



Thanksgiving Tributes

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A Tribute to Phil McCann

By, Leyton Hamper

My name is Leyton Hamper, and I am a sixth grader at Pleasant Middle School. One of my favorite things to do is play sports. I play baseball, football, and basketball. I would have to say my favorite is either baseball or football. I liked doing this report because I was able to learn about how tough life was for kids in the past, and I also got to learn about my grandpa's past. I chose to interview Phil McCann, my grandpa, because he is the nicest grandpa anyone could have. He comes to all of my sporting events and he is always calling to talk to my siblings and me. Every year we have had the holidays at his house, but last year my grandma had just had surgery before Christmas. We decided to have our dinner at our house, but he still helped in every way he could. These are all reasons why I chose to interview my grandpa, Phil McCann.

Kids today have it made. To start, our technology is way more complicated with TVs with hundreds of channels, and they are even in color. Also, computers allow us to search anything at the click of a button and cellphones help us stay in touch with relatives, friends, and people we work with no matter how far away. In addition, education is a lot harder today, but we now have tools to help us. For example there are now computer and cell phones. Kids nowadays wear more inappropriate clothing with short shorts for girls, and there is also a little bit of competition in kids' clothing today. Kids can also personalize their clothes. The food kids eat is also a lot different. Now kids can eat bigger portions for more money.

Things were different when Phil McCann was a child. To begin with, school teachers were allowed to give corporal punishment, and a lot of times, Phil had to walk to school with plastic bags and rubber bands for boots. Second, Phil was always outside playing games with his 15 siblings. One of the games he was always playing is Knock-Hockey. Knock-Hockey is a

lot like air hockey, but it is not electronic. Finally, food was scarce in Phil's family because his mother had to feed him and 15 other children, but Phil was lucky to live on a farm because he could take food from the garden when he was hungry.

There is one story from his childhood Phil will always remember. When Phil was a little boy, he rode his bike to his grandparents house to help feed the cows. Phil's grandparents house had a big pasture for the cows to run, so it was hard to get them to come. One of the ways Phil got the cows to come is yelling, "Saboss!" When Phil was herding the cows, one of the cows started chasing after him. Phil was running as fast as he could while screaming at the top of his lungs, but his grandpa just stood there laughing. The cows chased him all the way to the edge of the pasture. Phil had nothing to do so he jumped over the fence and waited for the cow to leave. When the cow finally left, Phil decided to go back home. When Phil arrived back home, his grandpa told him not to be scared of the animals because they wouldn't hurt him. Phil will always remember this story because it reminds him of his grandparents and their animals.

On November 22, 1963, in Dallas Texas, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was fatally shot by Lee Harvey Oswald while traveling with his wife, Jacqueline Kennedy. On his way to trial, Lee Harvey Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby. Phil will always remember this mostly because of what happened at school. Phil's school principal had all of the kids report to the cafeteria, and he told them what had happened. Immediately, kids started crying and lots of parents came to pick up their kids. For almost a month, there was no school. Everyone was stuck to the TV while they were off from school. One thing Phil will always remember was watching John Kennedy's son salute his casket as it was carried by. The worst thing was that John Kennedy being shot was on live TV.

Even though technology is always changing, kids will always be the same. Kids will always like good foods. Whether it is beans and corn bread or pizza, kids are always eating. Kids also love to play. Even if kids nowadays are a little bit lazy. It might not have been their choice, but kids have always gone to school. Also, kids have always wanted to have cool clothing. One last thing is entertainment. Kids have always gone to the movies, but it makes it so much better when kids can go with friends. These are all ways that kids in the past and kids in the present are alike.

A Tribute to John Kantzer

by, Grant Kantzer

This is a tribute to John Kantzer, my grandpa. I chose to interview him because he tells a lot of good stories, and I thought that he would be the perfect fit for this interview. He does a lot for me like picking me up from school, giving me candy, and he lets me do anything. I'm very proud to call him my grandpa.

My name is William Grant Kantzer, but I go by Grant. I play three sports football, basketball, and baseball. I'm a point guard in basketball. I'm a tight end and cornerback in football. For baseball I'm a catcher and a pitcher, but I'm usually behind the plate. My favorite food are tacos. They are the best with sour cream and taco sauce. I like to read books in the little free time I have. That's really all you need to know about me!

Kids today are very spoiled. First off, at the touch of our fingertips we can find out anything that we need to know about with a touch of a button. Second, we have a lot more clothing choices then they did back in the day. We can wear sweatpants, T-shirts, tennis shoes, and shorts. Finally, our education is better. We have bigger buildings, a big variety of subjects, and better transportation to get to school. All of the things that we have we think are normal, but people that were born about fifty years ago think this is very odd.

John William Kantzer is 75 years old, and he is a great grandpa. Life was different for John when he was a kid. First off he had to walk to school and back, and as soon as he got home from school, he had to do chores. Johns playtime was on

Saturday and church always on Sunday. John always ate as a family, and his parents wouldn't drive him anywhere. John's school was very strict when he did something bad he would get paddled in the behind! John didn't have a lot of homework in school. Also boys sit on one side and girls sit on the other side. Some games that John played were Cowboy and Indians, football, and acted like Tarzan. His favorite game to play was cowboys and Indians. They had cap guns for that specific game. John and his brother Jim would chase their cousin around because he was the Indian, and they were the cowboys. He also liked Tarzan, they would play that by swinging on ropes in trees. Now when it came to clothes back then they weren't very different from what we wear today. John wore Levi's jeans with T-shirts and a sweatshirt. The girls back then including John's wife Rynette weren't aloud to wear pants; they had to wear skirts. The main foods that John had were roast-beef and mashed potatoes, spaetzle(dumplings) and ham. Also they had hominy which is a type of corn. John's favorite meal was mashed potatoes and sauerkraut and wieners. The only restaurant John's family went out to would be spaghetti restaurants. The rest of the time his mother cooked. For the shows that he wanted to hear he had to turn on the radio to listen to them. He watched movies downtown on Saturday. The music that John like was rock and roll. The movies John enjoyed were *Roy Rogers*, *Lash Larue*, and *Hopalong Cassidy*.

One story John will never forget is it was a cold day, the time was two days before Christmas. John and his brother Jim love to hunt and they found out that their cousin was getting a BB gun for Christmas. John's cousin was two years older than him. John's father Doc told John and Jim they wouldn't get a BB gun until they were two

years older. John like many other times got to thinking that his dad would get Jim and himself a BB gun this Christmas. So Christmas Eve came and John and Jim ripped through most of their presents only to find not one of them got one. They were very disappointed. So on Christmas morning they got up and headed to the living room, they only had a few presents left. So every present they opened they peeled back very slowly. After a while both of them had one present left. They looked at each other then opened the box ever so slowly to find A BRAND NEW BB GUN!! John was so excited with what their dad got them. They laughed and cheered as they gave their dad a great big hug. The next day their dad took both of them hunting with their brand new BB guns. John remembers this story like it was yesterday even though it happened when he was a kid.

One historic event John will never forget is the bombing of Pearl Harbor. John could remember his parents talking about how the gas prices were so high, and that a lot of groceries were hard to get. The music that John heard was melancholy music about war and how men were being killed. John's grandfather had worked in a factory that made airplane parts for the U.S Air Force that were at war. John's uncle was in the Navy and told stories about how bad it was to fight on the sea. John said he learned that war has an effect on everybody , and it was a tough time to get through for families that had sons and husbands at war. This is how part of the bombing happened. At first, Japan thought they would be able to take oil and resources from other Asian countries, but that soon proved to be too big of a task for them. Japan knew that the U.S had a naval base in Hawaii to monitor the war activity in the Pacific Ocean, which made any

further invasions difficult for Japan. That's a big reason for the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Months before the bombing, Japanese troops carefully worked on a secret plan to take out the Naval base. Finally, on December 7, 1941, about 181 fighter planes flew over Oahu and began their attack. Twenty-one ships in the Naval fleet were destroyed within a couple hours, and more than 2,400 people were killed. It was a fatal day on December 7, 1941.

Even though times have changed kids stay the same. There are some similarities from when John was a kid to kids today. First off, all kids went to school. Second, Kids eat dinner with their family, and all the kids like good entertainment. Also, all of the kids like to play games, and kids like a good meal even today. Last but not least, every kid back then and today loved snow days. That's how today's kids are similar from kids back then.

A Tribute To Jane Nelson

By Hannah White

This is a tribute to my Aunt Jane who is a teacher that works here at Pleasant Middle School. She is the reason that I'm going to attend school here. Everyone knows who she is (if not I'm sorry, she is the art teacher), she is nice and crafty. Har har, sorry about the pun. I moved here this year and I'm the tallest girl in my grade. I love to read in the my free time I have, to me it's not about the points. My favorite sports are softball, basketball, football, and volleyball. That's a little bit about me.

Kids in the twenty-first century are so lucky compared to kids twenty or more years ago. First of all there is technology, you can call your friend in (Canada) under a minute! There are also computers with games, music, and software. Don't even get me started on the food! The servings have at least doubled since the 1900's. All these things are normal to us, but if you went back in time fifty years and you told the people about today, they wouldn't believe you.

Jane Nelson used to play outside with her friends a lot. Some games that they played were Red Rover, Hopscotch, Colored Eggs, Jacks, and when Jane was little, her family would go outside at night and catch bats with hats. Now whoever is reading this is probably scratching their head thinking, what the heck, but back then that was really fun. They also had a talent show. All the kids on the block came to participate. The only times they had to stop playing was to eat and to watch TV. Speaking of, it was a humongous deal to get color TV and movies. On Saturdays they would go to the library.

After that they would go to Jerzy and make their own coke. That was in the summer, during the school year they had to walk to school (Jane had to walk more than five blocks). It was pretty strict back then. They were put in a corner if they were bad. If they were really bad they got paddled (spanked). Only the worst of the worst went to the principle's office. There were some upsides, too, like walking home for lunch (lunch was an hour). When Jane was in school (elementary) she wore dresses, shorts, and slacks. When she got into the older grades she wore maxi skirts, bell bottom pants, pant suits, and jeans. Now, for the foods they ate full dinners : chicken, mac and cheese, and casseroles. The types of restaurants back then were Islays shop, Burger Chief, and Jerzy. One of those is still here (Jerzy) . Jane's favorite part of the week was Sunday because it was pizza night, who doesn't like pizza? Sometimes they would get ice cream afterwards. Jane's favorite shows to watch were I Love Lucy, the Ed Sullivan Show, Disney, Mary Poppins, Ponderosa, and her favorite band was the Beatles.

Christmas Eve is a special occasion for Jane Nelson's family, because they celebrated the Swedish Christmas. The dinner consisted of curve, brown beans (scandinavian), bondust cheese with cornicabra bread (hard tack), lingonberries,rye bread, rice pudding (there was only one raisin in it, whoever got it had luck for the rest of the year). Now the tree had all different kinds of decorations, like a dolla horse, straw, angels, and reindeer. Get this, she still does it to this day!

Time to get a little more serious. A memory that Jane will never forget was the JFK assassination. She was only nine when it happened in 1963. School was let out of so that people could grieve (for once getting out of school was a bad thing). She

remembered coming home being frightened while her mom was watching TV (they played the scene repeatedly). Her mom told her what was happening and they were glued to the couch. When it came time for the funeral the whole entire family watched in respect. After they found the shooter they were transferring the man (Lee Harvey Oswald) to a prison when somebody shot him! They think there was a group of shooters, but they only found two (Jack Ruby and Grassy Knoll). People today are still trying to figure out who the last shooter was.

Kids today are also similar to the kids fifty years ago. Some examples are they still have the same kinds of games, they grieve the same way, food, fun, school, homework, reading, and dreams. There is much more to tell, and not enough time (and paper). Kids will always be the same.

A tribute to Bobbie wright

by Baylee Grubb

This is my tribute to Bobbie Wright, my Gram. I chose to interview her because she has been in my life since day one and she never gave up on me. So thank-you Grammy!

About the Author: Baylee Grubb

I am twelve years old, have one sister named Kennedy, and two four-legged brothers named Stitch and Woody. I like to play softball and basketball, hanging out with my friends and playing with my cousins in Richwood. Through this interview I have learned that a lot has changed over the years; some positive and some negative.

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Today kids have the easy life. Wireless cell phones, wireless tablets, video games, and better technology overall. Today there's also color in TVs', with hundreds of channels. Kids have the world at their fingertips! Most children don't have to walk to school anymore or worry about getting paddled by their teacher. Education is tougher, but more advanced. Clothing today is comfy, casual, and nothing too fancy. Kids today wear anything from a dress with fancy shoes to sweatpants and tennis shoes. Food, oh food has changed a lot. There is a variety of grocery stores, sit-down restaurants, and fast foods restaurants to choose from. Nowadays, kids would eat pizza all day if they could. Unfortunately, all of the technology comes with a price. You can find out anything about anyone on the internet; so kids have to be cautious and learn about internet safety. With all that being said, today's kids have more opportunities than those fifty-eight years ago.

Bobbie Wright was born August 7, 1957. She lived a simple life in Richwood, Ohio. There weren't many sports for girls yet; so Bobbie enjoyed going to Indian Lake on the

weekends with her family and roller skating. Back then, you didn't have to worry about being safe, in her town everyone knew everybody. School, well, she didn't like it much; like kids today. Her favorite classes were recess and Art. School hasn't changed much, except for being more advanced and technology is better. Her parents weren't very involved with her in school; they didn't volunteer in class or help with her assignments. She liked to play Red Rover-Red Rover, Kickball, and Hopscotch. Most of the games were like today, but not many of us kids today play Red Rover. To play, you need a yard and two teams. Each team stands on opposite sides of the yard holding hands. One team calls "RED ROVER, RED ROVER SEND SO AND SO ON OVER." Whoever was just called has to run to the other team and try to break their hands apart. If that person breaks the other team's hands they can take one person back to their team with them. If they don't break that team's hands, they must stay on that team and join in holding that team's hands. Whichever team has the longest line wins. She wore Bell Bottom jeans, rompers, pullovers, plaid and pleated skirts. She says that today's clothes are WAY MORE inappropriate! From the clothes she used to wear, a lot of them haven't made a "comeback". Today she says there's a bigger variety of clothes and stores to go to and buy from. She liked to eat pizza, McDonald's french fries, and ice cream. Her favorite food was and still is McDonald's french fries. The restaurants she liked were in Indian Lake. For entertainment, she watched movies, went ice skating and roller skating, took long walks with her girl friends, and boating, tubing, and swimming at Indian Lake. The movies she loved were Romeo and Juliet , Deliverance. The TV shows she watched were Elvis Movies and To Kill A MockingBird. The records she listened to were the Twist Dance and Elvis.

The childhood memory Bobbie will never forget was one year at Christmas. That year was a very cold winter. She and her brother both wanted banana seat bicycles so bad they couldn't wait one more second to see if Santa got them or not. Her mom was all too pleased

with teasing them and asking, "What do you think Santa will get you, and what happens if he doesn't get you the bicycles?". EVERYDAY she would ask them that! Well, now it's Christmas Eve and Bobbie was so excited that she didn't have to hear her mom anymore. So she was in her bed and was just too excited to even close one eye. She tossed and turned and couldn't fall asleep. So she went to the bathroom; and of course she had to check to see if Santa got her and her brother the banana seat bicycles. She found not one, but TWO banana seat bicycles! She was so excited to get her hands on them, but she had to stop herself and go back to bed so her mom wouldn't figure out she looked at the Christmas Tree. When she woke up she went downstairs and acted like she was surprised that there were banana seat bicycles. Before she could even try to fool her mom, her mom told her that she heard her get up and she wasn't happy at all! To this day her mom says, "YOU RUINED CHRISTMAS FOR ME!"

The historic event Bobbie remembers is 9/11. She was at work walking through the library and the TV was on. The TV showed two buildings that had been "fired upon". She just stood there questioning, "Is that now?", "Is that real?", "What happened?". As the third plane hit the pentagon, she stood there stunned. She learned quickly that it was real, it was happening at that exact moment, and it was in United States. She just kept questioning things like, "Who did this?", "Why would they do this?". Shocked for days she thought, "Why would anyone be so mean and intentionally harm U.S. citizens?". Today she feels less naive. She says it's a shame to say but it violated our trust as a nation. Every anniversary of the event is emotionally painful for her. She says for all the families that went through this tragic event are truly remarkable and her heart goes out to them. The history of September 11, 2001 is that 19 militants associated with Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide missions against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York City. One was crashed into the Pentagon; and just outside Washington D.C. the

fourth plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. This is often referred to as 9/11. Over 3,000 people were killed during the attacks in New York City and Washington D.C., including more than 400 police officers and firefighters. This sparked much of our country's initiative to combat terrorism and defined George W. Bush's presidency.

Even though things change, kids will always be kids. Kids are always hungry and adore good food. Kids always have a desire to be cool and have the latest trend. Man, kids still love entertainment; like movies, TV, music, shows, concerts and more. Today we still love to be active, play outside, and play sports. We will still have an opinion about school and always will. Like every kid in the world we still get into trouble once and awhile. Kids still like to play games, whether it's board games or computer games. Kids don't care they just want to play a game. Even though things change, we will always be kids.

Tribute To Phyllis Murphy

By, Liam Murphy

Kids today are spoiled. First , there is the technology. Today we have colored TV with hundreds of channels, cell phones, Ipads, Iphones , computers and more. Next , we now have refrigerators and freezers. We have microwaves , and more! Now , let's talk about the education. Now there is no more paddling, more than one room in a school building. Back then it was different.

When Phyllis Murphy was a child, they only had one TV, did not have cell phones yet, or huge schools, either. Usually the food they ate was from their garden. They lived out in the country in Little Fork , Kentucky. She had two brothers , she would play Kick the Can , a lot. They didn't have a lot of toys either. They would often play outside, when they did play.

If there was one story that she will always remember it would be this one. One time when she was six years old, her ten- year-old brother was chopping wood, and she had to keep grabbing the chopped logs to put them into pile. She took one that her brother was not done with, and her brother said, "I need to chop it a little more." She said "No you don't." She tried to grab the wood, but then he chopped the wood and her finger off too. She went to the hospital the next day. That was an event in her childhood that she will remember forever.

One event in history that Phyllis will remember is the Korean War. Her grandpa was in that war, and he was missing in action. He was living with a Korean family, and they were hiding him. When he did come home, he didn't want to talk about it. He ended up being in the newspaper as 'missing in action'.

Kids today are the same as they were a very long time ago. they still play tag , sports , and listen to music. They still watch tv or try to entertain themselves. They ALL get in trouble at some point , just like kids a long time ago. That is how kids today are the same as back then.

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About The Author!



I was 11 years old , when he did this essay. I was born on January 23, 2004. In the picture Liam is the guy holding his shoe. The other Weirdo is brycen levings . The girl is Eriel Howard. goes to Pleasant middle school. He rides the bus to school everyday.

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A Tribute to Linda Uncapher

by, Kyla Columber

This is my tribute to Linda, my grandma. I chose to interview her because she is always there for me and I love her. She attends all my sporting events that she possibly can. Also she is always available when I need her. My name is Kyla Columber and I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I am a very sporty girl. Basketball and softball are my two favorite sports and my number I use to play sports is twenty three. I picked that number because I was born on November twenty third. While doing this interview I learned that kids from today and the past have many similarities and differences. For example, kids today have electronics however the kids from the past didn't, but both love to play outside and love participating in activities.

Kids today have it made! To begin with food was way different than today's. Now the food is more expensive, there are more restaurants, and people go out to eat more. Also technology is so much better with computers, cellphones, and television has color and hundreds of channels. In addition, clothing is more stylish. Kids can wear shirts and pants with writing or logos on them. Today is so different from the past and I just can't even imagine what it would have been like.

On August 23, 1950, Linda Uncapher was born. Linda has two sisters and three brothers. They liked playing games like baseball a lot. Linda watched cartoons every Sunday and loved watching movies. She watched a lot of " I Love Lucy " and " Lucy's Toyshop " when she was little. Linda's favorite meal was her mom's pot roast which

included mashed potatoes, gravy, pot roast, corn, rolls, and pie for dessert. They rarely went out to eat but when they did they usually got McDonalds. When Linda was a child there were no Ipads or cellphones. Also girls didn't play in sports and she didn't go out to eat a whole lot. School was a lot different for her too. There was only one teacher per grade level, there weren't as many activities, and girls were in pep clubs. Their clothes weren't as stylish and you couldn't wear jeans to school. She would wear lots of skirts and dresses. Linda would play hide-n-seek and tetherball. Life was so much different than what life is today.

Linda will never forget the day she was playing in the hay. Linda lived on the farm when she was in the sixth grade and on one sunny and bright summer day she went out on the field and started playing in the hay. This enormous group of bees started surrounding her and got closer and closer. Linda was getting frightened and finally she ran as fast as she could to get away but she wasn't fast enough. The bees started going inside her shirt and other clothing on her. She didn't know what to do so she screamed for her parents. Her parents didn't hear her so there was only one thing she could do and it was to take off shirt. Linda had enough and she knew it was the only thing she could do. Linda ripped off her shirt and threw it. The bees went away and Linda was relieved. That is the story that Linda could never forget.

During the JFK assassination Linda was 14 years old and was in the hospital sick with pneumonia. Even though it didn't affect her personal life, it did affect the United

States. The JFK assassination occurred on November 22, 1963, in Dallas Texas. John F. Kennedy was assassinated on a Friday at 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. John was about 46 years old when he passed away. John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald. John was our 35th president and only got to be president for two almost three years. They declared John died in office at 1:00 in the afternoon. On November 23rd at 1:00 in the morning, Lee Harvey Oswald was accused of assassinating the president. November 22, 1963, was such a sad day and should never be forgotten.

Kids from today and in the past still have some similarities. For example, all kids like food whether it's pizza or hamburgers and they are always hungry. Also kids are very active whether they are playing basketball or just tag. In addition, all kids love playing games and playing outside. Something else they have in common is that they always enjoy entertainment like television, movies, music, concerts, or shows. All kids go to school and had a different attitude towards it whether it is good or bad. One more thing kids have in common is that they all want to be cool and stylish! Those are some examples of how kids from today and kids from the past are alike.

A Tribute to Mona Boast
by, Aden Casperson

Today I will tribute Mona Boast, Mona Boast is a really nice grandma. Mona takes really good care of me when my dad is at work. My name is Aden Casperson I like to play a lot of sports like football and basketball.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology is so much better now. You can watch over 100 stations, and a with colored TV. Now you can communicate easier with cellphones, computers, and other technology that is used. Today kids have comfy clothes they wear sweatpants and shorts and all kinds of other clothes. That is how kids lives are today .

But 50 years ago, things were a lot different for Mona Boast. To begin with, Mona Boast only had a radio when she was a child. In addition, jobs were harder to get back then. Monna Boast was in a separate school, one was for African Americans the other one was for white people. The game Monna Boast played as a child was hide and go seek and tag. That was how Monna Boast's life was as a child.

This is the childhood memory Monna Boast will never forget. The day began when her brother had a bouncy ball that could bounce really high and fast. Mona wanted to try to bounce it so she pulled her arm up and slammed the bouncy ball as hard as she could. The ball bounced awkwardly and hit the window and the window had a huge hole in it. Her brother ran away from her because he knew she was going to get in trouble. When Mona's mom came in she immediately saw the window and sent

to her room for a week . So from this day Mona Boast will never forget what happened when she just wanted to play with a ball.

The historic event Mona Boast will never forget is the JFK assassination. Mona Boast was watching television on November, 22 1963, When she heard JFK had been shot. John Fitzgerald Kennedy commonly referred to by his initials JFK, was an American politician who served as the 35th president United States from January, 1961, to his assassination on November, 22 1963. Mona heard that Lee Harvey Oswald, was behind the assassination and was shot by Jack Ruby two days after the shooting of Kennedy . Millions of people including Mona Boast heard of the assassination and were full of grief and felt sorrow for the president's family. Mona also figured out that day, that Kennedy was assassinated at Dallas, Texas by a sniper at Texas School Book Depository. That is the historic event that changed Mona's life forever.

How are kids the same today? To begin with all the kids today are always growing to be very tall and healthy. A lot of kids like to play games for entertainment and fun, there's a lot of gamers out there. Seconded, kids are active today like playing outside with friends or just playing by yourself. But holiday's are still the same today like Christmas, Easter, and other wonderful holidays. Next, the school attitude is still the same no kid wants to wake-up early. Then, the kids got in trouble like some kids today. As you can see in this essay thing stay the same and change over time.

A Tribute To Linda Robinson

By, Aleah Robinson

This is my tribute to my grandma. I interviewed Linda because she is a very interesting person. My grandma and I go to my uncle's lake and take pictures almost every fall or summer. During the summer we go to the Jerzee at least once a month. My grandma will take each and everyone of her grandkids shopping and spend the exact same amount on each of us. She is always making sure she is fair. My grandma is a great person. She is very beautiful and kind. Thank you for all that you do for me Grandma!

My name is Aleah Robinson. One of the things I like to do is all star cheerleading. Another thing I like to do is play softball and basketball. I spend most of my free time watching Netflix. You may think it's a waste of time, but I have nothing better to do. I learned that life was very different when my grandma was alive. I also learned that some things stayed the same. I liked learning about not only life in general back then, but my grandma's life back then. That's all about me and what I learned.

Kids today have it made. The clothes today are very different. Other than the dress code kids can basically dress however they want. Whereas back in the day they had to wear a uniform. Kids can dress up or dress down. Kids today have tv with color and channels, but people back then had black and white with only very few channels. Information is right at their fingertips, however years ago they had to go to the library. Education today is much better than back then. Education now has tougher subjects. We are learning things today that your parents didn't learn till they were eighth graders. Cell phones now let you call long distance family or friends, but most people didn't even have phones. Children get punished very differently than back then. Kids do not get hit with a paddle however if teachers hit kids with paddles today they

would get arrested. Food now is quick and easy. Fast food is a lot of kids meals every night, but there is also microwavable food. That is why kids have it made now a days.

Linda Gale Rose or now Linda Robinson was born in 1951. She has one brother and that is all the siblings she has. This is what life was like awhile ago. Linda says that life was less complicated back in the day. Life differs because kids didn't have electronics then now today almost every sixth grader has one in Pleasant Middle School. Everything is more advanced now according to Linda. Life was more relaxed, as of today life is much more rushed it seems. School was more disciplined. The teachers received more respect, but today teachers don't get much respect at all. Back in the day most schools still had school buses although today if you're not a car rider you are riding the bus. Some schools didn't even have cafeterias, but today every school that I know of has one. Some of the games Mrs. Robinson played was jacks. You throw a ball and get one jack. Everytime you throw a ball up you get another jack. Whoever has the most jacks wins. None of the jacks can touch each other. The clothes kids wore a while ago were very different. I think the clothes back then were a little ugly. Girls had to wear dresses and knee high socks, but today girls don't wear that almost at all. Boys had to wear button down shirts. Although that would not be that bad. The foods and meals Linda liked to eat was beans, cornbread, and fried potatoes. Linda's favorite food was fried potatoes. One of the common restaurants that were common with my grandma was Nickerson's Farm. For entertainment kids went to the movies. Her favorite movie was "Let's Get Together". Tv shows that were popular were "Leave It To Beaver" and "Andy Griffith". She enjoyed the Beatles.

Linda was driving to Oklahoma for what had seemed years. The white, icy road seemed forever long. Linda thought that they stopped just about everywhere on the way. She didn't ever get out because the cold winter air could have killed her. At least that is what she thought. After the icy and cold road trip, they got to Linda's grandma's house for christmas. Now keep in mind

all Linda wanted for Christmas was a brand new purple bicycle. Anyway, she ran as fast as lightning and squeezed her grandma like a lemon. It was late at night, so she headed to the dull bedroom she would stay in for her visit. She was so excited for Christmas that morning she couldn't fall asleep. Finally after about an hour of excitement she fell asleep. It was now morning when she rose up from her bed as fast as light. She ran down the stairs as fast as she possibly could. There were tons of presents wrapped in beautiful bright color wrapping paper and designed wrapping paper. Linda just couldn't wait to see if she got that bright purple bicycle she wanted. At last she finally was allowed to open the presents. Linda got all kinds of great gifts. Not any of them were very expensive though. There was one gift left and it could have been a bicycle. She was praying and praying for that beautiful bicycle. When she opened that last gift that bicycle wasn't there. Linda had never been so sad. She did not show it though because she was very thankful for everything else. Her and her family loaded up the car and took off down the icy road. They were on the way back to Colorado. The ride back home seemed short because she could care less when she got home. They all got home and waked in the small, but nice house. Everything looked the same, dull and plain. Except for one thing, there was a new bicycle in the living room. Oh how she jumped with joy at the sight of her very own purple bike. Till this day she still wondered how her mom arranged that. That is a time Linda was very, very surprised.

A historic event that sticks out to Linda Robinson is the John F Kennedy assassination. Linda was at school when the assassination took place. A voice came over the loudspeaker at the school saying the president had been shot and killed. All of the schools in her area shut down. The principal had a long talk about what had happened, so that the younger kids understood. Linda and a couple kids that lived on her block walked home together. On the way home everyone was crying and talking about this tragic event. When Linda got home her mother

was sobbing while flipping through the 3 channels that they have. On every channel was new about the president. That was a very sad day in history , not only for Linda's family , but everyone in the United States. John F. Kennedy was riding in a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas. John, his wife, and Governor Connally. The three were riding downtown and waving at their huge crowds. As their car passed the Texas School Book Depository Building Harvey Oswald shot at the president three times from the sixth floor. Those three shots wounded the president very badly. John F. Kennedy was pronounced dead a half hour later at Dallas' Parkland Hospital. Vice president Lyndon Johnson who was 3 cars behind John was sworn in to be the 36th president of the United States. He swore in on an Air Force One plane as it sat aboard Dallas Love Field Airport. There was only about 30 people that witnessed Lyndon swear in. One of the people that witnessed Lydon swear in was Mrs.Kennedy that sat with clothes stained with her husband's blood. Seven minutes after he swore the presidential jet flew off to Washington D.C. That is a very memorable historical event.

Kids today are still the same for the most part. Kids today still watch tv and play sports. Children still have to go to school. Most of the foods today are the same as back in the day. Kids are always hungry. Entertainment today is still the same as back then. Holidays are still a huge thing to kids. Some children still absolutely love to read. If kids do something bad they still get punished. Kids today are basically still the same as a while ago. Children haven't changed much over the years.

A Tribute to Ron Adkins

By Colton Adkins

This is my tribute to Ron Adkins, my grandpa, I choose to interview him because I love him. We go out to eat together, play games with each other, and love each other. My grandpa makes my life so much more enjoyable. My name is Colton Adkins and I wrote this essay about my grandpa. I learned many things I didn't know about my grandpa that is why I liked doing this interview. Here is the story of my grandpa.

Kids today have it made. If you go back in time you are not going to see a kid walking around with a smartphone texting his friends to come over to play video games. You will not be able to go eat at McDonalds and get a big mac. People are going to look at you funny if you wear a shirt with writing on it. Back then they didn't have any of that. If you asked about those things in the 1950's they will think you're crazy. They didn't have fancy food or fancy clothes. Nowadays we have almost everything. Life was so different back in the 1950's.

Ron Adkins was born in 1954 into a family of four. He said life was different back then, but still enjoyable. For example, he had a TV when he grew up, but only three channels and no color, just black and white. Also, his schooling was way different. He had 8 years of grade school and 4 years of high school. The games they played were marbles, softball, basketball, tag, and red rover. Girls wore dresses not skirts. Boys wore blue jeans and a white t-shirt. The restaurant he ate at was a place called Annette's. He had a black and white TV with only three channels, and he also had a radio. Ron is now 70, but he still volunteers at Red Cross and the Humane Society, and Ron still has a job at Paradise park. Ron has a wife named Gerri and they love each other and their grandkids.

An interesting story Ron tells happened on Thanksgiving day. On the day he wandered away from home, when he was four years old. He took his two dogs and went into the woods like he has seen his father do when he went hunting. He was unable to find the path back home and was lost in the woods for almost a day before he was found. One of his dogs stayed with him and the other went back home to get help. Being in the country and not having a phone to call for help all the neighbors who lived close formed a search party and started looking for him. Ron thought he would be in a lot of trouble but Ron's mom was so glad he was safe she didn't punish Ron.

Ron went through a horrific story too. He was 18 and just got out of high school and was working at his job at the supermarket. He was just finishing up restocking the shelves when he heard the announcement through the store that president JFK was assassinated. Ron was in disbelief that somebody would kill the president of the United States. He stocked the rest of the shelves then went upfront to see the store was closed and everybody got to go home. When he got home his mother was crying and his father was shocked that somebody had done that to the president. They ate dinner in silence and went to bed shocked and sad John F. Kennedy our 35th president, also the youngest president at that time was tragically assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

Kids today are still the same as back then. Kids today still like to go outside and hang out with friends. Kids still watch tv just not in black and white. Also kids still go to school like back then it's just different. Plus all kids love games even if it is a game outside or inside. Kids love to get in trouble even if it was a kid yesterday or a kid back in the 1950s. Kids like to eat junk food. Kids always seem to be hungry. We all watched TV, read a book, listen to the radio, or watch a movie. Of course kids today have their iphones and video games, but in some ways kids haven't changed.

A Tribute to Derek L Roberts

By Hailie Janes

This is a tribute to Derek my neighbor. Things he helps me with is my homework when I don't understand. Well at least he tries to help. I would like to get more information because you might wonder what it felt like for him. I would also like to know what had happened before my time, because we have nothing to relate to the past less than the future.

Some things about me are my name is Hailie Janes and I really like sharks in fact sharks are favorite kind of animal or I should say mammal and not a fish. I also have 3 sisters and 2 brothers. I also have 6 dogs 3 cats and a lot of fish. I think that is all the things you need to know about me.

Kids today have it made. To begin with technology, is a lot better from 50-60 years ago. Second, we have more channels and color, we also have phones that helps us communicate. In addition, the education today is much more challenging. There are also a lot more things like tools that help with the problems. Also, the clothing is a lot better today we have sweats, shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes. Last, food today is amazing. The kids get to eat at fast food restaurants and microwavable food. These things are common today, but 65 years ago things were a lot different.

Manly things were different back then for Derek Roberts. First of all, the clothes were different because the girls did not wear booty shorts, and the boys mainly wore blue jeans and buttoned shirts. The girls wore skirts and blouses, and they weren't allowed to wear earrings or makeup. For sports, the boys mainly played flag football. They played softball in school, but the girls couldn't play baseball in school grounds, but the boys could.

The story Derek L. Roberts will never forget happened during summer vacation. It was at his grandfather's farm Derek was five and his brother was three. They went to the pond which was dried up, and they decided to walk across it. The ground was hard, the underneath was muddy, and Derek fell in and got stuck they got smacked. In that part of time it was called abuse. At his grandfather's farm he was five and his little brother Darcey was three. They went to the dried up pond outback. They wanted to walk across it. The ground on top was crusty and dried up, but the bottom was wet and muddy. When they first stepped on the dried-up pond, they fell in and then you hear a crunch and then a splash. When their grandpa and father came out because it was dinner, and they weren't inside. They heard yelling and screaming, and found them stuck in the dried up pond. They knew what was coming and their grandpa said "stand still" they could hear the grandpa smack him outside. In the time it was called abuse.

The death and assassination of John F. Kennedy. All the students were upset and scared. They were also worried about the JFK. At that time he was in the 7th grade. The kids around the world were upset. Around the world everyone was stunned about the assassination of JFK. A lot of the people stayed in to see the coverage of the JFK assassination on TV.

Even though styles change kids will always be the same. The first change is that kids today don't listen. The kids now are always on electronics, and kids back then didn't have electronics. There is something we have in common which is, we also have cool styles. We also like to be active and play. Those are some things we have in common and don't have in common from then and now.

A tribute to Bill Klug

By, Maddie King

This is my tribute to Bill Klug my uncle. I chose Bill Klug to interview because he usually has interesting stories, and he is funny. We both usually just hang out around his house and talk, tell stories about what has happened a couple days ago, or just tell jokes. My name is Maddie King, I am 11 years old, and I go to Pleasant Middle School. For entertainment I like to listen to music or read books. My favorite bands are My Chemical Romance, Bring me the Horizon, 5 Seconds of Summer, and One Direction. A book I am currently reading is called *Paper Towns* and John Green is the author. John Green is probably one of my favorite authors. During this interview I have learned more about Bill Klug and what he did for entertainment when he was younger. I have learned more about the Vietnam War and how it was like to be a soldier in the war. I liked that I could be able to learn more about his childhood and how it is a little bit different from today. His stories are very interesting and are fun to listen to.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, they have many more restaurants. Kids today can take foods on the go whenever they need to. Also our clothes have changed so much. Stores now have more comfy clothes and t-shirts with different designs. Also jeans have changed in styles. They now can be baggy, skinny, or loose. T-shirts and jeans nowadays have way more color. Today there is all sorts of new technology. Today computers are much faster and some are portable. Today we now can use this technology for entertainment, learning and to work on your spelling. Today's education has changed in many ways. The work has been getting harder and more different. Now we can now use technology to help with our work. The best part of this new kind of education is that there is no more paddling.

When Bill Klug was younger things were different compared to what today is. For example, when Bill was still in school, he and his friends would have to make up their own games at recess. His favorite games to play were Indian ball, Mother May I?, and Tin Can Alley. In Indian ball they would use a ball and a bat. The person with the bat would hit the ball, and if the pitcher caught it, you're out. In Mother, May I? you have to ask the player that is the mother if you can move up 5 steps, and the mother would say, "No, you can move 5 steps back." In Kick the can a player would step on a tin can and count to ten while others go and hide. The person who is on the tin can has to look for the player, and if a player kicks the tin can, then you lose the game and start over. Bill would also play these games with his siblings when he had nothing else to do. Also at their school they had a playground which at the time was a pretty big deal, but it was hard to get to because it was always so crowded.

A childhood story that Bill Klug would never forget was when he and his brother caught their chickens on fire. Bill and his brother were left alone, and his brother had suggested to run gasoline throughout the chicken coop, and for some reason they ended up doing it. Everything had caught on fire, but at some point the fire had stopped. When they opened the door to the chicken coop the chickens had come out of the coop on fire. All the chickens were running around until the fire went out. Once everything had calmed down, Bill and his brother ended up hiding because they knew when their dad got home they would be in huge trouble. When their dad got home, he was very angry about what had happened. Bill and his brother had gotten into huge trouble just like they had expected.

The Vietnam War was a long, costly armed conflict. More than three million people were killed. The soldiers bombed the wrong places and many villages disappeared after. Bill Klug's brother was in this war. Many people didn't like the soldiers that were in this war. When the soldiers went on airplanes, many people would spit on them because they weren't happy with

how they did. This war was a very unpopular war. Most of the soldiers that came back would have bad memories of what has happened. They would be called baby killers because of how many villages they had bombed by accident. Bill Klug's brother didn't come home right away. He stayed in a hotel far away because he was scared of what would happen when he came back to his homeland.

Although styles have changed kids are still the same. For example all of us still get hungry and we all still like good food. Also we have most of the same types of entertainment even if it involves playing board games. We all still have music, TV, movies, and board games. We can also make up our own games. We still play games like hide and go seek, Tag, kickball, and much more. We still play sports and are active when it comes to playing any types of games. If the games aren't fun we can end up making them fun by changing up the rules or playing it differently.

A tribute to Maxine Gibson

by, Aleece Klaiber

This is my tribute to Maxine, my great grandma. I choose to interview her because I am close to her, and she has some pretty good stories. Maxine used to always babysit me. She used to live by Denny's so we would go every time she babysat me, and she would take me to feed the ducks. Now she lives with my great aunt, but I still visit her. My family has thanksgiving and Christmas dinner there.

About the author: My name is Aleece Klaiber. I have six sisters. I enjoy reading, writing, singing, dancing, playing volleyball, and watching Netflix. I do competitive dance. I also did Peter Pan Jr. at the Marion Palace Theater. I'm not a big fan of chocolate. My birthday falls on Thanksgiving this year. That pretty much sums me up.

Today kids have it made. To begin with education is much harder, but we have technology to help with that. Speaking of technology we have much more technology with colored TV's with lots of channels, computers that we can search for information on, and cellphones that make it easier to connect with family and friends who don't live near. Our generation also has cool clothing. Clothing was so different, today we have a much bigger variety. Kids can now wear comfy clothes going anywhere. Lastly the food today is great. Children can eat any food they please, and can get fast food anytime. Or can just microwave a meal. These things are common now, but 75 years ago things were different.

Maxine Gibson, lived with her parents and her sisters. She was born in 1928 in Montana and lived there up until she was 16. When she was 16 she moved to Idaho. She didn't move to Marion until after she was married. The technology was very different from today. For instance

she rarely watched T.V., and when she did it was black and white. She didn't have a phone. Maxine just had to send letters. School was very different for Maxine as well. When she was young their school was a one room school house for about 20 kids of different ages. One thing Maxine remembers is that there was a big stove in the middle of the room to heat the whole room. After school nearly every day she would have to run home with her sisters from these mean bullies. Maxine's favorite subject in school was reading and would've wanted to be a librarian. Most of the games Maxine played are the same as what we play now. She often played with paper dolls and would order cataloges just to cut them out and make clothes for her dolls. She also played Monopoly, checkers, chinese checkers, and card games like Old Maid and Crazy 8. Maxine played outside a lot too. She skied, played softball, played tag, and chased lightning bugs. Maxine wore jeans, tops, skirts, and dresses. Her church didn't believe in girls wearing pants so she always wore skirts to church. Her mom made most of her dresses. She wore saddle shoes. She also wore a lot of scarves. She ate a lot of food from her garden. Maxine helped cook meat and veggies. Her family raised hogs and chickens to get their meat. Her favorite food was her mom's homemade cherry pie. Her mom made pies often. When Maxine was a young girl she didn't go to many restaurants. She didn't start going to restaurants until she was a young married women. Maxine would get candy and fruit in her stocking at Christmas. She didn't have much entertainment, but she would listen to the radio every night. She would listen to Bing Crosby.

One story Maxine could never forget was when she was home alone with her sisters. Her parents were out. Maxine had woken up on a chilly day so she thought being the oldest of her sisters she should add wood to the stove to warm the house. She had seen her parents do this many times. Her parents would add Kerosene. Everything was going good except for the fire was very small and didn't put of any heat. Maxine then decided to add Kerosene. Once she

put it in the fire almost stood as tall as the ceiling, and almost caught everything else on fire. Maxine then quickly closed the lids to the stove to contain the fire. Even though the fire was over this was still a frightening event for Maxine. She got hollered at big time by her dad, but she never started the fire again.

One historic event Maxine could never forget was when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Maxine was 34 when this happened and had 3 kids. This devastation affected Maxine because there weren't any big devastations in her lifetime before then. Maxine had felt very hurt that someone had killed the president while he was riding a motor car, everything was all over the place. His political advisors quickly decided to have an election shortly after he died. Maxine had heard the news when she was living on 95 in Marion and heard the news on the radio. John F. Kennedy was shot in Dallas, TX. Maxine was grateful that the shooting wasn't near her family.

Times change but some things stay the same, like kids. For example kids still go to school. Weather it is in a one room schoolhouse, a public school, or homeschooling. Secondly kids like good food or enjoy eating foods they like. Many games kids used to play 75 years ago kids don't play now, but there are a few games like monopoly. Also kids like to be active and still play sports. Lastly kids enjoy holidays like Christmas or Halloween. There are many things that are the same with kids.

A Tribute to Mary McKinney

by, Grace Cobb

This is my tribute to Mary, my grandma. I interviewed her because she gives good details and she's a great story teller. My grandma is so loving and caring, and I love her so much. If you want to know some things about me, starting off my name is Grace Cobb, I go to Pleasant Middle School, and I'm in the 6th grade. I'm 11 years old and I live in a family of four. Finally I want to end off by saying my childhood compared to my grandma's childhood may have some similarities, but in the end I think we all know that life today is way better than it was back then.

Today kids have it good. Our technology is so much more advanced than back then. To begin with, the foods we eat and the clothing kids wear has much more variety. Also, education is different too. In some subjects we learn things that people years ago were learning in 9th grade. I think I made it clear that life is easier in some ways than they were back then.

Mary Francis McKinney was born May 23, 1948 and back then life was very happy go lucky! There was lots of family time, and hanging out with friends now, was sometimes hanging out with cousins, brothers, or sisters back then. The school Mary went to was St. Mary's Catholic School. Nuns were the teachers there, and they were very strict! The subjects Mary learned were reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, and religion. Also every morning she went to mass (church) before school. One of the games she played was "Stone School". To play this game, there were about 4 or 5 kids that played, and one of them was the teacher. The teacher would take a stone and put it behind her/his back and put it in one hand. The kids would have to guess which hand it was in and if they got it right then they would go up a step because you're supposed to play the game on stairs. If you got it wrong you would remain standing on the step

that you were on. The first one to the top of the stairs wins! In addition, the clothes she wore were very different from the clothes we wear today! She had to wear dresses and skirts to school which was her uniform, but NO PANTS!!!!!! Today we wear pants all the time, and if you look at me I'm most likely wearing pants. The shoes Mary wore were penny loafers which were a type of shoe that had a little slip in it and you would put a penny in there for good luck. That's why they were called *Penny Loafers*. Today we wear tennis shoes, sandals, boots, etc. Next, Mary's favorite meal she ate was something she had on her birthday. It contained cubed steaks with mashed potatoes and gravy. She rarely ever went out to eat with her family but when she did she went to Isaly's Ice Cream. She had either a Sky Bar which was 10 cents, a Skyscraper which was 10 cents also, or a single scoop which was 5 cents. When she got older she went to Frisch's Big Boy. She ate a Big Boy(which is like a Big Mac), chili, strawberry pie, and a cherry coke. For entertainment Mary would go to the palace theater on Saturday mornings and watch cartoons like Mickey Mouse. She would also watch The Three Stooges, Shirley Temple, the movie *Heidi*, and cowboy movies. It only costed a quarter. The music she liked to listen to when she got older was Rolling Stones, The Beatles, and Herman's Hermits. She did NOT like Elvis Presley.

A story Mary never will forget was the time she broke her elbow. When she was eight years old her mother wanted Mary to go down to the grocery store. She was skipping and then she slipped in a mud puddle and fell and broke her left elbow. Unfortunately, she was left handed and just learning cursive writing. She failed the test because she had to use her right hand. Since the teachers were strict back then Mary's teacher wasn't very understanding with her. Later on when it started to heal she had to wear a cast that caused her arm to itch, so she would take a wire hanger apart and stick the wire up her cast to itch her elbow. Ever since then she has learned never to skip when there are muddles on the ground.

Mary's event she could remember that happened when she was little was the Vietnam War. It started January 1, 1966. Over the course of the war over 50,000 troops were killed. Mary lived a few blocks away from Allen Schultz, also known as the first person to be killed in Marion from the war. She was very sad because Allen was her friend, and for her friend to be killed from something so serious made her kind of depressed. The war obviously wasn't anywhere close to Marion, but everyone was worried and scared for the people that got drafted to fight in the war. Mary mentioned that the war was a wasted war which means it shouldn't have been fought, too many lives were taken.

Kids may have done things that were different from today, but we still have some things in common. For example, all kids love food whether it's steak or McDonald's, they love it! In addition the games and sports are something kids still love too. It can be football or "Stone School", no matter what kids love to play. Also there is the holidays, and I'm pretty sure most kids woke/wake up at 6:00 a.m. for Christmas. Finally our entertainment! Kids still read, listen to music, and go to shows like they did back then and we enjoy it just as much as they did years ago. Yes, kids back then were different than kids today in some ways, but we still have some of the same interests.

A Tribute to Shirley Freasure

by Madisyn Houseworth

This is a tribute to Shirley Freasure, my grandma. I chose to interview her because she lives very far away, and this would be a fun thing for us to do together. She lives in Kentucky so when I was interviewing, we had to Facetime because there was no way my mom would drive me to Kentucky just for an interview. One thing I learned about my grandma was that in middle school she was dating a boy named Virgil Rosebrough. They aren't together anymore, but to I found out she used to date my boyfriend Hunter's grandpa. We just found this out a couple of weeks ago when my grandma asked me if Hunter's grandpa's name was Virgil Rosebrough. I said "Yeah, why?" She said "I dated his grandpa in middle school!" At first I didn't believe her, but then Hunter's grandpa told Hunter that he dated my grandma. I thought this was kind of cool because she has never met Hunter at all yet, but she has at least met his grandpa. Some more things about my grandma is that she lives in Kentucky and she likes Bingo. Who doesn't?

Hi, my name is Madisyn. I'm 11 years old. I like to play softball, basketball, volleyball, and play outside. I have a little brother named Kaiden, an older brother named Shane, and an older sister Jessica. My only full brother is Shane. Kaiden, Jess, and I have different moms, but we still consider each other as full family. I would have to say my older sister is the best, but we don't live together because she is twenty-five, but she is always there for me. If I didn't have my sister, I don't know what I would do. She is the person I look up to because she went to college, and she works at L BRANDS-Pink and Victoria's Secret, but she is the boss of everything. My sister is an amazing person. I don't spend a lot of time with my family because everyone is always fighting, and I am the only one that doesn't fight with my older sister and my little brother Kaiden.. Those are some things about me.

Things have changed a lot more than what you think, and maybe this will help you understand why we are so lucky to have the things we have. To begin with, technology like iPhones, iPad's, WIFI, and computers. Another reason people are lucky is because the clothes people can wear sweat pants, T-shirts, hoodies, and some girls even wear booty shorts. The next reason why we are so lucky is because the food people have today like Taco Bell, Pizza Hut , Arby's , Wendy's, and lots more. And schools nowadays has more than one room, they have bigger buildings, and teachers can't hit you with a ruler or beat you if you're bad, but now we have way too much homework. Finally, nowadays there is bullying and people think they have to hurt other people to feel good about themselves, and it isn't right.

Shirley Freasure lived years ago. Back then teachers could hit the kids if they were bad. Back then most schools had one room, there were hardly even enough books for everyone, and the kids wore uniforms. There wasn't any technology so kids had to play outside and had no TV. They all got along with each other because they were not allowed to fight unless they wanted beaten. Back then, there were not very many clothes; they mostly wore jeans and skirts. Mostly everyone walked everywhere, and almost everyone went to church.

The story Shirley will never forget was when she and her best friend were at her house. Shirley was trying to show off, so they started throwing rocks at people's houses. Then the fifth rock she threw missed the side of the house and went through the window. The people were home, and they came out and yelled at them and said, "You ladies are in so much trouble when I get ahold of you!" Shirley and her best friend just stared at the old man, and the old man came out and "beat their butt." After he got done beating them, he went a couple houses down to Shirley's house and went in and told her mom what they did they did to his window. Her mom "beat their butt" twice as hard as the old man did, and her mom grounded her for two weeks

which felt "more like two years!" Then her mom took Shirley's best friend home and told her mom what they did. She got her "butt beat" again, but she got grounded for only one week. Shirley didn't think that was fair because they both did it. Finally two weeks went by and Shirley's best friend was allowed to stay the night with her, but this time she wasn't going to try and show off. After being grounded for two weeks for throwing the rock, Shirley had had enough time to decide that she wasn't going to be a show off in front of her friends.

A historic event that Shirley will never forget was the JFK assassination. John F. Kennedy was assassinated around 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 1963. Shirley was at school when she heard the the 35th president had been shot. The whole school had found out.. November 22 was a very sad day for everyone. I don't think anyone could ever forget about this.

Although many things have changed, there are still some things that will never change. For example, some kids still have problems in their life like parent splitting up and war. Also, some kids go to schools that makes them wear uniforms and make them all get along. Next, some people are still poor like back then when some of the kids didn't have many thing and some kids today are still poor. It's very sad, and the kids in China or Africa are kind of like the kids and the families that were in the Great Depression. You may see the commercials on TV, and they are really sad they even make some people cry. These are some things that may never change.

A Tribute to Dorothy B. Kepford Barbiche
By, Anthony Stumpo

This story is dedicated to Dorothy B. Kepford Barbiche (my great grandma). I wanted to interview her because every Sunday I go to breakfast with her and I thought since she was around during these times that I should interview her. But unfortunately we don't do anything super special but going to breakfast on Sundays.

About the Author

I am Anthony Stumpo and I am currently going to Pleasant Middle School in sixth grade. What I like to do in my free time is play with my animals like goats, dogs, and more. I also like to play video games with or without friends. Speaking of friends I like to hang out with them and do fun things with them. That is a brief explanation of who Anthony Stumpo is.

Kids these days are spoiled; but not in a bad way, in a lucky way. This is because of the new technology, clothing, food, and schools. To begin with, the schools have harder lessons, but it would have been fine with the easy lessons taught long ago. Now they are using advanced technology in the schools, for example iPads and computers. Speaking of advanced technology, that is what this paper will talk about next. The technology is out of control, from wireless phones like Apple with voice command to watches with touch pads which also have voice command (basically if you are bored then you can have a conversation with your phone and watch) including tablets, iPods, and even this laptop typing with. Then kids today have the food and how it changed, well the food didn't really change, it was really how we got it and how to reheat and store it. Making leftovers with the microwave and put it back into the fridge to store it to be nice and cold did not exist back then. Now there are more restaurants like Wendy's, McDonald's, Buffalo Wild Wings, and many more. Now last but not least is the clothing. Back

then their clothes were made at home and didn't have word and pictures. But now you see very little of that, mostly you see clothes at stores with the pictures and writing. That's why kids are spoiled today.

When Dottie Kepford was a kid she would make and play with little paper dolls and board games (old ones) and other stuff like playing a game called marble. To play marble you make three holes in the ground and the person with the most scores win. To score you would have to roll a marble into the hole and the person with the least tries win. But first they toss the marble to see which person threw the longest. The person who throws it farthest goes first. Now lets see about the food and how Dottie Kepford was a kid. The food didn't really change it was more on how she got the food. Well when my grandma Dottie was a kid she had some sort of meat, a veggie, and a potato. But for dessert they had all sorts of pies and cakes every single day. Then there was the schooling. Now unlike pleasant, this schools had uniforms so no one would brag about what they were wearing (this is 1st-12th grade). They wore big, black, bloomers which are roomy pants. Instead of walking to the busses (which were seatless) they had to march down to the busses to music playing in the halls. in 7th-8th grade there was a teacher named Miss Broe and she was the meanest teacher there was in her school life. Now for clothes are different to the people in Ohio then long ago (and way off from marion). When Dottie was young, her mom made her clothes with fabric. They didn't get it from Wal-mart since there was no such thing, they had to make it. That is what it was like when Dottie Kepford was a child 80 years ago when kids were not so spoiled.

Dottie Kepford will never forget from when she was just 11 years old because her dad died of cancer at 44. When her dad was still alive with cancer, Dottie would always pray for him. But this is how the day of her dad's death all began. It was a peaceful day at school and all was well except when her mom called a friend of hers to pick up Dottie and her 2 sisters from school.

When they got to there house and saw that their dad had passed. When the pastor got there they were all in the kitchen making food and Dottie went up to the man and asked him,"Why did he go, he should have stayed longer. I prayed for a long time for him, why didn't God answer my prayers?" He didn't know what to say. What was even worse was it happened during the depression, and since he died so close to his birthday but at that that time they didn't have much money so they bought him a new pair of socks. Then the funeral was an even sadder day because there was his favorite songs were played, and people crying (especially Dottie) about the fact that they will never forget him because was a great man. And even though today she is 93 years old she still remembers that day like it was yesterday (but she doesn't want to remember it like it were yesterday because it would have just happened and people could still cry about it and no one wants to cry). And that was the story Dottie Kepford will never forget.

People will always have a historic event in their life, and one of the most popular one, was the Great Depression. Dottie Kepford was alive during this event so this is the story of when Dottie Kepford was alive during the depression. One night Dottie eavesdropped on her parents when they were talking about the depression when it first started. Then a couple weeks or so into the depression, Landlords started coming to their house saying they had to leave their farm. But they hung on to their farm and never let go. After a while longer it was getting hard to farm and keep good care of the animals. Since that happened the kepford family started paying people with home cooked meals and a place to stay. There was also another reason for having people come over to help. It was because Dotties dad had passed away from cancer so he was not able to help. And the three daughters (including Dottie) had to go to school. But it was fine for the most part because they had their home to stay in and plenty of food. But when the depression was all over they had a burn the mortgage party. If you don't know what that is, it is a party that after the depression their land was paid for during the end. And that is what it was

like for Dottie Kepford in the great depression. Now i researched on the depression and this is what I got. In the early 1930s and into the middle 1940s (when they were predicting the world war 2), market economies in many places were struck by the great depression. But the depression did not affect the whole entire world. It was the longest, deepest, and most widespread depression of the 20th century. During this time, Herbert Hoover was the president and created many things with his name on it. One of the things was Hoover soup which was a brand of soup. Another thing was little towns for poor people called hoovervilles. The depression was caused by stock markets and banks lost millions to billions of money. like on "Black Tuesday" stock markets lost \$14 billion dollars. And banking systems started growing weak. Thousand of people lost their lives and had diseases because of lack for food, water, and shelter. Many other people who didn't have homes tried jumping on trains to get to other places. Unfortunately 50,000 people were killed or injured trying to do this major stunt. That is what it was like during the depression.

Kids today and kids 80 years ago aren't that different. So in this final paragraph it will be out what isn't different. First the foods. Well the foods did not come from ancient gods nor did it come from them today. We still get steak from cows, bacon from pigs, and veggies from seeds. Then there is the schooling. The schools still taught you math, science, social studies, english, and reading. Plus the specials and lunch, but if they didn't let you eat I wouldn't think you would stay the whole afternoon or you would starve. Next there is the technology. There was T.V.s back then but there wasn't playstations or xboxes then. But nails and screws are a type of technology that people nowadays still use . Finally there is the clothing. There was shirts and pants and even pajama pants but there wasn't writing on them. Those were some things from long ago that were compared to today.

A tribute to my Grandma, Holly Jaeger

By Ricky Olt

This is my tribute to Holly Jaeger, my grandma. I chose her because we have a good relationship. My family goes to Florida every year with her. At Christmas time we go make cookies with her when we go to her house for Christmas. After we open presents at our house, we go down to her house for presents and dinner, then after dinner we go home. Another thing I do with her is I take her for a ride on my U.T.V which is a dune buggy every time she comes up here. My name is Ricky Olt, i'm in 6th grade, and I like the color blue. I also like football, basketball, and Lebron James shoes. I do not wear glasses and my favorite subject is social studies. Well that is all about me and my relationship to my grandma.

Kids have it made today. I'll start with how kids today cell phones. They are wireless but today education is harder for kids but, the advantage is now they have computers, calculators, and phones to ask siri for the answer. Another way kids have it easy is by the food, 25-30 years ago we did not have the variety that we have now, you can have fast food like Mcdonalds or go to a restaurant if you don't want to cook. Years ago you made the food, you didn't have the choice to go out and eat. Last the clothes are different because kids wore comfortable clothes like t-shirts and Lebrons.

Holly Jaeger was born on September 19, 1944. When she was a child she would play outside everyday even when it rained. She played with neighbors in the evening, playing "Kick The Can". Every house in her neighborhood would leave their house unlocked and with windows open even when not at home. Holly would walk a mile to

school everyday and she would walk home for lunch everyday also. Her class sizes were small being 18-20 kids in a class and only having 3 classrooms. She would play games like "Kick the Can" at night when it was dark. It doesn't matter how many kids play because someone guards the can and everyone else hides. The person guarding the can tries to spot the other people and everybody else tries to kick the can [I play this game with my cousins]. The clothes Holly wore and other people wore were bobby socks with spalding shoes. Other clothes she wore were big full skirts with many croplands and some skirts had French poodles on them and bermuda shorts were new and looked at as being a little risqué. The high school boys wore white t-shirts with the sleeves rolled all the way up to carry some things. Her favorite restaurants were Frisch's Big Boy and she liked eggs fixed most ways and her favorite food was ice cream because her dad owned 8 Dairy Queens. For entertainment she would go to the park and swim. Her favorite movie was *Love Story*. Holly loved Elvis for his music and voice.

Holly will never forget her 9th grade picnic. She and her friends played softball and other games. Just as it was getting dark, two boys decided to pick her up by her arms and legs and began swinging her. Only to let go as she ended up in the lake on a very cool night only wearing jeans and a sweatshirt. Holly did not get in trouble or did the boys because the freshman teacher told them to go on and do it. She was surprised, angry, and embarrassed, but she got over it quickly.

Holly once experienced something bad happen to her, and that was the JFK assassination. She had never seen anything like it before which was a president being murdered. She first heard it on the radio, then she turned on the TV and began

watching what had transpired. It seemed to be not possible to be real and happening , but as she watched there was an empty, afraid, and not knowing what could possibly happen next what a horrible thing to happen to the president of the United States of America and his family as well as, everyone not knowing if the vice president could take his place and be safe. Even today she thinks of that day and remembers the hollow feeling she had. John F Kennedy was assassinated on Friday, November 22, 1963 when Kennedy was in a presidential limousine with his wife Nellie and the governor John Connally. Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald in downtown Dallas, Texas in a motorcade.

Kids today believe it or not have similarities as kids 50 years ago. They play the same sports and the same kind of food. Another thing kids have in common with kids 50 years ago is they like Holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Valentine's day, and Easter. Another couple things are kids go to school and get taught by teachers. Second is kids read books, and last kids like to watch t.v and listen to music and go to concerts to see those people or watch them as a guest on a t.v show. These are some things kids today have things in common with kids 50 years ago.

A Tribute to Barbara Miller

by Ke'Aun Morton

This is my tribute to Barbara Miller, my great grandmother. I chose to interview Barbara because she is my only living relative that was born before 1960. My great grandmother and I like to talk about subjects like politics, designing a building of some sort, and physics. My great grandmother and I also like to talk about our own lives like grades and what's going on.

About the Author

I am Ke'Aun Morton, at age 11, I have done this interview for my 6th period English class. I like to spend my spare time reading, playing football, playing basketball, or playing video games. During the interview I have learned certain facts about my great grandmother I've never known about such as her aunt went berserk when they went to D.C. I liked to learn new facts about my great grandmother and ask her opinion after the interview on random topics. I enjoyed doing this interview and hope that you will enjoy it too.

Kids today have mostly easier lives. Now kids can entertain themselves with color television and video games. Computers have all kinds of information references to use at the press of a button. Since cell phones now exist and most children use them today on a normal basis, communication is way more advanced than back then. Education is better and more advanced than ever. Computers can run all kinds of learning programs. School buildings are bigger and cleaner too. Schools also have more sources and references to refer back to, such as the Internet. Food is also something that has changed dramatically. Fast food is less healthy and comes in larger portions. If you were sick and couldn't go out to get food or cook you can quickly make a microwavable meal. As you can tell life has changed drastically.

For Barbara Miller, life was unique as a child. She grew up as a kid with three close-in-age sisters. Their mother hand-washed and sewed all of their clothes. The three sisters had one formal dress that they would all share because they were all similar in size and shape. Barbara was lucky enough as a child to have a television. School for Barbara wasn't as different from today as most people would think. One unusual thing for Barbara though, was that her 3rd grade teacher had polio and the same teacher who had polio taught Barbara's daughter 17 years later for 3rd grade. She didn't switch classes until 7th grade which, back then, was the first grade in middle school or junior high. Barbara had a smaller student population for her grade at her school. Some of the class required to pass back then are still required today such as physical education such as math, science, history, English and reading. Entertainment for Barbara was a lot different from what most kids have today. For starters Barbara played baseball, basketball, and kickball with the neighborhood kids. Barbara also took place in dancing, ballet, and girl scouts. Barbara's father was an insurance investigator and took Barbara and her sisters on many trips such as Niagara Falls. Her father's job was to follow people that claimed they were hurt and to see if they actually were. Her father had to act like a tourist so he brought his family with him and was paid for going on trips to places like The Grand Canyon. Barbara was rarely taken to the movie, but when she did she went to see *Snow White*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. For food Barbara mostly ate at a public cafeteria and not very often did she have her mother's cooking. As a child Barbara basically never had fast food except from maybe one or two times in her childhood. Barbara like to eat mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, steak and corn. The food in the cafeteria was fairly cheap and delicious. This is what Barbara grew up with as a child.

Barbara still has a childhood story that she won't ever forget. On one hot summer morning, Barbara and her cousins, aunt, and sisters were on a trip to The District of Columbia. Once in D.C., Barbara and her family decided to take the long traffic-jammed ride to the White House to take a tour. After they finally got there and waited for what felt like hours to wait in line for a tour, Barbara and her

family were permitted to tour the White House and got a enormous lecture on how to follow rules by her aunt. Right before they were about to walk through the gates, the guards stopped them to wait and after five minutes they guards finally announced that the tour was cancelled because the president was going to land on the heli-pad on top of the White House. Excited Barbara's aunt asked a fireman if they could climb the ladder to see the president. The fireman politely refused because of safety reasons and only firemen are allowed to use the ladder for emergency reasons only. Then, Barbara's aunt started to get frustrated with the fireman and began to yell about how her brother is a commander in the navy, and she should be able to stand on the ladder to see the president. Again the firemen politely refused to let her climb the ladder. Barbara and her cousins were embarrassed by their aunt who was screaming her head off at the fireman about how she should be able to get on the ladder. This is the childhood story that Barbara will never forget.

There was a certain assassination that mildly changed Barbara's life. This was the JFK assassination. On Friday, November 22, 1963, Barbara was in the school bathroom at the time, and she didn't hear what happened until she was out of school. The teachers were told by the principal to let the students out of school through the intercom. Everyone was too busy grieving for the president to think about Barbara. When she came out of the bathroom, Barbara was told to go home after she had packed her things. When she got her things together, Barbara went home unknowing of the terrible tragedy of which the president was fated. While on her way home Barbara wondered what she missed, and if this were some kind of prank. No, she thought, this couldn't be a prank when she saw that the once jubilant park which came across her route home, was now sorrow and sad. Barbara stop to ask what happened but, when she did, the person she asked burst into tears and Barbara was concerned for the lady who acted like her husband died. Confused, Barbara went continued on her journey home which was almost over. All the normal joggers were stopped on the sidewalk and sitting on the pavement. When her trip was finally over and she reached her house, Barbara was embraced by her red-eyed mother. Barbara was really complexed

on what happened and to whom it happened to. Barbara asked her mother what had happened and her mother gave a concerning look. When she asked back "Did they not tell you?". Barbara replied, "Did who not tell me what?". That was when Barbara's mother broke out into another set of fresh tears. "What happened?" asked Barbara. "John F. Kennedy was assassinated," replied the mother. It took several moments for Barbara to take in all of it and level her breathing rate. School was cancelled for the the next week. Barbara and her family wrote letters as a tribute to JFK and also participated in the local meeting for her town about the JFK Assassination. Ever since this fateful day Barbara feels more aware and alert of her surroundings. Also, Barbara has changed the way she thinks about safety and surroundings. This is the event that moderately changed Barbara's life.

Kids today have many things in common with children back then. For example, kids play a lot of the same games from both times such as kickball, tag, baseball, and volleyball. Kids still today mostly with other kids from around the neighborhood. Kids back then had television and kids today have TV too. Children also enjoy vacations, roadtrips, and exotic places such as the zoo and aquarium. Kids like to eat the same foods today that other children ate back then. Young children still love classic foods like steak, green/string beans, and mashed potatoes with gravy. Desserts are loved and wanted by children from all times. Schools still have required classes such as math, history, and science. The amount of students in schools are relatively the same but, there are more schools today than back then. This is the story of Barbara Miller, her childhood, and how things today are different or alike. Hope you enjoyed this interview of Barbara Miller.

A Tribute to Nida Laywell

By, Rodney Lyman

This is a tribute to my grandma Nida Laywell. My connection with my grandma is that she is my great grandma and that my sisters, my dad, and I only visit her once a year because she lives three to four hours away from us. We used to go visit her like ten times when I was five or six, but we started there once a year just because my family and I didn't have time. My name is Rodney Lyman I was 12 when I did this interview. I have four sisters, one brother, one dad, and one mom. My parents are divorced and I live with my dad most of the time. When I was six I broke my leg, and I got my cast off when I was seven. My three best friends are Ty Hopkins, Ke'aun Morton, and Cameron Shroats. My brother Cory and I look a lot alike, and he went to the army for four years when he was 18, but my mom said when I grow up I am not allowed to join the army.

Kids today have it easy. First of all the technology is way better and more advanced than what people had back then. Some examples of technology we have are ipads, computers, TV with color, wireless phones, and kindles. Next, the way the teachers teach is different too, the education we learn is a lot harder, and another good thing about today there is no paddling allowed. Finally, food today is a great! You are able to eat pizza, go to a large variety of restaurants, and you can grab fast food from taco bell, or if you eat at home you can just microwave a meal. These things are common today, but about 70 years ago they were a lot different.

For many people many years ago life was a daily struggle, but it was not as bad for Nida Laywell. At the peak of the depression 25% of the nation's people were

unemployed. No jobs meant no money to pay the mortgage. The parents also couldn't pay for clothes, toys, or food for the family. Most of the time it was 16 or 17 year old children that dropped out of school to get a job to help provide money for the family. Most families didn't have transportation, and most couldn't afford books to read or books to learn with. Some games that she played back then were that she danced to music with friends, and she always made bows out of tree branches, and arrows out of roof shingles. Nida also colored eggs and went down to the river she lived by and went fishing. Some clothes that girls wore were dresses. Some colors of the dresses that girls or women wore were red, navy, white, and black. The dresses were mainly made out of silk or cotton. Some clothes that the boys wore were overalls, jeans, and shirts. The shirts that boys wore were long and the sleeves were pretty big. Some of shirts were black, gray, and white.

When Nida was about seven years old she broke her arm because what she remembered was she was trying to chase her brother because he took her toys and he led her into the shed next to our house. When she got in the shed she was trying to be sneaky and she didn't see him on the first floor so she went to the second floor and when she climbed up to the second floor he popped out from behind a hay bale and scared her to death and on the second floor there wasn't any railing so she fell and landed on her arm. The bone just snapped when she landed on her arm. That is how she broke her arm.

Nida can remember the Great Depression. She felt that it was a bad day in life for America. The president was slow to respond to these events. Though he believed that the behavior of Wall Street spectators was unusual, but the problems were not the

federal government job to fix the problems. As a result most of the solutions he suggested were voluntary. When they heard that the government was not going to fix Wall Street, Wall Street went into a panic. Over the next several years, consuming, spending, and investment dropped because steep declines in industrial output and rising levels of unemployment as failing companies lay off the workers. 13 to 15 million people were unemployed by nearly the nearly half of the banks in America had failed. So that is what scared Nida's mom and what changed her life forever.

Although time changes, all kids are the same. Kids back then were the same from kids today because they both liked to have fun and, they both liked to play games and most kids like me like to go outside and play games or exercise. Kids today and back then liked entertainment and liked good foods and, both kids like to watch movies or watch TV. Most kids today and back then went to school or were educated. Lots of kids today and back then that go to school did drills to be safe. Kids back then and today played sports like baseball, basketball, and football. Kids today and then liked to wear nice clothes. That is how kids then and kids today are alike.

A Tribute to Phillip Owens

by, Karlise Owens

This tribute is on Phillip Owens we have a really good relationship. My grandpa is no longer working because he got injured at his job when he was a boilermaker. My grandpa works outside a lot. He cuts wood, fixes stuff, mows the lawn. Sometimes I do it for him and he fixes our yard up. He is a good grandpa. He gives me money when I need it. He is the best.

The author of this report is Karlise Owens here are a few things about me. I like to draw, listen to music and get on the computer. My good friends are Madisyn Houseworth, Markley Watters, Emma Widman, and Hailie Janes. My favorite color is baby blue. My favorite food is pizza rolls. Those are few things about me.

Kids today are lucky to have what they have like technology, laptops, colored vision tv's, wifi and other stuff like that. They should also be thankful for having big buildings instead of a one room school with a lot of different people. When you were younger if you were bad in class they were aloud to whip you with a switch. Clothing has changed a lot, but girls wear shirts that show their stomachs and shorts that show a little bit of your butt. You have way more food than you used to. You get microwaves and more fast food places to go to now. They didn't really have a lot of food back in the olden days.

Things were different when Phillip Owens was a child. First, Phillip Owens liked to play cowboys and Indians. He had a pony that he made a hitching post. Sometimes he liked to be the cowboy. Sometimes he liked to be the indian. He would like to make navy ships then dig a hole in the backyard and fill it full of water. Then take firecrackers and act like he was a plane bombing them. He would play hide and go seek too. His favorite food that his mom made was

pork chops and sweet potatoes with gravy and biscuits. He liked rock and roll music. His favorite movie was James Bond. His favorite TV shows were *Beverly Hillbillies* and *Flippo the Clown*.

This is a story Phillip would never forget. Phillip Owens was riding his bike down Owens Road with his friend. Owens Road wasn't that busy back then. They were almost to George's house, but he got hungry and decided to turn around and go home to make him a sandwich. He didn't look when he was turning around, and a high schooler going about 70 miles down Owens Road hit him. He went about 15 feet up in the air and came falling back down and landed on his head. The next thing he knew he was in the hospital waking up almost two days later.

Phillip Owens would never forget the day the moon first orbited, It was the biggest event of his life. He was 16 years old when this all happened. People had thought that when the moon first orbited that is was not real people thought they had just filmed something fake in the middle of the desert and sent it back. Although Philip thought it was real, some people thought it was stupid. Philip thought it was cool. Even though the pictures that they sent back were all blurry, Philip still thought it was real and cool.

Kids today and kids back then are still the same. They still like to go outside with their friends. They also still have entertainment like music, books, movies and other good stuff like that. Some/most still like to play with their siblings. Some kids still like to eat dinner as a family. Kids today still like to go on family trips. Last but not least Kids today still like to play in the snow!

This is a tribute to Donna Hicks

by Maggie McCall

This is a tribute to Donna Hicks, my study hall teacher. I choose to interview her because she is one of my favorite teachers. She is the only teacher who gives us 40 minutes to relax in quiet, but you have to working on something, which for me is never a problem. That's probably why.

About the Author

Hi I'm Maggie McCall, and this is a little summary about me. I love playing soccer and basketball. In soccer, I play goalie for the KASA Eagles, and in basketball I play left wing for Pleasant's travel team. Soccer is probably my favorite sport. I love listening to music from country to pop. My favorite television show is The Big Bang Theory, it is so funny. Sheldon is my favorite. I used to go to St. Mary, it was fun but then we all went to the bigger schools. I went from a class with 10 to a class with 20 to 25 kids. It was a lot easier at my old school, because we didn't switch classes but the worst part about it is that we had uniforms. They were ugly, but they were kinda comfortable. Also I had to write in cursive, it seems hard but after a while you get used to it. Well I did, so now when I try to write in print it's not the neatest, but my cursive is so much better. I love it here at Pleasant. Well that's enough about me.

Kids today, have it made. This is why: today the technology is so different because people are always making new things. Kids email, text, snapchat, tweet and so much more! Also our clothing is different. We wear shorts, shorter skirts, and whatever we want where ever we want. Next our education is better, now I don't know if you heard but kids don't like school that much. I know it's pretty shocking. Now we go for 9 months, but back then they went to school a few months because they had to work on the farm. We also learn more because new

technology has allowed us to find out more facts. The best part of school is that now you don't get paddled. But 50 years ago, things were a lot different.

Donna Hicks was a child in the 60's. In those days there was a lot less stress about fitting in, people weren't that worried about bullying. There wasn't any social class, like the popular kids and the less popular kids, everyone was just the same. Kids had more respect for adults. School was way different, kids started switching in 7th grade. Some of the games they played were the same and some were different, they played cards, kick the can, and hide and seek. The clothes they wore were so different. Girls wore long skirts, dresses, and blouses. Guys wore pants. Play clothes were long shorts. When she was a kid she loved McDonald's fish sandwiches, but today she eats nothing that comes out of the water. Her family didn't go out to eat that much. The entertainment was very different than today's, kids watched little TV or go to the movies. All kids mainly played outside riding bikes.

The story Donna will never forget took place when she was in 7th grade middle school. It all started when the bell rung. Donna had yell across the classroom to her friend, "Janet, I want to talk to you." The teacher said " That's it. I've had enough!" Then the teacher told Donna to wait till everyone had left on their way to the next class. As soon as the last student had left the classroom, the teacher walked up to Donna with a big paddle. Donna knew what was coming. Finally, she gave Donna a big whack! This story has embarrassment, surprise, anger, and pain all wrapped in one.

The historic event Donna will never forget happened Friday, November 22, 1963. John F. Kennedy was the president, in the middle of typing class, someone had come over the speaker. They said the president was shot and killed. Everyone was in shock, all you could hear were gasps all throughout the classroom. Everyone were quite the rest of the class period. We waited about 5 minutes, then the teacher told us to get back to work. Everyone was so shocked

so not much typing was done that day. Nobody thought this was real, though it felt like a nightmare. It was supposed to be a good day, the president was visiting Dallas, TX. Everyone was happy until 12:30 P.M. when the president was killed. I found out that president Kennedy was riding in a motorcade when he was assassinated.

How are people today and people back then the same? Kids act a lot different today, rather than back then. First of all, kids just want to be kids, not that kids didn't back then but now we can act more like kids, we aren't as respectful as we should be. We are alike because we all just want to fit in like everyone else, we all want the coolest clothes, and that hasn't changed and it never will. We all like holidays, we all like to eat good food, we still get in trouble, we still like to be active, but we still are a little more talkative because teachers and parents can't give us as serious of a punishment as they could of back then. We have more technology, so we are more distracted then we would have been back then. We have a better and faster way to stay connected to our far away families and friends around the world. So there so have it, kids are way different compared as how they were back then.

A TRIBUTE TO PAULA HUPP

BY: ADEN CHESSER

This is my tribute to MuMu, my grandma. She helped me make this interview. I asked her questions and she answered. She told me things I never knew, like the JFK assassination.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aden Chesser was born and raised in Marion, Ohio. With the help of his grandma this interview could not of been possible. He likes legos and funny videos. His favorite band is Maroon 5. His favorite song is "Feelings" by Maroon 5. He likes chinese food. He asked me to add his thanks.

Kids today are spoiled . "Why?" you may ask. Well to begin with kids have all kinds of new things. First they have all kinds of new technology. They have the all new iphone 6, Ipad mini 3 , and the macbook air. Next they have color TV's with channels like cartoon network and nickelodeon and thousands more! And they have websites like netflix and youtube. Education could never been better! Kids have less homework, bigger classrooms and homework can be done by computer.

Paula Hupp came to the world in November 10th, 1950. When she started school she had less history but boy were those teachers strict. Though, she did have more recesses, so that made up for it. And school started after labor day for her. The game she played was go fish. The rules are simple and basic like the ones today. The players only get seven cards and one person asks, "Do you have a _____ ?" and if not that player goes and grabs a card from the pile. Paula didn't have a big selection of clothes then either. She had to wear long dresses and could only wear jeans if she was playing.

Paula's brother, Butch, loved to tease Paula. One of the stories she was told was about the Boogie Man! "The boogie man is a monster who eats little kids and makes tools with the bones of the child. If you're up at night, then the boogie man will get you. He'll especially get you if you're in the kitchen because he'll have quick access to the stove and utensils. His main hiding spot is in your closet! Don't try to hide in under the bed because the boogie man will go under the bed in the blink of an eye! The boogie man is unkillable. The only way the boogie man will go away is when you don't believe."

The JFK assassination was a hard time for a lot of people and one of those people was Paula. She was sick that day and was at her Aunt Wanda's watching the news. While watching she heard something about President Kennedy getting shot. "Aunt Wanda" Paula yelled. "yes?" her Aunt Wanda yelled back. Paula told her JFK had been shot. Aunt Wanda rushed in and sat down and together they saw the live footage of JFK getting shot.

Kids today and yesterday are kinda the same. First they are loud. But kids today are louder than kids then. Kids love to play outside. They love reading. Sadly there are some differences. Kids today are obnoxious. They are disruptive and mean. And finally kids today can be just a little bit rambunctious.

A Tribute to Jack Carte

By, Lauren Gierhart

This is my tribute to Jack Carte, my uncle. I chose to interview him because he is a very big part of my life. Also because he has lived one of the most interesting lives I've ever heard of. One thing that we like to do for fun together is go on truck rides because he drives for Kroger so sometimes I come with him and at midnight we always stop to get Scooby Snacks at a gas station we also listen to lots of music and he always tries to sing along. I am the author of this essay Lauren Gierhart I am in 6th grade and play softball, basketball, and volleyball. I love to hang out with friends and spend time with my family. I was very excited to learn more about my uncle while I wrote this essay and my favorite thing that I learned about my uncle was the reason why he still wears his glasses. I also learned that he was very frightened by his father so he always tried to be good around him. I hope you enjoy the story and I very glad I get a chance to share it with you.

Kids today have it made. In kids lives in the year 2015 there are a lot of areas in technology, education, clothes, and food that stand out. When kids hear technology the first thing we think of is iPhones and iPods. We also think of the Internet because you can find almost anything there such as homework answers, music videos, photos, and games along with many other things. Now when kids think of education we think of college, homework, classes, and grades. We think of those things because it's simple things like that, that our teachers talk about everyday. When kids think of clothes today they think of how inappropriate they have become, yet how comfy they are because now we can wear sweatpants, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, etc. Finally when kids in the year 2015 think of food they think of Subway, McDonald's,

Taco Bell, and other fast food restaurants because that seems to be all that some of us eat. All these things are common for us kids think about today, but 57 years ago kids thought a lot different.

There were different thoughts about technology, education, clothes, and food for Jack Carte and other kids who lived 57 years ago. When Jack Carte and other children thought of technology they thought of landlines, T.V.'s with 3 channels, and the radio. Jack and other children thought of education as basic things we need to know in life such as math, reading, English, science, and social studies. When Jack and other kids thought of clothing they thought about jeans, pullovers, sneakers, and t-shirts. Finally when Jack and other children thought of food they thought of it as time to spend with families because back then families always ate together. They also thought of nice home cooked meals because it was very rare to get to go to a restaurant and there weren't many fast food restaurants back then. That is how life was for Jack Carte and other children 57 years ago.

The childhood story Jack Carte will never forget occurred when he was four. It was a chilly fall day about lunchtime when Jack and his mom went to get his new glasses. Jack was very excited about getting his new glasses until he found out that he had to wear them all the time. His mother tried to persuade him into wearing them but he still didn't want to because since he was only four he didn't understand why he needed them. So one day he was playing outside and decided I don't need to wear these so he took them off and set them on the ground. Jack totally forgot about his glasses until he took one step in the grass and heard a loud crunch sound and thought oh no. Jack was scared because he knew he needed to tell his mother but first he was going to try and fix them with tape but as soon as he got the tape out his mother came into his room and saw his glasses. She was furious because he only had his glasses for three days, but she was nowhere near as mad as his dad was when he found out. His dad was

bursting with flames because he had to pay for the glasses and they didn't even last 5 days. Soon everyone cooled down and his mom ordered new glasses but this time when his glasses came in Jack was going to get a little surprise. So two weeks later when his glasses came in Jack and his mom went to the eye doctor to get his glasses, which was now a scary place to Jack, unlike the last visit. Jack's mom opened the door and they went in and Jack's mom got the his glasses, but she didn't give them to Jack. Dhe said they had a little errand to run first, then he would get his new glasses. So Jack and his mom got back in the car and took off. This little errand turned into a waiting game for Jack because he didn't know where they were going until his mom pulled into his dad's work, and then Jack knew this was more than an errand. Jack got out of the car and followed his mom into his dad's office and when they opened the door, inside was his dad standing there waiting for them. Jack's mom handed his new glasses to his dad and then his dad bent down and looked Jack straight in the eye and said, "Don't you ever take these off again." Jack knew his dad wasn't kidding because he was a very serious man and so to this day he still does not take off his glasses.

The historic event that changed Jack's life forever was 9/11. 9/11 changed Jack's life forever because it started out like any other day he woke up, got ready, and headed for work, but when Jack had been at work for about 3 hours one of his buddies came in and said that the north Twin Tower had just been hit. Then Jack knew this was going to be no ordinary day. Jack felt sad and sorry for all the families that were going to lose a loved on but what he didn't know was that this was no accident it was a planned act of terrorism. So soon after he heard the news about the north tower he had to leave for his second job and the first thing he did when he got there was turn on the radio and he heard the word hijack and thought this was no accident. Soon after he turned on the radio him and his buddies were sent home and the first thing Jack did when he got home was turn on the TV. The first thing he saw when he turned it on was that

2,977 people had been killed 19 of them where the hijackers but he also learned that the pentagon and south tower were stuck too. Finally he learned that the towers had both collapsed between 10:00am and 10:30am. Jack was sad, filled with sorrow, grateful it wasn't him in the tower, confused, and lastly full of outrage. Jack was very lucky he thought to himself because none of his relatives were hurt or killed, but what he was most grateful for was the fact that our country bounced back and started making better airplane laws so that something like this would never happen again. That is the historic event that changed Jack's life forever.

Even though life changes there are still some similarities in food, games, clothes, and education. Food is similar today because in 1957 there were fast food restaurants, which still remain today. Games such as tag, hide and go seek, kickball, and baseball were played in 1957 and today. Jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, and tennis shoes were worn then and now. Finally education today is still valued and important. Even though kids have it made today in talking with someone from a different generation it is easy to see that there is a lot to learn.

A Tribute to Rosemary Wilson Levings

By Emma Widman

This is my tribute to Rosemary, my nana. I choose to interview her because I love her so much and wanted to know more about her life when she was a child. The things I do with her are shopping, swimming in the summer, playing on the wii, and much more. The things that she does for me is that she gives me money when I don't have any to get anything and also she plays games and stuff with me. Hello, my name is Emma Widman. I am 11 years old and I am in 6th grade. I love to watch movies and play outside with my family. I also love to watch TV shows and love to cook when it is a rainy day unless there's puddles out in my yard then I get my coat and jump in them. The things I learned from the interview are that it was an easy process because I did the interview a month before it was due so I got it done and over with. Also I learned more about my nana's life as a child which was interesting about how she got told there wasn't a Santa Claus anymore. This was my interview about my nana, Rosemary Wilson Levings.

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Kids today are very spoiled. To begin with, technology is much better now with television in color and hundreds of different channels to choose from. Now let's talk about computers, well computers help people get information from Google. Cell Phones nowadays are so much better because there are touch screen phones, and there is even iphones today. Today schools are way different because we don't get paddled, have more education, and some schools don't have to wear uniforms. Clothes are way different from today because girls had to wear skirts and long sleeve-shirts, but now we can wear shorts, jeans, leggings, tank-tops, and tee-shirts. The shoes we have today are tennis shoes, flats, high-heels, combat-boots, and way more.

Finally we have food, there are so many restaurants to choose from like McDonald's, Arby's, Wendy's, Sonic, Starbucks, House of Hunan, and much more. That is how today is way different than back then.

Things were very different from today when Rosemary Wilson Levings was a child. To begin with, School for Rosemary, a very good student, meant the teachers were allowed to spank you with a ruler. Also Rosemary only had one principal and one superintendent at one school for high school, elementary, and middle school. In addition, she didn't have to take final exams when she was a senior in high school. She was very smart so, she probably would have passed it anyway. Lastly, she had to wear skirts and a shirt that was really itchy to school. That was what school was like when Rosemary went to school. Next, these are some foods Rosemary loved to eat and some she had to eat because she had them most of the time. The food she had to eat almost every night was meat, potatoes, and vegetables. Her favorite food was fried chicken because Rosemary had it only a few times because her parents weren't that rich, so she said the taste of it was so juicy and it tasted delicious. That was Rosemary's favorite foods. This is what Rosemary did for entertainment. First she went to drive-ins when she was younger. The second thing was that Rosemary and her family would go to square dances every weekend that were for families. The music she liked to listen to was mostly "Rock n' Roll." The movies Rosemary loved were all of the Elvis movies and Mid Western Television shows. Those are some things Rosemary loved to do when she was a child.

A story Rosemary Wilson Levings will never forget is the first Christmas Rosemary's sisters told her that there was no Santa Claus. Rosemary and her sisters didn't go down early on Christmas morning, so instead they slept until their parents wanted them up. They didn't leave cookies and milk out on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning they went down later and Rosemary said it's just not the same when she really did believe there was a Santa Claus out

there somewhere in the North Pole. Rosemary's parents were mad at her sisters for telling her there wasn't a Santa Claus and they were heartbroken because she was the only one that believed as a child. She really did wish she could still believe, but if she did her sisters would make fun of her. Earlier December her teacher asked, "How many still believe in Santa and only two people raised their hands, one was Rosemary and one was this boy she didn't really know and then it dawned on her maybe Santa wasn't really real.

This is a historic event that Rosemary Wilson Levings will never forget. Rosemary was a Senior in high school when the JFK assassination happened. She was in Health class when the principal announced it on the inner com, " Our president has been shot!" They all started to cry the teachers, the students, and even the principal and superintendent. Rosemary and the whole school didn't have school the next day because of JFK's funeral so they could watch it at home because they didn't have a television at school. The day after John F. Kennedy got shot there was a rumor that got started and spread all over the country and it was about how a war was going to start in the United States when there was already the Vietnam war that had just started. This was the historic event that Rosemary Wilson Levings will never forget.

Even though time has changed kids are all probably still the same. The first thing about being the same is that they probably love sports because there is softball, basketball, baseball, cheer, dance, soccer, and much more. The second reason that we are all almost the same is because all of us probably like food. Food is there for us when we are emotional and sometimes when we are just plain out bored. The third reason is because we are all mostly active, well some of us. Sometimes when it rains I jump in puddles, when it is snowing I build forts, when it is summer I swim, and when it is spring I rake the leaves up in a pile and then jump into it and then do it over again. This is why kids are the same today from back then.

A Tribute to Judy Vangeloff

by, Tara Murphy

This is my tribute to Judy Vangeloff, my aunt. I choose to interview her because she is my favorite aunt. We have sleepovers, collect coins, and watch our favorite t.v. shows. We have gone on many vacations together and we always have lots of fun. I like going to Aunt Judy's because I can eat as much junk food as I want to and there is no one to stop me. That is my tribute to my Aunt Judy.

About the Author

My name is Tara Murphy and I like playing with my brothers and sister. I like to play golf and I build robots. I was born in Marion, Ohio. I went to preschool at St. Mary's and then came to pleasant for kindergarten. My favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs.

Kids today have made it. To start with technology is much more advanced. Cell Phones I don't need wires with. Computers and t.v.s are in color. You can do anything at a click of a button with ipads, kindles, tablets, and much more. In addition, education has also advanced. It is harder, but kids today are very smart. There are many tools and features that make life much easier. Computers have spell check that help you spell. You can print and do much more. Also clothing is much better. We have freedom to wear what we want. Clothing is comfortable and we have more options. Clothing is also very colorful and cool. Finally we have food. Food is much better. We go out for dinner and there are drive thrus to eat on the go. Although we have all of this now, it was very different 61 years ago.

When Judy Vangeloff was a child, things were a lot different. First there is her life at home. She played outside all the time. When she did come inside there were only 3 channels on

the t.v. If they wanted to watch T.V. she had to have a channel changer. If there wasn't a channel changer you couldn't watch T.V. Next there is school. For lunch at school she ran home to eat and then ran back to school. There were no special classes for kids falling behind or advanced learners. There were no computer labs or i pads or any technology whatsoever. Next there is games. For games she mostly played outside. Some of the games she played are games kids still play today. Hide and seek, double dutch jump rope, kick ball, kick the can, and foursquare are some of the games she played. She and her friends also made up some games like hide the switch and daddy long legs. Daddy long legs was a game where you put someone in an old baby stroller and ran down the bumpy sidewalk. After you picked up enough speed you let go and they flew down the sidewalk and out of the stroller. Then we have clothing. For clothing their options were very slim. For shoes they mostly wore Keds. Keds came in three different colors, red, blue, or white. To school she wore a uniform. In high school painter pants and bell bottoms were popular. Saddle shoes were the dress shoes then. Some of the clothes they wore are coming back into style. Next we have food. When she was a child she usually ate at home. Her favorite meal was spaghetti and meatballs. After church she sometimes went to Henny and Coopers to get a grilled pecan roll to share with the whole family. That is the only remembrance she has of going out to eat. Finally we have entertainment. For music she liked listening to the Beatles. She liked roller skating at the Highway roller rink and ice skating at McKinley park. Judy had her own skates for both of those things. On t.v. she liked to watch Daniel Boone, Mouseketeers, and Lassie. That is what Judy liked for entertainment.

When Judy Vangeloff was a child she had a time she will never forget, and it was pretty amazing. She was on the neighborhood "Tarzan" tree. It was called that because it had a branch

loose enough to swing on. She climbed up the tree and moved backwards to get momentum to go forward. When she went back she fell out of the tree backwards, and knocked herself unconscious. Her friend thought she was dead so she ran down the street to tell Judy's parents that Judy had died. Judy's dad came running down the street and as they came she started waking up. She was ok but she still went to the family doctor's office. That is the time aunt Judy will never forget.

When Judy was a kid many amazing things happened. On November 22, 1963, was 8 years old outside on the St. Mary's playground. The church bells rang, and they began praying. Her teachers then told them that president Kennedy had died. He had been riding a motorcade when he was shot. When she went home she saw her parents watching t.v. and it was about him dying. She tried to change the channel but it was on every channel. On November 25, 1963, it was not only Judy's birthday but they had buried president Kennedy that day too. That was one of the major events that happened during her life.

Kids today and kids back then have many similarities. Today kids play many of the same games. Jump rope, jacks, and hide and seek are some of the games kids play today. Clothing is the same too. Kids wore Keds back then and many kids wear them today. Kids today still eat at the dinner table with their family. Kids today like to watch T.V. just like back then. That is how kids are the same.

A Tribute to Junior Levings

by Cheyenne Shelby

This is a tribute to my grandpa, Junior Levings. He's an amazing grandpa and he's really sweet. (He spoils my brother and me most of the time.) In all seriousness, I love him to pieces. He's currently 70. He has been in the Vietnam War and has seen it all. Besides that he's a caring, loving, and sweet grandpa That's because he spoils me with food and band merchandise... i'm kind of kidding. That's why I interviewed him.

Hi, i'm Cheyenne Shelby aka some weird person who likes to sit in her room all day and basically do nothing except for complain about not having enough food in my room or my computer, phone, Xbox controller, or PS3 controller dying (i'm not kidding about that either) and I'm currently 11. I have 4 brothers (which I love to pieces also) and 1 sister (she's okay... I guess...i'm kidding...kind of). I'm a really crazy a lot which means if you're around you might wanna watch out. I'm in love with bands like Falling In Reverse, My Chemical Romance, Sleeping With Sirens, Bring Me The Horizon, Pierce The Veil, and Twenty One Pilots. My hobbies include: sleeping, eating, watching YouTube, going on YouNow, listening to music, and watching Dustin Stout. But that's just a small piece of me.

Kids today are lucky. Let's start with food. Today's kids can get fast food like Taco Bell, Rallies, Sonic, etc. People today also have microwaves, so if you want to heat up something fast they can do that. Also technology. A lot of people can say that today's kids have their face buried in in technology like the cellphones, tablets, computers, etc. Also, clothes today are different because girls wear pants and not skirts like they used to, we have t-shirts with cool designs and writing on them. In addition, education is different today because kids have better education, kids have better ways to learn what we are supposed to learn.. All of these things are modern but 50 years ago it was very different.

Junior Levings was born in the 40's. Back then it was very different from today. He went outside, He played games with friends, etc. There was some stress about not having enough money for him. Today he has a lot more money to work with. Today he has more technology than he did years ago. This is how it was different for Junior years ago.

This is a story Junior will never forget. He was having a great day. He played with his friends, hung out with people, etc. When he was hanging out with his friend his friend had a "great idea." The idea was getting on the roof and messing around. That was a mistake. When Junior's friend was trying to get him while playing tag Junior took a very sharp turn and fell off the roof breaking his arm and landing him in the hospital. He was so embarrassed. His friends at school teased him about it for the next month.

The Vietnam War is what affected Junior Levings the most. It began on November 1, 1955, and ended April 30, 1975. The war was between China, United States, and North Vietnam. It affected him because people he knew died, he was in the war for a little, etc. He said that he remembers everything from the gun shots to the gore to the crying... He remembered really everything. What he remembers the most is his grandpa dying beside him. What had happened was that his grandpa got shot in the leg and he was bleeding out. He said that it replays in his mind and he wishes that wouldn't but it just does. That is the historic event that happened that he was in.

Even though life in the past is different from today, the kids from the past and present are still the same. Kids today and years ago still like music, entertainment, good food, sports, etc that are the same. The music taste is different from today we still like it. All kids like good food like us and the entertainment is a little bit different but it is still entertainment. A lot has changed about sports but kids still like them. The past is different from the present, but the kids are stay the same.