

Graduation 2014

Your Alumni Association grew in May by 111 as Huron High graduated an excellent class of scholars, athletes, and talented arts students. In a scholarship ceremony earlier in the month, graduates were awarded in excess of 1.2 million dollars by their colleges and local scholarship donors. On the fields and courts, they made deep runs into the regional levels in football, basketball, volleyball and baseball. On the stage they outdid all previous efforts with their production of *Beauty and Beast* and the presentations at the spring art and music festival. Read inside all about the legacy left by the Graduates of 2014.

Huron Education Foundation

This past winter a reorganization of the Huron Education Foundation occurred. In its reconstituted and streamlined version, it will be a catalyst for change in the future. As its resources grow, so will the number of graduating seniors, teachers, and classroom programs benefitting in years to come. The investments made will help fund scholarships for students and teachers alike, fund teacher grants, and allow our nationally recognized school to grow even more. Inside be sure to read how you can participate in this program.

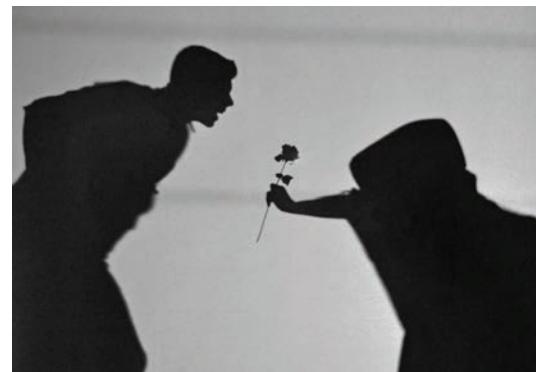
70 Years and Counting

Three generations ago, our nation was engaged in a World War in both the European and Pacific Theaters. German and Japanese aggression against their neighbors and the United States forced families in small towns across our nation into hurry-up geography lessons to learn where their sons and daughters were being sent. Huron's brave young men and women answered our nation's call to service, postponing their futures in order to halt the spread of Nazism and Japanese imperial designs against the rest of the world. Most eventually returned home, some whole, some not, while many remained behind under white crosses. This spring, over Memorial Day weekend and again in Normandy at the D Day ceremonies, Huron honored its fallen heroes, and one of our own revisited the scenes of battles that inspire heroism even today as we read of and watch films of those distant conflicts.

Inside you can read of how Huron commemorated its war dead a different way this year, of one of our own who did not return from combat, and of another who returned to Europe as part of an elite group selected to represent America's Greatest Generation. We do this to honor them and to remind ourselves that



Student Body President Benjamin Battiste addresses the graduates. Below: Benji is about to be changed into the Beast for *Beauty and the Beast*.



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Baccalaureate Ceremony

A moving and well attended Baccalaureate ceremony was held at 5 PM on Friday, May 30, at St. Peter and Paul Church. Departing from the traditional Sunday afternoon ceremonies past, the crowd seemed to welcome the change and especially the cooler temperatures as they sat through the beautiful ceremony.

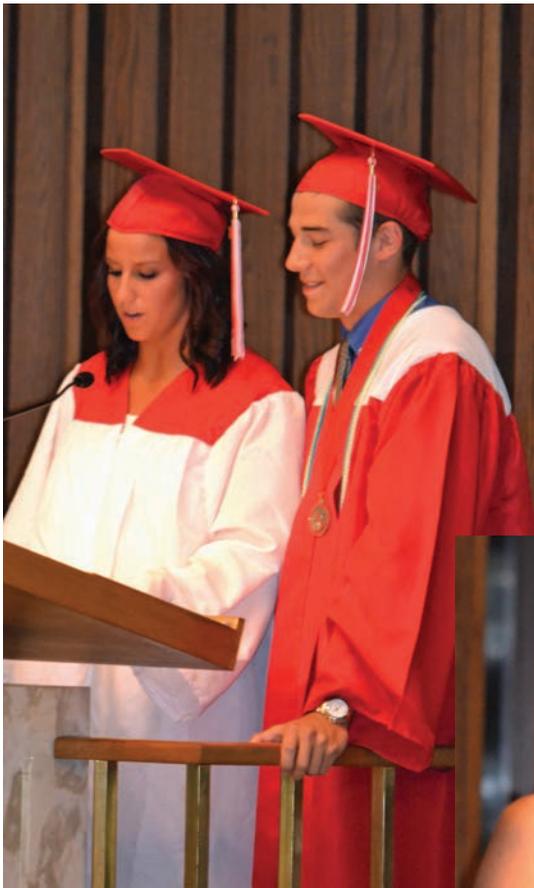
A solemn processional, accompanied by the high school's bell choir, set the tone for what was to follow. Students paraded to the podium to reflect upon the meaning of their lives thus far, to recount lessons learned but not necessarily from books, to challenge themselves to even higher aspirations, to thank their par-

ents, teachers, and all who had a hand in their development. And, of course, to give a visual accounting of their accomplishments throughout their high school careers - the great procession to lay their sacrificial junk at the altar of past experiences. All those reminders, lying there on the altar steps, of past glories that will fade quickly as they meet new challenges, undertake different adventures, and make new, non-Facebook friends.

Guest speaker for the affair was Mrs. Stephanie Hotz, their junior and senior English teacher. She had inspired these students in the two short years that she has taught at Huron High. One last time

she thanked the class and their parents for their hard work and support and challenged them to achieve even greater heights. Judging from the applause given her, her message was well received.

It was a happy day but sad, too, in a way, and these seniors revealed that, with their forced smiles, as they processed out of the church. They marched two by two, one last time as a group, knowing they would never again under any circumstances be gathered together in one place. Childhood and adolescence died that day. Welcome to the "real world" that adults have been preaching about for years.



Cassidy Boger and Jacob Lehrer reminisce on how the class will remember these years.



Morgan Odell and Abigail (Abby) Wiseman give their classmates advice on traveling through life.



Mr. Stephanie Hotz, high school English teacher, delivers her farewell remarks to the graduates.

Graduation Ceremony

Friday evening, 7 PM, Huron Memorial Stadium is packed and waiting for the kickoff . . . woops, wrong story. This was not a spring practice game but another first for Huron - a Friday night, outdoor graduation ceremony. For the first time in almost half a century the Huron commencement exercises were held on a day other than a Sunday in an outdoor venue. Originally the date had been set to coincide with the final day of school for all students. Unfortunately, Mother Nature and her snow days had dictated that the school year for underclassmen extend into June, but the May 30 graduation date remained for the seniors.

What a beautiful evening it was for all to be outdoors. In a perfectly orchestrated ceremony, one hundred and eleven seniors walked across the makeshift stage to receive their diplomas. Well, not quite. There was another first for Huron that evening, a “double” graduation, with seniors receiving diplomas in two different venues, Huron and Elida, Ohio, one hundred and twenty miles away. The boys’ baseball team was having a sterling season and was making a deep run into the state playoffs, right at the regional level. On the afternoon before graduation was to take place, the team had defeated a strong team from Lake High School from up near Toledo. That put the next playoff game at 5 PM on Friday night, graduation eve. What to do? Why not both?

School officials contacted the Sandusky Register who set up a live-stream between the baseball field 120 miles away and Huron High School stadium. So the game went on and finished about the same time that graduation was beginning back home. The players could then watch their ceremony back home. The four senior members of the team had taken their caps and gowns with them to the game and at game completion donned their duds. Athletic Director Steve Camella had brought along the diplomas and an impromptu graduation ceremony was held at home plate. High School Counselor Jan Bogden Henning, ’69, played principal and Board of Education Teacher in presenting diplomas. Tom Bollenbacher, ’74, was able to present his son Keegan his diploma, and the other coaches also helped do the ceremony up right. On the live-feed, in the background someone could even be heard humming “Pomp and Circumstances”!

So both ceremonies went on, beginning in sunshine and ending under the game lights. Student Body President Benjamin Battiste, son of Tom and Janice Auble Battiste, ’76, began the parade of speeches. Patrick Dusza, son of Tom and Debra Asher Dusza, ’83, delivered the valedictorian address, the third Asher to have the honor of performing that task. Drew Hanley, son of Cole Hanley, ’83, did the salutatorian honors, and Brandon Garza represented the EHOVE graduates. All spoke to their fellow classmates and re-

minded them that the day was just one more step in a series leading to lifetime success. All exhorted their classmates to enjoy the trip and not get too caught up in defining success solely as the pursuit of money and things. They urged all not to be afraid of doing different things, of creating new pathways through the future, of defining themselves rather than allowing others to stamp them into a mold. Above all, the word enjoy was oft repeated, for, as one speaker put it, if you lead the life you love, you will love the life you lead.

So with the spirit of hope and optimism, this Class of 2014 took its leave. Principal Scott Matheny remarked that there are classes where the entire staff says thank God they are going, and then there are other classes where all exclaim that they will be truly missed. This class will be missed at Huron High for its hard work, dedication, and upholding the strong traditions of Huron. In fact, Scott mentioned in his address that he had received notification from US News and World Report that Huron High was ranked nationally as one of the top schools in the entire nation! It was, therefore, a pleasure for Molly Harkelroad Ryan, ’88, to welcome these grads into the rolls of the Huron High Alumni Association. We look forward to reporting here of their successes for decades to come.



What’s a graduation without a hat toss! We’re outa here!

Notice how dark it was as the sun had just set. Next year we need a faster reader.

Molly Harkelroad Ryan, ’88, welcomes the newest alumni and urges them to stay connected to one another and to their alma mater.



Three Generations of Huron Grads

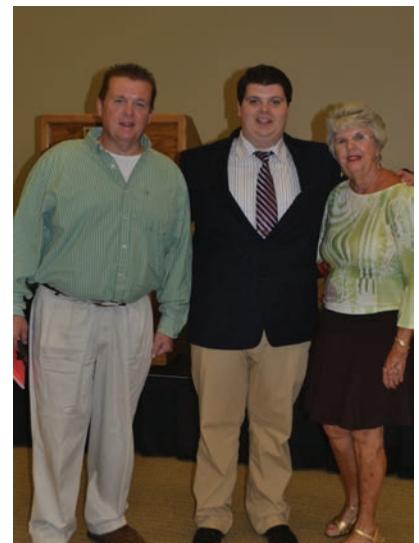


The Boos-Enderle families celebrated dual graduations at the Huron Township Conservation Club where all have been active through the years: In front are Lou, '54, and Marjorie Enderle, a Norwalk St. Paul graduate. On the far right, to the rear, are the Boger family: Eric in yellow, '89, son Curt, '11, Stacey Boos Boger, '89, and graduate Cassidy Boger.

Bunched to the left are the Boos side of this clan: Grandparents Bob, '57, and Linda Uther Boos, '59, with the wounded wing; to the rear the Enderle boys: Drew, '12, and brother Derek, '10, and dad Joe, '85, and squeezed in the middle are Sharon Boos Enderle, '79, and graduate Donnell.



The Stout family graduates another: grandma Lucy Iallonardo Stout, '57, graduate Shelby, and proud parents, Sue and Mike, '83.



The Breay family, with scholarship winner Benjamin: Michael Breay, '87 and his mother Peggy Bean Breay, '54.

Winter Gatherings

Many classes have taken to meeting on a regular basis long after the big five-year gatherings take place. Most of the attendees are either local or live within a very short driving distance. Classes usually meet for breakfast or luncheon at a venue quite a bit smaller than where they gather for anniversary reunions. They try to remain informal at these meetings and usually dive into their burgers and beers with gusto. Some even keep the fishing industry alive by enjoying perch dinners.

Some popular places in town are at Berardi's, the Sand Bar, Bar North at Thunderbird Hills GC, pizza places like Jim's Pizza Box or the Pizza House, at Mulligan's Pub in warmer weather, and Marconi's. If you are expecting a large group, most places appreciate a heads up to set aside enough seats for all and try to arrange a bit of privacy.

Occasionally, to accommodate folks living in nearby towns, the groups change their venue. They may visit an establishment in Sandusky, or Milan (Jim's Pizza Box in Milan is being rebuilt after its fire and will open sometime early this summer), Bellevue, or even Berlin Heights. Someone living in those areas just needs to take the lead and make the arrangements.

Keep it going, groups. It's all about maintaining the relationships, about staying close as you swore to do on your graduation day. Keep the promise! And let us know when and where you gather and we'll see that your group is represented in these pages. Or you can just email us a picture and ID's and we'll see that it is printed.



Enjoying their luncheon, the '56 Lunch Bunch are Carol Lescher, Mim and Dick Olmstead, Red Lescher standing under the Blue sign, Leroy Brownell, Lynn Dircks, Leroy's friend Sharon Tomshack, Al Meyers, his daughter Tami Meyers and wife Helen Meyers, and Jean Dircks.



The class of '59 has a standing date for the second Sunday evening of the month at a pizza place in town. Sometimes as many as twenty-five to thirty will show up, other times as few as ten. No matter. They just enjoy reconnecting if only for an hour or so. This month Karen Colon made it, as did Claudia and Porter Wallace, and Alice and Val Costantino. On the right side of the table were Dave Boos, Dee and Tom Hartley, and Bob and Linda Boos.



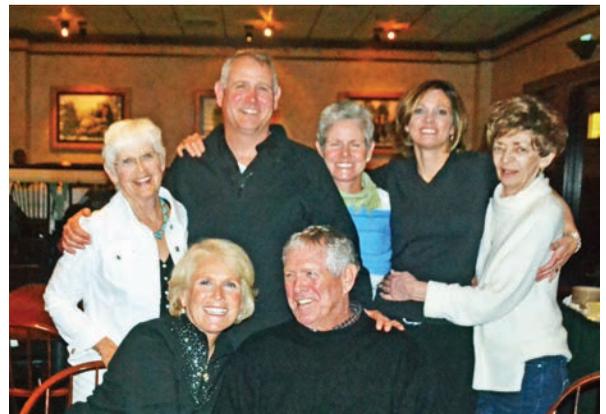
The '48 gang dwindles, as Joe Catri, Millie Borgelt, Teresa Johnson, Pat Basilone, Fran Ringlein, and Norma Batch gather for their morning Joe and eggs. Regular Bob Fritz was held excused because of eye surgery.



The '65 Lunch Bunch gathered at the Mulligan's Pub deck for a noon lunch. Standing in the left rear are Dan and Judy Houdeshell and in the middle Darcy Hetrick Schee. Seated are Norm Bostater, Marcia Gockstetter Lapp, Tomma Slocum Schmidt, Ann Williamson Meier, Bob and Linda Baxter Miller, Betty Jo Gioffre, Ron and Darlene Jensen.



Look who's turning fifty: This is the year of the big FIVE O for the members of the class of '83. In May a few gathered to help Joel Hagy through that portal. Shown here at Sawmill Creek are: Joel Hagy, AJ Dufresne, Mike VanRossum, Theresa McNea, Paul Ward, Bob Jones, Michelle Inseson Hearn, and Kim Giannelli Mayle



The Hagy family gathered to celebrate the birthday. In front, draped over dad Jessie was Leslie, '76. In the rear was Sandy Roderick Gordon, '54, Joel, '83, Liz Swain, 76, and Joel's wife Jenny and her mother.

Tanny Vonthron



Smiley faces, hundreds of them, decorated Huron much of this winter and spring – at this writing in late May, they still decorate corners and store fronts. They had sprouted up like mushrooms all over town: in store and home windows, on front lawns, on banners strung from overpasses and on bridges, pasted on kids cheeks, backpacks, and books. School hallways were filled with them and offices all over town; they even greeted shoppers in market aisles. The reason? To support beloved Shawnee Elementary School principal Tanny Vonthron.

For almost six years Tanny had been struggling in her fight against cancer. She had undergone chemo treatments and occasionally left her post for short periods but always returned, sometimes with less hair than when she left, but always wearing a smile and lighting up her students' faces. Her struggles became teachable moments for her kids, as they too learned to fight adversities in their own lives. This winter, however, it became apparent that she would be losing her battle. On March 12, at age 39, she left us for good. Before her final farewell, though, the entire community resolved to support her and her family with displays of her favorite color – yellow – and smiley faces. Her yellow “Beetle Bug” was a familiar sight around town and many times in the teachers' parking lot late at night as she literally lived for her job and her kids.

Tanny had graduated from Huron High in 1992, did her college work, earned her administration certifications, and quickly entered the education field. She was an intervention specialist in Huron for a few years, then left for North Carolina. There, in addition to her teaching, she also produced children's books. Upon her return to Huron and the reopening

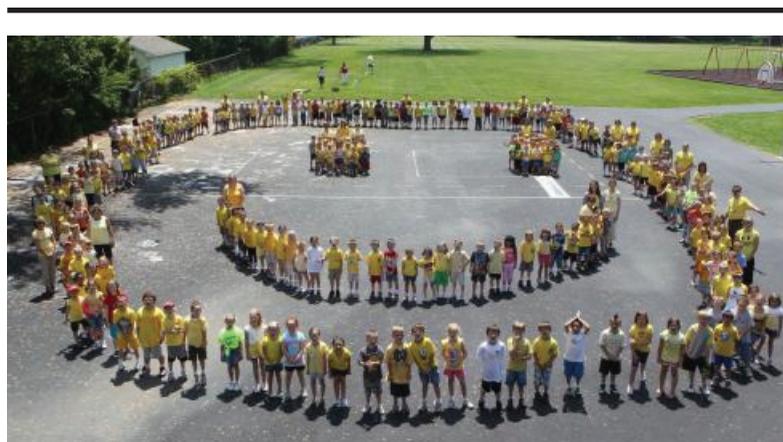
of Shawnee School, Tanny was the logical choice to lead those students just beginning their school experiences. With a steady hand, she guided the process from preschool through second grade.

Students loved her, and she showed her love for them in innumerable ways. On her good days, and sometimes even the bad days, she greeted each child by name as they disembarked from their buses. She could be their nurse if they fell and got growing bumps; she could be chief hugger for anyone even daring to look as if they were having a bad day. Any child who wandered past her office door was welcome to pop in for a hug and a smiley face sticker before running back to class. If a discipline issue sent them to her office, she would sit right down at their level, inquire for the specifics, and then help them to better understand how to behave. After receiving a hug, they usually returned to class a little wiser and always wearing a smiley face.

Her philosophy was infectious to all whom she greeted. She didn't have to state it – she lived it. “We are all terminal,” she used to say. “None of us knows our expiration date, so we'd better make the most out of every day that we've been given.” Boy, did she ever! She milked every moment for every drop of life, and all who knew or associate with her could attest that to spend even a short time with

her was an uplifting experience. Even when dealing with dreary, mundane affairs at meetings, one never left with a humdrum feeling. It was her spirit of always looking for the positive, seeking ways forward, and looking for positive people to support her. She brooked not fools, had no time for depressing talk, and even less for nay-sayers.

Long after the smiley faces fade and are taken down, Tanny will live on in the memory of every single student who passed through her building, of everyone who attended school with her or taught for her, of every teacher who ever taught her. To help remember her, this spring two trees were planted in her memory, a “Tanny Tree” on the school premises, another at the McBride Arboretum on the campus of BGSU Firelands College – a flowering crab apple that sets – you guessed it – yellow crab apples. This summer, Tanny's classmates also intend to gather and plant a tree at Shawnee School, a yellow ginkgo. The Chinese have a saying that one can tell how much people love their grandchildren by the number of trees they plant in their lifetime. We modify that to read that one can tell how much a community loves one of its own by how many memorial trees they plant. Long may her memory live in the minds and hearts of all who knew her.



Returning from a prolonged series of chemo treatments, Tanny was caught off guard by her students' art work, a giant Smiley Face made using their own bodies with yellow tee's.

Tanny's Bug stands silent sentinel in her school parking spot, day and night.



Memorial and Remembrance

On March 23, the Huron community had an opportunity to show its appreciation for Tanny Vonthron's work in the Huron Schools at a celebration of her life, held at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. The place was awash in a sea of yellow. Her trademark yellow smiley face balloons festooned the entire hall, and everything that moved or stood still was covered in yellow, right down to the kids' t-shirts. For hours the receiving line was backed up with folks patiently waiting to share their condolences with the family and express their gratitude.



On Mother's Day afternoon, a tree dedication ceremony was held at the McBride Arboretum. Family, parents, and guests watched in delight as the children stole the show, first speaking about their fondest memories of Ms. Vonthron and then helping to "plant" their tree by pouring cups of dirt over the root ball. The smiley face will remain for a while to help them find "their" tree until they can remember its location.



The members of the Vonthron family who attended the tree planting ceremony were Tanny's sister Emma, '96, and her two children and Tanny's parents, Deborah and Carl, '67.



Martha Ann Ream



On March 14, Ann Ream passed away in San Luis Obispo CA. Ann had taught and tutored for Huron High School for many years in the late 60's and 70's, mostly as a French language instructor but occasionally filling in for English when class sizes swelled. In those days she was married to shop teacher Bob Bowers and was an enthusiastic Tiger fan. We reprint here Ann's obituary - complete with her real first name - as written by her daughter Andrea Bowers, '83.

Martha Ann Ream died from complications following brain surgery at UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles in March 2014 one day after her 71st Birthday. Always called Ann since childhood, her exceptional beauty was shadowed only by her remarkable intelligence and grace.

Born in the family farmhouse near the rural village of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Ann was the third of four daughters of Donald J. Baird and Gladys Lucile Baird. She attended all twelve grades in the local school, and established lifelong friendships with her classmates. In her youth she was memorably bright and beautiful, enthusiastic and engaging. She flourished as a 4-H member, a cheerleader, and a drum majorette. Frequently crowned as a teenage beauty queen throughout the buckeye state, she was pleased to reign as Champaign County Fair Queen, Ohio State Fair Queen Court, Ohio State FFA Queen Court,

Champaign County Dairy Princess and most proudly, Champaign County Pork Queen. In 1963, as an undergraduate, she went on to be named Miss Wilmington College and 1965 Ms. Wilmington College Illumination, reigning at May Day Events.

While attending Wilmington College as an English major, Ann married Robert Bowers in 1964. The following year, she completed her student teaching, and gave birth to their daughter, Andrea. By 21, she had read all the great literary classics—authors like Hawthorne, Bronte, Austen—and was busily embarking on motherhood and a career in education. Continuing to teach part-time she became an energetic volunteer: she was a Girl Scout Leader, member of the Huron Junior Women's League, and the Huron's Child Study Club. She also served as the Huron High School Cheer leading Advisor and tutored special education and at-risk teens. In 1976, she was voted Huron Young Woman of the Year and was later recognized as Huron Woman of the Year.

At a 1983 Mechanicsburg High School reunion, Ann was reunited with James Ream, her high school sweetheart. After James, then a Municipal Court Judge, who later retired as a Superior Court Judge, returned to California they continued to stay in touch. In 1984, Ann moved to California and they were soon married. For over 30 years, Ann and Jim have shared an especially loving and caring marriage.

Ann whole-heartedly embraced San Luis Obispo as her hometown. She continued to work as an active volunteer and community leader noted for her interest in the arts, education, and public service. A Founding Member of Arts Are Core and Founding Board Member for the Clark Center Performing Arts Association, she also served as a board member for the San Luis Obispo County Visitors and Conference Bureau, an Advisory Council Member President of the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council, and long-time Chair of the Art in Public Places Committee. A member of the First Presbyterian Church, she was an Elder of the church as well as their Wedding Coordinator. Ann's generous involvement with

her community was appreciated and acknowledged: she was honored with a Cuesta College Woman of Distinction award and chosen as 2012 Volunteer of the Year by the City of San Luis Obispo.

Throughout her life, Ann was a dancer, working in a range of styles and settings from improvisational to liturgical. She taught dance at women's retreats attended workshops throughout California with many noted dancers such as Anna Halprin. For over 28 years she was a proud member of the "Women of Tuesday," an improvisational dance group that focused on empathy and community building. Ann and two dear friends developed a mustard and jam business called, Little Sisters. She was a gardener, gourmet cook, grammarian, bon vivant, world traveler, news horse, skier, politico, a wonderful friend, sister, superhuman mother and wife.

In 2001, when she was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, an extremely aggressive brain cancer, the life expectancy for GBM patients with her diagnosis was 30 to 90 days. But Ann seemed indomitable and was a proud and courageous twelve-year survivor of the disease. She refused to allow the disease to define her life and mentored many others with the same diagnosis encouraging them to fight with perseverance and grace. Over a twelve-year course that included four brain surgeries, three radiation treatments and numerous rounds of chemotherapy, she always found joy and comfort in her life and inspired those fortunate enough to be around her.

She leaves behind her husband, James Ream, her daughter Andrea Bowers, her stepchildren Judson Ream (Mandy) (grandchildren Grady and Chase) and Callie Ream, sisters Phyllis (Dale) Hill and Donna Paoletti. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Susan Dawn Baird.

There was a celebration of Ann's life on Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Monday Club, San Luis Obispo, California.

Andrea Bowers Inducted into Gallery of Achievers



On May 5, Andrea Bowers, '83, was inducted into the Erie County Chamber of Commerce Gallery of Achievers. This high honor is bestowed upon graduates of Erie County schools who have excelled in their chosen fields of endeavor. Past inductees have included many business persons, military heroes, prominent educators, philanthropists, government officials, even politicians, to name a few categories of honorees. Notably lacking are those who have excelled in the fine arts. That oversight has been corrected with the acceptance of Andrea Bowers into this august group.

Little in Andrea's distant past could have predicted her reaching this pinnacle. The daughter of shop teacher Bob Bowers and English/French teacher Ann, Andrea was a typical west side Huronite of the 60's and 70's. She was a summertime beach bum like all the rest of the kids in her neighborhood, enjoyed cheering for sports, made good grades in school, and enjoyed art and being creative. Creative as in finding new ways of doing old things or expressing new ideas. Creative as in not always accepting and conforming to the standard American norms and values, of sometimes running counter to the generalized notions when they conflicted with certain basic, fundamental truths.

Despite this contrary streak, she managed to keep her nose clean, graduate from Huron High School, go off to college like most of her classmates, and not get arrested until another thirty years had passed. More about that later!

After receiving her BFA from BGSU, Andrea went west and did her MFA at the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia CA. Then she did what so many young, talented artists do, starved. Not to fear, though, as she had many contacts with the art world in her time at Cal Institute. While exploring possibilities in the art world, she created several business opportunities to help support herself. Remember, this was pre-internet economy, so she began supplying personal services to the stars and celebrities in the Hollywood area by doing the old fashioned leg work. Going to the Academy Awards and didn't know what to wear? Andrea could be hired to do your shopping for you. She saw needs, then invented the business model to satisfy those needs. That's creativity.

However, Andrea began to sense other types of needs as equally important to today's societies. How about the injustices being committed against the outliers in society – the abused women and children, the immigrants, legal or illegal, taken advantage of just because they wanted to improve themselves, or the many displaced, disenfranchised, voiceless in society? Who speaks for them? In a sense Andrea does, not by running for political office to represent the downtrodden, but by using her artistic skills to expose the injustices against humanity. How is this done?

Andrea uses the media of art to create images of the human effects of the prejudices, oppressions, misguided policies and priorities of so-

ciety. Her media are not traditional, but as varied as they need be to express the many themes which she tackles. Sometimes she paints, in watercolors and oils, or just works with pencils and markers. She can practice photorealism or be abstract. Other times she sculpts or wraps, or weaves and ties and hangs. Sometimes she pursues her craft with camera and computer. Often times she is cold, harsh, and acerbic in presenting her message with stone, glass, and metals to make her point. At other times her sharp, caustic messages are best conveyed with wire, paper, collages, and posters done in gouache, or with colored pencil, silk screen and textiles. Don't ever try to pin her down, categorize her, cram her into a labeled bottle. Her output can be cameo-size paintings or monumental in size and scope, filling entire rooms. (See her No Olvidado! at www.vielmetter.com/artists/andrea-bowers/exhibitions/302/view.html) She is talented enough to fill a gallery from just a wastebasket full of a day's worth of office floor sweepings if she had to, and dazzle visitors with her



Andrea poses with Bob, '60, Rob, '06, and Kim Chubak Bowers, 77'.

creativity as she made a comment about menial work in our society.

Her subjects are not always human beings but can be injustices committed against animals and objects in nature. Trees, old growth behemoths that predated the Spanish arrival in California, especially enamor her. So when development threatened a grove of arboreal beauties, she joined a group of sitters – those who secretly ascend in darkness to the heights of trees threatened with extinction, hoist up a sitting platform and enough supplies to outlast the cutters and cops, and then descend when their demands to spare the trees are met. She did her thing with the sitters and then watched in horror as the trees all around her tree were cut and chipped.

The group despondently descended and were arrested on the spot. But then armed with her newly earned rap sheet, she brought her battered up, prehistoric pickup back to the site and loaded up chunks of the trees. Why? To create a piece of sculpture – a huge hanging “chandelier” made of suspended pieces of the climbing ropes she had used with the pieces of wood entwined in the ropes and suspended, all in their naked ugliness-turned-beautiful. Don’t get mad, get even she says. Viewers of the assemblage will perhaps be reminded of such past injustices against nature and vow to be more protective in the future. Then who gets the last laugh! It’s called Direct Nonviolent Action and it works. Ask Gandhi or Martin Luther King Jr. (To view a hanging based upon her tree sitting experiences, visit her pirate ship exhibit made from the sitting platform at www.capitainpetzel.de/artists/bowers-andrea/).

She sound too radical? Not so. Andrea is apolitical in her messages as she skewers equally the right and left whenever acts against justice demand. Her messages are not subtle but forthright to all who share her vision of an America that still has a chance to fulfill the visions of the Founders. She doesn’t hide in her studio to churn out her work but lives on the front lines of those causes for which she harbors deeply held convictions. Whether she sits chained in the top of a tree to

help preserve a threatened grove from developers or poses behind the original desk of one James Hoffa of disappearing fame to champion workers’ rights everywhere, or flies into a remote village above the Arctic Circle to champion rights of indigenous peoples, she earnestly believes in those causes and communicates the injustices poignantly. But the bottom line is that her messages are never ambiguous; they always burst through: Injustice always sucks! War always hurts real people. Loneliness, rejection, being on the outside never feels good. Poverty degrades us all. Always. These messages resonate worldwide, not just stateside. For there is no purely “American” concept of justice, of liberty, of equality, but rather a universal understanding of all these God-given truths.

Hence, the world-wide attention given her works now. In her time since the



Buds forever: Classmates Theresa McNea from Cleveland and Michelle Ineson Hearn from Bay Village celebrate with Andrea.

early 90’s, Andrea has been exhibited in some of the world’s most prestigious galleries and museums. In the States, she has been exhibited up and down the West Coast and all over New York, from Texas to Minnesota and all places in between. In Europe her work is known from the north to the south of Germany, in Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, and France. She has also shown in Australia and New Zealand and is opening an exhibit in Korea. Some of the prestigious museums that have acquired her pieces are the Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn and Sculpture Garden in Washington DC, the Whitney Museum of American Art

in New York, the Museums of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, San Diego and La Jolla, the Museum of Fine Art in Houston, as well as institutes in Munich and Greece. Why so widely appreciated and collected these days? Because she resonates. No one corner of the world has cornered markets based upon injustices.

As she grows older, Andrea shows no signs of diminished skills nor mellowed message. She continues to travel, write, teach, exhibit, and encourage others, especially sister feminists, to create, speak out, exhibit and make a difference. She especially seeks to remove patriarchal barriers to other female artists whom she feels suffer from the oppression of a male dominated art world. It’s not just the artists themselves but everyone from the art teachers, gallery owners, auction houses, museum curators and personnel, to many of the collectors who in the past and even in the present dictate styles, tastes, and even the permissible themes. Andrea will continue to reject a male-only vision of art, gain adherents, and make a difference.

All of which presents a problem for going forward. For this summer, she has been retained as an Artist-in-Residence in a location right on the Champs Elysees in the shadow of this famous tower they have there. She will be creating and displaying for the famed Louis Vuitton folks whose creations many of you women have admired but can only dream of owning. She has been given a gallery in which to create while the general public can peer through glass to observe an artist in action. She has been given the complete freedom to work on whatever she wishes. Now that’s what’s called having arrived! Will she survive this zoo-like environment? We have no doubt that in this different type of gallery she will achieve once more.

If you wish to see what Andrea has created in the past couple decades, just google her name and start opening some sites – just make sure you have reserved enough time to do justice to her work.

Connie Bunn Retires

Thirty-one years ago Connie Bunn was hired at Huron High School to inaugurate the LD program, assisting students with learning disabilities in a self-contained classroom. She was fresh out of college, just married, and eager to begin her career of assisting those students to whom learning came less easily than the mainstream students. Today she is beginning her retirement, is a mother of three of her own, a grandmother, and very satisfied with the work she has done for the past three decades at Huron High.

Connie doesn't measure the number of students served in the thousands as do many of the retirees. Rather, her classes usually numbered only in the handfuls as she was charged with teaching everything. Literally. Her students remained, in those early years, in her classroom all day as she taught them the basics of English, math, social studies, and the sciences. She would be the first to admit that she loved teaching all the subjects, just that some came a little easier to her than others did - just like her students. At first her classroom was the end of a book storage room, upstairs at the end of a hallway, a room without windows, poorly heated, and, of course, without any air circulation. Her program in those days was so new and of such a low priority in schools in general that little heed was paid to providing teachers with more than the basic text books.

However, with time and the help of enlightened advocates of LD education who stepped forward to ensure that separate also meant equal, her teaching conditions eventually changed. So did the attitude of state legislators and school administrators as they recognized that these special needs students were not just to be warehoused but needed to be truly educated and become productive citizens. So her room evolved to become more like a traditional classroom - you know, actual student desks, bulletin board room, a blackboard even!

Connie has seen many changes, not just in attitudes toward the slower learners but in the significance of the programs she and thousands of other teacher like her across the country were charged with teaching. Probably the biggest has been understanding that most of the students who fitted into the early notion of learning disabled really did not need to be in a self-contained, isolated classroom all day in order to succeed. Some were challenged in only one or two subjects



and could be mainstreamed with their classmates in other classes. The socialization skills so necessary to be successful in future jobs were gained with their interactions with others. In turn, the attitudes of their classmates also changed as they understood better the challenges faced by these students and were willing to help the less gifted. In general, it has been a win-win for the entire student population.

Connie has seen all these changes and knows that schools today are better off for them. Her students appreciate them as well. Through the wonders of social media which did not exist "back in the day," Connie still remains in contact

with many of her former students on Facebook and other sites. They share with her their successes, joys and sorrows, and pictures of their families. Would she enter this teaching field again today on a do-over? You betcha! Though she does admit that she will not miss the SLO's and all the other alphabet soups that the state is demanding. Her dedication to her profession and the patience with which she has labored for these kids is legendary at Huron. She never had to raise her voice at her students, rarely even frowned, always worked side by side with them, sometimes hand on top of theirs to help them perform a task, always praising and urging them to do more. And they could and they did. The smile of recognizing that they could do it and the look of a light clicking on somewhere in their head was all that Connie needed to keep going. Graduation day was always so special for her, as "Connie's kids," as they became known around school, always saved their biggest hugs for her.

Connie's future? She's keeping plans loose right now. The lure of grandchildren will certainly take her to the home in Dayton of daughter Justine, '03, an impending wedding will take her to Hersey PA to son Greg, and there will probably be stops in

the Canton area to visit son Matt. She will miss the kids terribly, she says, so she plans to tutor whenever possible and help out at the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Then husband Scott always enjoys a helping hand with his driving school. She did mention that she also looks forward to joining her "old fogies" friends at the retired teachers' parties in the future. We shall welcome her and Scott and their youth at those gatherings.

Best of luck in your future, Connie! And thanks for a career well spent at Huron.

Scholarship Award Time

On May 21st, the annual Scholarship Award Ceremony was held at the Cedar Point Center at BGSU Firelands College, with the college again generously donating its facilities for the event. This year's stellar class was represented by 62 students and amassed a total of 1.2 million dollars in combined local and college scholarships, a fitting conclusion to their thirteen years of hard work.

High school counselor Jan Bogden Henning, '69, announced that 83 different entities would be presenting scholarships for the evening. Each year this list grows longer as more alumni step forward to help pay back for their successes based upon the educational foundation given them by the Huron City Schools. For example, the family of Greg and Sue (Airhart) Thaxton, both '79 graduates, was the latest to join this list, with a matching contribution from the Nordson Corporation. In addition, new memorial scholarships are created to perpetuate the memory of individuals with deep roots in the Huron community. An example of this is the Tanny Vonthron Memorial Scholarship created this year to assist students continuing their schooling in the education field.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Sarah Baker, '06, a Journalism-English major who graduated from Cleveland State University with financial assistance from her Campbell Scholarship award. In a somewhat humorous style, Sarah reviewed for this year's class those virtues and habits necessary for success at the college level. Probably the most useful advice was that one should never say, "I don't know," not with the internet literally in anyone's hand on a smartphone. "Look it up and don't ever remain ignorant about anything." That dictum was well received by a class raised on the internet and smartphone technology.

This year's graduates will attend 32 different colleges and universities in the fall. Of those attending, 36 have been granted scholarships by the universities themselves. Their majors will encompass the traditional ones but also include fields such as forensic science, geology,

biochemistry, sports medicine, and robotics. Four or five years from now we hope that they all are able to find jobs in their chosen fields.

The generosity of the Huron community toward its graduating seniors cannot be lauded enough. Most small communities all across America take pride in providing for their children. They create and staff great schools, build first class community recreational and athletic facilities, stretch their imaginations to provide year round programs to involve families in activities that knit the bonds of the community together, irrespective of any differences within the community, and then usually find jobs within the area to retain their graduates and perpetuate the cycle into the future. That's the history of small town America in a nutshell – or at least it used to be. But Huron is a little different, not quite fitting the mold.

The fact of the matter is that the Erie County business climate is such that there are not enough good paying jobs to retain the large number of super-performing students that the Huron Schools annually produce. The manufacturing base that had supported a vast middle class in the area has diminished greatly. Instead we now find ourselves a vast recreational destination, mainly for half a year only, with those businesses providing jobs paying less now than those in the past. Of course, Huron itself was always famously used to that type of economy. While parents motored down the road to the east or west for jobs in the winter, students have always complained, "What's to do in Huron in the winter?!?!" (Well, for one, there's always ice fishing!) But those days are gone. The big dollar sources to the east and west are gone. Shuttered or downsized plants and brownfields remind us of our past prosperities.

So, with over 90% of her students annually furthering their education in some sort of college programs, Huron and the surrounding area can offer those graduating students four years later what – a Mickey D's or Dollar General reward for going sometimes over \$100,000 into debt



Abigail Wiseman and Katelyn Crawford proudly pose as recipients of the Huron Alumni Association Scholarships

for their college education? So Huron families and the community as a whole does everything it can to provide for its children only to see what – the majority of them leaving the area to obtain the jobs commensurate with their abilities - and thus raising their families elsewhere. It does sometimes seem that this huge investment in human capital at the local level is a waste if the majority of it eventually leaves us. But that's the narrow view.

America wasn't built by waves of immigrants hugging our eastern shores and searching for opportunities close to where they had landed. Rather, our entrepreneurial spirit has demanded that we always continue to move outward. Each succeeding generation seems to have leapfrogged the preceding, sometimes by only a few miles, but then gradually accelerating the pace in the vast westward expansion of the nineteenth century. The twentieth century saw the expansion slow, but then the consolidation process occurred whereby the roots of each locale penetrated more deeply into America's soil. We became not so much a nation of movers as now a settled

country, interested in improving and perfecting the places where we had settled and what we had created there. Huron did that in the 60's, 70's and 80's.

Now over the past two decades we have become engaged in another period of movement, with our younger ones moving out for improved opportunities. However, the circle completes itself as there is evidence that many are returning later in life to the roots their parents had put down. Upon their return, they bring with them the capital they had accumulated elsewhere, the mature outlook and experiences that life had afforded them, and the wisdom to support the next generation in its efforts. The cynical might say that the returnees are just providing for a better class of nursing home for their parents and setting themselves up for the same. The more enlightened view says that the capital, the wisdom, and the energy this returning generation brings is just what the cycle needs to keep going. They contribute to existing programs or begin new scholarship

opportunities. And in many cases, those who left us may not actually physically return, but they send back to us what they can to help perpetuate the system. It's as close to a perpetual motion machine as we'll ever see.

So the event that took place on May 21 saw that growing sense of this new system is how it's going to be for a long while into the future, until the nation as a whole charts a different course. In the meantime, we need to support those coming up to ensure the viability of the entire system out into the future. The graduates of Huron's 2014 class are keenly aware of how the system now operates and extremely thankful for those who have gone before and still reach back to pull along those upcoming. They look forward to someday being able to pay back from wherever they are.

But can anyone see the outcome of this type of cycle? We have, in a sense, devolved from a system where we used to graduate hundreds of students to a future

of graduating fewer than one hundred. We have devolved from a system which in the 1960's saw 70% of the households in the community with students or at least grandchildren in the district's schools, to a situation today in which fewer than 20% of the households have children or grandchildren in the schools. That does not mean that we have become the county's geriatric ward. But it does mean that we need to properly recognize and praise the community that continues to pour out its resources upon its upcoming generation through its myriad of scholarship programs. Good job, kids, in earning your scholarships awards. Better job, community, for continuing to see that this flow of dollars not only continues but grows, and especially for recognizing that investment in human capital ultimately pays the greatest dividends. With all the talk of how America has become a me-only nation, Huron certainly does not buy entirely into that meme.



Sue Airhart Thaxton and husband Greg, both '79ers, are all smiles as they were able to present scholarships to Molly Galvin and Keegan Bollenbacher.



Benjamin Battiste and Ryan VanCauwenbergh were the recipients of the Tom Shontz Memorial Science Scholarships. Benji is not really going to attend Meeechigan but will study biology and pre-med close by, at the University of Toledo.

New Administrators for 2014

Shawnee Elementary Principal

On May 28, the Huron Board of Education announced that it had hired a person to succeed Tanny Vonthron in her position as principal of Shawnee Elementary School.

Hired was Brian Kuchel, the present 8th grade science teacher at McCormick Middle School for the past six years and in education for seven years. Brian came to Huron as a graduate of Ashland University. He took his Bachelors of Science in Education degree in December of 2006, then followed that with his Master of Education degree in August of 2011.

Brian's experiences have mainly been in the Junior High level. However, as a single father of a three year old, he does know a thing or two about the wee ones now. His goal as an educator is to make a lasting impact on student's lives. At Shawnee Elementary, he will certainly have countless opportunities to do that. Regardless of the grade level, he loves the interactions he has with the students on a daily basis and the opportunities to make an impact. He is constantly trying to find new and unique ways to better himself and his scholastic environment.

So what does an elementary principal do when not in school. Brian loves to watch and play baseball, golf, and football. He is also an avid runner. That's good - with the long hallways at Shawnee and the almost daily emergencies. He enjoys spending time with family and friends. Son Blake and he keep busy going to libraries, parks, and, of course, Cedar Point.

So, after six years in Huron, what's the best part of teaching in the Huron community? According to Brian, being a part of a great educational community. The interactions with parents, colleagues, and students are what makes being an educator in Huron so special.

Brian knows that the Shawnee family is still grieving, but come next fall, he will continue to see that past programs function smoothly. Changes will come only gradually, if at all and when necessary. No, he does not drive a yellow anything, yes he likes smiley faces but wishes to put his own mark on things. What that is the kids will just have to wait and see. In the meantime, for those of you who were wondering, his ethnicity is Slovak.

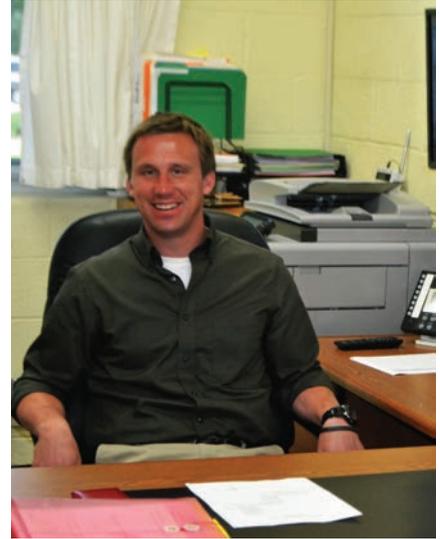
Meet the New Treasurer

The Board of Education also hired on May 28 a new treasurer for the district, Mrs. Dawn Jacobs who will assume her official duties at Huron on July 1. Dawn is the current Treasurer/CFO at Otsego Local SD and has been in this position since 2012. Prior to that she was Treasurer/CFO at Bucyrus City SD. She has been working in this business since the Spring of 1993.

Dawn attended Heidelberg University, and earned her Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration (cum laude) and a Masters of Business Administration. She went on for her Ohio School Treasurer's Certification from Wright State University.

Presently, Dawn lives in Bowling Green OH and anticipates relocating to Huron as soon as she sells her home. She is single and a proud mom of two grown sons, the older a chef in Fort Lauderdale and the younger a pilot in Michigan. She has been blessed with a grandson who will be two in August.

Dawn has an affinity for Huron, as she has spent most time driving back and forth to the Lake. She grew up on her grandfather's fishing boat up at Locust Point when she was younger. She has always loved the Huron area and has a great love for the islands. In fact, she used to teach computer classes for teachers in the summer up at Put-In-Bay years ago with a group from Sandusky. So Dawn is thrilled to have the opportunity to relocate by the water and looks forward to becoming involved in the area activities. She is so impressed with the fact that Huron is such a welcoming community and looks forward to her service here.



Memorial Day

Readers should be enjoying this issue shortly after Memorial Day, 2014. With the holiday so close, it just seems so apropos that we do a feel good, follow-up story to the one done in December on the dedication of the Huron Fallen Heroes Memorial at the high school stadium. If you remember, Paul Ward, '83, spear-headed this project and, to insure accuracy, had researched all Huronites who answered the call to service and paid with their lives, from the Civil War to present. In the course of his research, he was rummaging through data bases in Europe one evening to learn more about



Ernest Temper, '36, who was killed in action during the Battle of Hürtgen Forest, on the border of Belgium and Germany, on November 5, 1944. At the same time, he ran across a posting in a Netherland's site in which someone was seeking to make contact here in America with anyone in the Ernest Temper family. Paul followed up, of course, and what he discovered was absolutely amazing. Memorial Day should not pass without recounting the rest.

The Dutch, you may know, for the past 70 years have been extremely grateful to the American's for liberating them from Nazi occupation. Americans may have bombed their towns and cratered up their fields, but their release from Nazi oppression more than made up for any "collateral damages" inflicted.

To this day, they bear no animosity, and it is no surprise that various folks in the Low Countries show their appreciation many ways. Some towns require that their school children annually visit every cemetery where there are interred the remains of the American Liberators, as they still call them three generations later.

Ernest Temper was one such Liberator, though he did not live to see the final days of the war and total liberation. In the Big Push eastward after the breakout from D-Day in Normandy, Allied troops steadily pushed the Germans back, but not without some of the most brutal fighting of the war, culminating in the Battle of the Bulge. The battle in which Ernest gave his life occurred in Hürtgen Forest where an intense number of casualties was suffered on both sides. To prevent a possible German flanking movement, Ernie's unit, the 28th Infantry Division, was ordered to push straight through a forest so dense that in places one could not walk between the trees. The Germans responded with tree top level bursts of firepower which rained down shrapnel and the shredded tree tops, sending shards of wood showering the Americans and injuring and killing thousands of men.

The slaughter was so great that a German doctor arranged a partial five-day cease fire in order that rear echelon troops could move up to retrieve the dead and relieve the wounded. Many Americans had their



wounds tended to by German medics and were saved, but alas, too late for Ernie. All told some 68,000 on both sides were killed, wounded, missing or captured in that disastrous action.

Not far behind Ernie's outfit was that in which his brother Ted was serving, the 78th. Ted's unit was the one ordered forward to assist the wounded and bring back the dead. Fortunately, Ted was ordered to remain behind and thus spared the worst kind of hell in war, that of possibly discovering his dead brother.

The forest battle continued off and on un-



The American War Cemetery Ardenne at Henri-Chapelle where Ernest Temper lies buried today.

til February, 1945. Not far from Hürtgen Forest, at a town called Schmidt, Ted's unit came under German fire, on Valentine's Day. Ted was wounded in the hip area and suffered injuries that would affect him the remainder of his life. While being transported from Paris to a transport ship, the wounded Ted was spotted by Ralph Pisano who then wrote a letter to Ted's folks back in Huron informing them of Ted's condition - all before the official word arrived from the U.S. Army.



Ed and Anita Tiebax stand at the grave Ernest Temper in Belgium.

Eventually, the Americans succeeded at defending against the German Ardennes Offensive, better known as the Battle of the Bulge, and eventually liberated the nations held captive by the Germans. This included the Low Countries.

This has all been by way of backstory, Now here is where the story gets interesting. The family in the Netherlands seeking to contact the American Tem-

per family was trying to tell them that they had adopted Ernie's gravesite where he and his comrades-at-arms lie buried, at the American War Cemetery Ardennes at Henri-Chapelle, Belgium. This husband-wife team is part of a program whereby present day families show their gratitude by helping to maintain the gravesites of our GI's. They agree to see that on all important occasions the graves are suitably decorated with flow-



In September of 1994, Teddy, Ted Sr., and Edna visited Ernie's final resting place at the U.S. military cemetery at Henri-Chapelle

ers. In Ernie's case it would be the date on which he fell, on all the American civil and religious holidays, and on his birthday. The adoptive family, Ed and Anita Tiebax, lives approximately 90 kilometers from the cemetery, in Maasbracht (Netherlands), so it is not without considerable time and expense that they make these periodic journeys over to Belgium.

Since the Tiebax family has been united with Ted Temper, Jr., and his wife, Edna, a close connection has arisen between the families. At least once a week, the Tempers and Tiebaxes visit via Skype, and they spend considerable face time in conversations with one another. Both sides continue to research what occurred there in a German forest those seven decades ago and share their findings, along with family lore. Ted says that each time they correspond he learns more, and that's understandable. While he was growing up in Huron, very little was said about those long ago events. After all, the war had claimed one son, had cost a second, Ted Sr., the full use of his legs for the rest of his life, while a third son, "Pete," also a veteran, was granted an honorable discharge and carried a heavy burden the rest of his life. Closed lips helped reduce the pain. Ted and his sisters remained ignorant of what had transpired to their uncle and father.

So the Tiebax family today continues to bring a measure of closure to the Tempers, and all their relatives really, through the generosity of their actions. The question for us today is, on any given Memorial Day weekend, in addition to celebrating the first official weekend of summer, how many of us even know what is being remembered let alone participate in any local remembrance ceremonies? When folks half way around the world can go out of their way to tend the grave of a Yank seventy years deceased, shouldn't we at least pause to remember?

What's Happening at Huron This Summer?

June 14	Donut Shop Open	Mills Creek Golf Course
June 24-28	The Producers	Huron Playhouse
July 1 - 5	Nunsensations	Huron Playhouse
July 8 - 12	Bus Stop	Huron Playhouse
July 11 - 13	RiverFest Fireworks Fri Night	At the Basin At the Basin
July 12	Rededication of Mary Sue Young Labyrinth	McBride Arboretum at Firelands College BGSU
July 15 - 19	The 39 Steps	Huron Playhouse
July 19	Foss-Saunders Golf Scramble	Thunderbird South
July 22 - 26	Camelot	Huron Playhouse
Aug 3	OSU Alumni Band	At the Basin
Aug 8 - 10	Rotary Fine Arts and Food Fest	At the Basin
August 24	Firelands Symphony Free Outdoors Concert	McBride Arboretum at Firelands College BGSU
Aug 29	First football game 7 PM vs Sandusky HS	Huron Memorial Stadium
Sept 18	Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	Mesenburg's Plaza Place
Sept 19	Homecoming Events Tail Gate Party 5 PM Game 7 PM Post-Game Party	Memorial Stadium At the Clubhouse Honoring 2004 SBC Champs Team Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek

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Class Reunions 2014

If it's summer it must be reunion time. We have a sparse listing of the five-year reunions for this summer and fall season, but as more details come in, we will advise the classes.

A popular change is gradually occurring in that more and more classes are choosing NOT to wait for their five year reunions to gather. Instead, they are opting to choose a specific day and time of the month and gather at a local eatery/watering hole. Those who can make it do, and those who can't, well they mark their calendar for the following month. It's a great way to remain together, and lately folks from as far away as the Toledo and Cleveland areas have been showing up a time or two per year! Organizing is a snap. Someone calls the first one, and thereafter folks who attend make suggestions for the next month's meeting. In fact, to make it easier for folks to attend, some classes even move from town to town - not very far, mind you - but by moving from Huron to Sandusky or Berlin Heights, or even to Milan when Jim's Pizza Box is rebuilt after their fire - more folks are attracted. Give it a go, and let us know so we can be there to celebrate with you.

Year	Date and Venue(s)	Contact Person(s)
47	Thursday after Labor Day - details coming	
48	Monthly on the first Friday at Berardi's for breakfast at 8 AM sharp!	
54	Sept 6 Huron Eagles Club	Carol Wilford 419-433-2296 Joyce Eldred 440-227-5885 Peggy Breay 419-656-6496
59	September 12-14 Fri, night gathering @ Duke's place Sat. night Marconi's - 5:30 PM cocktails Sun. brunch @ Dukes place.	Duke Lagando 419-433-4979
64	July 11 – 13 Fri. night at T-Bird's Bar North 6-8 PM Sat. - AM Golf - call Jim Delahunt 419-433-4012 2 PM - Dedication of Mary Sue Bork Young Labyrinth at McBride Arboretum Sheldon Marsh visit - call Jeanne Matthey 419-433-4623 Tour Islands - call Denny Reiser 330-760-5678 Tour of high school - call Carolyn Rudy 419-626-3594 Sat. night - dinner at Brass Pelican: cocktails 6 PM, dinner 7 PM Sun. - brunch at Huron Yacht Club 11:30 AM Foreign exchange student, Ossie Sandoval, coming up from Lima Peru!	Respond by mid-June to: Leslie Foxworth 419-433-4955
74	Sept. 18 - 20 Homecoming weekend details of festivities to follow soon Sat. night at HYC	Mike Sudsina 216-215-7753 mike@sudsina.com
79	September 20 @ Homecoming Details being worked on; class will be notified	Deb Williams Kath fessup123@aol.com
84	July 12 Cruise Around the Bay Boarding 7 PM departure 7:30 PM Sandusky Jackson Street Pier	Karen Nunez knunez5@cox.net 1346 Hardin Drive El Cajon, CA 92020



It takes a Board to graduate a class: Tony Munafo, '79, reads the names and the grads run the gauntlet of Board members to Superintendent Muatori, and Principal Scott Matheny: Tim Sowecke, '70, Donna Green, '70, John Caporini, '68, Eric Muehlhauser, '81, and Scott Slocum. Beginning her run is Lillian Justus.



Guess who stayed around for the photo this year! Thanks, Ed! The Asher clan surrounds the class valedictorian, Patrick Dusza. In front are Ed Asher, '45, daughter Deb Dusza, '83, with John Dusza, '12, and Nick Asher, '91.

In the rear stand Zachery Dusza, '10, Dave Asher, '72, Patrick Dusza, Matt Asher, '02, and Kevin Asher, '74.

Guess how many valedictorians this family has produced, with one missing from the photo.





Heaps more of memorabilia added to the growing pile!



Kaitlyn (Kaity) Greulich and Elizabeth (Lizzy) Claus laud their classmates for four years of hard work.

The long last walk, many with teary eyes, as the class leaves the Baccalaureate ceremonies.



The State of the Arts

The arts continue to thrive at Huron High. As you will see from these pages, today's students are as engaged as ever with art, music, and acting.

Nationwide, as school budgets are pummeled at the state and local levels, the question always is "What can we cut?" The first necks usually placed on the proverbial chopping block are those of the twins: art and music. Why? Because it's so easy. Is there a national or state assessment or No child Left Behind or Race to the Top testing program involving these two? No. Do they perform or exhibit in a multimillion dollar edifice, used only a dozen or so times per year, holding thousands of screaming fans, and featured prominently on school district websites? No. So when the axe must inevitably fall, it's not hard to find a neck or two at which to direct the blow.

Huron, however, seems to be an exception of sorts. Though the district is experiencing a financial "tough time" right now, her fine arts programs are highly revered and supported, albeit with some painful belt tightening measures enacted. The fact remains, though, that art, music, and theater arts persist and with much cross-performing. For example, football players march with the marching band at half time or can occasionally play a wicked piano in the proper venue. Track and basketball and volleyball stars also compete well in art and music competitions and earn scholarships for their artsy abilities as well as their prowess on field or courts. The spring musicals usually feature athletes as well in major and supporting roles. Huron is proud of its long standing tradition of offering students opportunities to become well rounded individuals. Read on to see how versatile Huron's kids are.

Feast of Carols

Perfect setting it was – about six inches of Northern Ohio December snow blanketing the ground, enough chill in the air to crunch that snow when walking, a slightly flurry full moon and companion Venus just peeking around the Presbyterian spire, and crowds flocking to the local school house, McCormick School. Almost Rockwellian it was. In Huron. On December 18, 2013. Strange to be reporting on it in June, though, but that's just the way the stars and calendars align.

Inside, the combined Huron High School choirs presented the annual Feast of Carols. Long time choir director, Jeff Skaggs, presented a pleasant mixture of traditional carols and various adaptations of them with some challenging new pieces, running the gamut from the 14th through, it seems, the 22nd centuries. The singers rose to the occasion, and the appreciative audience easily recognized that these kids were enjoying what they were doing. They showed their versatility by presenting pieces in English, Latin, and Spanish, some solemn, more sacred, all mixed with the profane: PDQ Bach. The traditional alumni anthem *Lo, a Song to Heaven Rising*, brought a flock of alumni to the stage to celebrate the season. In particular this year was a three generation family, sort of, not quite Van Trapp, but equally happy and entertaining. Elijah Hart, a freshman, was joined on stage





Some familiar faces in here on the alumni side and also some of the more recent grads becoming involved in this tradition. Is it perhaps time that we get up an alumni choir to go with the alumni marching band?

A three generation family, sort of, not quite Van Trapp, but equally happy and entertaining. Elijah Hart, a freshman, was joined on stage by his grandmother, Ann Bostater Hart, '56, his aunt, Kim Hart Wyatt, '70, his great aunt and uncle, Mari Ann Kidwell and Norman Bostater, '67 and '65.

The Arts at the State

A nice act of synergy occurred this winter between Huron's art program and the local symphony orchestra. The Firelands Symphony Orchestra has long performed at the Sandusky State Theater. Recently they have begun an outreach program, and Huron art students were invited this spring to be part of the program. Prior to an April concert, their outreach director came into the art classes to talk about the program and play taped parts of the upcoming concert program. The students responded well, and she then asked them to create an artistic rendition of what they had heard, in any medium of their choosing.

Students enthusiastically went to work, and on the evening of April 12 student works filled the art gallery at the State Theater. In a pre-concert exhibition, theatergoers were delighted to view the students' work. Students attended the showing and interacted with the theater patrons, giving both the young an important venue for displaying their talent and the more experienced connoisseurs of the arts an opportunity to gauge the future of the local arts. The concert Maestro and the FSO association directress both gave shout-outs to Huron's art kids and teachers who were then invited to stay to enjoy the concert. Huron High School accounted for itself and its programs very well.

Spring Arts Festival

Once again the lower hallways of Huron High displayed the portfolio work of the art students. Their work encompassed all of the traditional media, from oils, to charcoal sketches, to watercolors and pen and pencil works, and photography – and then some 3-D creations. The works themselves featured the “safe” themes, mostly drawn from nature, but with a bountiful amount of fanciful pieces drawn from wherever kids get their ideas these days – sometimes from comic or animé characters or movies - or their dreams and nightmares! Whatever the sources, the work was very good again.

On the music front, the combined choirs, band and jazz ensemble gave a delightful performance in the gymnasium. Despite the poor acoustics of the place, the students performed at competition level and the crowd enthusiastically received their work.

The choir this year was composed of almost all freshmen who traditionally hide within the larger chorale. However, Director Jeff Skaggs felt they should hold forth on their own, and they gave a good accounting of themselves. The corale, too, though smaller than normal, sang powerfully and had the crowd clapping and tapping with them at times.

Then followed the jazz ensemble's performance, featuring key pieces by the leaders in American jazz over the past half century or more. The Jazz Era greats were featured, a few of whom used to perform at cedar Point's Ballroom, for those of you old enough to remember what a ballroom is!

It is good to see that the students have taken to this art form and are reviving a program that thrived in Huron's past. Both directors, Jeff Skaggs and Chris Scherley, are to be commended for re-establishing the form which, in the future, will surely provide hours of enjoyment for those participating today - not to mention added income from gigs sure to come.

Well done,all!

Beauty and the Beast



A long weekend it was, but a most enjoyable time. For the first time in many a year, the spring musical required a Sunday afternoon matinee to accommodate the crowds who wanted to watch this year's production, *Beauty and the Beast*. A technical masterpiece it was, as so many students worked countless hours again to reach the pinnacle of perfection for a high school music and dance extravaganza.

The work did not go off without some causes for concern, however. There was the issue of so many lavish period costumes and then so much set design and construction. But not to worry. Music director Jeff Skaggs drove a RentaTruck to Philadelphia where he loaded up anything needed that wasn't nailed down and brought it back to Huron. The benefactor? Jeff's sister-in-law out East who had just done the same production and loaned Huron everything that they had created. Hundreds of hours saved for Huron, so all could concentrate upon the lines, music, and dancing. And what a job all performers did, from the leads right down to the myriad of cast "crowd" members who sang and danced their way across the boards for almost three hours, entertaining grandmas and prep-schoolers alike in this fairy tale of the quest for love.

The male lead was Benji Battiste who starred again after reaching what all thought was his peak in last year's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. With all of his singing and

dancing talent and his musical accomplishments on various percussion instruments, one would think he's now off to an arts program in college. Their loss is gain for the biochemical engineering program at the University of Toledo. Benji is the son of Janice (Auble) and Bob Battiste.

The female lead was filled by Allison Brownell, daughter of Lynne and Steve Brownell, who has entertained the Alumni Association at several dances in the past.



Exquisite was Allison's portrayal of Belle, the "crazy" inventor's daughter who seeks to tame the savagery of the beast and see past his hideous features into the beauty of his heart and soul. Her innocence and stubbornness conflict throughout until at last she wins the heart of the beast. Her portrayal of these competing traits was done most excellently as she sang her way through a wolf-filled forest and foreboding castle chambers, rebuffed a competing suitor, and found a miraculously transformed true love – all before the last rose petal hit the floor! We look forward to another year of experiencing Allison's voice.

Huron is so lucky to have assisting its musical director an experienced stage

director and choreographer, both area residents. Jimmy Foreman, father of two daughters and a son who is a professional actor in the Philadelphia area, has wide experience as singer, actor, and dancer from his days as a child actor to college stages at BGSU, to summer and dinner theater, to the bright lights of Broadway. In this his sixth production with Huron High, Jimmy truly shares his love for everything stage with the students who respect his experience and enthusiastically respond. The results are so obvious.

Area dance instructor Lisa Jones, in her ninth year with Huron High, also exudes an enthusiasm for her work with students. On her "Freeze!" the scene stops immediately as she hops up on stage to demonstrate once again a complicated step or move, says her "Thank you!" to the students, then settles back to watch the scene once more, smiling and nodding her approval. Of course, Huron kids learn quickly and respond well to Lisa's kindly manner. When not attending to her husband and two children, Lisa works as Cedar Point's Choreographer/Show



Director. Prior to that job, she danced around the world – literally - performing professionally herself on cruise ships and at resorts and casinos.

The community thanks its talented directors, the cast, and the entire work staff of parents and other students who made this production possible. No doubt in the future we shall see some of these students returning to the stage - with the Huron Playhouse perhaps, or at a time and place when you least expect you'll see a name roll in the credits. They are talented but work very hard to hone their gifts, and for that we can all be proud.



Scenes from the musical.
Enjoy the lavish costumes and the varied settings, some of the most elaborate ever seen on a Huron stage, except for the old Opera House maybe.



Volunteerism

Call it what you will – volunteering, community service, forced volunteerism or worse – the idea of students learning to give back to their communities has become the fad de jour in American schools. Huron was an area leader when the concept was introduced some thirty years or more ago and remains so. Last year the Board of Education approved the introduction of Teen Leadership Corps curriculum at the high school level and two classes were held this year under the leadership of Mrs. Jordan Fahr, Family and Consumer Science instructor, (That’s Home Ec. to you more senior members!) She taught two classes daily and worked with the students on formulating and organizing their projects.

She reports that students have formal training in developing leadership skills, in discussing moral dilemmas encountered in leading, building character traits and values, using communication skills to develop team building, and some of the intricacies of giving service. Students report on how the service opens their eyes to other possibilities in life, one remarking that she now wants to consider a helping profession for after graduation. And they are learning to pass on their skills as well. They act as Big Brothers and Sisters to elementary children and also help teach them character lessons.

Of course, other teachers at the high school level are also promoting the idea of volunteerism as well. The National Honor Society students, in addition to the 50 hours of community service given during high school, are required to donate even more time. Student Council members, by the very nature of the organization, give countless hours to various causes. The football team, under guidance of its coaches, also participates in volunteer projects. Then, too, many other clubs engage in various fund raising and promotional activities, all of which teach students how to organize their time, build team work, and work successfully toward common goals.

The results in the community are fabulous, with students nearly every day working on some project or other, weekends included. The notion that we are fast turning into a nation of me-only grads is belied by the facts in Huron. We applaud the Board for its foresight in including a program such as this in its formal curriculum. We also thank all the other teachers who daily teach students character lessons and leadership skills necessary to keep our democracy thriving, from the community to the national levels.



Members of the football team showed up at the McBride Arboretum on a chilly Saturday mornin in early April to help clean out brush. Many dead ash trees had been felled, limbed out and cut into carrying lengths but left in the woods. The boys and their coaches formed lines and lifted the pieces out and sorted them by size into piles for chipping.

“Crutchman”? He’s the snoopervisor



Members of the NHS gave up a Saturday morning to help clean up winter’s mess at the Frost Center at Osborn Park for Erie MetroParks.



Students always assist at the bloodmobile blood drives in the gymnasium.

Senior Citizens Dinner

Huron school administrators went out of their way on Earth Day, April 24, to thank the seniors citizens in Huron for their long support for the Huron schools. The school district invited all seniors in to enjoy a turkey dinner. Many who attended had children in the system back in the day and grandchildren today. Many others moved into town after they raised their children elsewhere, but support education in Huron just the same. Students served the seniors, and then to

mix the generations up, ate with the seniors instead of seating themselves in a student-only section. The chatter both directions was incredible and enjoyable to listen to!

Then beginning with Superintendent Muratori to Principal Matheny to Athletic Director Camella, all thanked the attendees for their support of the schools, not just at the polls but in various other ways. Strong family support for students, in both their academic and

athletic pursuits, is vitally important for strong programs. Encouraging students to excel in various artistic performances is equally important. Principal Scott Matheny probably summed it up best by talking about how closely knit the community is around its schools and how most of its citizens are supportive of seeing that Huron's kids receive the best. "I just love coming to work here every day!" he exclaimed. Would that everyone could say the same!



Superintendent Muratori, left, and Principal Scott Matheny, right, address the crowd and thank them for their continued support of the Huron City Schools.



Retired kitchen staff, custodial crew and friends annually return to check on the continued quality of food served and care given the high school.



Tony Munafu Jr., Assistant Principal, and Donna Sadowski, Technology Teacher, try to assist a couple digitally challenged blokes who occasionally wander into these events.

Calls for Action

All-School Reunion - 2015

Next year, 2015, is divisible by three, so it's time for another All-School Reunion. It's never too early to begin planning. So we hereby put out a call for help in planning this grand triennial gala.

When we began this practice, we had around 700-800 people attending the various functions of that week, including over 500 at the banquet. The last gathering in 2012 saw numbers drop dramatically. It has been suggested that maybe we are overdoing the affair, becoming too formal, and maybe should consider changing the time of year and become more casual. We hear you!

One suggestion that seems to be gaining a foothold is to hold the All-School reunion over RiverFest weekend when the town is flooded with alums returning to their roots anyway. Ok, that solves the numbers problem. So how about the casual? The best idea we have heard is to throw a good old fashioned hog roast, let down the hair and have a square dance and hootenanny! Now we could do better and throw a beach party, but they already made that movie.

So here's the deal. If you can come up with an idea, a time of year, and a way to attract the numbers that we should be, by all means contact us. And if you are willing to become involved in restoring these events to their former glory, please ring us up or shoot us an email. Early this fall we need to have an initial planning committee meeting to choose the time and place so as to secure a space. That gives us all winter to work out the wrinkles and begin the advertising.

So those of you who are involved with your own class's planning for the five-year reunions, keep this in mind and consider throwing in with us for the Big One!

Alumni Marching Band

Interest has been expressed in the past to begin an Alumni Marching Band. They would perform with the high school band at first, perhaps at a Homecoming game. Who knows, if enough folks participated, a script-Huron large enough to fill the field could be done! They might also march in the RiverFest parade, right ahead of an alumni float or two. The possibilities are endless.

If you would be interested in participating in such an endeavor, email us and we'll see if we can get this off the ground. The high school band director, Chris Scherley, has expressed an interest in working with the group, but someone local would have to assume full leadership as Chris's schedule going forward has her in three district buildings for a while. Also be advised that participants would have to have their own instruments to start as there are barely enough to go around for the high school students. Rehearsals may be a bit of a problem as well. Give it some thought, and let's see if this bird will fly.

Alumni Color Guard

We have had several contacts regarding the formation of an alumni color guard to be used at the Homecoming game. It would be comprised of any Huron High graduate veterans who still have a uniform that they can squeeze into and the stamina to march a short ways down the field. The event would be staged at the pre-game ceremonies and coordinated with the band and local posts who presently conduct the ceremony. Who knows what this could evolve into! Color and honor guards are needed for funerals of veterans all the time. Even scarcer are good buglers for grave side ceremonies. (Only one thing worse than a recorded "Taps" having to be used to honor one of our deceased vets and that's the battery going out on the player half way through the piece!) And did we mention the RiverFest parade? Probably have to outfit a float to carry the bunch for the entire parade route.

If you meet all the qualifications outlined above and would like to investigate the possibility of forming such a group, email us and we'll see what we can get started. If the response is good enough and soon enough, this could become a reality in time for this fall's homecoming game. This would be one more way in which we could honor our vets.

Athletic Activities - Winter and Spring Sports at HHS

Boys Basketball Coach Bobby James Record: 18 - 7
Team to the Sweet-Sixteen for the second year in a row, first in school history
Sectional and District Titles, Regional Appearance

Cody Thompson First team all-SBC, Second team all-district
Keegan Bollenbacher Second team all-SBC, Second team all-district

Boys Bowling Coaches Jeff Decker & Mark Winschel Record: 15 - 3 First in SBABC 13 - 1
Broke school record for pins in a conference match @ 3274; 218 average
Alex Winschel, Benji Battiste and Jordan Stutzman took three of the five All-Conference spots
Alex Winschel bowled the high game for the season in the SBABC with a perfect 300 in a televised match.
Benji Battiste was named WKYC Channel 3 Student Athlete of the Week.

Girls Bowling Record: 15 - 5 Second in SBABC: 9 - 3
Broke school record with 2304 pins against Willard
Jordan Prosser and Allison Brownell were named Second Team All-conference

Girls Softball Jay overall record of 13-12 and 6-8 in the SBC

Alison Litz All SBC 1st Team - outfield
Kaitlin Lance All SBC 2nd Team - designated player
Kiersten Hammond All SBC Honorable Mention - 1st base
Madison Orzech All SBC Honorable Mention - Short stop
Emma Elder All SBC Honorable Mention - pitcher
Bailey Gadd All SBC Honorable Mention - 3rd base

Boys Tennis Ryan Hodges coach Record 7-8 on the season and 5 - 7 in the SBC.

Jake Guerrero 1st Team SBC taking 2nd place in the SBC Tournament
He also took 2nd place at the Sectional Tournament and advanced
to the District tournament.

Jake Lehrer and Deryk Wray 4th place in the Sectional Tournament and advanced to the district tournament.

Baseball Coach Sam Hohler Record 21-8 overall / 10-4 SBC (2nd place)
*School records: most wins in a season + most games played
Team made it to the regional playoffs; Division III Tiffin District Champs
Division III NW Regional Runner-Up (Elite 8 /1 Win from Final 4 at State)
(SR)1st Team All-District (3X), 2nd Team SBC (Owens JC)
(JR)2nd Team All-District, 2nd Team SBC
(JR)1st Team SBC
(SO)2nd Team All-District
(SR)HM All-District, HM SBC
(SR) HM SBC
(SR) HM SBC
(JR) HM SBC

Zach Souter
Tommy Bogden
Matt Dewey
Kyle Kovach
Keegan Bollenbacher
Andrew Dowell
Nick Mix
Jack Hufnagle

Tennis Camp Sign Ups

The Huron girls tennis team will be offering a free Tennis Camp for any girl currently in grades 4-8 who has an interest in learning to play tennis. The camp will be held June 23-27 from 4:00 to 6:00 at Fabens Park Tennis Courts. Campers will learn tennis rules, court etiquette, forehand and background strokes, volleys, mini tennis and the serve. Huron varsity girls tennis players under the supervision of Coach Julie Woodard will be working with the new players. Each camper should bring 1 new can of tennis balls to the first class. In order to participate in this camp, please call Coach Woodard at 419-260-4206. Deadline to sign up is June 16.

Football Golf Outing

For sixteen years now the H-Team has been cooking up a storm for the football team, coaches, and other supporters at a golf outing somewhere in the area. This year again the event was held at Sawmill Creek Resorts, and the field was sold out. Around ninety participants enjoyed a late afternoon round of golf, followed by the H-Team specialties: dogs, beans, chips and pop. Luscious it was! Winner of the one farthest traveling to arrive here in time for the match was Chuck Gorman, who now lives in Colorado and drove in for the event. Other prizes were doled out and a short auction was held for various items as a fund raiser for the H-Team and its activities. A nice time was had by all the dads and young football players, coaches and friends as a great team building exercise. Hopefully this fall some of the results will be seen!

How many of our grads can you identify in the pictures posted here? Hint - most are now really old guys from the 60's and early 70's.





Huron Education Foundation

The Huron Education Foundation is now up and running. Founded two years ago, the organization has patiently worked through its birthing pangs and now boasts a sizable beginning endowment, a reorganized Board of Directors, and a renewed energy and determination to achieve its objectives.

Conceived several years ago, the primary purpose of the Foundation is to aggregate funds from all sources that support the Huron City Schools, invest and grow those funds, and then apportion the earnings in ways that will benefit students, teachers, and even programs within the district. By the end of July of this year, the Foundation expects to have approximately \$100,000 invested through the Sandusky office of Merrill Lynch, the dollars under the watchful eyes of Keith Sweigert, '02 and his associates.

How are the funds invested? The corpus of the foundation will eventually be spread over a breadbasket mixture of very safe assets, both long and short term in nature, in fixed income securities and equity securities, some in mutual funds and foreign corporations, some in real estate, some in MLP's and in various other instruments. We receive monthly reports and at present meet monthly to review the progress and attend to other foundation matters. When we are organized to the point where our website is fully up and running, those interested will be able to access the portfolio and follow its progress.

Who is directing the Foundation? A very capable group of Huron alumni and people dedicated to the continued success of the Huron City Schools has its hands on the tiller of this organization. Serving as its legal advisor is Eric Muehlhauser, '81, who, like his father George before him, is widely experienced with the workings of foundations in the area. Sharon Barnes lends her considerable business experience to the group, and Chuck Norton brings his considerable financial and accounting expertise. Don Ritzenhaler, '52, has served for years on the board of the Huron Township Trustees and is very knowledgeable of the workings of government and finance. Jennifer Kilbury has considerable experience in marketing and website development and

will work to publicize and market the Foundation. Christine Crawford, a local businesswoman in the insurance industry, lends her business and financial savvy as well. Kelley Ramey will represent the elementary age interests of the school system. Mike Heydinger serves as treasurer and represents the Alumni Association and its interests.

Many people have inquired about the various methods of making contributions to this foundation. In general, the expectation is that dollars donated will be placed in the endowment and invested for long term benefits. Occasionally, though, donors wish to send a contribution to be expended within the same school year. Obviously, then, this sort of contribution is welcome. However, it cannot be invested for the long term but must be retained in a fairly liquid form to be used as directed. Some donors have chosen to benefit from present tax laws by donating stock which has accrued in value since its purchase and would otherwise represent a substantial tax obligation if sold on the open market. By thus donating the stock to the Foundation, the donor is able to deduct the full market value at the time of donation and realize a considerable tax advantage.

A special way of donating is to set up a donor advised account with us. In this type of arrangement, the donor establishes a program that he or she controls within our Foundation. The earnings are usually earmarked for scholarships in memory of someone, but they can be expended for any other school related purpose as well – to help fund educational programs for students, to provide speakers, to assist teachers either in their own continuing education or in classroom materials.

The sky is the limit on this type of donation. The beauty is that the donors decide how the earnings are to be expended and, if they desire, who the recipients are to be. So, for example, if the deceased was a music or art lover, the scholarship can be earmarked for a student pursuing a degree in that field. This is a beautiful way to perpetuate the memory of a beloved family member and their life's legacy.

To ensure that this type of award is meaningful, it is obvious that a large amount needs to be deposited with us for investment. Assuming a minimum of 4% to 5% earnings per year in the market, at least \$25,000 would need to be invested to yield a \$1,000 scholarship annually. Such an amount can be donated in one lump sum or spread out over several years to reach such an annual award. The Foundation will work with donors in any manner that will benefit them and their tax situation and at the same time serve their interests in benefitting students at whatever level they desire.

Other ways of giving, besides the cash and securities already mentioned, include gifts of bonds, of real estate, of artwork, of collections of valuables that are easily convertible, of grandpa's 1948 Hudson kept in a barn somewhere. You decide how you wish to benefit Huron's students and contact us. We will work with you to insure that your wishes are carried out.

This Educational Foundation has the potential to grow into a mechanism rivaling others in size in this area. Folks usually assume that only very wealthy donors are responsible for establishing and maintaining foundations such as this. On the contrary. Ordinary folks of modest means, by pooling their efforts, can achieve magnificent goals. For example, your Alumni Association at present has approximately 8000 living graduates. Granted, many are still college age students or "youngsters" just beginning their families and would find it difficult to scrape together change from their sofa cushions. But that aside, if the remainder gave on average even just ten dollars per year, what an amount! And if all averaged, say, just one hundred dollars per year, we could be a million dollar foundation in short order. All that on a little over two bits per day per person! How long would it be before we could guarantee every graduate a scholarship of some means?

With that in mind, over this next year we will be planning for a major fund raising initiative to begin in late 2015. We don't ask anyone to do all the heavy lifting. Just that all do something. We are

always reminded of the Africans speaking of how to eat an elephant. Take lots of bits, they say, and pretty soon you'll be down to the tail. Watch for the notice in an upcoming issue. Of course, you don't have to wait. The membership form inside the back page of this issue has space for you to make your contribution. An if you want to do something more substantial, do contact us here at the alumni site and we will be more than happy to have someone assist you in your planning.



The Investment Committee charged with overseeing the safety of the donor investments is composed of: Donna Green, a shy Jennifer Kilbury, Kelley Ramey, Superintendent Denny Muratori, Don Ritzenthaler, Sharon Barnes, Eric Muehlhauser, Christine Crawford, and Chuck Norton. Mike Heydinger was on the wrong side of the camera.

Dick Klein Honored

This past June 6, America celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Allied D-Day landings on Normandy's shores, the expedition that led to the Allies' victory over Hitler's forces in Europe. Leaders from 24 countries attended the celebrations, with President Obama representing the U.S. On D-Day itself, Obama would not even be born for another seventeen years, his mother was only a year and a half old, and his father not quite eight years of age. Germany's Merkel, Russia's Putin, and France's Hollande would not be born for another ten years or more.

Yet sitting there at that solemn celebration, right in the front row, was Huron's Dick Klein, Huron High School Class of 1940, also a front row participant in the actual events of the day being commemorated. At approximately 1:30 AM that D-Day morning, Dick and his outfit took off from England, part of the 101st Airborne, laden with gear and chuted up ready to jump. Dick and his radio

man made it in safely and survived the rest of the war. Several times Dick and June have been back to Normandy and Holland, both for celebrations or just for visits. In fact, in February of this year they had flown over with daughter Terry and her husband who had never seen where her dad had served.

But in the middle of May this year, Dick received a notice from the Tom Brokaw Foundation which was planning to shoot a 70th anniversary production on scene in France on the actual anniversary. Only 30 men who survived that day had been chosen to accompany the production company to Europe, a cross section of the units that had participated in 1944. Dick was delighted to be included, and while still absorbing the significance of the event, received a call from California – his radio man, still living, had been included as well! Can you imagine the reunion that took place?

As this edition of the *Newsletter* is being printed on the day Dick is due back from Europe, we will have pictures in the December issue of his wonderful adventures. Some of you may have been lucky enough to have tuned in on June 6 to NBC or even to Fox News or Al Jazeera News and had the good fortune to have seen Dick and his radio man friend.

Dick has assured us that all participants will be presented an album of photographs from all the events that transpired over the entire two week junta. We will share them with our readers, along with Dick's comments.

From emails we have received since the day, Huronites all over the country were swelled with pride as they watched the program touting the survivors' deeds, and then near the end, there stood Dick with his friend who gave both Huron and Dick a nice shout-out.

Memorial Day 2014

Huron did her fallen heroes proud this Memorial Day. Ceremonies began at the high school at the Fallen Heroes Monument next to Memorial Stadium, then progressed to Scott Cemetery, and finally back to town before the monument to peace at the City Hall Building. The well attended event this year was handled with solemn dignity by the local Boy Scout troop, the local veterans color guard, the football team, and assisted by an able group of volunteers who attended to all the details that make ceremonies such as this so memorable.



A poppy is placed at the memorial for each name read of fallen Huron men from the Civil War to present

The Mesenburg family poses before the name of brother Terry who gave his life in Vietnam.



Joel Hagy, '83, West Pont grad and veteran of the Iraq War, gave the addresses at Scott Cemetery and City Hall's Peace Monument.



Lest We Forget - teach the children or we shall forget. The lesson is not lost on the Steuk family, as Jessica brings her children out and explains the reason for their day off school.



The Donut Shop sports its share of vets and annually fetes them on their day. Korean War vet Tony Munafa is flanked by two Vietnam era men, Joe Defazio, 71, and Jack Lang.



Huron Memorial Wall

The second phase of the stadium memorial program is now available for dedications. As mentioned last year, the football stadium is filled to capacity with tree dedications. The new site for dedications is the Huron Memorial Stadium stone wall showcased on Jim Campbell Blvd (south side of the stadium). The front-facing side of the wall is Jim Campbell's dedication, and the back of the wall is for the general public. When filled, it will resemble (in appearance) the Vietnam Wall. This is your opportunity to "immortalize" a classmate, teacher, mentor, or coach. The dedication may be three or four lines, and there is no limit on words. However, know that a "wordier" dedication may dictate a smaller font size. Your dedication will be engraved on a stainless plaque and placed on the wall. Cost of a dedication is \$150. If you have a family member, loved one, or classmate you would like to memorialize, please contact Donna Green at 419-433-3285 or email gggrena@aol.com

Hint, hint!! For all the former Vanessa Hart Campbell scholarship winners out there, this is the perfect way to thank Mr. Campbell for his financial contribution to your professional success!

Retired Teachers Birthday Party

What's to do in late January around Huron? Why, party of course! And this bunch of retired teachers loves to do just that, especially with the miserable winter we were experiencing about then. Some were smarter than the rest and had already headed for warmer climes. As for an excuse to come out in the cold? Birthdays, of course. As luck would have it, five male members of the faculty had been celebrating their January birthdays for decades. It didn't take much to convince them to let the whole gang help celebrate, especially since one had just turned eighty. So all dug out and were off to Marconi's for an evening of reminiscing and catching up. This could become an annual affair, rivaling only Super Bowl parties in size. We'll keep you posted.



Those who consented to be photographed were, seated: Nancy Freitas, secretary to Rockie Larizza and Lynn Studer, Jack Busam, counselor, Bob Adler, English and speech and musical director, Jim Seiple, biology, Tom Heckelman, math, June Klein, Pat Fries, English, Judy Pflieger, counselor, and Carol Adler. Standing were: Kathy Kirby, home ec, Tony Munafo, business, PE and football coach, Ed Boose, math, Don Pflieger, librarian, Tom Knechtges, math, Doug Fries, business, Dick Klein, history, Bill Needham, social studies and wrestling coach, Ed Taylor, English, and Jess Hagy, health-PE and basketball coach. Absent for the photo was Bill Scott, math, who had another engagement the same evening and left early.



Lynn and Dawn Studer at their South Carolina home, enjoying March sunshine while we were suffering with snow. Smart couple!

The birthday boys were Jess Hagy, Bill Needham, Dick Klein, Tony Munafo, and Don Pflieger. All told, in this group there were a combined total of over 175 teaching years in the Huron schools. As for total time on the planet, there are just shy of four hundred years represented here. You can do the math, and Bill is still the baby here.



Membership

We thank all those from home and abroad who had begun or renewed their memberships this winter. Your help is so vitally necessary to keep the Association on its feet. If you have not already done so, won't you consider a membership. The form is on the inside of the back cover page.

Marian Weigand Ryder	33	Milan	OH	Susan Legando Groscost	61	Sandusky	OH
Donald Klein	36	Santee	CA	David "Blue Gill" Majoy	62	Huron	OH
Marjorie Henes Marshall	37	Amherst	OH	Philip Gasiewicz	64	New Wilmington	PA
Donna Kreck Klepper	38	Huron	OH	David Horner	65	Norwalk	OH
Ruth Washburn Warner	38	Longview	TX	James Kiger	66	Bakersfield	CA
Allan Slyker	43	Lighthouse Point	FL	Carol Trautt	67	Colorado City	CO
Eleanor Waite	43	Strongsville	OH	Daniel Marshall	67	Atlanta	GA
Ruth Bonningson Deehr	44	Berlin Heights	OH	Anna Wunder Bauman	67	Huron	OH
Leota Farschman Gilbert	44	Dublin	OH	John Zimmernan	67	Huron	OH
Mary Waite	45	Strongsville	OH	Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman	67	Huron	OH
Carolyn Rau Claggett	46	Newark	OH	John Caporini	68	Huron	OH
Kenneth Wilford	47	Huron	OH	Pam Wentz Ebert	68	Bay Village	OH
Bill Kaiser	48	Sagle	ID	Roger France	69	Buena Vista	CO
Robert Fritz	48	Vermillion	OH	Timothy Wallick	69	Huron	OH
Rolland Hart	48	Sandusky	OH	Scott Stipp	69	Huron	OH
Patrician Altman Basilone	48	Huron	OH	William O'Hara	70	Liberty Township	OH
Joseph Catri	48	Huron	OH	Steve Fisher	70	Huron	OH
Joyce Klein Boyes	49	Huron	OH	Becky Bryant Walker	70	Sandusky	OH
Dixie Thomas Andrews	49	Huron	OH	Tim Sowecke	70	Huron	OH
Patricia Lyons Baker	49	Elyria	OH	Christina Bork Stipp	70	Huron	OH
Betty Webster Ruetenik	49	Montgomery	TX	Beth Legando Fisher	71	Huron	OH
Bill Schell	49	Huron	OH	Jody Boyes Caporini	71	Huron	OH
Donald Doty	49	Huron	OH	Julie Hetrick Sowecke	71	Huron	OH
SchirleyBurton Schwanger	50	Sandusky	OH	John Pelehach	72	OakRidge	NC
Dr. Carol Payne Smith	51	Kalamazoo	MI	Loren Rhoad	72	Mattawan	MI
Barbara Mitchell	51	Huron	OH	Gaetano Munafo	73	Huron	OH
Dominic "Tike" Majoy	51	Huron	OH	JP Jones	73	Ormond Beach	FL
Agnes Doyle Majoy	52	Huron	OH	Greg Yarmoluk	74	Howell	MI
Shirley Steibly Watrous	52	San Diego	CA	Gary Majestic	74	Rome	GA
Donald Shrigley	53	Sandusky	OH	David Shearer	74	Arroyo Grande	CA
William C Handley	53	Cape May CH	NJ	Laurel Junod Wolf	74	Stow	OH
Helen Carpenter Shaw	54	Orange City	FL	Deb Hinton	75	Herfordshire	UK
Carol Andrews Wilford	54	Huron	OH	Linda Prongay Long	75	Elmore	OH
Victoria Esposito Doty	54	Huron	OH	Sharon Caporini Aamoth	75	Solon	OH
Laura Daniels Cramer	55	Logan	OH	Judy Connors Mize	75	Sandusky	OH
Roll Hart	55	Sandusky	OH	David Gillette	75	Golden	CO
Ann Bostater Hart	56	Sandusky	OH	Mary Reese Folger	75	Huron	OH
Carol Sprankle Lescher	56	Norwalk	OH	Debora Bihun Gross	76	Sandusky	OH
Carolyn Moore Spievak	56	Saginaw	MI	Joan McCann Heinrich	80	Lake Park	FL
Leroy Brownell	56	Vermillion	OH	Dana Butkus	81	Whippany	NJ
Nancy Rhodes Harman	56	Huron	OH	Scott Bade	82	New Albany	OH
Carol Haggerty Schell	56	Huron	OH	Dan Billman	82	Mars	PA
Ron Hicks	56	Winter Haven	FL	Lynda Bird Bade	83	New Albany	OH
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	57	Amherst	OH	Debra Asher Dusza	83	Huron	OH
Jean Ann Stout Osterling	57	Collins	OH	Mark Claus	84	Huron	OH
Jack Brugeman	58	Novi	MI	Ron Scott	84	Upper Arlington	OH
Donna Lee Grumney Rhode	58	Naples	FL	Bryce Butkus	85	Huron	OH
Barbara Mellein Warner	58	Toledo	OH	Diane Billman Clements	85	Bay Village	OH
Porter Wallace	59	Sandusky	OH	Amy Harkelroad Claus	85	Huron	OH
Karen Blough Colon	59	Huron	OH	Jillanne Halter Scott	86	Upper Arlington	OH
William Spievak	60	Saginaw	MI	Molly Harkelroad Ryan	88	Huron	OH
Judith Moore Zolinski	60	Santa Cruz	CA	Kerk Ryan	89	Huron	OH
Dr. William Towne	60	Rockford	IL	Jennifer Mingus Mount-	93	Powell	OH
Dottie Presutto	60	Vermillion	OH	castle			
Sharon Legando Harkelroad	60	Huron	OH	Kyle Wright, Esq	03	Huron	OH
John Harkelroad	60	Huron	OH	Jessica Keeton Wright	05	Huron	OH
Gary Harris	60	Port Hueneme	CA	Kathy Kosan		Huron	OH
Marjorie Windnagle Billman	60	Huron	OH	Judy and Don Pflieger	Former	Sandusky	OH
Ron Krock	61	Huron	OH	Roberta Hartung	Faculty	Huron	OH
Nelson Hardesty	61	New Albany	OH	Dr. Will Folger		Huron	OH
				Lynn J Studer		Bluffton	SC

Scholarship Fund Contributions

The generosity of Huron Alumni everywhere continues to benefit Huron students each May as they prepare to go off to college. Of course, it always goes without saying that with the rising cost of everything, these students can always use more help than what is available. You can help shrink that gap by making a contribution today. Whatever the amount, know that your sacrifice for kids is much appreciated. Also know that whatever you can afford to give is tax deductible on your federal income tax form, as we are a 501 c (3) organization, a tax exempt non-profit. We could tell you that for the price of a Starbucks latte once a week you could make a huge difference for a student, but that has been tried before and that bird didn't fly. But do what you can.

General Scholarship Endowment

Ida Hastings	'47	Huron	OH
James Kiger	'66	Bakersfield	CA
Roger France	'69	Buena Vista	CO
Tim and Julie Sowecke	'79/'72	Huron	OH
Debra Dusza	'75	St Albans	UK
Molly and Kerk Ryan	'88/'89	Huron	OH
Judy and Don Pflieger	Former Faculty	Sandusky	OH

Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund

Gary Harris	'60	Port Hueneme	FL
Tim and Julie Sowecke	'70/'72	Huron	OH
Jennifer Mingus Mountcastle	'93	Powell	OH
David Gillette	'75	Golden	CO
Kathy Kosan	Former Faculty	Huron	OH

Language Arts Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Larry Zimmer, Mary Alyce Harpster, and Ann Bowers Ream

Janice Herrmann	'57	Amherst	OH
Dan Marshall	'67	Atlanta	GA
Roger France	'69	Buena Vista	CO
Tim and Julie Sowecke	'70. '72	Huron	OH
John Pelehach	'72	Oak Ridge	NC
Loren Rhoad	'72	Mattawan	MI
Laurel Junod Wolf	'74	Stow	OH
Mary Folger	'76	Huron	OH
Jim Seiple	Former Faculty	Huron	OH
Kathy Kosan	Former Faculty	Huron	OH

Dolores Heydinger Elementary Education Scholarship

Donna Klepper	'38	Huron	OH
Ida Hastings	'47	Huron	OH
Roll and Ann Hart	'55/'56	Sandusky	OH
Roger France	'69	Buena Vista	CO
Tim and Julie Sowecke	'70/'72	Huron	OH
Debra Hinton	'75	St Albans	UK
Kerk and Molly Ryan	'89/'88	Huron	OH
Kathy Kosan	Former Faculty	Huron	OH

Class Notes

Carrie Boldman, '79, received a promotion at Cedar Point where she will be corporate vice-president of all merchandizing and games. Carrie previously had 16 years of experience with Walt Disney Co. where she held senior merchandise positions.

Michael Crifasi, '00, is now Manager, Foundations Relations at Conservation International, a nonprofit environmental organization headquartered in Arlington VA. The organization's mission is to protect nature, and its biodiversity, for the benefit of humanity.

Olivia Herb, '05, and Matthew Fisher of Sandusky were married on September 7, 2013 at St. Peters in Huron. Both are employed at Danny Boy's in Perkins.

Allison Kendall, '03, and Larry Mates of West Chester PA were wed on October 12, 2013 at Maumee Bay Lodge in Oregon OH. Allison graduated from BGSU and is now director of Children Development Center. Larry, also a BGSU graduate, is employed by National Flight service at Toledo Airport. The couple lives in Perrysburg OH.

Austin Frank, '07, and Brandy Hughes announced their engagement to be married on January 19. Austin is a Aviation Machinist Mate, on active duty in the United States Navy stationed in Norfolk VA. Brandy, a graduate of Fern Creek Traditional High school, is employed at an Encore Resort in the Florida Keys. The couple was planning a May wedding.

Jaelyn Bible, '03, and Andrew Hecker announced their engagement on January 5. Jaelyn obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from BGSU and is now employed by the Marathon Oil Company in Findlay OH. Andrew, of Findlay, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and is employed by the Cooper Tire and Rubber Company of Findlay. The couple planned a May 10 wedding.

Kira Yonek, '13, and Holden Maschari of Milan announced their engagement on March 23. Kira is attending Trinity International University in Deerfield IL. Holden, a 2012 graduate of Edison High School, is attending Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and is employed by Moody Radio in Chicago. The couple plans a June 28 wedding.

Ashley Bechtel, '07, and Jonathan Ramsey announced their engagement on April 27. Ashley took her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University and is now employed at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. Jonathan, of Indianapolis, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Speech Degree from Metropolitan State University of Denver where he concentrated upon Public Address and Rhetoric. He is now employed at Northwestern Mutual in Columbus. The couple plans to wed on September 20.

Andrew Wood, '03, and Jami Porter, a Margarett High School graduate, announced their engagement on May 4. Andrew and Jami both attended BGSU Firelands College and are now employed at Freudenberg NOK in Milan OH. A May 24 wedding was held.

Hallie Pisano, '01, and Kyle Herner announced their engagement on May 11. Hallie graduated from The Ohio State University with her Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology before being employed at Automation Zone in Castalia. Kyle, an Edison High school graduate, is a supervisor with International Automotive Components in Huron. The couple will wed on August 9.

Nicholas Basting, '07 and Rachel Conley were wed on June 13, 2013 at the Basilica and National Shrine at Our Lady of Consolation in Carey OH. Nick earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from BGSU in 2013 and was a member of the ROTC. He is presently serving as Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. Rachel, of Carey OH was a 2009 graduate of Mohawk High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Findlay where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. She is presently in her third year of graduate school in physical therapy and is a server at Logan's Irish Pub in Findlay. The couple lives in Findlay.

Trevor Foust, '09, and Jessica Schneider, a graduate of Sluth Canton OH High School announced their intention to marry on June 8. Trevor was a graduate of the EHOVE Public Safety Academy, attended Hocking Tech College, and is now a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. Jessica also attended Hocking Tech Culinary School. They will wed on June 22.

Sherri Pajak, '84, and **Randy Mesenburg**, '74, were wed on October 23 in a private ceremony on the beach at Myrtle Beach. Sherri graduated from Southeastern Academy in Kissimmee FL with her degree in hospitality, worked for ten years with the Best Western Inns, then bought Huron's Donut Shop in 1997. Randy began his career even before graduating, at his parent's place, carving beef for the Showboat Restaurant in Huron, and today is a full partner in Mesenburg's Catering in Huron.

Kristy Bollenbacher, '04, and Ray Young were wed on July 27, 2013. Kristy graduated from Heidelberg with her Bachelor of Science in Education. She is now teaching second grade in Vermilion OH. Ray, a Perkins 2004 graduate, is currently attending BGSU Firelands college and working in the food service industry at Fridays. The couple resides in Huron.

Obituaries

James Haggerty, '60, age 71, Seven Hills OH, passed away on Christmas Day, 2013, at a Parma hospital after a lengthy illness. After graduating from The Ohio State University and serving for a time in the Ohio National Guard, Jim began his career as an auditor for Arthur Anderson, then served in various other capacities as a business treasurer and CEO, then finance director for Seven Hills OH.



Wayne Miller, age 80, of Coldwater OH, passed away on December 28 in Celina OH. Wayne served as Superintendent of Huron City Schools from 1971 until 1975, succeeding Jack Meade who became the first principal of Woodlands School. Wayne had graduated with his education degrees from the University of Toledo, then served a stint in the Ohio National Guard before beginning his academic career. He served education for thirty-seven years in various capacities, mostly in northwestern Ohio, as teacher and coach, principal, superintendent, and then after retirement as a supervisor of student teachers for Wright State University's Celina branch. Folks would also be surprised to know that Wayne was a fine athlete – a high school basketball player and also for the University of Toledo; then in his later years he served as president and general manager of the Grand Lake Mariner Baseball team where he was inducted into the Grand Lakes Summer Collegiate Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005.



Kevin O'Halla, '74, age 57 of Grandville MI, passed away on January 16 at his home. Kevin had a distinguished career as an IT administrator, notably at Davenport College, where he served as Vice President of Information Technology, and after retirement, in the same position with Grand Rapids Community College.

Cloie Mize Meyer, '66, age 66, of Sandusky, passed away on February 21 at Firelands Regional Medical Center.

Dennis Dunn, '65, age 68, of Sandusky, passed away on February 23 at his home. He was a federally licensed firearms dealer, loved hunting, reading about history and making, buying and selling firearms.

Paul Posta, '87, age 45, passed away on March 2 in Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky. Paul worked at various times for Mesenburg Catering, Enderle's Food Island, and Huron IGA.



Bob Tata, '52, age 80, passed away at Firelands Regional Medical Center on March 8. A mechanical engineer, Bob worked for New Departure until retiring. He then entered real estate, then served as a consultant to GM, Chrysler, General Dynamics, and American General and authored books and articles in the field.



Tanny Vonthron, '92, age 39, passed away on March 12 at home, after a long courageous fight against cancer. (See the previous article on Tanny's distinguished career and service to Huron.)



Rose Calienni, age 88, former art teacher at Huron High School, passed away at home on March 14. (See the complete obituary following.)

Ann Bowers Ream, former French and English teacher at Huron High School, passed away on March 14 In San Luis Obispo CA from complications after brain surgery, after an eleven year bout with brain cancer. After moving to California, Ann became an advocate for art in public places. She passionately promoted artists and their work in and around SLO and lived to see dozens of pieces publicly installed in the area. (Ann's complete obituary appears on page nine.)

Anthony "Dempsey" Esposito, '45, age 87, passed away in March 27 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Tony was a WWII Veteran of the

US Navy, came back to Huron and worked on the ore docks for thirty years, then another eleven years for Bell Optical before retiring.



Carol Naderer Schreier, '69, age 63, passed away on April 4 in Phoenix AZ. An avid Cleveland Indians fan, Carol also enjoyed her bingo.



Albert Schenk, '51, age 83, passed away on April 11 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky. Albert was a farmer and also worked at Con Agra, Union Chain and Delphi. He was an avid supporter of the Humane Societies of Huron and Erie County.



Paula Root Dahlhofer, '57, age 74, passed away on April 13 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Paula enjoyed her flowers and garden around home.

William "Billy" Shrigley, '46, age 85, of Henrietta OH, passed away on May 3 in Mercy New Life Hospice after a sudden illness. A veteran of the Korean War, Billy was a semi-truck driver for Norwalk Truck Lines and later was a dispatcher for Consolidated Freightways.

Lori Rookstone White, '93, age 37, passed away on May 9 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky after a short illness.
David Tuttle, '69, age 62 passed away at home in Huron in mid-April.

Claire White Tompkins, 88, of Cambridge OH, passed away on April 30, 2014 at The Beckett House in New Concord OH. 1943.

Lary E. Tische, '57, age 74, of Norwalk, passed away on May 17, 2014, in the Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky.

Marie Markovich Clark, '36, age 96, of Tiffin OH, passed away on May 21 at Mercy Tiffin Hospital. Marie had lived in California for many years before moving back to Ohio to be near her daughter in Tiffin.

Margaret McCormick Jablonski, '47, age 85, of Huron, passed away on May 27 at her home. Her loves were her family, her church, reading, cooking, collecting antiques and decorating.

Honorable Mention

Alea and Paul Dahnke celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2013. They were married on June 22, 1963. They celebrated with their families in Williamsburg VA and did the colonial thing. In addition, no moss grows under their feet as they continue to travel widely – from New York, to Alaska and Vancouver to Montana, to Costa Rica. If they did not stop in between, it's probably because they already had visited there. Despite their youth, though, they will have to hurry some to catch up with Dick and June Klein who continue to travel, with Mongolia and Amsterdam being their latest stops.

Huron Memorial Wall

The second phase of the stadium memorial program is now available for dedications. As mentioned last year, the football stadium is filled to capacity with tree dedications. The new site for dedications is the Huron Memorial Stadium stone wall showcased on Jim Campbell Blvd (south side of the stadium). The front-facing side of the wall is Jim Campbell's dedication, and the back of the wall is for the general public. When filled, it will resemble (in appearance) the Vietnam Wall. This is your opportunity to "immortalize" a classmate, teacher, mentor, or coach. The dedication may be three or four lines, and there is no limit on words. However, know that a "wordier" dedication may dictate a smaller font size. Your dedication will be engraved on a stainless plaque and placed on the wall. Cost of a dedication is \$150. If you have a family member, loved one, or classmate you would like to memorialize, please contact Donna Green at 419-433-3285 or email gggrenya@aol.com.

Hint, hint!! For all the former Vanessa Hart Campbell scholarship winners out there, this is the perfect way to thank Mr. Campbell for his financial contribution to your professional success!

Notes from Head Football Coach, Tony Legando

Senior Captain Nick Mix: the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association recognized Nick as a member of the 2013 Academic All Ohio Football Team. Only 106 student-athletes from more than 35,000 players throughout Ohio were recognized for this prestigious award. Nick was also selected by the Toledo Chapter of National Football Foundation to be honored at their banquet on March 10th. Every year this dinner honors outstanding scholar-athletes who have played high football in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan during the 2013 season.

Senior Captain Cody Thompson: Cody recently signed a letter of intent to play football in college for Toledo University. He is receiving a full scholarship to play split end for the Rockets next season. Cody was also selected by the Toledo Chapter of National Football Foundation to be honored at the SeaGate Center in downtown Toledo on March 10th. By the way, Brady Hoke, the head football coach at University Michigan, was the keynote speaker.

Tiger Football Alumni and former Captain **Zach Grieves:** Zach was honored by the Columbus Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. The 53rd Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet was held on February 10th at the Ohio Union on The Ohio State University campus. Zach just finished an outstanding career at Otterbein College as a defensive end and had a positive impact as a leader in the classroom and on the football field.

The Entire 2013 Huron Tigers: as has been reported in the newspaper, for the third year in a row, the 9-4 Regional Finalist 2013 Huron Tiger football team was recognized by the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association as an Academic All Ohio Football Team. There are well over 700 schools participating in football in the state of Ohio, and the Huron Tigers finished in the top eight. It is impossible to reach such heights without a tireless commitment by the team, their parents, our teachers, our coaches, and our administrators – an impressive collaborative accomplishment!

Former Art Teacher Passes Away

Born in Bellevue OH, the youngest of six daughters, Rose graduated from Bellevue High School in 1943, BGSU, and Chapman College, then began her teaching career in Vermilion OH. She taught art, clothing, and design there, then went west to help open Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana CA in 1950 as their artist in residence. She was one of the eleven teachers and 111 students who began the school that is today the largest Catholic high school in America. Rose was feted at their fiftieth anniversary, a highlight of her life!



In 1969, Rose then returned from California to Ohio and Huron where she taught art until her failing eyesight forced her to retire early in 1979. She encouraged her students to be creative, to color outside the lines, and as a result helped many to go on in their own careers in the arts.

Rose went by different names in different groups. Her closest friend and caretaker in her later years, Janet Majoy of Marconi's, always referred to her as Miss Rose, her family as Aunt Bebe, and we who taught with her preferred just Rosie. She good naturedly tolerated that.

As an "artsy" type, one would be surprised at the number of topics in which she was interested. She could speak in depth of the innumerable flaws of the Cleveland Indians and Browns. Her politics were a strange mixture of right and left wing views, what today we would call a moderate, but for which she would probably be crucified, for somehow she seemed to always be looking for the best of both sides. And for a lady who had never married, she was a staunch believer that students of her time - with their '70's habits, attitudes, and values - would be the ruination of America. Thanks for proving her wrong, students.

If you were a regular at Marconi's Restaurant in Huron, in her later years you would have found her daily in her favorite booth, dining on fine Italian food precisely at the same time late each afternoon. That was after her pit stop first for that one-a-day martini, her secret to a long, happy life. From her post by the door, her warm smile ever greeted her former students and conferees, and that is how we shall best remember her, always smiling, always welcoming, always gracious, always interested in other's lives.

Mary Sue Bork Young Labyrinth Restoration

What is a labyrinth? Many of you will remember the Minotaur of Greek myth, that half man-half bull caged in an underground maze and killed only by the cunning of Theseus who used the magic thread to find his way out of the subterranean trap. But today's labyrinth is not a maze, for a maze presents choices - opportunities to become lost and befuddled.

Rather, a modern labyrinth is a walking pathway in which a definite pattern, usually of stone, leads one in a certain direction toward a certain outcome, without having to make choices or errors. As such, labyrinths over the centuries have been used by the spiritually minded folks as symbols of mankind's search for inner peace and self enlightenment or as a search for God. One is supposed to walk the path slowly while in a meditating mind set and pursue the Divine or the Self.

One of Huron's 1964 graduates, Mary Sue Bork Young became a registered nurse after her graduation and practiced her profession in Sandusky hospitals for many years until her untimely death from cancer in 2003. Her dedication to her profession was legendary, and in her memory her family sought and received permission to construct a labyrinth at the James H. McBride Arboretum on the campus of Firelands College BGSU. The original labyrinth was designed by Mary Sue's daughter Bethany, and in 2004 the construction was completed and a beautiful dedication ceremony took place under autumn skies. Located in a peaceful setting, nestled between a meadow and a woods along Sawmill Creek, the labyrinth was used by many as a place of solace and meditation. Eventually the original design, though beautiful, became impractical to maintain in its pristine condition. Imagine mowing and then using a string trimmer to manicure around all four sides of the 235 stepping stones!

Recently, however, the labyrinth was reworked, preserving its original seven-circuit design but substituting beautiful river rock for the turf infill between the pavers. A timbered berm was also added to prevent encroachment of grasses. The soil removed was converted into gently undulating mounds to form an entrance way to the area and help create a sense of privacy for meditation. The ends of the mounds are planted with four memorial Kousa dogwood trees, and the mounds themselves have each been finished with a large slab of limestone in the center and then covered with low growing blue rug junipers and wood chip mulch infill. The effect, to anyone sitting on the benches or walking the pathway, will be of an Eastern ambience.

The labyrinth will be re-dedicated this July 12 at 2 PM. Mary Sue's classmates will be in town celebrating their 50th class reunion and have worked this re-dedication into their weekend plans. Family members have also been invited, and so are you who are reading this. Feel free to enjoy the time spent together celebrating a life of one dedicated to the service of those in need of healing. And in the future, we hope folks will return to put this beautiful space to whatever service they wish.

Our thanks go out to the McBride Arboretum Board who approved the reworking of the area, to Nate Gimperling, '94, of GIMCO Construction who did most of the reconstruction work, to Todd Brown, '91, of Barnes Nursery for his landscaping expertise, to Bob Barnes, '62, for his contribution of materials, and to Ann and Larry Smith for their dedication of a bench.



(Photo courtesy of Richard Hartley, '58)

The recently completed labyrinth in early June, just after the junipers had been planted on the mounds in the background. In three summers, the tan mulched area on the mounds will disappear beneath the spreading tendrils of the ground hugging blue junipers and create the illusion of ocean waves lapping at an island, the rock in the center of each mound. Walk, rest, read, meditate - whatever you wish - but do come walk the labyrinth and enjoy the serenity of the space.

Huron Football History Books

If you have thought about buying the Huron Football volumes, written by Dave Brown, now is the time to do so. Sunday, July 13th is the last day they will be on sale, over RiverFest Weekend. Volume I (1948-2012) is reduced to \$15. Volume II (1980-2012) is reduced to \$20. Buy them both and you save \$25 off the original costs. The books are also available for a limited time only at Ace Hardware, Huron Market, and Cornells. If you are ordering by mail, send a check, adding \$4 for postage, to Dave Brown, 107 Miami Place, Huron, Ohio, 44839. The deadline for receiving mail orders is Saturday, July 12th

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If you would like copies of either or both volumes sent as gifts directly to someone else, please list the names and addresses on a separate sheet. I will sign the copies to them and mail out right away. Dave.

For all mailed copies there will be a \$4 shipping charge.

This will be the last time that these books are offered for sale.

Huron Historical Society News

Issues of the Huron/Erie County Reporter newspapers from 1880 to 1994 have been digitized and are now available on the Internet at huron.advantage-preservation.com. The Huron Historical Society, which received a grant from an area foundation, and the Huron Public Library collaborated on the project to make Huron's former newspaper available to anyone who has access to the Internet. Previously, the newspapers were available only on microfilm at the library. The papers are indexed, so type your name in the search engine and see what comes up!

The Huron Historical Society plans to make more records and information available on-line in the near future. If you would like to join the Huron Historical Society and help us with our projects, please visit our website at thehuronhistoricalsociety.org.

Call for Nominations

In this issue we highlighted Andrea Bowers' induction into the Erie County Chamber of Commerce Gallery of Achievers. This award is presented annually to those who have exhibited the highest achievement within their chosen field of endeavor. We hereby call upon you, our readers, to nominate for future inductions any graduate of Huron High School whom you think most deserving of this award. Just email us the name of who you want considered and a very brief summary of their accomplishments. We will research and then submit the proper paperwork to the selection committee at the appropriate time for their consideration. As this list grows, perhaps we should consider establishing our own such gallery and permanently display suitable plaques touting their successes in a place where our students can daily observe and be motivated by them. Send us your thoughts also on such a project.

Memberships

We are always in need of new members to help sustain the work that your Association does. Won't you consider taking out a membership by using the form inside this back cover? At the risk of sounding like a PBS station, costs continue to rise. This issue alone has increased in price approximately 5% since December of last year. Trees and postage stamps continue to rise in price.

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