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Hobbs couple's journey worth the wait

photo by Greg Wagner

Rob Hobbs staff members Millie Francois and Charles Anderson first met in the band room at Toledo's Libbey High School. Fifty-three years later they found each other again through Facebook and today they are united and living together in Florida.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

An enduring love story a half century in the making plays out every day at the entrance to Terry Park.

Every Roy Hobbs player, umpire and fan sees the lovebirds on their way in and out, where both work as Roy Hobbs staffers. But few know the unlikely story of Millie Francois, 73, and 76-year-old Charles Anderson, a story that spans most of a continent and was re-ignited through Facebook.

Millie and Charles met in the band room at Toledo's Libbey High School. She played the French horn and clarinet and he was a trumpet player.

"I was 13," Millie said Sunday morning as players trooped into the park. "I walked into the band room and had never been kissed. My girlfriends had been kissed. I see this guy with sugar lips on the trumpet. I said that's the kiss.

"I get in there and sit next to him and he looks at me and says hello and turns not his head but his whole body."

The band director noticed and told Millie she had to sit with the woodwinds. The freshman was smitten with a senior, who soon graduated.

"He was gone," Millie said. "I never saw him again."

Both moved on. Charles joined the Air Force and became a Toledo firefighter and arson investigator. Millie went to college and moved to San Francisco, stayed in California for 33

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years and became a high-ranking official in California's health department and then moved back to Toledo to care for aging parents.

Each married but eventually were unattached. Millie was divorced and Charles was a widower. Fifty-three years after that meeting in the band room, Millie was on Facebook and noticed a familiar face.

"Oh, my, God, that is my Charles," Millie said.

Millie sent Charles a message and used her maiden name.

"My name is Millie Coleman. I'm not sure if you remember me from band. He sends me a message back. Here is my phone number. I thought I would wait about four or five days."

She didn't wait four or five days. She called almost immediately. They talked and talked. Millie found out why "Sugar Lips" didn't approach her all those years ago. There were several reasons. First, as a senior Charles didn't think it was right to flirt with a freshman. Then there were the matters of Millie's older football player brother and her father, a skycap who was a large man.

Charles kept his distance. But he certainly noticed the freshman in the woodwinds section.

"She had these long pretty legs," Charles said.

But she also has a big brother and a father.

So, for 53 years they were apart, until meeting on Facebook.

Rob Hobbs staff members Millie Francois and Charles Anderson

photo by Greg Wagner

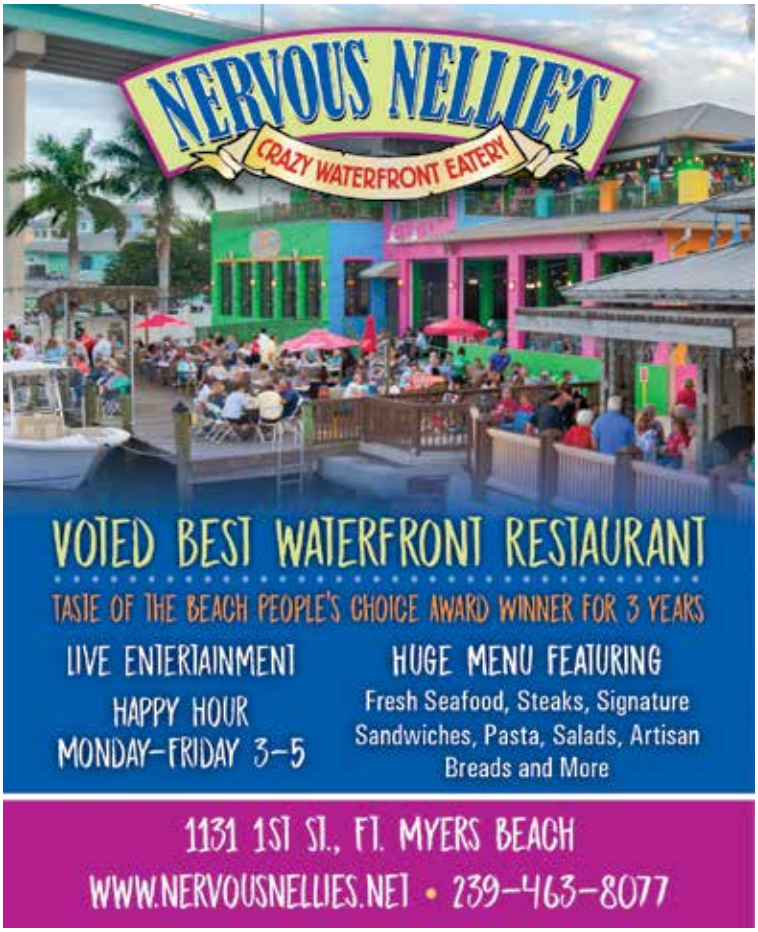
They remember the date - Sept. 30, 2016.

For months, their relationship was long distance. Then in February of 2017, Millie flew to Florida, landing at the Punta Gorda Airport where Charles awaited.

It was there, 54 years after first seeing Sugar Lips in the Libbey High band room, that Millie was finally kissed by her Charles, by her Sugar Lips.

Now, they reside in the Woodsmoke Camping Resort in south Fort Myers and travel the country in a 2003 Pace Arrow camper.

And, of course, work for Roy Hobbs Baseball.



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Starting pitcher for the Chicago Brooklyn Royals vs. the Dallas Rangers on Sunday.

There is still time to get your team signed up for a photo plan this week. Call Greg at 239-898-8677 asap.

LEGENDS RESULTS

Sunday Results

Albany Cubs 7, St. Louis Owls 2
Americans Baseball Club 15, Omaha Indians 0
Atlanta Baseball 4, DC Pirates 1
Aurora Islanders 11, New Scotland Monarchs 4
Banana Sharks 10, Chicago Giants 1
Border City Brewers 14, Chicago Knights 1
Boston GoodFellas 13, Bergen Yankees 11
Carolina Rockies 11, Baltimore Thunder 5
Chicago Brooklyn Royals 2, Dallas Rangers 1
Chicago North Redhawks 18, Twin Cities bats 2
Chicago Woodpeckers 13, Staten Island Bombers 3
ChicagoBay Warriors 7, Minnesota Bandits Red 0
DC Pirates 18, Jersey Bananas 10
DuPage Angels 16, Minneapolis Millers 4
HPK Oilers 13, Florida Sharks 9
Huntsville Havoc 11, Midwest Pirates 7
Jersey Bananas 8, Steel City Hawks 5
Lansing Blue Jays 6, Huntsville Havoc 4
Long Island Athletics 10, Aurora Islanders 6
Maine Black Bears 11, Cuyahoga Indians 4
Milwaukee Rangers 15, Long Island Athletics 0
Minnesota Bandits Gold 12, Albany Capitals 10
New Jersey Twins 8, Wright Field Reds 6
New Scotland Monarchs 20, RIMA Foxes 13
Nova Scotia Monarchs 6, Cuyahoga Indians 4
Omaha Indians 14, Mid-Michigan Twins 1
Orlando Blazers 26, Minnesota Angels 6
PSOF Rangers/HYB 21, Minnesota Goats 6
Puerto Rico Cardinals 12, Tennessee Dirtbags 1
Puerto Rico Orioles 32, Chicago Jacks 3
South Dakota Rushmores 11, St Louis Patriots 3
St. Louis A's 21, Cincinnati Colt .45's 0
St. Louis Owls 17, Pensacola Barracudas 10
Steel City Hawks 8, Orlando Blazers 5
Steve's Sports Red 17, Minnesota Bandits Gold 14
Summa Ortho Brewers 10, RIMA Foxes 5
Tidewater Drillers 11, Wright Field Reds 4
Toledo McGuire Group 22, Philadelphia Generals 6
Twin Cities Bats 13, Cincinnati Colt .45's 1
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 22, Albany Capitals 15

Night Games

Carolina Thunder 17, DuPage Wildcat 1
Toledo McGuire Group 18, Kodak Reds 13
Oakville Golden A's 18, Greenville Cropdusters 7

Staten Island Bombers SS Dave Benedict takes the throw as Chicago Woodpeckers Greg Klyzek (6) steals 2nd

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LEGENDS STANDINGS

Legends Div.	W	L	P	RA
Albany Cubs	2	0	1.000	4
Toledo McGuire Group	2	0	1.000	19
Americans Baseball	1	0	1.000	0
ChicagoBay Warriors	1	0	1.000	0
Milwaukee Rangers	1	0	1.000	0
St Louis A's	1	0	1.000	0
Atlanta Baseball	1	0	1.000	1
Banana Sharks	1	0	1.000	1
Border City Brewers	1	0	1.000	1
Chicago Brooklyn Royals	1	0	1.000	1
Puerto Rico Cardinals	1	0	1.000	1
Carolina Thunder	1	0	1.000	1
Chicago North Redhawks	1	0	1.000	2
Chicago Woodpeckers	1	0	1.000	3
Puerto Rico Orioles	1	0	1.000	3
South Dakota Rushmores	1	0	1.000	3
DuPage Angels	1	0	1.000	4
Lansing Blue Jays	1	0	1.000	4
Maine Black Bears	1	0	1.000	4
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	0	1.000	4
Tidewater Drillers	1	0	1.000	4
Carolina Rockies	1	0	1.000	5
Summa Ortho Brewers	1	0	1.000	5
New Jersey Twins	1	0	1.000	6
PSOF Rangers/HYB	1	0	1.000	6
Oakville Golden A's	1	0	1.000	8
HPK Oilers	1	0	1.000	9
Boston GoodFellas	1	0	1.000	11
Steve's Sports Red	1	0	1.000	14
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	1	0	1.000	15
Huntsville Havoc	1	1	0.500	13
Steel City Hawks	1	1	0.500	13
Aurora Islanders	1	1	0.500	14
Dc Pirates	1	1	0.500	14
Orlando Blazers	1	1	0.500	14
Omaha Indians	1	1	0.500	16
St Louis Owls	1	1	0.500	17
Twin Cities bats	1	1	0.500	19
Long Island Athletics	1	1	0.500	21
Jersey Bananas	1	1	0.500	23
New Scotland Monarchs	1	1	0.500	24
Minnesota Bandits Gold	1	1	0.500	27
Dallas Rangers	0	1	0.000	2
Minnesota Bandits Red	0	1	0.000	7

photo by Greg Wagner

The perfect name for Halloween. Left handed hitter Graves for the Tennessee Dirtbags.

Chicago Giants	0	1	0.000	10
Baltimore Thunder	0	1	0.000	11
Midwest Pirates	0	1	0.000	11
St Louis Patriots	0	1	0.000	11
Tennessee Dirtbags	0	1	0.000	12
Bergen Yankees	0	1	0.000	13
Florida Sharks	0	1	0.000	13
Staten Island Bombers	0	1	0.000	13
Chicago Knights	0	1	0.000	14
Minneapolis Millers	0	1	0.000	16
DuPage Wildcat	0	1	0.000	17
Pensacola Barracudas	0	1	0.000	17
Greenville Cropdusters	0	1	0.000	18
Kodak Reds	0	1	0.000	18
Minnesota Goats	0	1	0.000	21
Philadelphia Generals	0	1	0.000	22
Minnesota Angels	0	1	0.000	26
Chicago Jacks	0	1	0.000	32
Cuyahoga Indians	0	2	0.000	17
Mid Michigan Twins	0	2	0.000	19
Wright Field Reds	0	2	0.000	19
RIMA Foxes	0	2	0.000	30
Albany Capitals	0	2	0.000	34
Cincinnati Colt .45's	0	2	0.000	34

SIDELINES Sports Bar & Grill

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LEGENDS SCHEDULE

Monday Schedule

10 AM

RIMA Foxes @ Wright Field Reds CL1
Milwaukee Rangers @ New Jersey Twins CL2
Carolina Rockies @ Chicago Knights CL3
Long Island Athletics @ New Scotland Monarchs 53 CL4
Baltimore Thunder @ Staten Island Bombers CL6
Border City Brewers @ Chicago Woodpeckers 53 CLS
Americans Baseball Club 53 @ Maine Black Bears JB1
Twin Cities bats @ Bergen Yankees JB2
Minnesota Bandits Gold @ Oakville Golden A's JB3
Banana Sharks @ Minnesota Goats JB4
Pensacola Barracudas @ Mid-Michigan Twins JB5
Chicago Giants @ Florida Sharks JB6
PSOF Rangers/HYB @ HPK Oilers JBS
South Dakota Rushmores @ Puerto Rico Orioles 53 PDC1
Minnesota Bandits Red @ Chicago Jacks PDC2
ChicagoBay Warriors @ St. Louis Patriots PDC3
Chicago Brooklyn Royals @ Tennessee Dirtbags PDC4
DuPage Angels @ Puerto Rico Cardinals 53 PDC5
St. Louis A's @ Toledo McGuire Group TP2
DuPage Wildcat @ Orlando Blazers TP3
Steel City Hawks @ Carolina Thunder TP4
Philadelphia Generals @ Cincinnati Colt .45's TPS

1:45 PM

Midwest Pirates @ Albany Capitals CL1
Tidewater Drillers @ Milwaukee Rangers CL2
Staten Island Bombers @ Border City Brewers CL3
Chicago Knights @ Baltimore Thunder CL4
Chicago Woodpeckers 53 @ Carolina Rockies CL6
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ Huntsville Havoc 53 CLS
St Louis Owls @ Cuyahoga Indians JB1
Bergen Yankees @ Kodak Reds 53 JB2
Oakville Golden A's @ Lansing Blue Jays JB3
Florida Sharks @ PSOF Rangers/HYB JB4
Minnesota Goats @ Chicago Giants JB5
HPK Oilers @ Banana Sharks JB6
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Americans Baseball Club 53 JBS
Tennessee Dirtbags @ DuPage Angels PDC1
Puerto Rico Orioles 53 @ ChicagoBay Warriors PDC2
Chicago Jacks @ South Dakota Rushmores PDC3
St Louis Patriots @ Minnesota Bandits Red PDC4
Dallas Rangers @ Minneapolis Millers PDC5
Greenville Cropdusters @ Steve's Sports Red TP2
Minnesota Angels @ Dc Pirates TP3

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Chicago Woodpeckers starting pitcher Chris Loy vs. the Staten Island Bombers

Jersey Bananas @ Atlanta Baseball TP4
Boston GoodFellas 53 @ Chicago North Redhawks TPS

5:30 PM

Summa Ortho Brewers @ Aurora Islanders CLS
Omaha Indians @ Albany Cubs JBS
Puerto Rico Cardinals 53 @ Dallas Rangers TP4
Minneapolis Millers @ Chicago Brooklyn Royals TPS

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Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8th and 9th innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play.

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, Open Division teams may have pitchers arrive Wednesday – those pitchers must throw 5 innings or 25 hitters to qualify for the playoffs.

Finally, in the playoffs, those "non-qualified" middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as important as the "spirit of the rule" that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as "inning-eaters" are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

And, please remember that any players leaving the RHWS Monday to return on Thursday MUST turn in their player ID Card and re-register upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.

Managers should email a list of their qualified pitchers to Roy Hobbs: tg@royhobbs.com by 7 p.m. the night before their playoffs begin.

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50/50 raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex. Tickets are $1 apiece or 6 for $5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 5 PM Friday.

The Roy Hobbs Foundation was established to raise monies for research on finding a cure for Leukemia and to assist our Challenged Athlete friends.

Revenues from the 2020 RHWS led to some $15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.

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Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should **contact Tom** at the Tournament Headquarters. Email to tg@royhobbs.com with corrections to scores.

That's the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.

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Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

When your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.

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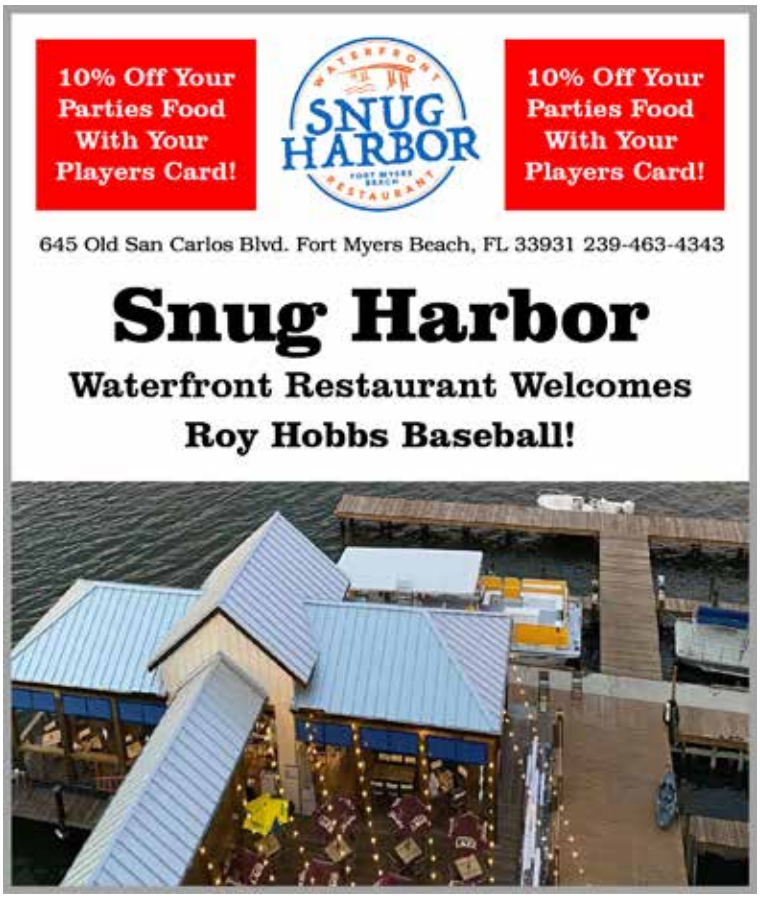
Chicago Woodpeckers catcher John Kukla tracks this pop foul vs. the Staten Island Bombers

photo by Greg Wagner



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First Aid

Two key First Aid items: Drink plenty of fluids while playing; don't just wait until the game is over. Water will be available at the fields.

Second, be sure to stretch and loosen up before playing, or even re-entering a game.

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed.

Ice is available for injuries ... check with the field manager on duty or go to the nearest concession stand to have the appropriate personnel paged. Roy Hobbs requests that managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to supply it.

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Admission, $1 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is $1 per game or $5 for a tournament pass. Spectators will pay $1 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day.

The $5 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, beltloops, etc.

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Playing site security

The active steps taken several years ago to deal with parking lot security will continue as parking lot theft issues have – knock on wood – not been an issue the last 7 years.

Are we out of the woods? No, it is a daily procedure and effort to make sure parking lots are safe.

Once again, Roy Hobbs will have personnel posted at the player/spectators' entrances to Terry Park, PDC, JetBlue Complex and at the entrance to the Quad fields at Lee County.

These individuals will have a view of the parking lot, and they will be available in emergencies, be enforcing cooler guidelines and handling admissions.

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Customer Service

Roy Hobbs Baseball is proud of its record on customer service.

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Umpires Norm Gordon (L) and Ken Gallo get together to discuss a call

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Staff members are required to wear identifying staff shirts during the working hours of the tournament and should be easily identifiable. At least two are assigned to each of the satellite complexes daily.

In the case of **emergency,** please go to the nearest concession stand at the satellite complexes, where someone will be available to summon help.

Roy Hobbs field managers and key personnel are Red Cross First Aid **certified**, and Roy Hobbs Baseball has guidelines in place on the handling of injuries. Additionally, **AED devices** are available at each of the facilities, and Roy Hobbs personnel have been trained on those devices.

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National Anthem tradition

Jim Doepke, who has performed the national anthem in 30 big-league ballparks, will play the anthem on his trumpet at one championship game each Saturday of the Roy Hobbs World Series. He will also play taps at 10 a.m. on Veterans Day at the PDC. Doepke, a retired high school band director from Wisconsin and Lee County resident, also played the anthem at championship games in the 2020 Roy Hobbs World Series.

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Staten Island Bombers right fielder Sal Tripodi tracks down a Chicago Woodpeckers fly ball