

## **100 YEARS AGO IN WEST JEFFERSON**

with Charlie Miller

### **April 5, 1912**

Madison County Democrat — The members of the M. E. Church Sunday school will give an Easter entertainment next Sunday evening.

— Miss Alice Beers entertained the members of the P.M.K. Club at her home last Thursday evening. Miss Florence Kelley received the first prize, and Miss Missouri Jones the booby prize, after which a lunch was served. (Missouri Jones was the granddaughter of West Jefferson founder Rev. Isaac Jones. She later married Willard "Lefty" Culp.)

— Rev. Jennie Linn preached at the Antioch Mission on Sunday evening.

— There were 109 in attendance at the Antioch Mission Sunday school last Sunday. Collection was \$4. Rev. Jennie Linn will preach to the old soldiers next Sunday evening.

— All Fool's Day has come and gone and the old hat with a brick in it has been kicked by the man who "kicks the dog around."

— The storm of snow and sleet we had on last Sunday a week was the most disastrous one we have experienced for many years, as the roads were filled with the wreckage of our telegraph and telephone poles. The wires will have to be put under ground if such storms become more frequent. It will require hundreds of dollars to replace the poles broken down by the sleet.

The Madison Press, Nov. 6, 1952 — Members of the Gradale Sorority, their husbands, pledges and other guests, gathered at the new country home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Timmons Thursday evening for the beginning of an evening packed with fun and hilarity, planned by the program committee members, Mrs. Bud Ballard, and Mrs. Roger Murry, assisted by their husbands. After the business meeting they all enjoyed a hay ride and wiener roast.

 West Jefferson will dedicate its new school building on Armistice Day, Nov. 11. Because the building is being dedicated to the veterans of all wars the theme of the program will be built around education and Americanism. There will be open house in the afternoon from 2-5 p.m. The dedication will be made by Mr. Donald Elliott, president of the local Board of Education and Mr. James Arganbright, commander of the American Legion Post No. 201.

— On Nov. 21, the West Jefferson Junior Class will present a three act play, "Here Comes Charlie," in the high school auditorium. The cast is as follows: Nora Malone, June Graves; officer Jim McCrill, Bob Bogard; Mrs. Fannie Farnham, Allene Phillips; Larry Elliot, Bill Buscemi; Ted Hartley, Jack McClaskey; Vivian Smythe, Joan Ryan; Uncle Aleck Twiggs, Sonny Parsons; Charlie Hopps, Patricia McDaniels; Mrs. Caroline Smythe Kersey, Arlene Geyer; and Mortimer Smythe Kersey, Don Ater. The play is being directed by Miss Mary Mooney. The business manager, stage manager and prompters will be announced next week. (I must have been one of these, I didn't see my name in the above.)

## **EVENTS AT BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK**

• Tonight, 8 p.m., Howl at **the moon.** Enjoy a 2-mile hike with your dog. Meet at Pet Trail Parking Lot, 2914 Georgesville-Wrightsville Road

• Friday, 8 p.m. Full wildcat moon hike. Enjoy a fast-paced 4-mile hike through forest and fields. Meet at Naturalist Office, 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway

• April 10, 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Hey Diddle Fiddle! Make a musical instrument and join members of the Columbus Folk Music Society for an old fashion sing-along. Meet at Cedar Ridge Lodge, 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway

• April 11, 7 p.m. Photo **Basics: Waterfall Photography.** Join photo enthusiasts as we discuss techniques for photographing waterfalls. Meet at Cedar Ridge Lodge, 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway.

• April 14, Earth Day 2012: Root Down. Help to reforest selected areas in the park.

For more information and to register, visit www.greencbus.org.

• April 22, **Bike to the** bison and beyond. Enjoy a 9-mile bike ride on the Darby Creek Greenway Trail and view the Bison. Meet at Naturalist Office, 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway

• April 28, Open 'til midnight. The Pleasant Valley area will be open until midnight on the last Saturday of each month between April and September for self guided activities including fishing, hiking, stargazing and pet hikes.

Meet at Pleasant Valley Bulletin Board, 9137 state Route 62, Harrisburg.

• April 28, Birding at its best. Enjoy a morning chorus of warblers, finches, orioles, and other birds. Meet at

# On the road again

BY KEVIN DYE Staff Writer

nce again the call of the road and the need of the cause has led one West Jefferson resident to saddle up and tackle the southwestern desert to help raise funds to fight Huntington's disease.

Gary Heiman rode last year in the charity bike ride to aid Huntington's disease called Bike For The Cure. Last year's event was the "Plains to Lakes" ride. Heiman, along with Marie Nemec and Charlotte Reicks, traveled 700 miles from Belle Fourche, South Dakota to Eden Prairie, Minnesota. They were able to raise more than \$15,000 for the cause.

The Bike For The Cure was started by two women, Marie Nemec and Charlotte Reicks, who live in Grand Junction, Colorado. The theme and the route change each year and together they have logged close to 20,000 miles, through 42 states, while raising more than \$500,000 for the cause.

This year Heiman is joining Charlotte Reicks and Sherri Kole, while Marie Nemic rides a support vehicle due to a knee injury. This year's theme is "Venture to

Vegas." The group will travel 700 miles starting from Grand Junction, Colo. on May 27 and arriving in Las Vegas, Nev. on June 7 for the 27th Annual **HDSA** Convention (June 8-10). As in the prior 12 rides, the purpose of the ride is to heighten public awareness of Huntington's Disease and to raise funds for family services and research

towards a cure.

the fourth chromosome. Each child of an HD parent has a 50-50 chance of inheriting the gene which causes degeneration of brain cells, resulting in the loss of the ability to walk, think, talk, reason, and swallow. Onset generally appears at midlife but in some, onset occurs in childhood (juvenile HD) or in old age (Late Onset). The disease profoundly affects the lives of entire families, as the person with HD becomes totally dependent on others for his/her care. About one in 10.000 Americans has this disease. Heiman is First Vice Commander for the American Legion Post 201

Huntington's Disease is a

neurological, familial disease, passed from parent to

child through a mutation on

and an avid cyclist. He averages around 2,000 miles a year riding his bike around central Ohio. He also has participated 11 times in the annual GOBA (Great Ohio Biking Adventure) ride. Heiman's wife, Barb, has been involved as a social worker with the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA), Central Ohio



**GARY HEIMAN TO CYCLE TO VEGAS FOR A CURE** 

FILE PHOTO

For a second year in a row, Gary Heiman has taken his wife Barbara's suggestion to raise awareness and funds for Huntington's disease.

Chapter since 1999. He looks forward to the challenge of the ride and the opportunity to raise money to fight Huntington's Disease.

"Last year I was invited to participate in the Plains to Lakes 700-mile bicycle ride to raise awareness and funds

for Huntington's Disease research and to the many people that helped us to raise \$15,000, I say thank you," Heiman said. "This year I have been invited to participate again and I have answered the Heiman has reached his own personal milestone in life and is using it as

inspiration for his adventure. "It occurred to me recently,

charged from active duty in the United States Air Force," Heiman said. "At my last duty station I was privileged to wear a Blue Beret. We were the first unit to be issued this headgear in the Air Force. So, I hope to celebrate this anniversary by completing my second fund raising bicycle ride for Huntington's Disease."

years ago this June I was dis-

Heiman said he won't really know what to expect from the conditions until they actually hit the road.

It's mountains and deserts from what I've been told," Heiman said. "We go early in the morning each day and were able to camp around 1 p.m., so we missed the heat of the day."

To help Heiman and his fellow cyclists in their quest to aid the fight against Huntington's Disease you can donate by visiting the website

www.firstgiving.com/bikeforcure. Checks can be mailed to 1060 Olmstead Road, West Jefferson, OH 43162.

Checks should be made out to HDSA (Huntington's Disease Society of America).

West Jefferson resident Gary Heiman is once again taking to the road on his bike to raise money and awareness for Huntington's Disease, this time he wil ride 700 miles from Grand Junction, Colorado to Las Vegas,

Indian Ridge Bulletin Board, 2705 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway

• April 29, Yoga in the **Park.** Move to the rhythm of nature and learn yoga postures to rejuvenate your mind and body. Bring a mat or blanket. Meet at Cedar Ridge Lodge, 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway.

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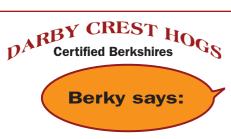
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