

# NEWS

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## New Science Digs

What a summer! Hardly had the last mortar board been retrieved after the graduation ceremony in May when demolition began on the lower floor of the present high school building. For decades that wing had housed the science department classrooms and labs as well as the home economics department. It still does, but you will not recognize the area if you should now revisit your alma mater.

You will remember a rather dimly lit hallway, punctuated at regular intervals with doorways leading to sometimes dank smelling rooms and labs. The building had been designed back in the '50's with versatility in mind. The outside walls and the hallway walls actually bore the weight of the building so that partitions between rooms could be freely moved and doors inserted into metal-framed niches already built into the hallway walls. The theory then was that as needs changed, or new sciences were invented, or new equipment needed, the layout of the building could change readily to accommodate the latest trends in learning opportunities.

That opportunity to change presented itself after nearly a half century of same-old same-old. Not that the old had not serve Huron's students well. But the state standards have altered and now call for more lab time for each sci-

*The band warms up in its new room, the former wood shop.*

ence taught. So the old set-up of a single lab area for biology students and a shared lab for physics and chem. students had to give way to include space for physical sciences as well. The solution? Make a few rooms into both lecture and lab rooms by moving the students out of the old fashioned arrangement of five or six rows of individual student desks, four deep, to 'islands' of instruction, that is, six pods of lab stations each accommodating four students. Each island thus combines student lab and instructional space around kidney-bean shaped desk tops outfitted with water, gas, and electricity and all the equipment necessary for performing experiments right at each station. Lap tops will soon fill the table tops in place of the old fashioned notebooks as students seeks to become more efficient in their learning. However, walking into the rooms without students present, one is almost tempted to look for the blackjack dealers and players at each station, so much do the rooms resemble a mini-casino.

However, a gambler's paradise this isn't, as each room has a prominent "floor boss" instructor's station with whiteboards and Smartboards on the

walls facing students. (Alas, for you more senior grads, no more chalk bunnies, no more musical fingernails scratching on boards. Teachers either write on whiteboards using various colored markers, or they present instruction on smart electronic "blackboards," using a computer hooked to a wall sized display board that looks like a cross between a huge flat screen TV and a whiteboard.) Teachers have also discovered that by cranking up the stool legs of students in the rear and "sawing" off those of students to the front, they can create amphitheater style seating and excellent, unobstructed sight lines to the boards. (Of course, that means teachers can spot malefactors much more readily also. Isn't technology great!)

Students and teachers are gradually settling into their new digs but will have to keep adjusting a while longer, though. At this writing, the rooms are still not completely finished. As you might imagine, each of those learning stations had to have all utilities run to them, so the cement and tiled floors were sawed up, new lines run under ground and all the runs re-cemented. However, the excessively large number

of high humidity days this summer slowed the concrete drying. New flooring could not safely be laid until a complete cure had set in. Even with huge diameter drying fans running for half the summer, as August drew on, the decision had to be made whether to delay school or start on time and lay the linoleum flooring after classes had resumed. So the students are back in school, learning is taking place, bare cement is trod upon, but eventually crews will sneak in to finish off the flooring and the job can be officially declared completed.

*Five new cooking areas like this will give more students opportunities for developing their culinary art skills.*



In the home economics section of the building, the kitchen area had been totally gutted down to bare cement floors and block walls. Then the floors were tunneled out and new lines run in to each food preparation station. The sewing area suffered the same fate, and over seventy-some odd days the extreme make-over of the home-ec department took place, also partially crippled by some late deliveries of materials. But so what if school began with classes held in the library? Besides, a little theory first never hurt. Then once the students hit the kitchens, soon enough familiar smells will again fill the hallways – first those of blackened sugar cookies, scorched tomato sauces, or burnt rolls. Then at last there will arrive that delightful day in October when cinnamon, sugar, and apple slices conspire to fit neatly inside a shell and pronounce to the whole building that the class has funally birthed an apple pie. A la mode anyone?

*Below, students work on biology problems with teacher Roger Blevins. Gas, water, and electric are available at every station. Note also students using laptops for notes and problem solving.*



town. They had earlier received tax abatement on a multi-million dollar addition to their complex out there along the river but still donated the funding to the schools to accomplish this make-over. The community thanks

So the new year is underway with the accustomed learning gradually coming on stream. All this was made possible by the Glidden Paint Company here in

them for stepping up to do this. The students and future successes in the sciences tip their hat also.

*A chem lab awaits students. All students learn at chem tables with presentation areas on the right of the room.*



Who knows but what some future Nobel, in about the 2050's, steps forward to help make similar changes so his or her grandkids can enjoy the very latest scientific and technological learning. Nah, scrap that. By then we can skip the classes, for learning will be doled out in pills – green ones for biology, red ones for chemistry, and the blue for physics, twice a day with meals – and no ill side effects like increased craving for gambling or sex. Hmmm.

## First Annual Columbus Area HHS Reunion

June 23 and a beautiful summer evening saw the inauguration of what may prove to be an annual affair now in Central Ohio, a gathering of the Huron faithful for a reunion of North Coast transplants. While job opportunities have gone south and our students have chased them to Central Ohio and the edge cities and megapolis of Columbus, the hearts and souls of these grads have remained ever in Huron. The parents of most still live "at home," and some of the grads even maintain a second "summer" home in the city of their rearing. For this year's initial foray into the arena of regional reunions, Lisa Stein hosted the affair at her home in Bexley OH, a few yards outside the Columbus city limits off Broad Street. Lisa offered the spacious grounds of her home for the use of her schoolmates. A tent was pitched, food brought in, plenty of drinks provided, and a DJ stood at hand to lend a musical background to the pleasantries of the evening.

Grads responded, coming from as far away as Cincinnati and Cleveland but mostly from the Columbus burbs and city itself. Five decades of Huron grads, from the 50's through the 90's, enjoyed mixing and reminiscing the evening away. Sandwiched between all the chatter was a delicious meal of barbequed pork with all the trimmings - except the home grown corn on the cob; tad early for that!

The beauty of the evening really was that, even with such a diverse age and interest group, all mixed so well. Initial squeals of recognition as guests arrived transformed into hugs and then introductions around. After an average of 2.4 questions, guests were nailed down as to the exact section of town where they grew up, the identity of their siblings and parents, and - Huron being Huron, of course - what team or instrument they played. With those vital stats imparted, the gathering gradually grew into more of a family or individual class reunion than a regional one encompassing five decades' worth of

alumni. Such a complete success it was that plans are already being hatched for the next two years as volunteers stepped forth to host this annual affair. Rumor has it that the '08 affair will take place in the fall, on a Saturday evening when OSU is either idle or plays an away game.

And for those of you who could not make it this year, we will keep you on the invitation list and hope that you can be corralled for the next one. We apologize if we missed contacting you, and hope you will email us contact information so that the oversight does not recur. As soon as the date is finalized, we will publicize it so that you may reserve the evening for inclusion in the next Central Ohio HHS Reunion.

If this be Columbus, can Chicago be far behind?

For more pictures and information about this reunion, please visit us on line at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com)



This merry band of revelers was among the last to leave a good party. Seated (l. to r.) were Maggie Lehrer, Kirk Adler, Kristen Watt, and Tom Foos. Standing (l. to r.) were Stacie Esposito Lafler, Mike Mussell, Ray Siegel, Debbie Novotny, Jill Harris Zumack, Lisa Stein, Sandy Sonntag Morckel, Greg Stein, Steve "Zars" Myers, Sharon Navarre Stein, Linda Hinde McKelvey, and Tim McKelvey.

The Stein family graciously hosted the affair by opening Lisa's home to the grads and pitching a tent in her back yard. Shown here are Gerry Stein and his wife Sharon, Lisa Stein Colvin, and her brother Greg Stein who attended Huron until his junior year when the family moved. Lisa lives in Bexley; her family flew in from California for the event.



Flashing the trademark Reese family smile, Megan Reese Wile and her husband enjoy the evening.

Dick Reese, who lives in Dublin but works construction in Oklahoma, stopped over to enjoy the company.



Leslie Moragan Meyer and her husband joined in the conversation and vowed to return next year.



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## True Survivors

You can have your deserted island or Mosquito Coast *Survivor* episodes with their backstabbing, deal making, self-serving phonies courting votes like sleaze-ball politicians at a church picnic. No, the real survivors have witnessed and adapted to changes that would drop folks of lesser mettle to their knees and bring despair to weaker sorts. They have conquered economic downturns, wars, and diseases, all the while surviving parenthood, the '60's, rock and roll, and recently the internet. They cannot boast of more than one Indian's World Series title and never saw a Browns Super Bowl. But they have survived.

Just such real folks, the Class of '43, met once again on September 8 for noon luncheon at the Huron Yacht Club, an institution not invented until a decade

after they had graduated and now sitting on one of their best fishing and swimming holes along the river of their youthful summers. During the Depression, they trudged to kindergarten in that Victorian behemoth on Williams Street and graduated first from the "new" Ohio Street School just in time for a World War. They saw giant silos mushroom on the eastern bank of their river and now will likely see them tumble and the phoenix-like resurrection of whatever another generation decides to plunk down there. They lost the village charm of their youth when autos strangled the interurban and made Huron a suburb of more industrial surrounding towns. They stood helplessly as wrecking balls and dozers claimed their grandfathers' Main Street and new neighborhoods of ranches sprang up where horses had

grazed, farmers reaped and young lads giggered for frogs and carp in bygone days.

Undaunted, though, they have endured, raised their young, cheered their local heroes, and now swap tales of grandkids and pictures of greater ones. They ache a bit and gesture with canes, but none are happier and more grateful for their past. They return to a far different Huron annually but still praise the birthplace of their fathers as the best of places, in the best of times, for the best of classes.

We can't dispute that. Enjoy yet another year, and next time see you for your 65<sup>th</sup>!



Survivors for yet another year pose before their luncheon at the Huron Yacht Club.

(l. to r.) Seated: Sarah and Allan Slyker and Jean Boos.

Standing: Charles Malone, husband of former class member Helen Saylor Malone and Helen's sister, Hazel Saylor Foster, '45, Claire White Tomkins, Helen and Wayne Knupke, Barbara Stein Boeckling, Carolyn Zavitz Beatty, Gordon Meeker, Ellie Waite, and Murial and Jim Zielski.

## Class of '47 - Diamond Jubilee Class

On a steamy September afternoon, inside the Huron Yacht Club was a good place to be, celebrating with the Class of '47 as they gathered over luncheon and a movie for some socializing and catching up. Winning the distance prize was Shirley Paolucci who flew in from the LA area, with a close second in Jeanne and Frank Buhler who made it up from Lynchburg VA. Florence Henderson Rowe sent a letter of regret from North Carolina as she had just lost her husband. All but one are now retired and enjoying travel, family, hob-

bies, and volunteer service. The majority of this group chose not to focus upon themselves as they stood to narrate the events of their past few years. Rather, they seemed to celebrate family and glory in their grand and great-grand children. Sam Pisano won that prize hands down as he seems to have stopped counting around fifty something. A very common theme also seemed to be how grateful they all were for having grown up in such a nurturing environment as Old Huron provided them coming out of the Depression and during

WWII. Even those today enjoying benefits of large city life shared the same sentiments. As a memento of that bygone era, Ida Hennes Hastings provided each attendee with an aerial photograph of early 1940's Huron taken over the docks and showing a bustling port and quiet small town with a brand spanking new school in the background. The sentiment also seemed to be that this become an annual affair. We happily look forward to sharing an afternoon again next September. Just pick another hot day, Ida, to get us back inside.



Quite a nice turnout of these 60th anniversary grads. Seated (l. to r.) are: Ida Henes Hastings, Carmel Temper Michel, Maggie McCormick Jablonski, Catherine Meola Megyesi, Karl Lynn, Fran Tata Wargo, and Shirley Henderson Paolucci.. Standing are Ken Betsh, Lina Lee Wharton, Millie Herber Grimm, Elizabeth Christianson Meola, Donna Lamb, Jeanne Buhler, Mary Georgevich Toderick, John Megyesi, and Sam Pisano.

## Class of 52 Reunion

Friday the Thirteenth. Double nickels. Fifth anniversary of their golden jubilee. Any way you put it, this bunch was proud to meet over a beautifully prepared buffet at the Huron Conservation Club on Friday evening, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Don Ritzenthaler, Agnes Majoy, Harriett Purvis Anthony, and Jack Farschman had done their homework in locating and rounding up a good representation of their classmates for the affair. With the meal finished, Don presided over the “class meeting” once again, reading messages from those unable to attend because of health or distance and remembering the dearly departed classmates. Gene Tromblee was held excused because of recent cardiac surgery to implant a pig valve in his ticker – a pretty pink porker was sacrificed, Gene assured us. The deceased now number Dave Garton, Charlie Guglimeno, George Herman, Dick Keefe, Shirley Leitz Lucaa, Lawrence Majoy, Marianne McCormick Parry, Jody Laub Pomeroy, and Eugene Thomas. Reminiscing followed and then the obligatory picture to record the solemn event. Here’s hoping that five years hence at least all of these faces and maybe more will be present for the diamond jubilee celebration. And the relaxed, peaceful country atmosphere seems like the perfect place to do it again then! Back in five, y’all!



Shown seated (l. to r.) are: Harriett Purvis Anthony, Rita Landoll Hohler, Shirely Steibly Waltrous, Dorothy McMillen Delamatre, Marilyn Yahn Miller, Janet Hennes Zimmer, and Agnes Doyle Majoy.  
Standing (l. to r.) are: Julie and Jack Farschman, Jim Anthony, Robert Dowell, Anne and Harry Wright, Kay and Gene Rhoad, Bob Tata, Ellie and Don Ritzenthaler with Dick Delamatre sandwiched between, Martha and San Dietrich, Eldon Zimmer, Jean and Don Lieb, and Dominic “Tike” Majoy.

## Class of '62

This class met for its five-year reunion on the evening of August 4 at the home of Bob and Sharon Barnes next to their nursery on Cleveland Road. On a beautiful summer evening, on spacious multi-level decks overlooking a pond and the lake, this bunch enjoyed a delicious meal and evening of camaraderie. From across the country they had come to enjoy one another's company and that they did all evening long. Bob and Sharon opened up their beautiful home to all, and as the evening wore on and mosquitos did their thing, more gathered around the spacious kitchen island and in the family room. Class president Ted Wiley led the meeting and toasted all classmembers, living and deceased, present or not for the roll call, reminding all that this was Huron's greatest class. Now there's an original line! Already ideas are floating about for "the big one" five years hence. Here's hoping all remain active, healthy, and are fully retired for that one - wherever. Many thanks to Bob and Sharon and Linda and all others who worked so hard to make this evening a success.

Bob Barnes, Tom Armstrong, and Ted Wiley compare notes, probably on the Buckeyes.



David "Blue Gill" Majoy, Jim Nesbitt and Sam Bomar whoop it up, probably over one of Blue's fish stories.



This table wasted no time packing away the victuals prepared by the grillmasters. Shown in front are John and Susan Lerner Friedberg. To the back are Charlie Wilson, Kay Dahlhofer Wilson, Jane Carpenter Kennedy, Eileen Daugherty Stewart-Lyons, and Becky Harmon.

**Joel Bickley, Sally Strunk Majoy, Ray Majoy, Rich Grumney, and Karen Legando Wilson certainly seem to be enjoying catching up on the past five years.**



**Becky and Doug Ricci, Bill Boos, and Phil Landoll and his wife share memories as well as their meal.**

**Gene Simon, Jeff Callihan, Tom Moore, Marilyn Eaton and Bob Morris, '58 chatted away before the dinner bell rang.**



## Class of '77 Reunion

The Class of '77 chose the annual Huron River Fest time to stage their homecoming sort of reunion. On Saturday evening, July 14, they gathered on the patio of the Huron Yacht Club before a sumptuous spread laid out by Chuck Seigel and his crew. Two pros at staging these affairs assisted them - Sue Coleman Frankart, '76, and Julie Mingus KoeGLE, '77. A couple classmates had tons of catching up to do as they had not returned home for any previous reunions. As with any reunion, there were plenty of hugs and kisses, screams of delightful recognition, and eventually sad farewells. But not before they had wiped out an entire buffet, drunk a bar half empty, and promised to return again and stay in touch.

Just like back in high school - girls on one side boys on the other! Gals first:

**Front:** Julie Mingus KoeGLE, Sue Reynolds Lisa, Linda Gebelle Harlow, Linda Growell Crawford, Colleen Mann.

**Back:** Deb Gadd Jones, Committee Chairperson, Cindy Failor Welsch, Julie Parthemore Perry, Mary Dechant Tracht, Nancy Castanien Sudsina, Dawn Rainger Travalini, Cheryl Royal Pirocato, Pat Rayman, Patty Hammond James.



And for the other half of the class:

**Front:** Chris Sudsina, Ken Edwards, Carl Dahm, Tracy Hille, Scott Paddock, Scott Fulton, David Lisa, Chuck Corso, Jeff Scheid, Dale Schlessman, Luke Dufresne

**Back:** Jude Hammond, Brett Lyons, Roch Hammond, Ken Burmeister, Ron Wright, Greg McGory's head.



If you wish to see the more handsome part of Greg's head and a host of other pictures from the reunion as well, go to our website at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com). For other information and pictures about the reunion, please contact committee chairperson Deb Gadd Jones at [djz325@yahoo.com](mailto:djz325@yahoo.com).

## Class of 1987 Reunion

Seven-Seven-O-Seven was indeed an auspicious day for the class of '87. None was married that day that we know of but return they did for their class reunion. They were the first of our alumni five-year classes to use the services of the all-new Kalahari Nia Center as the site of a reunion. Located immediately behind and adjacent to the Kalahari Water Park on Route 250 South and straddling the border of Perkins and Huron townships, this facility boasts the largest convention center meeting space in the area. The African themed inside decor and the Serengeti outdoor landscaping created just the right mood for this mellowed-out former group of "wild things." Undaunted by the total size, however, our group of close knit classmates filled one medium sized room with their numbers and strolled leisurely among the grazing stations, chatting and reminiscing most of the evening, while on the wall behind them played a beautifully put-together video projection of their antics from preschool through graduation. A carving station provided plenty of beef sandwiches and a full bar enough refreshments that all went away satisfied. But not before this group of about-to-go -over-the-hill friends had regaled each other with their stories of life after graduation, shared pictures of kids, and brought their classmates up to date on their business and professional successes. Life has been good to this bunch, and they genuinely seemed most appreciative of that fact.



Julie Dreffer Spitzley, Julie Orshoski Russ, Sarah McFee Solberg, Laura Jensen Griffith, Mchelle Hartley Koenig, Shana Pohl Wainwright, and Barbara Pfefferle Novak certainly seemed to be enjoying the evening.

A short program of welcome was followed later by remembrances of their deceased classmates and friends. An announcement that all the deceased would be remembered permanently on the high school grounds with a planting of trees was met with universal applause. No problem finding enough trees, says class member Jarret Barnes! We don't know how long the stragglers hung around to enjoy the ambience - it was way past our bedtime - but all made it home safely and are eagerly looking forward to the next time.

Well done, class. Ad multos annos!

Many more pictures of this reunion can found at our website [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com). Enjoy them all, and if you have some more that you would like to share, email them in to us in JPEG form and we will be happy to put them up for all to see who made it back home.

## Class of '57 Reunion



**Front: Lucy Illonardo Stout, Joan Bardshar Tracht, Barbara Griggs Burris, and Mary Kettel**

**Rear: Marta Heimrich Dull, Marna Haber Muehlhauser, Bob Boos, Anthony Fantozzi, Sue Dunham Boldman, Patrick Barrett, Roll Schlessman, Janice Cook Herrmann, Jack Wasily, and Joe Esposito.**



**This was a merry table indeed! Standing are Sue Dunham Boldman, Joe and Marta Esposito, Jack Wasily, Barbara Tracy Henneman and her husband Denny, and Anthony Fantozzi. Seated are Leonard Kettel and Mary Canterbury Kettel.**



**Front: Marcia Snyder Dircks, Barbara Tracy Hennemann, Jean Stout Osterling, Margaret Nickels Murray, and David Clark**

**Rear: John Kumrock, Bill Tracht, Ken Auer, Bill Hill, Lehr Dircks, Dick Schenk, and Ted Hinkle**



**Four class officers were present to continue their leadership:  
Angelo Fantozzi, Marna Haber Muehlhauser, Jack Wasily, and Bob Boos.**

**For more pictures of your favorite Golden Jubilarians, [click here.](#)**

# The Saunders-Foss Memorial Golf Scramble

Blue skies, cool temps, a full field, everyone on time, good cheer in the air and beer in the kegs - were a couple angels watching over this event or what!

The fifth annual Saunders-Foss Memorial Golf Scramble moved off right on time at 7:30 AM to an excellent shotgun start to help raise money for scholarships. And respond the community did - as it has always done - for an event that no one wishes had to be, but one which, if it was meant to be, serves the purpose as well as any to commemorate and keep alive the spirit of two High Huron gals who lived none in two short lives than many do in their allotted one.

Huron grad Katie McCoy, '97, a free-lance graphic artist working from home, designed the T-shirts worn by this year's contestants. None other than the Bluegill himself actually produced them. A halo floating above an angel-winged golf ball perfectly symbolized what most felt all day as billowy clouds and perfect humidity and temperatures hovered above the participants.



Sponsors galore got behind the event, too, to make it a truly community affair. We'll leave you to guess whose broad shouldered back and svelt 32 inch waist supported the walking billboard for all these backers.



A family affair it was in ways also as the whole Everett clan pitched in and seemed omnipresent. Grandama hawked her T-shirts while Joan and Craig Saunders played the welcoming committee for each arrival. Sue manned (ladies?) the breakfast table laden with fancy breads and healthy muffins. Barb and Jude and Mary found more than enough tasks to keep them busy all day long, from chauffeuring support persons to the proper holes, to serving the delicious barbequed chicken dinners, to clean up detail at times. (Don? We think he was out back practicing his swing.) Tracy and Paul Berlin oversaw registrations and the putting contest as well. Of course, none of this accounts for the weeks of preliminary prep work just to bring us to this day.

Part of the Saunders Foss clan that helped staff the event: Sue Rader, Grandma Everett, Joan Saunders and Tracy Berlin, Barb Slattery, and Mary Langhals.





**Craig Saunders, Jim Bollenbacher, and Rick Langhals survey results of their supervisory duties before teeing off.**

**If you don't see yourself on these pages, click here to see more complete coverage of this event.**

**Money laundering chores were in good hands with this crew, handling everything from registration, to skins, strings and mulligans and various other PGA sanctioned legalized cheating and score enhancing techniques.**



**Eric Muehlhauser prepares to plow the back forty with a hefty swing while tuning up beforehand.**

**“Gentlemen and ladies, start your engines,” hollers starter, Jim Bollenbacher. “Your other right foot, Joe!”**



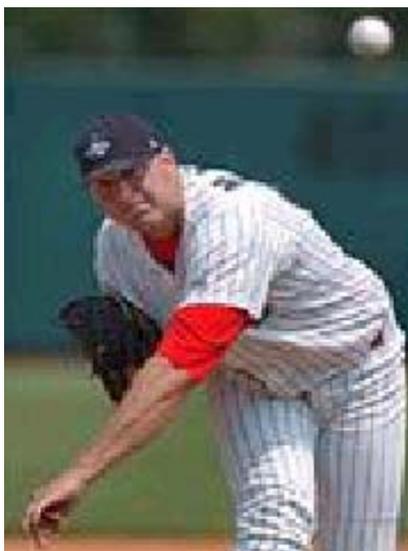
## Down on the Farm with Matt Maloney

Who would ever think of moving from Reading PA to Chattanooga TN to Louisville KY all within the space of a little over a month – unless that someone were definitely on the way up! And up he surely goes, Huron's Matt Maloney, '02, soaring through a couple levels in the minors, hoping to receive the nod to the big leagues yet this fall as teams expand their rosters in September. Can the cover of *SI* be far behind!

Matt, you'll recall, after a stellar pitching career at Huron, did some serious pitching in college for Mississippi in the 2004 and 2005 school years. He was then drafted by the Phillies organization in the third round in 2005 and went to work in Batavia in the summer of '05, then for the Lakewood Blue Claws, another A level club. He was promoted to Double-A ball this year, assigned to Reading where he went 9-7 on the strength of his 3.94 ERA. On July 30, in a surprise move he was traded to the Cincinnati organization for former Twins and Reds pitcher Kyle Lohse. Probably a tad closer to his home fan base, he was assigned to Chattanooga, also a Double-A team where he went 2-2 for the Lookouts. Then, lo and behold, on August 22 he was promoted to Triple-A Louisville. Talk about a whirlwind! Although Matt lost his first

start with the Louisville Bats to the Clippers, both he and his coaches felt good about his quality start – 8 K's and two walks. He rebounded in his second game against Toledo in a win with 10 K's and three walks.

So overall, how is he doing? As you read this his ERA is in the nifty low 3's. His strike out to walk ratio usually is about 2.5:1, a ratio they want to



see improve as he moves up the system. It has lately, as he frequently records nine or ten strikeouts per about a six inning stint each outing. His combined

won-loss record for the season is presently 13-10 in 28 games, with 177 K's in 160 innings, in games played up to season's end. The best thing, though, is his attitude toward the whole run: he still can't believe he gets paid to do this! Ain't life grand when you're having fun?

Now comes the frosting. As a reward for his hard work this summer, Matt was named to the Eastern League All-Star Team. Only league managers and their coaching staffs vote, so this makes the selection especially sweet.

As tension grew weekly at the Donut Shop over each start and subsequent newspaper article, all were pulling for Matt to get his break-through to the majors. No call-up this fall, though. He would be joining the likes of another Huronite who actually pitched in the majors, Paul Doyle, class of '58, now living in California. Paul pitched at the major league level, starting in 1969 with Atlanta - as a Hank Aaron teammate - and then for San Diego and California before hanging it up in 1972.

We encourage you to see all Matt's stats and a wrap-up on his season by visiting [www.thebaseballcube.com/players/M/Matt-Maloney.shtml](http://www.thebaseballcube.com/players/M/Matt-Maloney.shtml)

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## “Ernest” Munafa Update

Marc Munafa has temporarily traded flying wings for writing with feathered pens as we reported in our last issue. We thought an update on the progress of his book through the publishing perils would be appropriate at this time.

Marc reports that his publisher is all set to go, having now edited the work and even completed the cover art. (Can't wait to see that image!) But his agent, the Scott Boros of the publishing world, will not release the work just yet as he is still holding out for more money from the big publishing houses. It

seems that serious works get the short shrift in the summer as publishers seek to maximize the output of the lighter stuff – the beach-burner romances and their ilk. So up the line Marc's book creeps. No exact publishing date has been set, so we don't know if you can add this title to your Christmas shopping list just yet. We'll announce the news on our website.

Additionally, Marc has been so busy on his first novel, with about two thirds of it completed. He says that he is finding out that a novel is a whole different

beast all together with the way it positively consumes one's life. Marc assures us that it will be set in Huron, named Shawnee in the book, (how original!) and local readers will recognize many characters. He hopes to finish this book in a few months. We hope it doesn't turn out like that great Sherwood Anderson classic *Winesburg, Ohio*, written about Clyde OH back in 1919. Seems too many locals recognized too many characters, warts and all, and wanted to string up the author. Keep your track shoes handy, Marc.

## Whatever Happened to Hank Lehrer

Back in '66, Hank Lehrer had the unenviable job of trying to succeed the legendary Mr. Music Man in Huron for many decades, James "Huffy" Hoffman. But succeed he did, and led the Big Brass Band from Tiger Land until 1974. So many of you can probably remember those days marching under the brutal August sun to prepare for not just the Friday night game routines, but for every festival, parade, or visiting dignitary who came down the road that required the very best musical performance. The student population was much larger in Huron in those days, and band members literally hung out the windows of a cramped band room to hone their skills and earn their reputation as the area's best. All under the skillful baton and barking orders of one Henry R Lehrer!

A graduate of Ohio University, Kent State University, and finally Bowling Green State University where he received his doctorate in 1985, Hank had a total of sixteen years in Ohio high school education, before continuing his teaching at BGSU and then Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. He taught courses in aviation management for Southern Illinois University. He became a faculty member at the Aviation Institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) with the rank of Professor and Graduate Fellow. Finally Hank hung it up as an active full time teacher after the spring of 2002, but he remained a NASA funded researcher.

Now he is still a part-time instructor for SIU teaching distance education courses out of his laptop and his

Starbucks "office" and by visiting the the Chicago campus six times a year. He does some MBA course teaching for Daniel Webster College out of New Hampshire. He is also an active flight instructor with over 3,000 hours of flight instruction given and holds an ATP with Citation type rating. He has flown a variety of corporate aircraft, has experience as an FAR 141 Chief Flight Instructor, and was employed by Flight Safety in Toledo with the Cessna Citation program. If you google him, you



will also discover numerous journal articles, book chapters, editorships, reviews of equipment and music, presentations, and consultancies to his credit.

A lesser known credit of Hank is his work with Native Americans, specifically in Nebraska. He led a Native American Outreach project through the Little Priest Tribal College at Winnebago NE in 2002-2003 that focused on improving the mathematics and science skills among students at schools on Nebraska's Indian reservations. How so? By teaching them aeronautical skills! Go figure. He wrote a

grant so that their elementary students could "play" with model rockets and planes and in the process thereby sharpen their math and science skills. It actually worked, mainly, Hank says, because it made learning so much fun. Short supply of that these days, what with the NCLB Act.

But we digress. What of his musical skills? Nothing diminishing here, as he remains a performing musician on woodwinds. Several times a year he does shows, plays in a couple of local collegiate wind ensembles, does jazz jobs (big band and combo), and has worked with the Toledo Symphony Pops as well as the Toledo Jazz Orchestra. And then for a change he does many church gigs. Says Hank, "It's nice to be still able to hold my own with the youngsters!" Who knows, maybe we can get him back into the pit at one of our spring musicals!

Hank has four children: Maggie in Columbus, and Mac, Tim and Randy in Huron. And the beat goes on with seven grandkids in town, too, some of them lighting up the scoreboards for football and volleyball teams. These days he and Lynne play the goodly grandparents by commuting from Perrysburg to most of Huron's events to watch these next members of the Lehrer family excel in Huron. Hardly know where he gets the time, though. If you run into him occasionally at these events, stop by for a chat, tell him what you played and when, and be sure show him your embouchure—for old time's sake. Or if you don't want to wait to bump into him, email him at [hanklehrer@bex.net](mailto:hanklehrer@bex.net). It would be nice to reconnect, and who knows but what you'll get invited to his closest Starbucks or Panera office for a coffee and some catching up.

## Membership Sale

As the Edsel used car salesman used to say, "Boy, have we got a deal for you!" We'll go him one better. Effective immediately, as a one-time special offer, we are making effective until the end of this calendar year memberships in the HHSAA for 2008 to all who enroll now. That's as many as four extra months of membership free for signing up or renewing now. Have we gone daft? Not really.

The HHSAA constitution requires that all memberships run on a calendar year, so we have gradually begun to become compliant. Thus, for all of you who joined prior to June 30, 2007, you should have noticed that we backdated

your memberships to the first of the present year. All those joining after July 1, 2007 we have and will continue to push forward to the next year, so that everyone's memberships should expire in December of 2008. We can then notify everyone through our publication and on-line in December of '08 and thus conserve postage on the annual notifications we had been sending out, usually on a monthly basis.

We have well over three hundred of you regular members whose membership renewals fall within the next several months. We hope you remember who you are. We trust that you will take advantage of this "sale" of sorts to re-

new your commitment to the Association by filling out the information on the back page. If you are receiving this message on-line, there is a membership application posted on our website also. Unfortunately, though, we have not yet set up for PayPal, so you would still have to spring for the 41 cents to send in the form! The earlier you act, however, the more "free" months of membership you receive. And the more we save on postage for notification. We invite you to take advantage of this offer today! Those who forget we will remind in December.

Now, let's see the Edsel man beat that!

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## Alumni Membership

The new and renewal membership list this quarter does not seem as long as it normally runs, but not to sweat! We have not made a concerted effort this quarter to recruit as we are trying to have all memberships expire in December of each year - as explained above. We suspect that after everyone takes advantage of the "sale," the December listing will be quite long!

Marian Hammond Howland	Huron	OH	'37	Byron Allman	Tyrone	NM	'56
Kenneth Betsh	Reading	PA	'47	Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57
Patricia Lyons Baker	Elyria	OH	'49	George Ritzenthaler	Sandusky	OH	'60
Martha McCormick Downing	Berlin Heights	OH	'51	Linda Green Haley	Huron	OH	'62
Ruth Stamm Ritz	Norwalk	OH	'52	Pam Nasby Runner	Huron	OH	'70
Rita Landoll Hohler	Sandusky	OH	'52	Vonda Dickson Schaefer	Solvang	CA	'86
Helen Carpenter Shaw	Orange City	FL	'54	Stacy Chubak Hinners	Cincinnati	OH	'96

## Social Membership

Hank Lehrer                      Perrysburg    OH    Former Faculty Member

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## General Scholarship Fund

Kenneth Betsh	Reading	PA	'47
JaniceRae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57

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## Stallings Family Fund

Bill and Carol Scott	Huron	OH	'72
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57

## Ralph Thomas Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund

Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57
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## Our Gal in Thailand

Two years ago we reported on our grad Deb Elmlinger Grosser, '69, living in Thailand and doing missionary work there with her husband. You'll remember also how well you all responded when we appealed for books to stock a new library being built then at one of their mission sites. Deb and the World Vision Institute spread that treasure trove of reading materials around their corner of Thailand.



The dream begins in the septic tank hole and builds up from there.

Now Deb sends word that as their two-year commitment with World Vision nears its end, both she and Ron have decided to remain in Thailand, but they will further their work, expanding into new territory. They have decided to devote themselves to the House of Union (HOU) shelter for Lahu hilltribe children. These kids are not orphans. The Lahu people do not give up their children for adoption, even if orphaned. Rather they are, what we call in America, "at risk." And the risks run the gamut from poverty, to drugs, to sexual trafficking, prostitution, and eventual marriage at age 13, doomed to a life in the rice paddies with a baby

perpetually strapped to their backs. Normally education ends at grade six with studies in math and Thai.

To accomplish this new mission of breaking the cycle of poverty and enslavement, Deb and Ron purchased four rai of land (about ten acres) and embarked upon a huge building project. First to spring up was a dormitory – eventually two will be built for housing the boys and girls separately. Then two caretaker homes had to be erected along with the necessary septic systems and water wells. As further HOU funds become available, there will also be a dining/kitchen/meeting hall built.

We are not talking hordes of children descending upon the Grosser's and their compound. They are starting with thirteen children in the range of 5 – 12 years of age and eventually hope to expand to 40 children total. However, they will only take children when sponsors become available for each one. The children live in the city during the school months, returning to their hillside families only during the months of October, March, and April. Parents are hopeful that by studying longer than they would without the House of Union aid, they will receive better education along with better nourishment, learning English as well as Thai, thus improving their odds of surviving in a global economy outside their villages.

Classmate Debbie Slygh Greulich and her husband Karl stopped in to see the Grossers at Chiangrai over a short weekend back in May while on an annual business trip to Thailand. The two American visitors fell in love with the children and adopted one lad, agreeing to help him with monthly support. His first tangible gift was a bicycle bought on their way back to the airport. Anyone else wishing to help support a child can do so by contacting Deb at [Grosser.Debbie@gmail.com](mailto:Grosser.Debbie@gmail.com).

If you wish to follow the

progress of the new compound, you can visit Ron's website at <http://picasaweb.google.com/rongrosser/TheStoryoftheLand> where he has posted many pictures of the continuing development. It's something wonderful indeed! More than just a bricks-and-mortar annual report, the site is a cataloging of the change of scenery occurring as barren land in the early photos is transformed right before your eyes while the daily lives of children swirl around there. You won't see a march of adorable Siamese children, but you'll still be getting to know the kids, and who knows, maybe you too will fall in love with them.

Ron and Deb have already made the choice to stay and retire with the children. As Deb pointed out, many times in America huge RV's clog up highways somewhere with the bumper sticker that reads, "We are spending our kids' inheritance." Ron and Deb slapped that sticker on the newly constructed buildings there. They advertise one guest room with a modern western style toilet in their home - if there are any hardy takers! Make sure you ring them up first so the rent-an-elfant can meet you at the airport.

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As the dream nears completion, Deb finds herself surrounded by kids or with babes in arms.



## Our Gal ‘Down Under’

Julie Stout, '80, certainly is racking up the frequent flier miles these days. She had been teaching at the University of Indiana as the Eleanor Cox Riggs Professor of Social Sciences and Ethics. She recently came off a sabbatical to Australia with her husband Martin, a chemistry teacher, and now has moved back there permanently to teach at Monash University in Victoria. (Martin hails from New Zealand.)

Julie is world renowned in clinical and cognitive neuroscience research. She and her research associates are interested in understanding how the brain, especially the striatal-frontal brain systems, implements complex adaptive behaviors such as decision making, social functioning, and emotions processing. A sideline includes understanding and describing how behavior is affected by damage to the basal ganglia. (Bet you didn't even know you had some

of those guys up there!) The bottom line is that someday her work could possibly lead to enhanced understanding and treatment of those suffering from Huntington's and Parkinson's Disease as well as certain addictive behaviors.

If you check out the website at [www.indiana.edu/~ccns](http://www.indiana.edu/~ccns), you'll find more interesting things about her work and a list of publications a half



Julie is shown here with her husband Martin Stone and the Stone girls, Suzannah, 7 and Camille, 9.

mile long. You'll also find a list of her course descriptions - but take a dictionary! You'll be hearing more about Our Gal from Down Under someday.



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## Impromptu Reunion

We caught these gals from '56 trying to sneak in an extra reunion at Berardi's one morning when Sharon Navarre Stein was in town recently. Shown (l. to r.) are Ann Bostater Hart, Carol Sprankle Leshner, Patty Macioce Everett, Nancy Rhodes Harmon, Sharon Navarre Stein, Delores Florio Knittle, and Carol Haggerty Schell.



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## Newest Band Uniforms

We caught these newest band members practicing their 'Script Huron' on the football field one afternoon after a thunderstorm had left earthworms galore on top practicing their back strokes. Not one to miss an opportunity, band director Ryan Smith rushed to the scene whereupon he immediately set about whipping these birds into shape. Unfortunately, they do not perform after dark nor under lights, so the rest of you will never see what Ryan hath wrought. We have preserved that moment!

## Classnotes

**Pat Stroud Vanhorn**, '64, reported in from a little place in Canada called Tehkummah on Manitoulin Island. You can look it up! In Huron she grew up across the street from **Lois Griggs Thomas**, '61. Both gals married Canadians the same time and are now living on the same island – so what are the chances of that! But they do have internet service up there, just the dial-up species for right now.

**Dan Houdeshell**, '65, will be waaaay 'down under' for about five months this winter. Or will it be it summer there? He and his wife leave for New Zealand this month to prepare for a five-month stay in Antarctica. Dan landed a job with the National Scientific Foundation (DOD) as an air controller for the flights bringing in the research teams. Dan has a blog started for anyone interested <http://dadhowdy.blogspot.com/>. Tune in there frequently to see pictures of his adventure of a lifetime.

**Dale Casper**, '67, after student teaching at HHS with Larry Zimmer in 1971, taught high school and college English for 10 years, before detouring into the business world in Virginia, Florida, and Ohio for two decades. In 2002 he returned to education and now works for the Erie-Huron-Ottawa Educational Service Center as a gifted intervention specialist. For 2007-08, Dale will be teaching 5th and 6th grade language arts at McCormick Middle School. Says he, "It seems that all roads do lead home!"

**Donna Shade Washek**, '68, lives in Lancaster OH and works as an RN in Grant Hospital in Columbus OH. After her 12 hour days, she attends classes to earn her bachelors in nursing.

**Pat Shannon**, '69, stopped by to catch up over River Fest and informed us that he is a pipe manager for Bechtel Industries out near Albuquerque.

**Steve Moluse**, '71, writes from the Cleveland area that he is Director of Planning with the architectural firm ka (small letters but big company!) If you are interested in anything from throwing up a high rise to renovating downtown or building a whole new planned community, check out their website at [www.kainc.com](http://www.kainc.com)

**On June 30, the waterfront at Baltimore MD was quite unprepared for a mini-reunion of these Huron gals of '72. Louise Peltier, Sue Jablonski Yoder, Leslie Casper, and Diane Scholette Timple did the city royally and re-lived their senior class trip to Washington DC.**



**Debbie Crow Stauffer**, '74, reports from Slippery Rock PA, where she and her husband Bob moved this spring, that they launched a new church September 9 after meeting for a while in the University Union building there at Slippery Rock University. Deb has three twenty-something children. Their new website is [www.gatewaycommunityepc.org](http://www.gatewaycommunityepc.org). Catch up with Deb there!

**Corinne Dubois Hetzel**, '75, is in a close race with her daughter for their next degrees. Corinne will finally receive her RN, for "Real Nurse," next May about the same time her daughter is due to complete her PhD.

**Linda Junod Hoagland**, '75, our gal formerly in China, has now moved to Scotland where the scenery and food are a tad better, though the weather can be a bit more rainy and dank. She is enjoying exploring old castles and will definitely not run out before her tour there is completed.

**Beth Biechele De Witt**, '77, writes from Columbus OH that she went to OSU after graduation and never left! Twenty-eight years later and still going strong there. One son has graduated and is teaching, another at Capitol in business plays varsity baseball, and a daughter is a high school junior.

**Mike Blaskovich**, '83, after spending four years in France, with Texas Instruments, is in the process of moving back to the States with his family. Closing on a house outside Dallas, they are now trading berets for cowboy hats.

**John and Jennifer McKinnon**, '83, are still up in the great white north, hosting travelers from around the world at the Fireweed Manor B&B in Anchorage. Jennifer has returned to school before her GI benefits expire and is on track to get her master in nursing and open her own office as a nurse practitioner within a couple of years. John still is chasing and arresting some of Anchorage's finest citizens for their misbehavior. He muses that it's funny how he rarely had police contact when living in Huron, but now knows some people rely on the police to be part of their everyday lives.

**Mike Van Rossum**, '83, writes from the Chicago area that he screwed up and got promoted to run the Chicago branch of the company. The good news is that he loves Mokena IL which is only about five hours from home now. Mike is battling colon cancer but reports that his prognosis is good. He expects to be back for homecoming!

**Todd Lendvay**, '86, (or would have been if the family had not moved to the Chicago area his junior year) is now Dr. Todd. He has his PhD in clinical psychology and a private practice, consulting in hospitals, too. Married now for fourteen years, he and

**Peter Iverson**, '88, is working as a psychiatrist at the State Mental Health hospital in Dayton OH, mostly with forensic patients. (Is that where they map head bumps???) Says he met and fell in love with his wife over a cadaver. Andrea is retired from family medicine but considering a second career in psychiatry. Son Isaac, 5, and daughter Caroline, 3, are progressing normally!

**Erick Swanbeck**, '93, a manager for Enterprise at Lima OH, has just become engaged to Amy Ziegler of Findlay OH.

**Brad Swanbeck**, '95, and a '99 Naval Academy graduate, has been named chief engineer of the submarine USS MARYland and promoted to lieutenant commander. He is stationed in Kings Bay in Georgia with his wife Monica and their baby, Parker.

**Dom Reno**, '97, Dominic is actually in China at present. He is teaching a class (something in the nature of American pop culture) at Wuhan University. He has decided to enroll in law school when he returns (Brooklyn Law School).

**Allison Reno**, '99, received her masters in rehabilitative counseling (or some such off-shoot of psychology) in August. She is currently participating in an internship and is, at the same time, interviewing for a real job to commence immediately after graduation. She talks about returning to school for one more degree as well.

**Jamie Moran**, '99, this past year was working for ECOT, the Educational Classroom of Tomorrow, in the testing department, in charge of OGT's and grades 3-8 Ohio Achievement Tests. She is now very excited about moving into an 8th grade counselor position.

**David Norton**, '99, is now a lieutenant in the United States Navy, stationed in Norfolk VA

**Adam Steinmetz**, '00, finished his coursework for a teaching degree and spent half the summer in Poland. Upon his return he landed a teaching position in Fremont OH.

**Dan Yohe**, '02, was recently robed in a ceremony at the Annunciation Friary in Irondale AL. In addition to his habit, Dan also received his religious name of Brother Paschal Mary of the Nativity. He finished his postulancy and is now in the novitiate for three years, after which he will attend St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore to prepare for eventual ordination to priesthood. Congratulations may be sent to Dan thus: Brother Paschal of the Nativity, Annunciation Friary, 5821 Old Leeds Road, Irondale AL 35201. Pictured here are Dan with his parents, Kathleen and Sam Yohe and his brother John who is employed as a biologist at Wil Research Labs in Ashland OH. Sam is head groundskeeper at Huron Memorial Stadium.



**Joe Dike**, '94 and **Cori Lively**, '01, took over ownership of The Gym in Huron in April 07. They invite you to stop by for a visit.

**Kristen Swanbeck**, '98, has been appointed to a graduate assistantship at the New York University Tisch School of Arts. She is a film major.

**Ben Mirtes**, '01, a Miami U finance major, recently left LaSalle Bank and has taken a position with Omnicare, Inc., an institutional pharmaceutical provider, in their Business Development Group which focuses on making acquisitions for Omnicare.

**Andy Norton**, '02, was robed as a novice in the Benedictine monastery of Clear Creek Priory, (or Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek) near Hulbert OK. True to traditional monastic values of praying and working, the monks, Andy included, are living in temporary quarters, a converted horse barn and ranch houses, as they continue to build up the monastery to full capacity of 60-some monks in the future.

**Krista Boehk**, '02, is now working in Lexington OH for Embarq Holdings Company, a Sprint Local to folks in that area. In this her first "real job," she is in regional business sales and works with those big businesses looking to reformat their communication networking, everything from switchboards to cell phones.

**Rick Gundlach**, '03, has successfully completed his student teaching assignment in Rio de Janeiro and has accepted a teaching position for this year in Bahrain. That's an island nation about the size of Erie County in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Saudi Arabia. He will be teaching – what else? – history. Runs in the genes.

## Engagements

**Katy McMillion**, '98, and Drew Crisco of Bellevue OH announced their upcoming nuptials on August 5, 2007. Katy graduated from OSU and BGSU with a bachelors degree in international studies and education and a masters in history. She is employed by the Guilford County Schools, Greensboro NC. Drew attended Kent State University and Sandford Brown University and holds his degree in criminal

justice. He is employed by the Greensboro Police Department. A November 17 wedding is planned.

**Rudy Berger**, '00, and Edna Fontan, of Morovis, Puerto Rico, announced their engagement on August 5, 2007. Rudy graduated from the University of Toledo with his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering and now works in Neenah WI. Edna also graduated from UT with her mechanical engineering degree and then did further work in the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. She, too, works in Neenah. The couple will wed on March 29 of 2008.

**Andrew Capizzi**, '00, and Lindsey Dawn Neehouse of Vincent OH announced their wedding plans on August 19. A.J. is a 2005 graduate of Ohio University with his bachelor's degree in middle childhood education. He is pursuing his master's degree at Northern Kentucky university and is employed by the Kenton County KY schools as a sixth grade teacher and football coach at Woodland Middle School. Lindsey, a graduate of Warren Local High School, did her bachelor's and master's work at Ohio University and the University of Cincinnati in speech and language pathology. She is employed at Drake Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Cincinnati. July 19, 2008 will see them wed in Athens OH.

**Heather Adam**, '04, and David Noftz of Sandusky announced their engagement on August 26. Heather is employed at Sam's Club in Perkins Township. David, a Sandusky High grad, is a member of the Army National Guard and is employed at Lowes. A September 8 wedding occurred.

**George Muehlhauser III**, '48 and Ann Whyte, both of Huron, announced their engagement on September 9. George, a University of Michigan and The Ohio State School of Law graduate, is an attorney with the firm of Flynn, Py and Kruse in Sandusky. Ann, a graduate of Ohio University, is Promotions and Advertising Manager for Cedar Point. The couple will wed in October and then take a trip to Shenandoah National Park.

## Marriages

**Kim Washke**, '01, became Mrs. Jarrod Bahnsen on May 12 in a wedding held at Beaches Resort, Negril, Jamaica. Kim graduated from BGSU in 2005 with her degree in early childhood education. She currently is Director of Education with the Sylvan Learning Center. Jarrod, a 1998 Sandusky High School grad, is employed at Firelands Vending in Sandusky. The couple lives in Sandusky.

**Nicholas Strickland**, '99, and Stephanie Lee King were wed on June 2, 2007. Stephanie, of Fairmont WV, and Nick were both graduates of BGSU with masters degrees in creative writing. They will both be teaching at West Virginia University beginning this fall and live in Morgantown WV.

**Bryce Butkus**, '85, and Skye Turner of Suffolk VA were wed on May 17, 2007, on the beach at Princeville Resort in Kauai, HI. A graduate of Isle of Wight Academy and a 2000 graduate of James Madison University, Skye is a Hollywood stylist for TV and movie productions. Bryce graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of Business. He is now director of mobile technology with Konami Digital Entertainment. Their wedding trip to Hawaii now over, the couple lives at 414 Second St. in Hermosa CA.

**Denise Franklin**, '97, and Joseph Blair were wed in First Presbyterian Church in Huron on June 17, 2007. Denise graduated from BGSU with her degree in elementary education. Joseph, a 1994 graduate of Rocky Grove High School in Franklin PA, did his undergraduate work at Indiana University with a degree in safety services. He is employed by ALCOA Inc as a human resource manager. After their wedding trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple has begun their married life in Bellingham WA.

**Jason Foster**, '99 and Cynthia Meneses were married on August 18 at the home of the groom's parents. Jason graduated from The Ohio State University in 2004 with his bachelor's degree in Athletic Training and is now a medical student at the American University of the Caribbean in St. Maarten. Cynthia is a 1999 graduate of Jean Piaget High School in Lima, Peru.

## Obituaries

**Ronnie Larizza**, '59, age 67, passed away June 13 in Hobe Sound FL after suffering a sudden heart attack. The son of former HHS principal Rockie Larizza, Ronnie was successful in the manufacturing of automotive components.

**Robert Barrett**, '58, age 67 passed away June 30 in Pasadena MD.

**Richard "Jack" Bacon**, '39, age 85, of Hampden MA, passed away July 29 at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield MA. Richard was a WWII veteran of the US Navy.

**Fred Savage**, '59, age 67, of Huron, passed away on July 29 at the Stein Hospice in Sandusky after a brief illness. Fred had been a truck driver for 38 years.

**Pat Gioffre**, '45/7, age 82, passed away at his son's home in Huron on August 16 after an extended illness. Like many of his schoolmates, Pat left high school early for service in WWII and then graduated upon his return in 1947. A retired foreman at Huron Cement, Pat became a recognizable figure at all Huron sporting events for many years.

**Steve Dubois**, '78, age 47, passed away on August 17 in Stein Hospice after a lengthy battle with cancer. While at Huron, Steve earned All-Conference honors in wrestling and football, which team he captained in his senior year.

**Edith McCormick Myers**, '43, age 81, of Norwalk OH, passed away Monday, August 20 at home. A graduate of Providence School of Nursing, Edith enjoyed a thirty-year career in nursing.

**Cynthia "Cindy" Majoy Zappa**, '77, age 49, passed away August 23 at Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky. The daughter of Dominic "Tike" and Agnes Doyle Majoy, Cindy actively supported the football and basketball programs at Huron.

**Mary Ruth Dahlhofer Ramsey**, '39, age 85, of Huron, passed away August 25 in Sandusky. Married to her husband Wilbur for 67 years, Mary Ruth was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and an avid reader and gardener.

**Gene M. Morando**, '79, age 47, of China Grove NC died Sunday, August 26 in his home after a long bout with cancer. Gene had been employed in the trucking and lumber industries.

## Odds and Ends - from 9/11

We found an interesting connection with that tragic day of 9-11 and one of our Huron grads. No, he was not on the scene when the Trade Center attacks occurred, nor was he the first up the stairs to help rescue survivors. Rather, in the collecting, inventorying, cataloguing, and maintaining for posterity records of all the remains, one person stands at the center.

We heard from Andrew "AJ" Dufresne, '83, this summer. Talk about traveling a crooked path to get to a goal! Bear with us as we eventually get back to 9/11.

After playing around with cooking school, becoming a chef, and dreaming of standing in front of cameras on the Cooking Channel before it even existed, AJ gave it up and returned to school for a bachelor's degree in poly sci and history – cooking only to keep the wolf of famine from his door. Then he obtained a masters degree in public administration and organizational development, learning information management systems on the side – obviously setting up to run someone's political campaign.

Instead, AJ then founded an archive company which he eventually sold out in 2005, but not before he hooked up with the National Archives where he served as Senior Records Analyst for New York City. It was his job to help folks manage information in vast quantities. Which finally brings us to 9/11. Since 2005 AJ has been assisting NARA with recovering 9-11 records related to the Federal response efforts in NYC. That means working with agencies such as FEMA (headed up relief efforts), Social Security (death benefits), GSA (federal facilities), US Coast Guard (removal of human capital from Manhattan), Corps of Engineers (responsible for debris removal), and finally the EPA (monitor air quality) and OSHA (monitor air quality for safety purposes.) A challenge? Certainly. Says AJ, "It has been both interesting and an uphill battle getting people to disclose information for preservation purposes." But all families who suffered losses that day certainly will appreciate his efforts. The pain, though, from all the head bashing ended this September 1 when he began a new position as Global Information Manager for Elan Pharmaceutical in Philadelphia.

AJ was also responsible for training and exercising federal agencies in business continuity or disaster preparedness, in association with FEMA, NSA, and GSA. The highlight of that job was training the UN, not just in NYC but across the world.

AJ has begun an internet video magazine called Northcoast TV ([www.Northcoast.TV](http://www.Northcoast.TV)) which documents life styles along Lake Erie. Two Findlay partners and other locals are in the venture with him – Brad Everett, '83, and Jeff Fortune, '85. A feature appearing this fall will be Cooking@Claushaus, starring Greg Claus, '80, and showing how to prepare tasty 10 minute recipes. Northcoast Football also invites viewers to submit video for weekly prizes of \$100 for best-of-show. This is also a good site to view clips of games, matches, and performances at Huron High School. You can contact him by email at [ajd@16by9productions.com](mailto:ajd@16by9productions.com).



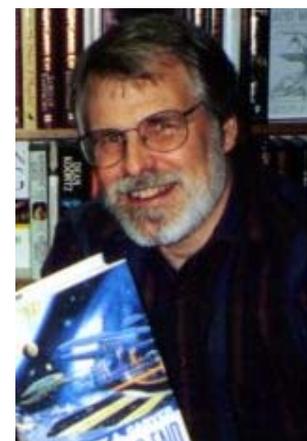
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## Battlestar Galactica

"From the mysteries of deepest space . . . to the recesses of the human mind"

Precisely from the mind of Huron's own Jeff Carver, '67, has come this immensely popular TV miniseries. You can meet the author as Jeff, '67, will be in town over Homecoming weekend at the Kalahari Resort on Route 250 doing book signings for the general public and for his classmates at their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion the evening of September 29<sup>th</sup>. Jeff will be signing his books on September 29 from 11 AM until 1 PM and then again from 3 until 5 PM. Books will be available for purchase there. Then at 6 PM he will join his classmates for cocktails and dinner. Sunday, September 30, will see him out again from 10:30 AM until noon.

Jeff novelized the TV series *Battlestar Galactica*. Other series he did include *The Chaos Chronicles*, *The Star Rigger Universe*, and *Starstream* novels as well as numerous stand-alone works. It has been a steady stream of novels and short stories since Jeff began his career. You should really check out his website at [www.starrigger.net](http://www.starrigger.net) for a complete inventory of his material and pictures of Jeff and his girls. We are indeed lucky to have him return to his roots, if only for a few days, before he embarks upon another journey, somewhere across a universe, not necessarily ours. If you can't join him, he responds to email at [Jeff@starrigger.net](mailto:Jeff@starrigger.net).



**HHS Alumni Association Membership<sup>907</sup>**

HHS Graduate \_\_\_\_ \$10 per year You and spouse graduate \_\_\_\_ \$15 Social/ Associate/ Business \_\_\_\_ \$15  
Life Membership \_\_\_\_ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

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Maiden name, if female grad \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like a copy of the commemorative issue of the *Erie County Reporter* printed for the All-School reunion.

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Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "SuperTiger" \$300 includes two passes to every high school sporting event  
\_\_\_\_\_ "Tiger" \$125 includes two home season tickets to sport of choice  
\_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Bball Boys' Bball  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special "Gray" \$40  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regular "Red" \$20

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership**          \_\_\_\_\_ **Hall of Fame**          \_\_\_\_\_ **Social**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Scholarship**          \_\_\_\_\_ **Public Relations**          \_\_\_\_\_ **History**

**Cruise Reunion Survey<sup>907</sup>**

There has been some stirring of interest in taking a class cruise as a future reunion activity. One class is even looking three years hence! So continue talking up the concept with your classmates and get back to us, either by using this form or by emailing us. We will connect you and your class reps with the professionals who will make your class's cruise reunion an unforgettable experience! Remember - YOU pick the dates and destinations; they do all the rest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email or Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I might be interested in a cruise/reunion.  
\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like for my class officers/representatives to investigate such a cruise for our next reunion  
\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd be willing to help out on organizing such a cruise  
I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ HHS Graduating Class

**Either mail this in or send us an email with the same information and any other suggestions about the program.**

## Homecoming 2007

On Friday night, September 28, the Huron Tigers will host their annual Homecoming celebration. All grads and their friends are cordially invited to attend the pre- and post-game hoopla and watch the Tigers knock off the Clyde Fliers. It promises to be a battle of the Titans once again. There will be the crowning of this year's queen and king and all the festivities that go with that. Come and sit together as a class with your signs and be recognized during the game.

This year, instead of doing the All-School Reunion celebration, we will be toning it down a bit. First, we will be hosting an open house from 5:30 PM until kickoff in the high school. Entrance will be by the north door off the parking lot. Visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the new facilities on the first floor that we described at the beginning of this issue. If the weather is inclement, though, we will regretfully have to postpone as we do not wish to track up the clean building.

Then we will be pitching a tent inside the main gates of the Memorial Stadium grounds where we invite all to check in and socialize with classmates and friends. We will have plenty of tables and chairs set up there for you to patronize the Boosters' concession stand and then sit and eat and socialize with us. The Classes of '67 and '72 are holding their reunions in town that weekend, and many of them will congregate there as well. Should be lots of new faces around this year, so come on out early and mix.

Then after the great game, all are invited out to Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek where the celebration will continue. However, you do not have to wait until the game is completed to stop out. Many folks, especially on cold and windy evenings, leave the game site early for warmer digs and a bite to eat. Why not come join us on the heated deck at Mulligan's until there are no more lies to be swapped or touchdowns past to rerun - or the keg runs dry. See you all there!

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## Class of '98 looking for Missing Members

The Class of '98 is first to the line for next year's reunion season. Don't even think about jumping the line on them! They are requesting that anyone with snail mail addresses or email addresses of class members should mail or email them to Julie Lindsley Hughes at 5789 Baywater Drive in Mason OH 45040 or julie6anne@yahoo.com. So those of you reading this on line, search your mailboxes for those class members with whom you have remained in contact and get those addresses in to Julie. Then all of those folks can be contacted to do the same and the tree grows. Thanks for your help on this and hope to see you next summer.

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