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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2005

## DOG KENNEL OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS

Lynne Mansfield Dog Grooming & Boarding and Sylvias Country Portraits hosted an open house and pet picture day with Santa on Nov. 19th. The cars started lining up from 10:-2:00 and we had a total of 86 visitors for the day.

We want to thank each and everyone of you for the generous donations for our local dog shelter. This is what we received:

- 45 lbs of dog food
- 3 new blankets
- 9 boxes of dog treats
- 10 extra large rawhide bones.

We also received \$150 in cash donations. This money is going to be used for the first 3 dogs adopted from our local shelter after Nov. 19th. Each dog's new owner will receive a check for \$50 payable to their vet's office. This \$50 can be used for vaccinations, spay & neuter, or whatever health care the dog might be in need of. We would prefer you take your newly adopted dog to the Animal Clinic of Paulding with Doctor Bowman but we will also honor other vet clinics too. Dave Cline the Paulding County dog wordon is aware of this program and will have instructions on how to receive your \$50 vet bill coverage.

Thanks again!  
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## FESTIVAL OF TREES

What a fantastic weekend at the John Paulding Historical Society's Festival of Trees. We had over 800 people walk through the wonderland of decorated trees and exhibits. Several of our visitors made a silent bid on the many items that were donated by various businesses and individuals. Winners of the silent auctions items were: Linda Gerken—a santa doll donated by Donna Lane; Sally Heiss—water color picture donated by Anna Kauser; Mary Mansfield—groceries donated by Chief Supermarket; Alice Lawson—Christmas bear and gift certificate donated by Galitos; Eileen Kochensparger—Christmas basket and candle donated by Marilyn's Petals and Vines; Alice Lawson—beauty products donated by Styles Unlimited; Sally Heiss—Christmas wreath donated by Eileen Kochensparger; Bill Bidlack—tools donated by Davis Pro Hardware; Henry Kauser—oil chnge donated by Busted Knuckles; Teresa Williamson—gingerbread dolls donated by Joan Luginbuhl; Sally Wannemacher—adult afghan donated by Luella Thomas; Roger Sierer—Carhart coat donated by Kauser Trucking; Carrie Ellerbrock—baby afghan donated by Luella Thomas; Anna Kauser—Welcome stone donated by Homier Monumental; Tiffany Beckman—decorated tree donated by Village Apothecary; Greg Pollock—decorated tree donated by Spartech.

## BREWHOUSE 114



Brewhouse 114 is located at 114 S. Main Street in Antwerp.

Bev Rex and Linda Miller welcomes you to Brewhouse 114. It is a tea and coffee house with a comfortable, warm atmosphere. Bev and Linda will provide espressos, specialty coffees and flavored teas from NUMI including Chai tea. Sandwiches,

soups and desserts will also be available on the menu. Brewhouse 114 will be open Monday-Saturday from 6:00 a.m. — ? (closing time has not been established yet). Come on over to Antwerp, take a break and relax and enjoy.



This year a Sunday afternoon tea was added to the festivities and our thanks go to the Paulding United Methodist Bell Choir, the Paulding United Methodist Youth Choir, Ashlyn Strahley, and to Rick Williamson for sharing their talents with us. The Paulding Garden Club served refreshments during the tea.

Congratulations to Hawthorn Court Nursing Home for being chosen as the People's Choice Award on the prettiest tree. Their tree received the most votes.

A very special thank you goes to everyone who made this weekend a success. It seems every year that the Festival of Trees gets bigger and better thanks to your coop-

eration, whether you attended or decorated a tree or helped in anyway.

Even the "Talking Christmas Tree" returned this year. She didn't want to miss out on the fun, to the delight of the many children who came just to talk to her.

If you would be interested in helping on the committee next year please contact one of us. The theme will be "To Grandmother's House We Go".

Thank you again,  
Deb Adams,  
Brenda Crawford, co-chairpersons,  
Luella Thomas,  
Anna Kauser,  
Eileen Kochensparger

## OAKWOOD AREA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK

Oakwood will be having a Christmas Walk hosted by Oakwood Memorial Park.

This year's Christmas Walk includes the following seven different homes for your enjoyment. This will take place from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. on December 4.

Ron and Linda Eakins—20128 Co. Rd. 138—the house on the west side of the Charloe Store.

Rick and Lana Estle—7433 St. Rt. 66 South—back a long lane to the west.

Tim and Lisa Fenter—24646 Co. Rd. 110—it is 1 1/2 miles east of the skating rink on the south side.

Karen Jacob—110 Walnut St.—(also St. Rt. 613), across from the gas station.

Dr. John and Karen Saxton—5273 Co. Rd. 215—back a long lane to the west.

The proceeds for the walk goes for projects in the park and the library proceeds goes for our new library.

Also open will be: The Backyard Boutique—115 First St.—new location across from the American Legion and park. Check out all the sales.

Oakwood Library—First St.—(old Cooper Furniture Store) Festival of Trees, silent

auction of Christmas center pieces, cookie walk, refreshments, the Oakwood Community Band and other live music for your enjoyment.

The park board is also having a judging of decorated homes on December 15. There will be three winners—prize money was donated by local businesses. There will be a live nativity brought by local churches; horse drawn carriage rides around town; warm refreshments in the Legion; Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be making a short stop at the fire station.

We wish to thank all those who have worked to make this a wonderful annual Christmas celebration. If you would like more information please contact Charlene Stucky at 419-594-2126.

### LUNCH MENUS

Are you interested in seeing the school lunch menus printed each week? If you are then we would need people or businesses who would be willing to sponsor the menus. Of course, your name or business would be listed and people would be seeing it. Please call 419-258-2000 to let us know.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Laura C. Ryan**, 94, Paulding, died November 21, at the Country Inn Care Center, Paulding.

Laura was born January 14, 1911 at Payne, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Rose (McCall) Casanova. She graduated from Payne High School with the class of 1927.

In January 1932 she married Albert Ryan, he died in 1962. She was a homemaker and later became a house-mother of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority house at Bowling Green State University. She retired in 1981.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville.

Laura is survived by three sons, Larry (Penny) of Antwerp, Ohio; Robert (Cher) of New Haven, Indiana; Patrick (Debra) of Wadsworth, Ohio; three daughters, Delores Ryan and Shirley (John) Meyer of Hicksville, Ohio; Leslie (Bill) Shugars of Paulding, Ohio; twenty-six grandchildren, forty-seven great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, and a brother, Edward Cassanova, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She was preceded in death by a son Michael Ryan and a daughter Marilyn Patterson, an infant daughter and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was November 25 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville. Father Thomas Oedy officiated.

Burial was at the Catholic Cemetery, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Johnson Memorial Library.

**Ruth E. Miller**, 83, Hicksville, died November 22 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Ruth was born March 23, 1922 the daughter of Paul and Lottie (Stevenson) Tracy at

Antwerp.

In June of 1946 she was united in marriage to Gerald L. Miller. He died in 1999. Ruth enjoyed bowling and fishing. She retired from Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp.

Ruth is survived by two daughters, Sharon Meine, Antwerp and Sandra Shumate, Hicksville; a son, Michael P. Miller, Hicksville. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, Judy Archer, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and three brothers and a sister.

The funeral service was November 26 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Burial was at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

**Doris Jean Hochstetler**, 64, Hicksville, died at her home on November 23.

She was born on March 23, 1941 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana the daughter of Noah and Rosanna (Yoder) Miller.

She was a faithful member of Hicksville Christian Fellowship.

On March 31, 1962, she was married to Edward Hochstetler, who survives.

She is survived by two sons: Brand (Grace) of New Haven, Indiana and Barry (Karen) Hicksville; four daughters: Brenda (Don) Witmer of Leo, Indiana; Bonnie (Jeff) Martin of Hicksville; Beverly (Mark) Webb of Aroda, Virginia; Bethanie (Jadon) Yoder of Hicksville; twenty-two grandchildren; four brothers Jesse and James Miller of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Edwin Miller of St. Joe, Indiana; Robert Miller, Corunna, New York.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service was November 27 at Hicksville Christian Fellowship, Hicksville.

Burial was at Hicksville Christian Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to the Crippled Children and Adult Society or Fellowship Haven Bible School.

**Daisy E. Bates**, 98, Oakwood, died November 21 at Defiance Regional Medical Center, Defiance.

On December 18, 1906, she was born to Ulysses Grant and Maggie Ellen (McClure) Hitchcock in Cloverdale, OH.

She married Roy Bates on August 21, 1931. Roy passed on March 19, 1980.

She is survived by one son: Lee (Elizabeth) Bates, Oakwood; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers: Roy, Charles, George, Lee and an infant; two sisters: Nellie Trece and Ara Ricker.

She was a member of the Oakwood United Methodist Church and its Friendship class, the United Methodist Women.

A retired teacher, she began her career in an one room country school in Putnam County, later taught in Cloverdale, Oakwood and Defiance City School retiring in 1969. She served as matron of the Paulding County jail from 1940 to 1948, while her husband was sheriff of the county. Member of ORTA and DCRTA. She was a winter resident of Palmetto Mobile Home Park in Florida for many years.

The funeral service was November 26 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Oakwood and Pastor Michael Brown officiated. Interment was at Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials are to go to the Salvation Army.

**Ethel M. Belau**, 98, Oakwood, died November 26, 2005 at Laurels of Defiance, Defiance.

She was born to Otis H. and Lillian (Kinner) Kleinen on April 15, 1907.

On November 14, 1924 she married Emery H. Belau.

She was a member of the Bethel Christian Church, Arthur, OH. She was a homemaker, a retired florist and formerly worked at the Defiance County Children's Home. She was a member of Busy Neighbors Extension Club, Euchre Club, Paulding's Senior Citizens.

She is survived by one son, Robert L. (Carol) Belau, Oakwood; four grandchildren, Kent (Becky) Belau, Keith (Julie) Belau, Richard Gype, Kay (Paul) Green; nine great-grandchildren, Katie, Kylie, Kristopher, Kassady, Kennan, Kurt Belau; Karlton Kaila Kasey Green.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, one daughter—Mary Ann Gype; one brother—Richard Kleinen; and one grand son—Jeffrey Gype.

The funeral was on November 29 at Bethel Christian Church, Arthur, OH and Rev. Chris Baker officiated.

Burial was at Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.heimeyerfuneral-home.com](http://www.heimeyerfuneral-home.com).

**Corinna Lee (Stroup) Miller**, 36, Melrose, died November 26, 2005 at her parents residence after a short illness.

She was born in Paulding County on January 27, 1969 the daughter of Richard L. and Janet P. (Schlegel) Stroup. She was a 1988 graduate of Paulding High School and Vantage Vocational School where she studied Child Development. She was a former employee of McDonald's of Butler, IN. She also worked at Res-Care and the Betz Nursing Home both of Auburn, IN and Prince Manufacturing of Waterloo, IN.

Surviving are her parents Richard and Janet Stroup of Melrose. One sister, Tabbie (Brad) Bair, Melrose; One nephew, Jordan Bair, Melrose; Her grandmother, Maxine Schlegel, Paulding; Also many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Vaughn Schlegel Sr. and grandmother, Viola Stephey and nephew, Jacob Bair.

Funeral services will be conducted on November 30, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood. Pastor Stan Harmon will officiate.

Burial will be in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding.

There will be calling at the church one hour before services on Wednesday.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

**Mary M. Smith**, 88, Bryan, died November 26, 2005 at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton.

She was born on November 1, 1917 in Dekalb County, Indiana the daughter of Daniel and Charlotte (Snell) Burley.

She was a 1935 graduate of Farmer High School. She married Leo D. Smith on March 2, 1935 in Ft. Wayne, IN. He preceded her in death in 2001.

She was a member of Farmer United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aide. She worked as a cook at the Farmer Schools.

She is survived by three sons, Charles and Delmar (Scarlet), Bryan; Leon (Vicki), Archbold; a daughter-in-law, Donna Smith; sixteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Maxine Page, Prescott, AZ.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Jim, Tom, and Rolland; two grandchildren; two sisters, Pauline Baker and Burline Jackson; two brothers, Ernest and Fred Burley.

The funeral service was on November 29 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicks-

ville. Pastors Sharon Twining and John MacFarlane officiated.

Burial was at Farmer Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to the Kidney Foundation, Williams County; Alzheimer's Association; or Farmer United Methodist Church.

**Wavel Dell Tonjes**, 91, Sherwood, died on November 27, 2005 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

She was born in Farmer Twp., Defiance County on June 8, 1914 the daughter of Roy and Chloe (Lawton) Scranton.

She was a 1932 graduate of Farmer High School, Farmer, OH.

She married Lester H. Tonjes on December 12, 1936 in Napoleon, OH. He preceded her in death in 1987.

She and her husband owned and operated a family farm in Mark Twp.; was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood and involved as a volunteer and an officer in Lutheran Ladies Aide, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Vacation Bible School and Sunday school. She was a council member of the Defiance County Farm Bureau and the Mark Center PTA.

She is survived by two sons, Larry L. (Martha), Hicksville and Bruce A. (Arlene), Winter Haven, FL; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers, Darrell of Farmer, and Lowell Scranton, Ft. Wayne, IN.

The funeral service will be at St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood on November 30 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Robert D. Eble will officiate.

Visitation will be after 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Burial is at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery, Sherwood.

Preferred memorials to the church or the family.

**Evelyn Ludwig Spillers**, 89, Payne, died November 25, 2005 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

She was born in Shelby County, Ohio on May 7, 1916 the daughter of Louis and Ida (Baker) Swiger. In 1936 she married Chester E. Ludwig who died in 1959. In 1978 she married Chalmer Spillers who died in 1989. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are one son, Larry (Sharon) Ludwig of Port Charlotte, FL; two daughters, Ida May (James) Franklin of Saskatchewan, Canada; and Linda (Jared) Page of Payne; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson; and one brother, Harold Swiger of Sidney, OH.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one son, Byron Ludwig; and three sisters, Dorothy Spring, Wilma Swiger and Norma Jean Babcock.

There will be no visitation or funeral services. Burial will be at a later date at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Toledo, OH.

Memorials to the Paulding County Area Visiting Nurse/Hospice, Dallas Lamb Foundation Home Activity Fund or the Donor's Choice.



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The annual **T.G.I.F.** Give-Away will be held Saturday Dec. 3 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church and the Paulding Extension Office hosted by the Paulding Methodist Church. Gently Used Clothing, Housewares and Toys will be available.

**Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



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# Food Ideas

(NAPSA)—The menu for an afternoon of fanatic football viewing should be a snap, not a workout. Healthy gridiron favorites can be found at [avocadocentral.com](http://avocadocentral.com).

Experienced cooks know the real "secret" to preparing a stand-out homemade soup is to begin with a great-tasting base or stock. Instead of spending hours making a stock from scratch, try using a quality store-bought broth. For example, Swanson Organic Beef broth has a rich, meaty taste that is excellent for preparing your favorite soups. For great recipes, ideas and helpful cooking tips, visit [www.swansonbroth.com](http://www.swansonbroth.com).

Poaching crisp, sweet apples in a mixture of cranberry Jell-O® and cinnamon gives the fruit an unmistakable flavor and a distinctive look. For more recipes, visit [www.jello.com](http://www.jello.com).

Nothing sums up the sweet spirit of the season quite like a frosty peppermint dessert. Fortunately, creating mouthwatering peppermint treats for friends and family need not add inches to waistlines. Making delightful minty recipes with a light, lower-



calorie ice cream, such as Dreyer's/Edy's Slow Churned Light Ice Cream, can make it easier to fit down the chimney. Visit [www.icecream.com](http://www.icecream.com) for more recipes.

"Fish such as canned tuna and salmon are a great source of omega-3, which helps with heart problems," said Sharon McNerney, registered dietician. "These fish are also a great source of lean protein, which is essential to the diets of growing children." For seafood recipe ideas that you and your kids can make together, visit [www.chickenofthesea.com](http://www.chickenofthesea.com).

# DID YOU KNOW?

(NAPSA)—Statistics show that three in 10 residential fires begin in the kitchen. And, in nearly 75 percent of home fires reported, the person responsible for the fire was not in the area when it started. If a fire does occur, experts say it is best to leave the house immediately and call 911 for help. To receive a free brochure with cooking safety tips, call 1-888-785-7233 (SAFE).

If you think you can't get anything for free in this world, you may want to learn more about a free life insurance program designed for parents. The LifeBridge Free Life Insurance program is designed to help protect a family's dream of providing an education for their children should anything happen to them before that child is finished with school. For more information on this program, you can visit [www.massmutual.com](http://www.massmutual.com).

Many popular Caribbean resort islands offer exotic, one-of-a-kind treasures and top-quality goods at rock-bottom prices. You can learn more from Travelers Advantage at [www.travelersadvantage.com](http://www.travelersadvantage.com) or 1-877-841-1335.

These two money-saving tips for parents of college students will get good grades:

**Printers:** Laser machines are available for under \$100, so students should have one for quality reports. Save up to 90 percent on replacing empty toner cartridges by buying fill-it-yourself toner refill kits online from [www.ReChargX.com](http://www.ReChargX.com) or [www.TonerRefillKits.com](http://www.TonerRefillKits.com).

**Textbooks:** Buy used texts from other students or online but get the right editions.

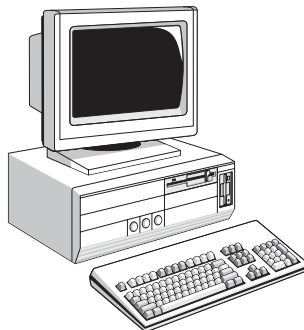
A label maker can make a lovely gift—you may even want to give one to yourself to keep the holidays organized. The Brother P-touch PT-1280 model offers high resolution printing, a 15-character LCD display and laminated labels. Learn more at [www.brother.com](http://www.brother.com).

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Regardless of the style or location of your wedding, jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor says, "Couples have always selected Platinum engagement rings and wedding bands because of the metal's inherent qualities—pure, rare and lasting a lifetime." For information on wedding trends of Platinum wedding and engagement rings, visit [www.preciousplatinum.com](http://www.preciousplatinum.com).

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# COMPUTER CORNER



By: Cyreb Reniets

Q: How can I make my computer to run faster?

A: Part 2. Last week we discussed how you can speed up your computer by defragmenting the hard drive, but first you need to check the disk for errors. This week we will talk about another problem that can cause your computer to slow down. Temporary files can be another issue that can cause performance problems in many different programs on your computer. If you are running MacOSX or Linux you won't have this problem because most of the \*nix O.S. variants will delete their own temporary files on each boot-up. Windows is another story. Windows does not automatically remove temporary files and the folders can get quite large of useless files.

Many applications that are acting up can be fixed just by deleting temporary files. Temporary files are created by applications that you use, to store... well, temporary information, but the problem is that many applications don't remove their files when they close (or crash) as they are supposed to and after a while you can get hundreds of megabytes building up and this can confuse the programs and cause problems.

The first thing to do is restart your computer to ensure that the temporary files are not in use that you will be attempting to delete. The second thing to do is find your temporary folder. This part will be the most difficult because the folder is in a different location for every user. The folder should be located here: "C:\Documents and Settings\\local settings\temp\" <user> should be replaced with your windows XP or 2000 user name. The other problem is that the folder "local settings" is hidden. In the folder options you can turn on "view hidden files" and then you will be able to see "local settings". After you find the folder it would be easier to bookmark it or add a shortcut to your desktop for

the next time.

While you have the temporary file folder open you need to delete you temp files. Be sure that you are deleting the files in the folder and not the folder itself. Select all the files by choosing <ctrl+a> on your keyboard or you can highlight all of the files in the folder with the mouse. Next hold down the shift key and press delete on your keyboard. This will ensure the files are deleted right away and don't take up space in your recycle bin. If the computer ask you if you are sure you want to delete the files just choose yes. I recommend doing this at least once a week if you use your computer regularly.

Disclaimer: Remember, you are doing this at the risk of your computer and/or data. Any problems or damage that you may encounter directly or indirectly from the advice provided are not the responsibility of the author or the West Bend News or it's affiliates.

If you have a computer question, please e-mail it to [westbend@verizon.net](mailto:westbend@verizon.net).

## COOKIE - CANDY WALK TO BE HELD AT EDGERTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

On December 2 and 3, the Edgerton Wesleyan Church will host a Cookie and Candy walk. The church is located on the corner of Dawkins Road and Ohio State Line. As well as cookies and candy there will also be craft items and baked goodies available. Times for the event are as follows: Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - noon. The cookies and candy will be sold by the pound.

## FREE CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAY

Pioneer Christian Ministries at 17936 Road 108, Paulding, Ohio, (the old Blue Creek Church), is having a Free Christmas Giveaway on Friday, December 9, from 1:00-7:00 PM.

Good used clothes and household items, some new toys. All welcome to attend.

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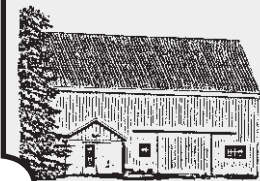
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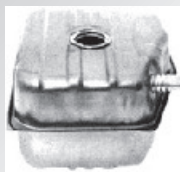
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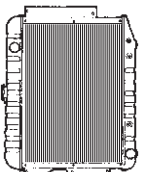
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Coughs lasting three weeks or less are most often caused by a cold, but they might be a sign of more serious illness. Pneumonia can cause coughing, high fever, shortness of breath, rapid breathing and chest pain. Congestive heart failure, a condition where the heart can't pump enough blood, can cause coughing, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue and swelling.

"Chronic" coughs lasting three weeks or more are often caused by postnasal drip, mucus draining down the back of your throat, from allergies. But they can also be a sign of more serious underlying medical problems. Asthma can cause chronic coughing, chest tightness, wheezing and trouble breathing. Lung cancer causes a chronic cough, chest pain, shortness of breath and other symptoms. Tuberculosis causes a chronic, debilitating cough and chest pain.

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) can cause chronic coughing, too. When the opening between the esophagus, which carries food from the mouth to the stomach, and the stomach doesn't close properly, stomach contents can leak back or reflux, into the



esophagus. This can cause heartburn, trouble swallowing, bad breath and a dry cough.

A cough that won't go away and produces lots of mucus may be a sign of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), in which the lung is damaged, making it hard to breathe. Most often caused by smoking, COPD is the 4th leading cause of death.

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## TRY SOMETHING NEW

By: **Chuck Starry**

My very first experience with a metal detector wasn't what you'd call a pleasant one. Deep down though I knew I could learn but, how much more crap do I have to dig up? Somewhere in the back of my mind I just figured that it was par for the course. It wasn't more than a few weeks of continuous effort that it began to pay off.

That first machine was a TEKNETICS MARK 1, a friend of mine needed some tires and soon a trade would take place. My father thought it was a rip-off. A set of tires for a metal detector was not good math in his mind. He figured I needed that machine like another hole in my head. My mind was made up and I acquired my first machine.

A lot of firsts this machine scored for me. To this day that dog will hunt. As a matter of fact the technology in that machine was way ahead of its time. After mastering set-up, ground balance, disc., and memorizing the audible target ID, I could have even been called a little cocky. This machine helped me find my first coin, my first silver coin, gold ring, musket-ball, and so many other little treasures they are innumerable.

Surely you have a container or many full of what-chamacallits. All of the things found I take out of the field, put in my pocket, and keep on hunting. Nothing slows a guy down more than gawking at something too long in the field. The day will be more productive if more targets are dug, plain and simple. When the hunt is over there is plenty of time to go home, put all of the targets on a piece of newspaper, on the kitchen table and gawk away.

That 'ole TENKETICS became my prized bird-dog. I just couldn't imagine ever being without it. Even more, I couldn't imagine ever operating a different machine. That would be like sampling a new woman. My wife just wouldn't understand. Maybe I could use a different comparison. That's how attached I was to that machine. I went so far as to buy three more of the same model knowing they were no longer in production. How could a company that produced such a great machine be defunct? Then I happened on to an ad in *Lost Treasure*, a TEKNETICS doctor named Keith in Texas. He assured me everything would be just fine. He does great work, and has never had to put one down yet.

Now that the load was taken off and the worry of not having a machine functional twenty years down the road subsided I rested on my stockpile of MARK 1's. Part of my resting involved reading the newest issue of *LT*. Keeping up on the latest techniques and great finds. Some of the finds made me envious. Soon, I'm even noticing the brand name of the machines in the stories. One stuck out like a sore thumb.

The claims of depth were staggering. But anyone could write anything about a machine if they wanted to, right? What if? What if this machine could out hunt my ole bird-dog? The claims had to be a bunch of hype. No machine could blow mine that far into the weeds. Could it? I wasn't about to wait around and find

out. U.P.S. would soon deliver the newest addition to my family. A new MINELAB EXPLORER XS.

Lord, what did I get myself into? When the little brown truck arrived I thought my MARK 1 would see what was being delivered and run away from home. If there was a chance that an improvement would come via U.P.S. so be it. A training period will take place A.S.A.P. As the box was being opened the differences became clear, a sleek machine appeared, no hip mount. The box was so small in comparison.

There it was and it looked so . . . new. Time to grab the alkaline batteries because we're not waiting to charge the nickel-hydride. There are a lot of productive sites that I knew would be productive again if there were just a little more depth. Besides the factory presets were supposed to be great. So much excitement raced through me as I crossed the street from my business to a residence where I had hunted before. Just a couple of coins would prove it to me. As far as I was concerned it was already hunted out by my trusted bird-dog.

The home at this site was built in the middle 1850's. A few of the coins that were already taken were barber, mercury, and Roosevelt dimes. A couple two-cent pieces, Indian-heads, Wheaties, even a couple beautiful walking liberty halves. I personally did not think that I left one single coin. Thankfully, these thoughts would quickly change.

As my feet left the last bit of pavement into the grass I couldn't help but steer into the shade of a huge maple tree. His was clearly the most inviting spot on the property. The tree was situated on the east side of the home a good thirty feet from a cellar door. The true front yard was actually so small though, I knew that most of the outside activity was directed in this area. Besides, my ole bird-dog already turned up many coins under the maple. This will be the area to prove my XS.

Placing the search coil right on the ground my left thumb keyed the power button on the touch-pad. Hearing a tone in a pitch that I wasn't familiar with at all, my eyes fixed on the screen. My mind

was sifting through the information gleaned from the instruction manual. The mode I picked was digital, in factory preset. I knew that the numbers to look for would be 26 or higher on the digital screen. Now it was time to walk off a grid under the tree.

Eagerness had me pacing instantly. My ears were perked for a sound that proved that, yes, I missed a keeper. Almost immediately my brain picked out the fact that there was a nice range of sounds emanating from my head phones. Remembering the audible range of my bird-dog I thrust my right hand into my pocket for some change.

This is a very good way to see what each coin sounds like. Information every coin shooter must know.

After plopping down a penny, dime, and quarter, I passed the search coil over each one and studied the unique sound of the XS. Getting a good idea of what sounds I wanted to hear, I put the coins back into my pocket and began the hunt.

Only moments later with few swings of the machine I could here a faint signal, in the pitch range a coin should fall. The moment of truth had arrived. I walked a circular pattern around the target to see if the signal was repeatable at a different angle. Sure enough it was. I couldn't believe it. Just six feet on the north side of the tree.

There was positively no doubt in my mind that this area was already covered extensively. The target must simply be deeper than the TEKNETICS could go. Deeper usually means older.

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My thumb struck the touch pad again to pinpoint.

I would soon find out that a double D search coil was a bit different than what I was used to. The target is found in pinpoint mode. Draw an imaginary line on the ground above the target. Now turn 180 degrees and do another line. Your target is just below the intersection of your lines. Sounds easy don't it. Honestly, this is the case where practice makes better. After a little practice it's really no biggy.

Six feet from the tree I dropped down on my knees

to dig the target. Quickly I removed a plug the depth of my treasure wise tool. Placing the plug on the ground just beside the hole I grabbed my machine to scan it. Not a sound. It must be deeper. Without scanning I deepened the hole another three inches. The depth of the hole was now twelve inches. The thought of hiring a back-hoe crossed my mind.

I scanned the hole again and to my surprise it was still there. Now reality set in. Obviously you have missed the target. I scanned once more and realized that it was closer to one side than the other.

Removing dirt now from the side of the hole at about eight inches I caught the glint of silver. My fingers probed the dirt and small roots very carefully and extracted a beautified 1853 seated liberty dime with arrows at the date.

How many times had I passed the search coil of my trusted bird-dog over this spot? I knew that it was a lot. How many more good locations do I have to hunt again? The list was almost endless. Every place I had hunted in the past eleven years!

I found a few more coins at the home site. A few Indian heads, 1860's. That experience lessened the fondness I once had for my ole bird-dog. You could probably liken it to an automobile upgrade, only better. When my F-150 points out a double eagle I might change my mind.

Soon after learning how to detect I noticed my father usually being around to see what I pulled out of the field. He always has a scenario about how the finds wound up there. Or better yet he'll figure out what a particular whatchamacallit is. When I put the pieces on the table he puts on his glasses and the imagination runs wild.

I thank God for the health to pursue my interest, and MINELAB for my new bird-dog. This machine has served me well the past few years. Just recently it helped me find the oldest thing that I've

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**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By Stan Jordan

FLASH: Antwerp History news update. Mrs. Iris Woodcox tells me that Doctor Caine came to Antwerp in late 1928. His first baby delivery here was her husband Kenneth Max Woodcox, in January of 1929. Thank you, Iris, for that bit of news. We will talk to anyone anytime for bits of information like this. Stan & Sue

North Reeb lived in the first house east of the alley at the east red light and he was a D.M.V. I think he was kin to the Perkins and Reeb Funeral Home people in Hicksville, but I'm not sure, because there was a lot of people named Reeb at that time.

The next house was Lloyd Lang, Sr. and he had a Real Estate and Insurance business.

The tall house next to where Jim Hunt lives was the Methodist Parsonage. About the time J. E. Turner retired as minister, they purchased a house on North Main for the parsonage.

The next house east was the home of O. D. Fleck, who retired from the Railway Mail Service. His son Wayne was a school teacher at the Antwerp High School.

The very last house right now is the United Methodist Parsonage, home to the Schneider family. It was moved from across U.S. 24, the Henry Johnson family lived in it, just east of the U. M. church for many years before it was moved.

Going back up to Main Street and over on the north side, just east of what is now the Pop & Brew Drive Thru, there was one house up close to what is now a parking lot. There was a family who lived there named Jumps, they moved away in the mid 30's and the house was torn down.

East of that was the Pocock house and it was torn down when Jim Panico moved the grocery store from the southwest corner of main and river. He built part of what is now Kammeyer's IGA. After Fred purchased the store and had to have more parking, they moved to the next big house, that before WW II was Tom Foster's clothing store. I bought my graduation suit there in 1942, a "three piecer" for nine dollars. Later on, Charlie Van Horn lived there. That house was moved down on Kroos Drive where Chris Banks now lives.

Harry Gordon was the father of Ed Gordon and they owned the Gordon Hardware, which burned down about '40 or '41 after Dick and Ivan Gaisford owned it. Later on Dr. Bazali had his office there for years, and a number of renters have occupied it since then. You go on east over in the U.M. Church lot, a house sat on the corner there. My first remembrance of anyone there was a Chauncy Hallock who lived there and he had a tin shop. The Tin Shop sat out by the driveway which goes into the U. M. church from the west. Many years later Harold Wann moved this building out west to his farm on U.S. 24. For many years Ken Johnson who was our Chief of Police occupied this corner. I need to mention that he was a good friend to everyone and in my mind, part of Antwerp's past history.

The old Methodist Church was next and it stately sat right out next to U.S. 24. In

the 1960's it was demolished. The present church was built back further to allow more parking.

Henry Johnson lived east of this church. Their house was purchased and moved across the highway to become the Methodist Parsonage. There has been a lot of changes to that ravine and area around the church. A house and barn used to set there and when I was a little boy my Grandma Jordan sent me over there with a pattern or something, there name was Mr. & Mrs. George Peirman. Grandma always made those big sugar cookies and she gave me one for running that errand.

When the city cleaned up all the concrete and bricks from when the chair factory burnt, it was all dumped right in the ravine where the church sits.

If you were to look down from an airplane, you would see that Antwerp sits between and around two ravines. The one we are talking about now starts away to the south over past Dr. Gray's office on Buffalo Street. Over the years many alterations have been made, but in years when you got a huge rain, the natural drain way was plenty relevant. It came this way north to the river.

The other ravine starts west of the old high school a few rods, and runs east past the City Hall and under Oswald Street and merges with the other ravine, then goes north under Woodcox Street and the river.

I guess I told you this so you could realize how much U.S. 24 has been elevated.

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Pumpkin Bread      Cranberry Bread

- 3 cups of flour
- 2 Tab. cinnamon
- 2 teas. baking soda
- 1 teas. salt
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 can (15oz.) pure pumpkin
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup veg. oil
- 1/2 cup orange juice or water.
- 1 cup dried or fresh cranberries (best with fresh)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Grease and flour two loaf pans.

Combine first four ingredients. Combine sugar, pumpkin, eggs, oil, and juice in large bowl. Beat till blended. Add to flour mixture, stir till moist. Fold in cranberries and nuts. Spoon into loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 60 min. Insert toothpick to check if done.

--Sandy McDaniels

**REMEMBER MY BIRTHDAY?**

As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated.

During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer.

It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration.

I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send me an invitation.

The party was for me, but when that great day came, I

was left outside, they closed the door in my face . . . and I wanted to be with them and share their table.

In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me.

Since I was not invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a great time. To top it all, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling HO-HO-HO! He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying: "Santa Claus, Santa Claus" . . . as if the party were in his honor!

At 12 midnight all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and, do you know . . . no one hugged me.

Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation.

When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me.

What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared your gifts and you did not get one? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left.

Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and nobody remembers me. I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life.

I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart.

I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grand party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party.

I'm still making the final arrangements. Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters

in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation, will be left outside.

Do you know how you can answer this invitation? It is by extending it to others whom you care for . . .

I'll be waiting for all of you to attend my party this year . . .

See you soon. I love you!  
—Jesus

**CAT'S! ANOTHER OF GOD'S WONDERS!**

By: Rose Kever

They come in so many shapes, sizes and colors, (kind of like us humans.) and they have to earn their keep, (also like us humans.)

If you have a mouser, count yourself lucky, not all cats even 'like' mouse meat. We have two who live here that wouldn't chase—let alone eat—a mouse.

Baxter, who is seven years old, is too darned lazy to chase anything! But forgive him, he's an old man.

Duncan, on the other hand, at only five months old, chases everything that moves: shadows, reflections, people and Baxter.

Baxter used to have a dog, Max, a golden retriever who loved cats. He grew up with our other cat, Sugar, but she had cancer and died after surgery. Well, then Max went into a depression, so we got Baxter and Max was a happy guy again. He would give Baxter big ol' sloppy dog baths, and absolutely loved to share everything with his cat.

When Max died of old age (he was thirteen), then Baxter went into a depression. He reacted differently than Max did with Sugar. He would hide under the furniture, wouldn't eat, and he wouldn't socialize at all. Our veterinarian said we really couldn't do anything except wait for him to get better or die from loneliness. He suggested getting another dog, but instead, we got Duncan.

The thing that amazes me is how house animals get so attached to each other (kind of like us humans.)

Anyway, these two cats sit by the patio screen and watch the birds, and the chipmunks scamper across the patio, and bugs. I'm glad we don't have mice, these guys would probably invite them in for coffee!

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ever found. But that's another story. Does anyone out there need a couple old bird-dogs? I'll make you a deal on the lot. Good hunting.

**Hints For The Home Fireplaces A Hot Idea**

(NAPSA)—When looking for a way to add a little pizzazz to the living room, family room or den, it may pay to fire up your imagination. A well-maintained or spruced-up fireplace can add warmth—figuratively and literally—to most any home.



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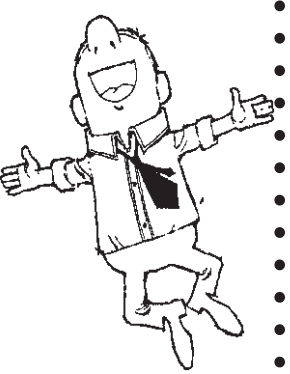
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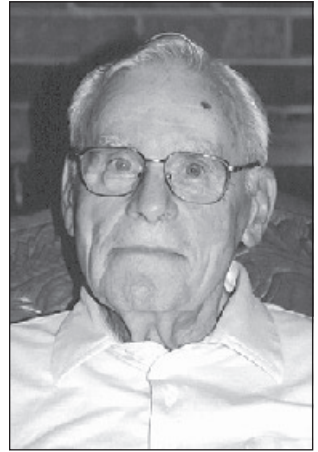
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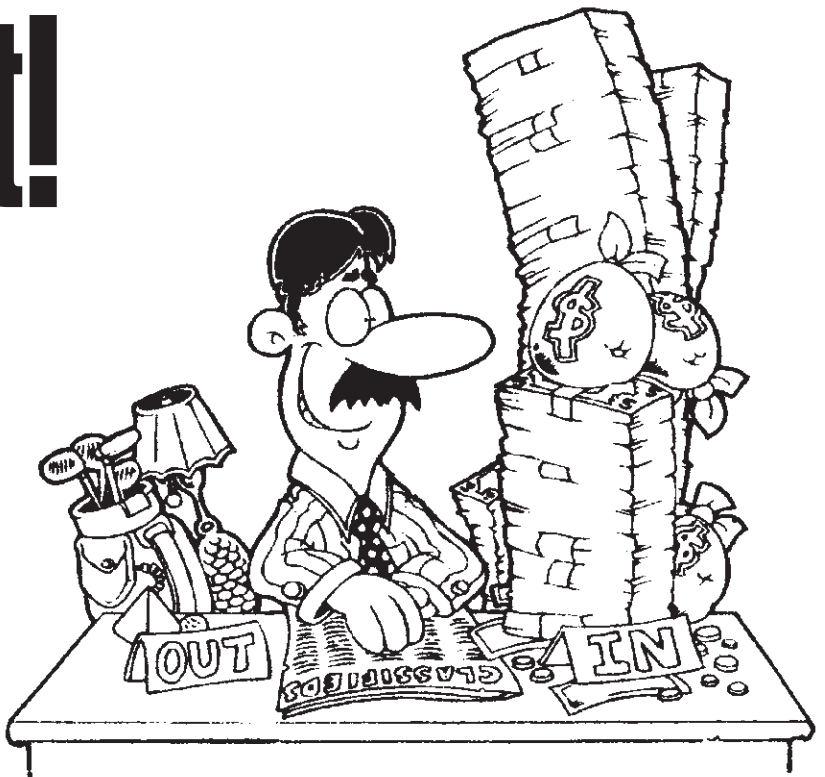


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**How To Take And Display Family Photos**

(NAPSA)—Do you ever wonder how photographers capture such priceless moments? In today's world of digital photography, it's not as hard as you may think.

According to Jay Forman, a professional photographer and author of "Capture Your Kids In Pictures," taking great family photos doesn't require expensive gear or technical prowess, just the application of simple principles and common sense. Once you've mastered the basics, you'll find yourself eager to display every photo because the best part about taking pictures is sharing them with friends and family.

Here are some simple tips from Jay Forman on how to take great family photos and display them in a unique and creative way:

- **Get closer.** Too often, we take pictures that include our subject but many other nonessential elements. Getting closer not only helps get rid of extraneous items, but produces a more intimate image.
- **Don't say "Cheese."** Saying "cheese" puts the mouth in an unnatural position and makes a smile look forced. Consider telling a joke for a more natural smile or try to capture the expression of the moment.
- **Keep shooting.** Typically, people only take one or two shots of a person or situation, which reduces your chances for a great photograph. By shooting four or five photographs, your chances diminish for someone's eyes being closed or not looking. And with a digital camera, there is no harm in taking extra shots because you can simply delete the bad ones.



- **Utilize sunlight.** Sunlight in the morning or the late afternoon is the softest and most pleasing light, which is ideal for taking pictures. Try to avoid shooting during the midday hours when light tends to create shadows and squinting.
- **Select some candid shots to display.** Oftentimes, we are inclined to pick a posed portrait, but candid shots tend to say much more about someone's personality.
- **Change the photos you have on display regularly.** One easy way to do this is by printing your digital images on Post-it Picture Paper. Thanks to the super sticky adhesive found on the back, you can stick and restick your photos practically anywhere without damaging the photo or the surface.
- **Create a collage or grouping of similar photos.** Sometimes one photo cannot accurately tell the whole story. By grouping photographs, you can have all aspects of an event on display at once.
- **Be creative with where you display your photographs.** Try placing photos in more unusual places that could use some dressing up, such as the bathroom or above the kitchen sink.

**What You Should Know About Menopause**

(NAPSA)—According to a new survey of female executives, menopause is moving out of the shadows and into the boardroom.

The survey, conducted among members of the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), found that half of the respondents currently in menopause (45 percent) said it was worse than expected, over one-fifth (22 percent) said it was much worse than expected and three-quarters (75 percent) are concerned their menopausal symptoms will occur at inconvenient times.

Menopause is the natural stage in a woman's aging process when her ovaries stop producing estrogens. Menopause can occur naturally or may be induced by surgery, chemotherapy or radiation. Since estrogens are largely responsible for developing and maintaining the female reproductive system, reduced levels can cause uncomfortable symptoms.

The survey revealed that 88 percent of NAFE members surveyed have had some experience with menopause and two thirds (67 percent) of this group have experienced menopausal symptoms once a week or more.

- 95 percent of this group experience physical symptoms—most commonly, hot flashes (80 percent) and night sweats (74 percent);
- 79 percent of this group experience symptoms that are emotional or affect their mental functioning, such as forgetfulness or diminished concentration (57 percent), irritability (53 percent) and mood changes (53 percent).

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the first wave of baby boomer women (born 1945-1960) are now entering menopause and another 20 million will reach menopause in the next decade. These women must weigh the risks and benefits of treating their menopausal symptoms with hormone therapy.

A Women's Health Initiative (WHI) study, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, found that there was potentially increased health risk associated with use of estrogens with progestin at higher doses or for extended periods of time.

According to Diane DiLalla, age 56, "When I turned 50 I started having hot flashes and they were very uncomfortable, especially at work. At first, my doctor suggested I try some herbal remedies but they didn't work for me. I was concerned about taking hormone therapy but my doctor told me I could take Cenestin®, which is a plant based estrogen therapy, to treat my menopausal symptoms."

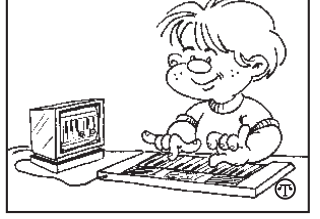
Her doctor's viewpoint is echoed by several professional organizations, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and North American Menopause Society (NAMS), which recommend hormone therapy for the treatment of menopausal symptoms at the lowest doses for the shortest duration.

According to James A. Simon, MD, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, George Washington University, Washington D.C., Medical Director, The Women's Health Research Center® in Laurel, Maryland, and immediate past president of NAMS, whether or not to use hormone therapy is a personal decision. "A woman needs to weigh the impact of her menopausal symptoms on her personal and work life with her individual health status and history."

**What Women Can Do**

- Keep a diary of menopausal symptoms over time and discuss them with a health professional
- Discuss the benefits and risks of hormone therapy with a health professional
- Understand individual risk factors and health history
- Consider meeting with a physician who specializes in menopause
- Explore differences between hormone therapy delivery options (patches, lotions, gels and pills) and products (such as those derived from pregnant mares' urine and those made from plant sources such as Cenestin®)

**HEALTHY IDEAS**



(NAPSA)—The Internet may help children learn how to live a healthier lifestyle. KOL (AOL's service for kids) lets children embark on a virtual expedition of Okinawa, Japan, an area where people are known for their longevity. The site offers fun and educational videos; helpful hints about food and nutrition, and lets children pledge to participate in the Blue Zone Challenge, a program that sets goals that lead to a healthier lifestyle. For more information visit [www.kolexpeditions.com](http://www.kolexpeditions.com).

Symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) affect more than 60 million adults. Similarly, they also affect infants, young children and adolescents. For more information on GERD, including a list of common symptoms as well as a useful "Reflux Recorder" checklist, visit [www.babygerd.com](http://www.babygerd.com), available from GlaxoSmithKline.

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**DECEMBER 4**  
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**DECEMBER 5**  
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**DECEMBER 6**  
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