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HHSAA



Homecoming is a special time for Huron alumni, a time to return to their roots and reconnect with classmates and friends. View pictures of the week long celebration of all things Huron beginning on page 20.



At long last, the signs on the Huron Route 2 bypass honoring our men lost in Vietnam have been installed and are visible to the tens of thousands of drivers who travel through our area each day. See them on page 24.

This past September, Dick Klein, '40, and his wife June were invited to a week long celebration in the Netherlands, or Holland, as Dick still prefers to call it.



Dick was representing the United States as the grateful Dutch celebrated their liberation from the Nazis by an alliance of American, British, Canadian, and Polish armed forces. Follow some of the high lights of Dick and June's experiences on page 13.



What's new at your alma mater? Start with what's NOT, as in a high school library. Gone. Kaput. Books? Today's high school students don't do books, not with their Kindles and iPads and laptops. Even some of their text books are on line. Research? That's why God invented Google. How's a guy these days supposed to play the gentleman and carry home his girl's books? Or even prop open the north library doors with a dusty old volume of an ancient encyclopedia ? O tempora! O mores!

To see what's now in the former library space, turn to page 11.



Reunion Time 2016

Class of '48

On any given First Friday of the month, it is not unusual to find members of the Class of '48 holding court over a Berardi's Restaurant breakfast. While the usual complement is six or seven stalwarts, sometimes it dips to a mere four as in this picture: Bob Fritz, Millie Morey, Fran Ringlein, and Pat Basilone. Most of the time it is a health issue these days that keeps the numbers down, but about every other month, there they all are - if the snow doesn't get too deep for Joe Catri to ride his bike over. More power to them!



Class of '61

The Class of '61, under the skillful managerial skills of Suzi Lagando Groscost and Rose Illonardo Gerber, celebrated their 55th anniversary of graduation over an entire weekend, and then some more, in early October.

Festivities began with an informal gathering on the river at the Rusty Oar, formerly the Twine House, on a Friday evening for cocktails, burgers and perch, and catching up time. With the evening a tad chilly, they repaired to the inside tables, thawed out, and gabbed till late. Out of the windows and across the waters, as in the days when Huron was a thriving river port, they were treated to a view of a moored freighter and pleasure craft slowly flowing up and down the river. If Friday night were the only evening they had gathered, for many that would have been enough.

However, the following night they dressed up again and met at Marconi's Restaurant for a more formal dinner to continue their celebration and welcome a few back who had missed the previous evening's frivolities. Given the garb, this was a more staid but very enjoyable affair.

Then a wrap-up gathering took place the following morning at an American Legion breakfast buffet, for those who were able to wake up on time. Over heaps of pancakes and bacon, biscuits and gravy, the class had its final gathering until the next time, their big 60th. Scary thought, but they are looking forward to it, even planning!

Still not to be outdone, the week long festival wrapped up a second time with Chinese in Norwalk's Brian's Buffet where final farewells took place. They are already talking about where and when and how long to celebrate their 60th in five years. Someone opined that he knew a nursing home with a large enough gathering space that would do fine. We doubt that this bunch will need those facilities just then as they seem very much energized yet, still planning travels, following their grandkids' activities, and looking forward to doing the same with their greats to come. Wherever and whenever, we will be there to chronicle the events, kids. Count on it!



Roger & Sue (Armstrong) Lavelle; Stephanie ((Brummage) Nelson; Bill Fisk; Dave Puderbaugh & his wife, Jane



Will Keating's wife Gayle; Bill Fisk & his wife, Debby; Will Keating



Beth (Jenkins) Walker; Sandra (Keating) Larsen & husband, Wayne



In the foreground, on the left are Roger & Sue Lavelle; Bob & Josie Palmer; Alice Buell; Barb & Ken (standing) Strayer



Bob & Josie (Mussell) Palmer; Sharon(White) Warren; Suzi Lagando Grosco; the HHSAA president, Blue Gill Majoy, '62; Rose & Mike (Illanardo) Gerber



Wayne & Sandy Larson, then Barb (Parrish) Karn, then Nancy & Steve Molnar



Diane Herman Henney and her husband David, Kay Billman Reeves, Judy Henneman Hardesty and husband Nelson.



This is the eating-est class in the Association. They don't just meet - they EAT. Lots of people don't have to cook for a few days!



Roger and Sue Armstrong Lavelle; Beth Jenkins Walker and Judy Perrin Burke

The class would really like to see more of the classmates at these informal gatherings. To get on their list, contact Suzi or Rose for the next meeting place and time, show up, and join the fun.

Class of '62

The Class of '62 is yet another that meets on a regular basis, whipped into shape by Linda Green Haley. The group size varies with the seasons, but they always enjoy keeping up and together with one another, rehearsing the same old tales each time, bragging up their old '56 Pontiac or Studebakers, or reprising some ancient class prank or escape from the local gendarmes. All true, they swear, then drink to each, and the wives drive them home. They look forward to more locals joining them to renew old friendships - and expand the story base. So, come on, you homies. Climb out of your rocking chairs and get back into the loop.



The Class of '62 celebrates Veterans' Day at the Eagles over perch dinners. L to R are Ron Faller, Bob Barnes, Barb Majoy, Sally Majoy, Linda Haley, and Barb Sheets. Seated at the far end is late comer Mike Lyons. Up the right side of the table are Greg Sheets next to a hiding Sharon Barnes, followed by Billy Boos, Dave "Blue Gill" Majoy, and Becky and Doug Ricci.



Class of '76



The Class of '76 closed out summer the right way, by gathering together at the Huron Yacht Club on Labor Day weekend and lifting a pint or two to the past 40 years and another however many to come. Great turnout, great time! They look good enough that this bunch of Bicentennials could actually make the Tricentennial and celebrate with their great-great-greats!

Robert Naegele

A little over ninety-one years ago, in the village of Huron was born a Huron alumnus who would go on to achieve greatness in the world of chemistry, of industry, and of philanthropy. Robert Naegele was born to Charles and Oletha Naegele on October 30, 1925 and graduated in 1943 from Huron High School. He was just in time to serve in WWII which he did aboard a Navy minesweeper and later a rescue and salvage tug. After his discharge in 1946, he married Patricia Schreiner and a 54 year devoted partnership began.



Bob then began college at Ohio Wesleyan University and eventually received three degrees from Marquette University in Milwaukee: a Bachelor of Science Naval in 1945, a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1949, a Master of Science in Chemistry in 1950. He then went on to work on a PhD in Chemistry in 1951 while beginning work with the Dow Chemical Company.

Bob had a long and storied career with Dow. From his beginnings there in 1951 as a technical salesperson in the Chlor-Alkali Department, he graduated to field salesman for industrial chemicals, specializing in the mining industries, especially uranium. In three years he increased sales from \$5.2M to \$56M. That returned him to Midland MI in 1960 as manager of oxide and derivative sales. In 1961 he was moved to General Manager of the Specialty Chemical Sales Department where he served until 1968, adding managerial responsibilities in the oxides and derivatives business and finally as head of the Global Organics Department.

The most interesting periods of his life then began in 1968 when he became general manager of the Agricultural Department of Dow U.S.A. In 1971 that became the Agricultural and Organics Department, the largest in DOW U.S.A. From 1976 until 1980 Bob was promoted to President of Dow Chemical Canada, Inc. where he supervised a very aggressive period of acquisition, development, and exploration, and building a chemical complex in Alberta CA. All told, Bob served ten years in this position, implementing a wide range of global activities and strategies.

Bob served on the Board of Directors of the Dow Chemical Company from 1977 to 1986, as Director of Dow Chemical Canada, Inc., and Sovereign Oil and Gas PLC in London UK. Even after retiring from Dow in 1990, Bob continued with an active interest the company's people and its strategies.

In retirement Bob was able to devote more time to his interest in education, serving as Trustee of Northwood University, chairing the Executive Committee of the board and as Vice-Chair of the entire Board of Trustees. He was particularly interested in the welfare of students, especially foreign students attending the university. Together with his wife, they opened up their hearts and home to them and visitors from around the globe. Many of the students then owe their success today to the relationships and financial aid received from the Naegeles, over the years forming bonds that lasted a lifetime. These, combined with those whom Bob mentored in the business world, enriched both of the Naegeles' lives. As the Naegeles had no children themselves, these young students became their family.

In addition to the above, Bob was very active in all the local service clubs, in his church affairs, in promoting the arts, and in the American Legion. Bob and Pat loved music and sponsored many performances at the Midland Center for the Arts.

Bob passed away in 2000, but his character and personality will be long remembered by those with whom he worked and served, by high school classmates with whom he remained in contact, specially Al Slyker, '43, and by those lucky enough just to have casually run into him in many social situations. He had a commanding personality, almost larger than life, was honest and courageous in his convictions. He suffered not those whom he perceived not to be living up to their potential. But once a friend, he would remain loyal and steadfast in his relationship.

Huron should be proud to have helped shape this greatly intelligent, warm, and compassionate individual.

Bob with classmate Allan Slyker at their 50th reunion



BoBo and the Clown-Browns



In a surprise mid-summer move, the Cleveland Browns hired a former Huron High School star quarterback under some pretty unusual circumstances. Their former quarterback, 2014 Heisman trophy winner with the Texas Froghorns, Johnny “Mr. Football” Manziel, AKA Mr. Moneyman, had been suspended by the NFL for several games. Manziel, when his time was up, reported to training camp unrepentant and failed the requisite Enhanced Performance Tests (EPT) to detect his use of recreational pharmaceuticals. Unable to even hit the hole in the sample bottle, he flunked; however, he left enough sample to prove that he was not pregnant. Hence, the Browns were in a pickle for quarterbacks.

In the 2015 season they had used an unseasoned Josh McCown, among others, for a few games, and though he was game, he failed as often as Manziel failed his urine tests. So to begin the 2016 season under a new head coach, Hue Jackson, and many new front office people, the Browns dug deep into the draft for a suitable quarterback. But having passed on the top available QB choices as too immature, they started their 8th straight losing season, and fifteenth since their return to the league in 1999, with four QB backups to RG III - two Coleman’s, a Nigerian, and an Egyptian – thus becoming the league’s first truly international team. However, despite bowing to inclusiveness, they still lacked a quarterback who could find his way out of a huddle, let alone into an end zone.

Enter Huron High School! After Brown’s starting quarterback RG III re-injured his left shoulder in the first game, and after backup quarterback Josh McCown suffered a hairline shoulder fracture in his left shoulder in the second game, the Browns, at 0-2, took a hard look on their depth chart to try to rescue their season. They settled on rookie Cody Kessler - with orders to land only on his right shoulder when hit - and he made it through two more losses without injury until game five against the Pats. There he suffered an injury that brought on quarterback number four, free agent Charlie Whitehurst, who lasted only a few more plays until he too took a hit - but to the knee, not the shoulder. Two QB’s in one game! Huron was surely moving on up!

Our Huron grad, number five on the depth chart, stood salivating on the sidelines, awaiting the call to warm up. But wide receiver Terrelle Pryor - who reportedly had shown some experience at the position for the Ohio State Buckeyes - and listed as number six at QB on the depth chart, trotted out to finish the game. So after two shoulders, a bummed up knee, and a head injury kept our man from Huron rising on the charts, number six leapfrogged him, thus puncturing Huron High’s hopes of seeing one of her own in a Brown’s uniform under center. Not since the great Charley Frye of Willard Ohio - in Huron County - quarterbacked the Browns in the 2005-2007 seasons has anything Huron come that close to fame, that close to hearing the name Huron called on the PA systems at NFL stadiums! That close! Indeed, just that close!

So, disappointed but still hopeful, former Huron star quarterback, Tom Bollenbacher, ’75, dutifully returned to doing what he had originally been hired to do for the Browns - assist the Brown’s back-up locker room Maintenance and Equipment Manager and be second in command to the Overseer of Athletic Supporters. Rumor had it that the Browns did give up two future draft picks in the 14th round to acquire his services. He polishes helmets after games and practices, making sure all jersey numbers are firmly velcroed on in this year of revolving players, packs up for away games, straightens out player lockers and does their laundry, and takes good natured ribbing from the players. His ambition is to move up to Keeper of the Balls and head of Ball Pressure Maintenance, as soon as he learns how to read a pressure gauge. Bo also reports that he has made friends with some of the players, all of whom, though, wish to remain anonymous at this time.

There have, however, been reports recently emanating from Huron in the past few weeks, though, that every evening at dusk, out behind McCormick school, a dim form can be seen practicing place kicking and punting. The Browns’ first team field goal and extra point man, Travis Coons, had already gone down and was succeeded by second stringer Patrick Murray, who was placed on injured reserve after a tough Friday practice injury and hammer toe. In turn, he was succeeded by a sign-on-Saturday-kick-on-Sunday wonder who hopped off the plane just before game time, and in time to miss three field goals in a tough loss to the Ravens. Poor Tom, all that practice and still no one taking notice. No pass, now no punt, no kick! No respect, absolutely no respect for the 1970 Huron McCormick Middle School winner of the Punt, Pass, and Kick contest!

Perks, though, do come with the job. Though Bo has taken no snaps, he has shagged errant practice field goals and punts. He has polished name plates on lockers, then received free cokes and used jerseys in return from “Mean” Joe Thomas. He has listened in to game strategy sessions, filched a field pass to gain entrance to the sidelines on game day, and is on a first name basis with many of the players. (Still has one, though, that insists on referring to him as Tom Boy! With a 250 lb. weight difference, Tom endures.) We are still awaiting a team signed ball - fully inflated - for our high school trophy case. Finally, he has been guaranteed near-in parking for game days, free admission to the Dog Pound after half time, and a Super Bowl Ring when the Brownies win it all. He has also been promised a seat on the float when the City of Cleveland rolls out a mid-January parade to celebrate a perfect season, 0-16. Bo is seen daily practicing his Miss America wave from his spot on a bar stool in the Donut Shop. Unfortunately, he had to return the Tom Bollenbacher bobble heads that were scheduled to be given away after his first win this season.

Class of '86

Thirty years out and they are looking good! The Class of '86 met of an evening in the Upper Room at the Rusty Oar, the former Twine House, to renew friendships and share their hopes for a continued future of successes. The crowd was large, energetic, and truly welcoming to all. All made it home ok!



Steve Smith and Dorthea Smith, Toni Netherland Macioce, '00, John Macioce, John Majoy, and Paula Broughton Kesler.



Lori Mullins, Kris Penwell, Aimee Patsch, Missy Majoy Schaffer, and Sarah Lagando.



Terri Fowler, Jan Harris, Kris Penwell, Tom Craft, Russ and Dr. Kim Chase Brennan, Tanya VanEitzen, Steve Smith, and Pam Kaczor Burris



Betsy Wright Luipold and Tracy Stevens Harris



Claudia and Jeff Santee



Deb Novotny Gillett and Toni Howett Dukes



Mark and Janet Braidech, Tamie and Jim Kopp



Jeff Wolf, Christine Shupe Swint, Beth McFee Grieves, Abby Steinmetz



Ron Scott, '83, and Don Grieves, '85



Beth Pfefferle Sharp, Jill Halter Scott, and Carolyn Schreck Mitchell

The Impossible Is Possible

What do you do if, in the depths of January, on a lonely country road late at night, you run out of gas? You could sit and wait for help, but at 3 AM, not hardly! You could walk to the nearest light, but it's already blindingly dark with a raging blizzard outside. So you sit in your car and wait, and next week, when highway crews finally open up your road, they find your body. Far fetched? Hardly. It happens every year somewhere in America, many times, in fact.



Something similar to that occurred on New Years Eve week-end of 2014 when Kevin Houdeshell, a diabetic, ran out of his insulin at the wrong time of the week, on a holiday no less.. Upon trying for refills at his drug store, he was rebuffed because the law required a new doctor's prescription be written. Calls to his family doctor on the holiday weekend also were to no avail. After failing to show up for work later after the holiday, he was discovered dead at his home. He left his three siblings and their children and his parents, Judy and Dan Houdeshell, '65.

Kevin's was a needless death, entirely preventable had the law allowed for emergency, even short term, dispensing of emergency medications in such cases. And pharmacists could hardly be blamed for protecting their pharmacist license, what with so many attempts to game the system by the unscrupulous trying to procure meds illegally for their own use or for profit.

After coming to terms with Kevin's untimely and unnecessary death, his parents embarked upon a personal crusade, thought impossible by some, to have the law righted. Working together with their Congressman and Senator, they lobbied for a change in language, attended hearings, and helped shepherd a bill through the Ohio State Legislature. Their efforts were rewarded when SB 141 passed in June of 2015 and HB 188 was passed and subsequently signed into law on December 22, 2015, by governor John Kasich. What a wonderful Christmas gift, albeit too late for Kevin.

The law provides that pharmacists may, without fear of prosecution, fill an expired prescription with an emergency supply in cases of medical emergency when the prescribing doctor cannot be reached. Since the so-called Kevin's Law passed in Ohio, Florida has also seen the light, and Governor Rick Scott sign their version of Kevin's Law legislation on April 14 of this year. Similar law changes are in the works, the Houdeshells say, in Pennsylvania and New York. Several Midwest states have followed suit. Lest one think the law applies to diabetics only, others with life threatening diseases that depend upon timely administering drugs will also benefit. Asthma patients, people with heart disease or high blood pressure, as well as those suffering from epilepsy or COPD are also eligible to take advantage of this law in emergencies. Narcotics and pain medications are exempt from the law, though.

Today the effort to spread the word and get similar laws enacted in all states continues. If you believe that lives are worth saving, whether in snow storms or medical emergencies, look up what is happening in this regard in your state and help promote the cause by contacting your legislator(s).

"Howdy's" mother Judy probably said it best. She had found something that Kevin had written years earlier in school and shared it: *Live your life in the present like every day is your last. This is all about leaving your mark. To leave this world knowing we've made a difference, knowing that we will be remembered.* "This law is Kevin's legacy. It's what he would have wanted," says Judy. Amen, we say! Hopefully many more lives will now be saved. Make sure that his legacy law is in place in your state if it is not already.



Dan Houdeshell testifies to advance enactment of "Kevin's Law" in Ohio.

HELP!

The class of '77 is having difficulty finding current contact information for the following classmates as part of their planning for their summer reunion. If you can help them locate any of the following, please contact Deb Gadd Schacher at djoz325@yahoo.com.

Gina Decaro, Lois Gillis Brown, Tracy Hille, Bill Schlette, Fred Behnken, Julee Boswell, Terri Daniel, Kerri Daniel, Robert David, Janice Dimitt, Paula Duffey Eckert, Sherri Duncil Vladiff, Kane Durfey, Debra Eaton, Rhonda Garlock, Micki Geringer Brownell, Laura Gilbert, Barry Gilhuly, Jeff Gnidovec, Roger Hahn, Geoff Hall, Roberta Hines, Beth Helfrich Rothgeb, Russell Hoover, Mark Miller, John O'Hara, Dawn Rainger Travalini, Doug Reilly, Steve Rhode, Jerry Rodgers, Lori Sender, Debbie Shircavage Zaborny, Bill Simsa, Bob Starkey, Donnie Valentine, Mac Williams, Jody Winkler, Steve Woodfall, Doug Wright, Timothy Williams

Look Who Stops By



John Paul Jones, '73, (L.) recently moved from Florida back to Huron and is enjoying his return. He is fully engaged with the Huron Playhouse these days, has become a Cleveland Indians fan once again but draws the line with the Browns.

Rev. Mark Engle, '73, also stopped by for a visit over RiverFest. He is founder and spiritual leader of Gateway Church, aligned with the Anglican Church and located in Canton, Ohio. For an interesting biography, google Mark and learn of his spiritual journey over the past 37 years. Fascinating read!

The Auble clan stopped by at RiverFest time to celebrate a coronation. Present were the matriarch, Priscilla Auble, with her granddaughter, Queen Cassie Battiste, and the Queen Mother, Jan Auble Battiste, all in front. Then from the left were Kathy and Matt Auble with daughter Grace, with Bob Battiste hiding behind Jan. On the right stand Josh Battiste, Marc Auble, Kevin Lally with daughter Lexi, Carol Auble Lally and Doug and Susan Auble Bartyzal on the end.



Photo courtesy of John Paul Jones, '73

Tall Ships



Occasionally Huron remembers its storied shipbuilding past when the Tall Ships invade the Great Lakes once again. Crowds drop their texting and surfing long enough to wander down to the beaches and waterfronts to observe them passing by. Better yet if they would dock along the river and folks could dream once again of Showboat and Twine House days.

Not to be, though. Yes, the ships did their part again this summer over Labor Day weekend. Except they docked in Sandusky. Oh well, some folks did stand on Huron's beaches and pier and waved, but no volley of cannon salutes in return. Instead, these timbered behemoths continued slowly to the Jackson Street Pier in Sandusky where folks carted their families to enjoy the view, board a few, and let the kids touch the giant wheel and pretend to be Pirates of the Caribbean. (Yes, some entrepreneur was selling eye patches!) Aaaargh! Maybe next year.



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What's New at Huron High

Tiger Union

Hear the words student lounge and you could be forgiven if you pictured kids lying around on couches, munching on chips and sipping pop, yakking away with one another, arranging their weekend dates - anything but studying - and all on school study hall time! That may have been true in your time, but not today. In October, the high school held an open house to show off its new version of a student lounge, one miles away from any previous notions that you may have harbored. It's the new Tiger Union.

Last year a group of students and teachers approached the administration about providing a space for a student lounge. A heap of planning and writing up guidelines followed until the authorities were satisfied. In short, what followed was



“Welcome!” says this new entry to the former high school library area. College recruiters can meet with seniors here. The guidance counselor's new digs lie behind the curtained window on the right, with the bright, welcoming area creating an upbeat aura.

not so much a lounge but a more modern work space for students, a student union, if you will. But where to locate it? Silly question. Why not re-purpose the high school library? After all, it was a mere skeleton of its former self. Students don't use books to research any more. They go up on line. So, except for the books required

for English department literary studies, of course, the collection of books languished, receiving only a monthly dusting, with an occasional tome being used to prop open the north library doors. Settled. Use the library. So an arrangement was worked out that the school's book collection would be housed in the public library's space and on call for students desiring to check out anything for reference or leisure reading. That was the easy part. Next was the design of the space and how to furnish it.

Feelers were put out for professional help to design, paint, and furnish the available space. Estimates came in at between \$40 to \$60 thousand dollars. Whereupon art and technology design teacher, Patty Ryan, stepped forward to assume the role of design engineer. She did a marvelous job of laying out everything: from selecting the types, and then setting up the arrangement, of the furniture, to selecting the colors on the walls, to supervising the decorations. Her work kept the cost down to close to \$20 thousand dollars to remake the entire room. And what a job was done! The room features brightly colored furniture and painted walls, a layout that creates some intimate spaces wherein multiple types of activities can occur at the same time, and the latest in technology for students to use or for teachers to bring entire classes down to use. Many college dorms and student unions would kill for what Huron's students have.

And what about the students? They have bought into the regulations completely and utilize the space to the max. In order to incentivize the use and make the space a privilege to be earned, any 'C' average in any subject is a disqualifier. To maintain privileges, students must be current on all their work and assignments; failure to do so in any class and a teacher can have the privilege revoked until the student measures up. Students know that if there is any damage to any of the materials, they can also lose the privilege. So that may account for the fact that much of the furniture is done in white or light colors. The material permits only a simple swipe of a cloth to keep clean, and thus far no damage has occurred. The entire area is



High stools and work stations surround pillars where students can use the school's devices or their own to do their work. One almost expects to find a cappuccino-esspresso machine somewhere in the area! But this is a no nonsense, no food or drinks allowed area.

one in which students are self-policing, and they have accepted the challenge and the responsibility.

In the one corner of the space is a kind of theatre, tiered seating arrangement with seats three rows high. This permits a teacher to bring in an entire class and have them all sit closely enough to hear both the teacher and one another to facilitate discussions. At the same time students can be using another part of the rather large room to do their work on computers or simply collaborate on projects. An opposite corner contains a charging station and cabinet full of notebooks for students to check out for research and writing. From the north wall hangs a large screen display monitor on which teachers can present lessons. Students can also display right from their own devices their material on the same screen, at a teacher's request, to share with the entire class their work. Imagine the wonders of technology as it interfaces with the teacher-student relationship!

So what are the results of this new facility thus far? First, the public library actually reports increased usage of the books being checked out for reading and research. Go figure that one out! Then student traffic to the space has increased usage as

well. Many of our students currently attend Firelands College for classes during school hours, but instead of going home after those classes, they return to use the Tiger Union and collaborate with both other students and teachers on projects. Fewer students use the cafeteria study hall during their study periods, preferring instead to go to the lounge and sit upon more comfortable couches and chairs and do their work in an environment that is quieter and not subject to interruptions – people constantly entering the front doors, pans bouncing off the floor in the kitchen just off the cafeteria, or the band practicing across the quad in what used to be the former shop area.

Bottom line is that this is a long needed addition to the learning environment. Too bad some of you who were lobbying for just such a facility at least thirty or more years ago chose to be born to the wrong parents at the wrong time. Maybe on the matter of choosing your eventual nursing home soon you'll have better luck!



The white sectionals here can be re-arranged to form a circle for more face-to-face discussions. Still perfectly white after all these weeks!

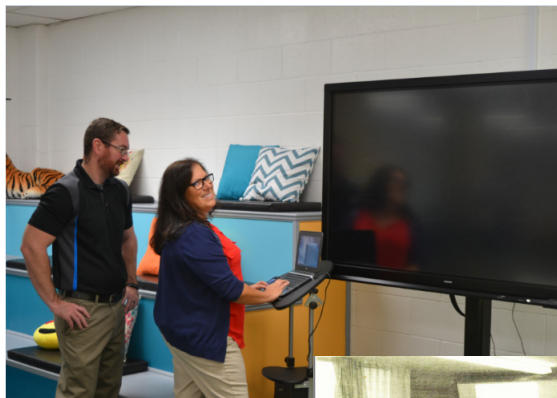


The more modern lighting, bright, cheery colors and soft textured furniture creates a sense of warmth and welcome, a place more conducive to study and learning. Perhaps like a student bedroom at home - but not quite as messy!



Students are hard at work during class time and not just play-acting for the photographer. Would you believe, not a single Smartphone or game in sight!

Mrs. Patty Ryan prepares to demonstrate for Matt Asher how to transfer images from students' hand held devices to the large screen TV. That way they can share their homework and gain valuable feedback.



Meanwhile, in this 1956 b/w photo, Mrs. Kurko demonstrates, in her "Classroom of Tomorrow," the then-latest technology, an overhead projector! (Some of you '68 grads are in this picture. Squint a little more!)



A Rotary Connection

Every community has service oriented organizations in which individuals voluntarily share various talents to improve conditions within their cities and towns. Huron is no exception, with a Rotary, Kawanis, and Lions Club, and numerous church affiliated organizations as well. What all suffer from, though, is a steady stream of younger blood to pick up when more senior and retired folks can no longer perform their tasks.



Pictured here with one of the new lab chairs are some members of the Huron Rotary sponsored Interact Club: Kathy McNulty, Cassandra Dircks and Nathan Lehman.

The Huron Rotary, however, may be on the road to solving part of that problem. Last year the club, with guidance from

Rotary member Mr. Brian Moser, approached the Huron School Board and asked and received permission to establish a branch of Rotary to be called Rotary International Interact Club, the only purely service oriented club in the high school. Interested students were invited to join the organization and focus on service at three different levels: in the local community, within their school, and internationally. Various projects were undertaken last year and successfully enough to encourage the students to keep it going.

Student projects included organizing a father-daughter dance at Woodlands School, procuring thirty science lab stools for a high school science lab, and participating in Shelter Boxes and Share Boxes programs each year. The students learn how to organize their bake sales, car washes, and dances to raise funds to complete their projects. After all the fundraising last year, students were able to send Shelter Boxes to a national organization that distributes them to persons facing disasters of some sort and who are in need of the common, everyday supplies to keep a family functioning intact. Students never know specifically who benefits or where but derive satisfaction from just knowing that some needy family was helped. Share Boxes work a little differently in that students can at least designate the age and gender of the recipients of their goodie boxes, again designated for less fortunate children who otherwise would not be able to experience the joys of a holiday season somewhere.

A major project undertaken was to provide lab stools for the recently refurbished science laboratories. The original

stools were just that, three legged tall stools over which students draped their posteriors while working on lab experiments. If a lecture or demonstration were given in the lab, then there was no support for students' backs. Hence, a program was undertaken by the Interact Kids to raise enough funds for outfitting



at least one lab. Mr. Roger Blevins' classroom/lab was chosen because in his daily schedule he meets with the greatest possible number of students in the widest variety of courses. The chairs are of a modern design and cost in the neighborhood of \$1400 to supply the entire lab.

Millennials will forever live under the cloud of being dubbed the most pampered, spoiled, self-centered, lazy, (_____ fill-in-the-blank here) generation produced in America to date. Not so Huron's kids. They care about others, working hard to identify needs of other people and then hustle to raise the funds to meet those needs. They are working in the tradition of previous service organizations in the school and the example set by the Peer Classes of years past. Well done, Huron kids!

Commander Swanbeck's Challenge Coin

Upon his return to his alma mater for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Commander Brad Swanbeck, '95, USN, presented the school with a copy of his challenge coin. Naval ship commanders are permitted to have these coins made to present to other naval dignitaries or for special occasions. Brad serves as Commander of the nuclear submarine USS Montpelier. This coin will be displayed in the high school's trophy case as a sign of a worthy accomplishment for one of our grads and as an inspiration for today's students to always aspire to the highest. Is that a tiger on Brad's coin?



Dutch Holidays and Huron

Military style holidays in America are two: Memorial Day in May to remember those who did not return from battle, and Veterans Day in November to thank those who did return and are still with us. In addition, in July we celebrate the daring declaration made by our Founding Fathers that led to our war for independence from the Mother Country.

In the Netherlands, however, the three are seemingly wrapped together into two: May 5 to celebrate the end of WWII in Europe, and September 17th, Liberation Day. This latter is an annual celebration of the day on which began the liberation of Holland from German forces during WWII, though the date is a national holiday only every five years. This year the Dutch turned out again in force to help honor our own Dick Klein, '40.

On September 17, 1944, Dick participated in Operation Market Garden, an important attempt to clear the Nazis out of the Low Countries. The Allies, in June of 1944, had already successfully landed at Normandy with an eye to move from there on to Berlin and crush Hitler. Except that the Low Countries lay in the way. Hence, a need to clear Nazis from Holland and Belgium before moving east.



This flag flew from the first landing craft to land on Omaha Beach on D-Day and is treasured. It was unfurled so that the honorees could lay hands upon its tattered fringes and reconnect once again with heroic deeds.

Dick had enlisted in the army when the war began and then served as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division. He had already participated in the D-Day Normandy jump back on June 6, 1944, and then prepared to jump again for the Market Garden operations. Jump he did, on

September 17th, with the 101st Airborne, with their express mission to disrupt any Nazi attempts to counter attack against the Allied forces. Again, the Allies were successful, but not without determined fighting in the part of the Germans. During the operation, Dick was wounded in the leg and had to receive treatment in both Europe and then in America.

This year, at age 93 now, Dick and his wife June were invited to help the Dutch celebrate once again their liberation. The Dutch and Belgians especially revere this day and still share their jubilation with their liberators. Before the war they had declared neutrality, but the Germans ignored that in their push to capture France and the Low countries and then hopefully launch an attack on the British Isles. The Dutch especially suffered mightily during the war, enduring harsh treatment by the German occupiers, so when freedom was restored, they were most thankful. They continue to show their thanks in many ways.

Dick and June were invited to Holland with all expenses paid by Ambassadors and feted for about a week, all wrapped around the September 17th Liberation Day celebrations. They visited many of the sites where Dick and his outfit had served, were wined and dined, and had opportunities to talk with folks about the war and the changes since then. Why would the Dutch continue to do this nearly three quarters of a century after the fact? Until freedom is lost, most folks take it for granted. Lose it and folks wake up in misery. Regain it and folks are ecstatic and resolute in their commitment to never lose it again. "We shall never forget," they say.

More importantly to Dick, though, than all the dinners and ceremonies was a presentation to him and others like him of a Plaque of Appreciation from their government for these men's part in the liberation effort.



Dick has a whole box full of medals and ribbons and commendations received as a result of his service from 1942 – 1945. But nothing compares with the sincere heartfelt thanks from a grateful nation represented by this plaque.

We join the Dutch in thanking Dick and his ilk for their service. We also are mindful of those Huron men who did not return from the war and whose names are inscribed on another kind of plaque, the one before City Hall – fourteen in all.



The wait staff at their Dutch hotel learned that Dick and June's wedding date also fell on September 17. They created this memento out of paper roses and surprised the "honeymooners."

Hagy-Ford Picnic Tables Dedicated

Last year saw the unfortunate demise of two of Huron's beloved former teachers, Chris Ford and Jesse Hagy. The two had coached Huron's students, primarily in wrestling and basketball, for a combined total of over fifty years. Chris moved on to the collegiate level after leaving Huron, while Jess spent his entire 41 year career in Huron.

To honor the service of these two greats, the Class of '64 raised funds for the construction of the first two of many more picnic tables to come, to be used in the quad just off the student cafeteria and behind the teachers' lounge. During the warmer months of the school year, students can earn the privilege of fine dining outdoors around these tables. The tables followed the design of the older ones already in use in the area but were constructed of more



Lani Hum McKenight presents the wall plaque to principal Scott Matheny

and any more to come. Huron continues to honor her "Greats" in many ways!

who had made such a profound influence upon their lives. Their musings ranged from the comical to the tearful as they recalled the incidents that stood out from years past. The little things that coaches do as they form their relationships with their players, at the time they occur, may seem insignificant but can have profound effects upon their understudies, providing guidance and life-long lessons that are then passed on to future generations. We all, in this regard, truly stand upon the shoulders of those who have preceded us. It is good to have occasions such as this memorial and dedication ceremony to remind us of our roots and who helped make us what we are.

The ceremony inside the cafeteria that warm and humid afternoon being concluded, the group then repaired to the outdoors to view the tables. Having given their approval, they returned indoors to cut and consume the cake baked and decorated especially for the occasion. Many lingered long over refreshments to continue their reminiscing until the crowd gradually broke up. None left, however, without having their spirits as well as their bodies refreshed from a pleasant hour or two of remembering their past and those who helped mold and guide them to where they are today.



modern treated lumber. So that future generations of students would remember the contributions of the two great coaches, a plaque has been mounted in the top of each table. The center 2x8 board of each table was routed out slightly in an oval shape, then a memorial plaque was placed inside each oval, and a final epoxy was poured over each to preserve the images forever. The epoxy contains a UV protector so that the images should not fade under the sunlight.

A wall plaque, similar in design to that placed inside each table top, was also created. It will be mounted on the windbreak wall just outside the cafeteria door opening out to the quad, so that all who leave the building and enter the picnic area will be aware of the two being honored now



Alex Swain Anthony and Rod Swain, the Hagy grandchildren, attended and spoke of Jesse and Lynn's influence upon their lives.

In June, many members of the class and also former wrestlers and players returned to the school for a dedication ceremony of these tables. The organizers - Carolyn Rudy and Leslie Callahan Foxworth, had invited members of both the Ford and Hagy families to return and as many as were available did - Chris's widow Georgene Ford and his daughter and son-in-law did, as well as Jesse's two grandchildren, Rod Swain, '05 and Alex Swain Anthony, '06. They spoke of the contributions each coach had made to the school and community. Then followed to the microphone a parade of former pupils and players to pay tribute to the two men

Mistress of Ceremonies, Carolyn Rudy, directs the program.



Leslie Callihan Foxworth leads the group in an introductory prayer.



Doug Wentz entertains the group with tales of his days at practices under Coach Ford - almost literally!



Jim Mellein shares his experiences with the coaches.



“Deacon” Bob Barnes asks for an ‘Amen!’ as he calls down the Spirit upon the crowd while spinning his yarns of days spent with coach Hagy and Ford.



Family, classmates, team members, and friends all gather around to show off the table’s center board with the embedded plaque in tribute to the two Huron coaches. Georgene Ford and her family stand on the left, the Hagy grandchildren are hiding in the left rear, and classmates and friends fill out the rest of the scene.

Energizer Bunnies Update

On warm summer evenings, retired teachers tend to turn out for a reunion much better than on chilly fall nights. Must have something to do with the bones. This year's summer celebration was held in early August at a poolside potluck. All turned out except those whose grandkids live in states not called Ohio. We understand the dilemma.

Early arrivals had plenty of time to chat with one another about their latest escapades and their upcoming adventures. Prize for distance traveled probably went to Dave and Loree Brown who happened to be in town from their Florida residence. Prize for the oldest to turn out had to be shared among Jim Seiple, Dick Klein, and Tom Heckelman, all in their 90's now, though some more lately than others. Tom turned 90 only in November; for some time now, Dick and Jim have been enjoying crossing that threshold while still in good health. Attendees also

had a chance to become acquainted with the new high school principal and his wife and two of their five children – who promptly declared the pool too cold for a longer dip after their first dive. Principal Tim Lamb and his wife Kelly Dwight, both St. Mary's grads, fitted easily into the group, as they have been raising their family in Huron for years.

Each retiree had brought in more than enough food for the size of the group. But they enjoy sharing their favorite seasonal dishes, and more than a little bragging occurs. Besides, they know Tony is going to attend, Mr. Aloysius Snuffleupagus himself, so they must attend to his needs.

So what do these old timers talk about when they gather each time? For one thing, it's definitely not about school or former students. With that off that table early now, what other topics can there be? First, they concentrate on their pride

and joys, their kids and grandkids, then on their recent travels, followed by the work they still do volunteering around their communities and the enjoyment from their hobbies, now that they have the time. Occasionally a few will huddle in conversation over the latest book they may have read together. If prodded, they will talk about what ails them, but only if the recent knee or hip replacement has allowed them to return to their favorite activities. No feeling sorry for oneself in this group! Definitely off the table are political topics. The brother and sisterhood refuses to be torn asunder by any clown shows occurring nationally.

It's always with gladdened hearts that they eventually depart, usually a tad before the sun goes down. They always look forward to rejoining again in the dead of winter, if late January provides favorable weather. If not, that's why God invented President's Day! See you all then.



Alea Dahnke, Tom Heckelman and Kim Bowers all chat about Tom's upcoming birthday. Tom turned 90 on November 18.



Bob Bowers, hiding in the background, Dave Brown, Jim Seiple, Tony Munafo, and Nancy Freitas, secretary to Rockie Larizza and Lynn Studer



Dino Caporini chats with Kelley Lamb.



Paul Dahnke and Ed Boose, '62, explain some mathematical intricacies to principal Tim Lamb.



Now here's a rowdy table of Jack Busam, Tom Kirby, Judy Pflieger, and Kathy Kirby



Don Pflieger, and Dick and June Klein strike a more relaxed pose, just watching the rest of the "kids."



Joanne and Marshall Morgan enjoy the evening and stay dry while doing so.



The metropolis of Milan was represented as Judi Horchler discusses her next projects with Marilyn and Tom Knechtges.



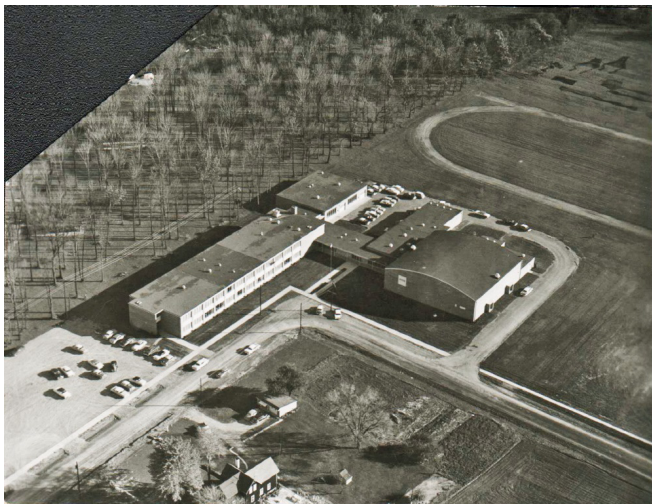
Loree Brown, Dave's wife, and Barb Schenberger catch up.



Tom Kirby, '69, poses with his wife, Kathy "Betty Crocker" Kirby, who then trades seats with Nancy "Moms" Freitas, former main office secretary to Rockie Larizza and Lynn Studer.

You Know You Are From Huron If You Are Homesick For:

This page is a kind of *Tottle's Miscellany* of pictures that Huron folks have sent in from around town and school at various times in her history and also stories submitted by them about matters ancient - but memorable to at least one person. Just do enjoy, and if you are out of town and homesick, then get yourself back for a reunion once in a while!



TOM ROOT AIR PHOTOS
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Tom Root, aerial photographer in the area for decades, took this picture in 1958 as the present Huron High was brand spanking new. The Kaman-McGraw home is clearly visible in the lower center and the woodlot that would eventually become Village Green is on the left. Just a running track was located where the stadium is today. Football was still played behind McCormick Middle School on the field that houses today's soccer program. Few students drove to school, and even fewer received cars as graduation presents. Gauge the size of the faculty at that time by the number of cars parked to the rear of the school. Mary Windau was still hoofing it back in the day.

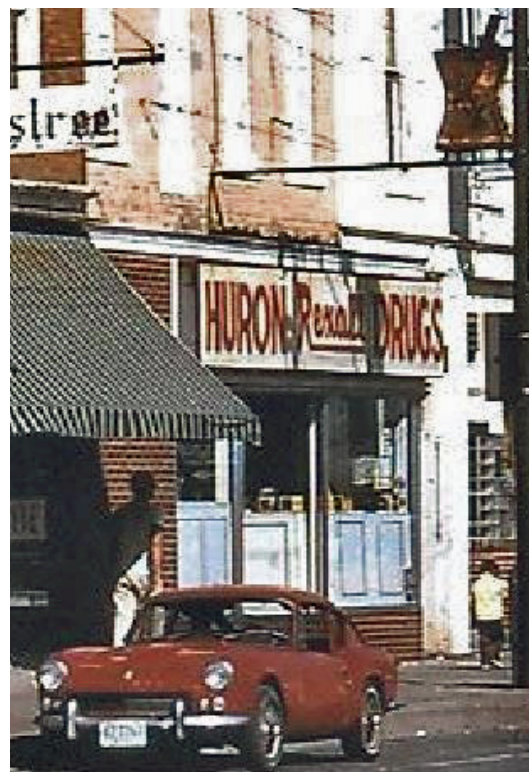
Happy Days

Before there was Arnold's, Huron had its Rexall Drug store, with Stan "Arnold" Dickhaut and daughter Doresa serving up the Isaly's ice cream. The Fonz there wasn't, but some of the local bikers probably thought they were. Richie was every gal's heartbreak at the old Ohio Street School, and Joanie was cheerleading every Friday night on the field behind the school. And "Potsie"? Probably a Huron Playhouse dropout.

One of the centers of teen life in Huron's 50's and 60's, Dickhaut's was a favorite place to get ice cream - cones, sodas, shakes, sundaes, all made on a homemade ice cream and custard machine Stan and wife Hilda had brought from Berea. Stan delighted in experimenting with different flavors. Chocolate sauce he whipped up in a kettle on a hot plate in the back room. As the trade grew and Stan's time was more valuable on the pharmacy side, he contracted with Isaly's to provide the ice cream. He added tables and chairs, then later a few booths, and finally stools only at the counter where kids could watch their orders being made up.

Fountain favorites were the usual cokes, flavored, of course, with two straws for him and her. Ice cream delights included double dipped cones, hand packed pints and quarts, shakes of every flavor, sundaes and malts, and banana splits heaped high with three flavors, nuts, whipped cream, and crushed nuts - all topped off with maraschino cherries - two spoons please! How many marriages came of these shared experiences back in the day!

(Information provided by Doresa Dickhaut Jones, '48, now living in NYC.)



It's still cranking out the amps behind Woodlands School, squeezing the juice out of Lake Erie's winds and helping to power the school. Over the past decade, the wind turbine has saved the schools tens of thousands of dollars that are better used elsewhere in the system for students.

The John J. Boland in Huron wintering over about 1972. We still have a freighter moored here for another year. Nice, though!



Remember the days of your youth, when evening TV shows were all in grainy black and white, and so on hot summer evenings the family would walk down to the waterfront to watch the ore boats either coming in or going out and maneuvering the turn almost into the dock on the river in front of the old twine house - before the restaurant there was invented? And afterwards, if dad had any change in his pockets, remember how he could be prevailed upon to trudge over to the root beer stand with kids in tow, and buy them nickle cones? Such simple days!



And now, this rusting old ore boat sits docked alone, awaiting its next assignment, and bringing back a taste of that old nostalgia - without the excitement of watching a turn, though. The thing hasn't moved now in over two years, but we can't complain. The Hewletts are gone, so the view has improved. The clanking of car loads being dumped into holds is gone, and on restful evenings, only the squawking gulls break the silence. Peaceful, yes, but sometimes, just for a moment, one longs for the noise, the lost jobs, the excitement, and a more peaceful past. But then the cell phone beeps a notice, we read a text, and yesterday slides even further into yesteryear, and we move on. Perhaps, as the poet says, we have "forfeited [our] ancient . . . dower of inward happiness."



A view from a bridge. Ever have the feeling sometimes that Huron is a kind of New England coastal village, plopped ages ago on this North Coast by its English ancestors who helped found the Firelands? This sense is never more evident than in late fall when, while driving westward across the bridge, one slows down for the full effect: the white steepled church in the background, lines of colorful maples staking out the residential areas, and the foreground of pleasure craft tied up at their moorings. An occasional gull breaks the silence, or the putt-putt of an old Evinrude on its last legs as a brave soul ventures out for his last mess of perch, hopefully. Some folks venture hundreds of miles east and north at this time of year for what we already have in our own backyard.

Every community needs a town center. Huron gave up hers back in the 60's with Urban Renewal. She has struggled valiantly to recapture that sense of time and place and identity for decades now, but maybe a little piece of what could pass for a town center was created this past summer when a village clock was installed on the banks above the boat basin. Entirely paid for by an anonymous donor, the time piece there stakes out a space which people can use as a reference point. It stands conveniently at the head of a newly constructed roadway that leads from Cleveland Road directly north and all the way out to the pier. (Sorry, driving to the light house is still not in the works.) Whether it lives up to its promise, though, is still up in the air and completely dependent upon any development that takes place in the lots newly created by the roadway. Time will tell. Count on it.



If you are returning to Huron after a rather long absence, don't rub your eyes. That gigantic bobber in the sky is for real, not a joke. It's just the water tower painted to look like a fishing bobber. And what cheap advertising for the city! The tower needed a painting anyway after many years had passed, so why not do so in a way that would advertise Huron's great fishing heritage? The tower was the correct shape, so with a little ingenuity, the company was able to make the proposed bobber a reality.

Now comes a problem. When the tower on the east side of town needs painting, what to do? That tower is a short, squat looking thing, more in the shape of an oval, a gigantic ostrich egg lying on its side. So how to paint that thing? Wind an ore boat around it? Profile a pregnant whale? Send us your suggestions and we will forward them to the city fathers and mothers. Who knows, when the time comes for the redo, maybe your idea will be up there for the world to see. Maybe even on Google Maps.



Homecoming 2016

Drew Gundlach, Brad Swanbeck, Paul Defazio, Nate Gimperling, Mike Stout, Chris Sudsina, Pat Cahill and Nancy Castanien Sudsina.



Abby McCoy, '04, and her significant other, Ryan Harrell chat with some old timers, Patty Bollenbacher, '74, and Don Grieves, '85.



Hall of Fame's newest members are introduced to the crowd at half time of the Homecoming Game: Kristy Bollenbacher Young and Abbey McCoy from the volley ball team of 2002, Don Grieves, Swanbeck, Dan Hunter, Pat Cahill, and Tony Legando.



Last year's court, Mike Huddleston and Katelyn Kreuger turn over their crowns to this year's pair or royalty, Colton Jenkins and Ashlyn Ohm .



The marching band and the cheerleaders put on quite a show for the crowds at each game.



Huron retains the Win-Oar for its Homecoming win over Vermilion.



Dan Hunter, (R.) is joined in celebrating his induction into the Hall of Fame by Art McIntyre, Jim Bollenbacher, “Sticks” Gioffre, and Jim Tann.



Sideline “assistant coaches” for the Homecoming game were Joe Fantozzi, ‘67, Ted Temper, ‘72, Joe “Skippie” Majoy, ‘74, and Jim Lenthe, ‘69.



Never know who one might find hanging on the fence at a game. Here Tike Majoy escorts his brother-in-law, John Doyle, ‘60, home from California.



Coach Sam Hohler, ‘90, gives his final instructions to the team.

O my Gawd! Lynn Studer is captured recently in Bluffton SC while dining at a local pizzeria. Mathematically challenged, he had ordered a 16 inch super pizza instead of something more manageable. Dawn didn’t care, though, as it was less cooking at home - for the rest of the week for him!



Both Studers are doing well in the sunny South. They keep fit with their workouts. Lynn still chases golf balls around a course, though he has given up driving for a limo company. Golf carts are his speed now. They send their best to all their Huron friends. And Brutus, too.



The band struts its stuff in their new uniforms, under the direction of Chris Scherley.

More Hall of Fame Pictures



Quite a bit of experience here, both football and basketball. Tom Hetrick, Tony Munafo, Sr., Sticks Gioffre, and Tony Legando.



Paul Ward has been known to coach and Bill Needham's reputation is legendary in the area.



Almost a century of track coaching and officiating here: Dave Wilber and Bill Scott.



A gaggle of Swanbecks, Huron grads all: Mitch, '69, Ray, '62, Cmdr. Brad, '95, John and Tina Yacavone Swanbeck, '69.



Some of the West family present: Steve, Brian, and Megan with her significant other.



Dan Hunter chats with Bill and Deborah O'Hara



Denise and Chuck Knight and Regina and Dan Hunter catch up on old times.



Ed and Mary Taylor, Aren Wennes, Karen and Mac Lehrer, Tom and Laurie Legando, and Drew Legando all celebrate with Tony Legando.



Kristy Bollenbacher Young, Abbey McCoy, Lydia Souter Rapson, Coach Don Wood, Sarah Wilber Thompson, and Amy (and Amelia) Gioffre Clouse all share the spotlight one more time in memory of that event-

NOMINATIONS for the Athletic Hall of Fame are accepted at any time. The selection committee meets in March to choose that year's inductees and notifies them. The names of those not chosen remain on file and are reconsidered in future years. If the person you nominated is not selected, therefore, you do not have to resubmit a nomination in future years. Nomination forms may be obtained from the high school athletic director. Stop in if you live in town and if out of town, just send your request to the Athletic Director at Huron High School and you will receive a copy either in the mail or by email if you send in your email address.

Class of 77



Next year is this class's big 40th, so they faithfully meet about once a month to catch up and plan for the Big One. Stay tuned, classmates, as they are fixing to do it up BIG! As in YUUUUGE!



Birthday girls Julie Parthemore, center, and Shiela Stallard, right, celebrated their same-day birthdays with classmates. Julie Mingus Kogle stands by in case the bonfire on the cake gets out of hand.

Class of 96



The patio at Thunderbird North found this group of '96ers enjoying their five-year get-together. Many needed their parents' babysitting services, as they are well into parenting and careers by now. Don't look now, guys, but next time you meet, the age-ometer will be flipping over for you.

Class of '06



Some of the youngest of our grads, these "kids" have now finished their studies, have embarked upon their careers, and are beginning to marry and start their families. In five, we hope to see more of them gather to celebrate their accomplishments.

Back Row: Lindsay (Bettcher) Kunimura, Angela Gundlach, Ayla Briggs, Alex (Swain) Anthony, Amanda Chicotel, Jared Gadd
Front Row: Jessica Dempsey, Morgan (Jensen) Aldridge, Sarah Majoy, Corey Aldridge, Tony Woods

Class of '65



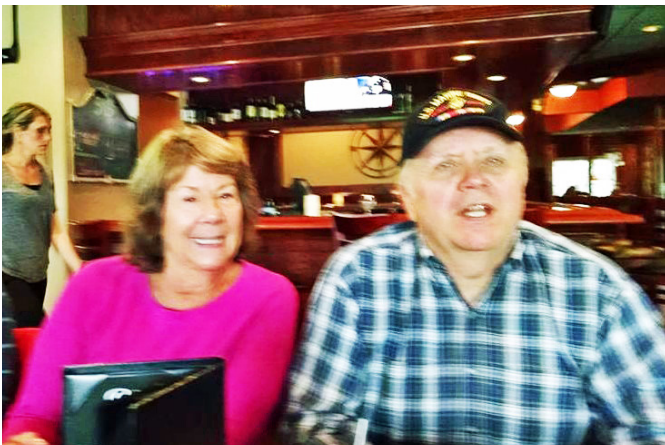
Dan and Judy Houdeshell. Ever the avid Indians fan, Dan's team had a rough ending in the October classic with the Cubs. Dan and his dad invented the Cleveland trademarked motto "Wait till next year!"



Linda Baxter Miller and husband Bob share stories with Char O'Hara.



Betty Jo Gioffre and Brian Molnar catch up.



Class whippers-in, Marcia Gockstetter Lapp and Norm Bostater

The Class of '65 tries to meet every month or so, usually in a different venue, sometimes even in Florida - they have long since given up ice fishing.

In addition to the Huron locals, in the past they have drawn classmates from the Cleveland, Avon Lake, Oak Harbor, Sandusky, and Norwalk areas. They invite all their classmates to attend these luncheons and share in the camaraderie over a pleasant meal to catch up on their lives.

The ring master is Dan Houdeshell. If you are interested in joining the group at their future gatherings, contact him at danhowdy@centurytel.net for the latest time and venue. You'll be glad you did.

(Photos this page courtesy of Norm Bostater on his FB page.)



Dale Anglin and his significant other stopped by to chat also.

Signs Up!

As part of this past Memorial Day's celebration, a solemn memorial and dedication ceremony took place at Huron High School to honor our most recent graduates to have given their lives in service to their country. Remembered were three of our young men who were lost in the Vietnam conflict: James Fekete, Terrence Mesenburg, and James Baumer, as well as a young man lost in the Mideast Conflict, Michael Finke. Dedicated were highway signs to be placed at three interchanges on the Huron Rt. 2 Bypass and the walk-over bridge behind the stadium. The signs were made possible through the efforts of Senator Randy Gardner who had sponsored a bill in late 2015 that was eventually passed and then signed into law by Governor John Kasich. The signs arrived at Huron High on the morning of the ceremony but were too large to bring inside, so they were displayed proudly on the front lawn of the high school instead. This summer and fall three of the signs were erected at the proposed sites. The fourth, that honoring Mike Finke, took two forms. A small plaque in his honor has been attached to each end of the bridge so that those walking across may recognize him. The signs to be erected along the highway have been held up for good reason. The city has been installing a "Michigan J" type of crossover on each side of the four lane highway as it passes under the walkover. It did not make sense to erect the signs, then have to take them down for construction and then replace them. As this is being written in late November, construction is winding down, and hopefully by the end of the year, the last of the signs will be installed.

So while the official designation of this stretch of the Route 2 highway is the Jackie Mayer Highway in honor of Sandusky's former Miss America, we will all know that at least parts of it are dedicated to the memory of four Mistery America, Huron men who willingly placed themselves in harm's way at the cost of their lives in service to America.



Senator Randy Gardner attended an August school board meeting to commend Huron's students for their engagement and attentiveness during the May dedication ceremony of the signs. At a luncheon following the ceremony, the Senator remarked that in his many years attending various events in the public schools, he had never witnessed such an attentive and respectful student body. He was very moved by the students' demeanor and felt they deserved public recognition.



Scholarship Opportunities

Every year, Huron students benefit greatly from the generosity of numerous individuals and organizations at scholarship time. Annually, when all the scholarships earned are totaled, Huron's students usually reap in excess of \$1,000,000. These totals always include, of course, scholarships awarded by the various colleges who have accepted the cream of Huron High's crop. Your Association is happy to be part of this movement, but we can do better and will.

At the present time we help maintain six named scholarships, a general scholarship fund, and an educational foundation. You can help Huron students with a contribution to any of these funds. And remember that any contribution of any size is tax deductible for those who itemize on their 1040 tax returns.

Scholarship Fund Contributions

| <u>General Scholarship Fund</u> | | | |
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| '70/'71 | Tim and Julie Sowecke | Huron | OH |
| <u>Jess and Lynn Hagy Memorial Scholarship</u> | | | |
| '05 | Rod Swain | Columbus | OH |
| '60 | Parmalee Jones Jr. | Huron | OH |
| '54 | Sandy Roderick Gordon | Wan Wert | OH |
| <u>Tom Shontz Memorial Science Scholarship</u> | | | |
| '84 | Betsy Chapin Wiedenheft | Efland | NC |
| <u>Language Arts in Memory of Larry Zimmer</u> | | | |
| | Roberta Hartung | Huron | OH |
| <u>Tanny Vonthron Memorial Scholarship</u> | | | |
| 70/'71 | Tim and Julie Sowecke | Huron | OH |
| <u>Dolores Heydinger Memorial Scholarship</u> | | | |
| '70/'71 | Tim and Julie Sowecke | Huron | OH |
| '8/'89 | Molly and Kerk Ryan | Huron | OH |
| <u>Richard Wennes Memorial Scholarship</u> | | | |
| '85 | Lynn Andrews | Lynn | NH |
| <u>Huron Educational Foundation</u> | | | |
| '83 | Theresa McNea | Lakewood | OH |
| '48 | Doresa Dickhaut Jones | New York | NY |

Huron Educational Foundation

The Huron Educational Foundation has been quietly carrying on its business this past year, gradually growing its endowment. Thanks to the generosity of our graduates, the value of the corpus has increased by almost 20% in the past year. Much of this has been in small contributions to our various funds. However, generous donors have made legacy commitments to our future as well. We applaud the generosity of all who have participated thus far and encourage more of our alumni to look at us as well.

As we approach the end of the year, we remind all that the Foundation is a tax exempt organization for IRS purposes. Your contribution, should you make it by December 31 of this year, will be completely deductible if you itemize on your Form 1040 tax return. Only God and Donald Trump know whether charitable deductions will be deductible in future years under the various tax reform plans promoted since the November presidential election. This may be a good year for you - and us - to consider making a commitment to the Foundation.

If you would like to establish a named memorial scholarship to honor an individual, a family, a cause, we can help you in your planning. A memorial of this type is entirely guided by you, the donor. You name it, you stipulate any conditions for making awards such as the amount, the eligibility requirements, the programs which you support and so on. You fund the memorial, we invest it through our endowment, and you then enjoy the knowledge that your wishes will be carried out in perpetuity. Just contact us, and advisors from Merrill Lynch, our investment counselors, will be happy to assist you.

The latest person to create a named scholarship within our Foundation is Doresa Dickhaut Jones, '48, of NYC. Doresa began the Dickhaut Family Scholarship in honor of her parents who operated the Rexall Pharmacy and Isaly store in downtown Huron for years. Students pursuing a pharmacy career will be helped because of Doresa's generosity. We thank all who have contributed for your generosity in the past, and we look forward to hearing from you as we continue to grow for the future benefit of the Huron City Schools and her students.

Classnotes

Glenn Schenk, '89, had an article published recently in the Counter Terrorist Magazine, his first publication. He is in law enforcement, presently serving with the Bay View OH police department, and in the article takes a look at the reasons why all of a sudden the police departments have become the bad guys. It's an interesting, well researched article indulging in many psychological and sociological explanations for this phenomenon and the breakdown in respect for police authority in this country. Very well written also! Glenn has been an instructor for ten years in police academies, twenty-three of them, in fact with over 5000 hours of instruction delivered to date.

Angela M. Gerber, '98, graduated from University of Toledo in May with a Master of Science in Nursing. She has completed requirements for licensure as a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and is employed at a family practice clinic in Toledo.

Eric Mentis, '12, graduated from the Ohio State Patrol Academy on September 30 and has been assigned to serve at the Sandusky post of the Patrol. Congratulations, Eric!

Susan Folger, '04, graduated this summer from Miami University of Ohio with her PhD in clinical psychology. She will be doing a post-doctoral year at University of Delaware this coming year. She hopes to return to Ohio in a year, with a job! Brother **Tim Folger**, '08, graduated from BGSU with his Master's in Education.

Three former Huron football players have landed positions as coaches for the Tiffin Heidelberg Student Princes.



Brandon Jakubcin, '04, **Matt Grieves** and **Brian Fox**, both '05, are serving as Heidelberg's defensive and strength coaches. Brandon has been promoted to defensive coordinator, Matt is the defensive line coach, and Brian their strength and conditioning coach. The boys went 6 - 4 on the season so someone did something right! Best wishes to the trio as they continue the Huron legacy at the next level up.

Brandon, Matt, and Brian.

Matt Maloney, '02, had his major league pitching career ended after sustaining an injury requiring Tommy John surgery. Since his "retirement" from active duty after 12 years, Matt has been hired as a scout by the San Diego Padres with is primary responsibilities in the southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and southern Indiana-Illinois areas. His duties require him to watch countless ball games all year long – tough work if one can get it, but someone has to do it!

Congratulations to high school math teacher **Nathan Nemire**. Nathan has been recognized for his dedicated work as an educator. He has been selected as one of the 2016 Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Teachers and was recognized at the Annual Conference of the OCTM held in Sandusky, on October 27 & 28. It is a pleasure to thank and honor Nathan for his hard work and dedication! We just need to find this fine young man a wife now!

Ed Hastings, '90 was recently appointed to Chief Deputy of the Sandusky County Sheriff's Department in Fremont OH.



Congratulations to **Dave Brown**, '67, who was honored in November by the OIAAA (Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association) by being inducted into their Hall of Fame. Nominated by Tony Legando, '69, former HHS football coach, Dave had served two schools as athletic director in his career, Huron and Sandusky. Dave is known around the state for the high degree of professionalism he brought to his job and the degree to which he attended to the most minute details in making the athletic experience the best it could be for all athletes and their coaches. Ten fellow Huronites attended the ceremony, two pictured here with Dave.

Patrick "Sticks" Gioffre and Dave's mentor in the position, Dick Klein.

Engagements and Weddings

Justin Saunders, '06, and Sarah Giaco, a 2007 graduate of Norwalk St. Paul, were wed on June 18.

Jesse Miedema, '06, and Brett Buckner were wed on August 6 at Old Calvary Church in Sandusky. Jesse is a graduate of Radford University. Brett, a graduate of Christainsburg High School, also graduated from Radford University and Virginia Tech.

Michael Keeton, '07, and Ashley Romell, a 2009 Margaretta High School graduate, were wed on September 25. Michael is employed at Breckenridge Kitchen Equipment and Design in Huron. Ashley is self-employed.

Lisa Gioffre, '02, and David Klink of New Albany OH announced their intent to wed on March 18th. Lisa graduated from LCC as a dental hygienist and took her BA from BGSU in health and science. She works for a dentist. David did his work at Case Western and the Fisher school of business at OSU to become an investment banker, now with the Huntington Bank.

Zachary Basting, '06, and Jordan Ferrell of Perkins announced their engagement on October 16. Zach earned his Bachelor of Science degree at The University of Akron in Sports Management and is currently employed as a Community Outreach Specialist with the Erie County Department of Environmental Services in Huron. Jordan also took her Bachelor of Science Degree for The University of Akron in education and is employed as a kindergarten teacher with the Danbury Local Schools. The couple was wed on November 12.

Lindsay Bettcher, '06, and Steve Kunimura were wed on October 22 in Cincinnati OH. Lindsay is a 2010 graduate of Miami University while Steve graduated from the University of Cincinnati.



Obituaries

Betty "Boop" Bickley Mingus, '54, age 79, passed away on December 14, 2015 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Betty had begun her nursing degree but then home and family took precedence. She devoted her life to her family, to children, and to keeping her Class of '54 classmates together. She and her husband George also hosted reunions and blue grass festivals at Hickory Haven behind their home on Boos Road.



Lee Stierwalt, '60, age 73, of Colorado Springs CO, passed away on February 3 of this year. After graduation, Lee took degrees in chemistry and math, then served as chemist with Foremost Foods, chief lab tech with Scripps Clinic & Research and materials tester/chemist for Lincoln DeVore before securing a position with Colorado Springs Utilities as a chemist for the power plants analyzing materials such as coal and cooling water.



Donald "Kevin" Popke, '78, passed away on September 19 in Valico FL at age 56. Kevin had completed a career in the military as a jump instructor, a 1SG — an airborne Ranger in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.



Michael Beverly, '80, of Livingston TX, passed away at his home on September 18 at age 54. Mike had been president of G.B. Mfg. Co. until 1995. Since then he had enjoyed racing and RV'ing with his wife Heather.



Larry Pisano, '72, age 61, of Huron passed away at his home unexpectedly on June 21. A GM retiree, Larry enjoyed all things outdoors and being with family.



Kevin Gilday, '73, age 61, of Woodhaven MI, passed away on July 31.

Poppy Roth (Lee) Mischler, '92, age 42, passed away at Stein Hospice in Sandusky, nine months after suffering a stroke. After Poppy had received her masters degree from Case Western, she devoted the next fifteen years to her work as a clinical social worker, counseling families and especially troubled teenage girls as a mental health therapist.

Glenna Stone Burkett, '64, of Bradenton FL, passed away on July 7. She was the wife of Richard Burkett, '67, and mother of Randy Miller, '83.



Robert "Bobby" Grad, '99, age 35, of Henderson NV, unexpectedly passed away at home on July 17. Bobby had served in some of the finest restaurants in the world. After that he joined Wyndham Worldwide Vacation where he was a leader in marketing timeshares.

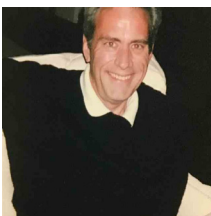


Louise Birkhold, age 76, passed away on August 9. Louise had taught in the Huron elementary level for many years before retiring. She was a devoted volunteer for the Huron Playhouse as well as numerous other area organizations.

Ruth Bonningson Deehr, '44, age 89, passed away at her home in Berlin Heights on August 10. Ruth was retired from the Berlin Heights Library.

Seth Hammond, '12, age 23, of Huron, passed away on October 14 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky. Seth was an employee of Wendy's in Huron.

Dale Terry, '74, age 60, of Huron, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, in University Avon Health Center after a brief illness. He owned and operated Terry's Taxi Service, Norwalk, and previously worked for John Hancock Financial Planning in Huron.



Lane Bettcher, '79, age 53, passed away on November 8 at Bayfront Health Center in St. Petersburg, Fla. Lane began his business career in marketing with Sam Stein and Associates, then moved into advertising for the family enterprise, Bettcher Industries. He ended his career there as director of the Food Service Equipment Division and was awarded many patents. He was an avid sportsman, as in boating, skiing, and golf, as well as a skillful model boat builder.

Diane Hermann Henney, '61, age 73, of Attica OH, passed away on November 21 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky after a short illness.



Kathleenn Toft Steinmetz, '75, of Kingsport TN, passed away at home on November 24 at the age of 59 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Kathy was a '77 graduate of the University of Toledo School of Nursing.

Recent Memberships

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| Jeanne Owen Buhler | Lynchburg | VA | 1947 |
| William Kaiser | Sagle | ID | 1948 |
| Dolly Doyle McCarthy | Sandusky | OH | 1949 |
| Rolland Hart | Sandusky | OH | 1955 |
| Ann Bostater Hart | Sandusky | OH | 1956 |
| William Spievak | Saginaw | MI | 1956 |
| Carolyn Moore Spievak | Saginaw | MI | 1956 |
| Rolland B Jackson | East Hampton | CT | 1956 |
| Karen Craig Parker | Cincinnati | OH | 1960 |
| George Ritzenthaler | Sandusky | OH | 1960 |
| Rose Iallonardo Gerber | Huron | OH | 1961 |
| Barbara Habick Uhl | Tiffin | OH | 1962 |
| Pam Nasby Runner-Perkins | Huron | OH | 1970 |
| Tim Sowecke | Huron | OH | 1970 |
| Julie Hetrick Sowecke | Huron | OH | 1971 |
| Betsy Chapin Wiedenheft | Efland | NC | 1984 |
| Lynn Andrews | Keene | NH | 1985 |
| Rod Swain | Columbus | OH | 2005 |
| Eric Mentis | Huron | OH | 2012 |
| Roberta Hartung | Huron | OH | Former Faculty |
| Lynn Studer | Bluffton | SC | Former Principal |

We thank all those who took the opportunity to either renew their membership this past summer or enroll for the first time. Your confidence in the future of your Association is much appreciated, and we will work to continue the progress we have made over the years.

A reminder that all renewals are due in December of each year. If you are in doubt whether your five-year membership is due, email us and we will let you know.

For those of you who have yet to commit to a membership in your Association, we ask you to consider doing so for this next year. Our commitment has always been to live entirely within our means, so that any future expansion of programs and outreach will be determined entirely by our paid membership base. Do your part to grow our base and help us reach out further to connect our graduates with their alma mater and with one another. Membership forms can be found inside the back cover.

Huron Tigers Band: Marching in Style

Last year the Huron Tiger Band Parents began a campaign to purchase new uniforms for the Tiger Marching Band. You can see for yourself what a fine job they did of selecting a modern looking, svelte design and how great the band members look in them as they strut their stuff on Friday nights and wherever else they are asked to perform.

But real thanks go out to all who answered the call to help in the funding. Uniforms for a band this size are not cheap, but many thanks are due to all who stepped forward to help make this new look a reality. The Tiger Band has earned a reputation in the area for its superior ratings each year at competitions. This new look can only enhance that reputation.

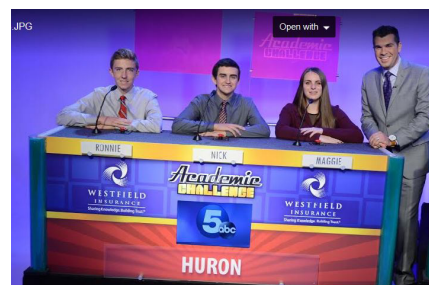
When next we report upon them, they will have competed at the district level and taken their usual superior rating. If you have never seen them perform, you need to get to at least one football game and observe their precision maneuvers, especially their Script Huron. Very impressive! Just no letter i to dot. Maybe, though, with all the Italians in town, for one night only, they could add an *i* to the end of the word? Dunno. Just saying.



The band struts its stuff and looks good doing it, proud to show off those new uniforms.



Academic Challenge



The Academic Challenge Team is having a very good year this school year. In October they competed in Cleveland at TV Channel 5 and won. Scores there are compiled, and at the end of the season, the three teams scoring highest are invited back for a championship round. Hopefully the Tiger team will have scored high enough to make that round. In the SBC competition, they are also doing very well. Under the leadership of science teacher Roger Blevins, they are working hard and aspiring to uphold the Huron tradition of coming out on top!

Band Christmas Concert

On the evening of December 12, the combined bands of Huron Middle School and High School staged a wonderful Christmas concert in the auditorium at McCormick Middle School. To a packed house, the students made merry while outside the temperatures hovered around 20 with snow on the ground. Only the egg nog was missing from this festive occasion.

The concert began with the high school's jazz band playing a number of jazzed up, really rocking Christmas favorites. Conductor Chris Scherley accompanied the group on trumpet, while her understudy, Joshua Cebull did the actual conducting. Josh is completing his student experience work toward obtaining his teaching certificate at graduation. He has worked with the band since coming to Huron and had them in top form.

The eighth grade concert band then took over with several orchestral Christmas pieces and performed admirably. If they stick with the program, Huron should have very good high school programs for years to come.

Finally, the high school concert band took over and threw a few different pieces into the mixture. A flute duet went off well, followed by the percussionist section doing *Carol of the Boomers* and *A Little Lood-vig*, both of which were played on the backs of chairs. The students juggled pieces of hollow plastic pipe, each cut to a specific length to yield a specific tone when struck. By swiftly banging the chair backs with the pipes, the students could create music, and did so with remarkable dexterity and excellent timing as they shifted the pipes from hand to hand, grabbing those needed for the next notes, and not dropping too many in the process. For their work, they received loud and long appreciative applause. The *Polar Express* selections and *Russian Christmas Music* finale also brought down the house.

Bottom line: music is still very much appreciated and taught in the Huron School system, and the fine traditions begun decades ago with Huff and his successors continue unabated. Long may it be so!



The Jazz Band performed admirably well, completely attired for the occasion (except for the one Grinch in the back row on trumpet). They did jazz renditions of a number of well-known Christmas pieces, and a *Sweet Georgia Brown* was slipped in to show an appreciative audience the range and talent of this group. They were recognized with long and loud applause!

Alto Sax player Aaron Wise really is a Rockin Santa Blues player, as he goes wild on his solo parts.



Eighth Grade Concert Band performs under the direction of Joshua Cebull.

The high school band performs (below) with their customary instruments, and the Percussion Ensemble (thumpers and wompers, below left) uses tubing and chairs to create music. Both groups most excellent!



2016 Fall Sports Results

Huron High's athletic program this fall competed very well in the new SBC league configuration. The fourteen teams are divided into two divisions, the Bay and the River. Huron competes in the Bay division. Results listed here will show how Huron competed within the Bay Division.

Football **Coach: Sam Hohler** **Record: 3 - 7 SBC 2 - 4**

SBC Honors

**2nd Team Offense: Lucas Critelli, Chris Davis,
and Philip Jones**

**2nd Team Defense: Jake Ortman, Brandon Dowell,
and Chris Davis**

2nd Team Specialist: Eric Martin

**Honorable Mention: Jake Holsapple, Conor Fortune, Cesco Gioffre,
Jared Hohler, and Nathaniel Wallace**

JV Team Record 3-5-1 SBC 2-3-1

Freshmen Record 5-3



Cross Country

Boys **Coach: Roger Blevins** **Record: 42 - 16**

First Team SBC Nathan Pack 16:39:15

Second Team SBC Ronald Brandal 17:24:12

Girls: Coach: Roger Blevins

First Team SBC Grace Moser 19:29:80 Outstanding Performer

Cassy Currence 19:55:57

Second Team SBC Sarah Neibler 21:04:80



Grace and Nathan send off to State

Tennis

Girls Coach: Dan Johnson Record: 9 - 8 overall 5 - 6 in SBC

SBC All-Conference Second Team: Elizabeth Mills



Golf

Boys Coach: Frank Gioffre Record: 11 - 3

Max Martin First Team SBC All-Conference
Thomas Hufnagle Second Team SBC All-Conference
Tim Delahunt Honorable Mention SBC All-Conference
Riki Tanaka Honorable Mention SBC All-Conference



Girls Coach: Cody Martin Record: 12 - 2

Julia Hippley First Team SBC All-Conference
Finished 13th at State Tournament
Gabby Bauthier Second Team SBC All-Conference
Rachel Stadler Second Team SBC All-Conference
Aubrey Baumler Honorable Mention



Julia off to State!

Soccer

Boys Coach: Matt Asher Record: 8 - 8 - 1 SBC 3 - 4

Will Wiseman SBC All-conference First Team; All-District
Max Martin SBC All-Conference Second Team
Eric Martin SBC All-Conference Second Team
Erich Taubennestler SBC All-Conference & District Second Team
Honorable Mention SBC: Cameron Pickett, Carlos Flores, Graham McGlashan, Drew Mamere, Luke Wood
Honorable Mention District: Eric Martin



Girls Coach: Justin Kijowski Record: 10 - 7 - 1

SBC All-Conference First Team:
Hayden Petee, Corinne Steuk, Stevie Holbrook
SBC All-Conference Second Team
Baylor Fortune, Yavay Faflik
Honorable Mention: Olivia Wolff, Mackenzie Mullins, Kaelyn Demmon, Emma Golling, Emily Endlish
All District: First Team - Hayden Petee, Baylor Fortune
Second Team - Stevie Holbrook, Corinne Steuk
Honorable mention - MacKenzie Mullins, Emily Endlish

Volleyball Coach: Don Wood Record: 24 - 2 Made it to the Sweet Sixteen at state

First Team SBC All-Conference

Gabriella Wood Setter unanimous choice
Addie Wisheart Hitter unanimous choice
Hillary Sterett Libero

Most Outstanding Performer

Second Team SBC All-Conference

Alli Grendow Hitter
Sydney Ward Hitter

Honorable Mention

Olivia Lagando



Volleyball Coach, Don Wood, is now the winningest coach in Huron athletic history. He concluded his 24th season with 517 wins against 116 losses, good for second place behind Norwalk's Grace Hutchinson at 552. Congratulations, Don! And go for it!

Foss-Saunders Scramble a Success - Again!!!

The Foss-Saunders Golf Scramble, held annually for scholarships, took place on Saturday, July 23. This year's event went off as planned with an oversold field in both the morning and afternoon rounds. Begun 15 years ago in memory of two of Huron's finest college students who were tragically lost in an auto accident, the scramble has become the most played one all summer in the area. The average age of those playing the afternoon session runs about twenty years younger than the morning groups that go out. Many are now bringing their children out, and in one case this year we actually had three generations on the course at once – youngest being just a few weeks old! Start 'em young!

The scramble annually is able to fund two scholarships with enough left over after bills to continue to build the principle of the endowment set up to honor the two girls. To date, scholarships in excess of \$100,000 have been disbursed, usually to a pair of students pursuing education degrees. Hopefully this tradition will continue for many more years yet and build a legacy to equal that of the Campbell Fund Foundation or some of the other larger



endowments in the area. And as long as Huronites, no matter where they are or where they have moved, continue to return for a day of fun, golfing and reminiscing on the home stomping grounds, we have no doubt but that the foundation will long endure and benefit dozens more students over the decades yet to come. Great job, all who were involved in all the planning, the actual working, and the playing!

The following photos record some of the escapades from the scramble. Hopefully all will enjoy and none take offense! Not vouching for the sanity of some participants.



Greeters at the sign-in desk.



Confident pair right from the git-go!



A papal blessing from Papa Blue Gill I.



The course is looking better every year - the players, too!



Alumna 2034
Scholarship Winner



Meet the New Athletic Hall of Fame Members

Thursday evening, September 29, witnessed the 24th annual Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony carried out at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. Six inductees had been nominated for the award this year and had accepted, as well as the 2002 State Champion Girls Volleyball Team. One inductee, because of scheduling problems, could not attend and so will be formally inducted next year. He is Lt. Scott Lasch, USMC.

Those attending were Dan Hunter, '68, Tony Legando, '69, Pat Cahill, '77, Don Grieves, '85, Brad Swanbeck, '95, and the 2002 Volley Ball team members: Kristy Bollenbacher Young, '04, Sarah Wilber Thompson, '03, Ashley Cundiff, Abbey McCoy, '04, and Kari Fink, '03.

After a delicious banquet prepared by

brothers Randy and Rick Mesenburg, the overflow crowd was feted to an induction ceremony that went surprisingly quick this year compared to some of the all-nighters of the past. Not that the inductees had any less to tout in their speeches, but rumor had it that Coach Tony Munafo Sr. had put out the word to all to keep it short if they valued their kneecaps. All complied.

A common theme seemed to run through each speech. Of course, the obeisance to all their coaches in whatever sport they had participated had to come first. That was always followed by thanks to parents, siblings who helped harden them off by beating them up in the neighborhood, and the neighbors who provided children against whom the athletes could

compete in back yard pick-up games. But the overarching theme was that none of the athletes could have achieved much without the support provided by the entire community. Teachers were lauded for providing mental discipline and insisting upon athletes establishing high academic bona fides. Classmates, cheerleaders, and band members were singled out for providing emotional support to teams and individuals alike. The entire community was praised for cheering players at games and matches, even in the down years, for mentoring them in their teen years, and continuing to help them after graduation. Some have even followed a common practice of moving back to their roots after they have retired. In short, it truly did take the Village of Huron to raise a child back in the day, for which these inductees were greatly thankful.

Dan Hunter, '68



Old Homestead back in the day was a fertile training ground for future Hall of Famers. Dan roamed the neighborhoods with his pals playing pick-up at whatever. Whoever brought a ball is what they played. He loved baseball at an early age and, as early as fifth grade with the Little League program, earned a spot on the all-star team. In sixth grade he left

baseball behind and opted for golf instead. His mom had introduced him to the sport with her friends on the links at today's Thunderbird North, and he was bitten good by that bug! He honed his golf skills even as he took up basketball, always playing point guard. From grades seven through twelve, Dan led his teams and became known for his shooting and unselfishly dishing off with inerrant passes. By his junior and senior years he was a regular and led some mighty good teams in those days.

Dan's golf career took off about the same time, as he shot and puttered around any time he could all summer. By the time he was 14, he had taken second place in the Thunderbird Men's Club Championship and the Erie County Men's Championship. He went on in high school to win seven more regional junior golf championships all across Ohio's North Coast and consistently finished in the top five in many more. No wonder that during Dan's time, the Huron Golf Team won three consecutive conference championships with both the Lakeland (1966-67) and Sandusky Bay Conferences (1968). Thank you, Dutch Laub, for pointing this kid in the right direction!

Graduation saw Dan leave Huron for the University of Michigan on a golf scholarship where he lettered three years. In 1972, Dan returned to the area as a history teacher in the Perkins system and also coached the swim team. He then returned to U of M for a degree in Landscape Architecture with an eye to designing - what else - golf courses! He actually worked with golf course construction crews for three years to learn the trade while still in school. Then he moved south, to Florida, and took a different tack.

In Daytona, Dan put in 30 years as the city's Landscape Architect. He designed and oversaw construction of the city's many parks and recreation facilities. He was always sensitive to environmental concerns in his designs and proved that functional and beautiful projects could be done economically. He obtained many grants to further his projects, and served as president of many area landscape associations. His own golf skills never waned either, as he competed in and won club, city, and county championships there. He took it easy on his buddies on the links, and eventually met his wife-to-be on a golf course. Married now since 2002, Dan and Regina continue to enjoy life with one another - and golf, too!

Tony Legando, '69



Two Tony's in half a century – Munafo from '66 to '87, Legando from '88 to '15. Stability and program continuity, quality kids, great coaching, supportive staffs, Italian blood – you name it, and it all adds up to a fabulous gridiron program for over a half century at Huron High. We'd call it a roller coaster ride, but that would imply lots of valleys, and there were just not that many. From the old Lakeland conference

that many of you played in and remember to the SBC, Huron was always a dominant force to be reckoned with. "Legs" put his stamp on that program for decades, both as a player and a coach.

Tony played at wide receiver and quarterback for the other Tony back in the late 60's. He caught five touchdown passes in the '67 season, the longest going for 74 yards. In his senior year, he was on the tossing end of the passing combinations five times and ran for six more. As a basketball player, Tony also lettered three times. Folks forget that he also was a better than average golfer as well. He teamed with Dan Hunter and others to help capture the league title in '67 for Dutch Laub's last year as coach.

After graduating from Huron, Tony went to work construction for a couple years, learned that he wanted to become a teacher, and then took off for Ashland College where he played some football for them. After college he taught reading and proper language usage at St. Peter and Paul School in Sandusky's elementary school. He also served as assistant football coach at St. Mary's High School for about two seasons, then in the same capacity at Huron for six years, and finally another two years as assistant at Sandusky. In '88, Tony I finally retired, and Tony II inherited the tiger-striped suit.

For the next 28 years Tony II built the program to even greater heights than what it had been. In addition to training boys in the skills of football, he developed a cadre of volunteer assistant coaches that served as the backbone of his program. He made clear what he wanted done, and then had sense enough to get out of their road. He worked with the H Team and Boosters to develop a hard working band of dads and just plain good guys to help further the cause of football in Huron in every way. He encouraged the young men in his charge to give as much off the field as on the field – as in maintaining collective team GPA's each year unheard of in the football world. Finally, he instilled in his charges the idea of giving back to the community, as evidenced by the countless hours of volunteer time the players gave all over town in various programs and capacities. Need a hand at something? Just ring up Coach and a whole squad and more would show up to haul brush, coach kids, run a Victory Day program for special needs children, or just be available to mentor younger and aspiring players.

For the record books, though, and things that can be tagged with a number, Tony finished his high school coaching career at Huron with a 211 - 99 won-loss record. Not bad for an East Side kid with a name ending in a vowel. 'Twas a good run!

Brad Swanbeck, '95



Brad had a three sport career while in Huron. As a wrestler, he was a three time SBC Champion, wrestling at 145 as a freshman and then beefing up a bit to 165 for his championship run. He was then a three time district champion, and placed twice in state competition: in 4th place as a junior and runner up as a senior. In football, he lettered three years and earned Honorable Mention his senior year as all-state defensive lineman. His third championship? He "lettered" two years running in the Huron River Fest's Pizza speed eating matches where he claimed the championship trophies in back to back competition. (Ask to see his trophies if you doubt this!)

After graduation, Brad left Huron for the U.S. Naval Academy from which he graduate in 1999 with his BA in Mechanical Engineering. He then took his Master's degree in Business Administration and earned another certificate in operations

analysis from the Navy's own Post Graduate School. Thereafter followed a number of deployments, so many, in fact, that he reports having moved 17 times within 21 years. He served on the USS Asheville, the USS Maryland, and the USS Dallas, each time as division officer, Engineer Officer, and Executive Officer. When ashore, Brad instructed in anti-submarine tactics and information systems while in San Diego and in Guam. His next assignment was with the Maritime HQ, US Seventh Fleet Command, before being promoted to his present duty, that of Commanding Officer of the nuclear submarine USS Montpelier this past April.

Brad and his wife Monica have two children, Parker and Braxton. They currently reside in Mystic CT, but for how long is anyone's guess. But just think of the education the kids are receiving with all the moving around!

Patrick Cahill, '77

Pat originally grew up in Taylor MI until finishing his junior high years. There he learned the crafts of football, baseball, and basketball. Soccer had not yet been invented or he probably would have tried his feet at that. As a catcher on his Little League team in 1972, he helped win the Michigan State Championship in going 18-0. Then Huron got lucky as the family – Pat and three sisters – moved to Huron. Right from his freshman year, Pat showed promise as he played football and baseball, and even discovered wrestling. This latter career was hampered from the start by injuries, though. In football, Pat lettered in both his junior and senior years and for his accomplishments was voted 1st Team All-SBC, All-District, and All-State in his senior year. On the field he was a monster, unstoppable, even though he was injured with a broken arm. The docs somehow “rubberized” his cast which allowed him to continue play without missing a game. But it was the same broken arm that would not allow him to wrestle, the cast probably being a disadvantage to his opponents.

In baseball, coming from his fabulous Little League experience in that state up north, Pat made varsity as a freshman, an unheard of event back in the day. He endured the ribbing, though, and by his sophomore year became the team's starting catcher where the team went on to win the sectional and district titles before falling in the Sweet Sixteen. Darn broken arm again as a junior kept him out but he returned as a senior and won 2nd team All-SBC and a scholarship to Kent State University.

After graduating, Pat began his career by managing jewelry stores for Rogers, Osterman, and Sterling Jewelers. He was a certified diamond grader, and during his career, won numerous awards for salesmanship. After leaving the jewelry business, he moved to Florida to work for Creative Colors International and soon bought out the owners and is now president of Cahill's Creative Colors Intl.

So what does he do for kicks and giggles now? It's a long way from Florida to the



Ozarks, but he bought a 52 acre spread there with a hunting cabin on it. His dad loved hunting, and Pat and he spent many an hour there harassing the deer. Fishing on the Gulf of Mexico also consumes his time. He is looking forward to complete retirement where he can more seriously hone his hunting and fishing skills.

Don Grieves, '85



Don began playing tackle football at recess on the Woodlands blacktop, and he carried his love for the game all the way through school. At the same time he took up playing basketball and wore out all the hoops in Grand Forest Beach where he grew up. In high school Don lettered in both football and basketball. In football he anchored the line at his tackle spot, going both ways. In basketball he played center.

After graduation, Don joined the U.S. Marine Corp where he was privileged to serve at the Marine Barracks in Washington D.C. and become part of the famous 8th&I, the “Oldest Post of the Corps” dating back to 1801. There he was part of the highly esteemed Presidential Honor Guard. The Corps was fun to watch as they performed their Friday evening ceremonial parade from May through August each year. (If ever in Washington D.C. for a weekend, try to snag one of the free admission tickets for a performance you will never forget. The weak of heart should not sit in the front rows, though, if they fear flying rifles and bayonets.)

While in the Corps, Don married high school sweetie, Beth McFee, and they began their family, producing two sons that someday could join Don in the Hall of Fame. After his service years, the family returned to the Huron area where Don worked for Koch Aluminum and became their vice-president. Eventually he moved on to the sales and distribution side and took a position with Huttig Building Products headquartered in St. Louis. He left them after nine years and went with Lumberman's Inc. where he still serves as territory manager.

For entertainment, Don still works with kids, as he remains involved with and giving back to the traveling basketball programs, baseball summer leagues, and eighth grade football. He will probably continue to officiate varsity and junior high basketball games in the area until his knees finally give out. All that standing while guarding Secretaries of Defense or a President and his VP, back in the day! Thank you for your service, Don, then and now!

The 2002 Volleyball Team



Abbey McCoy, Lydia Souter Rapson, Sarah Wilber Thompson, Kristy Bollenbacher Young, and Amy Gioffre Clouse. The sixth person in the picture made her appearance the very next morning. Mom and Amelia Rose are doing well!

The 2002 girls volleyball team began an incredible run of seven straight years of undefeated SBC play. Along the way, these teams amassed a record four state high school Division III state championships under the direction of their coach, Don Wood.

Sarah Wilber Thompson introduced those team members who were able to attend the ceremony and spoke at length about the qualities of her teammates that made this team special. In addition to just plain hard work, the one trait that stood out above all others was the unselfishness of each member. As the ebb and

flow of every match changed, girls were rotated in and out by Coach Wood as each situation demanded. Each girl willingly played her role and cheered the others on for a true total team win each match. A sisterhood thus grew, not just in the 2002 season but in each succeeding year. Long may it continue!

That Other Hall of Fame

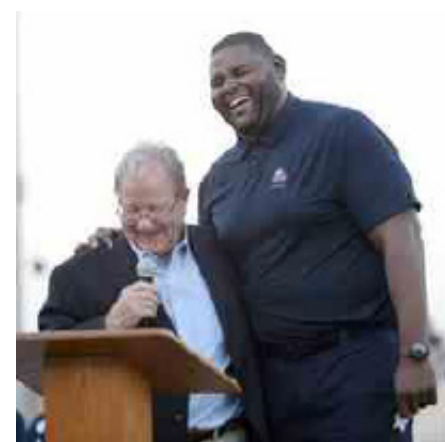
You know the one. That one in Canton, Ohio. Some REALLY big guys inducted into that one.

This last August 6, an area native, Orlando Pace, of Sandusky Blue Streak fame and later of The Ohio State and St. Louis Rams, was inducted into the National Football League's Hall of Fame. Luckily for some of you Huron Tiger football players from 1990 - 1993, you never had to play against Orlando or else you would still be trying to recuperate from one of his patented "pancake" blocks. Today's Tigers would not be so lucky with the recent merging of leagues in the area to

include Sandusky as a Huron opponent.

Back in the day, however, Tony Munafo Sr. had an opportunity to work with Sandusky's head football coach, Larry Cook, and help coach Orlando. Of course, Tony simply tried to stay out of his way and let him do his thing. It paid off - for both.

At one of the ceremonies honoring its hometown boy, Tony was asked to say a few words. He did. They were not few. But we include this picture to show how much Tony has shrunk. Can't even get an arm around Orlando any more. Just shows to go you what all those donuts will



do to a guy. Both of them.

Up, Up, and Away!

On November 19, from Cape Canaveral FL, NASA launched a GOES-R weather satellite into a geosynchronous orbit to improve weather forecasting ability over the Western hemisphere. Not only will forecasting improve, but it also makes possible earlier warnings of flooding possibilities, as well as pin pointing wildfires and tracking volcano plumes. The satellite is capable of taking pictures of the entire hemisphere every five minutes as opposed to one per half hour at present. Its resolution is improved by a factor of four, its imaging is five times faster, its ability to see in different wavelengths is three times better. So why is this important? Next time you are planning a picnic or a boating trip, next time you want to know how your kids three states away are faring in a storm, next time you want to do or know anything that is weather dependent, think of this satellite and who helped build it.



Rob is joined by his wife and children at the assembly site of the GOES-R weather satellite, with the craft in the background.

Huron's own Rob Dence, '02, had a great hand in the design and facilitation of this project with the Lockheed Martin Corporation. Prior to that Rob worked on an Orion satellite, a communication and spy type program, and before that he did work for the Navy on a missile program. He was a graduate of the University of Dayton where he was already doing internship work for Lockheed. Rob graduated in 2006 with his Mechanical Engineering Degree and then took his MA in ME from the University of Colorado in 2010

Rob's areas of expertise in the GOES project included work on a magnetometer to help advise utilities of possible power surges, on a couple gimbals on the spacecraft that keep instruments focused on the sun at all times to measure incoming particles from the sun that can affect earth's weather, and finally on a device that connects the spacecraft to its solar wings to provide continuous power. Impressive it is. In fact, Rob likens the increase capacities of this satellite as going from the old black and white TV's from the 50's to HD in one fell swoop with nothing in between.

The whole Huron community is proud that Rob had a part in this program and looks forward to hearing of many more exciting things from him in the future. Right now he is also concentrating with his wife Megan on raising their two daughters, Madison, 4, and Mackenzie, 3. Good luck with those cuties in a few years, Rob!

For the Record Books

From the Ohio High School Athletic Association president, Tim Stried, Huron High School was recently informed that changes have been made to the state athletic record book in many areas. Of particular interest for Huron is the following information. In the area of volley ball, the following additions:

Assists, Season: 902 Gabriella Wood, Huron 2016 Assists, Career : 2865 Gabriella Wood, Huron 2013-2016

TEAM RECORDS

Most Wins, All Time 704 Huron 1973 – 2016 Most Kills in a Season 1042 Huron 2015 1066 Huron 2016

COACHING Wins 517 Don Wood Huron 1993 – 2016

TV Personality - Huron Homegrown

Sarah Phinney, '09, may be a familiar Huron face to many of you living in Northern Ohio within range of Cleveland's TV Channel 5. Sarah was hired as a reporter in September of 2015 by the station and immediately moved on up. Today she appears on the *Cleveland in the Morning Show*, sometimes as roving reporter, other times as weather reporter, most of the time as an award winning anchor. A graduate of Ball State University, Sarah gained experience with stations in Louisville and Evansville before coming to Cleveland. While not yet threatening Al Roker, she does a commendable job for this medium market station and undoubtedly will accomplish great things throughout her career. We wish Sarah continued success as she builds her body of work. If Cleveland calls, can the Big Apple be far behind?



Membership Sign Up¹²¹⁶

HHS Alumni Association Membership Form

(Membership renewals are due in December of each year. New members accepted any time.)

HHS Graduate ___ \$10 per year You and Spouse Graduate ___ \$15 Social/Associate Membership ___ \$15
5-year membership ___ \$45 Life Membership ___ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State ___ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Graduation Year _____
Maiden name, if female grad _____ Graduation Year _____

Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues _____ "SuperTiger" \$200 (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' Basketball Boys' Basketball)
_____ Special "Gray" \$50 _____ Regular "Red" \$25

Scholarship Funds

Contribution to General HHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (expended annually) or
to the Endowed Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (invested through HEF and earnings only expended)

Contribution to Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ or
to Endowed Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship \$ _____

Contribution to Language Arts Scholarship Fund (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF) Includes Larry Zimmer
\$ _____ and Mary Alyce Harpster \$ _____ Scholarships.

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Contribution to the Jesse and Lynn Hagy Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Contribution to the Richard Wennes Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Contribution to the Hope for the Future Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Scam Alert

A website called *Classmates.com* has existed since 1995. This is a for-profit site which provides nothing related to your real Huron High. It has successfully obtained yearbooks of thousands of high schools, scans them, and offers them for sale. Once you buy something or subscribe, they auto-renew you using your credit card and you can't get off the site. They also have stolen the logos of schools and then have them available to sew on all sorts of wearing apparel offered for sale. They sell memberships which offer you nothing but the opportunity to buy their products for their profit. They purport to hook you up with classmates, but a better service is through Facebook, if you must. This site is not affiliated with the real Huron Ohio High School Tigers or any other high school that we know of. Beware of spending your hard earned dollars on sites such as this. Their biggest scam? Lifetime memberships for \$40. You'll be paying that for your entire lifetime for sure! BEWARE! Google them to read all of the negative reviews.

Living Memorial Program

There are many ways to memorialize individuals and their accomplishments. The Huron Educational Foundation is one such forum as we have pointed out earlier in this issue. Another is a recently begun project at the James H. McBride Arboretum, located on the grounds of Firelands College BGSU where Huron High School and the College have a strong relationship. Currently we have 55 students attending Firelands as part of their high school program, earning both high school and college credit for their work.

The new program involves the planting out of a sugar maple grove on the arboretum grounds. In future years, a sugaring camp will be built as well where students and families can see the entire process whereby maple syrup is made. This first stage involves the planting out of as many as three different types of sugar maples, carefully nurturing them until they are fully established, and then maintaining the grove. The trees are being planted through a generous relationship between the arboretum and the Barnes Nursery in Huron. Mike Stout, '83, and his crew have been using Big John, the Barnes giant tree spade, to lift trees from various tree farms on Camp Road and transfer them to our newly growing grove. Some of the trees are very well developed, approximately eight inches in diameter with neat crowns already. When trees reach a foot in diameter, they can be tapped with a single spile, with more being added as the trees increase in maturity. The fall beauty will be spectacular in years to come, not quite Vermont in splendor, but come late winter, when the tapping and evaporating processes begin, folks will not be focused so much on color as on the sweet bounty being harvested. And kids who brave the weather may just learn something!

You can contribute to this project by having a tree planted in memory of your loved one. Simply contact us and we will explain the process. Trees to be planted this year are already in the ground. The next round will begin in the spring as soon as Mike can safely get into the arboretum grounds without burying Big John. This is the type of memorial that will live on for generations, providing a lasting memorial to your loved one, a great educational benefit to families throughout the area, while improving the beauty of an already horticultural gem in the area. Not to mention some lip smacking maple sugar products. Become part of this living memorial program. If you make your contribution yet this year, it will be tax deductible for 2016.

Membership Reminder

We remind our alumni that memberships in your Association expire at the end of every December. You can use the form inside this back page to renew or begin your membership. We have not increased our membership dues since our inception. We have pledged to live within our means, never deficit spending but continuing to work within our means to provide quality service to our alumni wherever they may be. If you have not already pledged to help support our efforts, please consider doing so at this time. You and thousands of your fellow alumni across the country will be glad you did.

Contact Information

We are constantly searching for updated contact information for all of our alumni. We especially seek email addresses, as the most efficient way for us to operate is on-line. So if you are reading this now on-line and know of siblings or other classmates still stuck with the paper version, send us their email address so we can hook them up on-line and save a few bucks each year. Many of you regularly communicate with classmates also on-line and know that they are not digitally registered with us yet. Encourage them to do so. The electronic version of the newsletter is always in full color and includes more pages than the print version. How's that for a bargain, and still always FREE!

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