

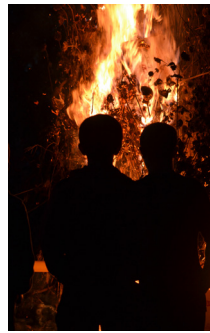
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HURON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

All-School Reunion Report

Over RiverFest Weekend, hundreds of Huron grads annually return to their roots to mingle with family and friends and classmates. This year's All-School Reunion was a highlight of that weekend, as hundreds of grads gathered under tents at Mesenburgs to celebrate their high school family around a hog roast. See details beginning on page 2.



Homecoming 2015 Celebration

Homecoming means roots, reunions, rivalry, revelry, and occasionally regrets. But if the whole point is to have fun, then this year ranked right up there. The weekend of September 25 - 27 saw hundreds of grads turn out for everything from parades and bon fires, to a Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, to a game and reunions. Some had not returned in nearly fifty years, others live right in town and wouldn't miss the week for anything - even with kids and grandkids graduated. It's a weekend of partying and festivities, and if you missed it, then mark the calendar for next year, the last weekend in September. To see what you missed, peek inside for stories and pictures, and see if you can put names to the faces, or given the names, recall the faces. If you can't remember, maybe you should come around more often.

Madrigal Dinner

Times change, and that includes the Huron High School Vocal Music Department's offerings. For about 75 years, during the Christmas season, the department staged a festive Feast of Carols production to put folks into the holiday spirit. Recently, with the decrease in numbers of students and class offerings, a change was made to stage a madrigal dinner. In a dinner theater spirit, players and diners experience for a few hours being transported back in time, this year to a castle in Renaissance Scotland. Royalty still fascinates as a basis for drama, but a beautiful princess's successful pursuit of a suitor still charms audiences. See how it went on page 22.



Huron Honors Her Fallen Heroes

Quite some time back, your Association began a process of honoring those alumni who gave their lives during the Vietnam Era and the current Mideast conflicts. Selected overpasses and bridges around Huron would be named Memorial Bridges or Overpasses in the name of specific fallen heroes, a process requiring legislative approval. This year another push was made to finish the project. We are happy to announce that both the Ohio State House and Senate have passed a resolution declaring certain interchanges on the Huron bypass, as well as the overpass over Route 2 connecting Oklahoma and the high school, to be named as Memorials to four men. At this writing, all that remains is for Ohio's Governor, John Kasich, to sign the bills, and then the Ohio Department of Transportation can create and erect the signs designating the memorials. Inside on page 8, read about those being thus honored and the ceremonies being planned to dedicate the memorials.

All-School Reunion

RiverFest Weekend always brings Huron's grads back to their roots. It would have been a shame this summer to have wasted such an opportunity to throw another All-School Reunion. Alumni from all over the country responded by coming out to Mesenburg's Plaza Place on a Saturday afternoon and evening to enjoy a beautiful summer day, basking in breezes beneath tents pitched to catch the air and shed the rays. For several hours, folks leisurely enjoyed mixing among the tables to chat with classmates and others of their age, maybe a few years ahead of or behind them back during the school days. Then the Mesenburg boys brought out the hog roast fixuns - the decorated hog, gallons of beans and slaw and corn on the cob and desserts. No one left hungry. Everyone left happy that they had come to renew friendships and pledge themselves to more faithfully stay together in the coming years.

Classes with the largest attendance were those from '60 and '95. Sharon Harkelroad had shaken the trees mightily to get her bunch out, and Mike Peterson did the same for the younger ones. Never mind that some brought along their children - after all, the event was billed as a family affair. All enjoyed and look forward to the next gathering.



The Mesenburg boys, Rick, '71 and Randy, '74, know how to set a feast that pleases the eye as well as teases the palate. Look at that oinker and just try not to drool on your lap!



Lee Rhinemiller, '51, and Sam Jeffery, '55, claim the prize as the oldest members of any classes at the reunion.



Bryce Collins, Matt Yourkvitch, and Mike Peterson joined many other '95 classmates to celebrate their 20th reunion.



Ron Wright, '77, decides he probably would not fit into his old jersey, and Becky Wright checks out Dave Brown's football books. Ron is a high school football coach in his own right in Hudson OH.



Brian Haas and Jessica Pisano Barylski share laughs.



In this three generation picture, Corisse Brooker Kruger, '67, is proud to show off her grandsons with her daughter, Kim Kruger Stanford, '95. The little guys will join the classes of 2030 and 2033 respectively.

Class of '60 Meets at All-School Reunion



Nan Weisenberger Wolcott and Donald, and Marge Windnagle Billman



Dave Sharpe and Jane with Bob and Kim Bowers



Sherry Baille Otto, Paula Millis Newell and Wilber, March and Roy Gadd



George Ritzenthaler and Mary Ellen, Roy and March Gadd



John and Carol Pfefferle



Dotti Allinson Presutto and Phil



John and Sharon Legando Harkelroad



Lee Jones and Peter Peterson



Karen Harris Grande and Tom



Bickley Hardly at Work!

Every three years Beefo dusts off his shovel to help plant a sign, then goes home to hibernate. Got an early start here.



June and Brad Bickley, '59. Even when he is posing and being photobombed, it's hard to tell if he's awake.





Touch a Wall, Find Your Past

Lately, during reunion class tours of the high school, there invariably arises a lament: where is our class's composite picture? Or, where is the display of the Athletic Hall of Fame members? Or where can we find a copy of our class's yearbook? Sadly, the tour guide has to tell them that we no longer have room to display the mementos of their past deeds. We no longer have enough wall space for trophy cases to display the latest treasure trove of plaques and trophies much less those accumulated decades ago.

Invariably, grads walk away shaking their heads at how somehow the heritage of Huron High is being lost. Well, yes and no. Heritage is actually being created daily as today's students continue their outstanding performances in every area. It's just that every year we continue to graduate so many new alumni but the size of the building remains the same. But the community does not have to feel that we have lost something.

How so? Today we have the technology to make available to any student or visitor to the school any of the information they would like to see, or even listen to, about Huron High's fabled past. The secret lies in the touch screen technology that is omnipresent in the commercial world, from restaurants and retail establishments, to airport terminals, to mall kiosks, to anywhere that people feel lost and in need of information.

The high school is looking at collaborating with your Alumni Association to purchase the technology that would allow folks to instantly obtain information of interest to them, in either visual or auditory form, or both. The information would be available inside the high school or could even be made available on touch screen devices anywhere that wifi and internet are accessible.

What we envision is a Touch Wall device, which consists of a touch screen display hooked to a computer system that stores all sorts of digitized content pertaining to Huron High for as far back as we want to go, with enough capacity to carry forth into the future indefinitely. The system would store scanned yearbooks, class composite pictures, photos of anything pertaining to the schools: athletics, the arts, academics, all sorts of extracurricular activities. Visitors would access the information simply by touching the appropriate tabs on the screen and following them to the desired information instantly. The information can be stored and then presented as simple photos, as presentations of all sorts, as movies, and with sound files attached as well.

Can you picture students and visitors decades from now, tapping in to hear grandma's solo sung in the 1995 spring musical, or to see Uncle Joe's touchdown run against Perkins in 1992. Imagine the joy – or giggles - a child might experience in seeing photos of parents or grandparents engaged in any of their activities as they went through Huron High however long ago. We can make this and more possible if we decide to help fund such a system. Now understand that in the first year or so after purchase, not all of the information is going to be available. It would have to be input into the system for cloud storage and subsequent retrieval. That will take some time and dedication from individuals who want to see the information put up for others to share.

Exactly how much the system would cost depends upon the amount of contributions coming in. The more money committed, the larger the screen, though practicality would limit the size to a screen that could be hung on the available wall space. If you would consider this to be an appropriate use of Association funds and wish to contribute to the project in any amount, we would appreciate whatever you want to send in. You can use the form inside the back cover or simply mail us a check at HHSAA, Box 112, Huron OH 44839. Once completed, this project will provide a permanent storage and retrieval system for Huron High's great heritage. Think about it and do what you can!



SMILE, you're on Amazon



This IS a legitimate deal. Your Association has joined the SMILE program of the Amazon.com people. When you make a purchase on-line, you can indicate that you want a portion of your purchase price to be sent to the Huron High Alumni Association where all such donations will be placed into our General Scholarship Fund. It's kind of like the What's-in-your-wallet? program and that of many other credit card companies who refund directly to you a percentage of your credit card expenses each month. Except that Amazon will remit to our scholarship program 0.05% of your purchase price on eligible items. Doesn't sound like much does it, but with thousands of people using Amazon's services instead of trudging to the malls these days, those little bits will eventually add up. So when you shop on-line, instead of going directly to Amazon.com, go in under the URL smile.amazon.com, then in the box on the right type in Huron High School Alumni Association and take advantage of the program to help a Huron grad. Some graduate in May will thank you for taking the extra few seconds to do this.

Gallery of Achievers

In our last issue we announced that we are beginning a Gallery of Achievers to recognize those Huron High grads who have made significant contributions to society in different fields in the decades after their graduation. We would like to begin an annual ceremony in which we honor the nominees, then enshrine them in a gallery of prominently displayed plaques for all future Huron students to observe and emulate.

We thank those who have taken the time to begin the process for their classmates by completing and mailing us the nomination form. You know those of your class who, when you gather for your reunions, always seems to be a main subject of conversation because of what they have accomplished over the years. In many cases we know who they are also, but for an honor such as this, the nominations really should arise from a broad based consensus of their peers.

We asking you to continue to surface the names of those whom you consider worthy of such an honor and maybe talk it up with classmates. Then fill out and mail in the nomination form. Once we have received enough nominations, we will then appoint a committee to winnow the applicants down to a manageable number for the first "class" to be inducted. We will then notify all as to when and where the ceremony will be held so that as many as possible may turn out to help honor them.

But the process really does begin with you personally taking the time to nominate deserving classmates. Understandably, a part of the process may involve researching some of the honors a nominees may have received from among his own peer groups and professional acquaintances. But with internet searches so easy these days, that should not be too complicated. If that is all that is preventing you from submitting an otherwise completed nomination form, send it in anyway and let us help dig up the information. Together we'll get it done and then properly honor all. Thank you in advance for taking the time to do this.

GALLERY OF ACHIEVERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Deceased

Please list above the name and address of a closest relative if nominee is deceased:

In what year did the nominee graduate from Huron High School? _____

List any post-high school academic pursuit(s) of nominee, degrees earned:

Circle the area(s) in which the nominee served and excelled:

The Arts Business/Industry Community Service Education Entertainment Financial Services Government
Law Medicine Military Philanthropic Endeavors Religious Service Science/Research Social Services
Volunteer work Other(s) _____

In what specific profession(s)/positions did the nominee excel?

This Gallery of Achievers award honors those who have truly demonstrated a pattern of a *lifetime* of significant achievements in the above-listed areas. Therefore, the nominee should have graduated from Huron High School at least twenty-five years ago. List any and all awards, honors, achievements post-high school that the nominee received and for which you believe the nominee represents outstanding contributions to his/her field of endeavor and humanity: (Use as much space as needed, if necessary.)

Current status/vocation of nominee:

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Huron GI's Honored

Three's a charm!

Several years ago, your Association made an attempt to honor in a special way four Huron graduates who have been killed in action in recent wars, namely the Vietnam Conflict and the more recent Mideast Conflicts. The attempts took the form of naming bridges and overpasses around Huron after those who gave their lives. Anyone driving the interstates and major US highways in the past decade or so would be familiar with seeing signs posted at the approach to various bridges, overpasses, or even parks naming either a GI, or a trooper, or local policeman who has died in the line of duty. Unfortunately, the politics in the state were not always right to reward these efforts.

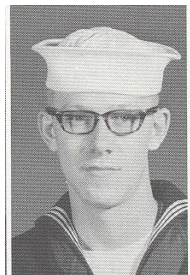
Earlier this year we contacted our local state senator, Randy Gardner, R-Bowling Green, and in the middle of a raging snow storm last February, he drove out here to meet with us to discuss the project and sign on to it. All the proper documentation and paperwork was sent to his office, and over the summer he wrote the language for the Senate Bill and shepherded it through the legislative process. It emerge from committee with unanimous consent and passed the Senate unopposed, and the House followed suit. Governor Kasich signed the bill into law. Huronites and all visitors to our area, or just those passing through on the Route 2 bypass, will now know who these young men were. A fifth man from Sandusky will also be honored with a stretch of Route 6 passing through downtown Sandusky named in his honor.

Those being honored are the following:



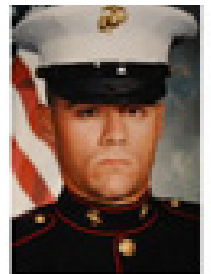
Special Forces Sgt. James Fekete, '54, a Green Beret, was killed in Vietnam in June of 1967 while charging a machine gun nest and saving many of his company. He was awarded posthumously the Silver Star and Bronze Star for his bravery. The intersection of the U.S. 6 and Ohio 2 interchange, where Rye Beach Road meets Ohio 2, will be named after Jim.

Army Sgt. Terrance R. Mesenburg, '67, died in June of 1969 from wounds received while trying to rescue a fallen comrade in Vietnam. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars for his valor. The Ohio 2 and Berlin Road interchange is being named for Terry.



Fireman James Baumer of the U.S. Navy, '67, died in Vietnam in 1970, drowning after the river assault craft he was riding in was sunk by an enemy mine on Jan. 21, 1970. He had made sure that all of his men escaped the craft safely. He posthumously was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal with one star, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. The Ohio 2 and Ohio 13 interchange will be named after Jim.

Marine Corps Sgt. Michael Finke Jr., '92, died in Iraq in 2005. He had given up his position in a lead helicopter to assist a second helicopter, which then crashed in a sandstorm, killing all aboard. The pedestrian bridge that crosses U.S. 6 in Huron, connecting Jim Campbell Boulevard and Adams Avenue, will be named for Mike.



The Sandusky man honored in similar fashion is Charles Odums II, who died in 2004 in Iraq when a roadside bomb exploded near his convoy. He was a 1999 graduate of Sandusky High School. Ohio 6 from the Ohio 4 intersection (Columbus Avenue and Washington Street) to Cedar Point Drive will be named for Charles.

It is rare that any community has this many honors bestowed at one time upon its citizens in this fashion. For that we thank Senator Randy Gardner and his efforts, together with those of his staff who worked on the project. The State of Ohio sometime this winter or late spring will erect appropriate signage at the places indicated. After that has been done, there will be a formal dedication ceremony involving city officials, the Huron City Schools, family members of the deceased, and all friends and neighbors. Hopefully all will fall into place around Memorial Day 2016. Details will be announced in time for classmates and friends to gather and celebrate.

What's New About Town

Back in the late 60's, during the Huron's Great Urban Renewal War, the decision was made to level Old Huron's downtown, sever Main Street in front of today's First Merit Bank, dig a hole for a boat basin, then curve a revised Main Street around the hole and thence west down Cleveland Road. Patrons of the old Twine House and Showboat restaurants would have to go north on Williams Street instead, then cut across South Street back to what was left of Main Street. Thus it has been for the past forty-some years.

But the past has been reversed – somewhat. Main Street has been resurrected, sort of. Instead of heading west on Cleveland Road at the curve, a new stub of a Main Street has been carved, literally, from a parking lot along the river, behind the homes on the east side of Williams Street and dumps out on the original old Main Street, coming within about six feet of the Riverview Lanes Bowling Alley and proceeding thence north all the way out to the pier area. Visitors to the area will be impressed with the ease with which they can now find the pier area. Locals are still scratching their heads to figure out how the new street is going to be developed, but they have been assured that a plan does exist.

Another recent improvement is the land where the Showboat Restaurant once stood has been cleared, the river front improved with new steel bulkheads driven deep into the bedrock, and the north side protected against the lake with huge boulders cemented together against the shoreline. The land lies fallow in fresh grass, awaiting a prospective buyer to create an attraction that will bring new life to the area. Hopefully the city will not have to wait decades to have the area improved with a new Urban Renewal project.

But for those of you reading this out of town, when you return home to visit the family or attend a reunion, just beware of one thing if you decide to tour the latest improvement areas. Newly installed stop signs along the way have the potential to ruin anyone's good day. Enos and Rosco they aren't, but the local gendarmes will be more than willing to lighten your wallet if you don't comply.



Looking north at the curve in Cleveland Road in front of the Boat Basin - here the newly cut road winds through what is left of the former parking lot there.

The new street as it curves through the parking lot. The plan is for shops to be built along side the street to bring back some of the old time Huron small-town flavor.

The street then curves slightly to the east, clearing the corner of the bowling alley by the width of the sidewalk shown here.



Two views of the former property and parking lot of the Showboat Restaurant. The land had been allowed to languish for years and was actually falling into the river in places. The City of Huron obtained ownership, shored up the riverbank with steel sheet piling, lined the northernmost side with rock, and leveled and seeded over the land. It now awaits an investor to come in and develop into something that will add to the revitalization of the riverfront and maybe even harken back to Huron's storied past. Anyone out there with an idea?



Homesick, anyone? This fall there has been much activity on the river, reminiscent of old Huron - freighters tied at their berths, chugging tugs nudging barges along the river, and the ever squawking gulls, all wrapt in a bouquet of fish and diesel odors.

Class Reunions Summer of '15



Class of '38

As recently as five or six years ago, the Class of '38 met annually at the Huron Yacht Club to celebrate their years at Huron High School. Ten to twelve usually joined in, most driving themselves from wherever they lived. They had graduated long before the present McCormick Middle School was built, and few had ever entered the "new" high school on Jim Campbell Boulevard.

Now they are three. One classmate, Ruth Washburn Warner of Longview Texas could not make the trip up but was in town in spirit that day. The two locals met for lunch of a summer day against a backdrop along the waterfront that so reminded them of Huron at its heyday - two freighters moored in the slip, and sail and power boats cruising up and down the river. Donna Klepper and Wilber Ramsey chatted amiably about Huron's past, of course, but seemed equally interested in her future. The mills that Wilber helped build after graduating and the Old Huron are gone, yes, but new plans hold out hope that Huron will soon be rising again to greater heights.

We look forward to helping them celebrate again next summer.

Class of '48

The first Friday of each month finds this still active group of youngsters gathering at Berardi's to reconnect, catch up, and support one another. Dressed in Christmas colors for their December meeting were Pat Basilone, Teresa Johnson, Millie Morey, Fran Ringlein, and Joe Catri. No sun birds here, this group will probably meet on New Years morning also!



Class of '56



Whenever Sharon Navarre Stein makes her way back to Huron, these classmates duly meet to celebrate past and present friendships. This year they gathered once again at the Huron Yacht Club for their luncheon. These "flash reunions" generally work out best since the spontaneity of the events and no need to plan endless details make them truly fun. Keep it up, ladies!

Left to Right, Carol Schell, Nancy Harman, Delores Knittle, Joyce Boos, Sharon Stein, Carol Lescher, Judy Mize, Ann Hart, Patty Everett

Class of '59 Flash Reunion

Whenever their class president, Joe Lewis, returns from Texas and gives up prospecting for gold in the Australian Outback, the '59 gang finds a way to spread the word fast and as many as possible turn out for an afternoon of revelry. And that's on top of their monthly meetings every second Sunday night at a local pizza establishment. This gang enjoys celebrating its past, but more importantly, they enjoy each other's company and support one another in every way possible, now that they have passed their 55th anniversary milestone.

Pictured are Fran Chubak, Jim Chubak, Alice Costantino, Val Costantino, Karen (Blough) Colon, Barb (Taylor) Jones, Bob Jones, Linda (Uther) Boos, Bob Boos, Linda Lewis, Joe Lewis, Joe & Linda's dog, Molly, Dick Banta, June Bickley, Brad Bickley, Tom Hartley, Dick Warren, Dee (Wilbur) Hartley, Nancy Wechter, & Bill Behrens. Ann and Gary Dunn, Dave Boos and Bob Kurtz missed the picture but were present.



'61 Dines Out



This fun loving group from '61 meets monthly at some local eatery to reconnect and keep up. Out of town folks passing through always know when to schedule a trip back home. The two class whippers-in, Rose and Suzi, always make sure monthly emails go out so the group knows where to find them.

Those attending this Christmas time gathering were: Jim Groscost, Sue & Roger Lavelle, Josie and Butch Palmer, Beth Walker, Kay Reeves, Judy and Nelson Hardesty, Suzi Groscost, Mike Gerber, Charlie and Angela Myers, Sharon Warren, Rose Gerber, Debbie and Bill Fisk.

Class of '62

They thought it was about time that they got together again. Too many of their classmates had passed recently, and fear was growing. Hence, the call went out for a gathering, and that they did - at Mulligan's Pub. They are thoroughly enjoying life!

David "Blue Gill" and Sally Majoy, Doug and Becky Ricci, Sharon Barnes, Sally Shunk Majoy, Bob Barnes, Linda Green, Bill Boos, Marilou Dunham, Ron Faller, Eileen Dougherty, Sam Bomar hiding, and Gene Simon.



'63 Steps Out

Even if it's only for a birthday, that's a good enough excuse for this bunch to gather. On a lazy summer day, the Class of '63 locals met at i 5's over drinks and sandwiches, mostly just to stay in touch, and then to celebrate the turning of the calendar for Dave Schlessman and Barb Kromer, the first anniversary of their 69th birthday.



Linda and George Walbeck and Martha and Walt Taylor



Mary Kay Schlessman and Dave Schlessman, Bill Koehler and his wife, Mary Ann, and Skip Klug



Peggy Ritter Klahn, Leslie Gockstetter Wilson, Barbara Kromer, Sherry and Ron Mischler



Peggy Ritter Klahn, George Walbeck; sitting are Dave Schlessman and Barb Canterbury Kromer and Dave Schlessman, the birthday celebrities.

Class of '80 Hangs Out on the River

Somehow the river always seems to attract this bunch on the Fourth of July. They came from far and wide, from as far as CA and as near as Main Street, to revel in memories made those long years ago. Age has treated them well, as they still exhibit a youthful joie de vivre, bouncing around and gleefully cheering each new face that entered the party room above the Brass Pelican. They enjoy one another and reliving the many shared experiences that continue to cement them and their lives together. Well into their careers, most are experiencing the new-found freedoms of being empty nesters now. They are starting to travel to those dream places that being soccer moms and then college expenses postponed. Life is good. May it long continue to be so for them!

Mike Ritzenthaler, Rob Delamatre, Tim Cherry, Jennifer Kilbury, Dave Chambers (behind Jen), Marty Ilg, Lori Morefield, Lee Hamilton, Judy Majoy, Lance Kehr, Joan McCann, Scott Cambra, Randy Wright, Ray Siegel Front Row: Kim Majoy, Maureen Keville, Lori Braidech, Jackie Hamler, and Lisa Stein



Golden jubilarians - Class of '65



This crowd amassed on the patio at the Huron Yacht Club on Saturday evening. The first non-'65 class member to correctly identify all - no, make that half - of them, place the answer in a hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar, and float it to the site of the former Showboat restaurant where it is netted and unsealed will win a prize - winner's choice of a half-pound perch sandwich or a full order of Bob Bower's smoked carp!

The Huron High School Class of 1965 held its 50th reunion over the weekend of July 23-25. Months of planning went in to making this event an unbelievable gathering of classmates, friends, and even some "wanna be a part of your class" surprise guests.

On Friday morning, over 25 partiers boarded THE GOOD TIME PARTY BOAT out of Sandusky to head to the islands. After a brief stop at Kelley's, it was on to Put-in-Bay for lunch, golf cart rentals and quality time with each other. It was the perfect venue to reacquaint with those who braved the open waters!

Friday night found over 60 people gathering outside at the Brass Pelican on the Huron River. A more perfect evening weather wise could not have been ordered....in fact the ENTIRE weekend blessed the class with little humidity, no rain, and plenty of sunshine. Everyone ordered what they pleased and the evening was spent catching up, laughing, and hugging.

On Saturday morning, several played golf at Thunderbird Golf course while others had brunch at the Bar North there. A tour of the high school was held in the afternoon. Many had not been back into the school since their graduation, so they were amazed at many of the sights. They looked for their former study hall, art room, library and shop. Instead, they found the art room had take over their study hall, the library had gone electronic over paper resources, and the shop - imagine a Melvin Laub tootling a flute now in his wood shop. Band people now rock! Many then strolled parts of their childhood city, looking for memories, and of course visited the Pied Piper where "sock hops" were held in their younger days.

On Saturday evening, over 86 guests (classmates and spouses/friends) gathered at the Huron Yacht Club for a grazing dinner. Senior class pictures served as name tags. Composite class pictures from past years added great conversation. A very touching "remembering those who are no longer with us" provided classmates the opportunity to speak and share stories with everyone. Cleats Bilgen provided excellent entertainment, leading all in the Huron fight song, alma mater and then old familiar dance tunes.

A one of a kind reunion for sure! Most everyone asked if they could do it again soon! So what's keeping you? At present the class meets almost monthly, attended mostly by the "homies." But that could grow with a little effort.

(Courtesy of Ann Williamson Meier)

'65's Days of Wine and Roses

Lining up and posing before the Goodtime I at the Jackson Street Pier in Sandusky: in rear are: Jane Wile, Ann Williamson, Char Matt. Front: Martha Routh, Darcy Hetrick and Sharon Grumney



Relaxing as the island cruise continues are: L side: Jane Wile, Ann Williamson; R side (front to back): Marcia Gockstetter, Darcy Hetrick, Martha Routh, Cathy Mackiewicz



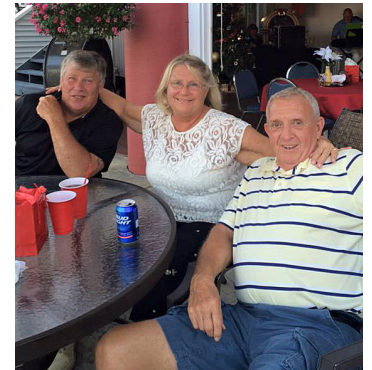
These brave souls, after a fifty year absence, dared to return to the scene of so many past experiences. Here they prepare to enter a part of the building, the library, that did not even exist when they last left. They are: Front Row: Cathy Myers, Sandy Faller, Don Leopold, John Perrin, Bob Miller, Norm Bostater, Marcia Gockstetter, Sharon Grumney, Susan Swanback, Frank Sowecke, Back row: Craig Molnar, Linda Baxter, Martha Routh, John Linhart, Ron Elmlinger, Jan Lehrer



Norm Bostater, Don Ramsey, John Linhart, Ed Haber, John Perrin, Dale Anglin



Sharon Grumney, Linda Baxter, Marcia Gockstetter, Peggy Roswurm



Gary Dowell, Monica Doran, Larry Richardson

Stay tuned, class - the next mini-reunion will be held this spring. You will be contacted, so read your email more than once a year!

Class of '69

The Class of '69 demonstrates that it is possible to remain together over fifty years without all the mess of intervening reunions! However, they succumbed to the temptation to imbibe in unison one more time and held a reunion spread over many venues in more or less the style of flash crowds, some flashier than others. They began on a Friday evening at the Sand Bar where many of them decades ago had been introduced to the pleasures/dangers of imbibation. Over food and drink they reconnected and shared their joy at meeting one another again, some from out of state returning for the first time in a half century! Saturday evening saw them attend a game coached by their classmate, Tony Legando. Saturday found many of them on the links together, puttering around and showing off their stuff. Then in the afternoon a group of them lounged and ate and reminisced at the clubhouse at South Shore Marina. All who attended averred that it was a great weekend and they now need to do it more often. Don't wait another fifty, guys!



(From L-to-R): Tom Crow, Scott Stipp, Tom Kirby, Tim Wallick, Jim Tann, Jim Lenthe, Ron Parthemore and Brian Crosby

The ladies standing are:

(L-to-R): Deborah Cummings Buckland, Brady Beilstein Nickerson, Janet Bogden Henning, Peggy Pine Werner, Pam Fisher Crosby and Chris Temper Tann.

Seated around the table from L-to-R are Debra Slygh Greulich, Marla Mount deLombard-Watts, Donna Chicotel Kidd & Phyllis Stamm Davey.



Teammates from '69: Jim Lenthe, Scott Hetrick, Art McIntyre and Scott Stipp with their chauffeur, Mike Gebelle, '42, watch the game from the sidelines in case Tony needs help calling a play.



Debbie Cummings Buckland entertains with her SmartPhone Scott Stipp, Kim Samstag, Butch Allendorf and Scott Hetrick.

Victory Day Celebration

Victories don't always come easy, if at all, for some folks. So it was with a great deal of pride that the Huron Tigers and St. Marys Panthers football teams joined hands this fall to create scenarios where area special needs youth could enjoy sweet victory.

The two schools did not meet on the football field this season since St. Marys had changed conferences. But the two teams joined hands in a different way this time – helping kids experience the taste of competing on a real football field. For some children, it was the first time they had ever been this close to a field let alone playing on one.

Both schools' teams, their cheerleaders, and the school bands joined forces to provide as near a "real game" experience for the kids as was possible. Cheerleaders adopted those youngsters who wanted to cheer along with the varsity girls. They learned cheers, then danced and chanted on the sidelines with the greatest of spirit. Others marched right along side their favorite musicians as the band did a few routines to let the kids experience the thrill



of crowds cheering for them.

But the real thrills were right down on the surface of Kalahari Field. There the kids got to participate in a variety of activities

that simulated what the varsity boys did. They were places to run for touchdowns, or throw passes for accuracy, or run through agility and obstacle courses. The kids absolutely loved it!

Some, though, were absolutely terrified at first. Any wonder? Here they were, all four feet two dripping wet, lined up behind a center flanked by several two hundred pounders and facing a defensive line that weighed as much as their parents' car that had brought them to this place of slaughter! But when the whistle blew, they were handed the ball and pointed toward the goal line. The linemen growled and dove at them, always missing, of course, and their helpers guided them through



the line toward the goal. They ran for their lives! And when they crossed the goal and realized they had "scored,"

the jubilation in their eyes was something to behold. A few even knew how to spike the ball and did a victory dance as the crowd of grandmas and aunts and uncles cheered mightily. Parents on the field gave hugs, and so did the big bad players, some even with a tear or two in their eyes. For you see, that was part of the experience for all the volunteers, to experience the joy of giving something of themselves for kids who otherwise never would have had the opportunity. At the end of the day, there were few dry eyes as the little ones shared their feelings with families, and the big boys high-fived one another for a job well done.



OGT Results for the 2014-2015 School Year

Once again Huron High School lead the pack in Erie County in the results of the Ohio Graduation Tests administered late last March, with the results being issued this summer. Tests were administered in reading and writing, mathematics, science, and social studies, with results being posted in five categories, ranging from advanced down through limited. With that said, how did Huron actually perform?

In the language arts - reading and writing - Huron's seniors performed the highest, with 95% registering proficient or above. The STEM areas of science and math also performed well, with math at 89% proficient or above and science at 88%. Social studies ranked at 94% proficient or above. In all five areas, 84% of the 122 students taking the test scored at the proficient or better level. Overall, when compared with other Erie County schools, Huron scored at least 15 to 30% higher than all other county-wide schools.

We report these results to assure our grads that the present crop of students - contrary to the national media reports as to how poorly modern students are performing - ours are happily maintaining the standards that you carved out decades ago. It's part of the Huron tradition - no class wants to be known as the one that let down its forebearers. And it goes without saying that the present group of teachers, K-12, are doing their level best to instruct, encourage, and remediate all students in their charge. Congratulations to all the Huron school community and parents for encouraging today's students to do their very best.

Huron also was listed in the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll by the College Board. This honor recognizes the top 425 schools in the US and Canada with the greatest increase in the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the number of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. High scores allow students to bypass many of the elementary college courses and move at a more rapid pace through college. It's also an economic boon as they can reduce their college costs and student debt at the end. This is a tribute to the Huron teaching staff, to those planning the AP programs, but especially to the students willing to accept the challenge of more rigorous work to ease the transition to college. Congratulations all!

Cheerleaders Gather Again

On October 30, the cheerleaders threw a pre-game party for returning cheerleaders past. A beautiful table of calories and carbs had been spread out for all to enjoy and disappeared fast. There was sharing of stories galore and a promise to repeat the affair next year as all hustled off to the game. The returnees were then introduced at half time for the crowd to roar its approval. See you again, ladies, but in the meantime, don't visit too many tables as were spread that night!



Top: Lexi Hartung, Kelly Huffman, Riley Wysoki, Cassie Battiste, Hannah Hastings, Jaylee Jordan

2nd Row: Olivia Gonzales (daughter of Cassey Handy Gonzales), Miranda Lark, Lydia Mischler, Rachel Doto, Alexa Bauman, Lauren Zimmerman, Allison Gorby, Kaitlyn Krueger, Emily Lance, Macie Majoy, Nina Kehr (in front of Nina - Jillian Selvey), Next to Nina - Caitlyn Ryan, Claire Balde

Front Row: Lisa McGraw Fisher, '91, Pamela Blankenship Coles, '92 - Cheer Alumni Coordinator, Kimberly Bauman Weyer, '94, Cassey Handy Gonzales, '94, Buffy Handy Jansak, '89, Kathy Bickley McGraw '71 (not pictured: Michelle Lutz Lunato, '89)



Current High School Coaches are Janet Gioffre and Tracy Hartung

Only 1650 calories
per serving!

Retired Faculty Summer Get-Together

Retired, yes, but not done. This bunch of Huron faculty stretches back to before Pluto had pups, but they just keep on ticking. It's really tough to find a time to get this many together for anything since they are all either traveling to exotic places, or visiting grandkids scattered all over the country now, or even recuperating from the occasional surgery to tweak a knee or hip and then get right back at it! But come together they did for a wonderful evening of reminiscing and then catching up. And, of course, the smell of good food always brings Tony out. We are three fewer now with the loss of Jessie, Mary Ann, and Dick, but the spirit of Huron's glory days still lives on, even as we add an occasional member who reaches the ripe old combination of 60 and 35-and-out! And what do they talk about? You'd be surprised how seldom the subject of past students comes up - sorry, folks, but we hold no grudges. Life is too short.



Jim Seiple and Don Pflieger share stories.



Dick and June Klein visit with the lady who actually ran the high school for nearly thirty years, Nancy Freitas.



Tom Heckelman gave up chasing chalk bunnies for gardening.



Jack Busam, Mary McDuffie, and Dino Caporini engage in heavy rap.



Some of the English Department: Jean Diederick, Sally Green and Jackie Warren, chat with Paul Dahnke and Judy Pflieger.



Bob and Kim Bowers rest as Bob nurses his reeling elbow.



Vicki Busam and Dino Caporini listen as Bill Scott and Mary McDuffie discuss what? Math?



“And Bob said it was the biggest walleye he had ever got on line, and it bent that hook straight out and took off on him!” The audience of Bob and Sue DuBray, Tony Munafo, Carolyn McGraw, Barb Schenberger and Vicki Busam sit wrapt in amazement, as Kim Bowers regales her listeners with straight face and short nose!



As close to a group shot as you’ll see when herding cats. New faces in the background are Tom Knechtges and Tony Munafo.



Carolyn McGraw and Barb Schenberger huddle as Bill Needham chats in the background.



Someone actually young enough at these parties to take a dip in the pool - Joan Needham - cools off and wishes she hadn’t! Late August water temps can be SO brutal.



Proof positive - a thorn between two roses!

Homecoming Follies



The Claus family turns out to support queen aspirant Grace: sister Emma, '21 Mark, '85, Grace, '16, and Amy, '85.



Huron Mayor, Brad Hartung, '89, prepares to perform his duties as Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade. Practice that Miss America wave!



So many hopefuls, so few titles, just one king, one queen.



Class floats were clever this year, but still a long way to go to match those funky creations from the 60's and 70's. And you can look that up!



Such an anemic looking bon fire pile of sunflower stalks! Regulations you know!



Well, it DID burn brightly after all.



Team captains predicting what they are going to do on game night: Grant Ferrell, Kyle Kovach, Thomas King, and Leo Bunting.

Halftime sees new Hall of Fame inductees introduced to fans: Cheerleader Ziska McDevitt, Rev. Bill Lucht, Joe Esposito, Steve West, Randy Roth, Scott Gardner, and Stacie Esposito Morckel.



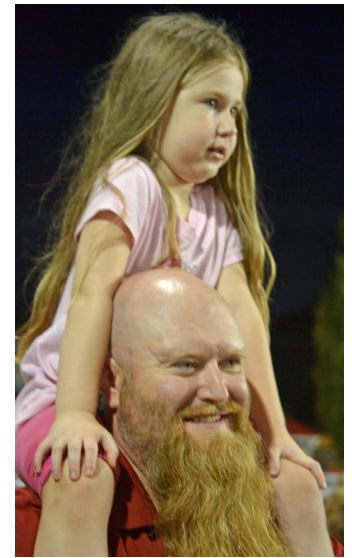
Gatherings Around Town



Some '69ers hang out on a Sunday afternoon: Jim Tann, Tom Green, Tony and Sandy Legando, Deb Cummings hiding, and Brady Beilstein.



Curt Mackiewicz, Patty Bollenbacher, Eileen and Bob Reno and Brady Beilstein having a good time at the Pub.



Best seat in the house: Ron Gilbert, '92, and daughter Loretta, class of '29.



Another Gioffre Family Reunion with Frank, '78, Sticks, '70, and Joe, '78.



Spotted lounging about in the senior citizens' section on game night were Randy Roth, '78, Coach Munafo, and Tom Bollenbacher, '75.



Representing the East Side at Homecoming are Pat "Sticks" Gioffre, '70, David "Blue Gill" Majoy, '62, and Joe Gioffre, '78.



Dave Gioffre, '75, with his cousin Pat 'Sticks' Gioffre and wife Ileana are joined by Dave's in-laws, Sonia and Felix Carbonell. All were enjoying the All-School Reunion.



A '78 mini reunion here with Joan Everett Saunders and Kim Samstag posing with Craig Saunders, Randy Roth, and Bill Keller of SMCC, also '78.



These younger grads spiced up the evening: Rear: Ben Myers, Alex Ruf, Troy Delamatre, Brian Bollenbacher, and Jake Hillman. Front: Taylor Slaughterbeck, Joey Bogden, Jared Blakely, and Drew Enderle.

A Madrigal Feaste

A feast fit for a king, with much merriment and a play, was served on a warm winter's eve on the occasion of the second Madrigal Dinner presented by the Huron High School Vocal Music Department at Mesenburg's Royal Banquet Hall. With a cast of nearly thirty students and musicians, the combined chorale, choir, and troubadours acted and sang the lamentable tragicomedy of Princess Grace of Knockerdow, the saga of a princess, under the spell of an evil sorceress, in search of a proper suitor whom she could eventually marry. With parents only too glad to be rid of the accursed lass, the hapless girl eventually finds the stability she seeks in the town crier, and the proverbial ending, to much good cheer, befalls all.

Under the direction of choir master Jeff Skaggs and renowned director of revelry, Jimi Freeman, the students performed marvelously well and entertained the assembled crowd. From the parading of the boar's head and wassail toasts, to the salad course and through the roast pork dinner, to the bread pudding dessert (Sorry, but the Princess set the figgy pudding afire), all enjoyed the fare. The students and the audience both enjoyed the experience, and for a small town event on a Friday night in December, it doesn't get much better. We already look forward to next year's performance, as this new tradition is off to a great start.



Processing of the boar's head to the *Boar's Head Carol*



King Andrew I and Queen Rachel preside.



Drinc hæl! The Wassail toast



The entire vocal music department performs pieces for the diners.



Some faculty members enjoy the fare.



Princess Grace finds her true love!



Tata!!! That's all, folks! says the court jester.



Another suitor bites the dust.



Sir Geoffrey Hornblower and his minions make music for the common lot of man.

See more pictures on line at www.Huronhs.com





"And alle merrie ymade weren and given full goode tyme, wyth mickle drynk and metes hearty yfalte, and danced did they til well past y cockes crowen. A merrier tyme nere was hade in y realm."



Homecoming 2015 Style

You know the drill. Homecoming Week means so many things that never change. A Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, queen candidates and attendants galore, boys stuffing ballot boxes, parades and bonfires and marching bands, speeches predicting dire slaughter of opponents, The Game, then the post-game debriefing for alumni at Mulligan's Pub. Each year brings back a different crowd to revel in past glories, catch up with one another, and perhaps brag up their own grandkids now! It's a time when seasons change, with the old year starting to die and folks reminded that they aren't getting any younger either. So all gather to celebrate one last time while they can and drown the sorrow that memories of seasons past are fast fading and yesterday's glories will soon slink into so many dustbins of tomorrows - unheralded, eclipsed by new feats, unsung forevermore. But what a time while it lasts!

This year was no exception, as weeks of perfect fall Buckeye weather allowed all to bask in warm evenings building floats, practicing the marching music, scrimmaging for the game, and practicing their Miss America waves. Unfortunately, changed fire regulations no longer permit a bonfire such as those of yesteryear. No more scouring beaches for driftwood, scrounging behind the stores for old pallets, or even shopping at midnight for an old, unused dingy or one-holer to grace the top of a Burning Man sized pile. Oh the days! Somehow we endure the new, confident that ours were the best days, even as we watch the younger ones storing up for future bragging rituals over whatever the Autumn Ale and Pumpkin spiced beers will be in those days to come. Long live Homecoming, and if you missed it this year, sucks to be you! Get yourself back here next fall, the week of September 29 - October 1, 2016.

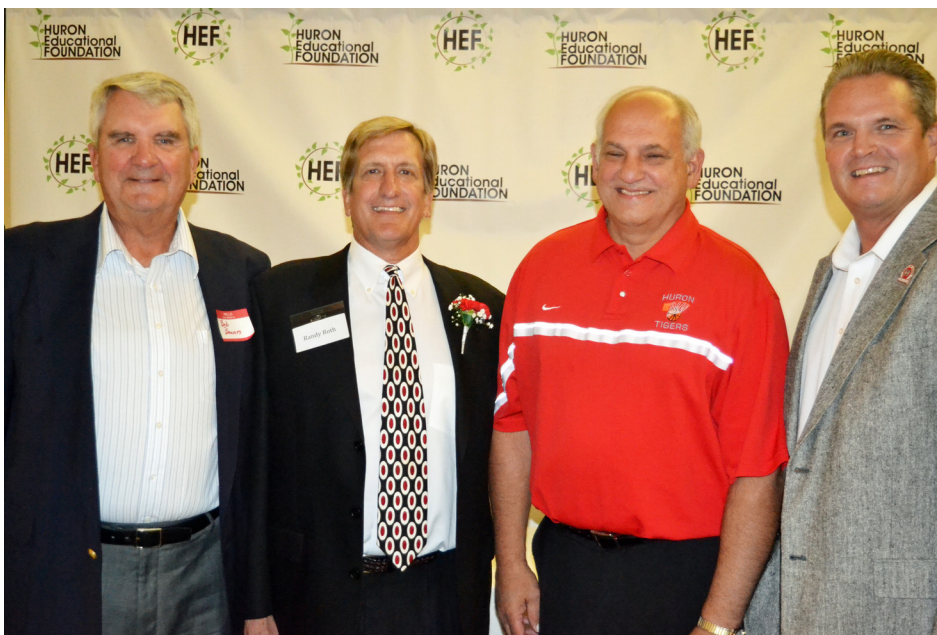
2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

On the evening of September 24, during homecoming week, the 23rd class of high school athletes was inducted into the Huron Athletic Hall of Fame. This year a full team was inducted as well as four individuals; a fifth was nominated and accepted, could not make it back to Huron, and so will be fully inducted next fall. Another first also occurred: a father-daughter induction occurring at the same ceremony!


The undefeated and mythical state championship football team from the 1953 season entered as the third team to go into the hall as a unit. In the pre-playoff era, there was little doubt as to the championship caliber of this team, as they outscored their opponents by 367 to 44 total points scored and in the process pitched two shutouts and never allowed more than a single TD per game.

As for individual athletes, football, basketball, and baseball, were featured as well as a former long time president of the athletic Boosters club. Randy Roth, '78, Steve West Jr., '04, Stacie Esposito, '90, and Scott Gardner were all honored that evening. Colonel John J. Nichols is the commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. He was also nominated and will arrange to fly home for next fall's ceremony. Joe Esposito, a member of the '53 football team, and his daughter Stacie were inducted the same evening, the father-daughter first for the Hall of Fame.

Our congratulations to all who were inducted and thanks to all who attended to help them celebrate. If you were unable to attend but would like a copy of the complete ceremony taped by Don Hardy, contact Don at Tgvision@aol.com for information.



Spread across almost two generations now, former Huron basketball stars and coaches gather to help Randy Roth celebrate his induction: Bob Bowers, '60, Randy, '78, Dino Caporini, '66, and Craig Saunders, '78, a team mate of Randy.



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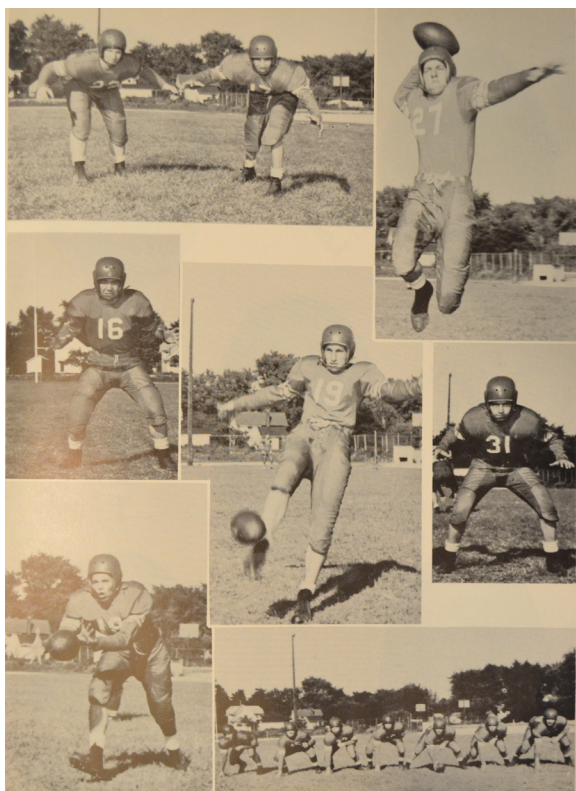


1953 Football Team

There is only one football team in Huron High School history to officially be declared state champions. In the fall of 1953 the Huron Tigers ended the season with a 84-6 win over Toledo Ottawa Hills to finish with a perfect 9-0 record, and be recognized by a state-wide panel of United Press International sport writers as the Ohio Class B State Champions.

Coaches Frank Sowecke and Chuck Grossman directed the efforts of 32 Huron boys in grades 9 - 12. The Tiger players were: Jack Armstrong, Jim Armstrong, Ken Auer, Paul Bachman, Leroy Brownell, Lester Brownell, Bill DeNoel, Lehr Dircks, Joe Esposito, Gary Everett, Anthony Fantozzi, Bill Grumney, Tom Holland, Dave Kingseed, Alan Lee, Loren Leidheiser, Dick Leidheiser, Ray Lescher, Bill Lucht, Rich Macioce, Dan Majoy, Ken Majoy, Dave Meola, Max Osterling, Gerald Schnaitter, Alan Sender, Thomas Stamm, Larry Stout, Joe Taylor, Jason Warren, Jack Wasily, and Charlie Wechter. Water boys for the team were Tommy Sowecke, Bill Orshoski and Dick Warren while the cheerleaders were Ziska Pappas, Sally Smith and Joan Chubak.

In an article published shortly after the season in Huron's weekly newspaper, *The Erie County Reporter*, it was reported that a banquet was held honoring the team in the high school (located in what is now McCormick Middle School on Ohio Street) cafeteria. Coach Sowecke is reported to have said the team's success, "was due to the entire team's enthusiasm to find and correct their mistakes, not individually, but all helping each other." The team was presented the state championship trophy by Huron's police chief, Karl Kramp, and they turned the trophy over to HHS principal, Mr. Tom Hartley.



1953 Team Record

Huron	33	Wellington	0
Huron	33	Clyde	0
Huron	32	Amherst	6
Huron	20	Rossford	6
Huron	20	Lorain St. Mary	6
Huron	47	New London	6
Huron	53	Vermilion	7
Huron	45	Margaretta	7
Huron	84	Ottawa Hills	6
Totals	367		44

Ten seniors formed the core of this championship team:

Dan Majoy, David Meola, Joe Taylor, Jim Armstrong, Loren Leidheiser, Paul Bachman, Lester Brownell, Jason Warren, Alan Senders, and David Kingseed.

That was then, this is now.



The boys of autumn met once again to relive those feats of yore, and even brought along a cheerleader! Front: Kenny Majoy, Charlie Wechter, Joe Taylor, Jack Wasily, and Rev. Bill Lucht. Rear: Anthony Fantozzi, cheerleader Ziska Pappas McDevitt, Dick Leidheiser, Leroy Brownell, Joe Esposito, Alan Lee, and latecomer Alan Sender.

Randy Roth



Since graduating from college, Randy has experienced over two decades of coaching at NCAA Division I schools and is presently on the coaching staff at Cal U (PA), his sixth as associate head coach. Prior to that Randy coached at Duquesne from '01 - '06, and made his college coaching debut the year before that with Robert Morris.

Randy actually began his coaching at the high school and junior college levels. He then moved to NCAA Division I at Ohio U, his alma mater, from '84-'89. He had a stint at Butler ('89-91) and Akron ('91-'92) before serving as assistant coach at Ohio State for five seasons ('92-'97). There he successfully recruited several players that propelled OSU to the Final Four in '99, including future NBA players Michael Redd and Ken Johnson. After OSU, Randy spent three years at Nebraska before moving to his present home near Pittsburgh.

During his college coaching career, Randy has helped lead six teams to post-season play, with two teams in Ohio and Nebraska. He also guided four teams to the NIT tournament: Ohio, '86, Butler, '91, Ohio State, '93, and Nebraska, '99.

Randy earned his BA Degree in Education from Ohio U in 1983 and his Masters in Education in 1987. He currently lives in Moon Township PA with his wife Jeanine and two children, Connor and Casey.

Stacie L. Esposito Morckel

From 1987 through 1990 Stacie started and lettered for the Huron High School Girls' Basketball Team.

Her senior year at Huron High she averaged 22 points per game and was named to the All Ohio First Team. After her senior year, she was selected to play in the Ohio North/South All Star game played at Ohio State's St. Johns Arena and was the game's leading scorer with 24 points. Stacie was also selected to the Ohio All Star Team that played against the Michigan All Star Team in the Detroit Palace in 1990.

Stacie currently lives in Dublin, Ohio with her husband Ken Morckel and her two children Trevor, age 13, and Cassidy, age 11. Both children are avid athletes competing in football, wrestling, basketball, and soccer. Stacie is a master hairdresser and runs her own business in Dublin. She enjoys running, calisthenics, weight lifting, and boxing in her spare time.



Double inductees, Joe Esposito, '54, and daughter Stacie, '90, attend the Homecoming Game together on Friday evening.



Steve West Jr.

A 2004 Huron High School graduate, Steve West made his mark at Huron in three sports: football, basketball, and baseball.

Steve was practically raised to excel in football as did his dad, Steve Sr. The senior West coached freshmen and often took young Steve to practice seated on his shoulders and in diapers! Steve lettered three years for the Tigers, both as quarterback and sometimes on defense. As a freshman, Steve went both ways, then as a sophomore, when not playing defense, he quarterbacked behind another hall of famer, Robert Dence. As a junior he got his chance to start at quarterback and led the Tigers to a 7-3 season, 6-1 in the SBC. In his senior year, Steve led the team to a 9-2 record, with the last loss to Delta in the playoff - despite passing for 477 yards. The team won its third consecutive SBC title that year, with Steve capturing Player of the Year honors for his efforts.

His final football stats at Huron saw him complete 59.8% of his passes for 5th place at Huron, and throw for 41 touchdowns (2nd) against only 13 interceptions (3rd). He also tacked on 1116 career rushing yards (3rd) and had 62 total touchdowns (1st). He scored 126 points (2nd) overall, averaging 184.3 yards passing per game and ranking 3rd in total yards per game with 247.4.

Awards came Steve's way to recognize his abilities. As a junior, Steve was named All-SBC quarterback and second team All-District II quarterback. As a senior, Steve was 1st team All-SBC quarterback and Most Outstanding Performer. He was 1st team NW District quarterback and Player of the Year. He was also Division IV 1st Team All Ohio quarterback as well as their All-Ohio Co-Player of the Year.

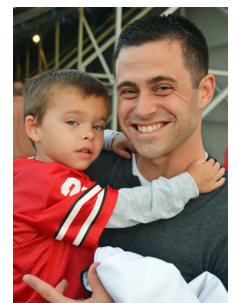
Following his high school career, Steve attended Heidelberg College in Tiffin OH. There he was starting quarterback all four years. He was an extremely accurate passer, and good at making things happen when the pocket collapsed, gaining positive yardage almost every time. Steve also made the Academic All-Ohio Athletic Conference Team in 2006. He graduated in 2008 with his degree in accounting.

In basketball, Steve earned two letters at Huron as a 5'9" point guard. In addition to his ball handling skills, Steve managed to make the All-Academic Team. At baseball, Steve started his junior and senior years as shortstop, earning two letters for his play.

Today Steve continues to give back to his community, a habit he developed in high school. He helped with Bidy Basketball all four years, as well as helping with the Flag Football teams and the Punt, Pass, and Kick competitions. He assisted Coach Legando at the Run-and-Shoot summer camps, and enjoyed participating in the Big Brother, Big Sister program for four years. Today Steve is a Client Advisor and Assistant Vice-President for Bernstein Private Wealth Management. He continues to help his dad with the freshman program when he can.



The West family shares in Steve's joy: Megan, '09, Julie and Steve Sr., '79, Brian, '05, and Tricia West, Ziska Pappas McDevitt, '55, and husband Mike, hiding, Steve, Lauren, and daughter Isla.



A third Steve West attends the Homecoming game with his dad, already wearing a QB's number!

Scott Gardner



So, how does a kid who was born down in Huron County, not Huron City, who never played a down nor shot a hoop for Huron High, who never graduated from Huron High - how does such a guy make it into the Huron High Athletic Hall of Fame?

First, he was smart enough after marrying to settle down twenty-four years ago with wife Vicki in Huron to raise two boys - who, by the way, DID play football and basketball and compete in track for Huron. Given that, he joined the Athletic Boosters organization and became totally involved in all its activities - as in eventually serving 14 years as its president. He graduated from pulling weeds and mowing lawn to keep the facilities looking good, to running bingo for a decade, then heading up other fundraising projects for the athletic facilities and programs. He was a man of vision who looked at possibilities and asked not What if? but Why not? and then set about sharing the vision and working with others to achieve the goal.

And majestic the projects were! All told he helped raise over 3.5 million dollars for the schools athletic programs - all of them. Working from a wish list program he began, some of the major accomplishments were as follows:

- New scoreboards at the stadium and gymnasium
- New bleachers at the stadium and soccer complex
- New baseball and softball fields
- New ticket booths at the stadium
- New concession stand and bathrooms at the stadium
- New lights at the stadium
- New press box at the soccer field
- Resurfaced track

It wasn't always easy, as there were sleepless nights along the way, wondering if funding goals would be met to finish projects and then begin the planning of the next. But it was always Scott's can-do attitude and determination to keep plowing ahead and making Huron's programs and facilities number one in the county that ensured his success - and the real reason for his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Even more importantly, Scott is proud of the scholarships annually awarded senior athlete graduates. The program both thanks grads who have participated in athletic programs while at Huron, thus continuing the proud Huron tradition, and also gives them a little boost as they enter the next phase of their careers.

And why would someone DO all this for so long in a position that sometimes wasn't always appreciated? In his own words, Scott says it was his "love for high school athletics and the desire to give these kids the best and safest facilities possible. This was made possible by the hard working Booster members, and most important by the ENTIRE Huron community." Scott maintains that it was NOT a one-man show - his wife would agree to that! Rather, it was the entire dedicated and hard working Booster Club, all of whom shared the same vision. Scott insists that he merely shared the vision with the others. But we all know that he also had the good sense to stay out of the road of others and let their skills shine through.

Scott truly set the bar high for all who would follow in his footsteps - whether for just a few years or the whole fourteen. He says he would do it all over again - that's not a nod to coming out of retirement. Rather, it's an indication of just how committed Scott was during his run as president of the Boosters, and a challenge to others to follow.



Helping Scott celebrate his big day and psyche him up for his big speech were Marissa Munafo, Scott and Kelly Hinebaugh, Austin Gardner, '13, Vicki and Scott Gardner, Caryon and Don Lindley, '69. Son Brandon, '05, could not make it up from VA but was present in spirit. The two boys gained valuable experience over the years following dad around on all the projects in which he was involved.

Fall Sports Results

Football

Coach: Tony Legando

Record: 3 - 7

Tommy King - 1st team defensive - line
Nic Smercina - 1st team defensive - linebacker
Grant Ferrell - 2nd team defense - defensive back
Leo Bunting - 2nd team defense - line
Tommy King - 2nd team offense - guard



Honorable mention - Kyle Kovach, Mike Huddleston, Tyler Sasala, Conor Fortune, Brandon Dowell

Honorable mention district honors - Kyle Kovach, Tommy King, Nic Smercina

Soccer

BOYS

Coach: Matt Asher

Record: 2 - 13 - 1

The boys' soccer team had a tough and long season. Though their record may not have shown it, the boys were in every game this year. The team showed a lot of heart and character battling every game. The defense played with tremendous intensity and the ball movement was great, but the team just could not find the back of the net often enough. The seniors played their hearts out and did a wonderful job all year long and many younger players played and gained much needed experience for next year. The boys team looks forward to a great season next year and wishes its seniors luck with their future goals.

GIRLS

Coach: Justin Kijowski

Record: 7-5-1

Cross Country

Coach - Roger Blevins

Boys Second in SBC; 5th in district
 Shane Thatcher, Jr. - 3rd Place, SBC; State Qualifier - finished 43rd in state

Girls Third in SBC; 4th in District - beat teams one and two, thus earning regional spot; finished 8th in region
 Grace Moser, Fr. - 7th place, SBC

Most Improved Runner: Jenna Burrier Ronnie Brandal
Sportsmanship Award: Sarah Blevins Jacob Fries
"Heart & Sole" Award: Lisa Gies Nick Swope
Most Valuable Runner: Grace Moser Shane Thatcher
Most Points: Cassie Currence Shane Thatcher



Golf Boys

Coach: Tom Bollenbacher

Record: 10 -4 in SBC for 2nd place finish; finished second in SBC Tournament behind Clyde

Max Martin, Jr. - first team all SBC conference. Played in district tournament in Findlay

Thomas Hufnagle, Jr. and Tim Delahunt, Soph. were Honorable Mention all-conference



Girls

Coach: Jeff Skaggs

Record: SBC 11 - ; 1st in SBC; 1st at Sectionals; 3rd at Districts; 7th at State level

Kylie Greulich: Medalist in SBC tourney; SBC Player of the Year; 1st team All-SBC; 1st team NW District; 2nd team All-Ohio; Academic All-Ohio; Medalist in Edison and Lexington Invitationals



Volley Ball

Coach: Don Wood

Record: 19 - 8; 11 - 1 in SBC; SBC, Sectional and District Champs;

Addie Wischart: All-SBC and District 6 1st Team, All-Ohio 3rd Team

Garbriella Wood: All-SBC 2nd Team and District 6 1st Team; All-Ohio 1st Team

Alli Grendow: All-SBC 1st Team and District 6 2nd Team

Sydney Ward: All-SBC 2nd Team and District 6 3rd Team

Hillary Sterett: All-SBC Honorable Mention and District 6 3rd Team

Olivia Lagando: All-SBC Honorable Mention

Regionals Runners-Up



Cheerleaders

Huron cheerleaders are the “faces” of Huron. These young women demonstrate their leadership skills not only on the sidelines, but in the classroom and in the community. They were involved in various community activities such as the Ice Cream Social, Victory Day and the Citizens for Huron Rally. This past summer, the cheerleaders attended UCA (Universal Cheerleading Associate) camp and received the Leadership award. Without the leadership of the three seniors, that may have not been possible. That being said, we would like to thank Allison Gorby, Emily Lance and Kaitlyn Krueger for all their hard work and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. We would also like to recognize all the support received from parents, HHS boosters, administration and the wonderful community we live in. Go Tigers!

Courtesy of Janet Gioffre



Grads Go Golfing

What's a summer without a chance to show one's prowess on the links, to wager a cup of joe on a hole or two with a buddy, to show everyone that you still have the old stuff?

This past summer saw a few major golfing events in the area, some for fun, some to help raise dollars for scholars. The Boosters held their annual scramble as did the Foss-Saunders folks, and then the Donut Shop Open closed out the competition for another year. Each event sees grads returning from far and wide to participate for worthy causes, and in the process they stage mini-reunions that keep alive relationships begun, sometimes, decades ago. And did we mention that they have fun also! And eat up a storm? And drain tuns and tankards alike? And some even manage to post respectable scores - through combinations of strings and mulligans and gimmies passed out among friends like gummie bears. We hope the traditions continue for many years to come, as it is another wonderful way to keep Huron's grads connected.



Quite a gaggle of Huron grads in this bunch of Donut Shop Duffers - all seem to be wearing Sheri's donuts well!



Sticks Gioffe came off his "death bed" to participate this year.



Greg Majoy lines up his putt.



Tony Munafo watches lefty Danny Lee drill one.



Blue Gill Majoy putts out, then adjusts his back again.



Richie Majoy dons a tan championship jacket to find one that fits.



Rev. Blue Gill holds prayer service for all lately departed.



Just paying his respects! And found a ball.



Fearsome threesome: Don Hartley, Larry Capucini, Greg Majoy



Richie shows his winning form.



Swanie blasts off.



Chow time! Sherry outdid herself this year!



Nice tree!



Guarding against dehydration, the beer cart ladies: Pat Waldron and Barb Majoy

Some Foss Saunders Scramblers



Joan Saunders, Tracy Berlin, Karen Claar, and Jude Seeholzer



The Lehrer clan: Hank, Tim, Randy and Mac.



Sticks Gioffre, good for nothing but chauffeur-ing



The Kenning Krew: John, Andrew, McKenzie, and Kerri Kenning



Mary Gaydos, Ryan Stower, Sue Kovacs Downs, and Kaye Kovacs Gorman



Sue Majoy, Judy Leser, Chris Kosco, and Tammy Burtscher.



Rob Brown, Frank Gioffre, Dave Brown, Sticks Gioffre again, and Todd Brown



Mike Hotz, Cori and Joe Dike, and Dennis Antonelli.



Mary Ann Creamer Leaves Large Shoes to Fill



How does one measure the value of a single life well lived? The money earned, size of the McMansion, total Friends on Facebook, clothing stuffed in a closet or number of cars in the five car garage?

Mary Ann Creamer, former teacher at Huron High School, modeled success another way. When she passed away this past July at the young age of 54, she left a legacy touted by all who knew her well as the very model of the rich life. Rich as in measured another way.

Most of you reading this knew her as the force behind the Peer Class offered at Huron High for many years. The thrust behind that class was helping young people find REAL meaning in life and developing the leadership skills needed to model that meaning to others. She was all about service to others and leaving a legacy of service that young people could follow. If some folks took her persistence the wrong way, then perhaps it says something, not so

much about Mary Ann, but about their own lack of understanding of what she was trying to teach.

A graduate of St. Paul High School in Norwalk, Mary Ann excelled in both her studies and in athletics. That was all back in the late '70's when the notion of females in athletics was just dawning. Mary Ann never considered pursuing those skills after a stellar career in basketball, volleyball, and track. Instead, she took a degree in education, cum laude, from Miami University in 1983 and later would add a masters in education. By no means just a book worm, she also coached the girls' tennis teams and helped produce six conference titles and four state champions. In between she put her people skills to work in organizing events for youth. She was definitely nothing if not organized, down to the tiniest details. She had a vision and worked tirelessly to achieve it, always with grace and class and panache!

After she left Huron, Mary Ann built upon her peer leadership class, the largest one in the state at that time. She founded a non-profit Teen Leadership Corps and served as its director until her death. She was ably assisted by a board of directors, a youth council with dozens of youth from many area schools, and a never ending supply of volunteers. She partnered with corporations such as Cedar Point, Pepperidge Farm, and Fisher-Titus Hospital as well as professional sports teams such as the Cleveland Indians and Cavaliers to gain the high profile recognition and support needed for a successful program. She developed a curriculum that teaches high school students service leadership but also how to use their talents to make a difference in whatever station in life or community they find themselves. Today her former students serve on numerous boards and in other leadership roles, making their communities better for all. Today her program is found operating in nineteen schools in Ohio and Indiana, the only 501 non-profit in the country to provide all the materials, financing, and teacher training necessary to have a successful leadership training program at the secondary level.

For all of her work, Mary Ann was recognized many times over the years. She merited the Huron Schools Educator of the Year award, earned recognition from Congressional Youth Leadership Council, and was listed in the Who's Who of American Teachers and the Paul Harris Fellow Award. She was also inducted into the St. Paul Hall of Fame in the Distinguished Alumni division. Despite the accolades, she was always self assuming in her demeanor, crediting always the students and the many volunteers with whom she worked.

By her example she led. By her perseverance right to the end she inspired. By her values and life style she modeled what it meant to live a truly rich life. She leaves a hole in the hearts of all who knew her well, but her enduring legacy will live on in the lives of the hundreds whom she touched in the past, and the many thousands more to come who participate in the Teen Leadership Corps.



Richard “Dick” Wennes Passes

Dick Wennes, age 75, a long time Huron High Social Studies teacher, passed away peacefully on the morning of September 27, at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland, surrounded by his loving family. Dick had been battling health issues for several years until multiple complications finally took him from us. Through it all, he had retained that infectious smile as he went about daily life whenever he could.

A native of Sandusky and a 1958 graduate of Sandusky High School, Dick graduated from Bowling Green State University. Dick was hired for Huron High in the summer of 1965 and began teaching and coaching that fall. Then in July of 1968 Dick married Karen Smith of Sandusky. Together they had three children: Richard (Richie), Rhett, and Kerri (Ziegler). The children blessed them with five grandchildren.

Dick is remembered as a beloved husband and father, a doting grandfather, a friend and mentor to many from his teaching career, a successful coach and sports enthusiast. He began coaching in 1965 for Huron High under Coach Frank Fiori, then worked with both Tony’s - Munafo and Legando. He was a defensive specialist, and, as Tony Munafo used to say, was responsible for devising the defenses that were mainly responsible for Huron’s successes for so many years. Along the way, Dick took on coaching responsibilities for the girls’ basketball program. The high point of that part of his career was leading the girls to a AA State Basketball Championship in 1983, with a team that helped set another record of 72 straight regular season victories, a record that still stands. For his efforts, Dick was inducted into the Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Mixed into his coaching responsibilities was his dedication to the Sandusky Slow Pitch League where he umpired for many years. And no one argued with him!

Around the teachers’ lounge during all those years, Dick was considered the expert on all things Browns and Indians, and when they were finally born, the Cavaliers as well. He was a walking stats man, rivaling even Dave Brown with his knowledge of every figure on any player on practically any team. He rarely participated in the discussions, just sat and listened and then, when asked, delivered his verdicts. Not sure they could always be taken to the bank or local bookies, but his opinions were well reasoned and based upon facts, not fantasy. He was especially passionate about the Cleveland Browns and in love with some of their coaches. His favorite was Blanton Collier, last Browns winner of *anything* in the pre-Super Bowl era. And in keeping with his usual practice of endowing every player, student, and opposing team with a nickname, other teachers were painted with the names of different Cleveland coaches - winners if he liked you, losers if one rubbed him the wrong way. One could covet being a Blanton Collier for a day, but to be called Nick (Skorich) or Sam (Rutigliano) meant someone had stolen part of his lunch or sat in his seat. But who could complain, as he never took anything personally.

After retiring from Huron, Dick continued to coach, at Edison for their girls. He also became involved with the civic life of the community by running for and winning a position on the Huron City Council. For pure enjoyment, he continued to keep his finger in area sports by serving as color commentary for thirty years for radio station WLEC as an announcer and analyst, especially for basketball and football contests. Dick was also a vestry member at the Grace Episcopal Church in Sandusky where today his remains are immured in their columbarium next to those of his son Richie who passed away in 2013.

The Wennes family is in the process of establishing an endowed memorial scholarship to be given in Dick’s name. The exact details of future fundraising and then disbursement of earnings are still being worked out as of this printing. But in the meantime, if you would like to make a donation to this scholarship in Dick’s name, please use the form inside the back cover of this issue. Details about future events to help support this scholarship will be publicized as they become available.



Dick shown in his younger days working with his football players.



Dick poses one last time, in 2013, with his Lady Tigers from the 1983 championship year.

Classnotes Dec 2015

Bill O'Hara, '70, made it official with his retirement message to us on June 30, 2015, after 36 years with Cincinnati Life. Bill and Debby will be moving to Vermilion OH now to be able to spend more time with the grandkids – and take advantage of the lake, of course.

Maxwell Frey, '01, is currently working on a film in the “slasher” genre. The title PSYCHOTIC! Tells it all - a little late for Halloween right now, but in the future he and partners hope it will make the big screen – somewhere. For a preview, visit them at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1962171262/psychotic> Max and his collaborator have experience producing award-winning work for the Onion, HBO, and Cinemax. Max earned a Pulitzer for his Onion work several years ago, if you recall.

George Smith, '55, says he has given up being part of the chain gang at all Tiger home games after nearly a half century of work. Yeah, heard this before, George! But just in case, thanks for your decades of service, George.

Engagements and Marriages

Cristina Lachowyn, '03 and Edward Richard Bond, Jr. of West Palm Beach FL announced their engagement on June 23. Cristina earned her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism in 2007 from Ohio University and is now employed as Promotions Manager at Fracti in Delray Beach FL. Edward earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Information Services degree. He is employed as Director, Trade Compliance at B/E Aerospace, Inc. in Wellington, Fla. The couple is planning an April 30, 2016 wedding.

Michael Ottenbacher, '03, and Brandi Rice of Sandusky, announced their engagement on July 26. Michael earned his Bachelor's of Health and Human Sciences at the University of Toledo. He is now employed by Ventra and Plumbrook Properties. Brandi, a graduate of Perkins High School, also graduated from the University of Toledo where she earned her Masters of Education degree. She is currently teaching at Furry Elementary School in Sandusky. The couple wed on August 15.

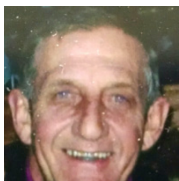
Sean Templeton, '01, and Leah Hottel of Westlake OH announced their engagement on September 6. Sean earned his Masters of Divinity degree at Ashland Theological Seminary. He is employed at Lakewood (OH) Anglican Mission in Lakewood and at Christ Church West Shore in Bay Village. Leah, a graduate of Hope College, has her bachelor of music degree and is employed at Bay Presbyterian Church in Bay Village OH. The couple was wed on September 19.

Adriana DeLucca, '10, and Thomas Guerra of Sandusky were wed in Chicago in St. Vincent DePaul church on August 8. Adriana is a 2013 graduate of DePaul University and is now employed at Morningstar Independent Financial Research. Tom, a 2006 graduate of St. Mary Central Catholic High School and a 2011 graduate of Akron University, is an Applications Engineer employed at ARPAC Shiller Park. The couple lives in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

Jane Williamson, '02, and Casey Hoover of Perrysburg OH were wed on November 7. Jane was a 2006 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. She is now employed by OhioHealth as a Systems Analyst. Casey did his Bachelors of Financial Planning at The Ohio State University. He is now employed by Mount Carmel Medical Group as a Physician Contract Analyst in Columbus.

Robert Isphording, '05, and Noelle Spitler were married on July 25 at Gesu Parish in Toledo OH. Robert earned his BS Degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences from Indiana University and his doctorate in audiology from the University of Colorado. He is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs in Toledo. Noelle took her nursing degrees from BGSU and her masters from UT. She is employed by Flower Hospital in Toledo. The couple lives in Toledo.

Obituaries



Frank 'Joel' Bickley, '62, age 71, passed away on June 21. After a standout high school football and basketball career, Joel served four years in the US Navy, then returned to Huron where he served on the police force for thirty years.



Joseph V. "Whitey" Bilgen, '62, age 70, Sandusky, passed away on June 23, in Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky, after a yearlong illness. A three sport standout, Joe served in the US Army Reserves and retired after many years working at Barnes Nursery.

Paul Wargo, '40, age 92, passed away on June 23, in The Meadows at Osborn Park, Huron, after a brief illness. Paul was born June 29, 1922, in Huron and graduated from Huron High School in 1940. He worked for the N & W Railroad for more than 30 years with the Lake Erie Ore Docks. In retirement he was an avid gardener and was a member of the Mad River Train Association.



Terry Klein, '76, age 59, passed away July 18, 2015, in Firelands Regional Medical Center following a lengthy illness. An avid sports fan and animal lover, Terry had worked as a housekeeper at Sawmill Creek for 25 years.

Dawn Vettel Zeno, '69, age 63, passed away on July 25 at Stein Hospice after a short illness. Dawn had been employed as a wardrobe manager at Cedar Point for 26 years.



Donald Lieb, '52, age 81, passed away on August 2 in Ormond Beach FL. An army veteran, Don graduated from The Ohio State and then entered the accounting profession where he practiced in Ohio and California. After retiring, Don served as Comptroller for The Ohio State University Hospitals until a second retirement.

Frances (Edwards) Crowder, 89, formerly of Huron, passed away Aug. 2, 2015, in Columbus. "Frannie" worked as a secretary for Huron City Schools for many years until her retirement in 1985. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars and the United Methodist Church of Huron.

Mary Speir, age 89, of Sandusky, passed away on August 10 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky after a brief illness. Mary had been employed by Huron City Schools.

Sharon Crifasi, age 60, of Oberlin OH, passed away at the Kingston of Vermilion on August 14. Sharon had been employed with the Huron City Schools as a school psychologist.

Kerry Knott Smith, '58, age 75, of Decatur GA, passed away unexpectedly on July 14 in Atlanta GA. An OSU graduate with a degree in chemistry, Kerry blazed a trail for women working as a chemist for the Nestle Company, then made a name for herself as a researcher at Chemical Abstracts Services in Columbus, OH and finally at The Marketing Group, DuPont division in Kennesaw, GA. She was devoted to the arts as well, both as a renowned potter, then singer with the Decatur Civic Chorus.



Martha Light Dainard, '58, age 75, of Church Hill TN, passed away on August 16 at her residence after a brief fight with cancer. Martha was a Certified Professional Secretary, a substitute teacher for Kingsport School District for many years, and also a self-taught artist who loved to paint and sketch.

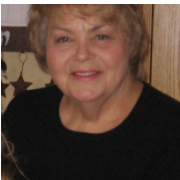
Mary Fresch Larizza, 100, formerly of Huron, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, in Stuart, Fla. She was born June 8, 1915, in Sandusky, to Anna (Lombardy) and Clem Fresch. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Rockie (former principal of Huron High School), her son, Ronnie, '58, and daughter, Karen, '60.

Mary James, age 88, of Huron, passed away on August 26 in the Commons of Providence in Sandusky. Mary had a long teaching career in the Huron-Sandusky area, having taught for nine years for the Huron City Schools as a home economics instructor at Huron High, and then for thirteen years at EHOVE Joint Vocational School.



Sharon Legando Harkelroad, '60, age 73, passed away on August 31. A product of Huron's Old East Side, Sharon taught kindergarten at St. Peters School in Huron for many years. She is remembered as devoted – to her God, her family, all things Huron, and cheering up all who ever met her.

Ginger Scheel, '98, age 35, of Kent OH, died in a single car accident in Portage County OH on September 2.



Grace Hibbard Franketti, '62, age 71, of Sandusky, passed away on September 3 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Grace had dedicated her life to caring for her parents, family and children.

Rudd Summers Jr, '62, age 70, passed away on October 7 at Fisher-Titus Medical Center of Norwalk. A stand-out high school basketball player, Rudd later served as insurance agent for Summers Insurance Agency of Sandusky for 30 years.



Joseph "Jake" Majoy, '50, age 85, passed away at home on October 9. A life-long Huron resident, except for his time serving his country during the Korean conflict, Jake worked for Ford Motor Company for 30 years but always remained a Huron sports enthusiast. He bowled, umpired, actively supported the H-Team, guarded the gates at football games, sold tickets to basketball games, and often "coached" the coaches and even "schooled" referees, all of whom he considered graduates of the Ohio State School for the Blind.



Tim Boos, '84, age 49, of Kenosha WI, passed away at home on October 16. An employee of Gordon Food Service in Wisconsin, Tim had also served in the Ohio Army National Guard and remained an avid Ohio State fan and lover of all things outdoors.

John Hammond, '42, age 92, of Springfield OH, died on November 8 at his residence. After graduating as class president, John did WWII US Army service, then returned to work at the Plum Brook Ordinance Works, the present NASA facility in Perkins Township. He retired in 1987 from the Ohio Edison Company of Lorain after forty years of service.

Stella Hazel Seiple Holland, '63, age 69, of Toledo, passed away on November 14 at St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo. She is survived by her children and her father, James Seiple, who taught biology at Huron High School for decades.



Mary Mazza Sharp, '59, age 74, passed away at her home on December 6 in Sandusky. Mary loved being outdoors, especially fishing and taking care of her beloved cats. She also enjoyed word searches and tending to her garden.



Alice Bailey Smith, '39, age 93, of Norwalk, passed away on December 7 at the home of her daughter Peggy Ritter Klahn. Jean worked mostly at bookkeeping or accounting and enjoyed golf, bicycling, dancing, crafts, playing Pinochle and her organ.

David Hiatt, '73, age 60, of Amarillo TX, died on December 14 from complications suffered as a result of a fall while decorating his home for Christmas. David had been employed with Tony Packo Restaurants as Controller and then at Affiliated Foods, Inc. as Chief Financial Officer.

Recent Memberships

Marian Wiegand Ryder	'34	Milan	OH	Judith Moore Zoliniak	'60	Santa Cruz	CA
Florence Sommers Lander	'40	Elyria	OH	Donald Lindsley	'69	Huron	OH
Carolyn Rau Claggett	'46	Newark	OH	Deb Slygh Greulich	'69	Piqua	OH
Jean Buhler	'47	Lynchburg	VA	Tim Sowecke	'70	Huron	OH-
Bill Kaiser	'48	Sagle	ID-	Becky Bryant Walker	'70	Sandusky	OH
Carol Sprankle Lescher	'56	Norwalk	OH	Pam Runner-Perkins	'70	Sandusky	OH
William Spievak	'56	Saginaw	MI	Julie Hetrick Sowecke	'71	Huron	OH
Carolyn Moore Spievak	'56	Saginaw	MI	Nancy Reese Csarny	'79	Solon	OH
Barbara Phillips Reddick	'60	Willoughby	OH				

End of Year Reminders

This is the time of year when we remind our readers that membership dues should be remitted at the end of the year for the following year. If you need to do so, please fill out the form inside the back cover and send it in to us as early as possible to save us money on sending out reminders in January. We do accept new memberships at any time during the year, so if your situation changes during the year and you wish to help financially support your organization, please feel free. We pledge that we will never deficit spend your dollars.

Also, at the end of the year, people are inclined to make donations to their favorite non-profits for income tax purposes. If you are in that position, we ask you to consider one of our scholarship funds. Better yet, a contribution to our Huron Educational Foundation Endowment Fund would insure a more lasting legacy for the students of Huron High School. The added benefit is that the principle of this fund is pledged never to be expended but only part of the earnings upon the principle. The endowment will, therefore, last in perpetuity. Your grandchildren's grandkids will continue to benefit!

NHS Inducts Another Class

We congratulate the latest class of academicians to be inducted in to the National Honor Society. The ceremony took place in November at McCormick Middle School instead of in the spring so that those applying for college this fall and winter would have yet another honor to add to their long lists of credentials. In addition to meeting all the academic requirements for admission, the candidates are also required by the Huron City School Board to give at least fifty hours of community service during their careers. Most have accumulated many more than the minimum number of hours, and for that they are to be applauded.

Of course, the combination of great commitment to scholarship and service is part of what makes for good leadership. Thus, most of the inductees are very active in the community-at-large in all sorts of capacities. The final pillar of the society is met, that of good character, when these students demonstrate their respect and sense of responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship in all of their actions. We look forward to many of these students assuming leadership positions wherever they choose to settle after graduation and raise their families. They had mighty good examples of Huron graduates to follow! Long live the tradition.



Front row:

Madissen Crow, Natalie Wilson, Riki Tanaka, Matthew Carroll, Melissa Wirtz, Caitlyn McNulty, Hilary Sterett, Becca Baker, Gabriella Wood, Kellie Huffman (in black/white striped dress)

Second row:

Aaron Wise, Joey Harkelroad, Jacob Fries, Tommy King, Addison Wisheart, Madeline Henry, Will Wiseman, Will Steuk, Maria DiVita, Elizabeth Mills, Jordan Prosser, Morgan Morey, Sydney Ward, Cassandra Battiste, Sarah Neibler, Hannah Hastings, Nicole Hughes

Back row:

Nicholas Swop

Scholarship Funds Contributions

General Scholarship Fund

Tim and Julie Sowecke

Language Arts Department Scholarships

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Tim and Julie Sowecke

Tanny Von Thron Memorial Scholarship

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Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship

Tim and Julie Sowecke

Hagy Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Joel Hagy

Bill and Lyn Skidmore

Sandy Gordon

Tom Gilson & Pam Worra

Lee Hagy Simon

Scott Gordon

Tim and Julie Sowecke

Dr. Robert Ralph Hagy

J. Andrew Hagy

Please note that this endowed fund has been established in the name of Jesse and Lynn Hagy by the family, but anyone is free to contribute to perpetuating Jesse and Lynn's memory. Just use the form on the inside back cover.

Huron One of Ohio's Five Best Hometowns

Not a Letterman Top Ten but an *Ohio Magazine's* Top Five, Huron was recently selected as one of the top five hometowns in Ohio. The city ranked right up there with Hudson, Powell, Coshocton, and Tipp City. It's quite an honor, especially as Huron represents the entire northern half of the state and the North Coast. So what was it about the city that earned Huron this honor?

Ranking near the top was the strength of the city's schools and the friendliness of the people in the community. So what took them so long? Also mentioned were the fact that the city lies on the lake and offers so many recreational facilities, not just to its citizens but also to visitors.



Huron Schools Earns Spot on 6th Annual AP Honor Roll

On December 11, Superintendent of Huron Schools, Dennis Muratori, announced that Huron City Schools is one of 425 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll. The College Board is a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program.

The report highlights the success of Huron's entire staff in identifying and instructing motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the rigorous AP work. "To be included on the 6th Annual Honor Roll, Huron Schools had to, since 2013, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the number of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher," said the report. Congratulations to the entire educational community of Huron, from the pre-school teachers who prepare kids for school, all the way up to the high school teachers who require the intellectual rigor for their students to achieve at such a high level.

Tony Legando to Retire



At this year's football banquet, head football coach Tony Legando, '69, announced his retirement from a position that for him began over fifty years ago with his playing at the junior high level. In high school, his freshman year in 1965 Frank Fiori had been hired as both head wrestling and football coach. The following season, coach Tony Munafo took the reins and headed the program until his retirement in 1987. A second Tony was then hired and for the next twenty-eight years successfully managed the football program. One half century - three head coaches. Quite a tribute to the stability of Huron's program.

During those decades, the program's Tiger Pride renown grew, and many attempted to copy it throughout the area. Some came close, most are still trying but lack the stability for which Huron came to be known. Tony's teaching career actually began in Sandusky at St. Peter and Paul Elementary back in the early 70's. He spent time coaching in the Sandusky district at various levels until being hired at Huron at Woodlands in fourth grade to teach Reading. From there he drove to the high school every day to lead the young men there to decades of success.

In his 28 years as head coach, "Legs" amassed quite a record. His teams posted a record of 211 total wins in regular season and in the play offs, 99 losses, with only two losing seasons that entire time. In the SBC he posted consecutive titles from 2001-2005, winning 8 in all. Tigers under Tony made the playoffs on fourteen occasions, won 16 games, and went deep often, finishing as state runners up to Versailles in 1993 in Division IV. They finished in the top ten AP state-wide poll in 1998, 2004, and 2005. During all this time, Tony was especially proud of his teams' academic success as well, with his teams consistently posting composite GPA's in the mid to upper 3.0 range. His goal has always been to get his charges to see that success on the field was only the beginning. Life success is what counts most, and that begins in the classrooms.

As for the future, Tony will relax more and then hit the motivational speaking circuit. You can check out his website at www.tonylegando.com for more information. Former player or not, if you need someone to give your organization a shot in the arm, contact him to make arrangements. He probably has close to 28 more years left to give for the cause.

Run and Shoot

Every summer, the young men on the football team take time out of their fitness and practice schedules to help youngsters develop some of the skills necessary to enjoy the sport of football as they mature. They spend their mornings out at BGSU Firelands Campus putting kids through their paces with various drills. They don't work them during the heat of the day, and they provide them plenty of fluids. Work is always interspersed with fun, else why would the kids keep coming back!

Early on the young kids become accustomed to the "Huron way" of doing business at football time, and they love it! The high school men consider it part of their heritage to pass on the skills they learned the same way many years ago, and they take great pride in working with the youngsters who look up to them. And the real payoff isn't necessarily a future improved varsity team. Rather, it lies in certain intangibles, things like improved generational cohesiveness in the community, giving youngsters good role models, and maybe, just maybe, better fathering skills down the line. Whatever, that's the Huron way.



Cross Country Goes Hi Tech at JMA Arboretum



Cross country racing has always been fairly simple: Run when you hear the gun fire, follow the white line, pass the one in front of you, dash across the finish line hands up and cry because it hurts, but then do it all over again next week. Medieval monks performing their rituals of self-flagellation would have understood the sport very well.

Now the story is different. And those differences were on display at this October's SBC Finals held at the James H. McBride Arboretum on the campus of BGSU Firelands College and the Ohio Athletic Committee's state wide run on November 1. The course had been laid out by former HHS track coach, Bill Scott, '72, and his aids well in advance so that competing schools could come out to practice and familiarize themselves with the lay out. There are no Heartbreak Hills, no bridges to run over, nor cars to dodge along a highway nor even pursuing rabid dogs. The course winds its way through gentle mead-

ows, past forests, and along embankments circling beautiful lakes. The only obstacles are head banging pine branches and the slippery stuff that the geese leave behind.

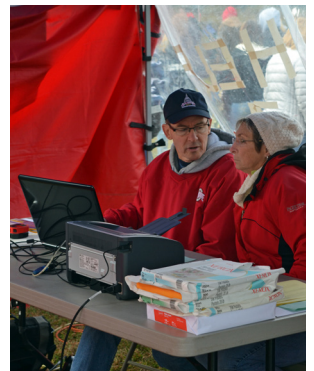
What has changed is the hi-tech nature of the runs these days. In many races, runners wear tags that automatically register their time and finish order as they pass the invisible scanning readers at the finish. Parents and coaches are stationed at every turn screaming out the runners' times to the millisecond. And towers now support TV cameras at strategic points to record almost every step of the race. Wayne Foster, '73, and wife Sandy control the computers that record all the data and can post up the results within seconds of the finish of each run. Gators scoot along the course to lead the runners who can't seem to follow the white lines, and a chase car follows up in case any pooped out kid is languishing in the weeds along the way.



Along the sidelines, everyone steps in front of some other parent recording son or daughter racing on countless smart phones or cameras. Grandma is over along the parking lot at a table having a tee shirt printed for her favorite little runner. Grandpa sits in the car multitasking, keeping his eyes peeled on the race with binoculars while trying to catch a down or two of the Buckeyes or Browns game. What's next? Ah, drones - to hover above and make sure no one takes a shortcut while running through the meadows, head high in wildflowers.



Whatever one's take, this is the one sport where athletes are truly preparing for life-long experiences. Later on, as fitness nuts running up and down the township roads with ear-buds locked in on a favorite music station, these young men and women are learning how to get high on something other than chemicals, the sheer exhilaration that comes from running alone, pounding the turf and waving at honking gawkers, knowing that they are remaining healthy - even as they work on eventually having knee replacements. Never mind for now as they participate in this most under appreciated high school sporting event. They are learning good sportsmanship as they compete individually and as a team, and staying out of trouble while doing so. It doesn't get much better than that at their age.



Huron High Band Uniform Replacement Drive

The Huron High School Band has always been an outstanding success, from Huffy's days at its foundation right up through our present Band Instructor, Christine Scherley. You certainly don't want to miss the annual Spring concert next May as the marching and jazz bands bedazzle the audience with their sterling performances.

This year, after thirteen years of constant use and wear, countless cleanings and repairs, over 130 football games and 50 concerts, and four trips to Disney World, the band is doing great but their uniforms are about shot! Hence, a fund raising drive by the Band Boosters to replace the uniforms in time for the 2016-17 seasons.

Uniforms are expensive, though. The marquee manufacturers, Stanbury Uniforms, have been a proud American company for over a century. They have designed an all-new modern uniform for the 21st century. As one can see from the photo of their prototype, the uniform will sport the Tiger logo in the center of the chest and an "H" on the hat, a red and gray jacket and hat with a plume, and charcoal gray pants. Each uniform will cost \$420, a hefty price to be sure, but guaranteed to wear for at least ten years - that means at least 13 in Huron!

The Band Boosters have established a 501 (c)(3) organization to accept tax deductible contributions toward the total of over \$40,000 for this campaign. With what the group has raised over the past years, - nearly \$9000, the goal has been set now at \$30,000 to complete the project.



You can help, especially if you were a proud band member in the past, to continue the Huron legacy. A check of any size should be made payable to Huron Band Boosters and mailed to Huron Band Boosters, PO Box 151, Huron OH 44839. Any gift of any size will be acknowledged with a receipt for your tax purposes. A permanent plaque will also be hung in the band room acknowledging any donors from the levels Scarlet through Tiger Community Sponsor.

The Band Boosters thank the community for the past support given the bands over the decades. Many members have gone on to major in music in college and have successful music careers, while others continue to play in their community ensembles for the pure enjoyment. Hopefully enough Huron Alumni will want to see the proud Huron band tradition continue by helping on this campaign. Think about it!

Some of you may even remember marching in these uniforms back in the day.

Levels of Giving

Gray Level (\$10-99)	Letter of Appreciation
Scarlet Level (\$100-249)	Certificate of Appreciation
Tiger Level (\$250-499)	Framed Certificate of Appreciation, name sewn inside uniform jacket
Mighty Tiger Level (\$500-999)	Framed picture of band in new uniforms and name sewn inside two uniforms
Tiger Community Supporter (\$1000+)	Framed picture of band in new uniforms, name sewn inside two uniforms and recognition during football games.



A touching ceremony on September 11, prior to the game against Norwalk St. Paul, when the band marched in accompanied by a gigantic memorial American flag. Director Chris Scherley here directs them across the field and to attention as they then begin the National Anthem.

Membership Sign Up₁₂₁₅

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 _____ "Super Tiger" \$300 (includes two passes to every high school sporting event)
_____ "Tiger" \$125 (includes two home season tickets to sport of choice)
(Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Basketball Boys' Basketball)
_____ Special "Gray" \$40 _____ 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.

Tanny Vonthron Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Dolores Heydinger Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment
Fund through the HEF)

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)

Touch a Wall

Contribution to TouchWall interactive data storage and retrieval system _____ (See p. 4)

Huron Alumni Association Scam

We have tried in the past to make our members aware of an organization phishing on line for alumni of just about every high school in America. They are found at AlumniClass.com. The group has copied yearbooks and uncopyrighted logos of high schools, our own Huron High included. They are in the business of selling memberships to fake alumni associations in the name of real high schools. Then they sell all sorts of paraphernalia such as mugs and shirts and caps and the usual souvenir type materials embossed with the logos. They run "specials" on lifetime memberships to attract the unsuspecting to their website where they offer you absolutely nothing except the opportunity to join a social media site. Except that their site is a portal to the Facebook site where most of the social media alums carry on their exchanges anyway. While they have copyrighted their own site and purport to be registered in Huron Ohio, they operate out of Washington State. Only on the last line of their site does one find the disclaimer that they are NOT affiliated in any way with the real Huron High School in Huron Ohio. They DO offer, though, the opportunity to communicate about class reunions, but most of you FaceBook users are already doing that. So buyers beware! And if you feel you absolutely MUST spend the money, send it instead to one of the REAL Huron Ohio Alumni Association's Scholarship plans.

Huron Memorial Stadium's Memory Wall

You can honor the memory of a loved one or a classmate by having an engraved plaque placed upon the Memory Wall at Huron Memorial Stadium. This wall is situated on the rear of the large sign on Jim Campbell Boulevard directly in front of the stadium. We are happy to report that the first row of plaques has just been completed on the wall, but plenty of room remains there for you to consider placing the name and message for your loved one. For details, contact Donna Green at gggrenya@aol.com or Cindy Defazio at belzio5@bex.net, and use "Memorial Wall" in the subject line so your message is not deleted by accident.

Alumni Association Dues

Just a reminder that all Alumni Association dues renewals are due in December of each year. Details are on the inside of the back cover here. Do your part to help keep the Association a viable entity by remitting your dues as soon as possible. If you are a new subscriber, you may remit your dues at any time. We operate completely within our budget and wherever possible conduct our business on line to save on postage. If you are presently receiving this in print form and have email, wouldn't you consider sharing your handle with us so we can include you on our email listing for all future copies of this newsletters and for timely messages related to your class's reunions. Thank you for your consideration.

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