sniper. He killer was Lee Harvey Oswald. No one knows why he killed J.F.K.

Even though it has been a long time since Barbra was a kid there are still similarities to my childhood. The first similarity is kids still love to have fun like playing games like hide and go seek, monopoly, kick the can, and checkers. Kids also like to play outside, ride their bikes, climb trees, build forts, and play sports. Lastly, kids still go to school and get homework. In conclusion, no matter how much time passes or how the world changes, kids will be kids.

## A tribute to Vicki Homerick

By: Avery Mattix

If you ever drive past my house, you'd see me playing basketball in the driveway. My name is Avery Mattix, and I have a passion for basketball. I'm 11-years-old, and my goal is to play varsity basketball as a freshman in high school. I have brown hair, and light blue eyes. My parents are divorced, so it's very difficult to play travel basketball without leaving my uniform or basketball shoes at my dad's house. The main reason I love basketball is that when I'm on the court, I forget about everything that had stressed me out that day. Not only do I love playing with my team, but I also love the feeling you get when the ball comes delicately off your fingertips and into the basket.

I had a blast interviewing my grandmother Vicki Homerick. When people tell me wonderful tall tales, I always find an interest in the excitement that catches my eye. I felt the same feeling I did when interviewing Vicki. She's a great person on the inside and out. When she told me about her experiences, I never knew that someone so amazing could've gone through something as horrifying as that. People who lived in the 1950's and 1960's were incredibly strong people.

Things are different today than they were 60 years ago. To begin with, technology has made life much easier for certain people. Companies have invented many different creations such as computers, touchscreen cell phones, television, Internet, and many other useful items and technologies. Kids today have it made.

Vicki Homerick didn't have an easy life as a child, and neither did anyone else living in her generation. Vicki was born November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1951. She didn't act or feel the same way kids do now. Life was simple. Vicki went to church with her family every Sunday morning just like everyone else did. No one really stood out in her



generation. Everyone acted alike. Vicki stayed home most of the time when she wasn't in school. Families in the 1950s and 1960s didn't go to restaurants often. When they did, it was for a very special occasion. The only restaurants around when Vicki was a child were Porky's and Stewart's Root beer stand. When Vicki and her family were home, they didn't order take-out or pizza like families do now. Everything was home-cooked. Vicki's favorite food was mashed potatoes. For entertainment, she liked to watch television. Vicki's favorite show was *The Lucy Show*, although she really liked *Captain Kangaroo*. When she watched her favorite shows, her mom thought she was glued to the TV! When her mother forced her to go outside, her first choice was to play Red Rover. Her second choice was tennis, but Red Rover was her favorite outdoor game overall. When Vicki was in school, teachers were extremely strict. If children did something wrong, the teacher would take you outside the classroom, and whack you with a paddle. Sometimes, they'd even hit your knuckles with a ruler! Schools in the 1950s also had a dress code. For girls, skirts or dresses were required. Vicki surely didn't like that rule. Even though life wasn't easy for Vicki, there were good times too.

It was a gorgeous winter afternoon in Marion, Ohio, and 10-year-old Vicki Homerick was in school. It was around Christmas, so Vicki and her classmates were making holiday decorations to raise Christmas spirit. The class decided on making popcorn necklaces because most children liked making them when they were out of school. Vicki didn't find much creativity in making popcorn necklaces, so she started brainstorming another use for the silly craft idea. All of a sudden, she had the greatest idea. She took the necklace and cut it in half where the two ends overlapped. Next, tying the ends in a tight knot so the fragile popcorn wouldn't fall off immediately, she quietly unlatched the window and crawled outside sneaky as a

sloth. Finally, she took her popcorn string and wrapped it around a wide, broad pine tree. At last, Vicki took her hair bow and placed it way on top of the tree for the finishing touch. As sly as a fox, she slowly crawled back inside the schoolhouse. Then, one obnoxious child peered out the window.

“Hey! Look out the window, Guys!”

All of the children ran over to the window with a curious look on their face.

“Yeah! I see it! Did Santa stop by?” asked a young 4th grader.

“Of course not! He only comes on Christmas!”

Vicki was proud of how popular her invention was, but her thoughts were changing after her teacher walked in.

“Sit down, now!” yelled Miss Smith.

Miss Diane Smith had short, curly hair that had a slight red tint to it, and large brown eyes that could make the hair on the back of anyone’s neck stand up straight. She was wearing a large, pink dress that fit her skinny figure just right.

“But, Miss Smith! Look out the window!”

Vicki sighed. She knew she was going to get in trouble. She just felt that nervous pain in her gut.

“Who did this? This is school, not decorating hour,” said Miss Smith in an angry, yet calm tone.

“It was Linda!” said Vicki’s best friend Gretchen.

“Linda! Come here right now! You’re in big trouble!”

Vicki let out a relieving breath. She was grateful that her friend Gretchen was there.

Vicki mouthed the words “Thank you!” to her. She let out a gleaming smile that meant “You’re absolutely welcome!” in “Best friend language.” A small stream of guilt filled her body after she realized Linda would get the beating, but she shook it off

after she remembered that she and Linda had had their differences. Vicki was very lucky in this situation, but life wasn't always as easy as this.

Vicki and Dennis had been married for 12 years, but they'd never gone through something as horrifying as World War II. One morning, Vicki was making breakfast for her four-year-old daughter Dawn Homerick. Dennis walked through the door with a concerned look on his face while he was nose-deep into the newspaper.

"Vick-" Dennis paused. Then, he read some more and let out a deep breath.

"What is it, Honey?" asked Vicki with a curious look on her face.

"Come look at this," said her husband depressingly. Vicki walked over to Dennis to see what was out of order. The newspaper read:

34 SOLDIERS KILLED IN WAR By: Will Troutman

*Recently, 34 soldiers were killed in World War II.*

*This tragedy has killed many people that were kept in a special place in our hearts, but they will always be remembered as heroes. Although, every soldier is a hero, Shane Darcey will always be an important one. On Monda-*

Vicki stopped reading as tears filled her eyes. Shawn Darcey was one of Vicki's best friends throughout her life who died in a horrifying tragedy. He was gone, and Vicki couldn't bring him back. Day after day, Dennis walked inside with a newspaper article about one of her close friends being murdered. It was hard for Vicki to go through this, but Vicki and Dennis fought through the terrible catastrophe.

Lots of people may think that kids living in the present today are obsessed with technology and don't play exciting games outside anymore, but everyone still has

their inner-child. Even though companies make it easy for people with technology right at their fingertips, children still love to have fun.

## A Tribute To June Marburger

By Bryzen Marburger

Bryzen Marburger was one doing the tribute to June Marburger, well I'm Bryzen and I'm going to tell you a little about my self. My favorite sports are basketball and football. I go to pleasant middle school, and I am a sixth grader. I sometimes play guitar. It was fun interviewing my grandma June. So that is kind of about me.

Interviewing June was a fun experience. It helps a little because I have not talked to her in a while so it was great. Interviewing my grandma June was maybe one of the best interviews I have done. My relationship with my grandma June is not big because we don't talk, but big enough to live. That is my tribute to June Marburger.

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Kids today have it made, because they get a lot bought for them. They also are over protected. Most kids are overfed. More kids are adopted now than back then. There are Xbox's, computers, phones, and WIFI. Kids have parents take them everywhere they go. More kids get bullied today than ever. There are a lot more sports programs now, like basketball, soccer, football, rugby, tennis, baseball, cheerleading, and a lot more.

June Marburger was born on a dairy farm in 1946. Back then growing up on a farm was not easy. You had to do a lot of work like put up hay and stuff like that. June was never punished at school. She was a good kid, but kids around her were punished. At school there was a dress code, no short shorts and jeans for certain times only. June's food was good, she never ate out for years, but always ate together. June's favorite food is pork chops dressing some potatoes with fresh dressing. June went to church all the time and she

sang in the church choir. June also practiced dance once a week. June sometimes went to friends house.

June had a huge six-year-old party, but she did not know for a few days. While her parents were setting it up, she stayed with her grandma. June was hurt and sad so she cried because she was not aloud to know what is going on. When she went, home it was huge, everyone was their, family and friend's. It was great.

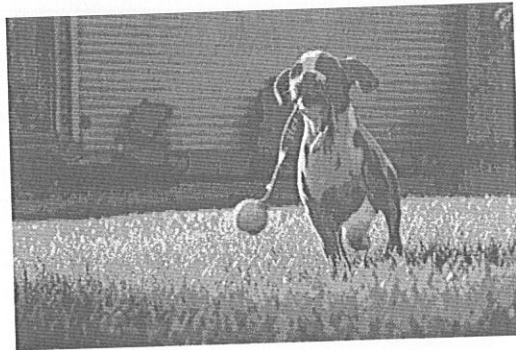
A historic event June will never forget was JFK assassination. JFK died on November 22, 1963. June was so sad and shock that someone would kill him. June was also terrified. It was a terrible time for America. June was at school at the time so she did not see it until she got home. That is the historic moment in June Marburger's life.

Kids life now is kind of the same as back then, here are some comparisons. Both go to school, also at school you can get in trouble. Kids are sneaky and crazy. There are many sports and music now and back then, and also lots of fun play and lots of good food to eat to celebrate and party. Last you have friends everybody has a friend. Those are the similarities.

# My Tribute to Connie Bryant.

## By: Jordan Martin

My name is Jordan. I am 11 years old and am in 6th grade. Through all my family on my mother's side they have always had draft horses, horses, ponies, puppies, and more farm animals. I know that somewhere down the line my passion for horses and other animals came to life. That is why I wanted to do my interview on my grandma because not only do I love her, but she helped me learn my passion for animals. She made my passion come to life because of all the stories and pictures of her and her dad with horses. Without her my personality might have been way different. The reason for interviewing my grandma is because not only was I learning, but I think it made them feel like they were special. They also were telling some stories that we never would have heard and with some things if they don't tell us then it may have made some things difficult for us in the future. Also history may repeat again if the secrets were not told. I believe that doing this interview was amazing because I learned things I may have never got to learn.



I wish I could have been a kid 50 years ago, but kids today have it made. We have computers, cell phones, and much more. Today kids can wear what kids want to school; back then girls had to wear dresses and skirts. You were allowed to wear pants to and from school but not in school. Kids were also not allowed to wear boots except to and from school on rainy days. The children always ate well and adults made homemade food all the

time. Connie's favorite food was toasted pizza. She said it was the best thing she ever tasted!

Connie Bryant was born July 27, 1954. Back then life was harder because you had to do so many chores like feed, water, and milk the cows. Also with school it was less complicated, but you had a strict dress code. Girls were only allowed to wear dresses. In addition, the food at home was always homemade by her mom Jo Hall. Jo always loved cooking meat and potatoes which were grown in her garden. Connie has five sisters that had a RCA record player.

Remembering back to Connie's childhood story, this is a story she will never forget. It was a cool winter day and her mother just got back from the doctor. Connie just got two new ponies, but her mother was too sick to see them. So Connie ran outside, but her mother had no idea why. When Connie came back in, she told her mother to close her eyes. Her mother did, and when her mother opened them she screamed in fright "The ponies are in the house!" After that her mother was upset with her, and when her father got home he was mad. Not only did she bring the ponies in the house, but she didn't go to school. She went to a burial site and stayed there. Her parents were worried sick. Connie learned her lesson after that.

This is the event Connie Bryant will never forget. She was on her way to a recital for her grandson. Jeffrey Glen Martin, Connie's husband, called her on the phone and told her that the first plane hit the tower, and then when she got to the school recital the second plane hit. When she got home she watched the news to see what the damage was, and it was pretty horrible and that is something she will never forget.

Things may be different from today but there is still a lot in common. One thing that is in common is school. Also, today and back then we have school, dresses, work, chores, and more. They all have so many things in common. Another example of something different is food, but they still cook and sometimes go out to eat.



# **A Tribute to Rick Obert**

**By Nate Obert**

I'm a guy of wonders and mysteries. First of all I like to fix computer problems, which you might find weird, but it's my talent that I do. Next is what I like to do in my own time. I like to play games on my computer and draw random things. Finally my last thing is I like to give to people. I don't like to receive from people unless it's money most of the time.

Interviewing Rick Obert was just amazing, and I will explain why now. The first reason is I liked hearing the stories he told about the times he had when I wasn't around to see them take place. The second reason is since he's my grandpa, so we need time to bond with each other before he passes away. The final reason is I could tell my grandchildren when I get older so I can bond with them like I did with my grandpa.

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Kids have it made more today than they did forty years ago. Kids today have a more planned life than they did in the 50's and 60's. Technology has made life much easier today, like phones so you can communicate with people while at the safety of your own home. Phones are kind of like tablets in a way that you can still have games, apps, and you can talk online. Light is a big technology we need it because it's used to light up homes instead of using candles as a light source. Being a kid back then was tougher than it is today.

Rick Obert was born on March 11, 1962. Back then life was simpler because there was more time to be a kid than today with lots of homework back then your parents forced you to do lots of things you didn't want to do, like going clothes shopping and some people that like to be messy would hate cleaning their room. School back then was a challenge because teachers were more strict back then in today's life but sometimes they can be really strict as well. School back

then you could only wear certain items for boys like Rick could only wear regular shirts, no dress shirts, and he [could not wear shorts, too, which was really tough for him in winter time.] More importantly, school back then taught more discipline than in today's schools. In addition food was mostly homemade for them because they only went out to eat on special occasions so they had a big dinner and most of the time breakfast. His favorite meal is beans and cornbread. The games he would play are kick-the-can, and he would play basketball.

A story that Rick Obert will never forget is when he burned his mom's couch. Well it was Saturday when he was two years old; that day was like no other. First his mom was watching him play around on the couch when suddenly, someone knocked on the door so she went to go answer the door. Then he saw a match on the ground by the couch. Next his mom smelled fire so she went to look what it was. When she saw the fire she called the fireman, and he was there for two hours straight. Then his mom was really mad at him, and she never left a match out again. A day that Rick Obert won't also forget was the day of the JFK assassination. Rick was teaching that day at River Valley when suddenly the office of the school everyone to go on lockdown because someone killed John F. Kennedy! So the school went on lockdown and they were stuck in the classrooms until 3:00 p.m. Then the office told all the teachers to dismiss their students to the buses and they even told the teachers to go home which wasn't surprising at all. So he went home and saw everyone was ok there and he asked "Did you see the assassination on T.V?" They said, "They saw it too."

Even though kids back then and kids today are different they still have things that are alike. The first thing they have in common is they both have toys like jump rope, puppets, dolls, and many other things like that. School was there too. Next clothes are kind of the same like shorts and dress shirts. Some food is still the same today as it was in the 1960's like cornbread, different kinds of beans, and many other delicacies, too. Some jobs back then and today are still

sort of the same like mining and being a lumberjack for money. There were houses back then as well as today too which was and will be awesome in the future. So that's all the ways the past and now are the same.

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# A Tribute to Sue and Perry Brammar

By Ethan Johnson

I had a great time interviewing Sue and Perry since I saw them for a while. This is a little about me! I have played baseball, football, wrestling, and soccer. I have a lot of sports to play. I got my first trophy in tee ball I first started to play football when I was in 3rd grade so that was about me. I interviewed Perry Sue Brammar, my relatives. My interview experience was amazing. Because I got to learn a lot about what they did, how far they walked what they wore, and how big was their school. My relationship with them is that they are my mom's mom and dad, and they are my grandparents this is my tribute to my grandparents.

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Kids today have it made for them. When computers, phones started to come out, life became easier in life then back seventy years ago now they did not have really anything. Today we have ps3 ps4, xbox360 xbox1, iPhone 5 we have it made for us today then back 70 years I really would not want to be there back then. People would have to fight if you a smart Alek you would get hurt bad.

But Sue Brammar remembers when she had no electronics. In fact, she was about eight-years-old when the first TV came out. In addition, she remembered their first "indoor" bathroom. Also, they heated the house up with a coal stone oven; they also walked to school which was, about three miles there and back. Polio vaccine first came out, and her friend had Polio. The games Perry played where baseball football that is pretty much what he played. Perry and Sue wore dresses skirts bobby socks, and boys wore jeans and t-shirts. On the last day of school the boys could wear shorts. Sue's food or dinner was meat potato and, vegetables, spaghetti Perry and Sue they did not go to any restaurants. Sue favorite was beef roast with

potatoes carrots. Favorite TV shows were, I love Lucy Leave it to Beaver, Welk show Perry music was Elvis Presley.

The surprise for Christmas...Sue got a makeup-vanity and her little sister got roller skates. Sue parents weren't at home and so her sister put the roller skates on in the house in the part of that had no carpet. It had linoleum and her sister slip with the roller skates and knock over our brand new TV face down, and broke two glass pictures. Sue and her sister walked a snowstorm about a mile where Sue lived. Sue's cousin fixed the glass then we went back home set the TV up and it was not broke. A half hour later their parents came home and everything was back to normal. No one ever knew that it happened, but Sue and her sister.

Sue Brammar will never forget about the JFK's assassination when Sue was at work when the radio came on and said that the president has been killed she was very sad when that happened what she saw was everything was closed she went home and she cried and cried, he was by assassinated John F Kennedy November 22, 1963 Dallas Texas shot by Lee Harvey Oswald died at age Forty six years old.

I think now today is still like back then because we still have bad kids, robbers, but we still have good kids like goodie goodies that do their homework, just good kids. Everyone still have cars, still have stores, and that they had back then. We have now I mean a lot of things we would never have had anything if it was not for back then.

# A Tribute to Cookie Darnell

By Trae Davis

If you ever drive past my house, you'd probably be pretty surprised. My family is very active in sports. You'd probably see me practicing baseball, my brother with soccer, or my sister playing basketball. I'm Trae Davis. My favorite sport is baseball, but that's just like a job. It's something I have to do, but something I love to do for fun is draw. Drawing is a hobby of mine. It's something I do with my sister, and it's a way we bond. So that's me Trae Davis.

Interviewing Cookie was very fun and exciting. Finding all the information from past years was very hard. Especially getting the stories out of her, but she still gave me very interesting stories. I loved the chance to get together and actually sit down and talk to my Aunt Cookie. She was very nice and gave me very good examples.

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It would have been cool being a kid sixty four years ago. Back then kids were a lot braver. They weren't scared of parents or getting in trouble back then. Like Cookie she did some really crazy stuff. When she was a kid she ran away for few days without anybody even knowing! She'd also throw rocks at cars and actually breaks the windows! Kids today would love to be able to do stuff like that now, but people are just so mean now, and worry about lawsuits and other stuff like that. Kids get so closely watched today; it's boring. Maybe kids should be watched a little bit so kids don't get hurt, but not everything we do.

Cookie Darnell was born in 1950 February 13. Back then electronics were different then now. There weren't touch phones or anything like that; everything was very limited. You also had to work for what you got. The hairstyle back then was very, very long and

straight. They played outside a lot, and they barely ever came inside. The games they played were Duck, Duck Goose or just tag. Cookie usually wore a longer type of dress. The food she ate was mostly corn bread and beans. She was too poor to eat out at a restaurant, and she was also too poor to have a TV. She got one when she was of age. Cookie's favorite music was from Patsy Cline and Elvis Presley.

Cookie was the oldest of five children. She had two brothers and two sisters. Her mom wasn't a really good role model. She was never around to do anything or help with anything. One day Cookie got really mad and ran away for a few days. During that time she thought and figured out that if Cookie's mom was not a very good role model, then she needed to be a role model for her siblings. Cookie went back and stayed with her siblings. That's why Cookie felt sad and embarrassed.

Cookie's boyfriend was just getting out of high school. When he got out he was drafted to the war. Cookie was so sad she didn't get out of her chair for weeks unless she needed food or it was an emergency. Cookie had never felt this way before; she was just so sad. She'd send so many letters to him, and he'd never answer. Then finally one day he came home after a few years in the war. She was so happy to see him. She wanted to get out and do everything with him. He didn't just come back though; he came back with a bronze star. The reason he got it is because his group was marching, and they got ambushed. Right away his captain got shot. Then and there my uncle took over and saved his captain and won the ambush. The Vietnam War lasted a long time. It was 21 years long or longer, from 1954 to 1975.

Even though times have changed kids are still the same. First kids love to play around. Second they all play sports like football baseball, soccer, and rugby. All sorts of sports! The third reason they're the same is they all do some crazy and brave things, as in

throwing rocks at cars, and just crazy things. There is still school, and even though it was a one room school house it was still school like today. Kids will still always celebrate.

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## A Tribute to Deborah Ralston

By Ryan Roth

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Ryan Roth. I absolutely love basketball. You probably will see me at a basketball court if you go by my house. I also love dancing while listening to strange music. But most of all I love free running and doing parkour. Parkour is jumping from building to monument or vaulting over walls and such. It's amazing.

Interviewing my grandmother was awesome! Many stories were told on many topics. It was incredible. I learned many things about her past that I did not think I would learn. I've learned things that could have affected my life if they hadn't happened.

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Years ago life was a lot different from how it is today. Now there is more entertainment then from way back then. Now there is better and more advanced technology from when Deborah lived. People do more boy and girl activities. Examples are basketball, soccer, hockey, track, football, etc. Today there is more music from now and then, and it's more advanced then how music was from back then. More pollution is made now then how much was made back then. In one person's opinion, life is better now then what it was back then.

Deborah Ralston was born sixty-two years ago. Back then school was way different. They always respected teachers, and teachers had no friendly approach towards students. Punishments were called whacks. Jeans weren't allowed back then Now, girls wear 9-inch heels and weird pedestrian boots. Boys always had to wear slacks, now we're wearing fancy shorts and wacky sweatpants. Jeans now are being made super skinny for boys. Manners had to be used twenty-four-seven, three-hundred- sixty-five, or however many days they had back then. Lunches were thirty-

five cents back then. Life was so different back then! Kids kind of wish the lunch part stayed until today other than that they probably like their lives.

This is Rebecca's favorite story about her childhood. The excitement started two weeks prior to Halloween. Deborah's brothers, sister, and she would start discussing what they were going to be for Halloween, and what houses they had to hit early. Those two weeks would give them barely enough time to decide and collect all the things needed to make the costumes. Once Deborah decided she started making her costume out of her bag of treasures: hot, charcoal, glasses, sheets, felt, boots, and a bandana. Deborah was so excited the morning of Halloween she couldn't concentrate at school, and the day seemed to last forever! After the school day ended, Deborah went and got her Halloween costume on. Deborah went and got all of her candy, and had one of the best nights of her life.

When Deb was in 6th Grade Silver Street School, the principal came over the loudspeaker telling everyone President Kennedy had been assassinated. The teacher started crying, and Deb could hear other people. Some were raising their voices, and other people were crying. Deb remembered the principal letting them go home early. She was really scared, so he ran home to check on her mother to make sure nothing had happened. Later that day Deb sat down to watch the news. The man said, "President Kennedy was shot by Harvey Lee Oswald in Dallas." He was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald with a rifle at 12:30pm.

There are a lot of differences from now and then. But there are still some similarities. Well today presidents can still be assassinated. Some dress codes still apply at schools. Some people can still celebrate Halloween and school lunches can still be cheap. But overall life is way different from back then and this is a way that two people have told you about it, Ryan Roth and Deborah Ralston

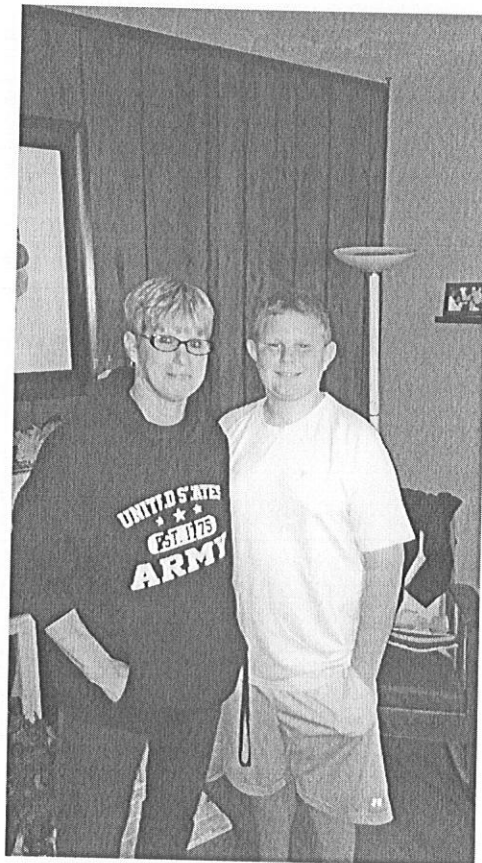
# A Tribute to Lu Seiter

by Ethan Enders

My name is Ethan. Playing football is what I like to do in the fall. Getting good grades is one goal I have. A lot of people think mowing is a chore, but mowing is one hobby I have. If you went by my house you would see me practicing for football, basketball, baseball, or see me mowing the yard.

Interviewing my grandma was very fun. Finding all of the information from the past was so exciting. My grandma had so many stories to tell. Getting all of the information was easy.

What was especially fun was listening to my grandma tell her stories. This was an exciting experience interviewing my grandma.



Kids today have life easier than kids did many years ago. To begin with kids have so much to do including softball, basketball, and football. Technology has come a long way in sixty years. Today, kids can just log in and do anything, and it makes school easier with information at your fingertips. Transportation is awesome, with cars and buses. No one has to walk to school now, and kids can get to places a lot easier and faster. Next, communication has come a long way with I phones that take pictures, text, and call. Phones have made life easier because with one push of a button they can be talking with someone. But sixty years ago, things were not so easy.

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Lu Seiter was born on January 20, 1956. When she was a kid she remembers phones being attached to walls, and black and white TV's with no remotes. Back then they didn't have any video games on there black and white TV's. Her family didn't go to the store a lot, so they got milk from the cows they raised. Her family grew most of the food they ate. She was so happy to learn to drive tractors and trucks when she was only six years of age. When she was in school, she had to wear a dress all the time, and she hated it. Girls weren't allowed to play any sports at their school. They started the school day off with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Her family didn't go to any restaurants. She loved to eat roast and potatoes. She liked to watch *M.A.S.H.* and *Hawaii 5-0* the original. Also she liked to play red light green light. How they played was they would try to get from one side to another. They would go, as fast as they could, but when the caller would say red light they would have to stop. If they would keep moving when the caller said red light they would have to go to the back of the pack. She didn't have any name brand clothes to wear, and she didn't have much of a selection of clothes. She typically she

would wear a blouse and a skirt. She didn't get many new clothes. The bands she liked were Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

When Lu Seiter was eleven years old, she will never forget the present she got. When Lu was eleven she was out at the neighbors' riding bikes and messing around with her friend Mike. They had been there quite a while when Mike's mom said that Lu's dad had called, and Lu had to go home right away. While she was riding home, she had thoughts going through her head. All of the thoughts were negative. She was wondering what she did wrong. Did she leave the gate open? Did the cows get out? When she rode up on the house, her dad was standing on the porch with a frown. He told her he had something to show her. With her heart pounding she wondered what it was as they walked to the barn. She walked in, and there was a pony. His name was Sugarfoot. Lu rode the poor pony until her legs were so long she looked ridiculous.

One historic event Lu will never forget is the J. F. K. assassination. Lu remembered so many people's reactions. Mainly the reactions were scared, sad, and angry. Most of all when she was a little kid she could remember the funeral procession. The horses with empty boots, the Kennedy's kids, and of course John's salute. She was only six and watched the whole thing unfold on a little black and white TV. She was very sad for the family. John F. Kennedy was assassinated November 22, 1963. He was killed in the motorcade while he rode through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated J. F. K.

Even though things are different from today in the fifties and sixties there are still things that are the same. Kids have always wanted to play sports and listen to music. Kids have never stopped being sly and getting in trouble. Kids like to sit around and eat junk food. School is still the same. Even though it is a one-room schoolhouse, or a multi level school with one hundred

computers kids still want a good education. Kids will always want to celebrate holidays that way they can get out of school and get presents.

*A Tribute to Linda Lou Shumate Levings*

*By Hannah Marisa Levings*

*My name is Hannah Levings I am going to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been figure skater for four years but right now I am a synchronized skater for team Chiller. I have two other siblings. A brother named Brycen who is in 5th grade and a sister named Addilyn who is in 1st grade. I also have a moma and a dad who are Rebecca and Kevin levings.*

*The reason that I picked Linda is because she is my grandma, she tells really good stories, and I love her. I thought that she was just going to tell me about how stuff was hard back then and she did but she also gave me very good details about her life story.*

Kids have it really easy these days. First of all, technology and communication is used today. For communication we have Iphones, Androids, Samsungs, and Galaxy phones. What I am trying to say is we have more technology compared to when people really needed Internet. When you think of technology, you would think of computers, chromebooks, Ipads and so much more. It is so easy to look up a few words and boom you have the answer to your homework. Or maybe you are on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter seeing what photo your friend just posted.

To begin with, when Linda Shumate Levings was a child she did not have a TV, but they had electricity. They also had a radio, and a brand new record player. Linda also had an outdoor bathroom for most of her childhood. When she was about 10 or 11 she got an indoor bathroom. That was very exciting for Linda. At one time in her life, she had a puppy, and one day she had an idea that she would dress the puppy up in baby doll clothes. Linda's mom thought that it was the cutest thing ever. Next Linda walked to school on sunny days but on gloomy rainy days her parents would drive her and her three siblings to school. Linda and her siblings mostly packed their lunches they rarely ever bought their lunches. Also your homeroom teacher was your Reading, Math, Social Studies, Science, English and spelling teacher. There was about 30 kids per classroom. In about the fifth grade they had combined the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6th graders together. The games and activities that Linda would play was Jacks, Jump rope, riding her bike, rollerblading, and play with chalk on the side walk. Her favorite of all of these is playing hopscotch. That is when you take chalk and number them 1-10 and there would be a pattern to it also. You would also hop on one foot or two feet and that is how you would play the games. Girls wore dresses, saddle shoes, winter boots, black leather shoes, jumpers, blouses. Boys were allowed to wear jeans, shorts, t-shirts, tennis



shoes. Most of the time your mother made them. Linda loved to wear dresses and saddle shoes. Linda and her family did not eat out much but when they did they ate at a place called Krusty's Diner. Linda loved their french fries. When Linda was a child she loved her mother's home cooking. Some of the the food was bread, biscuits, noodles, mashed potatoes, turkey, dressing, fried potatoes, and homemade lemonade. Linda's family loved to listen to country music. Linda's brother and uncle were in a band and on special occasions Linda and her other siblings got to listen to the music. Sometimes Linda and her siblings gathered around the piano and either their mom or dad played for a little bit and then they sent them to bed. On days that Linda and her siblings were bored they would turn on the radio and listen to a program called Flipper McGee and Molly.

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Linda Levings remembers when segregation of black people. The first thing that she remembers was they were not allowed to drink in the same water fountains. They were not allowed to go to the same school, eat at the same places, they were not allowed to ride the same buses or trains. This made Linda feel very unhappy about this. But her mom told her that it was a very hard time for African Americans, and indeed it was. In fact, segregation was starting to get better. People were starting to accept African Americans for whom they are where that made Linda feel happy.

In the second grade Linda was talking when she was not suppose to be talking. So her teacher had enough so she had been slapped with a ruler she could see the other kid very

frighten by the teacher and they would never talk again. She was so embarrassed that she started to cry. She learned her lesson and never talked again in school.

There are many ways that kids are alike and different, but for right now we are going to discuss the things that are alike. The ways that they are alike are school, games, music, etc. The things that are alike and different are just apart of history.

## **A Tribute to Doug Lichtenberger**

**By Caleb Lichtenberger**

If you go into my house, you will hear a loud trumpet playing upstairs. The person playing is me, Caleb. In case you're wondering, I am eleven years old; I will turn twelve in March. Things I like to do include Drawing, reading, fishing, eating, and playing my instrument. My family includes two brothers, a sister, a mom and a dad, three uncles, four aunts, and six cousins. Also a thing I like to do is play Legos (I have a whole desk full of Legos.)

It was really fun interviewing my grandpa. The reason I knew he would be good for the interview because he is great at telling stories. He also lives next door so it is easy to go over to his house. The side of the family he is on is my dad's side. Soon, he will be turning 70, and he lives in a one-story home. He is in charge of our property, (sort of like our land owner) and he owns the lambs too.

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Life as a kid back then was a lot different then it is now. First, a kid's day is more planned out now then it was back then. For example, kids go to school, then go home, get homework done, and finally, most kids, have dinner then go to bed. School is seven hours a day. Also, there are more electronic devices nowadays. For example, the T.V. the telephone, and computer all make life easier. Like I said, being a kid now is different than back then.

Doug Lichtenberger graduated high school in 1964. Life was simpler back then. First, he didn't really know about theft. Doug didn't go to town much since he lived on a farm, (he still does) almost everything was homemade. The highway he lived on (he still does) didn't have much traffic, about three cars a day. His school was called the Pleasant school (the Pleasant Local Schools weren't made yet) there was no art, gym, or computer class. He had no

supervision during recess, no kindergarten, and all grades in one building. Since there were no boys in Doug's neighborhood, he had make up games like throwing a ball on a roof and catching it. The food he ate was German based, like meat potatoes, and bread. The first movie he saw was *John Phillips's Sousa Story*. In fifth grade Doug played the sousaphone.

This is a story Doug will never forget. It was a sunny afternoon, after church. Doug was going to play cowboys with his sister, Jan. For some reason Doug got mad at Jan. So he took out his toy gun he had in his pocket, and threw it at her. Luckily for Jan, she ducked, but unfortunately for Doug, the gun struck a window. Doug's dad picked him up and said, "Go up to your room!" The tough thing was it was a great summer day and Doug spent about 5 hours of it in his room. It was a lesson to control his anger.

A historic event Doug Lichtenberger will never forget is the John F. Kennedy assassination. He was in an Air Force R.O.T.C. (Reserved Officer Training Core) class. When the Air Force Major made the announcement, it was pretty shocking to Doug since it was such a traumatic event. Also with television being able to be shown so quickly, and with who did it, would they be able to catch him; it was so surreal. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Texas, on November 22, 1963 while riding in the presidential motorcade. Accused of committing the J.F.K. assassination was Harvey Lee Oswald, although there are still many theories existing who was behind Oswald's plan.

Even though many things have changed from the 60s and 70s to now, some things still remain the same. For example, kids still went to school back then. They had things like recess, math class, and reading class. People still had food similar to what we have today, like mashed potatoes, meat, bread, and vegetables. Kids still had to make up games when there's nobody around like kids do today. For example, throwing a ball on a roof and catching it. Kids back then

had friends to hang out with like they do now. Back in the 60s, 70s, and 80s, kids got in trouble a lot, and they still do now. Like the time Doug Lichtenberger threw his toy gun at his sister and it struck a window. Back then during things like the depression, people celebrated holidays, and people today still do such as Christmas, Easter, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, and all of the holidays. When Doug was a kid, kids played sports like basketball, soccer, football, lacrosse, and so many other sports. Those are some similarities between when Doug was a kid and now.

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