

# NEWS

HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## A Summer to Remember

As summers go, this one was about average. Average temperatures and precipitation levels, average fish catch, average number of tourists, average arrests, fires and accidents, average number of class reunions. But there it ends. In many respects, there will not be another summer like this one for at least half a century. For Huron celebrated its Bicentennial big, REALLY BIG, and your Association was right there in the thick of it. In this issue you will see some of the season's events that marked this as the greatest summer in Huron's history.

As if that were not enough, this year's summer and fall reunion season was as grand as it can get. Once again, folks returned from all across the county to their roots, celebrating together their past, recounting their present accomplishments, and, bolstered by their contacts with friends from the past, leaving in joyful expectation of a pleasant future. The usual five-year gatherings filled up halls around town for weeks, and a fifty-year golden jubilee class carried on for days – in fact, it probably is still

going on! Once again your Association staged an All-School Reunion at the end of September over an event-filled Homecoming Week. Inside you will share in the excitement all returnees experienced while "home" for their reunions.

As for your Alma Mater, it was a relatively quiet summer. No more monumental building projects, major classroom wing or building renovations. Time for a breather! However, your Booster Association did continue its projects, building its Field of Dreams for future baseball games out at Woodlands School. We'll show you how the grass is growing, when the first pitch will be thrown out, and how you can help in the project.



Classmates from 1944 enjoy their reunion: Vicki Tata Bencivengo, Rosemary Pisano Defazio, and Leota Farschman Gilbert.

Academically, Huron High School fared much better than average. The report card issued by the state was released and had Huron placed not at average but above average. You can discover inside how far above average and rejoice with the students and staff that made it all possible. We can safely say that, after a few years of financial woes and the accompanying turmoil, Huron City Schools are back – BIG TIME!

Finally, your Association was the recipient of a very generous challenge grant for its endowed scholarship fund. Inside you can find the details and learn how you can assist in growing this fund for our students in perpetuity.

## Meet the 2009 Ohio Volleyball Champions Div IV

Huron's girls dropped the first match of the 2009 season, after 99 straight regular season SBC victories. But bounce back they did and finished the season at 23 – 3, a most respectable record.

Then the girls really bore down and methodically worked through the tournament challenges. They faced several undefeated teams and downed them all, sometimes taking five matches to prevail. In the finals they didn't mess around, making it a clean sweep in three straight games. Then the celebration

began in Dayton's Nutter Center at Wright State University as the Huron faithful rocked the rafters.

Upon their return to town that evening, the girls were greeted with a real homecoming celebration in the high school gymnasium. Speeches and tears of joy were the order of the evening, and when it was all over, another whole set of trophies was proudly displayed to line the shelves of the already bursting cases.



Great season, girls and Coach Wood, greater ending, and best wishes to all those continuing their volleyball careers next fall with scholarships in hand.

## Class of '43 Meets for 66th

How DO they do it? Never rains in Huron on the second Saturday of September, the annual meeting date of this bunch of lively seniors. The sun god again smiled on their affair as they gathered at the Huron Yacht Club for their yearly luncheon before adjourning to the home of Wayne and Ruth Knupke for dessert and a pleasant afternoon of chatting about everything under that same sun. And exactly what do folks this far removed from their high school years find to reminisce about? You'd be surprised. Family always comes first, of course, and how they do compare notes on their grandkids! So proud of their accomplishments, so successful all! They lament the fact that ill or recuperating classmates, or those also who can no longer drive, have to miss this year. They comment on changes seen while touring their former town, and recount how, as grammar school youngsters, they watched concrete silos gradually grow/creep/sprout/rise up along the east side river bank and now may live to see them down again and land restored. They laud improvements like boat launch areas or Huron's fine streets, but not those land gobbling developments that plant warehouses atop their former corn fields. They still feel a sting of betrayal from the village of their youth being reduced to rubble during urban renewal days. "Where's the renewal?" echoes their common refrain in B-flat tones around the table. No complaints, no regrets, no knocking "those teenagers" of today or others. Just joyful savoring of the little things.

But most of all they zero in on images of their Currie and Ives Huron past. Sometimes they creep entirely out of the mind whole, other times in parts, patched together by all who sit around the table, each stitching together his or her little square until they all nod approval at the finished, quilted memory. Many times someone will unwrap a printed piece, browned with age, but delicately and lovingly shared with all, pricking memories of long forgotten highlights from life in Old Huron – such as the time the choir, invited to perform in Columbus over WOSU radio, was "rewarded" with

a tour of the old Ohio State Penitentiary. A tour? Or rather a warning to a few miscreants to straighten up or else? The sight of "Old Sparky" that day still gives some folks bad nightmares.

Which teen today still grabs a mitt after Sunday church and heads for an empty lot, like the one on Tiffin Ave where Hy Miler now stands, to engage classmates in a whole summer afternoon of baseball – with taped up bats and balls, feed-sack bases, mitts - cracked thin leather gloves sometimes - barely enough to go around for one team, raspberry-butt burns from sliding into a rocky second, thistle stings in right field from chasing down errant foul balls? Who spends a lazy Sunday rest-day any more just strolling up and down the block, sitting on front porch swings, or leaning over a fence to greet a friend



Wayne and Ruth Knupke inspect a poster of the Huron Bicentennial Arrtirondak Chairs with Gordon Meeker.

or feed the chickens or hogs – yep, hogs inside the city limits in them thar days! Well, we do forget - but these folks don't. Their memories burn brightly, the stories churn out freely, and they don't even mind when fact checkers get in the road of a good story. For all their years they still are alive with visions of their wonderful past, coming of age in small town, quintessentially American Huron.



This year's celebrants were Murial Zielski, Barbara Stein Boeckling, Ellie Waite, and Ruth Knupke. Standing are Jim Zielski, Gordon Meeker, Wayne Knupke, and Allan Slyker and John Paul Jones who journeyed up from Florida.

## Class of '47 Annual Dinner

The Class of '47 held its annual luncheon meeting on a beautiful September Thursday afternoon at the Huron Yacht Club. Attendance was excellent as usual. All were in good spirits as they recounted another year's exploits, updated the grandchildren and great-grandchildren count, and rued the usual aches and pains. The class had lost one member since last year's gathering, John Megyesi. Most had experienced an excellent year and were looking forward to surviving the rigors of the upcoming winter. Some were already preaching the virtues of Florida while at least one was heard to muse about laying in another good pair of long underwear. Whatever the choices, we fully expect all to return next fall and bring us updates.



These people lost the coin toss and had to sit with Sammy: (L. to R.) Fran Wargo, Carmel and Joe Michel, Sam Pisano, Lina Lee Wharton and her husband Bill.

Bucky and Liz Meola, Karl Lynn and his wife Evelyn, Mary Toderick, and Katie Megyesi look all set to dine and catch up on a whole year's news.



Lina Lee Wharton and Ida Henes Hastings share with their classmates serious thoughts on having reached senior status and then some.



Millie Grimm, Donna Lamb, Bob and Ida Hastings, Dee Heydinger, and Margaret Jablonski.

## Back to the Woods for '54

The Class of '54 held its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion on September 12 in a grove behind the home of Betty and George Mingus out on Boos Road. The pot luck affair was well attended, with the distance prize going to Carole Hasel Patterson all the way up from Florida. George had provided the Cadillac of picnic pavilions under the trees as the perfect venue for this reunion. Plenty of tables and chairs afforded everyone the comfort of a living room, and a huge stainless steel kitchen-like area sufficed for the food preparation and serving lines. And what a feast everyone provided! The lazed-back atmosphere encouraged all just to reminisce and enjoy one another's company, until approaching darkness sent all home with vows to repeat the event more often. Most still live close enough to their roots that this would be a great idea. See you all in one or two!



Enjoying the September afternoon were Nancy Stieibly Ruffing, Carole Hasel Patterson, Katheryn Kaiser Aylsworth, Merle Bower Majoy, Joe Taylor, Joy Foley Stevens, Bob Reynolds and Shirley Minier Reynolds.



Shirley Reynolds and Carol Andrews Wilford (front) shared dinner and memories with JoAnn and Joe Taylor and Peggy Breay.



Esther Lucht Svaboda and Jean Hoffman Kuhn enjoy a good laugh at their table.



"Boogs" Majoy and Bill Hoffman camped out next to and guarded the refrigerator.



Marie and Bob Kehr enjoyed their dinner with the Aylsworths.

Hostess Betty Bickley Mingus converses with her former PE teacher, Jess Hagy.



Winnie Hammond Herrada (r.) and her daughter Joy relax before dinner.



Dianne Esposito Hoffman toasts her buddies Nancy Stieibly Ruffing, (l.) and Peggy Bean Breay (r.).



Host George Mingus provides for his guests' needs - all of them! Included hot and cold running water, too!

## Huron Schools Win Academic Distinction Award

You can be very proud of your alma mater, in fact, of the entire school system. This fall, Superintendent Fred Fox, '74, received notice that the results of last school year's testing program were in as well as the ranking of the Huron City Schools in terms of student progress. A number of years ago the district had slipped a tad, but by last year we had regained our academic Excellent rank.

This year, however, we did not attain mere academic Excellent, but rather we were ranked as Excellent with Distinction! There is no higher category - unless they invent another for us next year. There were only fifteen other school districts in the entire state of Ohio that had achieved the level of excellence that Huron had. We were the first in Erie County to do so also. Do we deserve to crow? You bet, as the sign at the right attests!

What does this ranking mean? It depends upon how one looks at testing programs.

Years ago Ohio began a Report Card system of measuring Ohio schools' academic achievement. Thirty different measurements are taken annually in each district, beginning with reading and math scores in the third grade, then progressing up through high school. Also included are attendance and graduation rates. So, if the right measurements are taken at the right points, the theory goes, this should be a standard way of grading and ranking schools statewide.

Kind of like thrusting the oil dip stick into your car to gauge the depth and quality of the oil. If all engines are the same and the dip sticks the same length, then all engines can be compared equally for their fluid levels. That's the theory once again. But we all know that not all engines ARE the same, no more than are all schools and students. So while we all like to chide the system and complain that students are being reduced to mere robotic test takers and bubble sheet experts, the fact remains that the system is all we have for the present and we have to live with it.

At first scores across the state were generally muddled. It was as if the State were dipping the oil stick into the tranny fluid and trying to determine the average mileage per gallon the car got. But now,



Huron High School Principal John Ruf and Athletic Director Tony Munafo Jr. admire the sign strung above the front entrance to tout Huron's great academic accomplishment.

years, later, after hard work by teachers of aligning their curriculum with that of the state, of training students to work for and take the tests seriously, of changing teaching methods, the scores are up nationwide.

Critics cry that teachers are merely teaching to the tests. So? That's what the State demands; give it to them. Until the way of measuring student progress and achievement changes, teaching to the test will continue, and God help the states and districts who do NOT do so. State funding levels depend upon it, in some cases student graduation depends upon their scores, and in a few cases, teacher salaries also depend upon these scores. Criticize as you like - but then do something to change the system. In the meantime, Huron's test teachers and takers rank right up there as the very best in the state.

Our congratulations go out to all the students, teachers, administrators, and entire support staff who worked so hard to make Huron's schools a pleasant

place to work, and study, and yes, take the tests. Our academic successes in Huron rank right up there with those on the fields, courts, mats, tracks, and pools now. Our kids leave prepared to face the next round of challenges in their life preparations, survive there, and eventually make us all proud to call Huron home

The schools shall proudly fly the banner that they earned until the state forces them to take it down or the kids slip and lose the ranking. We think that the banner over the door is a daily reminder to all who enter below it to do their best one more day. Next fall we'll know whether all responded as well as they did this past year!

The Report Card is posted on the internet at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcardfiles/2008-2009/DIST/044131.pdf> You won't enjoy reading it, but a lot of people got paid a lot of money to assemble and report this data, so get your tax dollar's worth and look at it.

# Matching Scholarship Endowment Fund Announced

We are pleased to announce that your Association has launched a Matching Funds program for our Scholarship Funds. A very generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has challenged our members to match his donation of \$25,000 to begin an endowed scholarship program. In late summer we sent word of this challenge to all members for whom we have good email addresses. Thus far the response has been good. Now another 3,500 of you are learning of the program with the printing of this issue, and we hope to be able to achieve our goal of matching the donation and thus doubling our endowment.

We are presently engaged in finishing the paperwork involved in setting up an endowed program. Basically the way it works is that donations made to this fund are held in trust, and the earnings each year are either plowed back into the endowment to continue growing the amount or used for that year's scholarship awards. Up until this time, we have annually disbursed all funds collected for scholarships in the year in which they were donated. The number of scholarships has thus varied, depending upon the weather on the night of the annual scholarship dance or upon the general state of the economy and folks' ability to contribute.

An endowment works a little differently. The donations are deposited with an institution whose sole purpose is to grow funds for charitable causes. In our area we have the Sandusky Foundation. If you live away from your roots, your area probably has similar types of foundations. Such organizations then pool dollars from all sorts of smaller groups, such as ours, with charitable purposes and invest the aggregated funds for better upside growth potential than what each individual group could accomplish. At least in theory that's the way it works, but in eras of market downturn such as the one from which we are gradually emerging, these foundations can also take a hit. We'll take our chances, though. We like what we have seen in the past performance of the Sandusky Foundation.

The endowment we have begun is thus a challenge to all Huron grads to match and even exceed the initial amount given. The donor has a great affinity for the natural sciences and likes to help students

achieve their goals in the science fields, much as he did. Accordingly, he wishes his portion of the campaign to be placed into an endowment in the name of our former science department chairperson and long time science teacher before his death, Tom Shontz. The proceeds will be used to benefit students going on to college and majoring in some science field. We realize that others of you may have struggled with science and may wish to donate, but not to restrict the use to science. Understandable!

What we have set up for all donors, then, is a program whereby options are given. If you wish to help grow the science portion of the endowment, you may earmark any donation for the Shontz Fund. If you would rather see your dollars help any deserving student regardless of field of study, you may continue to contribute to the General Scholarship Endowment. Finally, some of you may wish that your donation be used right away in this next spring's scholarship award. We can do that. All you need to do is check that option on your contribution sheet.

This is an excellent time to consider any such scholarship donations, as the end of year approaches and the tax man cometh. We are a 501 (c)3 Non-Profit organization, so any size contribution of yours is tax deductible if you itemize on your return. We urge you to consider something of any size. With over four thousand Huron grads receiving this *Newsletter*, either in paper or on line, no one has to do a lot of grunting and heavy lifting. We accept and are grateful for any size donation, especially in this time of recovery from a near Depression. The beauty of this program also is that we can thumb our nose at the weatherman on dance night and know that the fund is still there earning returns that can be used year in and year out. Over time as the fund grows, we will be able to assist even more students in their pursuit of higher education. Please consider doing something.

We also remind individual classes that they may want to consider making a collective donation to this endowment at the time of their class reunion. We have had several classes do so already. In many schools, such donations are just a matter of course at reunion time and a donation is made to the alma mater or to its Alumni Association. It's a practice

that is well worth emulating in Huron.

Finally, sometimes families wish to make a contribution to a scholarship fund in memory of a deceased individual, usually a graduate. That is another wonderful practice, but it can have one shortcoming. Usually it is a one-time scholarship made possible by donations received at the time of death and then expended for one time only. However, by contributing those same funds to an endowment such as we are beginning, the benefit continues years into the future. The family's memorial contribution is aggregated with those of others inside the foundation investment program, and the total growth income is used annually for scholarships. Another possibility is that a family will want to honor its deceased member by actually naming a scholarship after the person and awarding a scholarship annually. If the amount is large enough, that can be done immediately through our endowment also. Or families may wish to commit to a large amount at the present time but make the contributions over a period of years. That is also possible, with the eventual scholarship being a memorial one when the amounts contributed finally grow to make that possible.

In short, the endowment program that we are beginning is very flexible. It can be made to work for you and your needs in many different ways. If you wish to consider such a memorial program, contact us and we will be happy to meet with you, explain the possibilities, and help you establish a program to suit your wishes.

To all who will contribute, we thank you in advance on behalf of the many students who will benefit from your generosity.



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# Huron Schools Go Greener

Mushrooms they aren't, but soon windmills may be popping up all over the properties of the Huron City Schools. Back in early September, the Huron Board of Education entered into an agreement with the Sandusky Based SUREnergy group to install and maintain a wind turbine to produce up to 100 kilowatts of power at the Woodlands Intermediate School site on the west side of town. It will not be one of those behemoths seen on the western prairies towering hundreds of feet in the air and gobbling up every goose that flies too close. Rather, it will stand 129 feet tall, have 69 foot blades, and represent no threat to limb or life of any of Huron's children.

The best part of the arrangement is that it will not cost the school district anything to construct. What? Free energy? Not quite. The cost of the project will be over one half million dollars, but grants and tax incentives for the group will cover about 70% of that cost. An anonymous group

of community members will contribute the remaining 30% by working through a group called Ventos Delecto HHS Property Management. This group entered into a second agreement with the Board to lease the land on which the turbine will sit and own the turbine for a period of five years, after which time the school system will own the turbine.

At present rates, the school district burns about \$45,000 per year in electricity just at Woodlands. With the newly formed arrangements, the district stands to save between \$10,000 and \$25,000 during the five-year lease period and more in the following years.

Safety is always a concern around giants with flailing arms. The SUREnergy corporation has decided to site the turbine way over on the southwest side of the school property, between the Route 2 bypass and the school building itself. In the worst case scenario, even if the tower toppled, it would not hit any building

or playground nor come close to the highway. Carcasses of deceased geese and other migratory wildfowl should also fall harmlessly where the buzzards can congregate and not threaten children either. And in the event some mechanical problem arises, the schools will be able to shut the thing down until the Click and Clacket Brothers can arrive to diagnose and unfowl the problem.

Will the turbine also enhance learning in the Huron City Schools? Absolutely. Imagine what the curriculum of the schools will look like in the ensuing years with the turbine on site and students studying within its shadow, literally. Lesson plans for science and math classes will be developed, both nationally and locally, to include studies of alternative energy sources, wind power - turbines in general, and Huron's in particular. The only thing remaining to be worked out is the color of the tower. Will it be painted green or not?

## Membership Since June 2009

### Life Members

Robert Kurtz	'59	Sandusky	OH
Gail Kurtz	'59	Sandusky	OH

### 5 Year Memberships

Tom Swanbeck	'74	Fort Myers	FL
Cliff Garlock	'76	Bradenton	FL
Gina DeCaro Susana	'77	Mason	OH
Ron Scott	'84	U. Arlington	OH
Jillanne Halter Scott	'86	U. Arlington	OH

### Social Membership

Patricia VanScoy	Huron	OH
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### Graduate Memberships

Leota Farschman Gilbert	'44	Dublin	OH
Bill Kaiser	'48	Sagle	ID
Rolland Hart	'55	Sandusky	OH
Ann Bostater Hart	'56	Sandusky	OH
Barbara Taylor Jones	'59	Sandusky	OH
Robert Jones	'59	Sandusky	OH
Philip Gasiewicz	'64	New Wilmington	PA
Dan Marshall	'67	Atlanta	GA
Bonnie Burseil Delapp	'72	Huron	OH
Bill Scott	'72	Huron	OH
Carol Markin Scott	'73	Huron	OH
Lee Jones	'79	Milan	OH

### REMINDER

This is the time of year when all single year memberships expire. Please remember to send in you rnew or renewal memberships using the form inside the back cover. In January when we set our budget for the new year and need memberships as early as possible to begin planning next year's activities. We can not deficit spend, so your paticipation is vital to our program's success.

# Class of '59 Carries on for Three Days

The Golden Jubilarians, over Labor Day weekend, lay aside any reserve, sophistication, and maturity acquired over the decades and reverted 50 years to their more youthful days. Those that still had hair let it down big time as they partied at a Friday night potluck at the barn of Dave and Sara Boos, then followed up at the Culinary Vegetable Institute all Saturday night at a formal dinner. Finally, after about a four hour reprieve, many enjoyed a nine hour brunch at Duke and Mary Lagando's on Sunday. Mercifully they were driven away by mosquitos, but not before vowing to meet more often in the years between reunions. True to their word, they now meet at local pizza establishments on the second Sunday evening of each month. And while one class member can still out-eat the rest combined, it generally is a joyous occasion filled with good natured ribbing but also the reminiscing that binds the wounds and keeps alive the friendships forged over the decades. As the first class to graduate from the present high school building, they set the bar for those classes to follow, and folks have been jumping over it ever since.



Nancy Wechter, Jim Landoll, Mark Myers, and Porter Wallace celebrate Mark's return to the fold after decades of absence.



Alice Costantino and Barb Orshoski are joined by June and Brad Bickley, Gerry and Becky McKew Hallabrin, and Val Costantino. Bradley did NOT arrive in the auto in the rear of the barn.



Becky McKew Hallabrin shares a laugh with Mary and Duke Lagando.



Farm folk always find common things to chat about, here Bob Boos and Bob Jones.



Dave and Guilda Altman entertained with their drums, but no one danced!



Dave Boos and Lonnie Ishmael belie the sign that says they rock slowly.



Billy Joe Armstrong looks serious in his chat with Joe Lewis.



These guys couldn't wait to leave school their senior year, Bradley both times, but here they are touring the newly renovated science labs: Front: Bill Orshoski and Porter Wallace, Rear: Paul Navarre, Billy Joe Armstrong, Dave Boos, Brad Bickley, Joe Lewis and Duke Lagando.



This class still can't get its story straight on how the river rock appeared on the front of the school lawn back in '59. But for old time's sake, this group met to re-baptize the concretion with paint donated from the Duker's body shop. Broad daylight rather than the stealth of darkness bespeaks a certain confidence in their actions this time. Those also work who only stand guard: As Duke does the heavy lifting, Joe Lewis, class president presides, Billy Joe Armstrong, Dee Wilber Hartley, Dave Boos, Porter Wallace, Paul Navarre, Brad Bickley, and Bill Orshoski offer encouragement.



A rock rates right up there with the rest of the class on these two cakes made especially for the banquet by Anna Dunn.



Former teachers also returned to celebrate with the class: June and Dick Klein, '40, Jane Hagerling Long, Jean Wright, Jess Hagy, Sandy Roderick Gordon, '54 and Dee Heydinger.



Chief whip-wielder back in '59 was former Huron High School principal Tom Gallant, who with his wife Myra made the trip up from Granville to be with this group of miscreants. Tom is retired now as Professor Emeritus at Dennison University.

Sunday morning's nine-hour brunch was punctuated with bouts of conversation and laughter at various class members' expense. But that's the personality of this bunch - always laughing, always joking, always playing practical jokes. Present at this roast were: Porter and Claudia Wallace, who just celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss, Nancy Wechter, Mary Lou Mazza, Gail and Bob Kurtz, Duke Lagando, Dee Wilber Hartley, Joan Hummel Burdue, Linda Uther Boos, Mary Lagando, Dee Heydinger, Joe Lewis, and the entertainer of the year, Brad Bickley.

# Class of 1974 35th Class Reunion – September 26th 2009

by Mike Sudsina

The HHS class of 1974 held its 35th class reunion on September 26th during this year's homecoming weekend celebration. The action started with the homecoming football game Friday night including the pre-game tailgate party and pep rally. The fun continued after the game as those who could joined other alumni at Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek for a few beverages.

A few hardy souls braved a rainy Saturday morning for 9 holes of golf at Thunderbird South. To make the most of it for the few of us that showed, we put together two nice big groups. The girls - Annette Balconi Haskins, Joy Rockow Witt and Ellen Kaiser Drumm - were joined by Mark Reis and his wife Tammy in the first group followed by the guys - Kevin Asher, Paul Kalies and Mike Sudsina along with Annette's husband John and Suds's cousin Ron Dittman. Although it was a pretty soggy start, half way through the round the rain actually stopped for a while before starting all over again while the girls were headed to the clubhouse and the guys hustled through their final putts. Needless to say the scores were relatively high, but so were the spirits of everyone that participated. Kevin and Paul were having so much fun they played another 9 before calling it a day.

Saturday evening everyone gathered at the Huron Yacht Club for drinks, hors devours, a little music and lots of catching up.

Special thanks to Rick Kepple and John Haskins for being the "official" photographers for the evening.

We used as many electronic media as we could to contact classmates ahead of the reunion including email, Facebook and Classmates.com. Believe it or not, we even used snail mail! As we prepared the invitations and notifications for the reunion we heard from lots of classmates that were unable to attend. We received very nice notes updating us on how life has treated them from Tom Alexander, Karen (Chervanek) Wisner, Bruce Burdick, Sally Chicotel, Fred Fox and Gerri (Kirby) Fox, Linda (Franklin) Makarewicz, Barb (Fulton) Geiselman, Candy (Glassner) Grammel, Barb (Henry) Baughman, Wayne and Chet Homyak, Tim Hoyt, Ann (Hutchinson) Meyers, Mike Krumlauf, Sharon (Lee) and Charlie Wilson (class of '73), Gary Majestic, Mike Mulaney, Shawn Murphy, John Oller, Deb (Orshoski) Jones, Bev (Pfistner) Poulson, Vicki (Ritzenthaler) Vogan, Tony Sammons, Bob Scott, Linda (Shimp) Franks, Tom Silver, Brad Stidham, Tom Swanbeck and Cathy (Thomas) Dickinson. If anyone would like contact information on these classmates, or copies of the notes we received, feel free to email Mike Sudsina at [mike@sudsina.com](mailto:mike@sudsina.com).



Front Row: Annette Balconi-Haskins, Merri Ringlein, Mary DeLombard-Smith, Sue Parthemore-Scott.

Second Row: Mike Solberg (little cut off), Diane Marquart-Scott, Linda Lopez-Bachman, Cindy Carothers-Wilken, Laurel Junod-Wolf, Patty Newsome-Bollenbacher, Martha Luby-Sudsina, Debbie Caynoski-Kuhl, Mark Wagner

Third Row: Peggy DeChant-Maidlow, Brian McGraw, Ellen Kaiser-Drumm; Rick Kepple, Mark Barker, Kris Majoy, Mike Sudsina, Sam Pisano, Paul Kalies

Back row: Marilyn O'Hara-Windau, Mark Reis, Bruce Roberts, Jim Blodgett, Dan Bogden, Joey Majoy, Jim Bollenbacher, Kevin Asher, Greg Garton, Billy Joe Dees, and Steve (Laurel Junod) Wolf



Bruce Roberts and Jay Halley review the progress of the past



Diane Marquart-Scott, Paul Kalies & Debbie Gilhuly-Siewert seem to be enjoying themselves.

## Brutus's Site of '79 Reunion

A Friday night gathering at a golf course is always a good way for returnees to loosen up and have a good time on reunion weekend. The planners of the '79 reunion this year had all gather at Brutus's Pub at the Keys Golf Course where all enjoyed an evening of informal celebrating. Another crowd gathered the following evening at the home of Lee Jones and whiled the night away with tales of yesteryear's deeds and today's woes. All agreed, though, that these gatherings are necessary and vowed to return in five. Why wait, though?



Tim Johnson, Todd Chapman, and Sloan Wieber



Sharon Boos Enderle, Kathy Sudsina Boone and her significant other.



Holly Rau, Greg Thaxton, Tony Steyns, and Cilia Nagotte Sabol



Deb Williams Kath, Mark Link, Nan Halley Styen, Nan Reese Csarny, and Sue Airhart Thaxton

Tony Munafo Jr. and Ty Delamatre evidently are having a great time.



Sarah Kaiser Link, Chris and Debbie Pisano Clemons

Regan Burton covets Lee Jones's trademark red bow tie.



## Class of '84 Gathering at Sawmill Creek

The Class of '84 held its five year reunion at Sawmill Creek over RiverFest weekend. After the cocktail hour, classmates enjoyed a fine dinner and then danced until the bewitching hour threatened to turn their SUV's into pumpkins. As a whole they are prospering well, though quieter and more reserved these days, no doubt the result of wars with their own teens. We look forward to their 30th, and hope that more can make it home.



Tom and Molly Mack, Mark and Amy Harkelroad Claus, Jody Sender Linden, and Chris Fisher Clements and her husband Aaron



Chris Walcott and his wife, Shelly Everett, Karen Stein Nunez and her husband Raul



Betty and Mike Majoy, Wendy Walderzak Dyer, Jenny Speers, Sue Enderle Dickerson.



Jane and Shaun Bickley, Ed Pettegrew, Doug Pfahl, Hallie Bet- tcher Pettegrew, Tanny VonThron and Dick Reese.



Eric and Jody Morgan, Steve Mantkowski and his wife, Dave and Alyson Wilson, and Rodney Penwell and his wife.

Randy Strickland and his wife, Dana, Beth Bransky Fischer and her husband Brett, and Glenn Waldron.

## Teen Leadership Corps News for 2010

The Teen Leadership Corps was reported upon here for the first time in June when the group held its first fund raising event in Cleveland at Progressive Field. Too bad the Tribe got in the way of a great event.

As you may recall, this organization was begun by former Huron High school teacher, Mary Ann Creamer, to promote in Northern Ohio schools all sorts of student service activities. The philosophy of the organization is that the greatest gift given a child is the sense of serving others. While at Huron, Mary Ann founded the Peer Class and at one time was recognized as Teacher of the Year for her activities with the largest peer group in the State of Ohio. But that was in the past. Teen Leadership Corps is now.

With a board of directors consisting of some of the area's most outstanding educators, community minded adults, recent grads of the programs, financial and legal advisors, the group has set out to place its program in all area high schools. Some of the results seen thus far for students participating are the following: Improved motivation and academic achievement; greater civic involvement on the part of students; all sorts of benefits to all ages of youth.

Mark your calendars now for the next TLC event – Saturday, January 23, 2010. And pray for good weather as the event will be held on at the Quicken Loans Arena with a Cleveland Cavaliers tie-in. The keynote speaker will be none other than the CAV's GM, Danny Ferry. You remember the big guy! He came ablazing out of Duke, spurned the NBA team that drafted him for an Italian league until the Cavaliers engineered a trade that brought him long term to Cleveland. He still holds the team record for games played, though never living up to his college career. But now he is in the Cav's front office and leading them, hopefully, to a return to the NBA finals this year, with a little bit of help from his majesty, King James.

You won't want to miss this former star's insights and words of advice as he addresses the TLC faithful at a dinner event to be held at the Terrace Club at Progressive Field. (Guaranteed - neither Indians nor Browns will be present.) The gala begins at 4:30 pm with registration from 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm.

The dinner and speeches will be followed by a Cleveland Cavaliers' game at Quicken Loans Arena. A short walk to the Q will have the group watching the Cavs lay a whooping on the Oklahoma Thunder, the former Seattle Supersonics. And check this, before the game and a huge TV audience, there will be a recognition ceremony of the Teen Leadership Corps program with sponsors of Teen Leadership Corps and TLC student recognition. If you can't make the game, tune in that evening.

You will definitely want to be there, though! Tickets are limited this year, so order early. The dinner event only is \$75.00, or Dinner Event and Cavaliers Game is \$125.00.

The first 200 ticket purchasers of \$100 will receive a special gift bag valued at \$65.00. It contains T-shirt, 18-Hole golf pass, range golf pass, and gifts from the Indians and the Cavs. (But no Tim Couch bobbleheads)

All proceeds are used to support current programs and to initiate new Teen Leadership Corps classes in northern Ohio. A large portion of your ticket price will be deductible for IRS purposes as the TLC is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. If you need more information about the organization, its board, goals, and the schools already involved, check out their website at [www.teenleadershipcorps.org](http://www.teenleadershipcorps.org). For ticket information you may email them at [teenleadershipcorps@bex.net](mailto:teenleadershipcorps@bex.net) or phone them at (419) 621-5426.

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## Holiday Cheer

This holiday season you can help spread the cheer by contacting any or all of the following Huron grads who are in service to their country in the Mideast right now. And after the holiday is over, do it again. We'd give you emails for them, but they are allotted only so many minutes per month and usually use that for immediate family. If you know of someone missed on this list, please contact us so we can put the information up on line and include them in print the next time.

<b>Mark Clayman, '03</b>	<b>USAF</b>	<b>12023 Franklin Street</b>	<b>Shaw AFB, SC 29152</b>
<b>Sgt. Chris Neese, '00</b>	<b>USMC</b>	<b>2/2 Fox Co. Second PLT Unit 73075</b>	<b>FPO-AE 09510-3075</b>
<b>Lt. David Norton, '99</b>	<b>USN</b>	<b>PCS 7 Box 018</b>	<b>APO-AE 09104</b>
<b>Maj. Greg Holden, '90</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>HHB 17th Fib/Unit 103 COP</b>	<b>Basrah APO-AE 09374</b>

## Trouble Looming for the Huron Playhouse

Ohio's longest running summer stock theatre, the Huron Playhouse, gave us another outstanding summer of plays and musicals. The highlight for native Huronites, of course, was the classic paean to small town life, Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, so appropriate for our Huron Bicentennial celebration. The production featured several Huron grads. The final play, *The Secret Garden*, also featured several Huron grads and one future grad, still at St. Peters, Jimmy Kaatz.

But for all its tradition and six decade history, the run could come to an end. The Playhouse has for years been partially subsidized by Bowling Green State University, since many of its main actors and actresses are BGSU theater students or former students. The present limping economy may just be what does in this proud tradition. With rust-belt Ohio's unemployment figures among the highest in the nation, state tax receipts are naturally down. Thus, the state cut its funding for higher education, and every department in the state's colleges will be effected, theater included. According to the playhouse directress, Jann Glann, the university has agreed to let the

summer schedule for 2010 proceed, five productions in all, its 62<sup>nd</sup> and maybe last season. The reduced university subsidies will, however, consume most of what the playhouse usually carries over year to year to begin its following season. So the season for 2011 looks very bleak, if there even will be a season. It is imperative that outside funding be found for the Playhouse to continue its unbroken record.

Outside grants, foundation funding, sponsorships, kettles and bell ringers at all local businesses, a citywide entertainment tax, even a donut levy, whatever it takes will have to be investigated in order to solve this funding shortage problem. Many Huron High School students over the years have hitched their wagons to the Playhouse and have found rewarding careers in theatre or the related arts. We have reported upon them regularly. Other former thespians have chosen different careers but still are patrons of the arts. They love theatre and so generously donate their time and talents to assist in costuming, music, choreography, stagecraft, and promotion of many productions. Some even return to the boards with parts in

productions like *Our Town*. (A few have even met their future spouses working on the plays and continue to support the Playhouse.) So the word "Huron" in the Playhouse's name can be truly taken to mean that it is in many ways a community affair. It will take a huge community effort, though, to keep alive this vital part of Huron.

So in the future months, as articles appear about the dire straits in which the Playhouse may find itself, when folks are asked to step up even more with their time, talents, or treasure, please consider doing something – anything – to help keep this tradition going. If you are in a position to sponsor a production or assist in forming a group to do so, Madame Directress would be pleased to hear from you and fill you in on the details. If you have fundraising ideas, convey those to her also. And if you have spare time and internet access, google Huron Playhouse and join in the discussion and Facebook pages created just for this subject. Together we have - for 61 years - together we still can. Do your part to save this precious Huron commodity!

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## Kent State Women's Chorus

On November 19, the Kent State Women's Chorus traveled to Huron to present a program of music at the Presbyterian Church. Choir Conductor was Kerry Glann, '92, a vocal music instructor at Kent State University. The young women, dressed in beautiful full black dresses, presented a mixed program this year.

While religious music dominated, the ladies showed their versatility by singing in English, German, Yiddish, Latin and even one tune in Romanian. Mendelssohn earned two pieces on the program by being born exactly two hundred years ago. The ladies broke their program to allow for both a piano piece by Chopin and an operatic aria from *Carmen* – both excellently performed. An entertaining "barbershop quartet" style rendition of *Rock Around the Clock* was also gleefully received. The second half was rendered in a lighter vein, and then suddenly

it was over – all too quickly to suit the appreciative audience.

This marked the third year in a row that Kerry has brought the Kent State University Women's Chorus on tour to Huron. This year the group made seven stops in two and a half days, singing in high schools and churches throughout northwestern Ohio. Kerry has molded the diverse group into a well rehearsed, beautifully sounding chorus. We look for many years of return trips.

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Kerry's work with the Kent State Women's Choir has not gone without notice. After a competitive audition, Kerry and the young ladies will be traveling to Cincinnati in January to perform for the 2010 Ohio Music Education Association Professional Conference. Congratulations all!



### Kerry Glann, '92

Kerry graduated from Bowling Green State University with his B.A. in music education, then took an MA in choral conducting from Kent State University where he now teaches in the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music.

## Huron Playhouse Summer Run

In its 61<sup>st</sup> year, the Huron Playhouse put on a grand repertoire this season as it ran off five productions in five weeks. The highlight event proved to be *Our Town*, chosen especially for Huron's Bicentennial celebration and starring many of Huron's familiar stage names.

The final production of the season, *The Secret Garden*, featured as fine a set of voices as one would find outside of New York itself. Rather, a New York quality production was brought to Huron. One lead of Dr. Craven was sung by none other than the fine baritone voice of John Glann, presently working in the New York operatic world when not home singing for us. The part of his dramatic brother, Archibald Craven, was sung by another Huron grad, Geoff Stevenson '80, current voice professor in the Bowling Green State University music department. Another Huronite Jimmy Kaatz, age eleven, and a 2016 graduate-to-be, played poor Colin, a bedridden child held hostage to his own fears and his father's hatreds. During one powerful scene, the stage was filled with the singing of the Geoff and John while brother Kerry Glann deftly guided the orchestra in the pit below them through the piece. And a final Huron connection, in the pit was Chris Burt, former music director in Huron, playing his bass as ever.

Huron is rightfully proud of its reputation of hosting the state's longest running summer stock theatre. Three generations of kids have now grown up in the shadows of and passed through the halls of McCormick Middle School - a place magically transformed each summer and filled with music and merriment, dramatic miracles and tragic stories. Huron is also proud of her alumni who were once Playhouse brats and those who continue, some now for twenty some seasons. It's a fine tradition, truly a "Jewel on the North Coast," as director Jann Graham Glann refers to it.

Season 62 begins the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with season tickets on sale already. They would make a fine Christmas gift for anyone interested and wishing to surprise a drama lover on his or her shopping list. Tickets can be had by calling Jann Glann at 419-433-3503.

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Also for sale are special Christmas ornaments depicting the Huron Light House. This is part of a series of ornaments, one per year by local artists, depicting some Huron theme or scene. They are available from the Huron Chamber, and part of the proceeds go to support the Playhouse.



### Our Town

Included in the picture are some of the locals who participated. They have combined with well over a century of years on the boards in Huron, and gave an exceptionally well received performance once again. They are (L. to R.) John Bacon, '68, Geoff Stevenson, '80, Judy Ishmael, '59, Kerry Glann, John Glann, and Dr. Tom Williamson, '68.



### The Secret Garden

The Secret Garden production at the Huron Playhouse had a strong Huron presence this summer: Kerry Glann, Geoff Stevenson, Kris Burt, John Glann, Sue Shamhart, and master James Kaatz.



## Rob Oller Touts Jesse Owens for U.S. Capitol



Who was William Allen of Ohio? Give up? That's why Ohio is looking for a replacement statue to be donated to the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol building. Each state is permitted two statues in the Hall to represent those who have. In 1887, a likeness of Allen, a one-term Ohio governor of little note, was donated by the Buckeye State. Except that now over a century later he's not even a footnote in anyone's history. So the search is on for a suitable replacement. Various Ohio luminaries have been suggested, among them the Wrights - but that would take two statues - Edison, and John Glenn or Neil Armstrong (Not dead enough yet.)

Recently, Rob Oller, '80, sports columnist for *The Columbus Dispatch*, testified on behalf of a OSU fellow sprinter, Jesse Owens. Some of you may remember him. Rob does, and has his autograph to prove it. More than that, Rob stressed in his speech how Jesse was an inspiration for all men, irrespective of skin color. Rob noted how for his time Owens accomplished what no black man had ever done, and for his deeds he was universally admired by the common man - except inside Nazi Germany, of course. He was a symbol for all that was good and great and gracious in humanity, and as Rob noted, "didn't just win gold, he was the gold standard" for humanity. In coming weeks we'll learn whose likeness will join the other luminaries in Washington. We suspect that our neighbors in Milan are pulling hard for their man, too. With either one, Ohio wins! Remember James Garfield? He's Ohio's other statue in the Capitol. Should he be replaced?

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## Maxwell's Peabody Award

*Mad Magazine* had the 50's roiling in laughter with their irreverent, eccentric jabs at American society, its manner and mores, institutions, personages, and activities. Its dentally challenged cultural icon, frequently expounding with philosophical indifference upon leading philosophical and political issues, was run for president in numerous races and garnered votes each time. (But a frat house at OSU once ran a dog for student council presidency and it almost won - which shows how gullible some folks are, and how high OSU's admission standards are.) *Mad* stood normalcy on its head and shook it till the change ran out of all teenage America's pockets, enriching its founders, editors, and writers. Since then *Mad's* miscreant offspring have enjoyed a resurgence in print and electronic media, gaining a great following today. If you enjoy *SNL's* satirical *Weekend Update* or *The Colbert Report* or Jon Stewart's sometimes irreverent *The Daily Show*, then you would probably love The Onion News Network, a spinoff from *The Onion*, a satirical tabloid. Their web address for those interested in pursuing this nonsense is [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com).



Proof positive!

One of our recent grads, Maxwell Frey, '01, is Production Coordinator for *The Onion*. The production is a fake news network, a la CNN, with sets, anchorpersons, and reportage so realistic that many folks, accidentally stumbling across the site, take it for real. Some pieces are obviously so outlandish that only a recluse or hermit would fall for them: Haiti Bids for 2215 Olympics, for example. Others, though, are so cleverly conceived and realistically executed that the most media savvy would find it difficult to discern the reality from the fun. "Texas Constructs U.S. Border Wall To Keep Out Unwanted Americans" rings too true in light of some of the immigration and illegal aliens debates this year.

That said, their work must, on a whole, have been done well consistently enough that the production garnered Peabody Awards this spring. And yes, our Max Frey received one for his work in production. We actually have a photo to prove it, too!

The irony to many is that such a prestigious award has been presented to such a zany operation. So what's the point, one might ask, wasting good bronze on something so "foolish"? The point is that sometimes we best understand reality by viewing its ersatz form, laughing at it, and thereby gaining the distance that we need to make a better judgment about reality. Someone once said that we see ourselves clearest after wiping the mist off a mirror with the back of a dirty hand and putting our nose right to droplets on the glass. Max, we thank you for helping us all see some things more clearly by fogging up the place a bit with your humorous take. Keep the laughter coming.

## What's New About Town?

Growth and change - the two other verities that trump taxes and death among the living. Huron is seeing some incremental changes which may not alter the skyline just yet, but taken together they will result in some head turning by those alumns returning to their roots after even a year's absence from town.

The first and most noticeable occurred this past summer on the east side right at the bridge. A number of years ago, the grain and flour mill on the river shut down, forever closing the books on the Huron-Milan tradition as major player in the growing and exporting of grains to the world, a tradition stretching back almost to the founding of our city. (Not many of you will remember that Milan, via her canal to the Huron River, used to be the second largest grain exporting port in the world and help make Huron the major ship building port on the Great Lakes. Probably because that was back in 1837, at the infancy of the area.) So what's a city supposed to do with an eyesore on the lake sitting atop some pretty valuable river and lakefront real estate?

The first part of the transformation came as the State of Ohio began construction of four boat launching ramps into the river for fishermen. The former mill administrative building that fronted Cleveland Road had been torn down, then the area paved and striped, and the ramps gradually carved

## A Field of Dreams

A second change has been occurring on the west side of town at the Woodlands School site. There the Boosters began another of their athletic construction projects, this one a real Field of Dreams. A corn field obscured the area where work was progressing all summer. Literally a ball field now has been carved out of that corn stubble, as earthmovers leveled and graded the land, drainage machinery installed lines to make the field playable in all but a monsoon, and cement block dugouts took form along the foul lines. Until recently, the grass has been growing for a good sod base, hopefully able to support games this coming spring. A concession stand will soon follow, then lighting and bleacher seating.

Cub fans, eat your hearts out! Huron will have the premier high school baseball diamond in the entire area. If the farmer plants his corn next summer, watch for ghosts of Huron's past great players to exit, inspect, and give their thumbs up. Our hats off, again, to the boosters who have been vigorously altering the landscape on projects such as this for the benefit of Huron's youth for generations to come. What's next, guys, the dome or the ramp directly off the bypass into the parking lot?

If you wish to help the Boosters in these projects, you can support the cause by sending what you can to them % the high school.



into the east side river bank. Voila! Just like that up sprouted a huge addition to Huron to attract more fishermen and their dollars to our town. Hopefully more fishing tournaments will follow the walleye tourneys that have occurred already.

You can follow the progress of the ramp's construction - it's open now - and view information about Huron's great perch, smallmouth bass, and walleye fishing events at [www.fishhuron.com](http://www.fishhuron.com). Maybe even consider coming back and entering one of the tournaments if you have been gone for a while. Captain Bob Bowers would relish the competition.

Now, if only the rest of the site could be made productive and more pleasing. Removing the ugly water tower was a start, but we need a good implosion or something to remove the silos, dome, and mill buildings. Ideas anyone?



The softball field also takes shape behind Woodlands School. Hope those windows in dead center field are Lexan. Our girls can hit some real screaming home runs.



## '99 "Kids" Meet

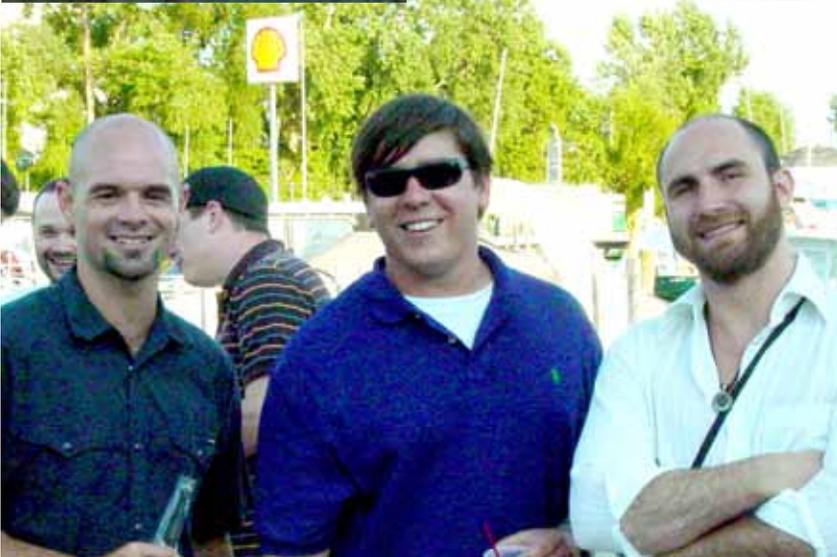
As one of four classes that met on RiverFest weekend, these were the most spirited, liveliest, the youngest and the best looking! They came from around the country to check out one another, compare their 28" waists, and the amount of hair left on their heads. They are mostly settled into their careers now, no mean feat with the current recessionary downturn, and beginning their families, though that too in many cases is on hold till the roof over the head is a little more solid. But we know that whatever life throws at them, they will comport themselves well and give a good accounting of themselves. See you in five - and bring more along!



Back row: Josh Kreimes, Craig Velliquette, Jim Green, Dan Lindsley, Brandon Stone, John Black, Andrew Wright, Ryan Bird, Mike Corriveau, Jason Renner, Greg Cobb, Gary Larizza, John Allendorf, Orin Hemminger  
Middle Row: Jamie (Moran) Kirby, MJ (Dix) See, Kelly McQuillen, Kellie (Magi) Palmer, Shannon Jefferis, Casey (Fitzgerald) Sparks, Mena (Naumchuck) Nieft, Jen Klonk  
Front Row: Missy Ashyk Levasseur, and Emily Rutger Cowles.



Andy Wright demonstrates some of the weight that the troops had to lug around in Iraq. He could have left the K rations home, though, as the buffet was superb.



Missy Ashyk Levasseur, Kellie Magi Palmer, Kelly McQuillen, an interloper, Shannon Jefferis, Emily Rutger Cowles, Jen Klonk and Casey Fitzgerald Sparks

Greg Cobb, "Hollywood" Jason Renner, and John Black catch up on their lives - and still make time to check out the women!

## The First Annual Donut Shop Open



Some of the participants in this great event were:

Front: Greg Finton, '79, Marty Luipold, Sticks Gioffre, '70, John Swanbeck, '66.  
Rear John Minton, "Boogs Majoy," '51, Rich Majoy, '68, Rick Lively, Ora Gotschall, Ron Scott, Bill Boos, Dan Carroll, "Blue Gill" Majoy, '62, Tom Bollenbacher, '75, Chuck Rutger, Ward DeLamatre, Mike Gerber, Dick Goehring, Dan Pisano, '71, and Bruce Dunkle.

Two of the three "Brown Jacket" winners, John Swanbeck and Sticks Gioffre, pose with Sherri Pajak, who sponsored the first annual Donut Shop Open in August. Missing was Dan Carroll. Official rules say that winners may wear the brown jackets in the Donut Shop only on the third Saturday of each month. Winners will annually sign the jackets. They may be dry cleaned in 2016.

## Meet the Championship Girls Golf Team



Front: Managers Molly Lehrer, Gabby Bauthier, Erin Stoner, Kylie Gruelich,  
Middle: Maddy McCarthy, Katie Weber, Nicole West, Neesha Nainee, Casey Minton, Hannah Critelli  
Rear: Ashley Franks, Livv Warren, Abbey Cook, coach Frank Gioffre, Lauren Volz, Meghan Green, Shannon Allen

In only their second year in the league as an organized varsity sport, Huron's girls won the SBC and sent a golfer to state. Coach Frank Gioffre, '82, is extremely proud of this group and looks forward to next year. We anticipate welcoming them someday into our Alumni scrambles. And who knows, if they turn out to like donuts, maybe the Donut Shop Open is beckoning. They sure would improve the scenery out there on the course!

The Lady Tigers finished 2nd in the district, 3rd in the regionals, and 8th in the state. Good go, Girls!

## More Reunion Gatherings

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Seated on floor are Bill Behrens and Bill Orshoski. Seated on chairs are: Paul Navarre talking to Dick Klein, Bob Adler next to Tom Gallant, Joan Hummel, Barb Frith Hinckely, Mary Lou Mazza. Standing behind chairs: Mary Ellen Duty Konkle, Jean Wright, Val Costantino, Jane Hagerling Long, Becky McKew Hallabrin, James Chubak, Bill Armstrong, Linda Uther Boos, Porter Wallace, Gail Green Kurtz, Nancy Wechter, Dee Hartley Wilber, Marlene Melein Ward, Barb Taylor Jones, Anne Delahunt Thayer, Judy Hartley Ishmael, Gary Dunn, Bruce James, and Duke Lagando Back Row: Chris Ford, Bob Jones, Dave Boos, Dick Ritter, Joe Lewis, Ann Chelf, Brad Bickley, Dick Warren, Alice Groves, Dave Altman, Dick Banta, Gayle Wallick Allen, Patty Windnagel Stewart (hidden), Jim Landoll, Lynn Meyers, Ed Seder, Spencer Hofer, and Jess Hagy

## More '84 Faces

Dan and Adele Mataleska Leidheiser, Heidi Klingel-smith Daikawa and her significant other, Mike Ogelsbee.



Katie Lagando, Cathy Simon-Rooney, and Amy Hoffman Svoboda rejoice in being home together again.



Stu and Deanna Spencer, Tim and Lynn Boos, Chuck and Leslie Horvath Dieter, '85.



# The Class of '89

The Class of '89 spent most of its reunion evening on the *Goodtime I*. They had assembled for cocktails earlier in the evening, around 5 PM, at i5's waterfront eatery and watering hole on the Huron Boat Basin. Then about 8 PM, the *Goodtime I* arrived from Sandusky, whereupon, with a good head start under their belts, all boarded for an even better time. A beautiful buffet was served, and the class cruised the lake, dining at sunset. Reminiscing with music and dance continued until the boat arrived back at the dock around 11 PM. For some, that was already past their bedtime, others had baby sitters to relieve, but still others tarried a while longer at i5's again. We think all had a VERY good time! What happens on the *Goodtime* stays on the *Goodtime*!



Here is the part of the crowd that climbed aboard the *Goodtime I* that evening. Next time we shall do better than bring a catherd along to pose folks! Wave if you recognize yourself.

## Some More '74 Pics



Patty Newsome Bollenbacher, Mike Sudsina, Jim Bollenbacher, and Kris Majoy

Football Co-captains from that fabulous '73 team – Greg Garton, Mike Sudsina, Mark Barker, and Dan Bogden



Merri Ringlein, Mary DeLombard-Smith, Annette Balconi-Haskins & Cindy Carothers-Wilken

## Hall of Fame Class 2009

On September 24th, the 2009 class of the Athletic Hall of Fame was inducted amidst much eating, speechifying, and the usual laughter and tears. (Monica wins the award for the latter this year!) We have presented here photos of the inductees and many of their families present. Notice how well they all have taken care of themselves. Remember, too, that the nomination process is always open and that names of nominees not making the cut in any one year are kept on file for future consideration. Classes who are meeting for a five-year reunion around Homecoming time in late September should consider putting forth a name or two from their class to try to have more classmates available for the ceremony.



Tom Legando, '76, accepted for his father, Angelo "Pickles" Legando, '36.

The "Pickles" Kids certainly represented their father and grandfather well. Son Thomas, '76, recounted how Angelo won four letters each in basketball and track in a pre-football era. In fact, he still holds an unbreakable record in the javelin toss! In his speech, Tom also regaled the audience with tales of what it was like growing up on the East Side in a large Catholic family.

(R.) Tom is joined by his wife Laurie Bade Legando, '76, daughter Nicole, '03, and son Drew, '01. (below R.) John and Sharon Legando Harkelroad, '60, are joined by John Jr. '90, and Joe, '94, and grandson Joey, a 2017 Tiger. (Below) Other son Tony Legando, '69, attended with Sandy Sowecke.



Daughter Mary Legando Taylor, '78, wouldn't have missed the affair for the world. She brought along her husband, Ed Taylor, '61, and son, Casey, '99.



Granddaughter Jessie Legando Gimperling, '94, and husband Nate were a little bashful. Also in attendance was another daughter, Beth Legando Fisher, '71, the most camera shy. However, we can assure you that she and Steve did attend.



**Seth DeRose**

Seth DeRose, '98, was a four year point guard on Huron's last perfect 20-0 season. He helped lead Huron to two SBC championships, became Huron's career all-time assists leader, and garnered first team District 6 and all-Ohio honors as a senior. Someone talked him into tennis where he earned four more letters by participating in four straight SBC titles and two straight appearances at the Division II state tournament with his doubles partner, Nate Faust. Today Seth is a teacher and golf coach at Oak Park High School near Kansas City.



Standing are Debbie and Joe DeRose, Kristi and Seth DeRose, Patrick Smith, '93, and Shawn DeRose. Seated is designated babysitter Shana DeRose Smith, '93, and her two nieces, Claire and Giavanna.



**Matt Wooster**

Matt Wooster, '98, was a two sport letter winner - four in tennis and two in golf. In tennis he earned first-team recognition four straight years and was SBC singles champion on three straight years. His 90.068 winning percentage still stands as the mark to beat in Huron. In golf he reached the state tournament four years in a row with three straight district titles. Twice he made second-team all-Ohio. Today Matt is a CPA and chartered financial analyst at Denali Capital LCC near Chicago. Matt and Angie live in Chicago on the Near North Side.



Becky Wooster, Fred Wooster, and Jim Wooster seated, and Angie and Matt Wooster standing



**Monica Asher**

Monica Asher, '99, comes from a sporting family. She earned three letters in basketball and volleyball. Twice in basketball she made honorable mention all-league. In volleyball she made first-team SBC her junior and senior years and first team all-Ohio as a senior. She played college ball two years before transferring to OSU for a degree in language arts. She currently is working on her MA in administration and supervision while teaching language arts at Huron High School. She is also jayvee girls basketball coach.



Three generations of Asher athletes celebrate with Monica: her dad, Kevin, '72, brother Nick, '01, Monica, '99, her mother Anne, grandfather, Edward, '46, and uncle David, '72.

Charles Wilson, '73, excelled at every sport he attempted in the early 70's. He lettered three years each in football and wrestling, as an SBC champ in the latter three times and a two-time state qualaifier. He even picked up a golf club once and lettered twice in that sport. Today Charles lives in Solon OH and has a private dental practice in Lyndhurst OH.



Breaking bread at the banquet with Charles were - seated: Charles and Sharon Lee Wilson, '74, their son Chris Wilson, Daniel Lee Sr. and his wife Mary Lou. Standing are: Hugh Wilson, '67, Ethan Lee, and Daniel Lee Jr., '76.



Mike Sudsina, '74, also starred in the early 70's football and wrestling programs. He earned SBC first team honors twice as a center and linebacker, as well as district and state honors. In wrestling he won one SBC crown and qualified for state twice. Then he picked up a tennis racquet and followed with two letters there. He played for Capital

University, then wrestled for OSU. Mike later also graduated with a Masters from Cleveland State. He lives in Aurora OH and provides financial advice to Northern Ohio schools.



Kathy Sudsina Boone, '79, Chris Sudsina, '77, Eileen Kelly, Mike Sudsina, Mike Sudsina Sr., and Mary Ellen Sudsina Longnecker, '73,

## Coaches' Corner

What are the athletes without their coaches? Some of the former men returned and many of the present coaches were able to attend as well - those not actually coaching that evening.



Bill, '72, and Carol Markin Scott, '73, Dino Caporini, '67, Chris Ford, Jess Hagy, Paul Green, and Joe Esposito, '57.



Seated are Andrew Fortune, '90, Mike Drumm, '03, Tim Sowecke, '70, Sam Hohler, '90, and John Zadell. Gene Stallkamp and Jim Bollenbacher, '71, stand.

# Classnotes

**Sarah Moore**, '00, passed the New York bar exam on Nov. 5 and is now able to practice law in NY. She did her work at Hofstra University and lives in Brooklyn.

**Elizabeth Moore**, '02, is also living in Brooklyn and is a monitor for rather large financial accounts and a sometimes stock broker.

**Matt Kettle**, '93, is currently in the Army on a little base in Northern Iraq about 30 miles from Kirkuk. Until about mid-January he will remain on duty there until his unit returns to its home base at Fort Hood TX. Brother Pat, '93, is serving in the Air Force in North Dakota right now..

**Calvin Black**, '06, transferred from Ashland College to UNLV to play football there on their special teams.

**Dick Cawrse**, '72, and his wife Sheryl have opened up a winery just down from their roots in Vermilion. Spanning some 50 acres, The Paper Moon Vineyards currently produces 13 varieties of fine vines. Check out their website at [www.PaperMoonVineyards.com](http://www.PaperMoonVineyards.com) and receive their Vine newsletter.

**Maxwell Frey**, '01, has won a Peabody award along with his co-worker. Max is the Production Coordinator for The Onion News Network. Follow him at [www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com). Max received his award on May 18 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City at the sixty eighth Annual Peabody Awards with host Brian Williams.

**Lisa Chapman Haase**, '87, is working as an attorney in Columbus OH after working many years in the profession in Detroit. She and her husband lived in Paris from 2003 – 2006 but made the good choice to return to family over here. Their children are 7 and 10.

**Tim Rhode**, '76, is now living in Worthington OH and is Operations Manager for a 50 thousand square foot distribution center holding 17,000 different parts. Married for 24 years, he and his wife have two children, one a senior already!

**Jade Hoffman**, '98, has been promoted within the Cleveland Clinic family to a program manager position within the marketing department. See her wedding plans below.

**Deb Elmlinger Grosser**, '69, writes from Thailand that she and her husband return to the States twice a year to see the children and a grandchild. However, their hearts are still with the Lahu hill children in Thailand. They live in a home which they built for these children, age 2-16. Deb teaches English there and, of course, mothers and grandmothers the kids. Another of their concerns and ministries is befriending the many ex-pats living in the community, many of them just lonely people running from themselves. It's kind of ironic that many of them seem to dislike missionaries and Christians, but still include the Grossers in their activities like bowling and dining and game nights. Easier to hug kids than adults sometimes.

**Amanda Moody Waltz**, '93, is now Director of Project Management for the i3 Research Corporation in Cary NC. This company specializes in organizing clinical research globally. As Project Manager, Amanda's job is to keep projects on target and within budget.

**Sandy Sonntag Morckel**, '83, and husband Ken have sold their Dublin OH home and, after 18 years as Buckeyes, are now living in their vacation home in Sunset Beach NC. Sandy will continue in her fundraising for non-profits but now concentrate on the Carolinas. Ken will continue his consulting for law enforcement. Pinch yourself, Sandy. It's real!

**Linda Hayes Engle**, '72, who claims she is mellowing with age, is now living in Cape Coral FL, working two jobs, and very proud of her son who is graduating from college.

**Jon Cruse**, '78, from Washington State sent a note back in July to let us know that he was participating in a Trans-Pacific yachting race, sailing on a craft named *Free Range Chicken*. The course covered 2100 miles from the West Coast to Hawaii. Two weeks later his yacht checked in. The web address for you yachting enthusiasts to learn the finish results of the race is [www.transparace.com](http://www.transparace.com).

**Rev. Dan Eisnor**, '95, living in Wisconsin now, on July 1 marked his second year in serving in full time ministry as pastor of New Hope Community Church. He writes that it has been "a great and growing experience here thus far - full of both rich blessings and difficult challenges and in the midst of it all I find myself greatly enjoying preaching and getting to know the people here. Our church for the most part is surrounded by farms and many of the members are dairy farmers. I have found that farmers are some of the nicest people around." Luckily for Dan, the church is endowed with a large parsonage as child number three arrived in April.

**Ilian Hammond**, who over the years has worked in all of the Huron City School buildings as either custodian or cafeteria aide, underwent cancer surgery in Cleveland. in late October. She is recuperating well and feels optimistic about her full recovery.

**Jena Frey Lauer**, '97, had a baby boy, Dignan Moon Lauer. The couple lives in Chicago and owns a boutique there, Penelope's. If you wish to shop, the website is [shoppenelopes.com](http://shoppenelopes.com).

**Kristen Sweet**, '92, lives in Chesapeake Beach MD, a small town similar to Huron about an hour south of D.C. She works in Washington, D.C. at the Department of Homeland Security as a senior technical writer/systems analyst. Her team supports the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (US CIS). Her job is to develop software documentation for a variety of systems that support the mission of US CIS. She also reviews and analyzes the current system processes/procedures and makes recommendations to improve and streamline the current standards to ensure that all processes/procedures are efficient. Kristen is also active in the Society for Technical Communication (STC), Washington, D.C. Chapter. She currently serves in an advisory capacity to the current Administrative Council after previously serving as Chapter President from 2006-2008.

## **Engagements**

**Sean Hillis**, '02, and Erin Painter, a 2004 Perkins graduate, announced their engagement on June 21. Sean graduated from Ashford University with a BA in Business Administration. He is employed by Leaf Specialty Finance in Columbia SC. Erin is employed by Carolina Cardiovascular in Lexington SC. The couple will wed in 2010 in August.

**Terry Tracht**, '86, and Erin McDonald of New Gloucester ME announced their engagement on August 16. Terry is employed by Heartland Mechanical Services in Norwalk, while Erin, a Perkins graduate, is employed by Brohl & Appell in Sandusky. They wed on October 10.

**Jessica Fox**, '02, and **Ryan Klaus**, '01, announced their engagement on June 14. Jessica graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. degree in Human Ecology and from BGSU with a M. Ed. and Ed. S. degree in Psychology. She is employed by the Tri-County Educational Service Center in Wooster OH. Ryan graduated from Cleveland State University with a B.S. degree in Marketing and from Ashland University where he earned an MBA degree. He then attended the University of Toledo and is now employed by Frito Lay, Inc. in Wooster OH. The couple wed on July 25.

**Stephanie Gow**, '07, and Bradley Bacni of Sandusky announced their engagement on July 19. Stephanie is employed by Danny Boys Italian Eatery in Sandusky while Bradley, a 2001 Perkins High School graduate, is co-owner of Bacni's Pizza House and Pizza House West in Sandusky. The couple will wed in July of 2010.

**Amy Renner**, '03, and Robert Parker III of Portage OH announced their engagement on October 18. Amy graduated from The Ohio State University with a BA degree in sociology. She currently works for Union Supply Company in Groveport OH. Robert, an Elmwood High School grad, took a BA degree in political science from The Ohio State University and attended Capital University Law School. He is employed by Luftman, Heck, & Associates, LLP in Columbus. The couple is planning a July 31, 2010 wedding.

**Jade Hoffman and Sean Needham** announced their engagement on October 11. Both were 1998 Huron High grads and also took bachelor's degrees from Ohio University, Jade's in journalism, Sean's in sports administration. Jade is currently a marketing program manager for the Cleveland Clinic. Sean, who also earned a law degree from Cleveland State University Marshall College of Law, is employed by Joseph Carney and Associates in Westlake OH. The couple will wed in May of 2010.

**Ashley Whited**, '06, and Nathan Moore of Mentor OH announced their engagement on October 25. Ashley graduated from EHOVE's Public Safety Academy and in 2008 from EHOVE's Paramedic program. She is an EMT-Paramedic with OPOTC Private Security certification and is employed by Cedar Point in Sandusky. Nathan, a graduate of Mentor High School, is employed by Kelly Services in Sandusky. The couple will wed next May.

**Nicholas Meinert**, '05, announced his engagement on October 25 to Meghan Rowe. Nicolas is employed by Mesenburg Trucking in Collins OH and Meinert Construction LLC in Sandusky. Meghan, a Perkins graduate, did her work at the Tiffin Academy of Hair Design and now is employed by Looks Salon in Sandusky. The wedding will take place on May 22, 2010.

**Justine Bunn**, '03, and Matthew Kelly of Springboro OH announced their engagement on October 25. Justine graduated in 2007 from Ohio University with her degree in linguistics and in 2009 from the University of Dayton with her master's degree in psychology. She is employed by the Social Security Administration in Dayton OH. Matt is a 2006 graduate of the University of Dayton with a B.S. in computer engineering and electrical engineering. He is employed by the Harris Corporation at Wright Patterson Air force Base in Dayton. The couple plans to wed on January 2, 2010.

**Dan Yohe**, '02, now known as Brother Pascal, began his theology studies this fall in Emmitsburg MD at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary.

**Eric McGraw**, our man in Wuhan China, was scheduled to meet the Ambassador of China. Eric is helping prepare students for college.

## **Anniversaries**

**Bob and Carol Adler** celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary this summer with a family dinner at Sawmill Creek.

**Lynn and Dawn Studer**, former Huron High School principal and his wife, celebrate fifty years of wedded bliss this New Year's Eve. When you send cards, don't forget the family assistant, Ozzie!



**Brother Pascal**

## Marriages

**Debra Gebelle**, '91, and Matthew Gutzky were married on April 15, 2009. Debra graduated from the University of Akron with her Bachelor's degree in business administration. She currently serves as Director of Human Services at Greater Cleveland Partnership /COSE in Cleveland. Matt, of Maple Heights OH, attended Trinity High School in Garfield Heights, and now is a driver for Republic Services in Cleveland. The couple resides at 631 Tremain Place in Medina OH.

**Robert Dence**, '02, and Megan Burnett of Pittsburgh PA were wed on June 20, 2009, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Robert graduated from the University of Dayton in 2006 with his BS in Mechanical Engineering and earned his Masters ME at the University of Colorado. He currently works with Lockheed Martin Space Systems on the Orion "Space Shuttle" Program. Megan, a graduate from the University of Dayton in 2006 earning her BS in Early Childhood Education, leads her 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom at Iron Horse Elementary in Parker, CO. The couple now resides in Littleton CO.

**Matt Maloney**, '02, and **Kalee Basting**, '04, were wed on November 14. Matt graduated from the University of Mississippi from where he was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. He was traded to the Cincinnati Reds and currently pitches for them in their system. Kalee is a 2008 graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She is employed by the Go Fitness Center in Columbus.

**Alison Berryhill**, '05, and Sgt. Edwin "Robbie" Tyren III, '03, were wed on March 29, 2009, at Calvary Road Baptist Church in Norwalk. Alison graduated from The Ohio State University and is currently attending graduate school. Robbie is currently stationed in Fayetteville NC at Fort Bragg with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, preparing for a possible redeployment somewhere in the Middle East. The couple resides in Raeford, NC.

**Debra Ann Jones**, '77, and Tony Schacher were wed at their home on June 6 with Robert Wiedenheft, Mayor of Castalia, presiding. Deb is employed by Hartung Title Agency in Sandusky while Tony works for OHL in Bellevue OH.

**Lauren Skaggs**, '03, and David Starinshak were wed on August 1. Lauren graduated from Case Western Reserve University where she studied geology and chemical engineering. She is now a chemist technician, SVCS, with Ross Environmental Services in Elyria. David, a Wadsworth High School Graduate, also graduated from Case Western and now attends the University of Michigan as a Ph. D. candidate in applied math. This summer he worked on projects for Lawrence Livermore National Lab in Livermore CA. The couple moved to Ann Arbor after their wedding trip in late August.

**Allyson Borgelt**, '01, and **John Lindsley**, '96, were wed on August 15. Allyson graduated from Connecticut College with a BA degree in German Studies and European Studies. She now serves as International Services Coordinator with the World Forum Foundation in Redmond WA. John did his BS degree in Computer Science Engineering at The Ohio State University and is now Senior Software Engineer for Intel Corporation in Dupont WA.

## Obituaries

**Kathy Bork McCabe**, '74, age 53 of Largo FL passed away on May 31.

**Craig Beverick**, '76, age 52, of Lakeside-Marblehead and formerly of Huron, passed away on July 8 at Stein Hospice Care in Sandusky.

**Patricia McQuillen**, '35, age 92, passed away on July 9 in Parkvue Health Care Center in Sandusky. Pat worked for many years at the Cleveland Stevedore Company in both Huron and Cleveland, retiring to Palm Springs CA in 1989.

**Terry Malone**, '66, age 61, passed away at Stein Hospice Care Center in Sandusky OH. A ten year navy vet, Terry had served in Vietnam, then worked for GM at New Departure Hyatt Sandusky for twenty-five years before retiring in 2006.

**Bill Lusher Conlon**, '52, age 75, passed away August 1, in Rancho Mirage, California following a brief bout with cancer. Bill moved to California in 1957, was a graduate of USC in California, and worked for Hughes Aircraft in the finance division until his retirement.

**Walter Milas**, '75, age 52, passed away August 20 at his home in Sandusky after a long illness. Walt had been retired from New Departure.

**James Woods**, age 66, husband of long time Huron High office secretary Ada Woods, passed away on September 3 from cancer.

**Daniel Mathie**, '98, age 30, of Boardman OH, died when his parachute failed to deploy during a skydiving mishap at the Cleveland Parachute Center east of Cleveland. Dan had successfully completed over 4000 jumps and was a highly rated instructor.

**Rev, Larry Dees**, '70, age 58, passed away October 12 at his home in Big Point MS. Larry had served over 40 years in ministry across the South and served as the "Voice of the Hornets" for local football and basketball teams.

**Judi Lyons Lively**, '74, age 53, of Huron, passed away on October 24 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Judi was branch manager of First Federal Savings of Lorain in Huron and devoted member of Habitat for Humanity.

**Patricia Zika Williams**, '67, age 60, passed away on November 6 in Keystone Heights, FL.

**Carla Westhofen** of Huron, age 58, was found murdered in Western Pennsylvania on November 08, after being reported missing from Huron for several days. She was the mother of two of our grads: Sonya, '95, and Todd Dahnke, '87.

**Dorothy Delamatre**, '52, age 76, of Huron, passed away on November 30 after a lengthy illness.



**Rev. Larry Dees**

# Fore!!!!

Every summer a host of golf scrambles occurs to raise funds for worthy causes. This summer was no exception in Huron as the Saunders-Foss Scholarship Scramble and the Boosters Scramble took place on cue. But a newcomer horned in on the “classics” to begin its own tradition – The Donut Shop Open.

The Saunders-Foss event was another great hit this year, and the two families sincerely thank all who supported the effort. Their goal of achieving a permanently endowed fund to support scholarships for Huron grads is growing ever closer.

The Boosters event this year was a bigger hit than ever. Sponsored by Kalahari, and held at Sawmill Creek’s course, the scramble, now in its third year, has become very popular. A huge lunch and then dinner sandwiched in a round of golf and then an auction. Todd Nelson of Kalahari Resorts kept up a steady staccato of chanting until many dollars more had been raised for the Boosters’ projects – ball fields, dugouts, concession stands in the current phase.

Finally “the boys” at the Donut Shop were not about to be left out. Most play in the other two scrambles anyway but just wanted to begin their own. A cause may follow later! So the Donut Shop Queen, Sherri Pajak, ’84, sponsored them at the Mills Creek Course in Sandusky. They played for bragging rights and the “brown jackets,” which Sherri found at Goodwill. Rules state that only inside the Donut Shop on special occasions may the winners strut their stuff. That they do. Please, someone - anyone – beat out Sticks and John next year. This gets a little old!



Smiling faces of Mallory Saunders, ‘08, mom Joan, ‘78, and aunt, Jude Seeholzer, ‘78, always greet the golfers in the Saunders-Foss tournament.



The touney discriminates against no one, as these pictures show.



A makeshift water balloon sling shot lobs cooling shells at targets a green away. No one cared, though, as the day was perfect and all dried off fast!



Mr. Smooth, Don Lindsley, ‘69, shows his stuff as the Boosters Scramblers tee off.



Even the band turned out to cheer on the golfers.



Viewing the merchandise before the auction kicks off



Scott Gardner, president of the Huron Boosters, kicks off play.



Todd Nelson works the crowd at the auction to help raise funds.

## Bicentennial Bits

This year the busiest summer ever in Huron occurred due to all the activities connected with the Huron Bicentennial Celebration. Almost every week saw an activity or two to remind folks of our heritage. The only part of the planning that went awry was the weather - all 99 degrees of it that kept crowds low on one or two events. But by and large, the community enjoyed enough activities calculated to educate the young and spur the memories of the oldsters about our place here on the North Shore. Many of you returned to join in the festivities, and once again were reminded of why you are glad you were reared here rather than down the road apiece. We print here a visual survey of all the fun.



Tim, '85, and Julie Dreffer Spitzley, '87, returned from North Carolina and Colorado respectively to participate in the Great Scavenger Hunt put together by our own Sue Coleman Frankart, '76. Here they make a pit stop at the former Wileswood Country Store where the answer to their clue, Raggedy Ann, awaited them in plain sight.



Greg Franklin, '81, and his daughter Alyssa enjoyed the race also.

Sue had crafted a series of cryptic questions that led participants on about a two mile walk/run around town to find and photograph clues that gradually unfolded more of Huron's history. Prizes were awarded based on time and percent of correct answers. All had much fun.



Huron's glorious shipping past was the subject of this signature Bicentennial Float. Preparing to lead the float through town were Carol Dreffer, Judy Hartley Ishmael, '59 Sharon Guenther Barnes, '62, and Marge Windnagel Billman, '60. Shipwright on this project was Dick Durkin of Huron, aided by his wife Evie. Dick spent hundreds of hours designing and crafting the float.



All that's missing is Poll Parrot perched on this bloke's shoulder. Numerous costumed characters bedecked the grounds during the Bicentennial Birthday Bash.



Your Association's Bicentennial flavor to this year's RiverFest parade was a model of a centuries old school house and a whole classroom full of Harkelroad, Jones, and Heydinger grandkids "taught" by schoolmarm Katie Harkelroad, '97, who knew she had come back from Brooklyn for something.

# Homecoming 2009



Careful as she goes thar! An unusual entry in this year's Homecoming parade was the Bicentennial float, maneuvering here onto Jim Campbell Boulevard.

Coach Tony Legando, '69, exhorts his gladiators and the student body during the Homecoming rally and bonfire.



Enjoying the picnic under the bigtop are Donald Wolcott and Nann Wesienberger, '60, at the ends of the table, with Sherry Bailey Otto, '60 and friend, and Bill and Paula Millis Newell, '60.



Not by brats alone doth a pregame party live, so these H Team guys and their visitors preside over a delectable supper for tailgate attendees: Tony Mussell, '62, Scott Timple, '72, Craig DeLapp, Gene Capizzi, Rolland Krueger, Bill and Dave Biddlecombe, and Steve Nofts.



Old Man Mark Barker, '74, in red, joins some of the '09 team seniors back for a reunion: Jared Dees, Mark Leonhardt, and Ted Melching.



Brian Timple, Nikki Dauch, and Dan Solomon, and his significant other celebrate the '09 sports season.

## All School Reunion Banquet

The final activity of the Bicentennial Year was the All-School Reunion dinner held on Saturday evening, September 25 at Mesenburg's. Partiers began arriving at 5 PM for cocktails, with representatives from the anniversary classes offering toasts for their classmates. All then enjoyed an excellent buffet with the dessert provided by the Pied Piper in the form of sundaes and all the trimmings. Short after dinner speeches were then followed by music and dancing. The youngest members back were from the Class of '02 with the most senior members coming from the Class of 1944 to celebrate their 65th anniversary. Ralph Pisano, '41, though, had them topped by several years. He danced all night and sang for the group until relieved at the microphone by his nephew, Sticks Gioffre, who belted out the last tune of the evening, Old Blue Eyes' "I Did It My Way." Indeed, most of Huron's grads HAVE done it their way, and the world is all the better for it!



Three years of practice paid off - this time a dip without the drop Congratulations, Bradley!

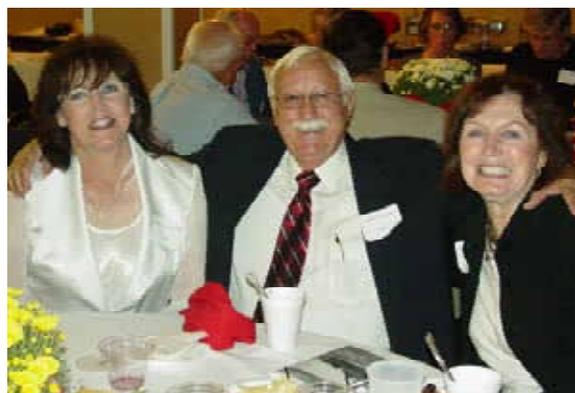


Anne and George Muehlhauser, '48, with Ed Asher, '46, and Debra Asher Dusza, '83.

More '79ers: Debbie Kath, Mary Ann Bencivengo, Jina Gilbert, Tony Munafa, and Sue Shamart.



Some Class of '60 representatives: John Doyle, Paula Millis Newell, Marge Billman, Sharon Harkelroad, Dottie Allinson Presutto, Bob Bowers, Nan Weisenberger, and Sherry Baillie Otto.



Some miles in this group: Aggie Doyle Majoy, '52, and her sister Judy O'Conner in from CA, with Gene Tromblee, '52, all the way up from Houston.



The Simon twins, Jerry, '61, and Gene, '62, standing, preside over a table of 50's and 60's grads: Marv and Judy Conners Mize, '56, Bill Fisk, '61, and his significant other, and Rose Ilonardo Gerber, '62 and husband Mike.



Bob Schuh, '82, and Sandy Hartley Schuh, '85, Karen and Tom Hastings, '78.

## The Retired Faculty Feast

Retired they might be, but locusts they are when out for a fete. On a beautiful August evening, once again the retired faculty who could be rounded up from the high school and middle school met to celebrate, reminisce, and enjoy good company. No complainers here, just folks happy to see one another one more year and share the fond memories of some very good years spent teaching Huron's youngsters.



A fine spread of food is descended upon by the horde. Not many crumbs survive this group's advances. Folks look forward to one another's specialties - the casseroles, salads, and desserts that make a pot luck so much fun.



The guidance department meeting has Joanne and Marshall Morgan catching up with Karen and John McMillion, and Judy and Don Pleiger.



Wanda and Jim Seiple preside over the science department meeting with Dino Caporini, '66, and Sandy Roderick Gordon, '54, and Jesse Hagy answering the roll call.



Middle and high school teachers mingle here: Sharon Warner and her husband John, Doug and Pat Fries, Joyce Keane, Eileen Braidech, Kathy Kosan, and Elaine Bores.



Alea and Paul Dahnke share meal and their travel stories with Bob and Sue Shontz DuBray and dapper Bob Adler.

Many of these folks are used to hanging around the school's main office: Jack and Nancy Freitas, Ed and Marlene Boose, Dave and Sara Boos, and Dick and June Klein.

## Tony Munafo Sr. Makes the Hall

It was a long time in coming. In fact, in may never have happened had someone not noticed that the Tony Munafo in the Heidelberg College Hall of Fame was Little Tony, not Big Tony. One little letter – Jr. instead of Sr. – was all that had been separating the senior citizen from his membership due for years. Little Tony had been inducted back in '95 for his wrestling prowess, and everyone looking at the list inferred that Tony pere was already in. So the oversight was finally corrected this fall on October 24 when Tony Sr. was inducted.

Tony had attended high school at Holy Name in Cleveland, then lettered in football during his first two years at Heidelberg College in Tiffin. Uncle Sam caught up with him via the Korean War draft in 1952, and Tony went off to serve as a U.S. Army Ranger. For two years he played service football before receiving his honorable discharge. Returning to Heidelberg in 1955, the “Old Man” played hard and won Little All-American honors as a senior in 1956. A year off in pharmaceutical sales convinced him that football was his real love, and he returned to Heidelberg as a graduate assistant. His first coaching jobs were in Sandusky under Ben Wilson and future OSU coach, Earle Bruce. Tony came to Huron in 1967 and in twenty years established an enviable record. He had three undefeated teams (1969, 1979, and 1976), won ten conference championships and placed second four times. His efforts won him UPI Coach of the Year accolades in 1976 and 1987, this latter honor coming after his second appearance in the state playoffs.

So after all that, still no one at Heidelberg ever noticed? And we always used to think Tony was the slow learner! Anyhow, justice has finally been done, and Tony was duly inducted. His presenter at the ceremony was one of his former players, Paul Ward, '83, also a Huron Hall of Fame member who has been involved with Huron football for decades now – despite teaching for Vermilion.

Tony may still be found about town these days, nursing his sore football knees. Set your watch by him as he enters the Donut Shop daily with a hearty “Morning, Boys!” On his days off from there he is a substitute study hall Nazi at the high school. We don't know whether he is just double dipping these days or waiting for that other Tony, his successor, to retire so he can have his job back. Just kidding – Betty would kill him before his ticker gave out.



Tony (front, second from the right) with the rest of the induction class. Paul Ward is to the left of Tony.

## More Changes

If you happen to drive the Huron bypass past the bright tigers atop the entries to the new Kalahari Field, you will notice a new sign visible from the highway touting the athletic complex as the Huron Memorial Stadium. This signage and landscaping were installed this summer to advertise our facilities to all who pass by, locals and visitors alike. We thank the Boosters who made this small but elegant addition possible.



Athletic Director Tony Munafo Jr. inspects the newly refurbished locker room and shower facilities.



Remember the locker rooms at the high school? No more! Finally, after fifty years of service, countless cases of athletes foot, near gangrene, and hairy creatures growing on shower stall walls, the locker rooms were done over this past summer. The maintenance crew undertook the task and finished up in time for school's opening. Ordinarily no one would ever tour to inspect this area, so we present this photo to assure you that the job has been done most satisfactorily. Fifty years from now your grandkids may have to make a do-over, though.

# Shawnee Principal's Report Card

The year has not been kind to newly appointed Shawnee School principal, Tanny Von Thron, '92. It began very well as Tanny assumed the principalship at Shawnee in the fall of 2008 when the building was reopened as part of Huron's restructuring plan that placed all the wee ones in a single building. A vigorous summer of near total chaos she survived, as her building was virtually torn apart, then retrofitted with new windows, fresh coats of paint, new lighting, heating and small fixes too numerous to mention. Finally the community was invited in at an open house to see the miracle, and the kids began pouring in soon after. Through it all Tanny presided over the massive transition of books, teaching materials, and teachers to insure that school started on time for these kids.

And work everyone did. Under Tanny's leadership, the staff greeted their charges with smiling faces and a can-do attitude that showed up in the test scores released this past fall. Huron's children not only met but exceeded every benchmark set by the state. The year was progressing very well until this past spring when it was announced that Tanny had been diagnosed with cancer. It was a bad one. Only one in two million cancer patients ever contract what she did, which proves, Tanny says, "that you don't have to be in the Pegasus Program to be Gifted and Talented." She underwent scans and then surgery in mid-May just to prepare for five weeks of radiation therapy, then chemo. After that were four more weeks of radiation and chemo at Cleveland Clinic, and then chemo one to three times a week till the end of October. A follow-up CT scan showed her clear, and then for good measure they went in again in mid November just to check out the tissue. On Thanksgiving eve she received the pathology report - CLEAR! What a cause for celebration and thanksgiving!

Immediately upon learning of Tanny's illness in the spring, the kids, parents, and staff of all buildings showered her with their support as she began that regimen of treatments that left her unable to finish the school year. "Her kids" delighted in preparing cheerful cards and sending her innovative messages. Her system was wracked with illness and drugs, but her spirits never sagged while the community pulled for her.

Unfortunately Tanny's treatments were aggressive enough that she was unable to return for the school opening in the fall. She was not to be deprived, though, as she was spotted at a class reunion this summer flashing her trademark smile and a new "do." (We didn't ask to see the tan lines from all the radiation!) A very able substitute has been filling in her position, Mary Strayer of Norwalk, a retired school administrator with many years of managing situations such as this.

Then just before school began, the moms and dads in her building organized a "Cheer Tanny" event. Many of her building's students and their parents, teachers, friends, and even the football team showed up on the field behind Shawnee to pose for pictures of support and a massive balloon release.

She awaits now only the return of strength to be able to resume her duties. Says a thankful Tanny, "The chemotherapy and radiation had done their job and after allowing my body to heal, I plan to be back at Shawnee to greet students and staff on January 4." Count on it. She'll be standing at the Shawnee front door greeting her kids upon their return from holiday break. If her year has not been kind, the community surely has. What could have been a lost year has instead turned into a very teachable moment for Tanny's students as they learned more about compassion, kindness, and bravery in the face of adversity the real life way rather than from all their library books. Life sometimes has a way of doing that! Hats off to the community and staff and all who stepped up.



"Up, up, and awayhay!" They cut the lines, and as the little kid fell to earth, the balloons lifted heavenwards, carrying the



Is it a heart, a smiley face, or both? Visual photo cards such as this were taken and presented Tanny as a way of showing community support for her in her battle against cancer. The football team outlines the face-heart as the students and parents group up to form eyes and a smile. Probably a professional catheter could have done a better job here, but Tanny got the idea!



hopes of the community for continued good health and a speedy return of Tanny. Be there on January 4th to help in another release, this one of thanksgiving.

## Out of Africa: A Progress Report from Africa

In our last issue we reported that Mary Megan Templeton, '03, an Ohio State Grad, was off to South Africa for the summer to work in a remote rural village. Mary returned to Columbus after her tour was finished but will not remain home for long. She is returning to Africa next year under a Think Impact Global Development Fellowship, one of only four awarded nationwide.

Mary reported in with us back in July and shared some of the adventures of a 20 something, single white blond in a land swimming with non-English speaking people, without water and baths, and some of the highest HIV rates in the world. She LOVED it! Her emails bubbled with enthusiasm and excitement, even as she shared the sometimes grim realities. Some of the saddest moments she encountered were while teaching 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade English at the Manyangana High School. "While walking to the high school, I encountered a 14 year old boy drinking a 720 ml beer and clearly intoxicated. It seems negative outlets become more attractive for youth as they desire to avoid reality and want instant gratification." The effect of HIV/AIDS can also be clearly seen as kids wear winter hats to school or gloves to cover up sores on their bodies.



The people are a musical and dancing folk, much given to celebrating everything and anything without warning. Though they have little, they give much. For a funeral, for example, the host family kills a cow and feeds all guests, quite the opposite of what we do stateside. They worship in earnest, usually spending upwards of three hours at a service, generally in unbearable heat, without benefit of air conditioned churches nor Sunday morning fancy brunch afterwards. Mary attended services at Church Ablaze, which provided a structured service, but incomparable to any in the United States. She says, "All a cappella singing with weekly testimonies and a dramatic homily, it was hard to come away unmoved. Their faith in Christian values and as a community to put others before themselves is miraculous despite poverty. Some members of the congregation of Church Ablaze are the most genuinely happy people I have met."

On one occasion Mary was honored to participate in a council of village elders, usually composed only of aged married males. At this time they explained many of the village customs and taboos, a kind of ritualistic reinforcement of those ideals that bind together the community. On the day of someone's death and until the funeral is over, for example, no one is allowed to do field work, a period that could stretch out to several days in some cases. (Ever try to eat a whole cow at one sitting?) And certainly no intercourse until all food consumed during the funeral has passed from the body! Sexual mores are restricted, too – thou shalt not get someone pregnant while still living at home. (Lots of emergency construction going on sometimes.) While polygamy is rampant, it is not without its problems. Women who learn of a husband's "other" significant others can sometimes violently act out and displace the village mirth. (Can you say TIGER?) Violations are met with tribal condemnation, with gossip spread about the offenders, and sometimes even a trial. No report on punishments, however.

In a lighter vein, though, Mary reported on her work with the kids. Language barriers aside, all kids speak the language of games and sports and laughter. Using these, she was able to reach out to the kids and guide them to other educational activities. They are learning English as a second language, even as Mary takes her Xitonga lessons from local teachers, learning conversational words to avoid looking foolish. She catches on fast! So do the local women. While playing soccer with some women in her village, women from other villages stopped by, became inspired, and started their own village teams. So now there is a local women's soccer league of sorts and much fun had by all.

Mary returned to America when her tour was finished and now has been preparing, from June through January 2010, for her next trip. She was recently selected by Think Impact to participate in a Global Development Fellowship. Think Impact is a non-profit that seeks to promote entrepreneurship among African youths, thereby forming the next generation of social leaders. Ideally, the focus is to alleviate poverty from the bottom up, through training and leadership rather than outright gifts. This ensures work done by Think Impact is sustainable within communities. Mary Megan's focus is on establishing a Dixie Youth Center to provide a safe haven for HIV/AIDS orphans and guidance in other healthy living skills. The Center will teach English, leadership, and health – all the while trying to preserve the Shangaan cultural traditions. Well, maybe not all. The high teen pregnancy rate needs to be curtailed as well as dropout rates. (Sound familiar? We think Mary may already have unwittingly hit upon one possible solution – not too many pregnancies begin on soccer fields. More night matches, Mary!)

As Mary prepares for her next sojourn, she is busy raising awareness of the problems to be confronted - as well as funds for her work. You can learn more about the Think Impact initiatives by visiting their website at [www.thinkimpact.org](http://www.thinkimpact.org). The organization was started a number of years ago by a high school student and has grown immensely! Or, if interested in assisting Mary directly or just offering encouragement, her email is [mary@thinkimpact.org](mailto:mary@thinkimpact.org)

In one email, Mary recounted listening to a native homilist preach that folks should be the change they want to see. Wouldn't you say that Mary Megan Templeton is living that admonition?



# Fall Sports: Season Update

Fall sports begin in August, officially, but the preparation continues year long. The hard work in the weight room, on the track, courts, and fields has paid off for most of Huron's teams this fall as the Tigers continue to be a force to be reckoned with. Huron sent representatives to state in four sports and returned with the championship trophy in one. But all who participated grew in more ways than imaginable. We present the results of their work here.

## Football W 6 L 4

### Defensive Team

1st Team SBC

2nd Team

### Offensive Team

1st team SBC

2nd team SBC

Honorable Men. SBC

Zach Grieves L  
Troy DeLamatre LB

Rake Hillman R  
Zach Grieves G  
Mason Krebs  
Matt Schoelwer

Jerod Blakely DB

Derek Dowell RB

Zach Blodgett Rory Kaip Jordan Romick  
Brian Bollenbacher - Punter

## Girls Golf W13 L 1

First Team SBC

1st Team All District

1st Team All State

Lauren Voltz  
Lauren Voltz  
Lauren Voltz

Abby Cook

Ashley Franks

## Cross Country Boys W 2 L 8

1st Team SBC

2nd Teal SBC

Girls W 7 L 3  
Carolin Estel  
Nick Lowy

Josh Marshall

## Boys Soccer W 15 L 4 T 1

1st Team SBC

2nd Team SBC

Nonorable Men. SBC

1st Team DIstrict

2nd team District

Honorable Men. Dist.

Nico Samaniego  
Corey Barnicle  
Max Gimperling  
Derek Enderle  
Nico Samaniego  
Zach Taylor  
Zach Dusza

John Dusza  
Michael Zeck  
Chase Greenawalt  
Tremayne Lemar  
Chase Greenawalt  
John Dusza  
Michael Zeck

Zach Dusza  
Zach Taylor  
Curtis Boger

Max Gimperling

## Girls Soccer W 6 L 7 T 6

1st Team SBC

2nd Team SBC

Honorable Men. SBC

1st Team District

2nd Team District

Gina Munafa  
Katie Zimmer  
Katie Duran  
Alexis Lemar  
Colleen Allen Clingan  
Andrea Gillespie  
Lauren Shackelford  
Kaitlyn Stradtman  
Jessica Halsey  
Victoria Green  
Alexis Lamar  
Gina Munafa  
Katie Zimmer

Nancy Bloor

## Girls Tennis W 5 L 11

2nd team SBC

## Volleyball W 13 L 3

1st Team SBC

2nd Team SBC

Melissa Moberg  
Taryn Graham  
Jesse Miedema  
Tayler Slauterbecoe  
Devon Koenig

## State Volleyball Champions 2009



Rear: Coaches Shawn Rice and Keith Lobsinger, Jesse Meidema, El-lie Justice, Katlyn Sommer, Coaches Shawn Patton and Don Wood  
Middle: Taylor Slaughterbeck, Erin O'Reilly, Samantha Wechter, Taryn Graham, Adriana DeLuca, Devon Grendow  
Front: Rachel Stelzer, Melissa Moberg, Justine Butler, Devon Koenig, Hannah Figgins

## Matt Maloney's Report Card

What a ride! Seven short years ago, Matt Maloney, '02, was still sitting in English classes in Huron High dreaming about playing major league ball. This past summer his dream came true as he made his first start for the Cincinnati Reds. He had arrived at that mound against the Cubs through hard work in playing college ball, then working up through the minors. Drafted in the third round by the Phillies, he was traded to the Reds, from a NL championship team and ultimate World Series winner to somewhere in exile along the banks of the Ohio. Or so it seemed, but Matt's chances of promotion to the big leagues actually improved by going to the hurler starved Reds. So he reported, he worked, and he arrived. And along the line he tied the knot with another Huron grad, high school sweetie, Kalee Basting, '04.

So here's the report card on his first year in the majors.

He was up and down with the team, each time down working to improve his stuff. And improve he did. His three starts in June were incrementally poor in the ERA department, going from 2 to 4 and then to 6 against the Braves. He was trying to



overpower the hitters and forgot that he had fielders behind him. Sent down, he worked some more, and then at the end of August was called up again for four more starts. The first was disastrous against the Dodgers, five earned runs in six innings, but then the Dodgers tattooed just about everyone until the playoffs when they fizzled. Finally, in September Matt found his stuff, finishing with two wins in three starts. In seventeen innings he surrendered only five runs. His coaches, who had been nursing him earlier in the year, actually let him go seven innings in his last start, where he had good run support and struck out

four. A blasted blister on the tip of his middle finger on his throwing hand cost him his final start of the season on October 1. Tough luck, but watch out next year!

What's next? Matt has his eyes firmly fixed on making the fifth starting spot on the Reds' team next season. He is already hard at work, living in Louisville now,

throwing at the University of Louisville under the direction of their head baseball coach who was his former coach at the University of Mississippi. He has added a cutter and sinker to his repertoire and will work on controlling them. When the Indian's season begins with spring training next season, more than a few local eyes will be focused on the Reds camp. By next March we will know how the work paid off. Here's hoping Matt is on the opening day roster. Then we can form bus caravans south and maybe see a real major league ball team there on the river. Not that bunch of clowns polluting Erie's shores. Go, Matt!

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## Drinking from Both Sides of the Rose Bowl

He was a Tiger before he defected to become a Wolverine, then an Eagle, now a Duck! He's Jim Fisher, a 2000 graduate of Huron High. Jim has certainly had a successful football career already at the age of only 27. After leaving Huron, he went north, to that "other school" where he played in two Rose Bowls on Big Ten championship teams. (Must have been before the Tressel Era.) In the classroom he excelled as well, earning the Academic All-Big Ten award twice. Jim left Ann Arbor in 2005 with his BA degree in physical education.

From "up there" he moved closer to home, attending Ashland University to work on his Education Administration masters degree. He also served as a graduate assistant coach of tight ends, wide receivers, and running backs. Then his last two years there he moved into higher ranks by serving as their recruiting coordinator. All of which eventually brought him to the Ducks of Oregon State in Eugene, Oregon. There he was hired as assistant recruiting

coordinator and assistant director of football operations. It's a lot of traveling into the backwoods of the Northwest to pick off the talent with which to staff the mighty Ducks football team.

So now what to do? We all grew up in this area bleeding Scarlet and Gray and pronouncing our first two syllable word propped in front of a TV - Buckeyes! But we do have a man in the Ducks' camp and wish him and his team just as well. We suspect that more than a few from this area have already book rooms and a flight to the Rose Bowl in January. For the rest, just sit back and enjoy the show.

Jim's folks are still in town - Steve Fisher and his wife Beth Legando Fisher. Yep, camera-shy Beth, Pickles' daughter. Good genes run deep, don't they?

Jim still has a home base in Huron, too. He makes it back occasionally. Has to - his wife Kristi serves as assistant field hockey coach for that team "up there."

She is no slouch either. Between her and Jim, they have a fairly large trophy case. Kristi starred in field hockey and earned two-time All American and Big Ten Conference Athlete of the Year awards. That's in addition to her four straight All-Big Ten Conference first team awards, her play on the women's nationals, and her contributions to the US silver medal at the 2004 Pan America Cup. She picked up some trinkets in Madrid at the World Cup, too, and on and on! You get the idea. This will be a fourth generation sporting family someday. We just have to give some more proper fetching up to those two and get them back to Ohio where they belong!



Watch this space for future breaking news. In the meantime, much more success, Tiger! Just not too much on January 1.

## 2009 Tiger Soccer Team Re-Writes Record Book

The Huron Tiger boy's soccer team finished its 2009 campaign with an impressive 15-4-1 record, a campaign highlighted by the program's first ever 15 win season, a district championship, and an appearance in the state tournament's "Sweet 16."

After a slow start to the season, the Tigers reeled off twelve straight victories before falling to Doylestown Chippewa in a closely contested match, 2-1, in the state tournament's regional semi-final game. Along the way, the Tigers managed to outscore their opponents by a 79-27 margin.

The Tiger soccer team finished second in the Sandusky Bay Conference, but avenged its three early season losses in convincing fashion by soundly defeating Perkins, Oak Harbor, and Port Clinton during the second round of conference play.

As tournament time approached, the Tigers were playing their best soccer of the season, and team confidence was high. Perennial soccer power, Mansfield St. Peter faced the Tigers on a cold and wet October night, and after a hard-fought, scoreless first half, the Tigers tallied three second half goals to walk away with the win. Next, the Tigers faced the state-ranked Mansfield Christian Flames. Both teams played flawless soccer, and after eighty minutes of regulation play, a scoreless tie took the teams to overtime. Minutes into overtime, Huron forward Nico Samaniego took a thru pass from midfielder John Dusza. Samaniego found himself one-on-one with the Flames's goalkeeper, and with a juke and a dribble, pounded home the game's winning goal into the open net. The Tigers then faced an experienced and talented Genoa team for the district championship. Huron fell behind early, but never gave up, and scored two, late, second half goals to win the Tigers' first-ever district championship. The Tigers' tournament run came to an end on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Medina, Ohio when the Chippewa High School Chips stymied the Huron offense and held on to defeat the Tigers by a 2-1 margin.

Under the leadership of fourth-year head coach, Matt Asher, the Tiger soccer squad enjoyed its deepest run ever into the state tournament. Sporting a career coaching mark of 47-14-8, Matt expressed his feelings about the 2009 season. "I'm so proud of our players. They struggled early in the season, but they showed a lot of character and never quit. They played hard all year long. I'll really miss these seniors. They showed great leadership. They're great guys and I wish them all the best for the future."

This year's squad was led by senior tri-captains Jacob Boehk, Zach Dusza and Zach Taylor.

Defense started in goal for Huron this season as senior goalkeeper Chase Greenawalt snagged the award for the North Central District's top keeper. Greenawalt finished the season with 7 shutouts and 150 saves.

The offensive barrage was led by 1<sup>st</sup> team North Central District and 1<sup>st</sup> team SBC junior forward, Nico "Suave" Samaniego with 23 goals and 9 assists. He was joined in the onslaught of scoring by fifteen other players.

Other players receiving North Central District honors included sophomore midfielder John Dusza, senior midfielder Zach Taylor and senior midfielder Max Gimperling. All were 2<sup>nd</sup> team picks. Senior defender Zach Dusza and sophomore midfielder Michael Zeck were honorable mention.

In addition to Samaniego, senior defender Zach Dusza and sophomore midfielder John Dusza garnered 1<sup>st</sup> team SBC awards. 2<sup>nd</sup> team SBC picks included senior defender Corey Barnicle, sophomore midfielder Michael Zeck and senior midfielder Zach Taylor.

Reflecting on the future of Huron Tiger soccer, Coach Asher stated, "You can never replace your seniors, but at Huron we don't replace or rebuild. We reload. We're excited about the possibilities for next year."



Back: Coach Matt Asher, Justin Majoy, Corey Barnicle, Chase Greenawalt, Kevin Bechtel, John Dusza, Taylor Prosser, and Coach Ryan Manner

3rd Row: Derek Enderle, Zach Crawford, Patrick Estel, Clinton Boos, Dominic Vacca, Max Gimperling, and Jedediah Mayle

2nd Row: Michael Zeck, Liam Galvin, Anthony Lane, Josh Russo, Chris Wobser, and Mason Prosser

Front:(l.-r.) Curtis Boger, Captain Zach Dusza, Captain Jake Boehk, Captain Zach Taylor, and Tremayne Lemar

Absent: Ben Washburn, Nico Samaniego, Jimmy Dwyre, Tre Bell, and Jory Grznar

Submitted by Guest Columnist

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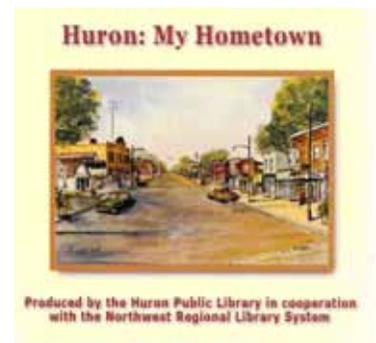
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## Membership Renewal

If it is December, it must be time for you to renew your membership in your Association for next year.

All annual memberships terminate in December of each year. If you have taken out a multi-year membership, we will remind you when it is due. If you have sent us a NEW membership since the end of June this year, then consider yourself paid up for all of 2010 - a six months introductory offer absolutely free! We hope to avoid sending out any renewal notices in January at considerable expense to the Association. If you have internet service and wish to receive these publications and other notices by way of email, please be sure to send us your email address.

Please use the membership form inside this cover to renew your membership. And while you are at it, remind any of your siblings or children or grandkids to do the same. Better yet, make a stocking stuffer for your graduate children in the form of a paid up membership for them. Many parents do this to get them started, and then in the following years the children maintain their own memberships. If you know of any of our grads in service to their country who do not receive this *Newsletter*, please send us either an email where they can read and keep up with the news back home or shoot us an APO address where we can mail them a paper copy.

## Begin Planning for '10 Reunions

If you are a class officer or the designated social chairperson for your class and your five-year reunion is coming up in 2010, please contact us to help you in your planning. If you have done this a few times and pretty well know the ropes, then call us anyway on an as-needed basis and we'll try to help smooth the planning over for you on this end. This especially holds true for planners now living out of the area. If you are some of our more recent grads and need help in either getting started with this process or are in need of class lists or suggestions as to where and when to meet, by all means contact us. We stand ready to help make your initial reunions as successful as possible.

## Revised Website

This fall our tekkie guru, Gary Larizza, '99, and our high school Media Specialist, Deanna Schumm, have been hard at work revising the websites for the Huron City Schools and your Association. The site is still partially under construction, so be patient if not all links work all the time just yet. Check back frequently. The web address will be [www.HuronHS.com](http://www.HuronHS.com).

The biggest change you will notice when it is finished is that you may now enroll directly into our database and keep yourself current with us no matter how many times you move or change carriers. No more awkward mail and postage expenses. Visit [www.HuronHS.com](http://www.HuronHS.com) and click on the Alumni Link at the top bar. There you will be directed to the Alumni Page and an enrollment form to fill out on line. And rest assured, we will have the database behind firewalls to protect all who log in and enroll with us. And the best news???? It costs you nothing to enroll but saves us considerable dollars and time.

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