

NEWS

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HHSAA



School and City dignitaries thank Mucci Representative

Mucci Field Dedication

On the evening of October 2, immediately before the Tigers' game against Edison, the playing field was dedicated by representatives of Mucci Farms, donors of the newly refurbished playing surface. See all the details beginning on page 2.

Three Former Faculty Pass

Paul Greene and Jim Seiple passed away this October, and Bob Bowers in November. Paul, age 89, taught math and coached several sports, while Jim, age 98, taught biology and coached. Bob, age 78, ran the shop program after Dutch Laub and coached also. See page 4.



Girls State Volleyball Champs



Huron's team poses moments after winning their Division III Ohio State Volleyball Championship at Vandalia November 15. Coach Don Wood won his fifth state championship with a senior-laden team, many of whom had played together since the fourth grade. Share their journey to the top on page 11.

Schools Open Safely

With more than a little fear, Huron schools opened for instruction in a hybrid model in late August, including the fall sports program, amid the pandemic. Stress levels were high for students, parents, and teachers alike, but by following proper protocols, the decisions made along the way were generally successful, though tweaked at times. Read throughout about how the system fared.



Field Renovations at Huron Stadium

As reported elsewhere here, Mucci Farms, farmer-operators of acres of greenhouses along Rye Beach Road, agreed to partner with Huron City Schools and assume the cost of replacing the artificial turf on the football field at Huron Memorial Stadium. This commitment topped out over \$400,000 to rip out the old, regrade the field, and then repair and improve parts of the infrastructure, reinstall the turf, all in time for the new season. The project began late because of shortages of available materials due to the then-in-place enacted tariffs and Covid restrictions, but the construction company delivered as promised, on time and in perfect shape. For this generosity, the schools, students, and community were extremely grateful. The Mucci logo is proudly displayed below each of the tigers mounted atop the ticket booths and also on the sidelines of the field.



On October 2, the community showed its appreciation by dedicating the field and honoring the Mucci family before its Homecoming game. Except that Mr. Bert Mucci, owner of the Farms, could not attend the ceremony. Company headquarters lie across the lake in Canada, and travel to and from Canada from the United States was still restricted at that time. The manager of the Rye Beach Road plant, Mr. Dave Loewen, stood in for Bert and accepted the community's thanks. Present for the ceremony were the members of the Huron City Council, the Huron City School Board and Superintendent, and officers of the Huron Booster Club, with representatives of each giving their remarks and thanks.

Proudly displayed before the assemblage on the field were drone shots of the newly renovated facility, showing the entire high school campus, with the new field in the foreground and the lake in the background. Mr. Loewen was presented with a picture for the corporate offices.

Gridiron Ironed Out



The life expectancy was eight to ten years. It lived for twelve years before giving up the ghost. We're not talking about the third grade class's pet green turtle, though. Rather, it was the playing surface of the football field at the Huron Memorial Stadium, the field itself being called Kalahari Field after the business enterprise that sponsored it twelve years ago.

The field had a good run throughout that time, with minimal upkeep and occasional repairs. However, a couple years ago it became apparent that normal wear and nature had both conspired against the turf and it cried out to be replaced. Even the 2x4's attached to the inside of the concrete curbing all along the track, and to which the stretched artificial surface had been anchored, were rotting, causing wrinkles and some tearing in spots. The material making up the green grass was also ageing and starting to thin out, allowing the underlying pellet cushioning to spill out. The common consensus was that the field needed to be replaced, but the cost would be almost too much to bear locally. After all, how many bake sales and fifty:fifty games would it take to raise in excess of the \$400,000 needed? The Huron Boosters Club members were losing much sleep and even more hair over how to fund the project when a new local business stepped in.

Several years ago, ninety plus acres of farmland along Rye Beach Road, owed by Firelands College BGSU, were sold to Mucci Farms, a greenhouse establishment located just across Lake Erie in Kingsville and Leamington, Ontario. Mr. Bert Mucci, owner of the enterprise, through the then-city manager Andy White, was introduced to the boosters and eventually agreed to a partnership. Mucci Farms, in return for naming rights of the field for a term of eight years, agreed to bear the cost. The restoration was begun by Maumee Bay Turf Center of Oregon, Ohio this summer and completed in about three weeks time. The base was laser-graded to insure perfection. The "grass" material is two inch slit material identical to what is used on 14 different NFL fields, four of which have hosted Super Bowl games. Huron truly stands among the elite!

In addition, to gain more usage from the field, soccer lines were added to the turf, and matches were scheduled so as not to conflict with practices and games. Mr. Mucci, himself being from a small town background, appreciates how a local sports team is able to bring a town together. He was thus happy to invest in the community which he now calls home. The Mucci Farms logo will be proudly displayed for years to come in the turf along the sidelines, a fitting tribute to the generosity of our new neighbor on the west side. Thank you, Mr. Mucci, from all of our alumni.

The Process



Roll and drag, drag and roll for hours on end until the surface was absolutely perfect. The field also received a new drainage system that requires no crowning. The system is guaranteed to handle up to forty inches of rain per hour!



Each section of the field, ten yards at a time, is carefully rolled out and aligned for sewing. A special Singer machine then sews the sections together, making for a stronger joint than the traditional gluing of seams.



The white yard lines come already sewn into the turf fabric. Other lines or images must be carefully cut in and securely glued. Here soccer lines are added to make a multi-purpose field.



Precise measurement of hash marks insures no one is cheated out of a first down.



Soccer sidelines are added. The boys' soccer hosted 5 out of 8 games here, the girls 6 out of 9. The McCormick field hosted the rest and practices.

Underlayment



Why don't the players injure themselves when falling on a turf sitting atop hard packed stone? Tons of finely ground up rubber pellets from used tires are spread upon the field and then worked through tiny holes in the turf to build up a protective layer between turf and stone. Next time you watch a slo-mo replay during an NFL game, watch the players' feet as they cut and see your used tires, pelleted, flying upward from below the fabric.



Retired Faculty Members Pass

Paul E. Greene, 89, of Lima, passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Kobacker House in Columbus OH.



Paul, who was lovingly known as "Pokey" by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, was born on December 31, 1930 in West Carrollton OH. On March 27, 1951 he married Dorothy (Borger) Greene, who preceded him in death on September 13, 1996.

Paul was a 1948 graduate of West Carrollton High School. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in education from Otterbein College in 1952, then went on to do graduate work in mathematics at Baldwin Wallace College, Ohio University and Bowling Green. He worked as a math teacher and football coach at Huron High School until 1965, then was a teacher and football coach at Dayton Oakwood for 3 years before moving to Lima. There he worked at Lima Central Catholic High School as a math teacher, wrestling coach and the head football coach, retiring in 1996. He was inducted into numerous Athletic Halls of Fame including in 1992 Huron High School, in 1997 Lima Central Catholic High School, in 2002 Ohio High School Football Coaches and in 2004 West Carrollton High School.

Paul was a wonderful father, teacher and coach whose positive attitude influenced many generations in the Lima community and beyond. His role as a teacher and coach surpassed athletics and academics and extended to all of life lessons. He taught that no problem was too big — "It's a can of corn, folks." He enjoyed fishing for walleye, perch and the elusive "Bucket Mouth" on Lake Erie. He also enjoyed watching and attending The Ohio State University football games. But most of all Pokey loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

James Seiple, of Huron, age 98, passed away at his residence Tuesday, October 27, 2020.



Born in Willard in 1922, Jim graduated from North Fairfield High School in 1940, just in time for WWII. He served in the South Pacific theater of the war, where he earned many medals. When home after service, he started his life-long learning experience, first with his BA in education from Ashland College, then teaching for Firelands High School before coming to Huron in the mid 50's. He worked off and on toward his MA through the University of Toledo and spent his summers in the field, sometimes in the Colorado mountains, then up in New England at Bowdoin College in Maine or at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, or even in the mountains of North Carolina. For a break he would spend summers at the OSU Stone Laboratory doing fresh water research. The results of Jim and Wanda's summer treks always showed up in his classroom for years there-

after. It might be slides for instruction or artifacts picked up along the way or just stories to make his lectures more realistic. For Jim was always looking for ways to enrich his teaching and the students' learning experiences.

Jim was a true outdoorsman, dedicated to learning more about nature and then sharing his experiences with his science students as he mentored them on their own field studies at Sheldon's Folly. His teaching carried over later into his summer camping trips where he introduced his grandsons to the outdoors on trips taken at every opportunity. (His camper is yet alive, still in service in Tennessee on a few acres owned by one of his grandsons.) Jim was not afraid to mix his teaching responsibilities with his outdoorsmanship either. Students would be shocked today to learn how many of their papers he graded while inside his ice fishing shanty, papers securely clipped to a board, while we awaited the sluggish perch to start biting. In 1975, Jim was selected as Science Teacher of the Year in Ohio. At perch fishing he was just fair. Jim remained with us long enough to guide the science department through an Accreditation exercise in the 70's. Huron High still benefits from his prescience.

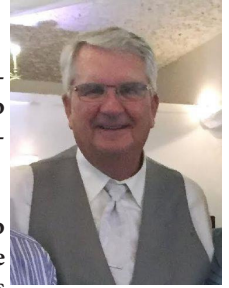
Jim also coached for the Tigers, sometimes at baseball, or as an assistant in programs under head football coaches Paul Greene and Tony Munafo, along with Jesse Hagy and Jim Barton. He loved coaching basketball and working with the reserve teams each season. When not coaching, he loved attending basketball games, especially those of the Cleveland Cavaliers when their team was first established. Athletics was Jim's metaphor for life: train hard, play well, excel as best one can, then pass it on. That he did for his students over the years, inspiring so many of them to enter the sciences and obtain their PhD's. We often declared that he himself had taken enough courses over the years to have earned a doctorate. Hence, we took to calling him Doc.

Of his longevity, Jim himself was amazed. At retired teacher gatherings, he was often heard to remark that he had been retired longer than he had taught. He wore that badge proudly! On August 1, Jim was feted with a drive-by 98th birthday party. He waved from under a tent in his driveway on Miami Pl as dozens clogged the street to wish him well. Unfortunately he did not make his goal of living a century.

Farewell, Doc. Well done, though. RIP.

Bob Bowers

A legend in his own time, Bob Bowers has passed. He left this world at home, surrounded by his wife Kim, his children, and beloved lab Maggie as he wished, on November 23. A proud Huron graduate of the Class of 1960, Bob majored in shop under Dutch Laub, starred in basketball and then went off to continue building the legend at Wilmington College.



After graduation, Bob and his wife Ann returned to Huron where Bob taught in the shop program with Dutch Laub who was creeping toward his own retirement. Bob succeeded him in 1968 where he oversaw the woodworking side of the program, later assuming the metal working side also when downsizing began. He continued teaching until his retirement in 1999.

As a shop teacher, Bob introduced freshmen to tools and safety protocols. Many stuck with the program through to their senior year and went on to successful careers in wood working. Bob was also the first shop teacher to introduce females into the program and thereby assume another title, that of chaperone. When the high school began its spring arts festival each May to highlight student art and music skills, Bob was instrumental in having wood and metal work entered into the program and established a category of juried awards for the students. Bird houses eventually evolved over the years into some high quality furniture pieces.

For his discipline skills, Bob learned at the paddle of his master, Dutch Laub. Dutch was well versed as a golf coach and taught Bob the precise manner of addressing a butt with wood. His skills gradually evolving, Bob occasionally worked in a special backhand technique - up side a head - or a sound thumping of a shoulder. Didn't matter. They all worked. Students straightened up.

Along the way, Bob served in several coaching capacities. He was a position coach for the football program under Tony Munafò for several years, tried to coach the pole vault in track, but mainly served as assistant basketball coach under Jesse Hagy. Bob eventually assumed leadership of the program and ran it successfully until 1985, winning SBC title several times. He would also help establish girls basketball as a varsity sport as that program was converting from GAA.

What Bob was known for outside the school environment was his love for nature and the outdoors. He had been raised to hunt, trap, and fish. Pelt stretchers decorated his garage beams, and around the neighborhood there always wafted a musty odor of dressed game, filleted fish, or a smoker. Cats love him despite the omnipresent retriever he kept on premise. He became Captain Bob when the walleye returned to Lake Erie, and he knew how to show a good time aboard, almost always limiting out and then killing a case or so on the way back in. He participated in many a fishing derby and even managed one year to win a new boat.

He will probably be most remembered by students, some who never passed his shop door, for his hearty laugh that boomed down hallways, for his enthusiastic court-side manner during his coaching days, and for the many zany antics and pranks that he mercilessly played upon students and staff. By his confrères he will be missed for his cordiality toward all, his way of breaking up dull faculty meetings, cooking faculty fish fries, and for entertaining us all at the old Yacht Club faculty parties! Rest in peace, Robert. You have more than earned it!

Birthday Girl



Marge reviews a few birthday proclamations.

How to celebrate a birthday for centenarians and nonagenarians during a pandemic? No more than ten at the gathering - really cuts down on the gifts! No hugs and kisses - there go the grandkids. No passing of presents, unless doused in hand sanitizer. No singing THE song and blowing out the candles - spreads the virus. No friends stopping by to visit - they probably all gone anyway. NoA real bummer!

This past summer, though, two of our most august members, one a former student, the other a retired faculty member, managed to not only celebrate their milestone birthdays but also engage many family and friends in the process, virus or no virus. Marjorie Henes Marshall, '37, and James Seiple, former biology teacher extraordinaire, were pleasantly surprised when families arranged for each a drive-by birthday party. No presents, no hugs

and kisses, no bonfire around melting pastry, no close ups, just friends pulling up to the curb, lingering while passing on best wishes and chatting a bit about old times before moving on to break up the traffic jam. Each thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect, especially in this, the year of social isolation.



Marge poses at her home in Wesleyan Village, Amherst.

Marge arrived in Huron in 1920, born into the hardware Henes family. She graduated as class valedictorian in 1937. It wasn't long after that when she became involved in the WWII war effort, first as a Rosie the Riveter, then later in 1942 as a member of the WAVES, the US Navy's Naval Reserve branch for women. While serving in New York at a training base, she met her future husband, later married him, then moved to eastern New York and finally back to Ohio, settling over in Amherst. Marge never let moss grow on her back, as she kept busy volunteering in her community. She remained active, always volunteering in the Order of Eastern Star for decades, and then began for the seniors a twenty year run as director of tours for them. She won the Humanitarian Award for Volunteerism one year. She credits her family and her faith as being the inspiration for her activities and long life. *Ad multos annos, Marge!*

Foss- Saunders Golf Scramble

No matter how serious the pandemic this summer, some traditions just had to go on. Running a charity golf scramble was not only run despite the pandemic but done in a way that was safe, observing the protocols as much as possible to insure that the participants would remain safe - and arrive home in some degree of sobriety. The field had to be more limited because it was only one person to a cart. Social distancing was required (picture taking excepted) along with other rules such as no touching of any flags, remaining apart while putting, with merely hitting the flag pole counting as a gimmie, and no keg stands. That one hurt.

A good crowd participated, with many younger ones also signing up. A great time was had by all, despite fewer decorated carts and pranking all the way around. The group is already looking forward to a virus-free outing next summer and returning to the old format. Mr. Covid says, "We'll see."

All proceeds from the event benefitted the Foss-Saunders Scholarship Foundation, with scholarships awarded next spring.



Looks like the Huron Mafia was invited this year: outsider Mark Boukissin, Frank Gioffre, Tony Munafo, and Joe Gioffre.



Barb Everett Slattery, Sue Kovacs Downs, Buffy Greenwald, and Sarah Kaiser Link always enjoy the outing.



Senior retirees invited back: Mike Powell, Jim Bollenbacher, Tony Legando, and Craig Saunders



Celia Finton Franklin, Lynette Solly, Kim Samstag, and Stephanie Ruffing Fratoe make a fashion statement too.



Tom Greenawalt, Tom Bollenbacher, Kevin Asher, and Chuck Branum laid down their canes for this shot.



Joe Nageotte and Paul Berlin helped Eric Muehlhauser, and Bob Schuh rise after this shot.



Jake Daumeyer, Steve Root, Drew and Rick Langhals - two grads and two in-laws



Two elves and two reindeer: Alex Ruf, Brian Bollenbacher, Zak Duza, and Joe Ramey

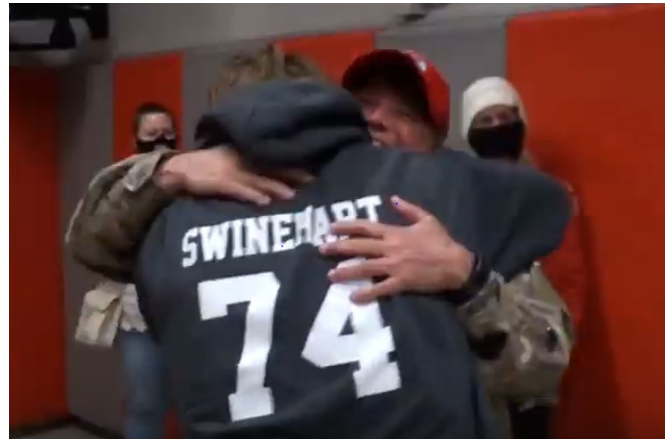


Chelsea Krueger, Tina and Rollie Krueger, and Kelly Jacksons seemed to enjoy just puttering around.

Welcome Home, Mom!

If you've seen one, you probably have seen them all. A parent returns home from an overseas deployment, surprises family in some public setting, and bedlam breaks loose, both for the affected family members and those watching with pride. Huron experienced its own version of that scenario on October 27 in the room under the bleachers at Huron Memorial Stadium. The football team had experienced the week before a heartbreaking last-minute loss to Clyde in the regional quarterfinals. With no final season game scheduled, the boys ostensibly met one last time for picture taking.

They had been arranged in all sorts of poses: defensive team with coaches, offensive team with coaches, receivers with coaches and quarterbacks, and so on to kill time. The guest of honor had not yet arrived, and the boys, unaware of what had been planned, were growing more than a little restless. Then, as the seniors' group picture was being taken, all twenty-three of them, a voice from the coaches' room drew everyone's attention, but immediately caused one player to sprint toward the voice – that of his mom.



Senior Ayden Swinehart had experienced what could have been a terrible season. His mother had been deployed in the military overseas on a mission so secret that if she were to talk even in her sleep, someone would have to die! Ayden played every game without the voice of his mom cheering him on up in the stands. She would have easily been heard as the limited attendance made even casual fan conversations in the stands audible on the playing field and sidelines. It did help, though, that the coaches and team had Ayden carry the American flag before each game as the team raced out from the fog-shrouded end zone and, at midfield, burst through the paper signs created by the cheerleaders. He played each game with that lump in his heart but knowing that his mom, wherever she was, would eventually read of the team's successes and be proud. After all, an undefeated season, even though shortened, was quite an accomplishment.

For what seemed an interminable time, mother and son, finally reunited, hugged and shared their private cries together. Eventually the entire team mercifully surrounded them and cheered them on as well, shouting their congratulations and welcome home! Heather Swinehart, we don't know what you did or where or how well you performed. But you are safely home, and that's all that matters. Your Huron family welcomes you back, and thanks you for your service and dedication.



Unsung Hero - BLM: Blue's Legend Matters

There was no Athletic Hall of Fame this year. So from out the bowels of someone's rusty, dusty file cabinet comes this nugget from the *Sandusky Register*, June 24, 1981. Rare indeed is such an event that it gives one pause to raise the question: Why has this All-Star not been rewarded with induction into a Hall of Fame? Any Hall of Fame? A Masterful Performance unrecognized! Disgraceful!

We checked the Guinness people, the annals of the *Erie County Repeater*, the Perkins, and Sandusky newspapers, even the *Shinrock Almanac* and found nothing, nada, zip! What a slight! Isn't it about time that greatness is rewarded, that a man lives to see himself and his deeds chronicled forever rather than awarded him posthumously via friends and relatives who have both little noted much less long remembered such deeds, who ask "Blue Gill who?"

Help right this travesty of justice by contacting any authority, any AD, even Grandpa Smurf who surely remembers the event, to advance Blue's cause for induction. Remember: BLM!!! The Hall of Fame was postponed this year, but there's always next year!

A shutout is a rarity in slow-pitch softball.

But, not in the Perkins Chamber of Commerce Slow-Pitch Softball League.

In two of the four games played Tuesday, the loser failed to score.

IAB pitcher Dave Majoy spun a masterful three-hitter in leading his team to a 15-0 blanking of Cameo.

Also, Nolie and Buds won by the shutout route as Beer Barrel was forced to forfeit the game after one of its players was ejected in the second inning. It goes in the record books as a 7-0 win for Nolie and Buds, which was leading by an 11-1 score at the time of the forfeiture.

Majoy was near-perfect against Cameo. He set the losers down in order in the first, third and fourth innings. In the second, Jeff Schwerer led off with a single, but never advanced as the next three batters flied out.

In the fifth, which proved to be the final inning because of the 15-run

was made on a force out at second to preserve the shutout for Majoy.

Majoy received plenty of support as his teammates rapped 16 hits with Don Nemitz and Dan Lee each having three. Nemitz drove in five runs while going 3-for-3 with a homer and Lee, who also was perfect in three plate appearances, hammered a pair of doubles and a single.

Bob Gentry brought home four runs with a homer and double. Kevin Lindsley and Mike Arnold each had two safeties to aid the winners, who lead the National League



Switch-hitting DH K'ed 4 times!

Tiger Fall Sports

The Huron Tiger Spring and Fall Sports programs for 2020 were greatly impacted by the Corona Virus. Following the surges beginning in March of this year, Huron and other Ohio school districts followed the directives issued by both the CDC and the governor of Ohio regarding athletic competition and crowds of spectators that could have created possible super-spreaders. So much for spring sports. However, as the disease became better understood and methods of controlling its spread were accepted, school systems here in Ohio, like all across America, began to devise ways of permitting students to engage in athletics safely. Huron put into place certain protocols that had to constantly evolve to beat the virus, but the result has been a fall season where students disciplined themselves, accepted the responsibility for protecting not only themselves but their teammates, and the results were stunning.

Golf was a little different, with all the social distancing required, slight rules adjustments, and no sharing of carts or physical contact to celebrate a great shot or match win. Football probably caused the most controversy, as a shortened season began late and permitted only four spectators per team, band, and cheerleader members. Tickets were issued directly to the participants who then had the difficult task of picking which parent, sibs, or grandparents were allowed to watch a game from the stands each week. Volleyball and soccer followed suit, with each team playing before near empty bleachers and the usual raucous cheers and support pouring down from the stands. Even the bowling team was practically straitjacketed for its practices.

The bottom line, however, is that players and fans alike followed the protocols put into place. All teams, band members, and cheerleaders remained safe without having to undergo quarantine, and the results were fantastic, as you will discover by reading on. As the initial shock from all the changes gradually turned into acceptance, folks even seemed to enjoy watching some of the events live streamed by local TV channels into their living rooms where they could also enjoy a beer or two - legally, of course. We know from the loyalty of Tiger fans in the past that once the virus has become controlled, fans again will return to the stands and maybe even enjoy the opportunity to sit out in the rain or snow to support their teams. What the protocols for the winter and spring sports will be as of this writing remain to be seen. But we do know this. All participants will continue to train hard, play well, and make Tiger fans everywhere proud. GO TIGERS!!!

Football

All-SBC Bay Division Coach: Sam Hohler Record: 8-1 (Undefeated season of 6-0; sole loss deep into playoffs)

First Team All-SBC	Offense		Defense
Cole Parker	QB	Div. Player of the Year	D-Line (Unanimous choice)
Richie Delaney	Receiver	(Unanimous choice)	Linebacker
Jacob Lamb	Receiver		D-Back (Unanimous choice)
Jake Koba	Guard		Specialist
Second Team	Offense		Defense
JJ Holliday	Running Back		D-Line
Ian Welborn	Tackle		Linebacker
		Ian Welborn	D-Back
		Jake Detlor	D-Back
		Caden Staley	D-Back
		Cole Parker	D-Back

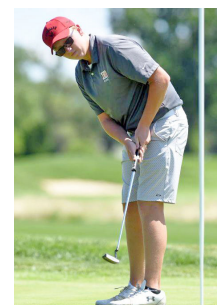
Golf

Boys

All-SBC Coach: Justin King Record: 5-5 in SBC

Danny Demos First Team SBC and Player of the Year, 2nd Team

Player of the Year, Danny Demos, putts out.
Credit: Erin Caldwell SR



Girls

All-SBC Coach: Jeff Hippely Record: 16-6

Mallory Nelson First Team
Alivia Baus First Team
Jenny Cobleigh Second Team



Sectional Winners:
Alivia Baus,
Mallory Nelson,
Lacey Church,
Jenny Cobleigh,
Reece Will and
coach Jeff Hippely.
Credit: SR

Soccer

Girls Soccer

All-SBC Bay Division

Coach: Ryan Manner

Record: 12-3-1

Faith Diffenbacher
First Team All-SBC

Player of the Year Division III

Kennedy Camp
* Victoria Eytchison
* Julie Willgrube
* Faith Diffenbacher
(* = Unanimous choice)

Keeper
Defender
Mid-Fielder
Attacker

Second Team Division III
First Team Division III
Second Team Division III
First Team Division III



Honorable Mention

Paige Singer
Blair Petee
Ava Winnestaffer
Jayden LaCrosse

Defender
Mid-Fielder
Mid-Fielder
Attacker

Second Team Division III

Faith on the attack

HM Team Division III

Emily Franks Defender - HM Division III

Boys Soccer

All-SBC

Coach: Matt Asher

Record: 7-8-2

First Team

Conner Schaeffer
Walker Blevins
Sam Findley

Defender
Mid-Fielder
Attacker

(Unanimous choice)



Second Team

Joey Lenczyk

Mid-Fielder

Honorable Mention

Will Parcher

SCORE! SCORE! SCORE!

Girls Tennis

Coach: Taylor Gosser

All-SBC

Riley Fay 2nd Singles
Katelyn Rogers 2nd Singles



Cross Country Teams

Boys

Coach: Roger Blevins **Record** 29-2 **SBC Champions Bay Div. District Runner-Up Team**

All-SBC First Place
Salvadore Sherer **All-Ohio at 29th place**
Elijah Routh, Nick Pack, Jacob Eck, Andrew Scherley
All-SBC Second Place
Connor Schuh, Aiden Kastor, Trevor Poltorek
Honorable Mention
Ryan Sas, Granthem Bro



Salvadore Sherer leads the pack.

Girls

Coach: Roger Blevins **Record:** **The girls won four meets Took 3rd place in SBC Bay Div.**

All-SBC First Team
Kennedy Schlessman **58th in state meet**
Jayden Towns
Honorable Mention
Addison Fries, Allison Blevins



Jayden Towns and Kennedy Schlessman win first-ever Huron Invitational



Salvador Sherer represented Huron's boys at the state finals this year as a senior, his second trip in a row. Sal had started running in junior high school where he ran more for the fun of being with his friends than competing. But once in high school, he began in earnest to compete with himself to bring down his times each race and really caught fire his junior year for his first trip to state. This year he won the SBC's Bay Division championship, a district championship, and a second consecutive trip to the state meet. His 29th place finish qualified him for the All Ohio C/C team.

Both Salvador and Kennedy are Academic All-Ohio.

**Congratulations
to
All Huron Student-Athletes!**



Sophomore Kennedy Schlessman ran the second fastest girls' time in Huron history. She finished 59th at state and is hungry to return next year!

Sports Section Extra Edition

Volleyball State Champions



The Tiger Girls Volleyball Team roared its way to a state championship on November 15 at Vandalia Butler gymnasium, near Dayton, where the teams were kept bubbled down for the tourney. The girls had swept through all the preliminary sectional and regional matches to the finals. In the semi-final match they prevailed, winning in three straight sets. For the title, they had to meet Independence for a second time this season, a match they had won the first time around. In the championship game, they lost two of the first three sets, but regained their composure and rallied for the championship, slamming down aces and kills to punctuate their season.

Seniors dominated this team: Alizia Lagando, Georgi Moody, Sophie Lee, Claire Solberg, Makenna Schafer, Sofia Stefano, and Abigail Miller.

At this printing, Makenna has signed her Letter of Intent with Ohio U. and Georgi with Wheeling U.

The team was composed mainly of seniors, some very tall, very hard hitting ladies who had played together since middle school days. They reacted on the court as one, were unselfish in their games, trusting one another and their coach, Don Wood. Don had imposed strict protocols for protecting themselves against the Covid-19 virus, and the girls were faithful to a tee. Their self-discipline and years of hard work paid off in the end. Congratulations, girls and Coach Wood.

For Don this is his fifth state championship at Huron; one more and he enters an elite group of six other coaches with six or more championships. In the past 20 years he has lead Huron's girls to the state Division III Final Fours eight times. coming away with five championships, one runner up, and two semi-final losses. The SBC league, of which Huron is a part, is one of the most highly competitive in the state. The Tiffin Calvert girls team, in the River Division of the SBC, won a state title among Division IV schools.



Celebration?

Sort of. The girls departed Vandalia on a Sunday night, shortly after they had been crowned state champions, and arrived home around 2 AM. There were a few friends in town awaiting their return, all sleepy-eyed and waving. But the real welcome home occurred the following evening when a health department approved parade made its way through town, with the full police, fire, and EMT vehicle accompaniment. Folks lined the streets, waving and shouting their congratulations, as seniors rode in the back of the coach Wood's truck and the rest of the team in that of assistant coach, Stephanie Hotz. A more proper celebration may be in the offing later if Mr. Covid cooperates.

Volleyball

All-SBC Bay Division Coach: Don Wood - Coach of the Year Record: 27-2

STATE CHAMPIONS, DIVISION III

First Team All-Ohio Makenna Schafer & Player of the Year District 6 Div III
 Second Team All-Ohio Georgi Moody

First Team All-SBC
 Makenna Schafer, Georgi Moody, Claire Solberg, Sophie Lee
 Second Team All-SBC
 Alizia Lagando, Sofia Stefano



Makenna throws one down!

Classnotes



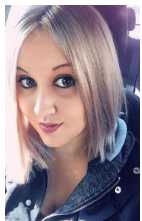
Elizabeth Ann James, '72, age 64, passed away on August 7, 2019, a day short of her 65th birthday. She had moved to and married in Torrance CA over 40 years ago, and was an avid Dodgers fan. She worked as a drug and alcohol counselor and was active in her children's school activities. Liz's mother Mary was the Huron High Home Economics teacher back in the 60's, as some of you will remember.

Mike McCormick, '68, age 71, of Norwalk, passed away on March 2. Mike proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 through 1972. He was then a drywaller for over 40 years.

Ron Schuh '62, age 78, of Berlin Heights, passed away on June 4 at Concord Care Center in Sandusky. Ron had worked for Huron Cement for thirty years before retiring.

John Banta, '59, of Englewood FL, age 80, passed away on June 17. A veteran of the US Coast Guard, John served as managing editor of the *Lorain Journal* for 31 years.

Teresa Larizza Johnson, '48, age 89, passed away on June 23 at the home of her daughter in Huron. A lifelong resident of Huron, Teresa was an active member of St. Peter's Church. Her family - the children, grandkids, and great-grands - were her life.



Stacy Dawn Keeton-Jaynes, '05, age 31, of Huron, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2020, at Fairview Hospital, Cleveland

Deborah Meeker Meister, '72, age 65, of Mansfield, passed away on June 24. Debbie early in life was a model for Frisch's Big Boy and Cedar Point. She was also a talented writer, having published many articles. Even as she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she decided to write, with the help of her daughter, about her progress, and in the years that followed gained millions of readers who appreciated her frankness and guidance about this condition.



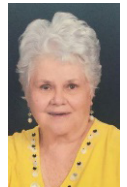
Judith Klaholz, '60, age 77, of Huron, passed away on June 25 after a lengthy illness. Judy had been a second grade teacher for Huron forever, back in the 60's and 70's. She then owned and operated with her cousin Pam the PJ's Restaurant and Catering business.

Thomas Lenthe, '67, age 71, of Marblehead OH, passed away suddenly on July 25. Tom had been employed for 20 years at Glidden Paint Co. in Huron before retiring to work at various marinas in the Marblehead/Catawba areas.



Richard, "Dick" Olmstead, '55, age 84, passed away on August 27 at The Meadows in Huron. Dick served on the Huron Police Department for a number of years where he began the Safety Town Program. He then worked for Wilkes & Co. from where he retired after 35 years of service.

Janet Davis Detrich, '51, age 87, passed away on August 27. Janet graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Cleveland and served as an RN until 1972 when she joined IH/Navistar, working there until her retirement in 1996. Her life was dedicated to service to others and to philanthropy.



Tom Bork, '79, age 59, passed away on September 5 in Berea OH. Tom served nine years in the Army with the last few years in Kuwait fighting in Desert Storm as a tanker. Tom loved fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family.



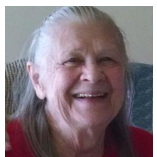
Lisa Wiley Davis, '82, age 56, passed away on September 19 in Stein Hospice in Sandusky. A graduate of the Sandusky School of Practical Nursing, Lisa had the pleasure of serving her community for 17 years.

Margaret Mary Wechter Reffitt-Crump, '71, age 67, of Mt. Sterling KY, passed away on October 13 at St. Joseph Mt. Sterling Hospital. She enjoyed her flowers, cooking, and fishing.



Charles Wechter, '55, age 84, passed away on October 25 at Firelands Hospital Sandusky. Charlie began working with his dad at the Huron Dairy, was a member of the '53 state football championship team, served in the National Guard, operated the Pied Piper, and ended creating fishing lures.

Michael Dechant, '74, age 65, of Huron, passed away on October 13. Mike earned a degree in horticulture from OSU, then farmed the family's place for many years but also worked in the food distribution business with Chef's Pantry of Sandusky, then Superior Beverage in Solon OH.



Anita Sender Chicotel, '52, age 85, passed away on November 13 at Stein Hospice of Sandusky after an extended illness.

Ken Wilford, '47, age 90, passed away on November 24 at FRMC in Sandusky. A veteran of the Korean War, Ken was a self-employed carpenter for 50 years and a fireman for Huron for 25 years.



Making Us Proud

Shane Thatcher, a 2016 Huron graduate, attended Baldwin Wallace College in Berea OH where he majored in theater arts, which included acting, writing, and producing. He survived Covid and graduated this past spring. However, he also beat other odds. As part of his course work, he wrote and produced a play that was acted at BW and in Cleveland. *Painting Vincent* was the title, a close look at the troubled life and times of the 19th century artist Vincent Van Gogh.

So how would a college kid become interested in Vincent in the first place, much less write and produce a play on him? Simple. He took six years to complete the assignment beginning with an art course at Huron High taught by Mrs. Van Gogh herself. Really? Well, she advertises it on her car's license plate doesn't she!

In her art class about 2010, Patty Ryan, Huron High's long-time art teacher, introduced Shane to Vincent and the mysteries surrounding the final ten years of his life. Shane then read several biographies on Van Gogh, read hundreds of his surviving letters, and consulted art authorities on his life and its ending. Six years it took him, during which time he practically became Vincent, crawling into the artist's skin and thinking and acting like him. The result was the play *Painting Vincent*. However, because of the Covid, its performances could not be performed on the more prestigious stages in the area where it could be more fully reviewed and then critiqued in the papers and trade journals. But it's a start, an ambitious one indeed.

Shane wants to continue his work in the performing arts, with two more plays of a comic nature in the offing. When the pandemic subsides, he wants to spend some time in New York, hopefully on stage and not delivering pizzas, before moving to Ireland to experience the land of his ancestors. Then finally he hopes to land on stage in London. There he would be content to play roles in Shakespeare's comedies and tragedies for however long his stage legs last and the value of the pound holds steady. Heady ambitions, to be sure, with lofty goals set, and the willingness to work hard for it all. But for right now it is only dreams, as he is living at home in Huron in the proverbial basement of his parents.

But criticize as one might be inclined to do for living on collapsing pipe dreams, Shane represents a whole class of younger Americans who refuse to be cowed by either a virus or the political theater playing out in America these days. They persist, they plan for their futures. They endure, all the while being tied to the proverbial Promethean rock with eagles of doubt and uncertainty pecking at them, trying to discourage them, force them to give up in despair. Settle for delivering pizzas. But Shane and countless other Twenty Somethings will emerge from this national nightmare OK, maybe a little stooped for a few years under burdens of student debt, but eventually arising and achieving great things like numerous other American generations that found themselves in straits as dire and seemingly hopeless as those of the present.

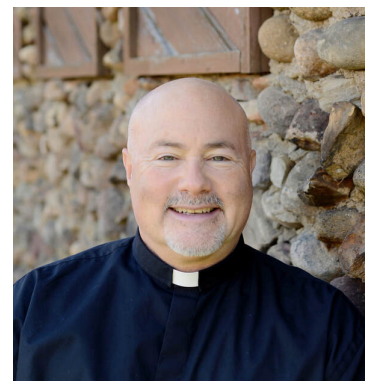
We salute Shane and all of our young grads who are hanging in there, whether trying to make it "out there" on their own or sitting in mom and dad's basement. The present travails will strengthen them and help lead us as a nation to higher things. Support and encourage them, lend a hand up if need be, because remember, they are the ones who will be working to pay for your social security retirement checks and picking your nursing home someday!

Continued good luck, Shane, and the hundreds of you other young Huron grads out there. Make us all proud.



Julie Foos Hedrick, '78, of Fairfield CA, is current president of the independent flight attendants union at American Airlines, the Association of Professional Flight Attendants. She flies against stiff headwinds these days, as Covid-19 has restricted airline travel and the airlines face tremendous furloughs of employees. Julie served as a flight attendant over 38 years, has negotiated for the union, and helped negotiate the merger of American Airlines and US Airways.

Rev. Mark Engel, '73, has been selected as the new Diocesan Bishop-elect of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, after a year-long process of prayer and discernment. Mark has spent over 40 years of pastoral ministry, including 10 years in Taiwan as a missionary. His responsibilities include 48 churches in an area that includes Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky as well as congregations in New York, Virginia and Canada. Mark and his wife Terri live in Canton OH as of this writing. Congratulations, Rev Mark!



Membership

As one may surmise from the listing of new and renewal memberships below, the second half of this year has seen a decline in enrollments. Folks seem to be tenuous in their long term decision making in times of pandemic, and that involves stocking up on TP and rice, working from home more, taking fewer trips anywhere that may expose them to the virus, and cutting their expenses wherever possible. It's the rational thing to do. Unfortunately for non-profits such as your Association, with costs already running at barebones, there is little left to trim except publication expenses. We have ground to a halt as have others. We continue to communicate with our grads on-line whenever need be, but right now our print service could be threatened. As you may have noticed, we have reduced printing from 40 pages per *Newsletter* to 16. Since the printer requires increments of eight pages to either increase or decrease the length of a printing, any further reduction would leave us at a mere eight pages - hardly large enough to communicate with our grads, much less line the bottom of a bird cage..

So what can you do to help? Thoughts and prayers, while nice, don't pay the bills. The best thing you can do is to send us your email if you are not receiving this on-line so that we can switch you over to a digital rather than print version. The digital *Newsletter* is usually larger than the print copy and has better quality photos - you can actually make out faces! You could also consider renewing a past membership or beginning one now to help us through these trying times. Details are always printed inside the back cover of the *Newsletter*. While you are on that page, you may want to consider helping on any of the scholarship programs. Students will always continue to need a helping hand up as they graduate from Huron High to enter the present zany world situation.

We thank you in advance for anything you can do to help us weather the storms. But above all, be safe so we all get through this.

Marjorie Henes Marshall	1937	Elyria	OH	James Silver	1968	Huron	OH
Joyce Klein Boyes	1949	Sandusky	OH	Scott Stipp	1969	Huron	OH
Dolly Doyle McCarthy	1949	Sandusky	OH	Christina Bork Stipp	1970	Huron	OH
Jane (Ziska) Pappas McDevitt	1955	Huron	OH	Becky Bryant Walker	1970	Sandusky	OH
Rolland Jackson	1956	East Hampton	CT	Dan Delahunt	1972	Sandusky	OH
David Clark	1957	Huron	OH	Terry Gundlach Park	1972	St Cloud	FL
Linda Marsh Turner	1958	Woodstock	GA	Nancy Gillette Nauman	1974	Houston	TX
John Doyle	1960	Los Alamitos	CA	Elizabeth Wentz	1982	Tempe	AZ
Karen Craig Doyle	1960	Los Alamitos	CA				
Cecelia Hammond Johnston	1960	Harbor Springs	MI				

Scholarships

At its November meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Huron Education Foundation voted unanimously to entrust its endowments to the Erie County Community Foundation for investment purposes. Their endowment of in excess of \$30 million dollars gives them leverage and economies in the market that we alone cannot enjoy.. Eventually we will be guaranteed an annual "dividend" of approximately 4% on our combined endowments. We will then be in a much better position to assist our grads as they pursue further education.

For each of our individual endowments, your Association will still be able to establish stipulations for receiving the scholarships and then have the option of choosing the recipients ourselves through various committees. Each of the named scholarships is established with the goal of eventually reaching a minimum of \$25,000 which would then yield, in perpetuity, a \$1000 scholarship. As each fund continues to grow, then greater distributions can occur. If you would like to consider beginning a named endowment in memory of an individual, or class, or particular educational cause related to the Huron City Schools, email us and we can help in your decision making process.

We are now able, thanks to joining the ECCF, to assist you as you plan for legacy donations. There are so many ways to assist our causes, from remembering us in your estate plans, to naming the HEF as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, to donations of securities, personal property, or just plain cash - it's still good too! Do contact us if you find yourself in a position to consider philanthropic giving in whatever form. Generations of Huron students will thank you also.

General Scholarship Endowment Funds

Lynn Smith Lindsey	'80
Language Arts Scholarship in honor of Larry Zimmer and Mary A. Harpster	
Lynn Smith Lindsey	'80
Nancy Gillette Naumann	'74
Science Scghoarship in honor of Tom Shontz and James Seiple	
Lynn Smith Lindsey	'80
The Hagy Family Memorial Scholarship	
Nancy Gillette Naumann	'74
The Dolores Heydinger Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship	
Lynn Smith Lindsey	'80



Faces from the Past

Many years ago - and she is not telling how many - Mrs. Nancy "Moms" Frietas served as high school secretary under principals Rockie Larizza and Lynn Studer, from 1966 to 1992. When Nancy retired, Lynn had made up for her a wall hanging sized picture of the men and women who had served Huron's students in the office during her tenure. The office area back during those years consisted of the principal and assistant principals' offices and even the guidance department for a time. The assistant principal usually served as the athletic director in those times when there were fewer sports, especially for girls, so one person could handle both tasks. Today Xerox has taken over one room, and another is reserved for more private conferences.

So, if you and your siblings were going through the high school in those days, you should recognize some of these familiar faces of those who helped you navigate academia, such as it was then. Let us know how many you can get correct. Former faculty are welcome to try, but not the children of any of those pictured, nor anyone of you who spent five or more years in high school before finally pursuing your GED. Also exempt are those who tested the patience of the counseling department before finally enduring a Rockie paddling. And for those of you too young to have enjoyed those years, hang in there - in about twenty years we will update and repeat this, after Sharon Boos Enderle, '79. and Nancy Steinmetz hang it up.



Membership Sign Up¹²²⁰

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 _____ "SuperTiger" \$200 (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" \$50 _____ Regular "Red" \$25

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 the Science Scholarship Fund (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)
Includes Tom Shontz \$ _____ and Jim Seiple \$ _____

Contribution to the 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)

Contribution to the Jesse and Lynn Hagy Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Donors to Scholarship Funds: Please be advised that banking regulations now require that the name of the Huron High Alumni Association appear on the *Pay to the order of* line on your check. If you wish to differentiate in your records between your contributions to different scholarships, just use the memo line on the check. Also, you do not need to make out separate checks for each membership/scholarship contribution that you wish to make. One check with the HHSAA name on it and then the memo line to separate your donations will suffice. In our records, we will then split your contribution into the different accounts for proper crediting. On behalf of our scholar-recipients, we thank you for your generosity to our various scholarships.

Endowed Memorials

If you, your family, or your classmates wish to begin a named memorial scholarship in anyone's memory or even of an entire class, contact us for information on how to do so. Once your legacy is established with us, Huron's students forever will benefit from your generosity. Since we are a 501 c(3) charitable organization, your contribution is tax deductible within current IRS limits.

Pandemics and Reunions

Something there is that doesn't like class reunions. The pandemic, of course, called a halt to the entire 2020 reunion season. So inside you didn't see any pictures of folks gathering this summer or fall to celebrate their years at Huron High and just to catch up. Thankfully all took seriously the precautions necessary to prevent super-spreading events.

However, 2021 does present a hope at least that reunions can be scheduled and fairly large crowds can attend. The promise of vaccines becoming available within this month of December raises the hope that enough class leaders will float the idea of meeting later in the summer or fall. On a small scale to start, distribution will occur to protect our first responders, caregivers, and those most vulnerable, with a gradual surge in doses available going into later winter and early spring, at least. We are not encouraging nor discouraging the idea of resuming reunions, but just asking that class organizers pay attention to what is happening and schedule accordingly, if that is possible. Sending out feelers to classmates about the feasibility of meeting would be an excellent idea.

We know that several of our senior classes were deeply disappointed that they could not celebrate huge five-year milestones such as a fiftieth or sixtieth reunion, or then some of the "younger" ones aching to gather for those ending in a five, such as a twenty-fifth. We feel for you as our own eighth had to be canceled. So here's the proposal. Do what many families are going to do who had their big annual or five-year reunions canceled this year. Beat Mr. Covid by rescheduling for sometime in 2021!!! We have already heard from a couple classes who are planning to do just that. If you hated all the restrictions and lockdowns imposed this past year, here is your chance to "get even." Contact your class organizers to let them know you are up for the idea. They may be hesitating out of fear that folks may still want to remain hunkered down a while longer. That's ok, too. But if you really want to meet, help your class leaders decide that a reunion should at least be scheduled. Cancellation is easy if conditions change later.

For those a little leary of meeting, think about meeting more informally in some of the wide open spaces around town. Many of the younger ones already meet for a whole afternoon at Nickle Plate Park - reservation required - or on the river at the pavillions north of the boat basin - again, reservations required through the Parks and Recreation Department. The shelters provide welcomed shade and have picnic tables for eating. Most classes meeting in this manner just hold a potluck. There is plenty of room for social distancing if that makes folks more comfortable. Fabens Park also works, but again check with the Rec Department to make sure there is no major tournament of some sort occurring. The Conservation Club is also nice, with a very large room for folks eating well spaced apart and plenty of outdoor space to gather in groups to chatter. The whole idea is to be a little creative these days. Don't take a chance renting the Goodtime II for a bay cruise in a petri dish environment. Be smart and stay safe.

Classes already planning are:

1970 Over Labor Day weekend

Boat Basin Shelters Fri. evening, Mesenburg's Sat. Laurie Flickinger

laurief@flickinger-ins.com

2016 Over RiverFest Weekend

details coming - check class's FB page or contact Lisa Gies imgies30@gmail.com

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