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Beautiful Memories of a  
precious life... We pray  
for condolences for the  
families and friends of:

*Marjorie H. Frantz*

(May 19, 1921 - Jan. 17, 2015)

*Robert E. Van Sickel*

(Apr. 15, 1930 - Nov. 27, 2014)



Joe Harned & Marjorie Frantz (2009)

**H. C. (Joe) Harned Scholarships**

Just a reminder – the deadline  
for submission of applications  
for the H.C. (Joe) Harned  
Scholarship is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Two  
scholarships are awarded each  
year. For more information,  
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2014 H. G. Harned Scholarship Winners:  
William (Billy) Conn and Samantha  
Phillippi, with Pastor Schaeffer

**The President's Notes**

Beginning this quarter we've added the Turkeyfoot Lending Library to our newsletter. Please look for information coming from them each quarter.

On the last page of this newsletter we again have information on our Easter Pie Sale. Please consider buying your Easter dessert from us. We ran this sale last year for the first time and it turned out to be a great fundraiser...with no expense involved.

A BIG Thank You to the Confluence Lions Club for their monetary donation. Together we are able to work toward a bright future. We look forward to your continued support.

On behalf of the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society I would like to thank those of you for your generous support in the form of memorial donations. We rely on the generosity of donors and are grateful for your support. Thank you all!

For more information on how you can make a donation or volunteer opportunities please contact us at [tfvhs@tfvhs.com](mailto:tfvhs@tfvhs.com).

--Lisa

**New Members**

Sydney & Olivia Gower, Macomb, MI  
John & Paul Gower, St. Clair Shore, MI  
George Hilliard, Genesee, PA  
Barry Hayman, Genesee, PA  
James Oglethorpe, Fort Myers, FL  
Dale & Barbara Nolf, Confluence

**Do you remember any of these people  
from Turkeyfoot Valley Joint High School from 1950???**



Howard Trexel,  
Supervising Principal



George Groff



Barbara Tussing



Charles Blocher



Wade Burnworth



Blanche Kurtz



George Durst



Marie Fillipih



Robert Gunn



**This picture was taken of the school's Safety Patrol for 1951**



Front: Skiles Montague, Leo Ward, Teddy Mitchell, Ralph Lytle, Jack Butler, Gerald Colflesh, Robert Nicholson.  
 Second Row: Andrew Hegedus, Harry Holliday, Dale Keslar, Robert Brown, Benny Matthews.  
 Back: Richard Conn, Glenn Wass, Jan Snyder.

**This picture was taken of the school's Library Club for 1953**



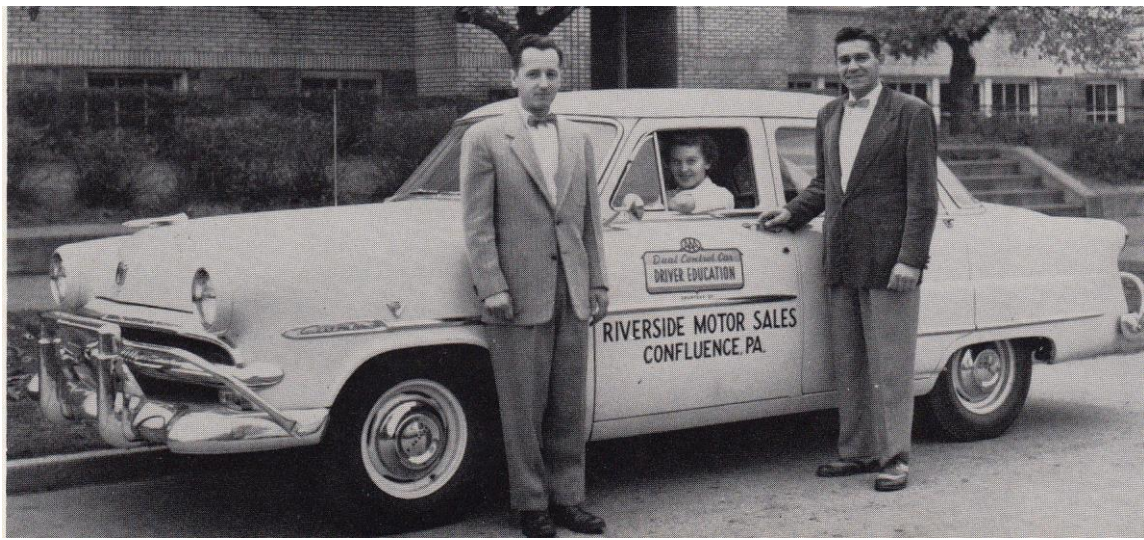
Front: Margret Heinbaugh, Wilma Holt, Mary Romesburg, Miriam Lenhart, Carolyn Glover.  
 Second Row: Janet Younkin, Dollie Rugg, Frances steyer, Freda Woods, Betty Conn, Kathleen Kline.  
 Back: Skiles Montague, Nancy Glass, Ruth Turney, Mr. Afton, Mary Bowlin, Beulah Hilliard, Bill Fisch.



## Your 1955 Cheerleaders!



Clockwise: Thea Fike, Virginia Halverson, Bernice Peters, Rosemary Kubis, Captain; Delores Keslar, Lois Reeves and Joyce Wright.



1954 Driver's Education – Mr. Kaufman, C. Cummings, Mr. Cone



## Your 1947 Confluence High School Football Team!



Front: Bob Hobernicht, Lee Gower, Lenhart, Dick Beggs, Robert VanSickel, Robert Hensel, Darrell Lingenfield, Paul Kieffer. Second Row: Grossman, James Greaves, Jack Roberts, Kenneth Rush, Bill Humbertson, Max Critchfield, John Hegedus, Bill Koontz. Third Row: James Hobernicht, Burnworth, Carroll Liston, David Lingenfield, James Nicola, Gene Roberts, George Groff.

### Some interesting items about the 1947 *Turkeyougha*

- Gabby the Gobbler was introduced to guide the viewer through the pages of the book and to read the Class Will.
- It was only the third edition of the *Turkeyougha*.
- The yearbook was dedicated to the Alumni of Confluence High School who valiantly gave their lives in World War II: Darwin Riley ('36), Milton Hendrickson ('39), Glenn Ream ('40), Rex Critchfield ('41), Worley Wilson, Jr. ('42), Walter Tannehill ('43), and Glenn Burnworth ('43).
- This year saw the revival of the school newspaper, "*The Gobbler*". In previous years, several papers were published by individual English classes and Press Clubs.
- There was a new band director, Louise McDaniel. She also led the school chorus.
- The school had a new French Club, organized in November of 1946.

### **Livery Stable Changes Hands**

Andrew L. Bird has purchased of Andrew Coughenour the stables in the rear of the Confluence House, formerly occupied by Albright & Jenkins, and will take possession at one. Mr. Bird will make many needed improvements on the stable and will no doubt keep the teams and equipment on a par with the excellent stable he now operates near the Dodds Hotel. (Meyersdale Republican, 6/8/1910)

**TURKEYFOOT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 7/1/14 to 6/30/15**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society and mail to the Society at PO Box 44, Confluence, PA 15424. NOTE: We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) exempt organization. Donations are deductible to the full extent allowed by law. NOTE TO MEMBERS...If you are interested in receiving your copy of Pass It On electronically, please contact the Society at tfvhs@tfvhs.com.

**More Civil War Veteran Death Notices**

George Washington Anderson died on Thursday, October 14, at his home in Ursina and was buried on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. Deceased was a member of the Ursina Lodge I.O.O.F. and was a comrade of Ross Rush Post, G.A.R. He was an uncompromising Democrat and had no sympathy with kickers or bolters.

He enlisted in Co. H, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on October 6, 1861, and was mustered out of the service on November 2, 1864. He was presented with a gold medal for conspicuous bravery at the battle of Morris Island, having led a charge on the enemy's breastworks. During one of the Virginia campaigns, while doing picket duty, he captured Major J. B. Washington, of the Confederate army, now and for a number of years past, secretary of the Pittsburg & Connellsville branch of the B & O R.R. Major Washington and Mr. Anderson met in Somerset a few years since, when their recognition was mutual and they spent a pleasant hour talking over their war experience. (The Somerset Herald, Wednesday, October 20, 1897)

Samuel Yutzy, aged 83, died January 14 at his home in Larimer township. The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with Company K, 171<sup>st</sup> regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers. He was a brother of the late Colonel E. D. Yutzy of Ursina. He is survived by his widow and 11 children. (The Somerset Herald, January 28, 1920)

Jefferson Bird, a Civil War veteran of Confluence, died September 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of his brother-in-law, William Nicholson, in Harnedsville. He was 66 years of age. Six children survive him as follows: Miss Emma, of Pittsburg, Miss Allie, James, John and Herbert, at home. Deceased was a brother of Ross Bird and Mrs. George W. Saylor, of this place. (The Somerset Herald, October 2, 1912)

Harrison Younkin, who was born near Confluence and served in the Civil War, died last week at Indiana, PA. He was a brother of Silas Younkin of Confluence and the son of Henry Younkin. (The Somerset Standard, July 3, 1919)

***Marjorie H. Frantz***

(May 19, 1921 - January 17, 2015)

Marjorie H. Frantz, 93, of Confluence, passed away Saturday, January 17, 2015 at In Touch Hospice House of Journey's Rest, Somerset. She was born May 19, 1921 in Confluence, a daughter of Charles B. and Erma (Flanigan) Humbert. Her parents, husband, G. A., sister, Betty Baker and brother, Norton Humbert preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons, C. Gregory Frantz and wife, Karen, Somerset and Gary A. Frantz and wife, Jane, Carnegie; grandchildren, Heather Wingfield and husband, Joe, Apex, NC, Anne Batyko and husband, Nick, Sewickley, Mary Jolinda Frantz, Raleigh, NC, Garvin Frantz and wife, Leah, Raleigh, and Susan Frantz, Richmond, VA; and great grandchildren, Grayson and Garrett Frantz and Charles Wingfield. Also, a sister, Patricia Beggs and husband, Richard, Kutztown. Marjorie was a graduate of Confluence High School and attended business school in Pittsburgh. She was a lifelong member of the Confluence United Methodist Church and UMW. She was a charter member of the Confluence Women's Civic Club and Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society, a member of the Great Crossings Chapter of the D.A.R. and a former board member of the Somerset Co. Library. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Monday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, where a service will be held at 10 AM Tuesday with Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Gotjen officiating. Interment will follow in Addison Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to In Touch Hospice, 1590 N. Center Ave., Somerset, PA 15501 or the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society, PO Box 44, Confluence, PA 15424.



# Turkeyfoot Lending Library

*Across from the Post Office, in the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society building*  
814-395-5415

## Winter hours:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 3:30-6pm  
Saturdays 10am-1pm

We have introduced a Facebook page, so that our patrons can "like" us and we can post Library news and events!

The Turkeyfoot Lending Library would like to thank the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society for allowing us to share their building!

We hope we serve one of our main purposes, of allowing our card-holders to borrow books, magazines, DVD's and CD's. But we hope we also go beyond that goal, and bring computers and Internet service to our patrons; have an on-going used book sale; and sponsor StoryTime programs for our young patrons to encourage reading as the children add a feather for each book read to our Turkeyfoot Turkey and fill up the Turkey's feathers!

The library has Large Print books, mysteries, books on history and crafts, gardening and cooking, and a local Genealogy section for those interested in researching their family histories.



## *New Historical/Historical Fiction books at Turkeyfoot Lending Library*

### **UNBROKEN by Laura Hillenbrand**

*(Memorial book in honor of Larry Holliday)*

UNBROKEN is the moving true story of an extraordinary man-Louis Zamperini. Mr. Zamperini grew from a rebellious boy to a young man wanting to compete and be the best he could be. Then came World War II. And he knew he had to compete again. Although this time wasn't the Olympics, but a test, to the death of many, to fight human brutality. The survival of Louis Zamperini and the feelings he eventually came to accept concerning his captors is a true testament to the human spirit.

### **LEISENRING NO. 1 by Jim Oglethorpe**

*(Donation by the Author and Turkeyfoot Historical Society)*

In this murder mystery from 1900 in the Connellsville area of Fayette County, Mr. Oglethorpe introduces Joe Zajac, a retired cop. A charred skull is found in a coke oven and in what appears to be a conspiracy, coal miners may be at great risk. So Mr. Zajac takes on the job of finding out who was murdered, why and by whom. Will he have to take on any of the coal and coke barons? Or someone who may not stop at one murder to prevent detection?



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*Our products are manufactured in a facility that processes cinnamon, egg products, milk, soy, nuts, peanuts, and wheat.*

## TURKEYFOOT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EASTER PIE SALE

Orders Due: FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015 BY 9:00 AM (Drop off to Kurt @ Somerset Trust or Lisa @ Confluence Hardware)

Pick Up Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015, noon – 5pm @ Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society Building, Confluence

Money due when items are ordered. Payable by cash or check made out to Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society

Please take notice that we do not offer the Easter Breads this year but we do offer the Nut Log and a Pecan Pie