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## NEWS RELEASE

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## Vintage Base Ball & Old-Time Piano Playing Contest Featured in Summer 2012 Edition of *Sentimental Reflections*

CINCINNATI, Ohio – Vintage base ball teams across the country share the early history of America’s national pastime. Vintage base ball is the topic for the **Cover Story** of the Summer Edition of *Sentimental Reflections*.

Many vintage base ball teams play according to the rules of the 1860s, before the first professional team was formed in 1869. Viewers will see players dressed in period uniforms. They’ll also learn that a batter is called a “striker” and when the inning is over the umpire says there are “three hands down,” referring to three outs. Players say the goal is to have fun while creating a lively experience for fans.

*Sentimental Reflections* is a quarterly video series that celebrates America’s heritage in story, scenery and song. Each program is 45 minutes long and is distributed on DVD.

The first vintage base ball team in Ohio, the Ohio Village Muffins, has been playing for more than 30 years. One of the players is also a collector of baseball memorabilia. Tracy Martin has thousands of items displayed in his home, but also travels with part of his exhibit. “I really fell in love with this idea that I had of trying to create a collection that would show a timeline of baseball history,” he said.

Here are some of the other stories featured in this edition:

*Sentimental Reflections* travels to Madison, Indiana for the **Off the Beaten Path** segment. The city’s setting along the Ohio River helps define its charm along with numerous unique shops and special events throughout the year. There are more than 1600 historic buildings in the city, and the majority of the downtown area is considered a National Historic Landmark District.

Dozens of musicians, including popular ragtime pianist Johnny Maddox, take part in the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest. The annual event in Peoria, Illinois is the **On A Musical Note** segment. Viewers will hear some incredibly talented musicians of all ages playing popular music from the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Hocking Hills region in southern Ohio is the focus for **Scenic America**. The area is a popular destination for hikers. The video shows sandstone cliffs, which the area is known for, as well as some unusual rock formations.

A number of television commercials from the 1950s and 1960s make up the **Time Capsule** segment. The advertisements include jingles for brands such as Ajax as well as the unique sound of percolating coffee in an ad for Maxwell House.

The **Summer Feature** is the Madison Regatta, an annual race featuring hydroplane race boats that reach speeds of 200 miles per hour. Thousands of people line the banks of the Ohio River in Madison for the event.

*Sentimental Reflections* has been produced each Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter since 2004. The videos are sold to thousands of nursing homes, assisted living centers and public libraries across the United States & Canada. The video series is an excellent tool for researchers, teachers, students and anyone interested in travel and nostalgia.

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