

# NEWS

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HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual HHS Commencement

As graduation exercises went, it was par for the course – threatening skies, steaming church and gymnasium, proud raucous crowd, joyful graduates, and carefully crafted and jitterily-delivered speeches. From the opening invocation to the final tossing of the mortar boards, however, the whole affair went off flawlessly, and today your Alumni Association has 131 proud new members.

Overflow crowds gathered for the baccalaureate ceremony at St. Peter's Church. There, a succession of speakers and a procession of "gift bearers" later, the grads set the solemn tone that marks the transition from adolescence to full adulthood, from student to graduate, from a parent-dependent to a tuition paying, mortgage bearing, nine-to-five grinding full-fledged adult. And these kids were in a hurry?!?!?

Featured speaker, Principal John Ruf, took the students back to the year of their birth, 1989, and recalled for them how simple life used to be, then challenged the group to "Dare to Be Remarkable" as they move forward into life. He reminded them of Teddy Roosevelt's words that it is better to fail greatly in a worthy cause than to remain timid and taste neither victory nor

defeat. His words were met with enthusiasm, despite occasional references by this Michigan native to certain teams "up north."

To display their accomplishments and lay them in gratitude at the foot of the altar, the students lugged up the symbols of their many accomplishments, so that at procession's end, the floor lay strewn with trophies and signs, jerseys, balls, clubs and rackets of every design. Then followed a skillfully assembled twenty minute photo and musical review of their careers, beginning with childhood pictures and fast-forwarding through middle to high school. Growing up was all laid out there from diapers to bikini's, from T-ball to volleyball, from boarding the bus in kindergarten to bus pics from class trips. All the while, lines such as "I'll be there for you," or "My wish for you," and "Just a small town girl," reminded all how these grads represented the hopes and dreams of parents everywhere for

their children. Pocketfuls of wishes and forced smiles, however, don't translate to success without taking chances to create the world we want. The musical message was received loud and clear.

At the commencement ceremony held later in a steamy high school gymnasium, much the same message was relayed by a succession of speakers. Superintendent Fred Fox, '74, reminded them that hard work and support are what produced their success. Salutatorian Michael Klein then challenged his classmates to live the life they dream. Tri-valedictorians Michael Moberg, Lindsey Rubino, and Michelle Tomczyk advised them all to take a deep breath, charge into the arena without looking back, but be wary of absorbing too much hot air. "Be careful of what you swallow," advised Michelle, as she warned against the media onslaught that makes sorting out truth so difficult sometimes.



Senior last-day antics found Lucas Hahn and passengers Mike Klein and Brad Dominy looking to settle some parking lot scores in the Hahn's "Monster Deere Masher." Seniors used other very unusual conveyances that day! See them all on line.

## seniors Arrive at School for the Last Time



**“I mash ‘em!”**

**“I smash ‘em.”**



**“I trash ‘em.”**



**“You mess with me, see, and you answer to my brother up there, see!”**





**This group of senior gals will always remember riding out in style on their last day.**



**“Honest to God, I had a bike last night - the dog musta ate it!”**

**Student parking lot after the “Grand Procession.”**



After the speechifying, the class was presented to the Board of education by Principal Ruf, and with Assistant Principal Tony Munafo Jr., '79, calling the roll, all answered by trekking to the dais, posing with a board member for the obligatory photo op, and marching off the stage into the future of their adulthood. Outgoing Alumni Association President, Mary Reese Folger, '76, inducted the new grads into your Alumni Association, then ducked out of the line of fire as the grads hoisted their caps and began tearfully searching for parents and grandmas.

Another job well done by the families, the school system of teachers and counselors, and the community as a whole to bring this crop to full maturity. They proudly boast that 100% of them passed the Ohio Graduation Test. Now we sit back to enjoy the fulfillment of all the promises presented here as they work to pass the next big test, LIFE.

## EHOVE Recognition Ceremony

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*  
(Robert Frost, 1920)

EHOVE Career Center graduates may have been thinking about these lines during their recent Recognition Ceremony held on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Sandusky's State Theatre, the only place large enough to hold the overflow crowd. Upwards of 305 seniors from fifteen feeder school districts trod across the stage that morning to secure their certificates awarded in 25 different areas. For most students, the area norm seems to be high school, then college, but EHOVE's scholars choose the less traveled road. That's not to say that college isn't in their futures, for we counted nearly twenty different colleges and universities represented during the course of the presentations. Rather, the majority have chosen paths that lead

to immediate employability, with two to four more years of book learning still an option, though usually exercised a number of years out into the future as they decide to move up in their careers. Also, many of the programs offered by EHOVE lend themselves to more advanced training at some sort of technical institution, and that counts as college, too. At least the costs are about the same.

This year Huron had 24 seniors enrolled in EHOVE's programs and receiving honors. They graduated, of course, with the rest of their classmates at Huron on May 27 and are forever inscribe in our rolls as Huron grads, despite spending their last two years at EHOVE. Their fields of concentration included: early childhood education, auto body, auto technology, career based intervention, carpentry, cosmetology, diesel trucking, electricity, health careers, manufacturing technologies, criminal justice, emergency medical technician, visual communication design, health technology, and teacher academy. Nothing like that in your day, was there! Indeed, that's just a sampling of the programs available at the Career Center as more students opt for specialized training earlier in order to get a jump start on the job market. And who knows what programs will be necessary a decade or two from now, or which of the present will become as obsolete as an original EHOVE course, vocational agriculture.

These students all worked hard in their fields, participated in clubs, and entered successfully into many competitions in their disciplines. Not without reason did many of them have tears in their eyes as they stood under the State Theater marquis greeting friends, par-



Hugs and congratulations aplenty abound for graduates of the EMT program. Here Huron Raymon Puder receives his diploma.

ents, and well-wishers after the ceremony. With the uncertainty of the present economy and facing unknown futures, their tears could just as well have been shed in fear of the great unknown. So maybe it's time to take a word of advice from the late great guru himself, Dr. Seuss:

*You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself in any direction  
you choose.  
You're on your own.  
And you know what you know.  
You are the guy who will decide where  
to go.*

So move those feet and use those brains,  
and much success as you steer down  
that less-traveled road!



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## More EHOVE Graduation

The State Theatre in downtown Sandusky is the only place big enough now to serve as the backdrop to accommodate the thousands of parents and their graduates for this annual graduation ceremony.



Career Based Intervention graduate Lauren Konst is congratulated for her achievements.

Most EHOVE programs are two years in length and classes small enough to guarantee the individual attention needed for high skills training. Here one such class poses together for the very last time in their careers with their teachers as they prepare to march off the stage and into their jobs.



# Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Without a hitch, the Senior Scholarship program went off as scheduled on May 21<sup>st</sup> this year at the Cedar Point Center on Firelands Campus BGSU, and thanks to the brevity of the presenters, a very long list of recipients had all their grandparents make curfew that evening. Under the very capable leadership of high school guidance counselor, Jan Bogden Henning, '69, and her staff, the standing-room-only crowd first enjoyed plucking a pile of calories from among a sea of chocolate-cheese-pineapple-upside-down cakes lading the dessert tables. Then all settled back to a litany of students called to make the long trip up to the platform to scoop up their envelopes of hard earned dollars.

The list of local organizations and memorial scholarships annually grows longer at these affairs. Rising tuition costs, inflated book prices, and soaring room and board expenses in the past decade could discourage even the most motivated of students, but thanks to the legion of scholarships created, the burden is lightened and students can begin pursuing their post-graduate dreams. Granted, the five hundred or even thousand dollar awards barely ripple the surface of the ocean of debt some of these students and moms and dads are about to incur. Nevertheless, the tremendous psychological boost of the awards more than anything else tells these students their community is banking upon them to represent Huron well in their future careers.

The total dollar value amount of the scholarships awarded the graduates-to-be ran into the high six figures. Local and memorial scholarships, combined with the college granted scholarships, exceeded \$450,000. Throw in the value of a commission to the U.S. Naval Academy, and the grand total easily topped three quarters of a million dollars. An excellent academic class, these seniors excelled under some very adverse finan-

cial conditions plaguing the school system during their high school careers. They saw programs cut and staffing reduced, but they never despaired and thus maintained the high academic standards which past Tigers have established.

As nearly as we can determine, approximately half of this year's graduates received one or more local and memorial awards from all of the local and memorial scholarship funds.

What does it take to be added to this list of scholarship donors?

Three ingredients: A feeling of gratitude toward the school system that made a difference in your own life; a willingness to continue fostering Huron's students as they begin their careers; finally, the resources or the drive to generate the resources to fund a scholarship.

The latter can be imposing, but if just a few like-minded individuals begin talking up an idea, the money has a way of following good ideas. A case in point is one recent addition to the list, the juniors who participated in the 1998 SBC and Regional Championship Tiger football team. These two-dozen guys and their cheerleaders resolved to give back to Huron's kids and committed to annually funding a scholarship for a Tiger player. All it takes is many small contributions to make a sizable chunk of change that can make a huge difference to some deserving student. The beauty of it is that you determine the criteria, the amount given and the winner. Think about it and then maybe do something!

If you are interested in expanding this list of donors, begin now talking up the idea with class or team mates or among any other group of friends with similar interests. Then, after you have lined up your ducks, give the high school and counselor Jan Henning a call, and she can guide you through the few steps to be included. The only hard part after that is finding someone who will actually attend the ceremony and stand up

before the group, keep the speech short, and say those words that every student waits to hear, "And the winner is . . ."

Of course, the granddaddy of them all for the evening was the Vanessa Hart Campbell Scholarship. Students and parents awaited breathlessly as the closely guarded names were finally revealed at the very end of the ceremony. This scholarship was originally established by the very generous gift of Jim Campbell, a forty-year executive of the Detroit Tigers – that other team from up north – in honor of his mother, Vanessa Hart Campbell, '11. Further remembering his alma mater in his will, Jim ensured that the fund would continue to grow. In fact, since the stock market has performed so well in the past year, the value of a scholarship has increased to six thousand dollars per student, renewable for four years contingent upon continued good grades. The amount was made retroactive to include the nine other students currently in the program. With the awarding of this year's grants, the total value given since the inception of the memorial has exceeded one million dollars. Barring a meltdown in the financial markets, what Jim has established should continue to serve Huron's students well into the future.

And the winners are three this year. Michael Klein, Lucas Hahn, and Lindsey Tapp, come on down! Michael and Lucas are the grandsons of two other 1940 Huron graduate classmates, Dick Klein and Ted Hahn, school chums and teammates of Jim Campbell. What are the odds of that! Their fathers, David Klein and Gordon Hahn were respectively 1972 and 1975 grads. Lindsey is the daughter of grads Monty Tapp, '81 and Jane Temper Tapp, '77, and the granddaughter of Edna Esposito Temper, '46. Is this *All in the Family* or what!

Our congratulations to all the winners of all the scholarships and their families who are breathing just a tad more easily now. Your hard work has literally paid off.



Susan Shontz DuBray poses with the recipients of this year's Thomas Shontz Memorial Science Scholarships, Michael Klein and Ashley Bechtel. The scholarship was established to honor long-time chemistry and physics teacher, Tom Shontz, who succumbed to colon cancer in 2004, shortly after his retirement. Winners are annually chosen by Susan from among those expressing an interest in pursuing careers in the natural sciences. Mike is off to - where else - OSU to study in science education, while Ashley will do her work in pediatric nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Why WOULDN'T these winners of the Vanessa Hart Campbell Scholarship be all smiles? Their hard work during their high school careers landed each of them and their families a \$24,000 cushion to soften the blow of impending college costs. Mike Klein, Lindsey Tapp, and Lucas Hahn were members of the National Honor Society, active in athletics, held offices in school organizations and in student government, and represented Huron well throughout their four years. Well done, group, and we expect even greater things to come!

Lindsey will be attending OSU to be a physician's assistant. Lucas plans on a degree in aviation science from Western Michigan University.

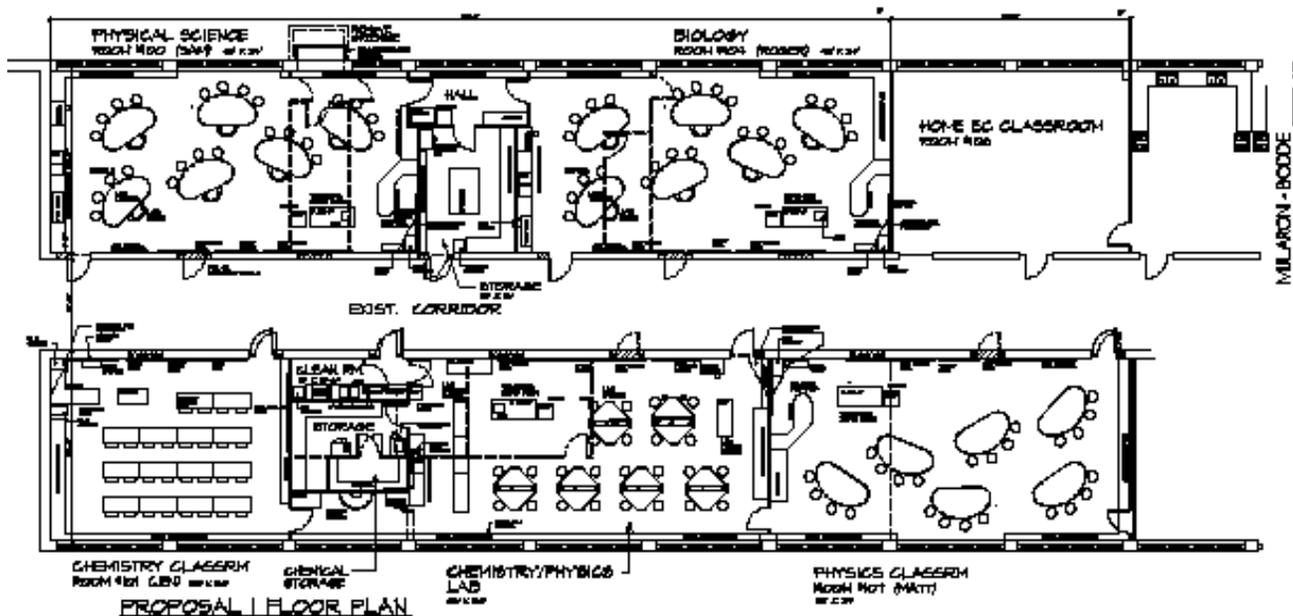


Michael Moberg receives his commission into the United States Naval Academy from "His Admiralness," Charles Krumholz, Sandusky, captain in the United States Naval Reserve.

Dave Wilber, '68, a member of the HHSAA Scholarship Committee, presents Lucas Hahn with this year's HHSAA scholarship award.



# What's New at Huron High School



About a half century ago, some far-sighted board members and their architects planned a modern new high school for the city of Huron's youngsters. The building previously constructed back in the early 40's on Ohio Street to house grades K - 12 for at least a half century or more had already been outstripped, and Shawnee Elementary had been erected to relieve some of the pressure. However, still more relief was needed, so the present high school was opened in the late 50's.

Part of that building was a science, home economics, and manual arts wing on the first floor. Over the years those rooms satisfied the needs of the curriculum, and the district graduated students tops in their fields in the natural sciences. Many of you reading this enjoy your PhD's today because of the basics you learned in these facilities. The legends of classes taught under Jim Seiple, Denny Coughlan, Dino Caporini, or Tom Shontz still are retold at reunions everywhere. And in the manual arts, too, the names of Melvin "Dutch" Laub and his protégé, Bob Bowers, have been forever etched into the annals of Huron High. And the dresses and gowns, together with the aroma of cookies, cakes, and other goodies that wafted from Judy Bates' labs, were always a testament to her sartorial and culinary teaching skills.

But times are changing! Were you to enter that particular floor of the school this summer, you would find a beehive of activity, as the entire area is undergoing a rehabilitation and modernizing. On the biology side of the hallway, the former two classrooms and intermediary laboratory are being replaced with two classrooms, each to be a self-contained lab. Students will now be seated four to an island, each of which is a miniature lab table, complete with water, sink,

and gas jets. The most modern teaching devices are also being installed. On the physics and chemistry side, similar changes are being made, resulting in separate chemistry and physics teaching classrooms and a combined chemistry/physics lab. An enlarged chemical and physics apparatus storage area will be included also.

The home economics area has also been stripped to the walls and awaits new cabinetry, sewing areas, food preparation facilities, and storage. From the far end of the building, where many of you sweated in wood or metal shop classes, new sounds will emanate this fall. The entire wood shop area has been gutted and will be rebuilt to house the band facilities. There will now be plenty of room for our growing band, storage for all their instruments and uniforms, as well as areas for private practice and lessons. They will still have to go outside, however, to practice their marching.

All summer long the dust will fly as contractors and members of our own maintenance crews will labor hard to have all facilities ready for the anticipated August 20 opening. In fact, they are shooting for an earlier date to hold an open house where the community and all past grads will be invited in to view the new digs. We hope to see many of you there and sense already a growing excitement on the part of the students who will be the first to avail themselves of these new facilities. We won't say how many years they are expected to last - too many times in the past, board members and superintendents were off by decades in their guestimates. Let's hope that all the planning and foresight put in by this generation of teachers, administrators, and architects pays off as well as that of our earlier boards did and that we lay the groundwork for legions of students technically and scientifically trained to meet the challenges of a different world.

What you may remember of a chemistry lab from your days with Mr. Coughlan or Shontz and now Ms. Tolenko.

This was the layout as it had stood since the building was erected in the 'late '50's.



Two days later - history!

And how about these remnants of the former vintage 1950's home economics lab? Will former home ec teacher, Mrs. Judy Bates, survive until the ribbon cutting in August?



## Bingo Bites the Dust

The last daubers have dried up, the instantants have been put away, the lights dimmed, and *Taps* sounded. No more the delicious desserts, the occasional N 46, the mass confusion of ten simultaneous winners, the heart pounding suspense on a jackpot coverall. Hello Cleveland Browns and an ice cold beer of a Sunday fall afternoon. What happened? Huron High School Boosters' Bingo has expired, as in "went to the big hall in the sky." The plug has been pulled on the bouncing ball machine, and the high school cafeteria will gather dust on most Sundays now.

All good things come to an end, of course. For sixteen years, the Huron Boosters sponsored bingo to raise money for numerous projects around the Huron City Schools. If you haven't been back for a while, you'd be amazed at how much the landscape has changed, just in the past five years alone. New stadium facilities, soccer and baseball fields, tennis courts, track surface and improved basketball facilities - just to

name a few - are some of the projects undertaken by the Boosters and underwritten by their efforts at promoting bingo. Not to mention the various school related clubs who earned operating funds from setting up and teaming down and actually working the sessions. (That includes your Association.)

But hard times have fallen upon the area, and bingo parlors have not been spared, despite the pious imprecations of church ladies everywhere. In general, the number of people attending bingo throughout the region has not diminished, but the amount of disposable income these parlor patrons have for gaming entertainment has decreased. Just the cost of driving to weekly bingo has increased by over thirty percent in the past year as gasoline prices have spiked. And only God knows how much the price increases have been on the various bangles, baubles and good luck charms that the true believers always purchase to sway Lady Luck to pass over their cards and dance with their dauber.

So it came as not a complete surprise

that this spring the Huron Boosters Bingo game closed its doors after a year of steadily decreasing revenues. In fact, because sales of the special tear-off tickets and specials had decreased, the game was actually losing money, if that is possible. Believe it - it is, and it was, and now the game has closed.

So ruefully the Booster Bingo folks wish to thank the legions of people who have faithfully turned out on Sunday afternoons to support the game and help fund so many programs benefiting students. They also wish to thank the hundreds of people who have worked the sessions over the years. For the regulars - players and workers alike - these games were like family, as they all got to know one another, discussed the topics of the day during breaks, or cursed their luck during bad streaks. However, as you drive around town, please realize that your long years of labor have not been in vain. For everywhere you will find the evidence of your "investment" in Huron. You players, your self-imposed "gaming tax" has meant so much to Huron's students that you

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## Booster Golf Outing to Benefit Programs

Now that Booster Bingo has gone by the wayside for the foreseeable future, the group has searched about for other ways to generate revenues to benefit the athletic programs at Huron High. So we are pleased to announce here the inaugural edition of the First Annual Huron Booster's Golf Scramble. This is one that you won't want to miss. The prize money will attract a very large field, so you'll want to be sure to get your team together and registration in EARLY, if not sooner. Put your SBC golf championship ring and bragging rights up against teams from other decades, and let the winners buy the beer for all!

The event will be held at Thunderbird Hills North on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be two shotgun starts, one at 7:30 AM and another at 2:00 PM sandwiched around luncheon and beverages

about noon. The boosters hope to field a full 72 teams of four persons, with the team entry fee of \$300. There is a guaranteed \$5,000 cash prize to the top four finishers! All sorts of door prizes, 50/50 drawings, and skins are guaranteed to make for a pleasurable day. But don't wait too long, as this event will attract a strong field from the entire area as the word gets out. Deadline for team registration is August 1.

You can send your registration fee and the team members' names and telephone numbers to Scott Gardner, PO Box 184 here in town. Ring him up at 419-433-8223 if you need more information.

The scramble is being held in conjunction with the Booster Club's MEGA Raffle, to be run off the same night, August 1, at 7:30 PM, right at the con-

clusion of the scramble. The tickets are capped at 1000 and sell for \$40 per ticket. Even the Ohio lottery doesn't give odds this good. The grand prize will be \$10,000 with numerous other payouts beginning at twenty winners of \$50, with the number of zeroes increasing through \$1,000 and \$3,000 until the top prize. Payouts, of course, will be prorated according to the number of tickets finally sold. Entertainment, food and beverages will be provided throughout the evening.

Here's your chance to take a chance for a good cause. You can view the results of all the hard work every time you drive by a park, field, or athletic facility in Huron these days. The tireless efforts of these Boosters have made Huron the premier site for facilities in the entire area. Again, on this one contact Scott Gardner or Steve West at 419-433-6529.

**Can you believe it - no more smiling faces like this to serve the bingo parlor patrons on Sunday afternoons?**



**Bingo guru and Boosters' Association president Scott Gardner with partner Bryan Ware and their instant bingos gone the way of the dinosaur? Say it ain't so, Joe!**

## Inspiration Run 2007

What does it take to lead a healthy lifestyle? How to motivate oneself to swim upstream like a salmon when floating, lazing, and pigging out are so much easier? Some look to others who have already swum against the current or have been engaged in any type of ongoing battle, and who are personally admirable for their courage or lifestyle. Each of us admires our own local version of a Lance Armstrong or Roger Clemens or a Superman who defies his fate and embarrasses the rest of us.

As a way of encouraging people to celebrate these role models and to emulate their spirit, Huron's own *Inspiration Run* was begun in 2005, using as a model the lives of Michelle Saunders and Ryan Foss, two Huron High and college classmates killed in an automobile accident in March of 2002. Folks ran, jogged, or walked as a group of friends and neighbors, or co-workers, teammates – or even alone - to celebrate someone. If people would wanted to walk and obtain sponsors to raise money for a cause, that was also encouraged. To date, the *Inspiration Run* has raised money for various local scholarships and memorial funds, as well as the Juvenile Diabetes Association, Diabetes Youth Services, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Laptops for Kids (Cleveland Clinic Foundation's Children's Cancer Unit) to name but a few.

This year the spotlight focuses on Tom Stallings, a former math teacher at Huron High, now in his fifth year of battling ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. The challenges of continuing to maintain a positive outlook on life, despite the worst that life can sometimes offer, have not overcome Tom and his family. The courage and quiet dignity and strength with which they have approached the disease and its gradually encroaching ravages have inspired all who have been privileged to work with them and assist them in this ordeal. Tom and JoLynn have inspired countless friends, neighbors, co-workers and members of their faith community – as well as legions who have never personally met but only read of them in the local media.

It is fitting that The Tom Stallings Mobility Fund be the focus of this year's *Inspiration Run*. Tom's special motorized chair with its fancy on-board computer and a specially equipped van have allowed the family a degree of mobility and independence that otherwise would not have been open to them. But not without beastly costs! However, as Tom continues to move about in society and people view the support system surrounding the family, it truly is an inspiration to all how they all cope and also how the entire community has lifted them up with support since that fateful day when the diagnosis was pronounced. So in a sense, the day and the run are as much about the community as they are about Tom, JoLynn and the children.

To enter this Run/Walk/Jog, obtain entry forms and information from the Huron Parks and Recreation or scroll down their website at [www.huronparks.org](http://www.huronparks.org) to find the form. The event kicks off on Sunday, June 24 at Fabens Park in Huron with check-in between 11:30 AM and 12:15 PM. The gun goes up at 12:30 PM for either the 5K and 10K noncompetitive Run/Walk. Children 12 and under also participate in a special event, over a shorter course, of course, but should be accompanied by an adult. For the directionally challenged, maps of the Cross Country Course will be provided.

The long range forecast predicts a perfect Sunday afternoon, so bring out the family and friends to cheer you on or join in a picnic beforehand or afterwards. You can even create and wear T-shirts in memory or in honor of someone who inspires you. And don't forget to begin exercising now to get into shape for the event. Even salmon pre-condition themselves to begin their swims.

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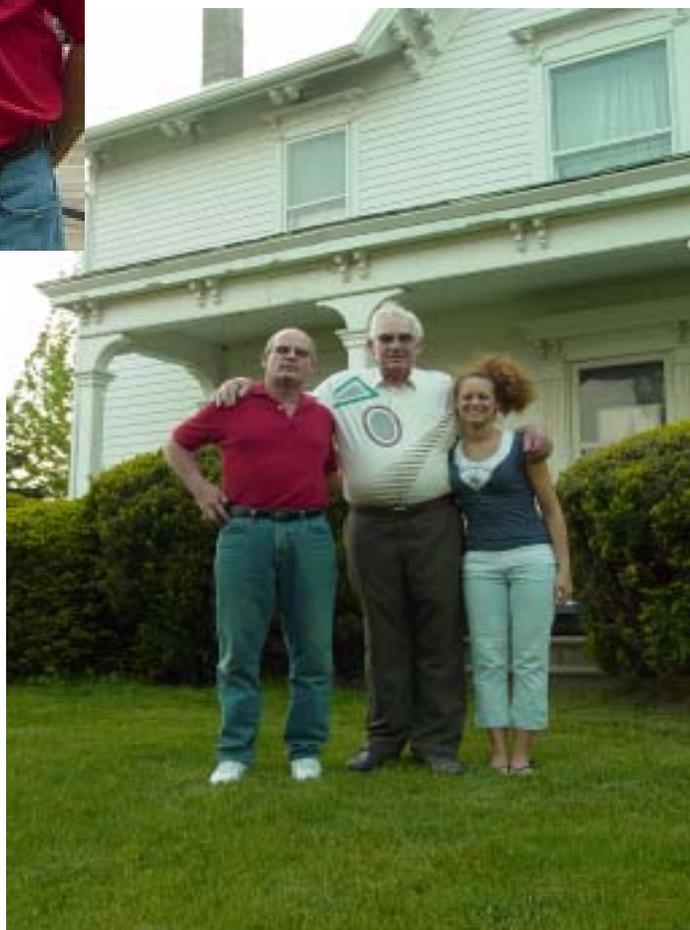
Never one to miss a graduation, Tom Stallings, assisted by his wife JoLynn and their steady babysitter, graduate Ashley Bechtel, prepares to leave the baccalaureate celebration in his super modified people transporter, a hybrid vehicle running on electric and people power. His onboard computer enables him to communicate with others and surf the internet to keep current.



**David Defazio is off to OSU next fall. He will have the encouragement of his grandmother, Rosemary Pisano Defazio, '44, and father Jim Defazio, '73.**



**Proud grandpa Sam Pisano Sr., '47 and papa Sam Pisano Jr., '74, flank Cathryn "Cayte" Pisano who is preparing to enter OSU to study education.**



**Chuck Washburn, '38, is proud of his latest granddaughter to graduate from his alma mater, Jessica Washburn, daughter of Karl, '76, and Kristi Washburn. Chuck's father Walter, who lived in this same home on Huron-Avery Road, was also a Huron High School graduate, a member of the class of 1912. Walter was only the fortieth male to have graduated from Huron High up to that time in its 23rd graduating class. Between its first class of two girls in 1887 and Walter's 1912 class, a total of 163 students had managed to graduate from "that town school."**

## State of the Arts

### HHS Fine Arts Show

The artistic tradition continues in good form at Huron High despite the district's financial problems of the past few years. Students showed off their works at the annual Spring Arts Festival held on May 15.

The affair was simply an enchanted evening as over 300 people attended the showing. Students from all grades exhibited their masterpieces in many different media. Represented were acryl-

ics, oils, oil pastels, watercolors, pencil and charcoal drawings, fashion design, pointillism, photographs, digital art, and sculpture. There were even digital art claymations shown throughout the evening to the delight of all.

Refreshments and snacks were served by some dedicated art and home economics students from Mrs. Fahr's classes. Mrs. VanBarg is proud of all of her arts students, especially Hannah McPhie & Kylee Gebelle who displayed their entire art portfolios from the past four years.

If you want to view these portfolios and other exciting pieces produced by the

students this year, please visit Mrs. VanBarg's website at [http://www.huronhs.com/huron\\_high\\_school/staff/vanbarg](http://www.huronhs.com/huron_high_school/staff/vanbarg). Here you'll even find some of the students' work not actually exhibited at the show but still showing off their creative abilities. Students always appreciate feedback on their works, so if you have the time and the inclination, encourage them through the site.

Rest assured that as more of the program cuts are restored and the curriculum expands, you will see even greater things from these talented students.



Kylee Gebelle entered a contest and for her efforts gained the top prize of a \$10,000 scholarship toward her entrance to the Art Institute of Pittsburgh where she will study fashion design and retail management.

Jenna Bache is off to either Sierra Nevada College or the Pratt Art Institute. Wherever, keep on shooting, kid!

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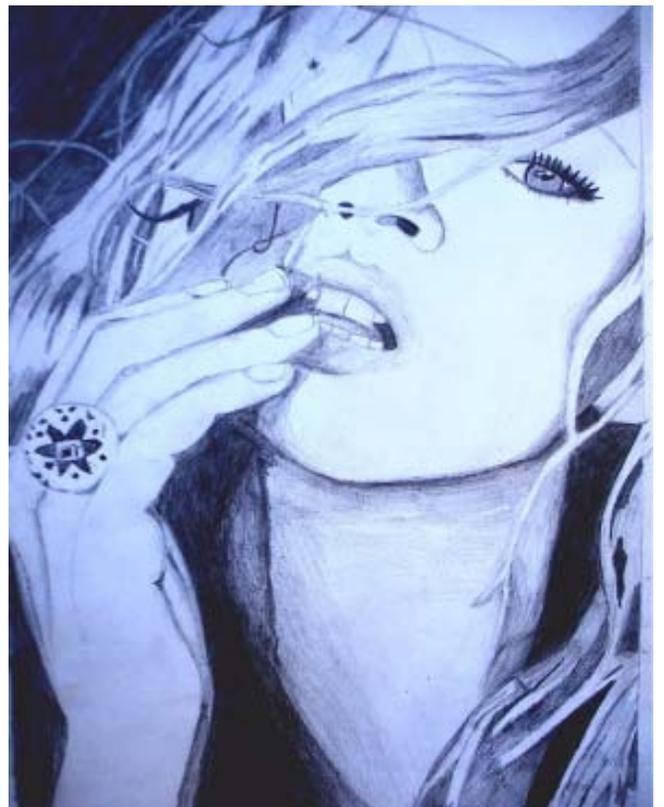
Hannah McPhie is off to college to continue her photography studies and also study film.



## More Goodies from the Art Show



Art I, II, and III sketches and drawings. See more at [www.huronhs.com/huron\\_high\\_school/staff/vanbarg](http://www.huronhs.com/huron_high_school/staff/vanbarg)





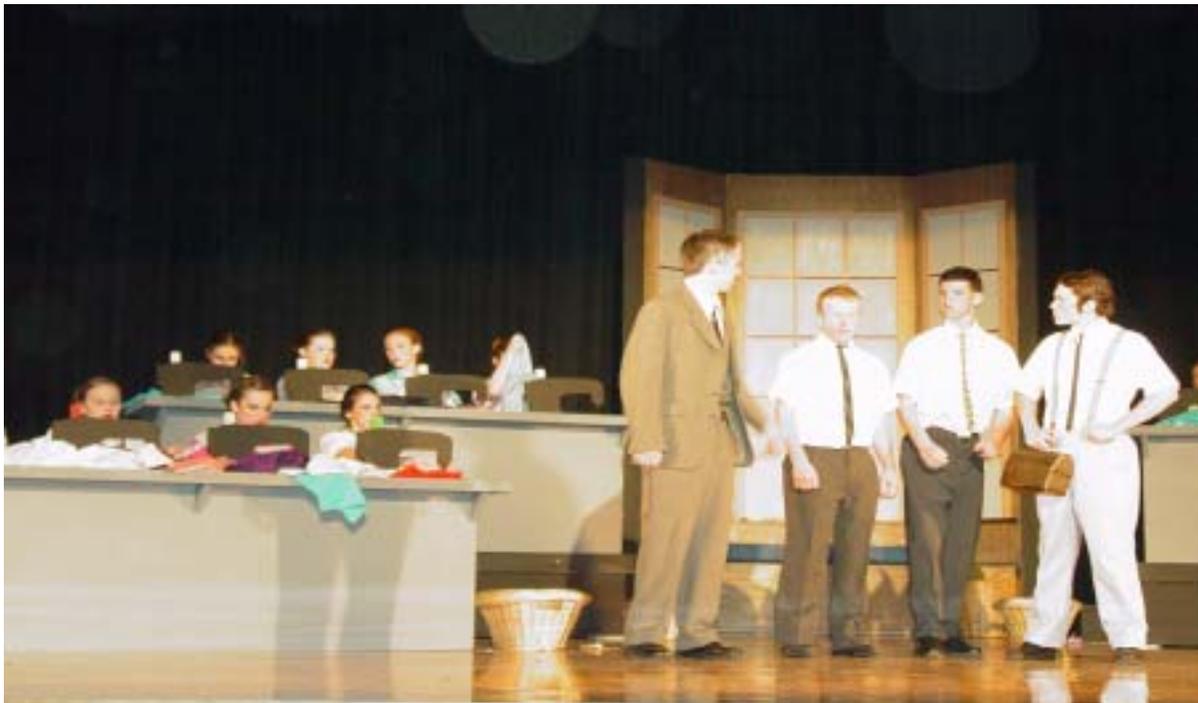
Seniors who participated in this year's musical, *The Pajama Game*, included: Front: Michelle Tomczyk, Ashley Bechtel, Julie Berry, Grace Stierhoff, and Michelle Cook Rear: Alex Wyatt, Chris Acierto, and Josh Adkins.



More factory lovers in this cast than the law ought to allow!

# 2007 Musical The Pajama Game

Brain trust tries to decide how to handle request for a raise.





**A sweat shop revolt abrewing!**

**Things turn hot for employer-employee relations - and that isn't all.**



**Three generations of Muehlhausers on the boards: Kathy Moore, '75, son Rob, and dad George, '48, who still climbs up on stage for Firelands College.**



**Just the finale - nothing happened! Honest!**



## Huron Band Excels

Many of you can remember the “glory days” of Huron’s marching bands, tootling your flute for “Huffy” or Hank or Marv. Then, on Friday nights, half the student body would play the game, the other half the music. Soon students found other choices from many more extracurricular offerings, and the band numbers dropped. Now, the program is rebounding and will move into a new “music wing” come August. New digs bring high expectations, though.

This past year the Huron High School Band program had yet another year full of success. In just five short years, the Band program has grown from 37 members to a 2007-2008 enrollment of 79 members. This past year, the Marching Band performed at The University of Toledo, the Avon Lake HS Band show, and their first ever OMEA Marching Band competition at Perkins High School. In addition, the band was again selected to perform at Disney World’s Magic Kingdom for the 2008 school year. This will mark the Band’s third appearance at the Magic Kingdom.

The Concert Band earned high honors in March at the Ohio Music Education Association’s District Band contest, held at Perkins High School. The Huron Concert Band earned the highest rating, superior, which qualified them for competition at State. The band earned a rating of Excellent at state, again setting a benchmark by being the first band in school history to earn this high a rating at the state level. Congratulations to the students of the 2006-2007 Huron Band.

The upcoming season will mark many new and exciting changes to the program, not the least of which is the addition of a flag corps. The Marching Band will again be competing at the OMEA level, and their “contest” show will feature 4 smokin’ jazz hits: *Georgia On My Mind*, *Killer Joe*, *Land of Make Believe*, and *Birdland*. Make sure you catch some games to hear this great bunch of kids.

## Huron Playhouse to Open 59<sup>th</sup> Season

Start with an appetizer of rehashed Shakespeare over lightly, follow that up with an entree of a good homecooked Amish farce recipe, hire as chef one Sr. Julia, Child of God, then serve it all up around an early 20<sup>th</sup> century immigrant’s dinner table, with a delicious dessert for a lovable orphan, and what do you have? A mouthwatering summer menu for this season at the Huron Playhouse.

Now in its 59<sup>th</sup> year and billed as the oldest continuously running summer playhouse in the state, the Playhouse is still located in the Ohio Street School building, McCormick Middle School to you younger ones. As soon as the kids abandoned their desks this May, the collegians took over the facilities and began preparing for their five-week run. Most of these thespians are theatre students with some local talent occasionally thrown in.

And what a lineup they have prepared for this summer!

*Kiss Me Kate* is the modern Cole Porter retake on Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew*, based on the book by Bella and Samuel Spewack. The score may be over fifty years old, but the music delights as much today as when first produced. The run is June 26 through June 30.

*I Remember Mama* transports the audience to a quieter time in early twentieth century San Francisco, to the home of Norwegian immigrants. Mama tries to manage a quiet household but all too often has to referee the antics of children around the commotion of an extended family and neighbors. Some of you may even remember from your early TV history the black and white series based upon the story and running until 1957. If you can recall this, you need to get on over to see the real thing. *Mama* runs during the Fourth of July week.

*Nonsense: the Mega-Musical* uses up all the leftover fireworks in a slightly irreverent peek at convent life mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. But this version is updated in all its details, with new scores, new characters, and a new wimpled face, the convent cook, who else but Sr. Julia, Child of God. It’s a night to let loose to enjoy senseless, inane frivolities, and allow the funny bone to be tickled in ways you never though imaginable by nuns.

Imagine a comedy set in Amish York of Lancaster County PA. Except that the antics in *Leading Ladies* are anything but Amish as two Shakespearean actors, trying to eke out a thespian existence on the country circuit, try a shortcut to riches which backfires upon them. Posing as a dowager’s nephews to inherit her fortune, they learn that the deceased forgot to die and the long-lost nephews are really female. Does this spell FARCE? Come see the week of July 17.

Leapin’ lizards! What’s not to like when an orphan and her dog can rise from rags to riches in *Annie*? An orphanage escapee, she lives on hope as she navigates the Depression era real world and dreams always of Tomorrow. Thank you, Herbert Hoover, for giving us this little tike during finale week, starting July 24.

So, when the lazy, hazy days of summer finally strike Northern Ohio and you’re looking for something to do of an evening, Tuesdays through Saturdays from the end of June through July, cruise on over to your old haunt on Ohio Street and enjoy the air conditioned auditorium, the music and the laughter. You’d do better to get your tickets in advance, though, to be assured of a seat in this ever-popular summer stock theatre. And it’s handicap accessible! Phone lines opened up June 13 at 419-433-4744. Call now before the ducats are all scooped up.

## A Munafò Author?

An oxymoron? Not hardly.

This is a tale of a son who did NOT take after the father. In some ways, yes. Athletic talent, definitely; owning an ugly dog, no. As for putting words on paper, the most writing Tony Sr. ever did was one letter at a time in a grade book and some x's and o's on a blackboard. The son – now that's another story.

Marc Munafò has been writing since high school, but in earnest since his days at the Air Force Academy back in the mid-80's. From between his football practices, classes, and flight lessons, some pretty amazing poetry emerged. Artwork also found its way onto college walls as he gradually massaged the right side of his brain. Then graduation hit, and military service flying in Gulf War I, and now as a commercial pilot for Delta. Along the way he married, started a family, and hopped into the rat race maze of married life, trying to balance multiple lives as husband, dad, pilot, REAL MAN, and community member. The only thing missing is the white picket fence – termites love those things down in Florida.

Now has emerged Marc's short, readable book, *The Real Man's Guide to Happiness*. We read it in manuscript form under this present title, but the publishers are panning around *Enlightenment for the Knucklehead*. Whatever! As a non-fiction, part pseudo-therapy, part personal journey piece, it sometimes waxes between a Holden Caulfield or Richard Brautigan or Jack Kerouac-lite narrator on a search for the enlightenment otherwise NOT found in YellowBook.com. Except it addresses more midlife topics than adolescent, drugged out coming-of-age themes. It sidesteps all the wise-cracks in the oxymoronic *Male Intellect*. Best of all, it's a short work – in deference to a Real Man's attention span, of course.

Real Men naturally shun this type of reading. They're too busy with heavier fare – sports bios, the swimsuit edition, how-to books on get-rich-quick schemes, or maybe the *Idiot's Guide to Plumbing* when the john backs up. They are as fond of the wife's reading rack as of jock itch, and all this touchie-feelie stuff is so much – well, this is a family paper. So in this, his first foray into this otherwise foreign male territory, Marc is meeting with good reviews so far as his agent shops around the manuscript.

In pretty straight forward language that most males would understand, Marc minces few words in first describing what is becoming the all too familiar modern male's travails of midlife. A constant undercurrent ranges throughout the work – Am I having fun yet? Of course, if the answer were even a guarded affirmative, there would have been no book. But as most modern families have learned in the past generation or so, societal expectations and role reversals have certainly changed many things since the days when our fathers and mothers swapped spit and then the "I-do's." And someplace along the way, most of us skipped that chapter in either our high school sociology classes or single living courses. We just don't get it yet!

In this very readable book, Marc depicts the modern marriage wracked from all sides with the participants tap dancing through life trying carefully to avoid tromping on one another's toes and ego's as they learn that *Dancing with the Stars* marriage ain't. So there you are someday sitting across from a therapist who tries to put you into contact with that inner self right behind your navel. And you churn up your guts and reach in to grab out a handful, and find out that it's the same as everyone else's. Nothing original any more! Everything homogenized by a consumer society that stresses enslavement to brand names, the same two TV reality shows, a choice of really only two different beers any more, and even a single

political party masquerading as two. (Three if you are rooting for some independent ticket to emerge in '08.)

And that's all before a guy even thinks about his responsibilities to a wife and kids and the job that pays the bills, slaps food on the table, and ponies up the money so he can afford the rut in which he is mired. And he wonders when he's supposed to start having fun!

So what's a guy to do? You won't find a twelve step program in this book. Not even six. Rather, some obvious, common sense things that we were all exposed to when younger are seen as the keys to smelling the cheese and solving the maze. The key is simplicity and learning to "let it go." And the "it" Marc explains fairly well, choosing language and situations any modern, pre-lobotomized American male could recognize.

Now some may be thinking that this book is just another twist on New Age gobbledygook. Not so. Yes, the Dalai Lama is mentioned a time or two, but all the personal growth jargon is omitted here. Instead, what emerges is a simple realization that the key to happiness lies in one's own hands, in the admission of responsibility for one's own level of happiness, not expecting life to guarantee it. In Marc's estimation, laziness is the key component producing dissatisfaction – a laziness that allows others to dictate our tastes and define a path to OUR happiness THEIR way! Jeez, why don't we just slip into someone else's underwear – it's already broken in! If personal growth is a lifetime commitment to the pursuit of discovering the real-ME, then why do we chase others' illusive pots of gold labeled college degree, McMansion, Dockers, NBA, fast women, The Firm, sports heroes, and souped-up cars – in short, anything else that usually shows up in a Super Bowl commercial.

On the other hand, being mindful, which is to say attaining a consciousness of the naturally occurring rhythms

rather than the artificial ones corporate America has created, seems the simple way out of so many of modern life dilemmas, a way of unburdening the pressures that weigh us down, suggests Marc. Probably a greater range of rhythms explored in this section would have given the work a wider range of appeal, but those supplied will work for most discombobulated males. Another problem is that we all carry filters, as he calls them, which prevent our hearing, seeing, perceiving reality as it is. Relationships fare poorly because of these filters, until and unless we learn how to recognize and short-circuit them. Cheating to the cheese? Not really. More like redefining cheese and changing mazes.

At this point the book swims up to the edge of the topic of meditation but drops away all too soon. It rebounds to a discussion of why religion needs to be reviewed, not from a childhood perspec-

tive that most people retain too long, but with the insights provided by all sorts of modern writers, including physicists, novelists, and other spiritual writers, even Deepak Chopra – not a rapper but an Indian Mystic/doctor/writer. A good part of the book then steers readers to those who just may have *The Secret*. Or, as Marc would put it, he seeks to be a sort of “Cliff’s Notes” version (Remember his audience!) of the many self-help books, therapy sessions, and lifetime experiences. The problem is that sometimes the discussions assume the reader is already a tad familiar with the suggested authors’ premises, the jargon they use, their theories. Perhaps a safer bet would be to read them (or listen to them, as Marc loves the audio versions of many of these books), or catch the DVD version, and then reread the *Knucklehead* book just to make sure you have correctly synthesized everything.

At this printing, the work is not yet available on eBay. It is being shopped among some of the bigger Manhattan publishers at present, a generally slow process - that’s how it is with these seven and eight figure deals! We’ll post a notice on our website as soon as we hear the good news. Can a book signing be far behind? Lines form at the rear at Huron Memorial Stadium at half time during the Homecoming Game??

And look for other works from Marc – maybe not soon, but he does have a firm commitment from his agent for two more titles. It’s enough work to keep him busy and grounded – he has taken a leave from his piloting duties to finally do what he grew up to do, write. Now if Mr. Mom can just figure out how to raise the two kids while Mrs. Mom flies and he writes, we should be treated to a novel and a *Knucklehead* sequel. Can *Knucklehead for Dummies* be far behind? Stay tuned for more titles.

## Giving Corner

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Tim Brugeman	Findlay	OH ‘68	Dan Hoppe	Elmore	OH ‘94
Ken Bogden	Huron	OH ‘70	Kristi Taylor Schlessman	Huron	OH ‘97
Bill Scott	Huron	OH ‘72			



Is this a grand gaggle of Gioffre's or what? Proud "Grandpa" Pat, '45, and Patrick "Sticks," '70, Gioffre rejoice that the third Patrick has finally graduated. Sisters "Angie" Angelina '00, Amy, '03, and Lisa, '02 round out this group of Gioffre grads.

Dwarfed by their equipment, three generations of Schlessman's celebrate family and farm in this pose. Grandfather Rol Schlessman, '57, and dad Dale Schlessman, '77, support the farming ambitions of the next generation of farming Schlessman's, graduate Allison.



Emily Dircks and her graduate dad, Steve, '70, and grandma Jan Grisell Dircks, '50, visited the firehouse for this shot.

## 2007 Reunion Season

Year	Date	Details	Contact Persons
1943	Sat. Sept. 8	HYC at high noon	Ellie Waite 440-572-2465
1947	Thursday Sept. 6	HYC at noon 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration	Ida Hastings 419-433-4961
1952	Fri. July 13	Huron Township Conservation Club	Agnes Majoy 419-433-5304 Harriet Anthony 419-588-2597 Don Ritzenthaler 419-433-5602
1957	September 1 Sawmill Creek	details in the works, postcards to follow 50th anniversary celebration	Sue Boldman 419-433-4299 SDBold@aol.com Lucy Stout 419-433-2596 Jean Anne Osterling 419-668-4597 Barb Burris 419-433-5123
1962	August 4	at home of Bob & Sharon Barnes cocktails 7 PM, dinner at 8 PM	Linda Greem at 419-433-0063 or bouvielady@aol.com
1967	September 28 September 29	Fri nite game and Mulligan's Pub Kalahari Resort	Ann Wunder Bauman 419-433-4312 Sandi Brugler Rosenberg 419-433-4007 purple34@aol.com
1972	September 28 September 29	Homecoming game/activities Dinner	Barb Spier 419-433-8533 Glen Ginesi 419-433-6080
1977	Sat. July 14	HYC cocktails by 6 PM music and dancing, too	DebGadd Jones 419-684-9148 djz325@sbcglobal.net
1987	July 7	Kalahari's Nia Center 7:00 PM	Shana Pohl Wainwright 419-433-5317 Shanawainwright@hotmail.com

## Columbus Regional Reunion

The table has been set, the food laid in, the music selected, and all we need now is the crowd. On Saturday night, June 23rd, will occur a Midsummer's Night Revelry in Bexley OH at the home of Lisa Stein, '80. She and her host committee of Sandy Hoffman Morckel, Kristin Watt, Dick Beatty, and many other committed grads have prepared an evening for the ages in this first-ever Huron High Alumni regional reunion. Already dozens across all age brackets have signed up to attend. More can be accommodated. Except the hour is late, so you really need to email fast to make final arrangements if you have put this one off till now. Contact either Lisa at [lstein@columbus.rr.com](mailto:lstein@columbus.rr.com) or Sandy at [sandy@premiereconsulting.net](mailto:sandy@premiereconsulting.net).

## River Fest Weekend

Plan now to attend the River Fest gala from July 13 - 15. Your Association will once again sponsor a tented area with tables and chairs available for grads to congregate and gab from Friday evening until closing on Sunday afternoon. Join us also on Saturday morning when our float entry will be paraded through town with the displays, floats, bands, marchers and twirlers of dozens of other organizations. Did we mention politicians, too? And if you can't make it back, then take in your own local Fourth of July parade. Small town, big town America at its best for all the world to see. Be there!

## Model United Nations a Huron First

“I don’t think my Model UN students know how much I appreciate their extra work.”

Thus said Heather Merckens, Huron High School social studies teacher, as she contemplated the achievements of the first ever Huron contingent of the Model U.N. Club. Many of you probably remember slaving your way to Columbus and play-acting various state governmental roles at Buckeye Boys’ or Girls’ State. Some of you may even have served in offices, elected by your peers, and even fewer may have parlayed that experience into political service of some sort today. That being the case, what can we expect of those Huron grads someday who have participated in a similar experience based around the United Nations?

The scope and vision of this program are truly remarkable. The Model UN students researched the following countries, some of which were previously unknown to them: Afghanistan, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Central African Republic, El Salvador, and Maldives. (Sure don’t remember some

of those from OUR geography class maps.) They were also responsible for understanding complex international issues, including the spread of AIDS, the struggles of human migration and displaced refugees, poaching, debt forgiveness, ecotourism, nuclear nonproliferation, and the crisis in Darfur, Sudan. Students typed position papers and formal resolutions. They created and presented Power Point projects. They spoke in front of large numbers of relative strangers and came back to Huron holding their heads high.

Despite these seemingly daunting demands, Heather reports that her students pressed on, accomplished their preparation, and learned, debated, ate pizza and danced their way through two conferences. There was also a continual struggle to make sense of parliamentary procedure while competing among students from other schools who have participated in Model UN since Jr. High. Yet they returned home successful, underscored by the Central African Republic’s trophy for one of the best resolutions in the fall. These students accomplished additional aca-

demic work and learned so much as voluntary members of a school club. Even more heartening is that many of them recently attended a morning meeting to select countries for next year and expressed their excitement in coming back for in ’08. Isn’t it wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning among this generation!

Many of these same students also take Advance Placement social studies courses and complete challenging assignments there as well. So for them to undertake a commitment as Huron’s first contingent to the Model U.N. was quite a feat. Kudos to these students and to their teacher, Heather Merckens. She especially wanted the kids to know publicly that she very much appreciated their time and contributions to this experience.

So the bar has been set, and we expect no less from future representatives from Huron. And we look forward to the day when a Huron name makes headlines somewhere in the world for service to humanity, the result of this type of extracurricular activity.



## Huron Retirees for 2007

If these three seem to be smiling too broadly, it’s because they are retiring from Huron City Schools with nearly a century of combined service. On the left is Karen McMillion, who began at the high school in the home economics department and then went to Woodlands as a counselor, kindergarten, and special education teacher. On the right is Elaine Hinde Bores, ‘67, a thirty-year elementary teacher who started many of you on the road to education. The thorn between the two roses is Bob Croll, ‘79, who is doing what most men would like to do: retire by age 47, healthy, and able to do another job. Bob was recruited by his father, Bob Croll Sr., thirty one years ago at age sixteen, to work in custodial and maintenance positions over the summer, and he never stopped. Bob and his crew have kept the buildings clean, safe, and in good operating order for decades. He and his friend John Deere were often at work at 5 AM plowing out drives and doorways to keep the schools running in the winter.

Our kudos to all three and thanks for your century of loyal service.

# TigersConnect.com

Your Association, in partnership with the Huron Boosters, this month is debuting a program to connect Huron grads wherever they are in the world. The plan provides a way for alums to promote their products, services, or business to the general public, but particularly to the Huron alumni public. The basic premise is that, all other things being equal, Huron grads would be more comfortable doing business with someone with whom they have something in common, namely their Huron roots. So networking among the Huron Family should also be enhanced.

The benefit to the Alumni Association and the Boosters is that part of the advertising revenue derived can be directed toward their respective scholarship funds. We feel that over time as this service grows, this alternative method of funding scholarships will be more stable than depending upon the vagaries of the weather on the night of our annual Scholarship Dance in early February.

Alumni can create an internet presence for their businesses at TigersConnect.com in several ways.

The most basic package is a directory ad, which is a personal profile that includes your name, company information, logo or photo, a link to the company web site, directions to the business, and a description of the business and the services it offers. The business directory is organized by profession as well as graduation year.

Alumni can also utilize page sponsor ads, which are large ads that appear in the same space on every page. They link directly to the company website and appear with artwork provided by the company. A directory listing is included with the purchase of any sponsor ad.

As an added bonus and incentive, TigersConnect.com includes a coupon page to actually create and post coupons and discounts for Alumni businesses available to all users. This strengthens an already established loyalty among Huron High School Alumni and rewards them for being part of the network.

Also, Alumni can browse TigersConnect.com and post their per-

sonal information for free. There is just a fee to list your business. However, Alumni who do register will receive a free vacation for joining the service. Details are available on the site. Several businesses have already created listings on TigersConnect.com, including Joy Hillman, Frank DeLuca and Ian Hartten.

If you visit TigersConnect.com, you will see the skeleton of a very powerful future tool. If you wish to see a more fully mature site, one that is continuing to grow the program to its fullest, visit that of the Toledo Central Catholic High School at [www.cchsconnect.com](http://www.cchsconnect.com), the folks from whom we have "borrowed" the idea. One of their grads, Tim Drumm, husband of Ellen Kaiser Drumm, '74, became acquainted with the idea at his alma mater and brought it to our attention as a great way to assist Huron's students. Browse the site and you, too, will see the power of this method of advertising your business. We hope you will agree and make use of the service. For more information, you can also contact Joe Antoszewski at 419-205-3817. Joe is handling all the logistics of the program for us.



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Go to [www.tigersconnect.com](http://www.tigersconnect.com) or call Joe at 419-205-3817.

## What's Happening?

If you live in town, you know that summer is absolutely hectic in this area. And while the bypass has made escaping driveways easier, the beaches and bars are always crowded, the pier and the river are constantly buzzing with activity, restaurants nightly produce lines out the door, the Huron Playhouse packs them in, and the boat basin rocks all summer long. Throw in a few festivals and you'll understand why folks, especially those who have chosen to retire in quiet Huron, breathe more easily in September.

However, we offer this listing of summer events mostly to you out-of-town grads who may be trying to plan a return visit to include some event or two. May your visit with family and friends be enjoyable and safe, and may you find the events here for which you were looking and longing!

### June

- 23 Columbus area Alumni Reunion
- 24 Inspiration Run – Fabens Park 11:30 AM
- 26 – 30 Huron Playhouse opens with *Kiss Me Kate*  
(All show times are 8 PM nightly, Tues. through Sat.)
- 29 Ohio Army National Guard Band at the Basin

### July

- 3 – 7 *I Remember Mama* – Huron Playhouse
- 13 – 15 River Fest – HHSAA float and hospitality tent
- 10 – 14 *Nunsense: the Mega-Musical* – Huron Playhouse
- 17 – 21 *Leading Ladies* - Huron Playhouse
- 21 Veggie U 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Food and Wine Celebration; for details visit [www.veggieu.org](http://www.veggieu.org)
- 21 Saunders/Foss Golf Scramble – T Bird North
- 22 Arts at the Amphitheater with Cathy Black singing 7 - 8:30 PM
- 24 – 27 *Annie* – Huron Playhouse
- 29 Arts at the Amphitheater - Pantasia 7 - 8:30 PM

### August

- 5 Arts at the Amphitheater with OSU and OSU-Alumni Bands
- 10 Rotary Rib Cook-Off, Blue Grass Festival at the Basin
- 11 - 12 Rotary Art Festival at the Amphitheater
- 18 Boosters' Golf Scramble and Mega Raffle – T Bird North
- 18 All Wooden Boat Show at the Basin

### September

- 28 Huron High School Homecoming Football Game  
All Huron alums are invited to sit again as a group and cheer on another great Tiger team. Details of pregame food and entertainment and post-game gathering to be announced in the fall *Newsletter*.

Weekly: Boppin on the Basin – Every Saturday evening 7 – 9 PM

Visit the Huron Park and Recreation website at [www.HuronParks.org](http://www.HuronParks.org) for other scheduled events.

## More Three Generation Graduate Family Photos



Tempers and Tapps fill this picture with graduate Lindsey Tapp. At the left, Monty, '81, and Jane Temper Tapp, '77 flank grandmother Edna Esposito Temper, '46, while sister Ashley Tapp, '06, and grandpa Ted Temper stand all smiles on the right.

The Fantozzi clan celebrates another graduation, that of Alex, left rear. With patriarch Peter, '52, are Anta Klonk Fantozzi, '83, and Paul Fantozzi, '83. Bringing up the rear are graduate Alex and Dominic, '98. It is unknown if or when Cassie, the three-legged canine, graduated from obedience school.

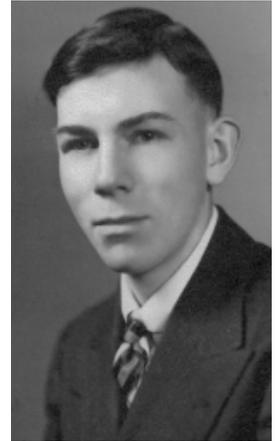
Benjamin Blodgett poses with his grandmother, Patty Majoy Blodgett, '57, and the head of buildings, grounds, and maintenance for the HuronCity Schools, Jim Blodgett, '74. Cleans up pretty well now, doesn't he?



It's all in the neighborhood for this family. The Majoy Grandparents, Joe, '51, and Bonnie, '54, live just west of the Sand Bar, while the Suters are a few doors east. Graduate Sarah Suter is about to enjoy dinner with her mom, Kim, '80, and brother Alex, '04, home from Virginia Tech.



Michael Klein enjoys sharing his graduation with his aunt, Terry Klein Herzog, '73, Grandpa Dick, '40, and Grandma June, as well as his dad, David, '72.



Ted Hahn, '40, in his graduation picture

## Deep Ohio Corn Belt Roots

For about a century now, five generations of area sweet corn connoisseurs have annually trekked out to Bogart Road by buggy, bike, or pickup to sample Hahn's sugary corn. Four of those generations have graduated from Huron High School; the fifth probably would have had there been a Huron High back then. William Hahn, recently arrived in America from Germany, bought the famous multi-pillared 1840's Sprague home in the late 1800's and produced Huron High's 31st male graduate, Conrad Hahn who graduated in 1907. (He's the one in the picture held by Gordon.) Conrad graduated with his sister Christina and also Vera Hart, sister of Vanessa Hart Campbell for whom brother Jim named his scholarship. Then Conrad's son Ted graduated in 1940 (that's Ted's graduation picture in the insert.) with that Klein-Campbell bunch mentioned elsewhere herein. Ted and Mary Christine Alter, shown here with Ted's picture, were then married in 1956 after Chris was recruited in 1948 to teach in town by that famed matchmaker, R.L. McCormick. Seems R.L. and Mrs. Krock had a thing going with her boarding house. He would bring these new girls to town, and she would supply a room and an eventual husband for them. (See the past stories on Donna Hamer and Georgeanna Scott!) When not raising children, Christine would continue to teach English and direct the junior class dramatics productions in the Ohio Street School until 1971. Her son Gordon graduated in 1975 and later married that lovely Port Clinton gal, Mary Gutkoski. Together they have produced, in addition to corn, peaches, and various and sundry veggies, this year's graduate, Lucas, who is holding his puny diploma above that of his great granddad. (Education costs rise, diploma size shrinks.) Gordon now substitute teaches for the district and Mary is currently assisting in the guidance department. Now, however, the line of farming-teaching succession may be interrupted. Lucas is planning on attending Western Michigan University and majoring in aviation technology – trading farming for flying. How do you keep them down on the farm when they've seen the Hinde Airport! Well, at least there will be some fine aerial shots of the six-generation family homestead some day as Lucas leaves it up to brother Eric or sisters Anne Marie or Laura to don the bib overalls or gingham smocks. Does this farm story have deep roots or what? To be continued - hopefully!



## Classnotes

**Mitch Eakin**, '72, may now safely be removed from the back of your milk cartons. He surfaced recently in Santa Barbara CA. Fresh from his journalism degree from the University of Toledo, he went for another at The California Institute of the Arts for Live-Action Film/Video Production. Then came 27 years in Hollywood doing Art Department stuff, starting with set and prop construction and moving up through the ranks to construction coordinating, art direction, and finally production design in movies and video. Today he has escaped the smog and traffic of LA and helps his wife Nell in her realty business, often using his skills to effect remodeling in homes she sells.

**Scott Lunato**, '87, reports that he has had his school work interrupted so that he could be re-deployed, but he is doing his clinicals over there, so all is not lost. He plans on attending his class reunion later this summer during a mid-tour leave. Guess who wins the distance-traveled prize!

**David Gundlach**, '87, will not be attending his class's 20<sup>th</sup> reunion this summer, as he and the family will move to his new assignment as attaché in Moscow. He has been recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and is an intelligence officer on Eastern European affairs.

**Marc Swackhamer**, '89, is an assistant professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota. . Before that, he taught at University of Cincinnati for a few years and prior to that was in grad school at Rice University in Houston. Married to his high school sweetie, Connie Rose, the couple has a daughter, Maeve, who is almost 7. Besides, teaching, Marc also has a practice with a friend in Houston and a website at [www.slvdesign.com](http://www.slvdesign.com). They won top prize in this year's *I.D. Magazine* Annual Awards issue in the "Environments" category. The photo spread comes out in June as the July / August issue and can be found in Barnes & Noble type places when you're browsing.

**Robert Hammond**, '90, returned from service in Iraq late this spring in time to help his wife Tammy prepare to deliver twins. The girls arrived on June 2 and are doing better than their tired parents – and grandparents!

**Jennifer Mingus Mountcastle**, '93, is now a practicing attorney with the firm of Thompson Hine LLP and lives in Avon Lake OH with her husband Bill and ten month old daughter Clare.

**Steve Olenek**, '93, is now known as the Juice Doctor to his many customers for *Xango*, the miracle health drink that all the world is talking about these days.

**Daniel Hoppe, Jr.** '94, was named Chair of the Health Care Administration program at Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, located in Toledo. Dan had been teaching undergraduate courses in marketing, human resources, and health care management for the college since August of 2006. Dan and his wife Heather reside in Elmore, Ohio with their two children, Danny (4) and Hannah (1).

**Jade Hoffman**, '98, received her bachelors degree in Journalism from Ohio University in 2002. Most recently, she moved to Cleveland where she has been working as a marketing coordinator at the Cleveland Clinic for a year and a half.

**Matt Schuster**, '00, graduated with an Associates degree in Liberal Studies in May of '06 and a bachelors degree in Liberal Studies from BGSU in the summer '06. He was then recruited by the Omni Hotel Corporation to join in their new L.I.D. program (Leadership In Development), a year long fast-track to a position in management at an Omni Hotel. Now at the end of the program in Austin, TX at the Omni Austin Downtown, Matt awaits placement in a management position, enjoying TX in the interim.

**Jill Mack**, '00, is a nanny these days right outside of Chicago and has lived there for almost 2 years. After graduating from Bluffton University, she lived and taught in Baltimore for a year through Mennonite Voluntary Service.

**Joy Badiuk**, '00, writes that she is currently living in Charleston, SC and has been here for about a year and half. Having graduated from the University of Kentucky in Dec '05 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, she is now working in Charleston at the Medical University of South Carolina in the Pediatric Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit where she cares for children born with congenital heart defects and/or who have had pre/post heart transplants.

**Nicole Foust**, '01, lives in the valley of the sun, in Scottsdale, AZ and has been working for the world's largest commercial real estate firm, CB Richard Ellis Brokerage Firm, since graduation in '05. She reports that she has discovered an Ohio State Buckeye bar out there called Mickey's Hangover on Drinkwater Blvd. in Scottsdale, in case anyone visits the Phoenix area during football or basketball season. She assures us that anyone will be able to find someone from Ohio there any given Saturday or Monday.

**Jennifer Wireman**, '01, graduated from BGSU and for the past 2 years has been working as a youth specialist in a residential treatment facility for adolescents for Starr Commonwealth Hannah Neil Center in Columbus, Ohio.

**Ara Bartemes**, '01, is currently in Del Rio, TX at Laughlin AFB training to become an Air Force pilot. He is pretty excited about the whole thought of flying, possibly all over the world, and as of May 16 he hit the flight line flying a trainer prop aircraft with the instructor pilot.

**Nick Roshon**, '03, recently finished up school at Northwestern University and started working full time this summer at Hagerty Consulting in Chicago as he now looks for new digs.

**Kyle Wright**, '03, is in Cleveland attending Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

**Justine Bunn**, '03, recently returned from Germany after ten weeks studying the arts in an ex-GDR city called Leipzig. This OU grad, with a dual major in Linguistics and Psychology, at the end of the summer will move to Dayton to begin work on a master's in Clinical Psychology at UD.

**Krista Klonek**, '03, recently graduated from OSU's Fisher's College of Business with her degree in finance and will be moving to Sanford NC for her first job.

**Jennifer Corso**, '03, is now an alumna of U. of Cincinnati with a degree in journalism and an English minor. Jenn is now commissioned in the U.S. Army and is attached to the 983rd Engineer Battalion out of Monclova, OH. She will also be working for Cincinnati's ROTC department during this summer.

## Engagements

**Jamie Moran** '99 and Scott Kirby of Columbus OH announced their engagement December 21. Jamie earned her bachelor's degree in sociology and computer applications magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 2003 and her master's degree in school counseling from The Ohio State University in 2006. She is presently employed at the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), an online charter school based in Columbus. Scott graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education. He is employed by Columbus Public Schools. They plan to wed May 24, 2008 in Huron.

**Aimee Steinmetz**, '04, and Michael Johnson, of Sandusky, announced their engagement on May 13. Aimee is majoring in special education at the University of Akron, from where she will graduate in May of 2008. Michael, a Sandusky High School alumnus, also graduated from the EHOVE Career Center Fire Protection Program. Now enrolled in the Summa Health System Paramedic Education Program with a fall graduation set, Michael is employed by American Medical Response of Akron OH. An August 11 wedding is being planned.

**Scott Pisano**, '98, and Kari Lavalley of Monroeville (OH) announce their engagement on May 27. Scott graduated from OSU in 2002 and is now a sales representative for the *Sandusky Register*. Kari, a Monroeville High School graduate and 2004 grad of Firelands BGSU, is using her early childhood degree in her employment with the Monroeville Local Schools. The couple plans to wed August 4.

**Daniel Solomon**, '00, and Amber Lynn Gilson of Butler PA announced their nuptials on May 27. Dan earned his B.S. degree in business management and political science from Grove City College in 2004. He is now employed as a pharmaceutical sales rep for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Amber, a 2001 graduate of Steel Valley High School, also earned her B.A. in psychology from Grove City College in 2005 and is now a marketing specialist at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. The couple will wed in May, 2008.

**Adam Fischer**, '97, and Colleen Lynn Harris of Dublin (OH) announced their engagement on May 27. Adam, a graduate of OSU, is a funding specialist at BMW Financial Services. Colleen, a Dublin-Coffman High School and OSU graduate also, is manager of communications for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. The wedding is set for October 27.

**Mary Beth Clemens**, '78, and Brian Yeager announced their engagement on June 3. Mary Beth earned her B.S. degree in Business administration from Bowling Green State University and another in middle childhood education. She is employed by Cherokee County Schools in Canton (GA). Brian, of Erie PA, graduated from Cathedral Preparatory school in Erie and Edinboro University. He is a technology specialist for Steris Medical Corp of Atlanta GA. The couple will wed on July 6.

**Joseph DeFazio**, '00, and **Brittany Schiffl**, '02, announced their upcoming wedding on June 3. Brittany is a 2006 graduate of the University of Toledo where she studied early childhood education. She currently is a substitute teacher in Berlin heights. Joe graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2004, having studied criminal justice. He is now employed by the Huron Police Department. June 23 will be their wedding day.

**Samantha Baum**, '02, and Eddie Hawkins of Oak Harbor announced their engagement on June 10. A 2006 graduate of Bowling Green State University with her bachelor's in early childhood education, Samantha is now employed by the Bellevue and Clyde-Green Springs School District and also the Brown Derby Roadhouse in Sandusky. Eddie also attended BGSU and is employed at Sears in the Sandusky Mall. The couple will wed on July 7.

## Weddings

**Joel Hagy**, '83, and Jenny McGuire were married on April 21. Joel was a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, an Iraq War veteran, and a major in the Ohio National Guard. He is presently director of services for GE Healthcare. Jenny, a Marion (OH) Harding High School, Adrian College and University of Toledo graduate, is an account manager for Hartwell Industries, an apparel manufacturer in Hartwell GA. The couple lives in Huron.

**Elizabeth Bogden**, '00, and Andrew Dennings of St. Mary's (OH) were wed on June 30, 2006 in St. Mary's Church in Sandusky. Elizabeth earned her BA degree from the University of Toledo in 2003 and is presently an art teacher and athletic director at Fremont (OH) Middle School. Andrew is a 1996 graduate of St. Mary's Memorial High School and a 2001 graduate

of Manchester College where he earned a BA degree in science. He is now the health/PE teacher at Fremont Middle School and baseball coach at Fremont Ross. The couple lives at 1028 Hazel St. in Fremont OH.

## Obituaries

**Lewis Enderle**, '36, age 88, passed away at home on March 30 after a lengthy illness. A former Huron Township Trustee, Lew had been a lifelong farmer, serving as a member of the Erie County Farm Bureau and helping to found the Erie County Conservation Club, in addition to being a charter member of the Firelands Habitat for Humanity.

**Warren Scharman**, '35, age 90, passed away on April 13 after a short illness but a long life as a chief engineer on the lake freighters.

**Doris Kurtze**, '43, age 81, passed away on April 16 in Santa Maria CA. An avid lover of animals and the outdoors, Doris has her ashes scattered in Yosemite National Park, a place dear to her heart.

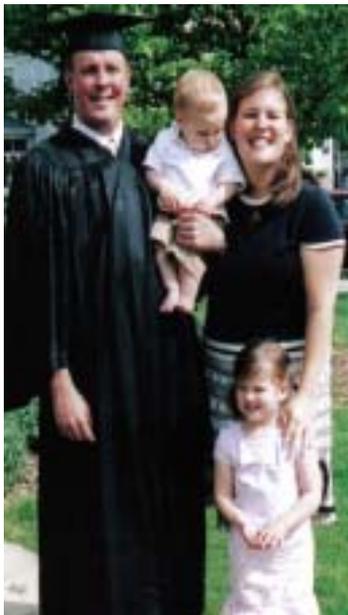
**Jack Lowry**, '54, age 70, passed away in Keystone Heights FL after an extended illness. A West Point man, Jack owned and operated several automotive dealerships and then helped begin Dodge Truck Rodeo in 1981, serving as president of Dodge Rodeo until he retired in 2000.

**Tom Scott**, '74, age 51, died on Thursday, May 17 at his New Smyrna Beach FL home from natural causes. A UAW retiree from Lorain Ford and the Louisville KY plant, Tom had been living in Florida since his retirement.

**Laura Schlessman**, '81, age 45, of Huron passed away unexpectedly at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy OH.

**Park "Shasty" Sprague**, '41, age 83, of Huron, passed away on May 18 in Firelands Regional Medical Center after an extended illness. He had served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

**Rose Gioffre Caporini**, '42, age 83, of Huron, passed away unexpectedly at her home on May 26. She and her late husband, Dino Caporini Sr., operated Huron Cement together since 1947. Huron businesses, Huron High, and area sports programs lost a great fan in Rose.



May was a monster month for Dan Eisnor, '95. Early in the month he graduated from his seminary studies with the highest class honors in his theology courses. At the end of the month he was ordained into ministry. He has been called to pastor at the New Hope Community church in Wausau WI beginning July 1. Children Kate (3) and Luke (1) will both keep Dan and Lauren busy in this first assignment. Best of luck to Dan!

### Tom Stallings CD Available

This past winter, a group of Tom Stalling's friends decided to produce a video testament to Tom for the courage he displays and inspiration he engenders as he fights his long battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Under the direction of former teacher, Mary Ann Creamer, and with the aid of her production company, materials were gathered from friends, family, and former students. Tom himself helped script the material as well as write several of the songs used in the piece. He also is interviewed at length over several sessions describing his philosophy of life and adversity. The final work beautifully tells the story of Tom and JoLynn's enduring faith that sees them through the bumps in the road on their journey together.

The video production underwent its premier showing on the evening of April 21 at a service at The Chapel, a faith community on Galloway Road. Tom was in attendance that evening as parts of the video were shown to an appreciative congregation. You may secure a copy of this CD by contacting Mary Ann Creamer at [inspiredbyyou@bex.net](mailto:inspiredbyyou@bex.net). All proceeds from sales of the CD will go toward the Mobility Fund that is helping with expenses for Tom's motorized chair and the family's specially equipped transport van.

**HHS Alumni Association Membership**<sup>607</sup>

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

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

**Huron Booster's Club Membership**

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "SuperTiger" \$300 includes two passes to every high school sporting event

\_\_\_\_\_ "Tiger" \$125 includes two home season tickets to sport of choice

\_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Bball Boys' Bball

\_\_\_\_\_ Special "Gray" \$40

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**Contribution to the General Huron High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Contribution to the Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

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

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

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

**Cruise Reunion Survey**<sup>607</sup>

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I might be interested in a cruise/reunion.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I'd like for my class officers/representatives to investigate such a cruise for our next reunion**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I'd be willing to help out on organizing such a cruise**

**I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ HHS Graduating Class**

**Either mail this in or send us an email with the same information and any other suggestions you'd care to make about the program.**

## Important Reading Here - New Publication Procedure

This publication and your Association have a serious problem. And we'll put it right out here on the back page where the Postal Service can see it – as if that will do any good.

Simply stated, the latest round of postal increases has forced us to put this publication up on line for our members to read there instead of in the paper version you now hold. The mailing per-piece cost increased, as did your cost for first class postage. In addition, we have been hit with a newly instituted WEIGHT cost for the entire mailing. With over four thousand copies going out quarterly, and hundreds of pounds of weight, we can no longer afford to keep this paper quarterly going. Cutting the number of pages would save a tad but sacrifice too much news from all you busy grads. Instituting a subscription fee would probably cause a logistical nightmare for which we have neither the inclination nor person-power at this time.

The solution is obvious – deliver the newsletter on-line. We put the March issue up and received very positive feedback from those who read it there, including a grad in Africa and others in Europe. So to make this simple, here is our proposal.

We will maintain two mail lists: the one that found you with this publication this time and another that will contain names of those who do NOT have access to the internet. This latter list will be the one from which we mail future Newsletters. To be included on this mailing list, do one of two things: write us just a short note or find someone with a computer who can email us your desire to keep receiving the paper version. We will assume all others have internet service and can go on line to read future versions. (Calling the school this summer will be futile as the secretaries there are on limited schedules.)

We publish quarterly – mid-March, June, September, and December. So you can look for us on line about the third week of those months. Better yet, if we have your email address, we can send you a reminder to go up on line for the latest issue. So to be included in the list for quarterly reminders, please email us just a note so we have a current email address. You could also update us on your activities so we can expand the Class Notes section.

We are sorry for this inconvenience, but we will not allow the Postal Service to quash us. The up-side of this is that you will receive more than the current 24 pages of information this way. Compare the on-line version this time at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com) with what you are now reading. We think you'll like the additional material.

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