

# NEWS

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## Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees - 2007

Grapplers, shooters, spikers, killers, lifters, duffers, and runners – sound like a bunch of escapees from Mansfield Correctional? Nope.

All these and more were honored for their efforts at the Induction Ceremony for the Huron High School Hall of Fame during a banquet held during Homecoming Week at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. A nice mix of the young, middle aged, and even the brother of one member of Huron's first six man football team returned to be recognized for their exploits on field, court, mat, or track. A large contingent of family, friends, and classmates appeared in support of each of them, enjoying a delicious banquet beforehand and then laughing and crying their way through the speeches.

Many of the former and present coaches in the various sports were also in attendance enjoying what has become a Huron tradition of sorts after the banquet – acceptance speeches. Now some attendees groan, others pull out the stop watches, while some actually look forward to the sometimes lengthy orations. They glorify not so much the personal achievements of the star athletes as the small, closely knit commu-



Here they are, the crop of '07, representing 8 different sports, a total of 36 varsity letters earned, innumerable records, awards, championships, and even college successes - all excellent role models for youth everywhere. Seated, (l. to r.) Wayne McCarty, '71, Joe Meno, '38, sitting in for his brother Angelo "Keggy" Meno, '42, who died tragically in 1952, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schaub, sitting in for their daughter Sara Schaub, '97, who was coaching a volleyball match that evening at the University of Montana-Billings. Standing are Wayne Hardy, '71, Dino Caporini, '66, Mike Kirby, '72, and Don Hardy, '83.

nity family that shaped them in their formative years and then supported them while each strode their while across the respective stages of fields, courts, and mats. Along the way a goodly amount of comedic reminiscing lightened the evening for all. At the end, with the food gone, speechifying done, the hugs and handshakes worn out, the crowd always disperses, thankful for a community that nurtured generations of student athletes in the past and continues to produce enough so that this annual banquet will continue way out into the future.

All in all the evening flew quickly, and

for many of the speakers it seemed as if the years intervening between the deeds and plaques sped by just as fast.

Don't forget that you can nominate those you think are deserving of this honor. Visit our website at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com) to download a copy of the nomination form. While you're there, view this year's inductees and their biographies to learn what they have accomplished since graduation. You will also find there some of their former and present coaches, and many of the family, friends, and community members who were in attendance to celebrate this event.

# Fall Reunion Season

## Class of '67 Weekend

The Class of '67 had scheduled quite an active weekend for their 40th reunion. Many attended the annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony on Thursday evening, September 27. Then on Friday evening they met en masse at the Huron Memorial Stadium for pre-game reuniting. For several, this was the first time that they had actually seen the stadium.

(Remember, these classmates were among the lucky ones who just missed picking up and marching the seating out of its original home behind McCormick Middle School, and, with all in lockstep as Principal Rockie Larizza counted out the cadence, parading it down Jim Campbell Boulevard, formerly Riefer Street, and setting it

atop the already-in-place footers. One group of show-offs actually did their section without pausing for a break!)

After the Tiger Marching Band played the National Anthem, they all then scurried up into the bleachers to sit together one more time as a class and root their Tigers on. After half time, as the pain increased and with the outcome of the game already decided, they began to slip away under various pretexts and make for Mulligan's Pub where another party was just getting going. Many drank their first legal beer together, and a few actually lasted there until closing time – no curfew while away from home!

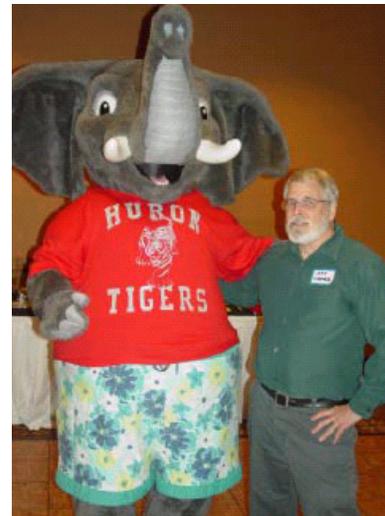
Then Saturday evening again saw the whole group and more convene at Kalahari's Nia Convention Center. Classmate Karen David, who is a promotional and events coordinator for the

center, had set her friends up royally for their celebration. In the atrium a full service drinks bar and another dessert and coffee bar had been set up. Inside the banquet room a delicious prime rib dinner was served, and then followed the usual lighthearted, comedic speechifying by former class president, Tom Fitzhugh. Then, as the rest of the evening wore on, dancing took place to the accompaniment of music provided by Cletes Bilgin, '68, and his wife.

Quite a weekend for those so advanced in age now! They are already talking of how to plan for the next big one in five, but as more than a few remarked on the way out, "Why wait? This was too much fun. See you in a couple!" We encourage that with a reminder that if you wait too long, folks, there will definitely be a curfew AT the home, and then where will you be?



Here are some of the '67 Gamesters, home for their 40th reunion: Karen David, Marsha Wentz Auerhamer, Sandy Brugler Rosenberg, Ann Bauman, Cheryl Kaman, Geraldine Roughton Protzek, Ann Constantino Maines Rear (l. to r.) Linda Mihalko, Brother Brad Beach hiding, Sandy Miller Akers, Kathy Rhoad Timbrook, and Tom Lenthe.



Class author, Jeff Carver, dances a spell with the Kalahari, Independent Party mascot, Kendra. Jeff had spent a busy book-signing day and then repeated the performance for classmates that evening. The only thing he didn't do was sing for his supper!



The ceremonial “Drowning of the Sorrows” began at Mulligan’s Pub with this crowd of partiers.

Well, here they all are, cleaned up and smiling for their 40<sup>th</sup>. Seated are (l. to r.) Marsha Wentz Auerhamer, Ann Wunder Bauman, Karen David, Linda Mihalko, Bonnie Bean Lindsley and Charlene Kaman Baron.

Standing: Sandy Miller Aikers, Suzanne Cawrse

Graham, Roberta (Bobbie) Klaus Sullivan, Ann Constantino Maines, Sally Hetrick McCune, Fran Wechter Leeper, Mari Ann Kidwell Bostater, Geri Roughton Protzek, (Hiding is Brenda Stallard Brown.) Sandi Brugler Rosenberg, Carolyn Sue Horne Russell, Kathy Rhoad Timbrook, Chris Craig Richardson, and Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman.



And these guys don’t clean up too badly either, do they! Standing are John Zimmerman, Dennis Bickley, Rick Jensen, Joe Doran, Dale Casper, and Randy Catri. Seated are Tom Routh, Mickey Sheppard, Jeff Carver, Tom Fitzhugh, John Antonelli, and Larry Hahn.

## Class of '72 Reunion

This group of remarkably well-preserved individuals met with great trepidation for their 35th anniversary reunion.

Getting the bunch together after all these years was a chore managed well by the reunion committee which had met for about a year to organize the weekend activities and round up and encourage the classmates to return. And return they did!

The festivities began on Thursday evening for the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony honoring one of their own. Then, returning Friday evening for the Homecoming game and festivities, they called a "Classmeeting" at Jim's Pizza Box afterwards. Finally, on Saturday they all met at the HYC for dinner and dance music once again. Whew! Three days of fun and memories for those who attended and pledged to continue the tradition at future such gatherings.

We offer here a few images of their time spent together, beginning on Thursday and ending with the buffet on Saturday. More shots are available at the website.



Mike Kirby, Class of '72, poses with his Hall of Fame plaque. He enjoyed seeing so many of his classmates at the Induction Ceremony to celebrate with him



Some of the '72 bunch in town for the game and their reunion were (zigzag l. to r.) Glen Ginesi, David Klein, Bob Bowers – wait a minute – how'd that old duffer get in there? -Louise Peltier, Bill Scott, Diane Sholette Timple, Marge Lura Branscum, Dave Asher, Melodie Cawrse Johnston, Rev. Mike Smith, Leslie Casper, Curt Brown, Purna Parsons, Dave Harness in the shades, Sandy Sommer Stierhoff, Becky Wilber Harlan, and Barb Welfle.



Emma Minton Kunz and Gwen Sanborn Miller share a quiet moment and memories.



Karl Barnhardt and Greg Pfistner swap tales of their recent pasts.



**Front (l. to r.) Curt Brown, Sue Jablonski Yoder, Diane Sholette Timple, Glen Ginesi, Doug Parthemore, Marge Lura Branscum, Melody Cawrse Johnston, Louise Peltier, Nancy Gebelle Hockenberry, Sandy Sommer Stierhoff, Kathy Lopez Hummel, Becky Wilber Harlan, Purna Parsons, Leslie Casper, Pam Bauman Hoppe, Fred Sabol, and Barb Speir.**



**And here they all are, at least those who permitted themselves to be rounded up and herded:**  
**Front (l. to r.) Wylene Meade Garlock, Doug Parthemore, Louise Peltier, Marge Lura Branscum, and Leslie Casper.**  
**Second “row” back: Dan Garlock, Emma Minton Kunz, Barb Welfle, Curt Brown, Sue Jablonski Yoder, Cindy Miglietti, Becky Wilber Harlan, Bonnie Bursiel DeLapp, Kathy Lopez Hummel, Sandy Sommer Stierhoff, Barb Speir, Diane Sholette Timple, and Norma Minnick Baker**  
**Back river’s edge row: Dennis Claxton, Bill Scott, Loren Rhoad, Jim St. John, Dave Asher, Mike Kirby, Steve Oltman, Dick Cawrse, Glen Ginesi, Dave Harness, unidentifiable hider, Chris Harlan, Scott Timple, Greg Pfistner, Joe Fitzgerald, Mike Smith, Bev Harris Hall, and Fred Sabol.**

## One Enchanting Evening - The Arts in Huron



Looks like a Glann family reunion here, and it wasn't even a holiday! These Huronites – not all HHS grads – helped delight the audience during the musical revue, *Some Enchanted Evening*: Rear (l. to r.) Sue Shamhart, Dick Schuh, Frank Glann, John Glann, '99, Kerry Glann, '92, John Nestra, and Steve Koenig. Front: Martha Smith, Ann Marie Muehlhauser, George Muehlhauser, '48, Jann Glann, Emily Wiseman, '12, and Lindsay Kaatz, '12. Seated in front was Cynthia Brown.

What a homecoming! Not the usual rah! rah! football game followed by Mulligan's Pub. Nope. This one was different. And if you want to know what the state of the arts is in Huron, you just had to have been there.

The weekend of November 1 – 4, at the McBride Auditorium at Firelands Campus BGSU, saw staged a musical revue of the greatest tunes from the Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals from the past century. The audience was composed mostly of the gray hairs who enjoyed the shows when first produced, beginning back in '43 with *Oklahoma* and concluding in '59 with *The Sound of Music* - and in case you missed them then, interminably produced by the

Huron High School music and dance department on McCormick Middle School's stage every spring.

The stage was filled with two-dozen singers and dancers ranging in age from 14 to – well, we don't want to give away any secrets, but you can bet some of those folks could have sat there in their knickers when the shows first appeared way back when. The singers and dancers thoroughly enjoyed their time on the boards, and the audience responded most enthusiastically as more than fifty tunes were run off in a two-hour time span that flew as fast as the pianist's fingers.

So where's the homecoming? Well,

about nine years ago, the Glanns – Drs. Jann and Frank – long-time fixtures in the summer Bowling Gree State University Playhouse and in the community, conceived of the idea of doing just such a revue entitled *A Grand Night for Singing*. In that production, local talents Arlene Eishen Strohl and John Glann were featured performers while Martha Smith, former McCormick music teacher, and Sue Shamhart were musicians. The current version of the revue, *Some Enchanted Evening*, featured the very same artists, reunited once again to celebrate the wonderful sounds of the celebrated duo of music makers.

Only this time all but a deaf man could



George and Anne Marie Muehlhauser, newlyweds but barely two weeks at showtime, sang a cute song from *State Fair*, 'Boys and Girls Like You and Me.' Two contented voices, blending into one - may they always have sun if they can sing together!

To view a fine selection of photos from the revue, please visit the on-line gallery of theater photos located at [www.acfreeman.smugmug.com](http://www.acfreeman.smugmug.com). Upon arrival there, click on the "Theater" option and locate *Some Enchanted Evening*, in addition to a whole host of other local theatrical productions from BGSU, The Huron Playhouse, The Harlequins, and the Caryl Crane Children's Theater. Enjoy this feast for the eyes!

appreciate a great difference. Arlene still hits the high notes squarely on the mark with her beautiful soprano voice but with a whimsically charming manner gained from the intervening years. John, no longer a gangly high school junior but an accomplished baritone, brought a certain panache and intensity to some of his pieces and an accomplished stage presence to this performance. He ought to.

Ever since he graduated in 1999, John has been studying voice and opera performance and presently serves on the voice faculty at Wickham Vocal Studios in New York. He trained with his hometown church choir and under the tutelage of his parents, then at BGSU, Oklahoma City University, Indiana University and in New York City. Some recent performances around the country

include opera, oratorio, and recital performances and musical theatre. Of course, as a former Huron Playhouse brat, having grown up under the directing hands of both parents, he still treats the locals with guest summer performances, most recently *Kiss Me Kate*, *1776*, and *South Pacific*.

What had him back home for this series of performances with so many great local talents was a "guest artist program" at BGSU Firelands, a program now nearly a quarter century old which brings performers, actors, writers, and directors to the Humanities Department at Firelands College. During brief residencies at the college, these gifted individuals share their talents with students and the community in classes, productions, workshop settings, and lectures.

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We are happy to report that the musical arts in the Huron area are flourishing, with so many talented individuals willing to dedicate the time and effort to rehearsals and performances to satisfy the cultural tastes of the area. A goodly mixture of ages was on stage that weekend, ranging from George Muehlhauser, '48, and Ann Marie, his bride of a few weeks, Dick Schuh, an omni-present musical figure about town for ages and ages, all the way down to two McCormick Middle School gals, Emily Wiseman and Lindsay Kaatz, class of 2012. We'd say that the musical tradition in Huron is secure for a long time hence, what with the Glann's firmly ensconced at least another generation at Firelands, and the mature voices there to mentor the maturing ones.

## Huron Set to Realign and Refurbish Schools

What is the wisest and best use of Huron City School District's present school buildings? A perennial question on the minds of conscientious board members anywhere, but especially poignant in Huron these days. Our buildings are ageing, and as the Medicare administrators are learning, advanced age brings problems, costly ones. Perhaps the chief problem is growing energy costs, that is, buildings designed decades ago when gasoline was .23 per gallon, electricity pennies per kilowatt hour, and gas lights were being sold as an esthetic enhancement to the white picket fence out front. So as the man in the ad said some years back, "You can pay me now, or you can pay me later." The Huron district is acting to take advantage of state programs available now.

The oldest building, McCormick Middle School on Ohio Street opened back in the middle of WWII and is showing the most wear and need for costly repairs, maintenance, and upgrading. Shawnee School on Cleveland Road originally served as an East Side elementary starting in 1953 until enrollment dropped. Now it houses the Montessori School and many Erie County service providers under rental agreements with the board which houses its own offices in "the basement" of the building. Again it is beginning to show its age and is highly energy inefficient. Finally, the youngest elementary, Woodlands on the West Side, opened in the early 70's after sitting empty until the community finally passed an operating levy. It has had a classroom addition and gymnasium added since 2000. The high school is in the midst of a phased improvement, the latest occurring this past summer with the entire first floor academic and shop wing refurbished.

A while back, the Board of Education began discussions with Bowling Green State University about possibly expanding their summer playhouse usage at McCormick Middle School to year

around for their productions and even classes. Those discussions are now near the point where the University is willing to invest in the building dollars that the school district does not have in exchange for an increased presence there. This obviously would necessitate reshuffling some of the students presently there into other buildings.

A plan will now go forward that would put all pre-school through second grade students in the Shawnee School building, grades 3 through 6 into Woodlands Elementary, and leave grades 7 and 8 in the McCormick Building. Such a change would save the expense of moving most of the junior high students to Shawnee and having to construct a gymnasium for them there and then stuffing the remainder into Woodlands. No more students in all kinds of inclement weather racing between buildings for lunch, gym and other classes, or assemblies. (How ever shall they stay in shape! More carrots on the menu!) The rental "tenants" in Shawnee would take over the McCormick Annex building on Ohio Street and the board would remain in their basement digs. Bottom line - room would be freed up for Bowling Green in the McCormick building.

Of course, every taxpayer is clamoring, "Where will the money come from?" The renovations at Shawnee and McCormick will be paid for as a H.B. 264 project. This was a program instituted some years back at the state level to assist districts in saving energy, making their buildings greener - before that term was ever used. So anything that ultimately saves energy can be part of the project - more efficient boilers and hot water heaters, thermal windows and doors, lighting upgrades that practically run on hamster generators yet don't leave the students squinting. All these and more are part of the plan to give the district a new, leaner look. The dollars saved from increasing energy costs are then used to pay off the low interest loan from the state over a number of years. The higher the energy costs, the sooner the payback. Kind of ironic, not? The projected savings will be great because

both Shawnee and McCormick have been banging around somewhere in limbo for years as various administrations debated what to do with the buildings. Now we know

Sound terribly complicated? Maybe, and perhaps to the teachers and students who will be juggled around to make the plan work it will seem that way for a while. But stranger moves have been made in the past and actually worked, to the benefit of the entire student body - and the taxpayers - once everyone settled in. Will there be problems to overcome in such a realignment? Of course, but with everyone pulling together, immense benefits to the community will accrue as a stronger arts facility begins to take shape in that old Ohio Street Art Deco white elephant and Shawnee is revitalized. Additional projects will be worked on at the high school also. Any grad who wants to put his name on a room or facility is encouraged to contact the superintendent who would be happy to explain how many zeros are needed and why.

Wisdom dictates this action now to save the district dollars in the future without compromising quality education. The timeline to accomplish all this is to have it fully implemented by the fall of 2008. That seems to be cutting it close, but after all, the high school's first floor was gutted, rebuilt, and had students back in place all within 90 days over this past summer. Someone ought to be getting good at this by now! We'll keep you posted.



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## Happy Birthday, Huron High School

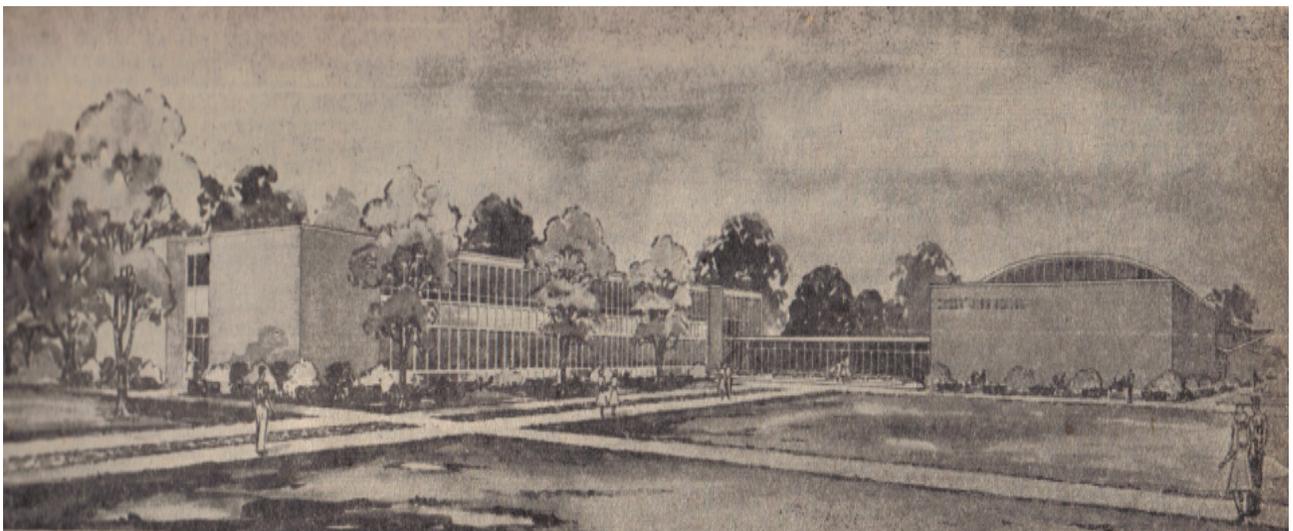
She turns fifty in 2008, and after the refurbishing she received this past summer on the inside, we'd say she's looking better than ever. Then when the plans now being made for changing some of the outside appearances are completed, we won't exactly say that you won't recognize her, but the old girl should be pretty well set for another fifty or so years. (But didn't they say that about the present McCormick Middle School building when she was opened in 1943?)

An event such as this cannot pass unheralded. So, working with the school administration and the Board of Education, we will be putting together a few ceremonies to mark the foresightedness of the Board back in the mid-fifties when they first conceived of this modern high school building. The problem is one of timing –when does one celebrate something that actually occurred over the space of a year or more. For example, do we mark the date of the groundbreaking? Too late for that. Do we mark the opening of the doors and the pouring in of the first eager students back then? That would be after Labor Day next year. Do we mark the first classes, the first lunches served, the first basketball game played in the gym, the first actual graduation, the class of '59, the first . . . well, you get the idea. Or do we celebrate all of them?

Accordingly, a committee has been formed to see that proper attention is given the occasion and that something tasteful is done to celebrate fifty years of Excellence in Education. We invite our readers to contact us with their ideas for WHAT to celebrate and HOW to celebrate it and to make contributions of anecdotes about those early years in the building. If you have any pictures or other artifacts that you could share from that first year, we would like to maybe print up a commemoration publication of some sort and include as much as we can. Here's your chance to become part of history – again.



The groundbreakers for the new high school, in addition to Superintendent R.L. McCormick and Beulah Lindsey, Clerk of the Board, included board members Bob Bowers, Jim Ditzenberger, Carolyn Komarek, Wilbur Ramsey, and Ruth Williamson. Gentleman on the far right is the architect, Bob Stough. Looks as if the school was built right in the middle of a horse pasture on the edge of a woods, doesn't it?



Architect's rendering of the present high school as it was first presented in 1957. Came pretty close, didn't they.

## Hats in the Ring

Civic duty calls and the hats start flying. Here are some of Huron's grads who are testing the political waters in 2008, one for the first time, others a second or third time.

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### To the Top of Charleston and Rocky Top

Shoot for the top! That was the advice given one of our grads many years ago by a certain junior high social studies teacher, Jim Hinton. Except Jim didn't quite say it that way. He told this middle school teen that she ought to become an attorney, what with her love of arguing and clear manner of thinking. Perhaps then they both thought he was joking, but he wasn't. And all jokes aside about the commonalities between the legal profession, snake bellies, and a pit full of crocodiles, this gal went for the top of her profession and is now planning to make a run for the Supreme Court in the state of West Virginia in the 2008 election.

Back in '83 when she graduated from



Huron, Beth Deer had no idea where her education would take her. She received her BA and then a law degree from The Ohio State University and went on to practice law in West Virginia for over seventeen years. She is now a partner in the firm of Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff & Love, specializing in labor and employment law. She has led seminars and authored articles on all sorts of labor issues. In between she became married to Mike Walker, a mine equipment mogul at Walker Machinery. But that could work to her

disadvantage, what with the strong family ties to the Republican Party in a state where the court has been dominated by Democrats for decades. It's also one of the few states where Supreme Court jurists are elected in partisan elections. Undaunted, though, Beth pursues her goal. Change is her agenda.

As she says, though, about the process, it "makes the court more political than I think it ought to be." Her platform tackles head on the issue of partisanship in the decision making process. Over the next year she shall discern how well her claim plays out that too often the current Court's decisions have been based upon preconceived notions the judges brought to the bench or some interest they had in the cases as opposed to deciding upon strict application of the law and the Constitution. Talk about herding cats or pushing a noodle up hill, a wet one at that. But if anyone can make good on her goals, Beth can.

We wish Beth luck in her endeavor, and come next November perhaps we will all be celebrating the first Huronite to make it to the Supreme Court anywhere – on the bench side, that is.

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### Shades of Ethel Swanbeck!

Dennis Murray, '80, and Ed Enderle, '82, recently declared their intentions to run for the seat in the Ohio House being vacated by Chris Redfern because of term limitations. As the fates would have it, both are in different parties, so sharpen your pencils and start comparing records and resumes. Each is not without previous elected service, so choosing will not be easy.

Dennis, son of Dennis Murray Sr. and Peggy Nickels Murray, '57, graduated from Georgetown Law School and has been employed by the family law firm for twenty years. Dennis's first run was for Sandusky City Commission in 2006, and he has served in that capac-

ity ever since. Dennis, his wife Martha, and their four children reside in Sandusky on Cedar Point Chausee.

Ed, son of Lou, '36, and Elizabeth Sartor Enderle, graduated from BGSU and has been employed by NASA Plum Brook Station. Ed has also served as Huron Township Trustee for ten years. Ed and his wife Tracy and their two children live on River Road in Huron.

We wish these - and any other Huron-based candidates that we don't know of, wherever you are - much success in their campaigns, and, in this age of really hostile campaign tactics, trust they will all take the high road and make Huron even more proud of their accomplishments because they did it that way.

Let us know if you are in a race for political office somewhere. As a non-profit, we cannot plug anyone's candidacy, but we are always happy to inform our fellow Huronites of our grads' accomplishments. It's a tribute to the whole Huron family when alumni enter into the political arena and step it up a notch in terms of service to their fellow human beings. Thank you all for dedicating yourselves thus and for bringing honor to Huron.

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We recently learned that Dawn Irrgang Pettengill, '73, is serving in the Iowa State Legislature representing the 39th district. Congrats to Dawn.

## A Different Kind of Hero

Those of you “homies” who regularly read the *Sandusky Register* have probably been following the exploits of our grad Rich Ramsey, '90, on duty in Iraq. Major Rich of the U.S. Army sends bi-monthly dispatches from the front describing his mission in Iraq. Regardless of which side you come down on concerning the war or the surge this year, you have to feel proud of what our men and women are accomplishing in the most trying of circumstances. We give Rich here as an example.

Essentially, Rich's assignment is to lead his men in working with the Iraqi army to try to pacify their one small sector of the sprawling metropolis of Baghdad. But make no mistake about it, a deeper task, one with more lasting effects, is trying to win the minds and hearts of a population that feels put upon by occupying forces. How is that possible, one might rightly ask, when everyone on all sides faces each other down rifle barrels, where armored vehicles and tanks are the preferred mode of transportation, and mindless acts of violence occur frequently, albeit, less frequently these days than before the surge began. But dead is dead no matter what the year, and each new death binds another family to swear revenge. How to break the cycle?

Rich's dispatches suggest that success is being made – gradually – but on a personal, one-to-one level. The real “advising” of the Iraqi soldiers occurs hour upon hour daily in deep and personal conversations with individual Iraqis. It involves talking about their mission, praising their accomplishments while encouraging necessary changes. Most of all, it involves developing personal relationships with individuals – sharing stories about families, breaking bread together in Iraqi homes, visiting with children and passing out presents. A word Rich uses frequently in his letters probably says it best – brothers – gradually both sides seeing each other as brothers in a common task to



Soldiers and kids - Rich passing out goodies sent from Huron and Norwalk, trying to help stave off another generation of terrorists

defeat insanity and restore normalcy to a war ravaged area. The bottom line, according to Rich is that they visit with “as many local people as we can. We continue to find the people – both Army and civilians – to be strong, compassionate, and appreciative towards the United States and the coalition.”

Rich offered in one letter another example of the process in operation. A Sergeant Smith was questioned deeply by an Iraqi policeman as to why he, Smith, in particular, was even in Iraq and also the U.S. Army in general. The policeman thought it was rather stupid for one to leave behind security in America to expose oneself to insecurity in Iraq. Sgt. Smith's answer must have shocked the cop. Smith told him that “it's about freedom. . . that everyone deserves to be free, and our Nation's and military's job is to help willing nations achieve that goal.” A meaningful conversation followed, and a mutual respect for the danger each faces developed between the two men. Two strong men – one Iraqi and one American – standing in a crowded corner of downtown Baghdad overlooking the Tigris River – one free to choose his

own way, deployed to Iraq to ensure others have the opportunity to experience some of the same freedoms he enjoys and one fighting to ensure his fellow citizens get a chance to experience it for themselves – both of them selfless servants.” The silence that followed as the implication of the Sgt.'s reply sank in is the real breeding ground for future respect and reconciliation between our nations. Oh, but the time it takes!

But if we multiply Rich's efforts by those of many countless U.S. military men like him, perhaps we back here who listen only to filtered news reports can gain a better appreciation for the size of the task facing us over there. We can also redefine our notion of hero from the swashbuckling John Wayne or Rambo types of yesterday's wars into one of a kinder, gentler soldier on a thankless pacification mission. Yes, the old story about the man trying to get the jackass to drink remains true. First the two by four up side the head to get its attention. Ok, Duke, now that you have his attention, talk to him! You go, Rich, and all your buddies, too, and get the job done. Your hometown is proud of what you do.



**Four Horsemen of Something-or-Other? Coaches Green, Klein, Hagy and Munafo always enjoy time together. Here they reunite at the Hall of Fame Banquet which ended exceptionally early this year - Tony didn't get a chance to speak.**



**Loyal members of the class of '72 turn out at the Hall of Fame Banquet to support their inductee classmate, Mike Kirby. Shown here are Scott Timple, Glenn Ginesi, Dave Harness, Jeannine and Dave Asher, Carol Markin Scott and husband Bill, Louise Peltier, and Leslie Casper.**



**At Mulligan's Pub, Famous Famers now, two Waynes, Hardy and McCarty discuss their times in the parkinglot race from the preceding evening while Mary Hardy stands by to referee if need be.**



**A family affair at Mulligan's Pub: a son Ryan Pisano, '96, and his wife Tricia, mother-daughter team Hallie Pisano, '01, Barb Burrier Pisano, '76, and Luke Dufresne, '83, who jumped in to help ham it up.**

## More '72 Reunion Pics

**Bob Hastings, Greg Pfistner, and Mark McKelvey stop visiting long enough to pose.**



**Kathy Lopex Hummel, Bev Harris Hall, and Lousie Peltier chat over old times.**

**Ken, '71, and Deb Tracht Dechant reconnect with Barb Speir.**



**Three photos courtesy of Emma Minton Kunz.**

## Alumnae Basketball Game

Every so often someone comes up with a good idea that revives memories of some of Huron's glory days on the courts.. Monica Asher, '99, now in the high school English department and assistant girls' varsity basketball coach, thought it would be a terrific idea for her girls to experience a little stronger competition in a scrimmage to prep them for the upcoming season. Who better to provide that challenge than some of Huron's finest alumnae players from the last decade or so?

The call went out, and the faithful ladies returned for another couple of hours of on-the-court glory. Some dropped their kids off at grandma's, others toted them along – always plenty of babysitters in the stands – or brought grandma! Some welcomed a respite from the college books, others left their businesses or job hunting. More than one probably passed up a heavy date. At

any rate, the game made for a fun filled reunion on the court and provided the present girls with some nice role models of how to balance an academic life or work load with sometimes mothering chores and still have time left for fun.

Grads from as far back as '95 up through the most recent class of '07 returned to show their stuff once more. Monica's strategy had been simple – run the JV girls and their young legs first half against the alumnae and wear them down before bringing in the varsity gals to mop up. On paper it should have worked; on the court the plan backfired. Though Don Hardy, '83, insisted upon breaking in the new scorekeeper during the scrimmage, the game wasn't about win or lose. It was about seeing who had retained her shooting eye, her deft touch at the line, the spring in her legs, the nifty dribbling, passing, and rebounding that had brought the past glory. And the gals did not disappoint. They had kept in shape, ran a good offense despite not playing together in

years, defended when they had to, and, in short, controlled the game from tip off to final whistle. In between everyone had good clean fun, and the only losers were those who didn't make the game or went fishing, as far away as Florida.

Now we need to lead a push for more fun games such as this. What about the boys of olde setting down their beer steins long enough to crawl out on the court. Of how about a volleyball match of past state finalists against our latest crop of champions? And if that works, there are always enough tennis, golf, and runners around to set up some good grudge matches against the younger ones for bragging rights. Still plenty of time for one more day in the sun! Besides, we have plenty of grad EMT's on duty just in case.

If you wish to see more game action shots and the complete lineups on both sides, visit our website at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com).



Here they are, the healthy looking bunch of gals who returned for the game: Seated (l. to r.) Cori Lively, '01, Kristi Taylor Schlessman, '97, Catherine Taylor, '00, Nikki Dauch, '00, and Monica Asher, '99. Standing are Kaitlyn Litten, '06, Lydia Souter, '03, Julia Butler, '06, Adrienne Gibbs, '01, and Shannon Rasnik, '95. Lauren Gadd, '07, also played but was not present in time for the group picture.



Some of the more senior alumns - Adrienne Gibbs and Nikki Dauch - welcome latecomer Lauren Gadd, probably as much for her fresh legs and a chance for a breather as the chance to play with the most recent grad. Catherine Taylor keeps her eyes on game business rather than on the camera.



Meet the new JV coach and his family - Ty Ray, Janel and Kylee, star forward on the 2022 team.

## Comeback Kids

Huron's own version of the Kardiak Kids of the 80's are staging a comeback. On February 2, 2008, the ladies from the State Championship Girls Basketball Team will hold a reunion before, during, and after the boys' basketball game that evening against Vermilion, weather permitting, of course. They will be returning from far flung areas of the country for this twenty-fifth anniversary gathering - can it be that long! You may join in that celebration again by attending the game that evening. Come early and mingle before the JV game begins at 6:00 PM.



Here they are once again, posing with their trophies and their former coach, Dick Wennes. Rear (l. to r.): Chris Schwenn, Chris Fisher Clements, Lois Jenkins Graham, Beth Andrews, Lynn Andrews. Front: Karen Hahn Grendow, Jill Harris Zumack, Dee Cherry Latt, Michelle Morgan Wear, Kathy Brownell Conley, and Anna Hammond. That little dude in the background? Manager Rhett Wennes, now an executive with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

For Don Hardy's site with more pictures of these girls, see [www.hurontigers.com](http://www.hurontigers.com). Lots of fine action shots from the championship year.

## Class Reunion News

Hardly has one year wrapped up when talk turns to the next set of five-year class reunions. This next year marks the beginning of the second round of working with class officers to help organize and promote upcoming reunions. The past five years have been most gratifying, with upwards of seventy total reunions, not even counting the mid-Ohio Reunion held in June in Columbus or the highly successful All-School Reunion held just over a year ago. (Time for a repeat, anyone?)

Of course, those of you who have been celebrating together for the past quarter century or more need very little assistance outside of updated address lists. The younger ones, though, still need a boost until some local class members learn and finally accept their roles as facilitators and realize they have been handed a life sentence by their classmates! Oh happy task! What greater satisfaction than helping bring together folks who have experienced so much in common in their formative years and providing them the opportunity to affirm their past and present through reuniting once again with their roots. We thank those who have undertaken the responsibilities and thus make our job easier. For those still learning, we are happy to assist any way we can.

So we print here the line up as we head into a brand new year. Some class officers have already met, or soon will at their card parties and teas, to work out the details. For now we publish what has surfaced to date and the contact information in case you are reading this and need to start planning for the new year. We also encourage officers to book their needed facilities as early as possible, as at some peak times there may not be enough venues to satisfy all who want to gather. Riverfest time strikes us as a prime example and increasingly around the homecoming date is another.

To aid in your planning we throw out a couple ideas here.

First, we will probably be planning something big – not as big as the All-School Reunion, mind you – for around Homecoming Week to celebrate the 50th birthday of the high school building. Homecoming next year will be the weekend of October 9 – 12, a three-day weekend for many because of Columbus Day on Monday. The annual Banquet and Induction Ceremony for the Athletic Hall of Fame is always scheduled for Thursday evening that week. Then Friday is the ball game, against perennial powerhouse Perkins in '08, and then after the game all the returning grads are invited out to Mulligan's Pub for a victory celebration. That leaves plenty of time on Saturday and Sunday of that weekend for individual class gatherings.

We once again encourage classes to scan their lists to see if someone deserving from their class has been omitted from the Hall of Fame. It is a great thing for the class, the inductees and their families to see so many classmates attend the banquet in support of their induction.

Second, the idea of area-wide reunions is catching on. The Columbus group wants to repeat, probably in June again, and we are also planning one for the Chicago area. The date and venue are still being worked out, but it will probably be held the weekend of March 15, close enough to be called a St. Paddy's Day party, preferably in an Irish pub in Chicago itself. An invitation will be sent out to all in the area shortly after the first of the year. Anyone else who wants the information and would like to come out, email us and we will fill you in.

Year	Plans so far	Contact person(s)
48	save Sept. 26 - 28	Teresa Johnson 433-3899 Fran Ringlein 433-4073 <a href="mailto:franncr@gmail.com">franncr@gmail.com</a>
53	planning in progress	Gladys Kovacs 433-4302 Jean Howard 433-2576
58	planning to start soon	
63	planning in progress	Sherry Enderle Mischler 419-433-4738
68	planning in progress	John Caporini 433-2476 Cindy Hastings Defazio 433-6065
73	Homecoming weekend	Carol Markin Scott <a href="mailto:scottcc8@yahoo.com">scottcc8@yahoo.com</a> or 419-433-6136
78	Riverfest Weekend	Joan Saunders <a href="mailto:joansaun322@aol.co">joansaun322@aol.co</a> Kim Samstag <a href="mailto:Kim.Samstag@fmcti.com">Kim.Samstag@fmcti.com</a>
83	dinner, golfing, fam. picnic details on the way	Paul Ward <a href="mailto:pward_64@yahoo.com">pward_64@yahoo.com</a>
88	no word yet	
93	no word yet	
98	Survey coming soon	send contact information to Julie Hughes and Eric McGraw at the address of <a href="mailto:HHS.Class_of_98@Yahoo.com">HHS.Class_of_98@Yahoo.com</a>
03	Any takers yet? Email us and we'll help get you started!	

## Reunions A Go-Go

### Columbus

During this past winter and spring, a group of grads in the Columbus area met and staged the first ever area-wide reunion sponsored by your Association. The event was a huge success, requiring much planning and a Herculean effort to turn out the troops. This summer the event will be repeated and planning will begin shortly after the first of the year. Everyone within the Central Ohio area will receive an invitation. (If you are from that area and fear we may not have your email, please contact us.) However, we also know that some grads outside of the area may be interested in attending. We intend to welcome all, but obviously wouldn't know about your desire to attend. If you email us in early spring, we will fill you in on all the details, email you a secret map of the location, and be happy to welcome you come summertime. The more the merrier.

### Chicago

We are now expanding the movement this spring, to the Chicago area this time. What a way to celebrate St. Paddy's Day, a few days early, on Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of March! The location we have chosen, McGinny's Tap in the Old Town neighborhood, has a Huron connection. Jen Ineson Cowin, '92, a flight attendant, is married to the proprietor of the establishment, Jeremiah Cowin. Located on West North Avenue, just a few doors down and around the corner from Second City on Wells, the pub is a perfect venue for not only the city and the day but also for our group of grads. The area has seen a resurgence of investment in upscale refurbished housing and an influx of young people who give that entire area an élan and vitality long lacking in many metropolitan areas. (Cleveland, take heed!)

The plan is to KISS, Keep It Simple, Sam. We would meet at the noon hour, thereby getting an early jump on the holiday afternoon and evening partygoers and have an uninterrupted visit without bothering the locals. (Besides, they're mostly rabid Cubbie

fans.) The Tap is known for its good bar food and burgers, so we'd just order from their menu without the bother of putting together a special fare. (Check them out at [www.centerstage.net/bars/mcginneys.html](http://www.centerstage.net/bars/mcginneys.html)) And Jeremiah may even throw on a stew pot of beef and cabbage for the purists among you – though looking at the list of names of all these Ohio emigrants and Buckeye transplants, bratwurst and braunschweiger would probably be more apropos. The place is a neat sports bar, so those of you who can't peel away from March Madness, you'll see it all with the plasma screen wall paper they have hanging there.

Also, if you hang around long enough, you can treat yourself that evening to a show at Second City, within a five-minute walk of McGinny's. Birthplace of the Belushi, Myers, Murray, and Radnor "Rat Pack," the place features two rather intimate stages where troupes still perform original comedy revues. (Not as funny, though, as a Sticks and Cletes show done locally here whenever the two bump into each other.) Let's see, now, if we do late lunch and an early show, can we still call it dinner theatre?

So let us know what you think. Email us if you think you could be persuaded to attend. Also let us know if you know of any Huron grads in the Chicago area – we do have quite an extensive listing but could be short some names. We won't be getting up a committee or anything, so you needn't worry about being collared for a job if you contact us. We'd like to make this as successful as the Columbus affair turned out to be. With your help we can do it and maybe make it an annual affair. Go for it, group!

### The 1930's

Yep, you read that right, the 1930's – from the Flappers to the Dustbowl to the Depression to the Big One, they saw it all before most of us were ever a glint in the old man's eye. These Eveready Bunnies keep on going, but they are the complainiest bunch – not enough in any one class to throw a proper reunion, they grumble. So we'll crowd them all under the same umbrella for a

day and hold a '30's reunion, Huron style. Quite a few of them have told us they would welcome such a gathering – heck, from '30 to '39, they all know each other anyway. Ought to - back then, standing on the old west side and with a good tail wind, one could spit straight up and across town all at the same time.

And we do have a goodly number of these octo- and nonagenarians right in this immediate area. Some have said they still drive, but in daylight hours only. So in deference to their wishes to be home before dark, we are planning a daytime gathering. We thought we'd start by gathering at the HYC for a luncheon, then visit for a while. Later on in the afternoon, after the kids have cleared out of the high school, we would go over there to meet with some of the students for a guided tour through the new facilities – all on the first floor, mind you. (There is elevator service for the more daring, though two at a time is about the limit. It is also ADA compliant.) We think folks will be amazed when they see a state-of-the-art science wing which in itself is half again as large as the old high school on Williams Street used to be.

We are then planning a dinner at the school for all of the community's seniors who wish to attend, and the '30's bunch will be most welcome to remain for that. This used to be an annual affair enjoyed by all the senior citizens and we are trying to reinstitute the practice for them.

Now we know that this could be a taxing day for many much younger folks, so we make it clear up front that folks are free to depart at any time. While we are not pressuring anyone to engage in any activity that would be too strenuous, we do think the noon luncheon and early afternoon events should be quite doable. Grads will be welcome to attend with guest/chauffeur/significant other. We will be sending out official invitation and reservation requests early in the spring, so look for them. Sign up early, round up a ride if you need one or contact us for help in that regard, and then get rested up for your big day. You are part of that Greatest Generation, and we'll try to order the reddest carpet!

## The Roman Connection

She keeps popping up all over the world. When not in Moscow, France, Africa, or back home in Huron, Amy Elizabeth Roth, '85, is bivouacked these days in Rome, with her veranda overlooking the Colosseum. But don't count on finding her there too often. She is heavily engaged in work as Public Affairs Coordinator for the U.S. Embassy to the Vatican and in causes particularly dear to her heart. Past interests included

serious attention. Some traffic humans for sexual or economic reasons, others simply for slave purposes and an exploited labor source, still others for the removal of organs! Whatever the reason, moral issues make it imperative that the world unites to stop the practice. Banning it without enforcement procedures is meaningless.

So this past summer, when President and Laura Bush paid a call on Pope

Benedict XVI, Amy had the opportunity at a breakfast meeting to engage Mrs. Bush at length about the problem. Also present was a diminutive 68-year-old nun, Sr. Eugenia Bonetti, a recognized world leader in resistance to trafficking practices. A kind of Mother Theresa of Rome's slums,

she is considered a modern day pioneer when dealing with the problem of modern slavery. The US Ambassador to the Vatican, Mr. Francis Rooney, became involved and lent the prestige of the U.S. to the event. By becoming actively interested in such issues, Amy is able to use the considerable weight of her position and connections to bring other persons of interest and power together to hopefully affect change. It would be so easy just to sit there and type out the boilerplate PR bulletins required of her job, but she chooses not to. Engagement itself also creates news.

The upshot of the June meeting, and a later opportunity to meet Mr. Bush, was that "some real USG money," as Amy calls it, \$65,000, was obtained to organize a world conference in Rome this past October to launch an international, inter-congregational religious anti-trafficking network. Now if that sounds like Newspeak for just one more useless, coalition of meddling busybodies, think again. The whole issue has moved more to the forefront in the Court of World Opinion, the one that really counts, so we can expect to see more action taken worldwide on this issue. Indeed Canadian Parliamentarian Joy Smith, for one, has already forced the issue into Canadian politics.



Women Waging Peace, world hunger issues, particularly moral issues revolving around food production and biotechnology, and her own Anglican Church activities.

The most recent cause is that of trafficking in human beings. The term is somewhat loosely defined as moving persons across political boundaries for the purpose of exploitation. A worldwide phenomenon and growing annually – the third largest illegal activity behind running guns and drugs – the problem has only lately begun to attract



We are not speaking here of the Lou Dobbsian voices decrying immigration policies in the U.S. (Undoubtedly, many of the individual “coyotes” running illegals across our southern borders are engaged in low level types of trafficking.) But the problem is more convoluted. Massive rings target poverty stricken women and their children worldwide and ship them as prisoners in prostitution rings or virtual slaves in back street sweat shops around the world. This comes to our attention only when corporate America in the form of

a Walmart or Victoria’s Secret is busted for selling goods manufactured by these prisoners.

Other visible results of the practice are the large pornography rings peddling their wares on the internet, another multi-billion dollar enterprise. While consumption of pornography is not illegal, forced production is. To guarantee protection of the practice, massive corruption of public officials through bribery and other forceful tactics occurs and thereby diminishes and calls

into question the efficacy of all our institutions of justice.

So for effective change to occur, massive countermeasures need to be set in place. A Rome-based conference set against the backdrop of a large church setting and involving first world leadership may be just the thing to spark a revolution in awareness and attitudes. We look forward to Amy’s progress reports in the future Great work, Amy. Just don’t get burnt out.

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## WAAAy Down Yonda!

Happy Feet, Arctic Cats, monstrous glaciers, freezing butts, midnight sun bathing – North Pole, right? Nah! But Antarctica for sure. One of our grads has been hunkered down there for the “summer” of a lifetime, well, since the end of September anyway, which would be spring and now summer there. He comes home this “fall,” March 1, after spending some time in New Zealand recourting his wife. So what’s he doing there?

Seems the National Scientific Foundation needed an air traffic controller to help land flights carrying research teams and their equipment into the McMurdo Base in Antarctica. Even tough he had to come out of retirement, Dan applied, was approved, and now helps shepherd planes onto the tarmac, or rather, Ice Runway, dodging penguins and all.

His duties are varied but consist mainly of seeing that the steady flow of people and cargo to the base operates smoothly. Weather conditions unimaginable to one accustomed even to Cleveland’s notorious conditions are a bane to his existence there. Whiteouts are common, with crosswinds and shear forces making every take off and landing an adventure. Many planes are even outfitted with skis to assist in the landings.

The experience is really living down to his expectations. Air so cold that ice crystals float and dance in the sunlight. Sweaty hair freezing on a short trek between huts. Wind chill factors so low, at a – 100 degrees, that fillings have been know to fall out of teeth if one gulps unprotected, as in playing ice rugby.



Dan and the Ice Control Tower

Wind and raw nature so brutal that a trip out to the bathroom can be fatal if one becomes disoriented.

Life isn’t all chopping out frozen tracs or trying to thaw the snot in one’s nose. On those rare days when the gods and the hole in the ozone are winking right and temps rise to ten degrees, the crew sneaks outdoors for rugby practice on the parking lot. Of course, no one has

yet figured out who they are going to eventually play in a real match. Details, details! And on clear days when the winds die, and the sun shines for the 25<sup>th</sup> straight hour, it seems, Dan dons his parka and tries to locate his golf clubs. (Don’t even mention hot wings, he misses those so bad.) He hasn’t had to take his turn yet herding penguins off the runway, but has laughed himself sick watching others trying to outmaneuver the critters at 4:30 AM. Imagine the problems when a plane on skis takes on a six foot tall penguin. Penguin 1 – pilot 0. The birds are protected and in normal conditions one can be fired for simply walking up to and startling one. Betcha Dutch and Jess never taught penguin blocking skills in shop or dodge ball classes.

If you’d like to follow Dan’s blog and see some really great pictures that he has been feeding up, try clicking on <http://dadhowdy.blogspot.com/> and get an education about our neighbors slightly to the south – firsthand from one enjoying his experience thoroughly but who will be glad to get back to the warmth of his wife – and some good sunny weather golf and hot wings - come March! If some of you teachers would like to hook up your social studies classes with someone on the spot in Antarctica, email Dan at [dhowdy@hotmail.com](mailto:dhowdy@hotmail.com) and he’ll be glad to respond to your class’s queries. Everyone feel free to shoot him Season’s Greetings Way Down Under!

# Membership News

As you can see from the listing printed herein, we are having a rather successful drive to align all our memberships with the end of the year so we can have an easier time in budgeting for the following year. Your cooperation in this effort has been much appreciated.

We are also asking our readers to step up, if you haven't already done so, by purchasing an annual membership in the Association. So many of you write to say how you enjoy hearing about the school, her students, and the grads spread around the globe. We want to continue this work and will, limited only by availability of funding.

We have rightfully not asked the Board of Education to expend public tax dollars to support us. They have been most gracious in providing us with a mailing address, website hosting, some printing jobs, access to records, and much more. Instead we have relied entirely upon our grads to continue the work begun five years ago. Most experts predict a high failure rate of organizations such as ours within the first five years. Well, we made it through but now need to remain upon sound fiscal footing.

The funds received through member dues go entirely to promoting your alma mater through the *Newsletter* and the Website and to communicating with our members in all sorts of ways throughout the rest of the year. None of your dollars go toward scholarships. Instead generous donors are invited to make optional contributions to various scholarship funds or causes at the time they join. We pay no salaries, no expense accounts, no travel expenses, no perks, frills, or any other amenities that can sink organizations bigger than ours, nor do we pay office expenses, postage and printing excepted! We arrange many social events, gatherings, and multiple presences throughout the area during festivals and other school and community events, but we insist that each event finance itself. Sometimes that gets a little creative or, some would say, whacky! Our volunteers subscribe to our premise that the joy of helping promote an esteemed institution such as the Huron Schools and her past and present student bodies is its own reward.

But the built-in costs of continuing to beat the drums for Huron keep escalating, and we could always use more financial support at any time of the year. So if you haven't yet actually joined in our efforts, now would be a good time to do so, here in the month of December when in the future we will be holding our annual membership renewal and new members drives. Sorry if we sometimes sound like your local NPR affiliate or PBS station during their membership drives. Apologies also for not sending out the Rick Steeves coffee mugs, T shirts, and *Europe Through the Backdoor* as gifts for our subscribers. Told you we were barebones!

Thanks for your past support, and we hope to hear from many more of you in the coming weeks.

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Carol Haggerty Schell	Huron	OH	56	Chris Rader	Huron	OH	75
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Charles "Ed" Seder	Prescott Valley	AZ	59	Lisa and Haynes-Henry	Cincinnati	OH	78
Karen Blough Colon	Huron	OH	59	Sue Everett Rader	Huron	OH	78
Sara McCormick Caffrey	La Habra	CA	59	Kaye Ellen Hinton	Sommerville	TX	79
Karen Craig Parker	Cincinnati	OH	60	Nancy Reese Csarny	Solon	OH	79
Betty Webster Ruetenik	Montgomery	TX	61	Robert Fidler Jr	Huron	OH	79
Rae-Malee Nuhn Trout	Carthage	MO	61	Sharon Boos Enderle	Huron	OH	79
Anthony & Kathy Mussell	Huron	OH	62	Tim Esposito	Wildwood	MO	80
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Carolyn Rudy	Sandusky	OH	65	Kelly Carruthers Lowe	Orlando	FL	82
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Gerhard and Debbie Bihun	Gross			Amy Harkelroad Claus	Huron	OH	85
	Sandusky	OH	66	Bryce Butkus	Huron	OH	85
Kathleen Floyd	Huron	OH	66	Joe Enderle	Huron	OH	85
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Tim and Julie Sowecke	Huron	OH	71/74

## Classnotes

**Steve “Zars” Myers**, '72, is a comics man - seriously! In late November he participated in the Mid-Ohio Con, a convention of comics illustrators in Columbus OH. His work is being included in an *Oh, Comics* anthology published by Back Porch Comics. Details and samples of Steve’s work may be seen at [www.backporchcomics.com/back.porch.comics.htm](http://www.backporchcomics.com/back.porch.comics.htm). This is serious business.

**Bill Rudy**, '61, is proud of his grandchildren who appeared on the *Today Show* as part of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The twin girls, age seven, were participating in Make-a-Wish Foundation activities while there. They were given behind-the-scenes glimpses at various studios, peeks at the balloon filling staging grounds, and bleacher seats for the parade – a great treat for the kids.

**Stephanie Bartzten Smith**, '91, is living in Huron with her husband and three children., two in school now and developing Tiger PrideMom is proud, too, to see her kids in the same schools she attended. Stephanie works for Adwriter in Sandusky editing real estate books.

**Tom Legando**, '76, a licensed Physical Therapist, was recently hired as supervisor to Lake Erie Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, a service at McGruder Hospital in Port Clinton. Tom has over 27 years in practice in PT at the former Providence Hospital, Fremont Memorial Hospital, and Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, just a few of the many places he has served.

## Engagements

**Cori Lively**, '01, and **James “Joe” Dike**, '94, announced their engagement November 25. Joe took his bachelor’s degree from BGSU in 2000 and Cori hers in 2004, with a further master’s degree in 2007. Cori owns The Gym in Huron and Joe works for Endo Pharmaceuticals. Their wedding is set for June 7, 2008.

## Weddings

**Aimee Steinmetz**, '04, and Michael Johnson were wed on August 11 in a ceremony presided over by the Rev. Richard Kresila in the Washington Park Gazebo in Sandusky. Aimee is attending the University of Akron at the Center for Child development. Michael, a Sandusky High School graduate, is attending Summa Health System’s paramedic education while being currently employed by American Medical Response. After a trip to the Big Apple, the couple moved into their digs at 1780 W. Waterford Court, No. 1634 in Akron OH.

**Abigail Debartolo**, '98, and Brett McLaren of Oviedo FL were wed on June 9 at the Sawmill Creek lakeside gazebo with Rev. Steven Sabanos presiding. Abigail graduated from Kent State University with a B.A. degree in communications. She is presently employed by the Sanford Police Department in Sanford FL. Brett, a U.S. Army veteran, earned a bachelor’s degree from Seminole Community College and is now attending the University of West Florida for an engineering degree. He is employed by DEI Services Corp. in Winter Park FL as a subject matter expert. The couple lives at 630 Lilac Road Casselberry FL.32707.

**Sarah Butke**, '01, and Adam Boss of Wakeman OH were wed in St. Mary’s Church in Norwalk on July 7. Sarah graduated summa cum laude from BGSU in early childhood development and is pursuing her master’s degree while teaching for the Bellevue City Schools. Adam a graduate of New London High School, is employed by the City of Norwalk. The couple lives at 208 Jefferson Street in Norwalk OH.

**Cindy Hastings**, '68, and **Joe DeFazio**, '71, were wed on October 6 in Huron on the river by Pastor George Antonakos, brother-in-law of the couple. A grad of Toledo Hospital School of Nursing, Cindy is now the Parish Nurse Advocate through the Firelands Hospital. Joe, an Air Force vet, has worked for the Postal Service for 32 years. The couple resides at 1404 Bayberry Court in Huron.

## Obituaries

**Ruth Wallace Foss**, '55, age 70, passed away this summer in Magalia CA.

**Diana Lee Patton**, age 52, passed away unexpectedly on June 6. Diana took her law degree in 1989, then served as Defense Attorney for Maricopa County AZ, until starting her own practice. Diana’s work had been published in many law journals.

**Steve Megyesi**, '76, age 51, died September 24 in Briarfield of Milan Nursing Home. A movie buff, Steve worked as a projectionist locally and in the Oberlin and Cleveland areas.

**Linda Georgevich**, '73, age 52, of Sandusky passed away October 7 in Firelands Regional Medical Center after a long bout with cancer. A former employee of MHD Corporation in Sandusky, Linda loved all things to do with nature and her trips to Windsor.

**Armin “Pete” Riesen**, age 82, former Huron High football coach, passed away at the Blanchard Health Facility in Findlay OH on October 13. Pete served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 – 45, then graduated from Wittenburg University. He began coaching as head football coach in Huron and went on to a stellar career (member of seven halls of fame) at Mentor, Marion Harding, Lorain Admiral King, then Heidelberg and Bowling Green, coaching both football and wrestling.

**Florence Frye Brod**, '56, age 68, of Huron, passed away October 20 at the Stein Hospice Care Center in Sandusky. She had taught briefly in Elyria before moving to California and then back to Huron six years ago.

**Bruce Corwin**, '75, age 50, of Valparaiso IN, passed away on November 15 after a long bout with cancer. With his BS degree from Heidelberg College in business, chemistry, and computer science and an MBA degree from the University of Chicago, Bruce was well equipped for various positions in the chemical industry all over the upper Midwest during his work career.

**Genevieve Behrens**, age 99, of Huron, Passed away on November 16 at Firelands regional Medical Center in Sandusky. A former school teacher, Genevieve had taught in Huron’s Shawnee Elementary School from 1955 to 1958.

**Kathryn Dahm Wade**, '48, age 79, of Huron, passed away December 8 in Firelands Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

**HHS Alumni Association Membership<sup>1207</sup>**

HHS Graduate \_\_\_\_ \$10 per year You and spouse graduate \_\_\_\_ \$15 Social/ Associate/ Business \_\_\_\_ \$15  
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\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like a copy of the commemorative issue of the *Erie County Reporter* printed for the All-School reunion.

**Huron Booster's Club Membership**

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "SuperTiger" \$300 includes two passes to every high school sporting event

\_\_\_\_\_ "Tiger" \$125 includes two home season tickets to sport of choice

Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Bball Boys' Bball

\_\_\_\_\_ Special "Gray" \$40

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular "Red" \$20

**Contribution to the General Huron High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Contribution to the Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Contribution to the Stallings Family Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

(All contributions of any kind or amount to the above funds are tax deductible if you itemize.)

**Yes, I would consider becoming active in the HHSAA by serving on one or more of these committees:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Hall of Fame \_\_\_\_\_ Social

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_ History

## Travel Site Proposed

Many of you have probably used one or more of the several travel sites on-line to arrange your travel plans – booking flights, rental cars, hotel rooms, even ordering mints for the pillow or flowers for the significant other. Expedia, Cheapseats, Orbitz and other dot-coms have become household names these days, not to mention being responsible for the closing of many travel agencies. Such is competitive capitalism!

We have received a proposal from an alumna and her husband that would provide such a web service to your Association as a link to its website. This travel site would offer exactly the same services you have come to expect from "the big boys" in the business. There is one difference, however. As a non-profit group, your Association would receive for its scholarship fund 40% of the travel commissions on all travel services booked through the site by members anywhere in the world. We see the potential here for remarkable future benefits to our students.

Before we enter into an agreement with this provider, however, we would like to gauge how many of you would be willing to switch from whatever sites you presently use to one on our website. There is a substantial up-front "connection fee" for this service, and we want to be wise stewards of your money. (There is room on the home page of the site for commercial messages, so that if any individual out there is willing to help defray this start up cost for us in exchange for that commercial space, please do contact us. For your business you would gain visibility to our members across the country.)

We don't ask you to buy a pig in the poke, so we hereby provide you a link to this travel service as it currently sits on another website. Check it out at [www.ytbtravel.com/zehnder](http://www.ytbtravel.com/zehnder) – run through it your travel plans, past or present, to see how prices compare. We did and found no appreciable difference. So the question in our mind really becomes would you be willing to support Huron grads by making your travel plans through this site rather than others you may have been using?

Let us know. Email your comments to us at [Huron\\_Alumni@Huron-City.K12.OH.US](mailto:Huron_Alumni@Huron-City.K12.OH.US). Who knows –with your usage, this site may become the next Orbitz.com!

## Scholarship Dance

How the gods, the scheduling gurus, and the leap year have conspired against us for next year! Our annual scholarship dance, held every February, has been moved for 2008. We are looking at an early April date. The problem is just the way the schedule falls for 2008. All the good Saturday dates are taken with either school events, weddings or wedding shows at Mesenburg's, or winter sports and tourneys. With Easter falling as early as it ever can, even March is now a problem. Since the Ohio Athletic Association does not want tournament games played during Holy Week, the basketball playoffs will begin earlier and last longer. Not to mention that the annual Booster Club Reverse Raffle occurs on March 15, spring break fits in there somewhere, and then March Madness playoff games keep everyone glued to their 60 inch plasmas. Only holding the dance on Super Bowl Sunday would be worse than interfering with the college playoff season!

So there you have the reasons for pushing the scholarship dance back a few weeks. Accordingly, the committee has worked to find a new place, date, and music makers for a Spring Break theme. Save the weekend of either April 5th or 12 for a party at the Great Lakes Country Club - the former Masonic Hall on South Main Street. Partygoers will be invited to show off their spring break tans in spring break attire, sit under their beach umbrellas, sip on whatever they want to bring in, dance, play games (not of chance but of skill) engage in tournaments (not jousting), and generally have some good old fashioned fun. Look for us to advertise this affair soon after the holiday season quiets down. The tickets will be at rock bottom prices, you'll have a blast participating, and at the same time you'll be helping out some deserving scholars at your alma mater. If you'd like to help organize this gala, email us and we'll get you aboard. Stay tuned for more details!

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## Boosters Reverse Raffle

The Huron Boosters' Association will be throwing its annual Reverse Raffle at Mesenburg's on March 15. A great meal, games, loads of prizes, and the raffle itself will highlight a fun packed evening. Tickets are \$100 apiece and are available by calling Scott Gardner or Steve West. Dinner for two is included in the price. This is the main fundraiser for the Boosters, so if you have to choose only one event of the year to support, this would be the one! See you all there.

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## Emails

We are still in need of many more email addresses from grads who could read this newsletter on-line and save your Association many dollars annually in mailing costs. Please contact us with your email address, and those of other grads in your address book or of siblings if you suspect we don't have them in our database. A stamp saved is a stamp earned.

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