

# NEWS

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## HURON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Huron's Fall 2014 Athletic Successes

Inside read about the successes of all of Huron's fall season sports this year. We have state champions, state runner up's, state finalists, regional finalists, district champs, conference champs, - just all-around championship caliber kids to report upon. It's been a remarkable season!



"Ode to Joy," the fourth girls' volleyball Division III state champions

### Huron City Schools Progress Reports 2014

Your Alma Mater and your Alumni Association have so much to report on this past six months, as progress has been made on all fronts, from the academic successes of our students, to the increased financial stability of the district, to the advancements made by the Huron Education Foundation. Read about these and more success stories scattered about inside. And for a holiday feel-good story, read about the inaugural production of an annual madrigal dinner given on December 4. Plans are also afoot and outlined for you on the next all-School Reunion. Stay connected with your alma mater and participate in as many of the activities as you can! Have an even better 2015.

### 2014 Reunion Season



The 2014 Reunion Season began back in March, but kicked into high gear in earnest this summer and culminated with another onslaught of gatherings of the faithful right through the fall. Inside find reports on as many as we had information for and then some! If your class held even a small reunion and is not represented here, please contact us and we'll make it right by you.

### Homecoming Week 2014

Crisp fall air, class gatherings, Athletic Hall of Fame inductions, floats, bonfires, Tiger football, and game debriefings at Mulligan's Pub define Homecoming Week, Huron style. If you couldn't make some or any of it, you can still enjoy. See how it all went down inside





## Class of '47 Has Annual Fall Gathering

The Class of '47 held its annual gathering on September 10 at Berardi's Restaurant in Huron. Though their numbers are diminishing, their appetites and enthusiasm certainly are not. They squeezed in at one long table and kept up a rapid fire chatter as they exchanged stories and pictures of the past year's doings. Many have become snow birds and were looking forward to warmer climes, especially as Ohio seemed to have skipped fall and was headed to an early winter even as they met. Ida Hastings is their chief whipper-in and keeps these annual affairs going, ably assisted by husband Bob. Her efforts continue to pay off as those returning have a great time and leave with that ever optimistic "See you next year!" Long may it be so!



Getting set to enjoy their Berardi's luncheon were Bob Hastings, Mary Toderick, Evelyn Lynn, Carmel Michel, Ken Wilford, Millie Grimm, Catherine Megyesi, Ida Hastings, Donna Lamb, Liz Meola, and David Meola.

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## First Friday 48'ers

Their numbers may dwindle, but these stalwart grads continue to meet for breakfast once a month at Berardi's. An excused absence is usually granted any who happen to be on a cruise, visiting an out-of-state grandchild or great-grandchild, or home bound, if the snow is too deep to ride a bike, right Joe?

Their commitment to one another overrides the aches and pains, ever worsening eye conditions, or a slower gait. They show up, if they wake up, and no plastered on fake smiles here. They keep tabs on one another, don't complain - who'd listen anyway? - and always remain upbeat. Teresa sees to that for sure. Bad news doesn't bother them - they've been there and done that and seen it all before. Besides, they have other things to do than sit around glued to a flat screen. Though a couple do admit to sneaking a peek at the internet to keep current. If you happen to see them gathered, just pull up a chair and join in. You'll be one of the family.



The December gathering found this small group up early: Fran Ringlein, Teresa Johnson, Millie Morey, Bob Fritz, and Joe Catri. The empty corner spot? She overslept and came for dessert. She knows who she is!



## Diamond Jubilarians at the Eagles' Aerie

A diamond jubilee was celebrated by the Class of '54 at the Huron Eagles Club on September 6. A committee of three had worked long and hard to track down all they could. No easy task with all the downsizing and moving that occurs at this time in their lives. Luckily most have not spread too far away. One couple who had the weekends mixed up was able to join after a phone call brought them running all the way from Rye Beach. With all then happily assembled, they filled the back room at the Eagle Aerie where they finally settled in to enjoy a delicious buffet and a pleasant evening together once again.

Over dinner, names of teachers long ago and classmates since passed on filled the air as stories were repeated of deeds resurrected, polished off, and re-spun for such occasions, each time growing more warm-hearted and endearing. There was catching up to do as well, with grandmas hefting picture troves from their purses to share images of their growing broods. The guys, well, they were content to tell of fishing trips and foreign cruises taken since the last gathering. Conversation was loud and lively into the evening over coffees and slices of their anniversary cake, bountifully shared around.

They left promising to keep their whereabouts updated with the chief party organizers and departed into the sunset. May the next five years treat you as kindly as have the past five. Better yet, why not switch to the annual or monthly schedule? Doing so helps not to have to remember things so long.



Attendees were: (Seated) Peggy Bean Breay, Nancy Steibly Ruffing, Bob Kehr, Jean Hoffman Kuhn, Sandy Roderick Gordon, and Vicki Esposito Doty

Rear: Alan Sender, Frank Fantozz, Diane Esposito Hoffman, Katherine Kaiser Aylsworth, Carole Hasel Patterson, Bonnie Bower Majoy, Carol Andrews Wilford (hiding), Joy Foley Stevens, Joyce Ohhlemacher Eldred, Shirley Bickley Shupe, Joe Taylor, Esther Lucht Svaboda, Shirley Minier Reynolds, and Winnie Hammond Herrada



# More Diamonds of '54





## Class of '59 Revelries

What a bunch of Energizer Bunnies this group is! Not that they are the reproducing bunny types any more, but party they do – non-stop, for three whole days and more! As their 55th anniversary came around, Ed “Duke” spelled-with-an-“a” Lagando formed his committee with two others, Beefo Bickley, to ensure that his class celebrated its best-ever gathering. They put out the call, and respond most did. Draw a crooked line from California through Arizona and Texas up to Ohio, and another from Florida up through North Carolina, make a slight detour through Germany, and you will have an idea from how far and how many directions they came to answer the call.

Festivities officially began on Friday evening, September 12 at the home of Duke and Mary, but word has it that early arrivers had been preparing themselves several days prior at various venues around town. The Friday evening event was somewhat dampened by the sudden blast of cold weather and drizzles that visited Ohio the same week, so guests were spread throughout the confines of the home. Not to worry, though, as the house on Williams Street was made for people – there were six Lagando children reared there at one time. The kitchen table groaned under the weight of all the food brought in while a sideboard in the dining room bore the brunt of the desserts. All ate well and then chatted until the wee hours.

Saturday was a repeat, but with festivities moved to Marconi’s party room. There, once more over cuisine finely prepared by Carlo’s crew, they partied, this time chaperoned by former principal Tom Gallant and his wife Myra, who made the journey up from Granville to celebrate with the class. Throughout the meal Tom shared memories of those he most remembered from those years – those who had spent many an hour with him in his office. The meal eventually concluded, and all departed to prep for the morrow, except a few who partook of a second dessert at Tofts in Sandusky. After banana splits around, they left to look for popcorn! The offenders know who they are.

Sunday saw most of the group still in town and enjoying a Last Breakfast, again at the home of Duke and Mary. The only damper on the entire affair was the news received on Saturday that the previous day they had lost another of their classmates, Richard Williamson down in Atlanta. Memories of happier days with Dick were shared around during an impromptu memorial service held in the dining room.

Departure was “such sweet sorrow,” as folks realized that their ages and time were conspiring against them. They left resolving to meet more frequently with one another at their monthly second Sunday gatherings. It’s a nice custom that is spreading gradually to other classes – set a regular date, a time and venue, and those who can make it come and share for an hour or two over a meal. Folks from out of town who may be returning to their roots can thus plan their visit to coincide. After all, at their age now, what’s pressing anyone to be any place at any specific time? It’s more important to keep alive the relationships formed decades prior.

There is some question as to whether five years hence the group will stage a repeat performance of this year’s event. Duke swears that he will not be the committee, but then the class has heard this argument many times before. Duke, solve the problem and downsize. They say condo living ain’t all that bad.





# More '59ers





## Class of '61 Gathers

The Class of '61, since their fiftieth reunion several years back, has taken up the challenge of monthly meetings somewhere in the area. In September they chose Chinese and met in Norwalk for an early luncheon where we caught up with them over egg rolls and General Tso's chicken. A dozen or so, some with spouses, could make it this time and enjoyed several hours together, in a party atmosphere at which the table kept growing in length as more folks wandered in. (With no Mandarin speakers in the group, we don't know whether the proprietors enjoyed moving furniture, but they did gracefully accommodate all.)

As the afternoon wore on and the piles of chicken bones grew higher, the merriment of the group intensified. The tales now always magnify those events of long ago, and peals of laughter today are shared over events that caused angst and heartburn back in the day. Thank God, sometimes, for failing memories.

The group has been meeting this way now on a regular basis and is thankful that they can still do so, despite the piles of pills some ingest these days to overcome their aches and more serious pains. A common refrain heard at table was "Who ever thought back in high school that we would ever reach seventy?" Their question seems to be common, as the classes from the early 50's and late 40's are asking the same, just adding a decade or so. Remember that when Social Security was begun and retirement age was set at 65, the average retiree lived to collect only eighteen checks! These folks beat the odds and, thanks to the miracles of modern science, have survived the combined pandemics of polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, and even measles, graduating to heart diseases and early onset everything, and regularly regale their grandchildren and a few great-grandkids with stories of the horses that still abounded in town in their day and the flivvers where they snuggled on double dates.

Keep it going, group, and best wishes for decades more. Chinese is good.



Seated: Ken Strayer, Sharon (White)Warren, Debbie and Bill Fisk.  
Back row: Barb Strayer, Judy (Skonieczka) Keller, Beth (Jenkins) Walker, Josie (Mussell) Palmer, Suzi (Lagando) Groscoast, Bob and Anjean (Fisher) Crowell, Rose (Iallonardo)Gerber, Kay (Billman) Reeves, Butch Palmer, Josie's husband.

Another favorite hangout for this group is Mulligan's Pub, for a shady afternoon sipping cool beverages and catching up.



Sharon Warren  
Kay Reeves  
Beth Walker  
Judy Keller



Charlie and  
Angela Myers

Deb and Bill Fisk



Mike and Rose Gerber



## Golden Jubilee Reunion for '64

A full year of preparation for its fiftieth reunion paid off handsomely for this year's golden jubilarians, the class of '64. The planning committee, spearheaded by Carolyn Rudy and Leslie Foxworth, labored through winter snowstorms and spring gully washers to make sure every detail of the weekend was meticulously covered. The returning classmates were rewarded with several gatherings, food and entertainment galore, and a beautifully planned re-dedication ceremony for a deceased fellow classmate.

The early arrivers met on a Thursday evening at a B&B in Rye Beach to start the weekend. Becky Gerding Pallas Jean Matthey Lani McKnight Karen Sian Baldwin

They reminisced long and hard and then visited some of their favorite haunts – such as they remain – where they made their high school mischief and sneaked their first beers and kisses. A large contingent joined them for cocktails and snacks. That only whetted their appetites for what was to follow.

On Friday evening they gathered again, this time at Bar North on the patio there at Thunderbird Hills Golf Course. The evening was pleasantly sunny but mild

as they sipped their drinks and quaffed their suds, all the while catching up and renewing old friendships. Tall tales abounded, as deeds long forgotten were resurrected once more to tease the memories, while measuring once again the length of fish long dead or rerun plays locked away in yellowed sports pages. Former coaches present could but stand and smile, nodding their assent, and letting hometown heroes bask and glow, perhaps for one last time.

Saturday saw a little golfing in the morning, but the biggest gathering was held mid-afternoon at the James H. McBride Arboretum at BGSU Firelands College. Their classmate, Mary Sue Bork Young, had passed away, and her family had constructed a labyrinth in the arboretum in her honor. Having fallen into disrepair, the memorial was redone over the previous winter and spring and was ready for service again. The class put on a beautiful re-dedication ceremony, one worthy of its own section herein. Please see the next piece for details.

A repeat performance was held on Saturday evening at the Brass Pelican,

formerly the site of the Twine House, where a delicious buffet had been prepared. There, high above river's edge, the crowd once more gazed out upon the river flowing, saw visions of their past, now without the silos, shared more stories of their fabled deeds, and basked in pleasant conversation of lives well spent and retirements being enjoyed. Grandkid photos were swapped around, as were shots taken in exotic places where only retirees can spend the time luxuriating on foreign sands. Funny how watery places seem to attract most of these Huron grads.

A blissful ending to the weekend was held then on Sunday morning at a buffet held at the Huron Yacht Club. Over mounds of eggs and piles of sausage and bacon, these folks wound down their weekend. Fond farewells and pledges to do this more often followed all out the doors. Thank you's filled the air, along with lots of hugs and many tears. Another job well done by the planning committee.

Oh, yes, down at river's edge and the boat basin, there was a RiverFest going on through all this. But this crowd had better things to do.









## Mary Sue Bork Young Labyrinth Re-Dedication

On the afternoon of July 12, the Class of '64 had planned a beautiful re-dedication ceremony of the Mary Sue Young Labyrinth at the James H. McBride Arboretum. Mary Sue Bork had been a classmate of theirs, who, after graduation, did her nursing training and then for many years served the area communities as an outstanding nurse with the Sandusky Hospitals. She married Kevin Young, and together they raised daughters, Jenn and Bethany, who were also Huron graduates. Mary Sue passed away in 2003 after a long bout with cancer, but her memory lives on in the labyrinth, originally constructed by family and friends and dedicated in October of 2004.

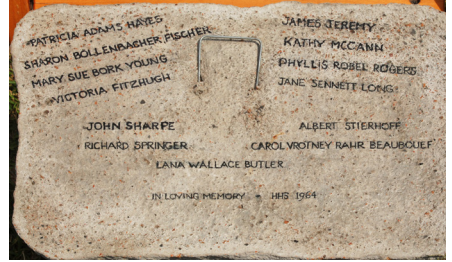
The area over the years required much upkeep on the part of the ErieMetroparks, primary caretakers of the arboretum. A restoration was badly needed to keep the area attractive and useful, an undertaking which took a three seasons' overhaul to complete. With its stepping stones now surrounded by beautiful river rock and totally bermed, encroaching grasses and weeds will no longer be a problem. With surrounding juniper carpeted mounds and Japanese maple groves, the area is also partially secluded for more privacy and a better meditative space. Teak benches provide respite for the weary in shaded copses. The labyrinth area is now practically maintenance free and should serve people of the area for generations to come.

Many thanks to the Bork and Young families who created the original space. Visitors are encouraged to spend some quiet time in the space, and locals would do well to discover the healthy walking trails at the arboretum, many of which lead to the labyrinth area and the potential spiritual healing it also offers. This entire facility is provided to the community free of charge and is maintained now with a minimum of tax dollars and much volunteer labor.



Above, Mary Sue's family, classmates, and former neighbors and co-workers pose on the newly restored labyrinth at the McBride Arboretum, while (right) some of her grandchildren joyfully play upon the stepping stones. The path, leading to the center, culminates in a stone dedicated to Mary Sue's memory, beneath which lies a time capsule.







## Class of '74 at 40! "They Wish!"



On the last day of summer, this bunch of young-at-heart, last-of-the 60's "kids" met at the Huron Yacht Club for an evening of celebrating where they are now. After a lengthy cocktail hour and wonderfully prepared dinner, they visited until closing time, sharing their successes and failures, recounting through thick glasses but dimming memories escaped better left unmentioned. Will they ever return? Of course. Now they are talking of meeting regularly during the interim between their quinquennial big ones. The locals will lead by setting dates, times, and venues, with others hopefully timing some of their returns to coincide. Wherever they meet, though, the publican had better lay in a few extra cases!





More '74 Partiers









## '79 Does Its 35th

The Class of '79 held a quiet but enjoyable gathering at the Sawmill Creek Lodge in mid-September. Their numbers, while small, were merry as the cocktail hour carried over into dinner hour. But attack the buffet they did, then settled in for a few more hours of pleasant conversation. They had come from afar and lingered long to catch up where they were and what they were accomplishing. In short, they are prospering, remaining fairly healthy, given that they are now on the wrong side of fifty, happily watching their children flying from their nests, and even enjoying a few grandchildren now. They look forward to the next five years and seeing more of their classmates back for the Big 40.





## Miscellaneous Homecomings



Part of a reunion is better than no reunion. Here a group of '56 grads met over a leisurely luncheon to welcome back to Huron visitor Sharon Navarre Stein. Front: Judy Connors Mize, Nancy Rhodes Harman, Sharon Navarre Stein Back: Dolores Florio Knittle, Carol Haggerty Schell, Pat Macioce Everett.



Former chemistry and physics teacher Dennis Coughlan and his wife Nancy paid a visit this summer to Nancy's brother, former Middle School teacher John Knight, and his wife Margie. The other "critters"? Just some of Bwana's toys.

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## Long Over Due

A man much maligned, Ward Delamatre still remains loyal to the Huron City Schools, despite being a carpetbagger from Berlin Heights. Too bad, though, he has not been very adroit in choosing his closest friends over the years. He has lived in a topsy-turvy world where sometimes he is up, but mostly down, as these "friends" consistently have taken advantage of Ward's good natured personality at his expense. We would like to make it up to him in this short column. It regards a picture never taken.



Ward married a "Newfie" who had graduated from Huron High School, Fern Bartlett Delamatre, '50, and they sent their sons, John, Scott, and Ty, to Huron Schools. The boys always excelled in Huron athletics and were supported by Ward in all their endeavors, all of which should have qualified him as a full fledged Tiger, at least on his wife's side of the family.

But no, that was still not good enough for his friends.

It all began back when Huron was first creating a football stadium at its present site, when Ward's buddies mortgaged their farms to help secure funding. When all others were leaning on shovels supervising, Ward toiled daily to see the project through. He could run machinery, lay block, was fairly good at carpentry, and even tried his hand at plumbing. At the end of the day, he and his buddies would gather at a local watering hole where, upon one occasion, it was widely reported, with three inch headlines, that Ward bought a round.

Finally the ribbon cutting arrived. What time and where, asks Ward. Ten o'clock in front of the home bleachers, reply his "buddies." Nine o'clock arrives and so does the photographer, and in fifteen minutes the ceremony is completed. No Ward in the picture, no one around when he arrives at ten. Patience, my son!

Years later, a second go-round at the stadium. Another major improvement, and again Ward volunteers, labors mightily, and inquires about the picture. Then he actually arrived an hour earlier than what his "buddies" had told him, figuring they wouldn't fun him a second time. But the real ceremony occurred again, two hours LATER this time than what they had told him. Always a day late and a couple bucks short, and through no fault of his own, shut out of a picture and receiving no credit.

So here's to you, Ward, much maligned and long-suffering "son" of Huron. Hopefully this will amend all the past offenses.



# Tanny Vonthron Tree Tributes

Beloved Shawnee Elementary School Principal, Tanny Vonthron passed away this past spring, as reported in our June Newsletter. However, her impact upon the lives of so many youngsters in her short time as principal lives on yet in Huron and the Huron area. Around town a casual driver not from the area would be questioning all of the large yellow smiley faces still posted prominently in front yards, store windows, and wrapped around trees. Trees themselves are also now carrying Tanny's legacy forward in the form of memorial trees. Two of the more prominent ones were planted and dedicated this summer, the first in the school yard at Shawnee School, the second in the James H. McBride Arboretum.

The Class of '92, Tanny's Huron High class, staged a dedication over RiverFest behind Shawnee School along the student play-ground where a yellow ginkgo tree was planted by Barnes Nursery in Tanny's honor. There it will, for generations to come, over-look the comings and goings of her beloved students and on those hot May days provide them sheltering shade.

Class officers had planned a dedication speech, delivered by classmate Kenny Majoy, opportunities for sharing memories, and then a balloon release. The tree was next spring will begin its first full of the Huron School community.



nursed through the searing summer heat and come year of renewing the memory of a beloved member

A second dedication was held at Green State University Firelands largest in the state, another memo- its boughs of yellow blooms in the apples – no other color would suf- brings her spirit of beauty and joy to all passers by. The ceremony was organized so that Tanny's students actually participated in the planting and had an opportunity to share memories of their principal. Yellow smiley balloons then accompanied all the children home.

the McBride Arboretum on the campus of Bowling College. There, in its vast crab apple collection, the rial tree was added to grace the collection. With spring and then fall and winter clusters of yellow fice – this tree will long memorialize Tanny as it

Tanny's memory will also be perpetuated in the form of a scholarship established In her name. Any readers who wish to contrib- uted to that scholarship will find details inside the back page cover of this *Newsletter*. Memorial tree dedications for anyone are always available as well simply be calling the Erie County MetroParks at 419-625-7783 and inquiring about current available species and cost.



Family and friends, neighbors and classmates all turn out for the dedication of a yellow ginkgo tree at Shawnee School in honor of Tanny Vonthron, former principal.



Classmate Kenny Majoy delivers his address dedicating the tree.

Children release their yellow smiley face balloons in honor of Tanny.





## We're Number One - Yet Again

Once again Huron's Schools have scored big on the most recent testing program required by the Ohio Department of Education. In mid-September, the scores from the 2013-2014 school year were released by the ODE. You'll be happy to learn that Huron scored above all other schools in the area, with students performing at or above level on 23 out of 24 performance indicators.

In recent years, Huron has led or tied for the lead in the area by scoring at the "Excellent with Distinction" level. That designation is gone, not because we lost it, though. Evidently the ODE had misgivings about using words such as Excellent or Poor to indicate the performance levels of school districts, (something about not bruising egos, perhaps?). Thus, the system is gradually being changed to an all-letter system. As if people can't make the connection between a "C" being Average and "D" being Poor. So in the future, all reporting will simply say that schools have earned one of the first six alphabet soup letters. For now, Huron can call itself either "23ers" or "A+ers."

Lately, the standards have been changed almost every year, similar to what some Major League baseball teams used to do – move the fences in or back depending upon how much offense a team wanted to generate against effective pitching in the league. So, in addition to changing the names of the overall final scores of districts, the state has also increased the level of achievement needed to pass each performance indicator. All students used to need to pass at the 75% level; that has now been raised to 80%. One suspects that in the ensuing years those passing benchmarks will be gradually increased.

A cynic might say that, depending upon how badly politicians wanted to make educators look, soon we will be seeing the benchmark set at 105% or better!

The point is not to denigrate demanding ever better work from students. The changing needs of society dictate that American schools and students perform even better in order to compete in a global economy.

Rather, the major complaints that are heard from educators are that standards keep changing, that the curriculum needs to be completely revamped almost annually now, and that so much time is spent on these revisions and developing of individualized programs for each student. That's for starters. The result is that teaching has become a more paper-creating process, for ever increasing accountability, so that numbers can be placed upon everything a student or teacher does. Someone has to satisfy the bean counters and justify their high salaries.

Bottom line – so much time is spent on this sort of "administrivia" that real teaching is tough to do, and teaching is no longer fun – for either the students or the teachers. Want proof? Look at the burn-out rate numbers for teachers for the country as a whole. In some areas, over 70% of new teachers these days are leaving the profession within the first five years, up from fewer than 40% fifty years ago – and that's even discounting for the Vietnam War era when teachers were granted draft deferments for teaching and left soon after they were no longer draft eligible or the war itself had ended.

Huron's retention rate of first year teachers is extremely high – over 90%. Exit interviews show that the major reason for leaving is that another bread winner in the family has had a job relocation, thus forcing a move. Or the female leaving has begun a family and wishes to become a stay-at-home mom, at least until the child reaches kindergarten age. Huron has long been proud of its ability to attract and retain teachers whose experience at each grade level, or within each department, has contributed to the stability and continuity needed to have successful programs.

Some districts have sought to solve their economic woes by placing caps upon the amount of money teachers can ever earn within a school system, regardless of how much experience or education they have attained. However, these districts do so at their own peril! Freshness and new ideas do have a place within each district, but savvy superintendents make sure that there is a thoughtful blending of the more senior with newer teachers. Huron is blessed to have such a mixture at present, and the results can be seen in the scores, on the state and national levels.

We offer our congratulations to all who have worked so diligently to make this showing possible – the students, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the family members. And while it may seem as if they can't do even better, there is some room for improvement. There's that 24th indicator hanging out there. Regardless, we urge all to keep up the good work and maintain the proud tradition that the Huron City Schools established many decades ago.

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## ACT Test Preparedness

Shining on test scores when comparing school systems within the same state is one thing. But when comparing on a national level, scoring high means a little more. So how did Huron's students do on a nationwide test, the ACT? Not bad!

| College English Composition |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| HHS                         | 86% (+3%) |
| State                       | 72%       |
| National                    | 64%       |

| College Social Studies |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| HHS                    | 73% (+11) |
| State                  | 53%       |
| National               | 44%       |

| College Biology |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| HHS             | 60% (+6%) |
| State           | 45%       |
| National        | 37%       |
| College Algebra |           |
| HHS             | 59% (+3%) |
| State           | 50%       |
| National        | 43%       |



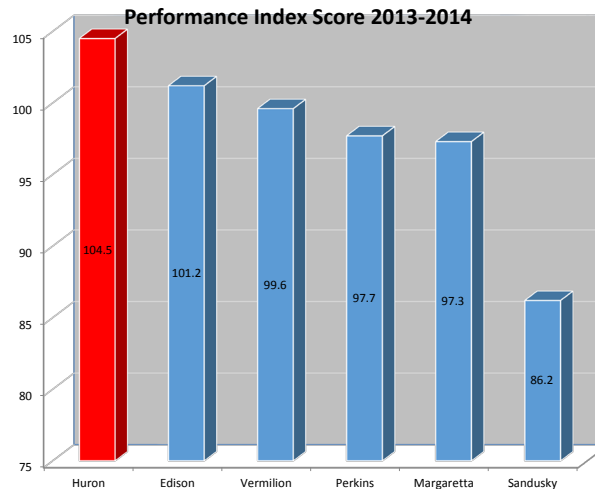
# Levy Renewal Passes

This past November, during the Great Republican Wave Election, the folks in Huron gave a resounding vote of approval to the path which the Huron City Schools are pursuing by passing a renewal school levy that had been set to expire. By a two to one margin, citizens said that they approved of the recent changes that have occurred within the district. There have been changes in administrative positions, in filling vacant teaching positions, in the recently negotiated teachers' contract, in improving curriculum, and in student achievements that seem to satisfy the community's expectations from their schools and the dollars they expend.

Of course, it has not hurt the cause when the community sees the record of the academic performance being constantly established by the teachers and students, as reported earlier in this Newsletter. It has not hurt that the recent performance of athletes in all of the sports over the past several school years has been superior, especially with the number of the athletes performing at the state level. It has also not hurt that more and more community members are annually being directly impacted by the volunteer activities in which students engage within the Huron community. Finally, it has not hurt that our graduates are performing at very high levels at the collegiate levels and thereafter entering exciting professions. fully equipped truly to make a difference with the lives they will live. How can any community say no to all that? They didn't. For that the system thanks all. Hopefully Huron grads living in different parts of the country are experiencing something similar in their school systems.

## Performance Index Ranking


This calculation measures student performance on the Ohio Achievement Assessments and Ohio Graduate Tests at the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th (OGT) grade levels. This ranking helps determine possible state interventions, which include a portion of the Title 1 funding directed to interventions, and implementation of the Ohio Improvement Process.



## The 2014 Scores

The spring 2014 scores for the various grade levels and subjects presently tested in the State of Ohio and the five-year average at the right. Keep in mind that the acceptable passing level for 2014 was 80%.

|                   |                |                |                           |                        |               |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>3rd grade:</b> | <i>reading</i> | <i>math</i>    | <i>5 year avg reading</i> | <i>5 year avg math</i> |               |
|                   | 92.78%         | 87.63%         | 88.26%                    | 86.56%                 |               |
| <b>4th grade:</b> | 94.85%         | 93.81%         | 89%                       | 82.02%                 |               |
| <b>5th grade</b>  | 85.84%         | 73.45%         | 85.46%                    | 76.32%                 |               |
| <b>6th grade</b>  | 96.3%          | 94.44%         | 95.62%                    | 90.6%                  |               |
| <b>7th grade</b>  | 95%            | 89.8%          | 92.2%                     | 87.3%                  |               |
| <b>8th grade</b>  | 93.2%          | 85.7%          | 93%                       | 89.8%                  |               |
| <b>5th grade:</b> | <i>science</i> | <i>5yr avg</i> |                           |                        |               |
|                   | 90.2%          | 85.7%          |                           |                        |               |
| <b>8th grade:</b> | <i>science</i> | <i>5yr avg</i> |                           |                        |               |
|                   | 82.3%          | 88.1%          |                           |                        |               |
| <b>10th grade</b> | <i>Reading</i> | <i>math</i>    | <i>writing</i>            | <i>science</i>         | <i>soc st</i> |
|                   | 95%            | 91%            | 91%                       | 88%                    | 89%           |



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## NHS Induction 2014

The National Honor Society is an organization to which many aspire but few are admitted. Members are admitted on the basis of all four of the following: their proven scholarship, demonstrated leadership, dedicated service to their community, and upright character. In other words, these students excel in many ways not just in their academics. Brightness alone does not lead to success, but a combination of the four traits can surely point a student in the right direction.

Once again the Huron chapter of the NHS held its induction ceremony at McCormick Middle School this fall. As competition to fill eligible spots in colleges has increased, high schools have moved the traditional spring inductions to the fall to give seniors a leg up in their college admissions process. Twenty-eight more students, out of a total of eligible upper three classes of around 335, were admitted. Chapter advisor John Harkelroad, '90, has the pleasure of working with these students again this year as they carry out their projects and earn their service hours. They are our brightest and best, and we congratulate them upon being selected to join the ranks of the many hundreds who have preceded them and made their marks in their communities. We expect no less from this crop and know we will not be disappointed.



First Row: Delaney Black, Lisa Gies, Logan Weber, Wyatt Myers, Grace Claus, Sean Martin  
Second Row: Hannah Blackwell, Miranda Land, Hannah Cantrill, Kaitlin Krueger, Kassie Hamilton, Grant Ferrell  
Third Row: Tyler Sasala, Dean Dickirson, Elisabeth Dawkins, Emma Steinmetz, Kylie Greulich  
Fourth Row: Jake Guerrero, James Faunda III, Michael Huddleston, Leo Bunting, Brodie Sennish  
Absent: Jamie Borger, Sophie Dandurand, Joseph Fronzaglio, Graham Mast, Aaron Schlessman, Elizabeth Vacca

Long time readers will note that there are many new names here. In fact, our more senior members will recognize hardly any of these students' grandparents, or great-grands as the case may be. Almost none end in the traditional Huron vowels, and fewer still show our eastern European roots. Huron is changing for sure. But be assured that hidden in this group are many sons and daughters of long time Huron families. It's just that these families have produced so many daughters who married out, bringing in new blood and talents to the community. They continue to make our school strong in so many ways, and we welcome them all.



## “Office” Drop-ins



Jeff Wilson, former Huron High School band director, recently returned from serving as hunting-fishing guide on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. He managed to escape certain death from Kodiak bears but unfortunately not from a life threatening grotesque, not the one growing from his head but from his elbow, seen sitting next to him at the Donut Shop.

Spotted around town this fall some of the Auble clan, home for a visit and rest for a few days: Susan Bartyzel, '84, Jan Battiste, '76, Carol Lally '77, and Wayne, '81.



Just passing through, Lee Rhinemiller, '51, from Knoxville TN, stopped for a cup of joe and a chat with classmate, Tike Majoy. Lee continues to work on a program of pictures of Old Huron taken decades ago and hopes to present them in an interesting evening of reminiscing in the near future. Watch for the announcement. He is also compiling a compendium of “Old Huron” nicknames. See the back page for details and how you can help.

The Doyle sisters met for the wedding of Aggie's granddaughter, Devin Schoen, in Bellevue OH on October 10. Devin's mom, Marianne Majoy Schoen, graduated from HHS in 1980.

Posing for the picture were Agnes Doyle Majoy, '52, Judy Doyle O'Connor, St. Mary graduate, Betty Doyle Hiltz, Lansdale PA High School graduate, Pat Doyle Garton '49, and Dolly Doyle McCarthy, '49.





# Homecoming 2014

Homecoming always brings out the crowds, especially when it falls in the midst of warm September days and brisk evenings. The gala begins early in the week when students vote for their class representatives to be royalty for the week.

Then on Wednesday evening, the annual homecoming Parade through town begins in the high school parking lot and processes with much pomp and cheering through the town and back to the stadium. This year was an exceptionally good year for the parade as the classes really worked on producing some classy floats. The band was at peak performance also and led the convertibles out onto Jim Campbell Boulevard. Grand Marshall this year was recently retired Rick Gundlach, followed by a bevy of king and queen wannabes and their attendants. Club cars and fall sport floats followed in due order until, after much noise making and sirens and honking, the whole cacophony of sound ended at the stadium. There the team captains, followed by the cheerleaders, exhorted the crowd to come out and support the team on game night. The bonfire was duly lit and a sacrificial victim thrown to the fire gods to guarantee victory.

Thursday evening saw the 22nd annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony take place. Four more athletes and the state champion volleyball team of '99 joined a host of predecessors in the Hall at a banquet at Mesenburg's Plaza Place.

That the gods did. On Friday night, the festivities began with a tail gate party behind the H Team's club house and a pregame ceremony of introducing the new royal court. The team then went out and methodically mowed down Brookfield High School's Warriors 54-10. (That's all right - we didn't know who they were either!)

All the festivities concluded late that evening when the last of the fans left Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek. The usual post-game debriefing ended fairly early for this crowd - is it beginning to show its age around the edges or what? All in all it was a full week that concluded with two formal five-year reunions on Saturday evening, those of the '74 and '79 "kids." If you could not make it back for the festivities this year, consider making some or all of it next fall. No matter how far away you may have settled, during Homecoming, you'll feel right at home again.

















# Senior Citizens Convention

Long about mid-August, the retired faculty members who were still around town gathered for their annual potluck picnic. The group continues to meet regularly in various venues for luncheons and dinners and support one another through whatever life seems to throw their way these days. They talk up their adventures, brag about their great-grandkids, reminisce about the classrooms that they don't miss, and in general spend a spirited, upbeat evening together, until the mosquitos chase them home. The most senior this year were our nonagenarians Dick and June Klein and Jim Seiple, with more gaining on them. The very youngest retirees you don't see here. They are now experiencing first grandkids and travel widely to see them. Keep on trucking group!





# Madrigal Dinner



Traditions are born, run their course, some to die, others to change, not through fault of their own but because time and happenstance sometimes conspire against them. Huron's version of the latter occurred on December 4 when the first ever Christmastide Madrigal Dinner was staged by the vocal music department. Unfortunately, the decades-long tradition of The Feast of Carols is no more, morphing into this new

creature that too will have its run. Because of curriculum and scheduling changes, the large numbers of students needed to produce a proper Feast of Carols just were not available. Forty students do not a candle light procession make. So director Jeff Skaggs, rather than allow a tradition to totally die, decided to use the voices available to stage what he hopes will become an equally long-running tradition at Huron High, a Madrigal Dinner.

The Christmas season seems the perfect time to hold such an event. Students dress in their Renaissance style costumes, make merriment around a dramatic production filled with eating and drinking and season-

al music, and out into the crisp December air the audience goes, rejuvenated and ready for the festive yuletide to come. Some years we may actually get lucky and have a snowfall to adorn the affair.

For a first production, the students did superbly. The Mesenburg's Plaza Place had been adorned with dais, hanging banners, beautifully set tables, candle light, and the traditional harpsichord. Chef Randal had prepared a roast pork dinner with all the trimmings, the crowd was pumped, and the production began. Lords and Ladies were introduced to the royal family, wassail flowed copiously, and the festive Christmas music began. Sir Hogge – at least his head, with apple properly stuffed into his mouth – was paraded throughout the mead hall, and the drama of the evening commenced. For two hours the students entertained their guests with music and merriment, with all getting onto character and thoroughly enjoying the fruits of their hours of labors. By evening's end, as guests departed into the night, few were heard to lament the passing of the caroling feast. Most were enthusiastically in praise of the work the students had done and were looking forward to next year's feast, to be much expanded. This first attempt proved that Huron still loves its performing arts, that students can exceed expectations, and the citizenry is open to new ideas. Long may this tradition last!













## Seas of Yellow

At the end of September, during the week leading up to the Tigers' football contest against Perkins, their rival from down the road, yellow, not red, was the predominate color around school. Before the game, a scholarship fund raising dinner was being held in honor of Tanny Vonthron, former principal of Shawnee School. Then all who were attending the game were asked to wear yellow to further honor Tanny's memory. A tidal wave of yellow garb, hats, terrible towels, and even dyed hair descended upon the stadium at game time. Yellow smiley-face balloons were available for the kids, and between quarters a release was staged. It was a fine display of community spirit, as one who had contributed so much to the community was honored - even in her absence now.

But tributes know no borders, and even the Perkins contingency got into the act. A large section of their student body, as well as Huron's, was also bedecked in yellow. Perkins' team members felt the spirit as well by affixing yellow smiley-face stickers to their helmets. The whole evening was a class act on both sides of the field. But the Tigers eventually prevailed in the game!



Looks as if someone missed the "yellow" memo. Superintendent Dennis Muratori helps serve up platesful of spaghetti at the fete before the game, under evil eyes!



Steve, '68, and Charlene Zimmerman Baron, '67, turn Italian for the evening before the game.



Even the half time performers sported yellow on this special night.

"Is him a good pirate, mommy?"

"Yes, dear, even pirates can sometimes be good pirates."





## Whither the Weather Channel?

Huron can go for decades without making the national news. It took parachutists in '67 mistakenly perishing in Lake Erie's waters for Huron to make international news. A couple years later, a dam breaks, flooding downstream Huron River waters and Huron again is back in the news. A decade later, the blizzard of the century strikes Erie County and Huron hits the headlines again. Let just one little freight car jump the tracks and Huron did it! The Tiger football team loses to Perkins and we even make the front page of the *Register*!

On the Weather Channel, Huron is ordinarily nothing but a blip on a map showing a polar vortex or something bearing down on Ohio. Except that for once, this past fall, Huron made national news for a non-tragic, non-calamity event. And it took the Weather Channel to do it. At the beginning of this fall's football season, Weather Channel's guru's decided that, in addition to the Weather-on-the-Eights and ads on everything else, they wanted another hook with which to reel in viewers. They would select twelve communities with a reputation for being crazy and film a three-minute segment to show on twelve successive Friday's. The only qualification was the community had to be certifiably crazy - about football, that is. Huron qualified, as did Massillon's Washington High School, the only Ohio town crazier about its football heroes than Huron.

Accordingly, a camera crew was dispatched to Huron late on a Thursday afternoon to shoot scenes from around the town and try to capture the flavor of the community and its townsfolk for the show. The following day, game day, they planned to stake out the stadium and show crazy at its best. They unleashed their drones to do fly-overs of beach, marinas, the river mouth, and neighborhoods, Not finding a town, they nearly panicked but located the light house and stadium for cool aerial shots. Next morning, being hungry, they discovered the Donut Shop and had to go no further. There they would be indoctrinated about Huron in the area's only true College of Knowledge.

At opening time, they set their cameras and waited. Before long, at a thirteen stool coffee bar, there sat and stood at least a dozen Majoys, a couple Munafos, some Delamatres, and the usual collection of nicknamed denizens of this den of geriatrics. Folks who had never seen the insides of this makeshift senior center turned out that day, hoping to steal a place on camera. What the crew heard there was a great deal of pure and unadulterated horse-hockey, with liberal dashes of veracity sprinkled thereon, between rounds of guffawing and razzing. Grown men vied with one another to enhance the narrative being fed to the TV station.

What resulted was a very informative, nearly four-minute piece that gave Huron excellent national exposure. The images from both street level and the drones were astounding for their clarity and beauty. Huron shone in the sun that day. Even the piece's opening interview with Joe Fantozzi explaining the origin of Huron football traditions was an excellent diagnosis of the cause of Huron's pigskin malady. But then followed exchanges between a certain former football coach and his minions that upstaged the crowd and stole the rest of the show. Not that it was that bad. But to paraphrase a famous drama critic who once wrote, "It's too bad that some actors came between the camera and the rest of the scenery!"

If you have a few spare moments and wish to see the piece, you can google it and find one of the many versions played around the nation, then put up on line. Or you could take a short cut at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8R7gqnoyhEA> and hope that You Tube still has it posted. If you want a little bit of nostalgia to go along with the modern, take a longer look at "The Boys of Fall" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aSGQbVaYig>. Some nice Tiger football memories there, too, with a little bit of Kenny Chesney thrown in.



Former head coach Tony Munaf and Tike Majoy, former head of the campaign to construct the new stadium, explain how the project came to be.

Joe Fantozzi explains the lantern tradition for the team feed night as it had grown out of a weather incident years earlier.





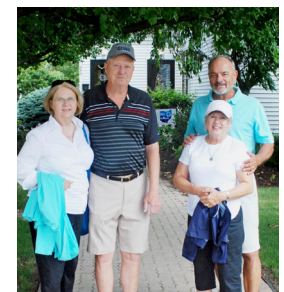
# Golden Jubilarians' Banquet



Seated: Jean Matthey, Karen Sijan Baldwin, Mary Snyder Caswell, Cynthia Brewster Parsons, Katie Cunningham, Dennis Reiser

Row Two: Bob Harrison, Becki Gerding Pallas, Oswaldo Sandoval, Lani Hum McKnight, Vance Carisle, Anne Krepps Guignon, Carolyn Rudy, Brenda Wiley Lewis, Connie Meeker Davis, Tom Koehler

Back Row: Jim Delahunt, Jim Mellein, Gary Brown, Ron Gilbert, Ron Kessler, Roger Metzger, Clark Wade, Dave Hahn, Margie Bowers, Gene Fantozzi, Jim Herber, Leslie Callihan Foxworth, Doris White Kalies, Bill Kalies, Paul Hibbard (rear), Bev Davis hidden, Frank Larizza, Dick Baumer, Cheryl Thaxton Clark





## Quest for the Tan Jacket



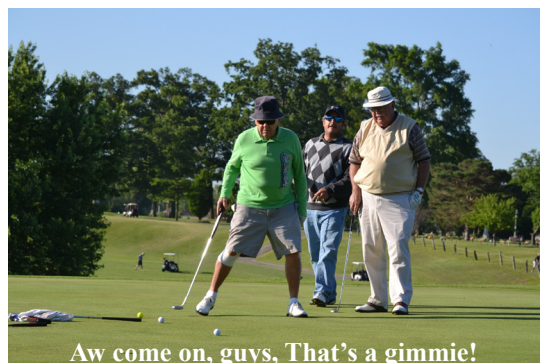
More than a few Huron grads can be spotted among this gaggle of early morning duffers entered in the Donut Shop Open.

The annual Donut Shop Open was held on June 14 and attracted as motley a crue as can be assembled on area links. After a breakfast of donuts and coffee, the group saddled up and went after one another in quest of the most coveted team prize in Huron, the Tan Jackets. These matched sports coats are proudly worn by the winning team nowhere else but on Donut Shop premises, with winners' names carefully printed on the lapels. Year-long bragging rights accrue to those who wear these duds, discovered hanging long ago in the back closet of Hoppy LaVoo's former digs. After a morning of constant harassment on the tees and other indignities suffered on each green, the combatants reassemble for luncheon and the awards assembly. Suspense builds as sleeves of balls are awarded, monogrammed and autographed hats are passed out, and the annual winner of the Rubber Duckie is named. Then all stand and applaud as the winning team members, with some octogenarian Grand Sandbagger of the Handicap, slip into their jackets. Hoots and catcalls give way to "Wait till next year!" and all depart. For about a week, all pay homage to the winners, and then follows another year of challenges and vows to snatch this most coveted prize from the cheating hands of the winners. Lotsa luck!

Great job once again by Sherri and her crew and Chuck, organizer-in-chief.



What form displayed by Huron girls' golf coach, Tom Bollenbacher, '75!



Aw come on, guys, That's a gimmie!



Joe "Whitey" Bilgen lines up his putt.



# Foss-Saunders Golf Outing

The annual Foss-Saunders golf scramble was held on July 18 at Thunderbird Hills South to raise money for scholarships. The event was not held without trepidation, though, as the previous year's match had been rained out and this year's saw a night long storm move in and continue into the early morning. But not to fear, for someone up there witnessed the plight and helped the sun finally burn through the clouds, and the day went off as planned, with the course a little soggy in spots but quite playable.

A full complement of players teed off in both fleets and in between demolished their dinners as well. When the rounds were finished and awards passed out, all departed already looking forward to next year's affair. For in addition to helping to fund scholarships for this year's seniors, players continue to enjoy renewing old friendships and challenging one another for bragging rights. We hope that these reasons will motivate the organizers of the outing to continue their good work in future years and more younger grads to step forward to help in the endeavor. Keep playing it forward, group!



“So foul and fair a day I have not seen.”



Saddle up, boys, we're going to have ourselves a scramble!



Oh ya! The day is looking better already!



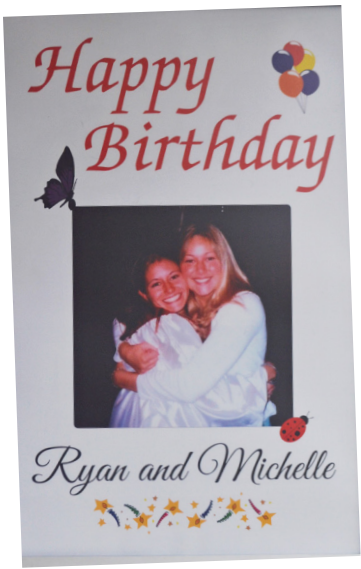


## Foss-Saunders Golf Scramble

This benefit event each year is turning out to be more of a family affair, with grad parents coming out to play, and now their children playing along side them, with another generation to come watching and taking note!









## Those Were the Days

Eons ago, before million dollar contracts for second rate athletes and selling autographed tees in exchange for tattoos became commonplace, what were good athletes who were without college aspirations supposed to do on their eighteenth birthdays - just up and put away the balls and clubs and melt into a job or the military, then continue their search of the American dream with a spouse, kids, the two car -garage and a white picket fence on a cul de sac? Many did just that, but others continued to dribble and shoot away for another couple decades, despite spouse and kids. They formed a city league and at least once a week played their pick up games in whatever gyms happened to be open in those days. As their families grew along with their arthritic and creaky knees, their enthusiasm waned and they relegated themselves to the sidelines to let another generation have its day in the light.

This summer, a group of balding, over weight, recently inducted members of the Liars Club congregated at a 70th birthday party for one of them, Dave “Blue Gill” Majoy. They replayed many of the games over burgers, brats, and brews, and, like a sponge dipped into a mud puddle, the size of the scores and individual stats gradually inched upwards, even faster as the sun sought the horizon. But all was in good fun, and this group has now relegated itself to the links or outboards to continue their sporting adventures. The only thing that changes now is the size of the tales. Blue Gill’s birthday gift seems very apropos at this time, a sign to proudly hang in his garage: Fishermen, golfers, and other liars gather here.”



These former basketball players on the Huron team in the city league called a pause in the embellishments of their exploits to pose for this shot: Pat “Sticks” Gioffre, Jim “Chooy” Chubak, Joe “Skippy” Majoy, Larry Richardson, Tom Kirby, Joe “Whitey” Bilgin in front and Tom “Bo-Bo” Bollenbacher to the rear, Dave “Blue Gill” Majoy, Joe “Jake” Majoy, Ed “Duke” Lagando. Ever notice how everyone in Huron is born with a nickname?



# Fall Sports Season Results 2014

## Football

**Coach:** Tony Legando **Season Record** 9 - 1 **Post-Season** 1-1 **SBC Champions** at 6 - 0 **Record against Playoff teams** 5-1  
Tony voted Div V Coach of the Year for 2014

### SBC Honors

**First Team offense:** Eli Blakely - Guard, Garrett White - Tackle, Kyle Kovach - QB, Tommy Bogden - Running back  
**Second Team offense:** Eric Weir - receiver, Matt Dewey - receiver  
**First Team defense:** Danzell Harris and Tommy King - defensive line, Tommy Bogden - linebacker, Adam Storer and Eric Weir - defensive back  
**Second Team defense:** Trey Graham - LB  
**Honorable mention:** Karl Bates, Jep Bloor, Jason Cobleigh, Austin Campbell, Nick Stauffer  
**SBC Player of the Year:** Tommy Bogden

| <u>Division V</u> | <u>First Team</u> | <u>Division V</u>        | <u>Second Team</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Eli Blakely       | Offensive line    | Garrett White            | Offensive line     |
| Danzell Harris    | Defensive line    | Kyle Kovach              | Quarterback        |
| Tommy Bogden      | Linebacker        | Tommy King               | Defensive Line     |
|                   |                   | Eric White               | Defensive back     |
|                   |                   | <b>Honorable Mention</b> |                    |
|                   |                   | Matt Dewey               | Receiver           |

### State

Adam Storer All-Ohio second team Eli Blakely and Danzell Harris earned special  
Tommy Bogden All-Ohio third team mention at the state level

## Girls Golf

12-0 in duels SBC Champions  
Shelby Invite Champions  
Section and District Champions  
7th at State as a team

### Honors

Kylie Greulich – SBC Player of the Year,  
1st Team SBC, Northwest District  
1st Team, Medalist at Districts,  
14th Place at State Tournament

Allie Lenyo – 1st Team SBC,  
Honorable Mention Northwest District

Ashtyn Stadler - 1st Team SBC,  
Honorable Mention Northwest District

Julia Hippely - 1st Team SBC,  
Honorable Mention Northwest District



Girls Golf team at the send-off to the state tournament: Caitlyn McNulty, Allie Lenyo, Julia Hippely, Ashtyn Stadler, Rachel Stadler, Kylie Greulich, and coach Jeff Skaggs

Caitlyn McNulty – Honorable Mention SBC Rachel Stadler – 2nd Team SBC

Coach Skaggs – Northwest District Coach of the Year,  
Ohio Girls Golf Coach of the Year

## Boys Golf

**Coach** Tom Bollenbacher **SBC record:** 9-3, second place in the conference.

### Honors

Eric Myles: 1st Team All-SBC

Max Marting 2nd Team All-SBC

Alex Klein Honorable Mention SBC

Riki Tanaka Qualified for district play at Findlay for finishing 4th place at the sectional tournament



## Girls Tennis

**Coach - Julie Woodard** season record 10-10 SBC record 4-6

### Individual Honors:

**Delaney Black and Elizabeth Mills**---2nd Place Perkins Doubles Tournament

**Delaney Black**---2nd Place SBC Singles Tournament and 1st Team SBC

**Delaney Black**---District Qualifier and First Team All District

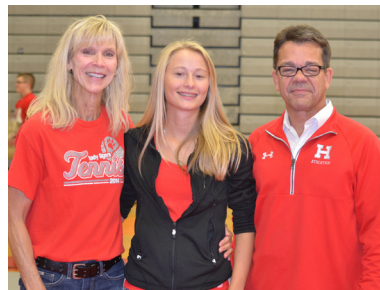
**Delaney Black**---State Qualifier

**Most Improved JV**---**Andie Pitcher**

**Most Improved Varsity**---**Colleen Allen**

**Coaches Award**---**Elizabeth Mills**

**Most Valuable Award**---**Delaney Black**



Tennis Coach Julie Woodard, state-bound Delaney Black, and AD Steve Camella on the occasion of the big send-off to state competition at OSU. Delaney finished in the top eight in the state.

## Volley Ball

**Coach: Don Wood** Record of 25-4 with 12-0 in SBC

### Honors

**First Team All-SBC** Hannah Cantrill, Handley Sterrett, Jacqui Mullins, Gabriella Wood

**Honorable Mention SBC** Allie Grendow Addie Wisehart

**District First Team** Hannah Cantrill, Handley Sterrett, Jacqui Mullins

**District Second Team** Gabriella Wood

**All-Ohio First Team** Hannah Cantrill, Handley Sterrett

**District Coach of the Year** Don Wood



**Front:** Hannah Miller, Gabriella Wood, Hadley Sterrett, Morgan Wellborn, Morgan Bollenbacher, Allie Grendow,  
**Row 2:** Maddie McCarthy, Aaron Blankenship, Maddie Orzak, Riley Strickland  
**Rear:** Lindsey Hollman, Nikki Redding, Christie Young, Hannah Cantrell, Addie Wisehart, Jacqui Mullins, Sidney Ward, Gloria Sutter, Shawn Patton, and Don Wood

## Girls Soccer

**Coach Justin Kijowski.** Final record 11-3-4, 7-0-3 in the SBC, first-ever conference title.

**Audra Wisehart** 1st team all conference, 1st team all district, 1st team all Ohio.

**Monika Giardina** 1st team all conference, 1st team all district

**Shannon Hughes** 1st team all conference, 2nd team all district

**Jessica Carroll** 1st team all conference, honorable mention all district

**Libby Vacca, Courtney Thorne** 2nd team all conference

**Hayden Petee** 2nd team all conference and Honorable mention all district

## Boys Soccer

**Coach: Matt Asher** Final Record 5-12, 4-6 in the SBC.

**2nd team all SBC** Jacob Wise (12) and Logan Weber (11)

**SBC Honorable Mention** Cameron Calderon (11), Justin Baker (12), Zach Stauder (12),

Erich Taubenesstler (9), Kevin Stapanian (11)

**2nd Team all NC District** Jacob Wise (12)

**Honorable Mention NC District** Logan Weber (11) and Cameron Calderon (11)



# SBC Cross Country Finals

For the third year in a row, Huron has hosted the SBC Cross Country finals at the James H. McBride Arboretum. A beautiful autumn morning, slightly frosty, greeted the runners from participating schools. Bill Scott and his crew had outlined a course winding its way through meadows and along forest trails, around lakes and past prairie plots, ending on the grand campus playing field amidst the tents and concession stands. There the victors were crowned and trophies hoisted high. A great day it was for runners and families alike. The arboretum provides close-in parking for those less able to walk and so many gorgeous vantage points from which to watch and cheer, with great October backdrops for the photographically inclined.



## Cross Country

**Coach:** Roger Blevins  
**First Team All-SBC Honors:**

Boys finished 5th in the SBC, Girls finished 4th in SBC, 5th at Districts  
Shane Thatcher, Jr. (4th place, SBC), Nathan Pack, Fr (5th place, SBC),  
Madi Mize, Sr. (4th place, SBC)

**School Records:**

**Madi Mize:** Senior, 9th best time 20:17  
**Shane Thatcher:** Junior, 9th best time 17:01  
**Nathan Pack:** Freshman Record Board, 3rd best time 17:14

**Special Awards:**

**Most Improved Runner:** Noah Stevens, Sarah Blevins  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Graham Mast, Lisa Gies  
**“Heart & Sole” Award:** Nick Lachowyn, Madi Mize  
**Most Valuable Runner:** Shane Thatcher, Cassie Currence  
**Most Points:** Nathan Pack, Cassie Currence

**Shane Thatcher:**

**Regional Qualifier (23rd fastest runner in our region)**



## “Gun Is Up!” One Last Time

The Huron track and cross country programs, for both boys and girls, have had a good run, literally, over the years. From the cinder tracks at the Ohio Street School and the “new” high school to the modern all-weather, rubberized surfaces of today, Huron’s fleet-of-foot have performed well. Many of you ran, jumped, and tossed for coaches Ambos and Munafo, cheered on by the lies of Artie Miller back in the day. Then sometime last century Bill Scott, ’72, took the helm and kept the tradition alive. But always present through his coaching tenure was a guy pretty hard to miss on the sidelines at all of his six-foot something, Dave Wilber, ’69.

Dave has enjoyed a long, stellar career of officiating track meets, both at the local and state levels. His easy going but no nonsense approach has won the respect of countless runners through three decades. Of course, track being a spring sport has seen Dave bundled against sleet and rains on some days, then sporting shorts and a tee shirt on others. Through it all, Dave has served his community well.

But there comes a time when one decides to spend more time with family and loads up the starter’s gun one last time. That time came this fall when Dave officiated his last cross country meet. The occasion was the SBC championship meet held at the James H. McBride Arboretum. On a beautiful October morning, the league schools all assembled under their tents, prepared to run a course mapped out by Bill Scott through stunning meadow paths, along oak and pine woods, and beside lake trails to the finish line. Only a few folks realized that this would be Dave’s final meet. That’s the way he wanted it, without fanfare, attention on the runners. His family looked on as Dave brought the gun up one last time for the free run, a race for all the little future stars, from knee-biters up through middle school age. They then joined him as he walked away to the awards presentations where Dave did the honors, assisted by a little grandson, of course.

Many thanks, Dave, for your years of service, and to Judy for her patience in holding supper all those late meet nights. And finally to the girls, Janet and Sarah, for following dad’s advice and starring for Huron as well. A true family affair!



Instruction time as Dave reviews the starting procedures with the teams.

Dave and Bill peer intently as the runners head for home, Bill with his timer’s watch that has grown into his palm after all these years.



“Me help, grandpa?” as Dave prepares to make a trophy presentation.



Gator Bill runs the chase car along the woods, looking for stragglers or bodies after a long run.

Memories behind, the family strolls off to a different future now. But we suspect that Dave will be back, cheering for these little tikes someday, somewhere.





# Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

At its annual fall induction ceremony, the athletic hall of fame, there were three individuals and a team admitted to the ranks of Huron's fabled heroes of yore. At a well attended ceremony, former coach Bill Needham was inducted, as were Robert Dence, Brian Mamere, and the girls state championship Volleyball team of 1999. After introductions by Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Muratori, High School Principal, Scott Matheny, and Board of Education Representative, Tim Soweke, Athletic Director, Steve Camella, took over with introducing the evening's luminaries. Each then followed with personal comments and recollections of their careers at Huron and their lives since graduation. If one thread ran through all the commentaries it was this: Huron was (and still is) the greatest place to be raised and educated, and the community's spirit of family support was primarily the reason they reached any heights toward which good genes and correctly aligned stars had set them.

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## Bill Needham



The Needham's attending the ceremony were Jade Hoffman Needham, and husband Sean, both '98, with main dude Daniel, Bill and Joan Needham, and son Shane, '03.

Bill Needham entered the Hall of Fame as a Coach and Athletic Director. Bill graduated from Padua Franciscan High School in Parma in 1967 where he participated in three athletic programs: football, wrestling, and baseball. In his senior year he captained both the football and wrestling teams.

After high school Bill attended Ohio University where he earned his BS degree in education in 1971, majoring in the teaching of history and government. While in college he wrestled for the Bobcats for three seasons.

Bill's first teaching position was at Columbia High School in Lorain County where he taught from 1971 until 1978 and was the Head Wrestling coach, Assistant Football coach, Reserve Baseball coach, and Assistant Volleyball coach. Then in the summer of 1978, he was sought out by Huron to succeed wrestling coach Steve Poole. As there was an opening in the social studies department, he was hired and remained as teacher-coach-athletic director for the next twenty-eight years, retiring the first time in 2006.

Bill had a stellar career while coaching at Huron. He began as Head Wrestling coach in 1978 and continued in that capacity until 1991. He coached 24 Sandusky Bay Conference individual champions, 98 individual tournament champions and 19 State Tournament qualifiers! He also coached football, beginning with the freshmen in 1978 and then graduating to the varsity level in 1979 where he remained until the 1984 season. After some time away from coaching, he returned as eighth grade football coach in 1993 through the 2000 season. Still not finished, he came out of retirement in 2006 and coached seventh grade for two years, then finished up with the eighth grade program for another three years.

The call for an athletic director went out in 2000, and Bill applied and was hired for the position. During his tenure, many developments occurred, most of which remain to this day. For example, the soccer program was playing its matches at Fabens Park, way out back in near primitive conditions on an older baseball field. Bill arranged to have the practice football field at McCormick Middle School used as a soccer field. However, to accomplish that feat, he had to first find a home for the practice football field. That was also done when land for that purpose was secured immediately west of the Huron Memorial Stadium across the street from Jim Campbell Boulevard. With that land secured, all teams then had new homes and further renovation of the McCormick Field got under way. Lights were added for night time matches and then eventually bleachers. The baseball team also got new digs when the team began using the diamond at Fabens Park. New visitors' bleachers were also added at Memorial Stadium during Bill's tenure.

When not coaching, Bill also refereed and umpired. His wrestling officiating began in 1991 and continued until 2000. He officiated nine Sectional Tournaments and seven District tournaments. During the summers, Bill also umpired baseball and softball at various levels from the early '80's until 2014, for a total of over thirty years behind the plate and on the bases. Nearly twenty of those seasons were as a certified umpire through the High School Athletic Association.

Off and on, when the need arose, Bill also volunteered his services as coach in various other sports such as JV baseball coach, freshman basketball coach, golf, faculty manager, and finally Athletic Director, succeeding Dave Brown. Bill now has a new career as color commentator for Buckeye Cable's Sports Channel BCSN. He shows his love for and knowledge of football, wrestling, basketball, softball, and baseball by helping to call the matches and games and offering on-air color commentary. He interviews coaches, researches the unfamiliar teams to learn about the athletes, and then entertains listeners with his knowledgeable offerings. All in all it is much more relaxing in the booth than on the mat or field! Congratulations, Bill.





## Robert Dence

Robert Dence, '02, was a three sport athlete who earned a total of eight letters during his high school career: two in football, and three each in baseball and basketball. Rob also holds seven school records in football.

As a basketball player, Rob was a three-year starter as a small forward, where he was an All-SBC player his senior year.

In football, Rob starred as a quarterback and led his team to the playoffs two straight years. Who can ever forget the greatest Ohio Football Game Ever Played when Huron was finally defeated in the playoffs by Kenton after four overtimes. Rob made All-SBC two years in a row, and in his senior year was selected to the 1st team all-district and all state, in addition to being declared the most outstanding performer in the SBC.

As a baseball player, Rob was also a three-year starter as a pitcher and shortstop. He batted .319 and started on two regional teams in the infield. He also pitched in 6 games for 27.3 innings and had a 2.82 era which included a team high 43 strikeouts.

After high school, Rob attended the University of Dayton where he served as back-up quarterback for two years and two years as a starter on special teams, all the while helping to accumulate a 53-6 record for the Flyers. He graduated with his mechanical engineering degree with a 3.46 GPA as part of the New Engineering Leadership Program.

Post-graduation Rob worked on a classified Space Radar Program for Lockheed Martin. He was soon accepted into the Engineering Leadership Development Program and moved to San Francisco, CA for a year before moving back to Littleton, CO. He received his first master's degree from the University of Colorado in Mechanical Engineering followed by a second at University of Denver in Mechatronics Systems Engineering. He then became a Certified Principle Engineer (CPE) responsible for the design of two mechanisms and the Magnetometer weather instrument for the NASA sponsored next generation GOES-R weather satellite. He is currently responsible for the design, test, verification and delivery of 5 products onto the satellite prior to being sent into space.

Rob lives in Castle Rock, CO with his wife Megan and their daughters, Madison (28 months) and Mackenzie (11 months).

## Brian Mamere

Brian Mamere, '93, entered the Hall of Fame as an outstanding athlete in three sports where he earned nine letters: football, basketball, and baseball.

Brian played varsity football from 1990-92 and starred as a running back as part of a triple option offense. In his junior year he came into his own as a double scoring threat in running and catching the ball, as a punter, and as defensive standout. His greatest disappointment was missing out on the playoffs in a last game defeat at the Duck Pond.

As a senior, Brian was outstanding, helping to lead the team to a playoff berth. He led the team to a final four appearance in the playoffs, finishing as regional champs and losing only to the previous year's state champs, Warren Kennedy. He finished the regular season with 825 yards rushing, another 237 in receptions, and scored 14 touchdowns. He had a career total of 71 punts also, averaging 36.7 yards per kick for fourth place all time for Huron punters. In both his junior and senior years, Brian made All-SBC first team.

As a basketball player Brian played guard and forward for Dino Caporini. In the junior and senior years, the team made it to both the regional and district finals.



Brian and his wife, Rachel Sommer, '93, with their children, Drew, Cody, and Cora who attend Huron Schools.



On the baseball diamond, Brian played varsity all four years, starring as shortstop. He made first team All-SBC two years in a row, with a stellar four-year batting average of .420, his senior year .465 being his career best. He went on to college at Ashland University on a baseball scholarship where he played one year on the team that finished as national runner up in Division II. After a year off, he returned to play two more years at Tri-C in Cleveland where he captained his senior year and was also the pitching closer.

After earning his degree in Criminal Justice, Brian returned to Huron and enrolled in the Sandusky Police Academy where he earned his certification as a patrolman. He then became a member of the Huron Police Department, serving for three years. In 2002 Brian took the training for and became a member of the Ohio State Patrol. Today he works out of the Milan post, mostly as a supervisor, with jurisdiction for the middle eighty miles of the Ohio Turnpike.

## State Champion Volleyball Team 1999

The 1999 Girls Volleyball team was the second team to be inducted into the Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame in its entirety. Many of the girls had played together for three years, coming up through the reserve to the varsity ranks. The year before they had been regional runners up, and in '99 they set their sights on taking it all. That they did, with a vengeance!

In their regular SBC season they went undefeated, but they dropped three matches to very strong non-conference foes who are always in the title hunt. But they learned from playing the top competition in the area and were set when it came time for the playoffs. They cruised through the tournament against tough sectional and regional championship caliber teams. In the quarter and semifinals they topped VASJ and Springfield NW and were crowned state champions in Division II.

One interesting fact is that the girls did not drop a single set the entire tournament trail. The team they beat in the finals was Springfield Northwestern who was undefeated and ranked #1 at the time. The scores of the Championship match were 16-14, 15-11.

Many individual records were set by these girls, several of whom had already been inducted into the Hall on their own merits. The Wilber sisters, Sarah and Janet, set the pace, followed by the likes of Nikki Dauch, Kirsta Solberg, and Cori Lively. That year Nikki and Kirsta received 1st Team All-SBC Honors, Cori and Janet made second team All-SBC and Allyson Borgelt took Honorable Mention SBC. At the District level, Nikki and Kirsta also took 1st team honors, Cori made second team, and Janet made Honorable Mention. Finally, Kirsta made the 1st Team All-Ohio Volleyball team and Nikki took 2nd team honors.

Their coach, Don Wood, was recognized for his work by receiving the State Coach of the Year award, the first of two such honors to come his way.



Shown here are the members of the 1999 Girls Volleyball Championship Team who were able to attend the banquet or those sitting in for team members:

Front: Cori Lively Dike, Kelly Meinert Frederick, Nikki Dauch Redding, Ashley Ruthsatz, Joan Everett Saunders for her daughter Michelle.



## Cheerleader Reunion

A reunion of former cheerleaders was held before the Bellevue game this September. At the beginning of the season, this year's cheerleaders decided that they wanted to honor those who had preceded them in their role. Thus began what they hope will be an annual affair.

The call went out by email and word of mouth among the locals that this affair was being held. Unfortunately, with such short notice, a small group turned out. The 50's and 60's were mostly represented, and a few of the younger ones. But that was a good start. After all, we have a database of just under 400 ladies, from the beginning of the cheerleader era through present, from which to draw in the future. So the girls look forward to a much greater gathering next year.

These gatherings serve a couple purposes. First, the Athletic Hall of Fame is filled with men and women who excelled in various forms of athletics, many in several sports. But the girls back then put in as many hours practicing, then freezing on the sidelines as they exhorted their fellow students to support those on the fields and courts who fought in their name for the glory of Huron. We owe these women thanks for their service as well.

Likewise, the cheerleaders of the past have much to offer the present generation of girls. We heard them sharing experiences and discussing past traditions. Today's girls listened and excitedly exclaimed many times, "Why aren't we still doing that?" So in the future, if you attend games and hear something that familiarly harkens back to some memory of your distant past, you'll know where it came from. Today's students are quick learners. Our senior cheerleaders have much to offer them.

Returning to join this year's girls were: (Front) Agnes Doyle Majoy '52, Delores (Dee) Florio-Knittle, '56, Judy Hartley Ishmael, '59, Patty Macioce Everett, '56, and Ziska Papas McDevitt, '55. Row two: Cheerleader coach Pam Blankenship Coles, '92, Laurie Bade Legando, '77, Amanda Connell Gilbert, '98, Jade Hoffman Needham, '98, and Cindy Hastings Defazio, '68.

Watch the June *Newsletter* for date and time of next fall's gathering.



## Three Generations of Grads



In June, a three generation picture arrived too late to make our summer issue. But we do want to acknowledge another family of three generations of Huron High School grads - the Wechters. Samantha was her 2012 Class President, Charlie graduated in '55, his son Dennis in '81, and Danielle in 2014 from EHOVE. Belated congratulations!



## 2015 All-School Reunion

The summer of 2015 will see another of your Association's triennial All-School reunions, except this one will be different. Instead of a fall dinner and dance type of formal reunion, next year will see a summer time reunion centered around the RiverFest weekend. Why this time of year? Because this is the season when most Huron grads are able to return to their roots. The out-of-town alumni plan their vacations around summers near the homestead and lake, a time when they can bring children and pets back for a week or just a long weekend at grandma's. Surveys have shown that the greatest number of returnees appear over or near RiverFest weekend which usually turns out to be a sort of community homecoming anyway. Hence, we would like to down two sea gulls with one sling.

The plan is to stage a more informal type of reunion where grads can attend to meet classmates, their friends from immediately before and after their class in school, and even bring in their families if they want to. So what will that look like? At present we are contemplating throwing a huge hog roast with all the trimmings, under a tent on the lawn area in front of Mesenburg's Plaza Place. The fete would begin sometime after the city-wide parade on the Saturday of RiverFest, July 8, 2015, and continue well into the evening. Dinners would be available at a designated two hour time span around the normal supper hour, but the refreshments will have to be a little different. Because of state law, Mesenburg's are not allowed to sell alcohol outdoors on their present license. So we will have to make that part of the party BYOB. Luckily the Huron Market right next door carries the area's finest selection of beverages, including a huge selection of the ever popular craft beers. So haul out the coolers.

How would this type of reunion impact the individual classes that want to meet during this event? We don't frankly know, but it bears trying this format at least once to see how it fares. Obviously, folks would not want to hang out anywhere for five or six straight hours, especially if they have brought along their families. So it will be incumbent upon class officers, or others within a class who help them organize their reunions, to begin the social media chatter and set up a time at which their class may want to gather. There are already a couple classes meeting in the evening for their "own" reunion inside the Plaza Place and that's fine. But we are betting that sometime during that time, either before or after their own revelries, they will want to join the larger group for socializing and reminiscing under the tent with friends near their age. As the RiverFest is going on downtown and within easy walking distance, folks may elect to begin under the tent, then proceed downtown for the various entertainments, and finally wander back to the Plaza Place. Some may even do it in reverse - you know the type - they always sat in the back row in class.

The point is, first, to attend no one has to get dressed up over one of the hottest weekends of the year. Casual is definitely "in" these days. Second, no one is tied to a specific time, a scripted type of reunion with long speechifying, or hollering over a loud band or DJ to be heard. Finally, it's summer time, and roast hog, sweet corn, sweating right down into your socks, and shorts naturally go together.

One caveat, however. We will have to have pre-reservations and eventually a pre-sale of tickets to attend. Not that we are discouraging walk-ins - as people's plans sometimes change. The point is, how big does that hog have to be? Or even how many hogs? How many bushels of Hahn's corn do we need? How much dessert for attendees and the kids? How big a tent do we need? (It usually never rains that weekend, but we WILL be prepared!)

So between now and next May what we need folks to do is begin talking up this gathering and corralling classmates, urging them to commit to return for the event. Then we need individuals to use the attached registration form inside the back cover to sign up to actually attend. We don't need any money now, just your commitment to attend. In June we will publish all those details. At this publishing, Rick Mesenburg says he can get it done in the \$20 per person range, with a reduced rate for kids.

Some may object to this type of gathering as being too casual, held at the wrong time of the year, or not in keeping with the past gatherings. True! We plead guilty. But the fact is that over the past twelve years that we have hosted these gatherings, attendance has actually decreased. We have always had fall gatherings, fairly dressed up affairs, with lots of music and fancy halls, and high end menus with expensive decorations and extras. The cost, we have been told, has kept many away who might otherwise have wanted to attend. But with kids in school, job obligations, and no vacation time left, grads have been hard pressed to come into town from afar to join the "homies." So yes, this is a kind of experiment. That much we do know. We don't know what the real "correct" time of year is but can be fairly sure it is not the fall. But we will try this to keep costs low yet offer a time, place, and reasonable fare to draw as many back as we can who want to renew their connection with their alma mater and friends.

Start the chatter and keep it going. Help make this experiment a huge success. Get your "flash mob" mentality going on the social sites that you use. We would like feedback on the idea but definitely need to hear from you by the middle of May. However, we don't do Facebook, Twitter, texting, Classmates.com, Reunion.com or anything called dotcom. We avoid Instagram, LinkedIn, MyLife, Myspace, Myanything! We don't Xanga, Taringa, Kanga, or Zumba or any other dances. Flickr, Tumblr, or anyone else that can't spell we abhor. So email or snailmail us with your tentative commitment to help finalize our plans, and then thereafter we can nail you down.

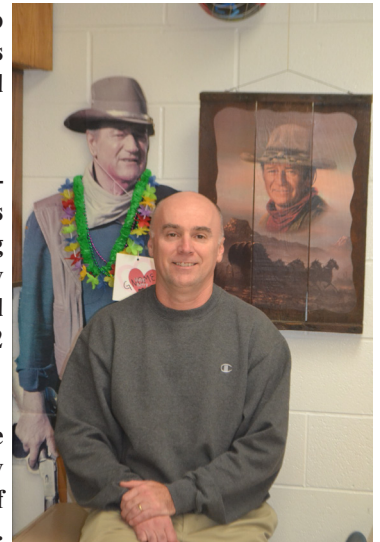


## Coach Don Wood Honored

Huron Teacher and Coach, Don Wood, was honored on November 15 by being inducted into the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, one week after his girls volleyball team had won the fourth state title to come Huron's way in the sport. Coach Wood has been responsible for all of the titles.

A Norwalk native, Don played his high school volleyball under the legendary Grace Hutchinson as a Trucker. Don played for her championship men's volleyball club team in the mid '80's and was so inspired by her that he decided to enter the coaching profession along with teaching high school mathematics. Only recently has he given up playing on the tour himself - too many aches for too long now! Don's record now stands at 474-105 at the conclusion of this, his 22nd season. Grace still leads all coaches in all sports in Northern Ohio with her 552 wins over 32 seasons. How much longer, though?

Don's induction is well deserved based upon his record. Don's achievements include four state championships, won in 1999, 2002, 2009 and now in 2014, with a runner up year in 2000. Only four other Division III schools in the state have amassed that many championships, one of them being the Gilmour Academy team which the Lady Tigers defeated this year in the finals. In addition, Don has been named District 6 Coach of the Year 20 times during his career, received the Coach's Achievement Selection eleven times and named Ohio State Coach of the Year twice. Despite all the accolades, though, Don remains humbled by the experiences, but gives the credit right where it is due, to his girls. He was especially proud this year to have coached his own daughter, Gabriella again. Could there be a successor being groomed here? Don't discount the possibility. Many of Don's Lady Tigers have gone on to star in college ball as well as join the collegiate coaching ranks. So the winning Huron volleyball tradition continues at Huron, with its roots deep in southside Norwalk soil. Don and his wife Jennifer have two children, Gabriella, a sophomore, and



Don and his idol, The Duke

## Chris Ford To Be Honored

“Long time coming! Good things happen to the good guys - eventually! What took so long? “

These are just some of the laudatory comments we have received since announcing this fall that former Huron wrestling coach, Chris Ford, will be honored this winter by Ashland College. On February 7, 2015, Chris will be honored at Ashland upon the occasion of the dedication of their new wrestling facility locker room which will bear his name.

Chris literally created the wrestling program at Huron in 1956, beginning the tradition of excellence that produced a long line of state champions. He left Huron for Ashland College in 1965, became their "father of wrestling" as he also began their program in a campus Quonset hut, moved to a church basement, then to a maintenance garage, and FINALLY to a real gymnasium. In eleven years Chris amassed a record of 95-55-5, and he was named national coach of the year in 1976.

Chris then moved to Ohio State as head wrestling coach. He produced a national champion there and five All-Americans during his ten-year tenure. He ended with a record of 115-92-3 in matches at OSU.

In 2010 Chris was inducted into the inaugural class of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He is also in the Ohio State, Ashland, Huron Halls of Fame. But he wasn't finished in retirement. The itch got to him again, and he began a program at Dublin (OH) Jerome High School. Something about a grandchild there.

If you would like to attend the ceremony honoring Chris, contact us in January when we hope to have more details. We already know of many who will be in attendance, and car pooling may be possible.

We congratulate Chris upon his reception of this great honor.



## Classnotes



**Andy Johnson**, '75, retired this fall as principal of Galion (OH) Middle School. Andy had gained his teaching degree in English, but in the 80's returned for an administration degree. He had held positions in Coshocton and Ontario (OH) schools before taking over as Galion principal in 1997. He also served as football and track coach over the years. Andy and his wife Maureen have three daughters: Ashley, Lindsey, and Emily, and now a grandson, Braddon.

**Tony Chicotel**, '89, recently participated in a lawsuit against California nursing homes which were illegally using psycho drugs on nursing home patients. The class action suit resulted in a 2.2 Billion dollar settlement and hopefully will be expanded nationwide as a quality-of-care standard.

**Dennis Antonelli, Jr.**, '97, was appointed principal of Sandusky's St. Mary's Central Catholic High School with responsibilities from grades 6 – 12.

**Nick Sorg**, '02, living in Granger IN, works as a consultant and designer for medical stay surveys that assess quality-of-care issues in thousands of hospitals nationwide. He and his wife Megan have two boys, Andrew and John.

**James W. Murray, JD**, '96, is an attorney and Director of the John Gardner postgraduate program at Stanford University's Haas Center for Public Service and was selected as part of the inaugural national cohort of the Presidio Institute Cross Sector Leadership Fellows. Jim is now living in San Francisco CA with his wife, Anna Marie, and their two children, TJ (7) and Paul (5).

**Mark J. Murray**, '98, is a principal at Lane Partners, a real estate firm based in Menlo Park CA. He focuses on acquisitions, entitlements, leasing, and construction management. Mark and his wife, Tammy, welcomed their first child, Cameron, this past July. They live in Woodside CA.

### Engagements and Weddings

**Meghan Koch**, '09, and Andrew Johnson announced on June 22 their engagement to be married. Megan graduated from Huron High School through EHOVE, where she earned her EMT certification, and then from Sandusky Career Center where she earned her certification in Medical Assisting. She is employed by NOMS Healthcare in Sandusky. Andrew, an Edison High School and EHOVE graduate, earned his certification as a paramedic and firefighter. He is employed at North Central EMS and Berlin Township Fire Department. A September 6 wedding was planned.

**Karen Agrawal**, '87 and Ron Unterreiner of Monroeville PA announced their engagement on July 27. Karen earned her Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern University in Biomedical Engineering and the University of Cincinnati where she earned her Doctor of Medicine. She did her Internal Medicine Residency at Emory University and is attending the University of Massachusetts and Amherst School of Business. She works in Dublin OH. Ron graduated from Gateway High School, then took his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science at the University of Pittsburgh. He is working in Columbus OH. The couple planned to wed on September 6.

**Mitchell Nickoli**, '03, and Amy Hermes announced their engagement on August 24. Mitchell earned his Bachelor of Business degree from the University of Eastern Michigan and is now managing the Tire Terminal in Sandusky. Amy, a Perkins High School graduate, earned her BA degree from Kent State University and is a retail manager in Sandusky. The couple was wed on September 20.

**Amber Slisher**, '09, and James Stephens announced their engagement on August 31, Amber received her Associates of Medical Administration from the Ohio Business College and is employed by Firelands Regional Medical Center. James, a Perkins High School graduate, is the owner of GGames in Norwalk. The couple was wed on October 4.

**Adam Molnar**, '03, and Christine Griffith announced their engagement on August 31. Adam took his BA degree from Auburn University in 2009 and is presently employed as a strategic account manager at Care Core National in Colorado Springs. The couple wed on September 20.

**Zach Yonek**, '08, and Jessica Cowie announced their engagement to marry on August 31. Zach graduated from Cedarville University with his Bachelor's Degree in Student Ministries and Christian Education and is employed with Union Home Mortgage in Sandusky. Jessica, a Perkins High School graduate, is working toward her degree in Sonography at BGSU Firelands while employed at Citizens Bank in Sandusky. The couple will wed on December 28.

**Shawn Waddington**, '97, and Andrea Johnson announced their engagement on October 19. Shawn earned his Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Toledo in 2001 and is presently employed by San Fab Conveyor in Sandusky, Andrea, a Norwalk High graduate in 1999, earned her LPN license from Lorain Community College and is presently working for her RN Degree from Bowling Green State University; she is presently employed at Mercy Allen Hospital in Oberlin. The couple will wed in 2015.

**Robert Cromley**, '95, and Kate Portman of North Olmstead OH eloped and were married on October 28 at South Whidbey Island State Park in Washington, as the rains held off. Rob did his undergraduate work at Ohio University, his post-bac at The Ohio State and medical school at LMU-DCOM in Harrogate, TN. He is currently in residency in family Medicine at South Pointe Hospital in Cleveland. Kate earned her dental hygiene degree from LCCC and currently works for Nick Gravino, DDS, in Bay Village. She is currently working on her Bachelor's degree in psychology from Cleveland State. The couple lives on Lakewood OH.

**Thomas Connell**, '05, and Katie Johnson of Canal Winchester were wed on October 4 in New Albany Ohio Thomas graduate from Columbus State Community College and is now a firefighter/paramedic with Granview Heights Fire Department. Katie did her nurse degree at Mt. Carmel College of Nursing and is now a Labor and Delivery nurse with Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital. The couple lives in Etna OH.

### Honorable Mention

**Barbara and Walter Butkus** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 14 with a family party at the Amore Restaurant in Woodland Park NJ, near where they were married in Newark NJ. Barbara had taught at Irvington NJ, Western Reserve, and Huron City Schools in both the high school and middle school. Walter had been a quality assurance engineer with New Departure before his retirement. Their three sons, Walter, Dana and Bryce, all graduated from Huron High School. They have two grandchildren.



## Obituaries

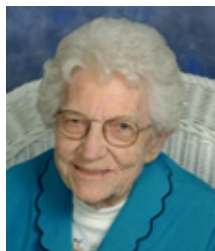
**John Sharpe**, '64, of Bellefontaine OH, passed away on May 6, 2008 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Dayton OH at age 62. A Vietnam era veteran, John had graduated as class valedictorian and was state wrestling champion in the 145-pound division that year. He was a systems analyst in Washington DC for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. John was inducted into the Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.



**John Fernbaugh**, interim superintendent for the Huron City Schools in the 2012-13 school year, passed away unexpectedly on June 13.

**Mary Mae Harris Matt**, '35, age 97, passed away on June 14 at Stein Hospice of Sandusky. A graduate of Sandusky Business College, Mary worked at the home and offices of Carl and Ethel Swanbeck before joining her husband Bill in his business, Matt-Craft Enterprises, all while raising three daughters.

**David Bledsoe Jr.**, '01, age 32, passed away unexpectedly at Bellefontaine OH on June 16. David had a degree in robotics from Terra State and was employed by CPC Logistics in East Liberty OH.



**Rose Marie Wechter Clark**, '38, age 93, of Lagrange OH, passed away on June 21 In Mercy Allen Hospital in Oberlin OH. Having worked with her folks and siblings in Bill Wechter's Huron Dairy all her unmarried life, she then married, moved to Lagrange, and became involved with her husband Jim in grain farming and the front end of the milk chain, raising cattle.

**Judy Peters Rogers**, '61, age 70, of Berlin Heights, passed away on July 7 at Mercy Medical Center in Lorain OH. Judy worked as a legal secretary for the law firm of Wickens, Herzer, Panza.



**Vicki Perry Gill**, '69, age 63, passed away at her Sandusky home on July 17. She worked throughout the years as a nurse's assistant in nursing homes in the local area.

**Jane Sennett Long**, '64, of Arlington, Virginia died July 25, 2013. Jane had been a noted historical preservationist, working in the Washington D.C. area, most recently as the National Preservation Programs Officer at the U.S. Archives and Records Administration.

**Kenneth Sartor**, '53, age 80, passed away on August 2 at his home in St. Petersburg FL. He was a retired Restaurant Manager working at Aunt Hatties and the Olde World Cheese Shop.



**Jennifer Lynn (Steinmetz) Schenk**, '81, age 51, of Huron, passed away Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, in her residence following a lengthy but brave battle with cancer. Jenny was employed as food and beverage manager for the Roadhouse and then for twenty years with Lear Corp but was best known for her presence at all area festivals and for her love of animals. No stray was ever turned away!

**Ann McClure**, '76, age 56, passed away on August 11 in Akron OH. Ann had been a health care system consultant for many years prior to taking ill.

**Ira Bailey**, '41, age 90, of Huron, passed away at Admiral Pointe Nursing and Habilitation. A WWII army veteran, Ira spent his entire life in Huron working as a carpenter and millwright.





**Constance Mae Neeland**, 77, of Guntersville, AL, passed away Friday evening August 15, 2014, at Crestwood Medical Center in Huntsville, AL. Connie was a retired second grade teacher, teaching for 46 years and spending 38 of those years in the Huron City Schools. The Neelands moved to Guntersville in 2007 because of Connie's love of the water. Connie also enjoyed, raised and loved birds, especially her macaws. Her second grade classroom's favorite was Katy.

**Frank Halley**, age 86, passed away on September 8. Born in Ironton OH, Frank was raised in Upper Arlington, close to his beloved Ohio State University. After graduating from high school in 1945, Frank entered the service until 1947, then attended OSU where he obtained his degree in education and met his wife Marilyn whom he married on campus in 1948. The couple moved to Castalia where Frank began teaching, then moved to Huron where he taught history at the high school while obtaining his Master's Degree in Education from Kent State University. He returned to Huron as an administrator and was responsible for establishing the state of the art, for that time, video technology department in the new Shawnee School building, where classroom programming could be received from circling broadcasting airplanes. (Pre-satellite days, of course.) In 1968, he left for another degree in education technology from Michigan State University, and good naturedly accepted the ribbing at his "defection." After his return to Ohio, Frank served as an administrator at EHOVE, then as Director of Continuing Education at Providence Hospital until retiring in 1994. He continued to teach education courses at BGSU Firelands College and also served on its Board of Trustees. As a passionate OSU fan, Frank served as president of the Erie County Chapter of the OSU Alumni Association. His lasting legacy there is that he designed the original block "O" flag flown by loyal OSU fans everywhere.

**Joseph Ulicki**, '74, passed away on September 10 in Firelands Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.



**Richard Williamson**, '59, age 73, passed away on September 12. Dick had excelled in athletics while at Huron, and after graduating from Ohio Wesleyan, entered the U.S. Navy where he flew attack fighters over Vietnam on two deployments. Dick then continued flying after the war and had a long career as a Delta Airlines pilot operating out of Atlanta.



**Porter Wallace**, '59, age 73 of Sandusky passed away unexpectedly on September 16 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. Porter, an avid outdoorsman, had operated the Huron Pizza Parlor in the 60's and then retired from Ford Motor Company in 2000 after 38 years of experience.

**Joan Crapsey**, '47, age 85, passed away September 23 in Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky, following a brief illness. For twenty-six years Joan had driven bus for Huron City Schools, and many of you were daily hauled to class by her, to sporting events, or on field trips.

**Donald Rowe**, husband of Twila Rowe, passed away on September 26 at the age of 85. Twila was the curriculum director for many years at Huron City Schools.



**Lucy Larizza Vercillo**, '43, age 88, passed away at her home in Ashland OH on October 6. A registered nurse, Lucy began her career in Cleveland but moved to Ashland shortly thereafter where she practiced her profession for thirty-five years and touched almost every family in the city with her care over the decades.



**Marta Esposito**, age 77, of Huron, passed away on October 9 at home. Married to Joe Esposito, '57, for some 54 years, Marta came to Huron from Youngstown in 1959 and was the secretary to Huron's first City Manager, Dean Sheldon, Jr. She had then been employed by Huron City Schools for almost thirty-five years as ticket manager at all events, study hall monitor, cafeteria cashier, and OPSEA president for 28 years. She was present at almost every high school event, long after her children had graduated from school.



**Ray Majoy**, '61, age 71, passed away on October 29 at the Cleveland Clinic after a sudden but brief illness. Ray began his law enforcement career in Huron as an officer, then detective sergeant, then transferred to become chief of the Cedar Point Police Department for 33 years, with 25 of them as their chief. He was also active in the community, helping begin the Youth Baseball Program and starting Fabens Park.





Karen Dickman Kowalski, '82, age 50, passed away on October 31 at Firelands Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.



Gary Ginesi, '69, age 63, of Medina OH, passed away on November 15. Gary served many years as a self employed financial planner.



**Walter Butkus**, '80, age 53, of Huron, passed away unexpectedly at home on November 25 He was employed by Radisson Hotel, DeLuca Plumbing, and was an Erie County licensed plumber.

## Dom Andrew Norton Ordained

On Sunday, October 26, Andrew Norton, '02, was ordained to the priesthood at the Clear Creek Abbey in Oklahoma. This monastery subscribes to the Rule of the Benedictine contemplative way of life, with the monks living in a community committed to praying and working. They are basically a self sufficient community, living apart from the modern conveniences of the world, in an environment of great natural beauty and very conducive to achieving their spiritual goals.

Andrew was pleased to have his family attend the ordination ceremony as well as an entourage of Huronites, fellow classmates and teachers, and his former Thomas Aquinas College classmates, their spouses, and children. The day-long ceremony continued into a second day when Fr. Andrew offered his First Mass in the crypt of the monastery church where he had been ordained. His parents, Chuck and Christine Norton, hosted guests at their Treehouse, a cabin built just outside the confines of the grounds and just as lacking modern conveniences as the monastery itself. Fr. Andrew is permitted correspondence with friends and family throughout the year, except for the Advent and Lenten seasons. No phone service, though, no internet, no email or texting - just the snail mail at Dom Andrew Norton, Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey, 5804 West Monastery Road, Hulbert, OK 74441.



Some Huron grads present at Fr. Andrew Norton's ordination include Amanda Furey, '04, his brother David Norton, '99, Nick Sorg,'02, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Paschal (Dan) Yohe, '02, and his sister Camille Norton, '06.



# McBride Arboretum Concert

Each year, on the last weekend in August, the Firelands Symphony Orchestra celebrates the beginning of its annual concert series with a free outdoor concert, held within a beautiful open air meadow, bounded by the campus of Firelands College on the one side and the McBride Arboretum on the other. Thousands of area folks tote their chairs or blankets and, in some cases, their picnic supplies to enjoy a couple hours of music, sitting under majestic oaks and plane sycamores or basking in late summer rays. The music runs the gamut from light classical to modern pops, usually with a theme that varies annually, depending upon who the guest artist is. A jazz trumpeter, a la Satchmo, an opera singer or pop artist - it doesn't matter. Maestro Carl Tuplo always selects pieces to highlight their talents and always produces a crowd-pleasing repertoire. The music usually ends with a patriotic piece just as the sun sets on the horizon over beautiful Parker Lake.



This next season will see an extra treat for music lovers. The FSO will be adding three more opportunities to enjoy one's favorite styles of music. In intimate settings within the arboretum itself, listeners will be able to enjoy a string quartet or a jazz ensemble or even brass ensemble of four or five very talented musicians. These mini-concerts will be held on Sunday afternoons: June 14, July 12, and September 13. Mark your calendars now and watch for the particulars in the June issue of the *Newsletter*.

## Memberships

New memberships continue to arrive and are most welcome. If you enjoy this *Newsletter* and wish to continue supporting the many programs organized by your Association, won't you consider a membership? Inside the back cover are a number of plans for you to consider. And remember, we are an IRS approved 501 (c)3 organization for tax purposes, meaning that whatever you do for us is tax deductible.



With the end of the year fast approaching and the spectre of our dear Uncle Sam looming over us, now might also be the time to consider a gift of any size to one of our many scholarship programs. Donors have the flexibility of choosing which programs they may want to consider, as well as whether they want their donation expended during the next scholarship granting period or invested for future growth in our Huron Education Foundation. Whatever choice you make, know that our students are most appreciative of your contribution to their future success. With the cost of any kind of post-high school training increasing yearly, it is most imperative that we do all we can to help pay it forward, even as we, in many cases, were helped upward. Thank you for your consideration.

### Memberships since June 2014

|                             |                |    |     |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----|-----|
| Barbara Stein Boeckling     | Salem          | OH | '43 |
| Barbara Voight Mitchell     | Huron          | OH | '51 |
| Joyce Ohlemacher Eldred     | Bay Village    | OH | '54 |
| Susan Jones                 | Darby          | MT | '56 |
| Joanne Trabant Hall         | Cincinnati     | OH | '60 |
| James McKelvey              | Lake Orion     | MI | '60 |
| Kay Billman Reeves          | Huron          | OH | '61 |
| Edward Boose                | Huron          | OH | '62 |
| Janet Carpenter Kennedy     | Olmstead Falls | OH | '62 |
| Marlene Westcott Boose      | Huron          | OH | '63 |
| Michael Bork and Karen Bork | Huron          | OH | '66 |
| Michael Sheard              | Helena         | MT | '75 |
| Kevin Pat McCormick         | Matthews       | NC | '78 |
| James Murray                | San Francisco  | CA | '96 |

### Scholarship Contributions since June 2014

|  |              |    |          |
|--|--------------|----|----------|
| <u>General Scholarship Fund</u>                              |              |    |          |
| Barbara Boeckling  | Salem        | OH | '43      |
| <u>Language Arts Department Scholarships</u>                 |              |    |          |
| Kevin Pat McCromick  | Matthews     | NC | '78      |
| Pat and Suzane Reitz   | Sarver       | PA | '86, '87 |
| <u>Tom Shontz Memorial Science Scholarship Fund</u>          |              |    |          |
| Michael Sheard   | Helena       | MT | '75      |
| <u>Tanny Vonthron Memorial Scholarship</u>                   |              |    |          |
| Marge Billman  | Huron        | OH | '60      |
| <u>Dolores Heydinger Memorial Elementary Ed. Scholarship</u> |              |    |          |
| John Paul "JP" Jones   | Ormond Beach | FL | '73      |



## Membership Sign Up<sup>1214</sup>

### HHS Alumni Association Membership Form

(Membership renewals are due in December of each year. New members accepted any time.)

HHS Graduate \_\_\_ \$10 per year You and Spouse Graduate \_\_\_ \$15 Social/Associate Membership \_\_\_ \$15  
5-year membership \_\_\_ \$45 Life Membership \_\_\_ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden name, if female grad \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Huron Booster's Club Membership

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

### Scholarship Funds

Contribution to General HHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (expended annually) or  
to the Endowed Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (invested through HEF and earnings only expended)

Contribution to Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or  
to Endowed Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to Language Arts Scholarship Fund (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)  
Includes Larry Zimmer \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Mary Alyce Harpster \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships.

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

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

In reviewing your year-end financial situation for tax purposes, keep in mind that the Huron Alumni Association is a non-profit charitable organization under IRS 501 (c) 3 rules and that your contribution(s) to any of the scholarship programs are fully deductible in the year given. Your generosity is most appreciated by our graduating seniors each year in May at the Scholarship Awards ceremony.

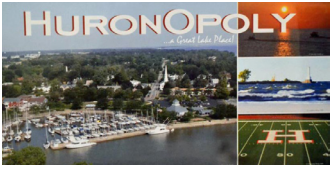
### All-School Reunion Pre-Reservation Sign Up

At this time I (we) plan to attend the summer, 2015 All-School Reunion . There will be \_\_\_\_\_ adults in our party, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ children.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Email or Street Address \_\_\_\_\_



# HuronOpoly



Everyone born since 1935 has played that quint-essentially American capitalistic game, Monopoly. But did you know that this game now has a distinctive Huron flavor? Huron's version is loaded with the old and new Huron place names and businesses. Instead of the usual Park Place,

Tennessee Ave, or Pennsy Railroad, imagine a Rudy's Hardware or Showboat or Marconi's. This game was created as a 50:50 partnership between the Huron Chamber of Commerce and Huron High School to help raise funds for scholarships and to help replace the school's Business Computer Lab. The response to the project has been enormous, with sales going briskly. Only 250 copies were printed and won't last long. With publication of this Newsletter so close to Christmas, you still might be able to receive an order before the holidays - if you hurry. Call to reserve a copy at the high school and stop in to pick it up. Or send your check for \$20 per copy to HuronOpoly, % Huron High School at 710 Cleveland Road West, 44839. If you live out of town and need a copy mailed, a ten dollar per copy will have to apply. But even if your game arrives late for the holidays, wherever you winter, all snowed in or enjoying the rays, you will still have many happy evenings and memories playing the game. Enjoy but HURRY!



## Nicknames – Huron's SSN

Nicknames – usually assigned sometime in one's high school career - are acquired differently in Huron. Some families bestow them way down in pre-school, others shortly after birth, and the privileged few are actually born with the moniker tattooed inside their lower lip, it seems. The names know no bounds and respect no one's age, physique, occupation, mental capacity, or shortcomings. Indeed, they range from endearing to embarrassing. But however gained, earned, or imposed, know this. One will carry that name for life, a sign of either social acceptance or ostracizing. No PC back when, and who knows whether such a revered tradition will be allowed to continue?

For the past many years, however, grad Lee Rhinemiller, '51, has been assiduously compiling the nicknames and now boasts a collection of nearly three hundred. Mostly males have made the list, and most hale from the late thirties up through the fifties.

Names seem to fall into certain categories. Spend time around Huron's waterfront and you are forever known as Catfish, Sauger, Blue Gill, Toad, or Duck Eggs or Wood Duck. Choose the wrong parents and you become Tubby, Peg Leg, Canary Legs, Shorty, or Moose. Show just a little variation in your mental abilities or personality and you are henceforth Noodles, Crazy, or Cuckoo. Forget to bathe just once and you are Stinky, Dusty, Fishie, just plain Nasty, Coal Oil, Lubie, or worse. Even culinary preferences produced the likes of Pickles or Dill Pickles, Ham Bone, Chicken, Biscuits, or Peanuts. Gals from the Flapper era or just a little later became Blondie, Chick, Tootsie, Ga Ga, Feets, Bubbles, Dolly or Flirt. Ethnicities and nationalities fared no better. The process was part of that socialization phenomenon of setting and maintaining boundaries, or reminding folks who they were or were not, and creating an identity. Something for everyone. Huron – the totally inclusive, discriminate-equal-ly community!

We would now like to expand this list from all classes this side of '60, but need your help. Just don your thinking caps, maybe crack open your class's yearbook, and spend an evening perusing the pages of pictures there, reminiscing over those bygone days, then compiling your own list. After all, you spent big bucks for that dusty old tome, so why not dig it out and get your money's worth? When you are convinced that you can come up with no more, send us the list. If you really want to enlighten us, maybe a short explanation of HOW a person got stuck with the name would be appropriate. (Just keep it clean now. This is still a family magazine.) We will compile a master list and figure out how to make it available to all. Start today and have fun with this assignment. It is due on Monday morning, with five points off for each day late. And there WILL be a quiz on it as well.