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### 2002 REUNION

The 2002 Swope reunion has been set for 14 July 2002. It will be at the McCutchanville Community Church Education building as usual.

**Please note the sit to eat time change, which will now be 2 PM.** The church is now having their worship services in the Education building so the main hall will be being used until about 11:45 AM. By the time everyone gets out and the tables are set up I figure it will be 2 PM before we can eat.

The rest will be as in the past. We will have a carry in potluck dinner with lemonade and tea furnished. Bring your own table wear and if you want something different to drink, bring your own drink.

Please come early to visit and stay late to visit.

Editor

### FIVE DAYS OF RUTABAGAS

For five days, Hugh Henry subsisted on rutabagas and carrots. There was nothing else. A member of the armored division, Henry served in the Tank Corps during WWII. "We were in France at the time," he says, "and to this



day, I still cant eat -rutabagas!"

Henry was 27 when he was drafted, and although he could have received a deferment because of his job, he chose to serve. "I was with the Farm Security Administration. I was the Ag representative to the Draft Board, and I was seeing if the men were eligible or not because they were farmers."

Tanks are not for the claustrophobic. Five men were assigned to each tank, and according to Henry, there was just enough room to get in and sit.

On one assignment, Henry was part of a force responsible for escorting 1400 prisoners across France.

"It took us five days and four nights. We were at the train yards in Paris when we were told Roosevelt died.

We hadn't slept. We were just numb. Too tired to care."

On yet another assignment, Henry witnessed an entire Russian division walking. "Every thing was horse drawn. The only tanks and cars they had were captured from the Germans. They had walked from Stalingrad to Czechoslovakia. Over 800 miles."

"We couldn't have won the war with- out them," Henry comments.

Henry served willingly, and though not in uniform, he

still serves. A docent at the Museums at Prophets town, Henry has also volunteered with the Tree Fund of West Lafayette. "We've planted over 1,000 trees," he says.

Rather than talk about the median on Cumberland that he personally maintains, Henry-the man who once worked for 26 cents an hour at the Union Building and who has been active in the American Legion-leans forward and says, "Our tree committee needs more people."

Hugh Henry

**On May 4th  
Evelyn France Evans will be 80!  
Come join us  
to celebrate  
OPEN HOUSE**

Day: Saturday, April 20, 2002

Time: 4 - 8 p.m..

Place: 8640 E CR 200N, Otwell IN

A meal will be provided.

RSVP to Janice or Jean

#### **GLACKMANS**

Don't have much news I'm afraid. Laurie has a new job that she started two weeks ago, with Guardian automotive Trim Inc. So far she likes it fine.

Ted and Penny are in San Diego while Penny is on spring break. She is taking in some seminars and Ted is going to try to get in touch with some of his Glackman cousins who live in that area.

Gene and I are still going to the YMCA. three times a week, I do aquacise while Gene jogs, works out and plays basketball with some other old timers.

Nancy Swope Glackman

#### **FRANCE NEWS**

Spring in all its glory on Easter weekend and all my family together, enough to fill a church pew, that's what happiness is to me! Mitch and Denise were here from Charlotte, N.C. and grandson AJ home from Seattle, Brenda, Brad & Adam from Princeton and Casie from Newburgh and Allen & Dale, Lawrence, from next door, and Paul Gene joined me for Easter dinner. Making that a perfect way to continue a perfect day! May God so bless you this spring. Hope to see you at the Swope family reunion.

Evelyn France

#### **RIGGS**

Thought you ought to know about Floyd. Ever since he had his heart surgery, which was 3 years ago, it has been nothing but trouble. Now he has hepatitis-isn't making blood right and has some liver damage. They thought if they could get the problem solved they could start him on some type of medicine, but it seems like it's always wait and see. We are real concerned for him. Keep him in your prayers.

We're doing great - It's just nice to be in the warm weather.

Ross and Mae

#### **KRAMER**

K.C. and Shannone Hart (daughter of Jack and Mary Kramer) are the proud parents of a Tanner William Hart, born February 19,2002. Tanner weighed in at 7.14 lbs and was 21 inches long with a very full head of thick brown hair. Mom and Dad are doing great and Jackson loves having a little brother.

Jacob Overbaugh, 7 yr old grandson of Jack and Mary Kramer wrestled at his first Pee Wee Competition on March 9th. Jacob reported to us that he prefers practice wrestling all of the time, rather than sitting on a bench waiting to wrestle in competition! Meanwhile, Grandma got lots of pictures when he was out on the mat!

Jack and Mary's grandson, Justin Overbaugh (Army) is over in Afghanistan, please say a prayer for him. Thank you.

December 13th, our dear mother, Margaret Kramer, passed away unexpectedly, one week from her 91st birthday. She remained living in her own home, staunchly independent to the very end. We shall miss her greatly.

Mary Helen Sosbe Kramer

#### **SCHLOTTMANN**

New flash from Waco, my grandson, Jared Mykael Macias will have his first birthday the 31st of March and we are giddy and he could care less. Andrew is sad that he is growing so fast.

After promising I wouldn't, I am back in the political field as campaign manager. Also still involved with the church as we are updating and believe me have a whole lot to catch up with and getting ready for another "Off the Streets and On The Creeks" party. We are really doing great with this with our main sponsors being Coco-Cola and M&M Mars and sponsors have been easy since we have become such a name in town.

Manfred and I bought a new 2002 Kenworth AeroCab (BIG truck) and decided to downsize as retirement looms for Manfred in a couple of years. The ride is so nice (better than my auto) and the kids in the neighborhood love it. After the politics are over it will be time for me to climb in and enjoy being with him again.

The boys are in pretty good health and on the go. I have been threatening to sell my motorcycle but haven't done it yet, shades of the "good old days". The boys say they will worry about me when I do it. I look forward to hearing from everyone and seeing what the family is up to.

Love Manfred and Jo Sosbe Schlottmann

#### KITTY SWOPE

I am sure you heard Harlan was sick, went to Hospital Feb 26. The word was supposed to have gotten passed around. He is at his Doctors now, 1st, check up since surgery. So waiting for more word myself.

He had "Acute Diverticulitis." He lost over 1/2 of his blood, they gave him 8 units, and he'd loose it faster than it went in so he had to have emergency Surgery, to save his life, which they said was very risky, because they only got his blood supply up 9 pints, and we have like 14in us. So they were operating on him with very low Blood Supply in his body, could have caused a Massive heart attack they told us. Thank God he came through it all, but was still touch and go for almost a week. Too many little details to go into, they did have problems with his heart, but it is OK now. No new Damage.

He just got home form his 1st.check up, was told he could drive now, so he feels like a freed bird, Dr.Topper said every thing sounded and Looked good. So Thank

God for that. Everyone else is well here, Amanda misses her school pals, and this is her first year out of school. Harlan took her to visit a couple times, and she was really excited to see them all.

Well that is what going on here. We love you, and hope you are well.

Love Kitty

#### FAMILY OF EVELYN EVANS

Right now we are all well.

Jean is changing jobs. She has accepted the position of Supervisor for a newly created Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services for Child and Adolescent in the state of Connecticut Mental Health Services. She's still singing a lot in three choirs and she does church music Saturday and Sunday. Her boys - Michael is 15 and Andrew is 12.

Michael is a freshman this year. He was on the high school swim team and swam the butterfly stroke in the regional meet. The relay swim team went on to state meet held in Boston. They didn't win but was an honor to go that far. Before the regional all the boys who had won went to a classmate's house and had their heads shaved (a tradition at his school). Michael's basketball team won their league championship. Michael made the freshman baseball team and will keep on swimming. He has signed up for life guard lessons.

Both boys participated in the town's sport teams in swimming and basketball. Andrew won several trophies for his age group in speed and relay swimming and basketball.

Janice is planning trips this summer. In June she goes to Italy with the Evansville Philharmonic Chorus. They will sing in Rome, Florence and Venice. She will go through London and stay to sight see a few days. Then with her work as an appraiser she will go to Honolulu for a business meeting and sight seeing. I just had a new gas furnace installed - old oil one played out. I still have hot water heat in the house with radiators. I look forward to spring and better weather to start yard work. I have jobs ready for boys