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Tiger Times

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What's This?

Several editions ago of your *Alumni Newsletter*, it became apparent that we needed to change our format. First, the postage rate increases were killing us. To remain solvent, we cut the number of pages, but that gained us only less bang for more bucks.

We also skimped on the quality

of newsprint, but a cheaper quality paper caused the colored inks in the pictures to bleed and make the images seem blurred and out of focus.

But the larger problem was that ours was the very last magazine style publication being produced on aged machinery by our printers, the DCI company of Sandusky. (This Douthit company produced the former *Huron Reporter* from

your youth. Ask mom or dad if you are too young to remember.)

Then the DCI folks showed us how the quality could improve, as costs decreased, if we would switch to the format in your hands now. We blinked immediately and said "Show us how!"

We hope this new format meets with your approval. If not, go to PETs R US, buy a canary, and keep its cage clean!

Sneak a Peek

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Reunions exploded this year. See who returned for the first reunion season since Covid shut us down, beginning on page 2.

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They Make Us Proud

Folks from the past and even present continue to make all us Tigers proud for their accomplishments. See who some of them are on page 9.

Sports Finals

Our Tiger teams fared quite well this fall. See how your favorite team(s) performed this fall, beginning on page 10.

Foss-Saunders Scramble

Annual scramble pits alumni against one another in this charity event, spotlighted on page 13.

Those Who Have Left Us

Age and disease take away many of our friends. See who has left since our last issue on page 14.

Members and Scholarships

Grads continue to support their alma mater with memberships and donations to scholarships, listed on page 15.

Educational Foundation News

Some major changes have occurred in the Huron Educational Foundation and a new scholarship fund has been established. See all the good news on the back page.

Move Over, Guys!

Properly attired, these gals for years have turned out at the Foss-Saunders golf scrambles to enjoy the outing, strut their stuff a bit, and lament that girls couldn't do golf in their day. "We'da showed 'em!" See more teams in this contest on page 13.



Barb Everett Slattery '79, Kaye Kovacs Gorman '77, Mary Everett Langhals '81, Sue Kovacs '82, Celia Franklin Finton '76, Stephanie Ruffing Fratoe '81, Kim Samstag '78, Lynette Herzog Solly '79 SMCC, Tracy Berlin (Paul Berlin '81), Karen Kessler Claar '79 SMCC, Joan Everett Saunders '78, and Peggy Everett (Steve Everett '73)

Tiger Teams

Your Tigers performed very well this fall in their athletic competitions.

Making the playoffs were both boys' and girls' teams, with one team making it to State. Exciting play all season kept fans in the stands and wringing their hands in some tight matches in a tough SBC Bay Division, but many teams eventually pulled out some close ones. Ten years from now there will definitely be another large class of inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame. See how your favorite sports teams did this season, beginning on page 10.



Meet our "Newbies"

Two new-hires in the main office have replaced our former Assistant High School Principal, Dennis Antonelli, '97, and our long-time office Mistress-of-All-Jobs, Nancy Steinmetz.

Become acquainted with them on p. 8.



Darius Schaeffer



Kelly Kozich, '10

Reunion Season '22

The summer and fall of 2022 saw an unusually high number of class reunions. For two years, Covid had prevented face-to-face gatherings, the type usually enjoyed by all alumni, so catching up was a necessity. The usual five-year gatherings became seven-year affairs, and creative names were invented to designate these off-year reunions. Many turned to celebrating major birth dates in their lives, as in '70 turns 70, or '59's 39 Again! Always good to welcome them back to their roots for a pleasant time of reconnecting. Of late, classes are also requesting tours of their old haunts at the high school. That can be arranged with an email or text from the planners. Just be prepared for a shock when you see the changes. And leave at home your "In our day, . . ." as Huron High is keeping up with the times, always improving the educational experience for her students, who are no worse for the changes!

Class of '57

"I'm getting a little tipsy from the rocking of this boat. I'd better sit down someplace," she said, as she glanced around for an empty seat and a secure table to grasp. The Class of '57 had arranged an evening excursion, a beautiful sunset cruise across Sandusky Bay, past picturesque Cedar Point upon leaving and then re-entering the bay, even as far over as the Marblehead Lighthouse to enjoy a sunset against a beautiful landmark. Not to be, though.

Upon arriving at the dock, the class soon learned that the excursion boat was without an engine, that age and wear and tear on the block had caused a failure requiring a new engine. Delivery was at least a week away and installation another week or so. However, these folks took it all in stride. After all, most had seen worse crises in their lives, and the most important thing was that all classmates could still be together and share memories and catch up with their lives. The caterer could still deliver dinner right in time, the bar could still operate, and most could still hear the music - their kind of music.

So the evening turned out well for all who attended, despite a few feeling a bit tipsy from - what? Oh, just wake wash from other passing craft. Dramamine anyone? Thank God the bay was flat that evening!



Able to stay up late enough for their reunion are:

Rear: Rollie Schlessman, Bill Tracht, Ted Hinkle, John Komrak, Dave Clark, Marna Muehlhauser, Bill Hill, Jean Ann Osterling, and Virginia Bursiel.

Middle: Sue Boldman, Phyllis Nickels, Barb Burris, Joan Tracht, Peggy Murray, and Janice Herrman

Front: Marlene Gadd and Dick Schenk



Enjoying the evening are, seated: Jim Chubak, Gary and Ann Dunn, Lois and Lynn Meyers.

Standing are: Fran Chubak, Marlene Minge Behrens, '68, Barb Jones, Judy Ishmael, Nancy Wechter with Jim Landoll behind, Linda Boos, Dee and Tom Hartley, '53, and Claudia Wallace accompanied by her daughter, Martha Hendrock, '80.

'59 "Kids" Still Picnic And Bar Hop

If it's September, it's picnic time for the Class of '59. Old Homestead's beach front park annually sees this group reconnect for laughs, sharing stories about their latest adventures, and enjoying a great spread of food. This year saw their first attempt rained out, but upon assembling at last, they enjoyed a perfect evening, with pleasant breezes off the lake, flocks of gulls serenading them, and a sunset to remember. They look forward to these gatherings like children do Christmas, for they realize the gift they are to one another, and that the gifts are fewer each year. Such is life, but they are enjoying it to the fullest.

In early August, four partners met at the Sandbar, scene of many past transgressions, for a luncheon. Joe Lewis had driven up from southern Texas, where he is retired from his judgeship there, accompanied by his faithful companion Hector or Homer, maybe Tonto. On hand to meet Joe and share a meal, with copious helpings of lies, were Duke Lagando, Jim Chubak, and Brad "Beefo" Bickley. Joe is hooked on panning for gold, in former hot spots, for missed nuggets, including Australia and right here in Ohio at Butler, near Loudenville. Never pans out, though. Just go out and BUY a gold pendant, Linda.



Class of '61 Plays Catch Up

Deprived of their 60th anniversary last year, this group of '61 celebrated their 61st in '22, and all the better for the extra year. They spent the evening over dinner at the newly renovated Sawmill Creek Lodge, enjoying their choice of several delicious entrees while catching up and rewinding their clocks to their mighty deeds of yesteryear. Peals of laughter from each table assured all that surely another whopper had been related. For a group about to enter their 80's, they are remarkably upbeat, especially as they share of their grandchildren's successes and look forward to visits with great-grandkids. Their "Golden Years" may be seeing more of their gold passing to doctors, but they remain active and look forward to their 65th. In the meantime, they continue locally to meet monthly, keeping up their spirits and sharing in the good times they have been given. As one said, "Whoever knew we'd live this long?"



Top: Nelson Hardesty, Bill Fisk, Ron Krock, Charlie Wunder, Ken Strayer, Jim Peterson, Dave Puderbaugh, Bob Wilson Middle: Sue Armstrong Lavelle, Beth Jenkins Walker, Nadine Stallard, Rosemary Iallonardo Gerber, Charlie Thompson Front: Alice Buell, Judy Perrin Burke, Judy Skonieczka Keller, Sharon White Warren, Barb Parish Karn. Not pictured Carol Delahunt

Class of '62 Celebrates Big Time!

Two evenings of celebrating wore out this crowd, and they are not even out of their 70's yet. A Friday evening gala at the home of Bob and Sharon Barnes began the festivities. With the rainfall over, many lounged on the back deck on a beautiful evening, while the rest stood guard over the platters of foodstuffs in the kitchen and dining room.

On Saturday evening, they all repaired to the newly renovated dining room at Sawmill Creek Lodge to continue celebrating over 60 years of friendships. Libations flowed freely as did conversations so folks could catch up, share their stories, and indulge in their plans for their futures. They are not to be stopped, as grandkids fill up many hours, as well as travels, watching sporting events, and, yes, trips to the doctors. They show no depression but retain that optimistic spirit that comes with retirement.

May they continue in good health to return again in five!



Class of '63 Lakeside

The Class of '63 meets monthly, usually for noon luncheon, always at a different venue, always the same day of the month, always welcoming newcomers who happen to be passing through the area and can time their visit to coincide with a gathering of friends.

The group celebrated the end of summer by visiting the Latitude Cafe in Marblehead. There they enjoyed a variety of potables and hearty lunches, but saved room for Marcia Ramsey's desserts. After lunch, they repaired to Lakeside where Marcia and Don hosted them at their cottage for a dessert spread that wouldn't end!

The fun did not end there, though. Does Lakeside have a history? Does Huron? Of course! So with the aid of a golf cart, folks wended their way down the narrow byways of this Chautauqua community to view the beautifully maintained century homes and learn of the community's past. One napped through it all, though. Tough to grow old! A good time was had by all. The last to leave at 6 PM made dinner at home.



Martha Taylor and Mark Shell, Bill and Mary Anne Koehler, Marcia and Don Ramsey, Barb Kromer, Leslie Wilson, Cynthia and Gerry


Class of '65

The Class of '65 meets several times a year, usually when the snowbirds return and then before their annual hibernation begins. This year saw a belated 55th celebration on the Huron Yacht Club's patio level. There they enjoyed a catered luncheon and an afternoon of catching up and sharing plans for the next five years. They had come from all over Ohio, Meechigan, and even Florida to celebrate. The only common complaints were their tales of woe about never-ending doctors' appointments, but then they are in their 70's now, enjoying life despite the pill popping every day, and still looking for adventure. Keep it up, guys and gals, so we have much to share at the next gathering!



Earlier that afternoon a wreath was laid at the foot of the Peace Memorial in front of the City Hall to commemorate the sacrifice in Viet Nam of their classmates, Terry Mesenburg and Jim Baumer.



 Celebrating their 55th anniversary of high school graduation, this huge band of merrymakers met upstairs at the Harbor House, formerly the Twine House, to enjoy fine music, a delicious buffet, but most of all, one another's company as they renewed old friendships and relived their days of glory. At times it sounded like a meeting of the Liars' Club, but what the hay - at their age who could remember enough to challenge anyone's tale? The point is they enjoyed, if just for an evening, reliving a great time of their youth with others who survived the same adventures, have now raised their families and enjoyed successful careers. In retirement they continue to stay busy, do quite a bit of volunteer work, serve on various community boards, wrestle with grandkids, and enjoy being soccer grandmas and granddads. Several have already attained the pinnacle of their era - the rank of great-grandparent. They surely have earned their 21st century equivalence of *Happy Days*, and we look forward to greeting them once again in five, if not sooner.

Cletes Bilgen, '68, entertains the group with music of their era. Some few even rose to move their hips and feet, in place though, with no PDA evident. Oh, the times!



Class of '62 Cavorts at the Barnes Home

Bob and Sharon Barnes enjoy sharing their home with classmates at reunion time. Thus summer was no exception, as those returning spent a Friday evening at the home enjoying hours reminiscing and catching up over cocktails and tables groaning under platters of appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, dips, and sandwiches.



To all of you whose grandkids claim that senior citizens are just nothing but old grump grouches, share with them these pictures. Then remind them that anyone can grow old, but few are wise enough to know when just to remain silent!

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Goes BIG

This is the class whose reunions will never stop. Set the date, book the pavilions at the Boat Basin, send out the invites for a potluck, and then wait to see who turns out. The crowd is growing larger now each year, and hopefully continues. Sometimes local folks from a class before or after '68 even stop by and are always welcomed. The whole affair is very informal, with no speechifying except for passing out some gag gifts and such, and all return home talking about the experience for weeks. The social media lines burn up also as the latest updates and photos are actually shared on line, around the world, in fact.

As folks begin to count up the decades, in addition to just the years, they touch back to their roots and realize how much all those past shared experiences made them who they are today. A reunion is a fine way to share that gratitude and give thanks for so many relationships. More folks need to participate!



Class of '70 Rocks

A beautiful Saturday evening in September saw this group gather near the Boat Basin to catch up and reminisce. They had come from near and far - as in Vermilion, Amherst, and Stowe - to, as one wag said, tell their lies. And there was plenty of that, as lively conversation kept them engaged until dark. Look for them to begin meeting more often now that most in the class are retired.

From left to right were: Pat "Sticks" and Mary Gioffre, Paul Camp, Bill and Deb O'Hara, Tom and Sally Brugeman Scudiere, Donna Green, Jeff Wentz, Bruce and Patti Shrigley Barnhart of Amherst, Gary and Anne Hiatt Hinton, and Steve and Beth Legando, '71, Fisher



Class '71 Record Breakers



Surely the Class of '71 broke attendance records this reunion season. Over two evenings, they met at both the pavilion at the Basin for a potluck, and then the next evening at Mesenburgs Plaza Place to show their more refined, mature side, all dressed up and eating while seated - with silverware! Their committee had worked for two years to pull off this Covid-postponed 50th anniversary reunion, and classmates responded. They picnicked until darkness overtook them, then danced the following night until the DJ's mu-

sic system gave out for the last time and his voice died!

Between parties, on Saturday afternoon the class took a trip down Memory Lane, AKA as their dear old Alma Mammy. They entered the north library entrance off the student parking lot and searched in vain for library books. In the internet age, one expects to find library books in a high school when each student carries one in a pocket, purse, or strapped to a wrist? In awe they surveyed the renovated science wing, and

mused over misters Shontz, Seiple, and Coughlan trying to improvise lessons without a computer, only an abacus or "slip stick" to solve problems. Indeed, they proclaimed, Huron's students today are blessed. Now in their day

In short, the hard work of the committee paid off, and all were thankful that so many returned. Hopefully, for their class, some plan for, and commit to, the practice that so many other classes have, that of meeting several times a year, if not monthly just for a lunch somewhere. It keeps the joy and friendships fresh, itself just another reward for being retired!

Easy Meetings

Gradually a format has evolved for easily congregating for a class reunion, whether for a larger five-year affair or simply one of the monthly gatherings many of the classes are now enjoying. From about mid-May until late in October, many planners are electing to convene at one of the city's picnic shelters throughout town, the most preferred places being along the river and near the Boat Basin. For a very low rental rate, they reserve the pavilion with the city's Parks and Recreation office for an evening or even a luncheon. If the second one has not been spoken for, then the class enjoys a twofer!

The food is usually provided by all in potluck fashion, with an occasional class maybe having all toss in a few bucks and then enjoying delivered pizzas on top of all the other goodies. Or some enterprising classmate will tote in a grill of some sort and do up burgers or brats for all. The point is that it's simple, nothing fancy unless someone gussies up a cake frosting. For beverages, the city usually frowns upon alcohol, but as most folks attending these are well past their need to get plastered of an evening, and if all confine their drinks to the pavilion area, the city has always looked the other way.

Some classes, however, still like to have an evening to strut their stuff more formally, and that is always welcomed. For that, they revert to renting a hall, providing some kind of music, and following up with a nice sit-down dinner, usually done buffet style. Saturday evenings are usually reserved for this sort of gathering, though we are now noticing fewer folks rising to dance throughout the evening. Must be an age thing. The informal pavilion gatherings are usually done on a Friday evening as a very informal, reacquainting mixer before the Saturday gala. Either way, singly or as a pair, these types of reunions are easy to arrange, and attendees thoroughly enjoy reconnecting, no matter how many ensuing years since the last get together.

Another observation: folks are avoiding meeting during the time around Riverfest, as rooms then are scarce and expensive for the out-of-towners wanting to return at that time. Also, after Labor Day the summer crowds begin to thin out, and restaurants in the area find it easier to manage their patrons. Just saying, in case planners have not been around for a while.



Class of '72

A long time planning paid off handsomely for this class as they devoted an entire weekend over Homecoming to celebrate their 50th reunion.

The joy began on the evening of the Homecoming football game when the class held an informal tailgate party in the newly renovated high school cafeteria, catered by Mesenburg's Catering. After noshing down the sandwiches and sides, they commenced to tour the building that they thought they had remembered. Lots of fun as they admired the new science wing and reminisced about their various escapades. The recently refurbished gymnasium also fascinated them as did the weight room with which Huron High is blessed.

As they exited the weight room along the back of the school, along strutted the marching band, and the class fell in right behind them as they all walked down to the entrance gate into the stadium. As the band entered onto the field, the classmates stood proudly shoulder to shoulder on the edge of the green, admiring what they had never played on and then were recognized by the Voice of Huron Football, before being escorted to their reserved seats. The only miscue of the evening was coming up short by one point on the final score, losing to archrival Perkins, 29-28. "Wait till next year" goes the cry!



The Asher family brightens the room at the Hill of Fame Induction: Deb Duzsa, '83, Ed, '46, Dave, '72, Kevin, '74, Anne ??????, Greg and Heather Roth.



'77 Goes Kokomo

To celebrate their 45th anniversary, the '77 bunch gathered at a seldom used venue, Kokomo's, the restaurant/bar located at the former Keys Golf Course. On a beautiful summer day, they visited away the afternoon outdoors while enjoying the plenteous libations and snacks. Some had come from afar, but most were locals. Many have taken early retirements already and are enjoying travels, camping, concerts, and grandkids. They are enjoying their good health for the most part, while accumulating an occasional spare part like a knee or hip. Who would have guessed back in the day that such progress would eventually keep them at home and on their feet. There were hugs aplenty to go around as each person arrived, but sadness when many started to leave. More frequent gatherings would help solve that problem, though. Give it a go, group!



Bill Tract sitting,

First row: Scott Majoy, Tim Klein, Brenda Rodgers Butcha, Deb Gadd, Kriss Wheland Fisher, Julie Mingus Kogle, Linda Gebelle Harlow, Susan Reynolds Lisa, David Lisa, Dale Schlessman, Ken Burmeister, Back row: Charles Hensley, Jeff Scheid, Chris Sudsina, Nancy Castanien Sudsina, Karen Stephenson Ferdinandsen, Patty Hammond James, Angie Hofacker, Pat Bursiel, Beth Catri, Janel Aicher Moore, Kim Boldman Painter, Colleen Mann, Kim Norton Raia, Scott Sijan, Sharon Dubois Gundlach

The '80 Bunch



Rear, R to L: Mike Ritzen-thaler, Tim Savage, Roger Likes, Chuck Branham, Tim Cherry, Dave Chambers, next row Marty Carlisle, Lynn Smith, Faye Enderle, Rob Delamatre, Jackie Hamler in front

A few members of the Class of '80 strolled into the Pier Pub along the river upon an afternoon and entertained one another with all the recent developments within their families and careers. They also waxed eloquent about high school escapades, but that's a matter for another day. They are right at that age now when retirement is almost upon them and looking forward to some pleasant life changes. Most have grandkids by now and look forward to more family time with another bunch of knee-biters. Others are checking out opportunities for either second careers or volunteer opportunities - you know - doing what they REALLY wanted to do all along. We wish them well and look forward to a full report at their next regularly scheduled five-year reunion.



Class of 2012

Alyssa Franklin and crew had found the perfect picnic place, at the Thunderbird Golf Course pavilion, for a quiet, convenient place to enjoy their ten year reunion. These "kids" seem to have it together, with most in their entry level positions as they forge new careers. With a sense of confidence, they shared their beginning experiences, whether in workday careers or the military. A few were even speaking of wedding bells. We look forward to updates in five years, if not sooner. Maybe even the ritual of passing around baby pictures!



Class of 2017

Under the leadership of Cesco Gioffre and his companions, the youngest grads celebrated their fifth anniversary at Thee Fisherman's Wharf right on the Boat Basin, the former i 5's watering hole familiar to many.

The group had thrown up a few decorations to lend to the festivities and rocked the place for a few hours on that warm, early July evening. A few were in the celebrating mood because they had just gone through their college graduations, while a others were still looking forward to that milestone. Covid restrictions had really messed up the course planning for so many collegians in those days, but no matter, they were out and fired up to begin their careers.

The future looks good, judging from this group. The pandemic had taught them life lessons as no classroom could. They had been dealt a really bad hand, but they played it right, called Mr. Covid's bluff, and walked away with a winning hand - but lots of debt! They WILL persevere, and we look forward to great things from them in the future.

Retired Faculty Members' Summer Soiree

Huron's retired high school teachers love gathering a few times every year to check in with one another and reminisce about their time at the helm of education in Huron. They trade stories about grandkids, tout their own children's successes, share memories of trips they have taken since the last gathering, but definitely do NOT discuss former students nor teaching conditions back when. They are all about the present, and looking forward to the future.

Attendance at this summer's gathering was down a bit as some still had issues with Covid and wanted to protect themselves. A few others were still enjoying long trips - some abroad, others here in the States. And one couple even had a long-standing Monday evening date to babysit the grandkids. Who could have guessed! Those in attendance, though, declared the gathering and potluck a success and look forward now to their midwinter gathering in January - the weather gods permitting.



The feast begins. Ed Boose, Barbara Schenberger, and Dino Caporini dig in, while Paul Dahnke surveys the offerings.



Bill Scott enjoys his warm meal, as Señora Dahnke and Joanne Morgan catch up over their cooling dinner.



Doug Fries digs in, while Nancy Freitas and Kathy Kirby primp and pose. Tom Kirby calculates how many buns will fit on his plate.



Tom Heckelman enjoys his veggies while his granddaughter-in-law counts his calories and checks that no dust bunnies have contaminated his plate.



Walter Butkus, age 93, of Riviera Beach FL, passed away on May 30 at home. Walter was married for 67 years to former Huron

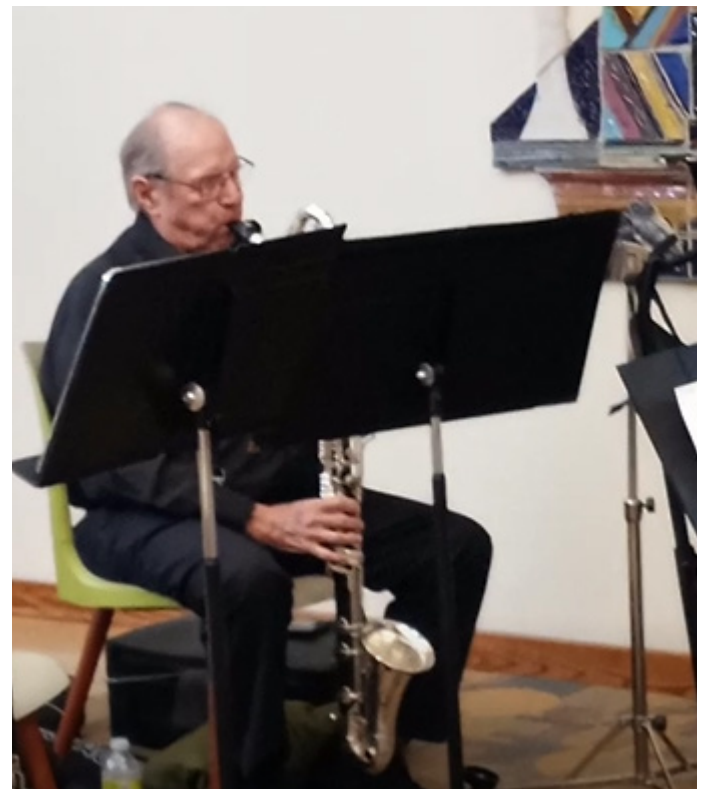
High School Social Studies teacher, Barbara Butkus. He moved to the Huron area with New Departure where he worked for 42 years before retiring. He then was employed part time by Industrial Nut of Sandusky as a Quality Control Engineer. In addition to being survived by his wife Barbara, Walter's two sons, Dana, '81, and Bryce, '83, survive.

He's Back - Again - with the Lake Erie Winds

Henry "Hank" Lehrer, former band instructor at Huron High back in the 60's and 70's, continues his Energizer Bunny routine. July saw him and his Lake Erie Winds Clarinet Quartet stage an afternoon performance at the Huron Library. An extra flute actually made it a quintet, for who knows when someone may need a fill-in sometime.

No way of telling that Hank is in his 80's now, enjoying every minute performing with the "kids," as he refers to those only a decade or two behind him who also delight in keeping live performances going despite a pandemic. They share their love of jazz, light classics, ragtime, modern pops, and even polkas wherever folks want to gather, be it on a formal stage, in more relaxed wedding settings, informal gatherings - even in a library. This concert featured favorites from the likes of Debussy, Brahms and Bach, Glenn Miller, and The Duke, among others. Tears were brought to the eyes by *Danny Boy* and *Amazing Grace*, while Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever* brought all to foot-stomping for the finale. Thanks be to the Huron Public Library which sponsors these Sunday afternoon music fests for the community all summer long.

Many more returns, Hank. Keep that bass clarinet tuned up, and remember that you always have a home in Huron.



An Auble Family Gathering



A beautiful sunny day in August was an excellent time for the Auble sibs to celebrate the lives of two members of the Auble family. The family matriarch, Priscilla, had passed away this past March and sister Jodi, '75, back in '74, victim of a vicious murder. Nearly a half century has separated these two passings, but nothing has separated the family. Distance? Yes, but not between the bonds that Priscilla and Aaron had forged long ago. From the four corners of Carolina, Texas, Oregon, and Maine, with a stop in Minnesota on the way, they regularly return to their roots here in Ohio, a joyous occasion to cement further their bonds.



We know there are other large hometown families like this with deep roots in our past. They may have graduated over the span of a decade or two and thus had many friends still interested in how all the "kids" are doing. Send us your pictures so we can share with the entire Huron Alumni Family!

Ladies first: Carol Auble Lally, '77, (TX), Janice Auble Battiste, '76, (Huron), and Susan Auble Bartyzal '84, (MN)
The guys: Marc, '72, (NC), Wayne, '73, (OR), John, '79, (ME), Matt, '81, (OH)

Athletic Hall of Fame

On the 30th anniversary of the first Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, another great class made its way into this elite company. Their exceptional abilities on field, court, or mat brought notice to themselves, but equally important in most cases is how they evolved over the years into more than just talented athletes. Their ability to assist other human beings upward toward success has also played an important part in the selection process. Huron has always produced those talented ones who are successful but caring and sharing individuals, those willing to help

others upward in their lives. It's all part of the family spirit that small towns breed into their offspring.

We bring you here this year's inductees, representing almost every sport. There are individual All-Conference and All-State winners and state champs. There is a basketball team that went 22-0 over two seasons. There are those building up their communities today. There is even one of the pioneers in high school female athletic programs, opening doors for generations to follow. See them all below and enjoy!



Art McIntyre, '69
 Seven letters in basketball, football, and track. His Project Shoes annually distributes athletic footwear to Akron area kids, and Crocs to Kenya. He organizes drives for shoes.



Front: Dave Asher, Kevin Asher, Tom Merrill, Jim DeFazio Rear: Greg Roth, Tom Hetrick, Louis Wargo, Jim Boyes, and Gary Majestic. From 1971 to 1973, the teams were undefeated, with a 22 game win streak, setting many records on the way.

The Lehrer kids, '09, Kelly and Matt. Kelly starred in volleyball, earning All-Everything, player-of-the-year and Outstanding Performer. Matt had eight letters in football and track. He was first team All-SBC, 3x, district, and state Honorable Mention. He led the track team to SBC titles and to state finals.



Kelly Bartemes, '99
 Eight letters in baseball, football, and basketball. First team offense and defense in conference and All-State honors, All-Conference in baseball three years. Lettered at Baldwin-Wallace college.



Gail Moore, '75
 Nine letters in volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Played summer softball and lead team to area and national titles, earning MVP hitter on the way. At Miami U, she earned five more letters in softball and basketball.

Matt Faust, '98
 Seven letters in golf and tennis. With Seth DeRose, he won SBC doubles titles 3x and went to state 2x. Still golfs today, with a single digit handicap.



Hall of Fame Faces

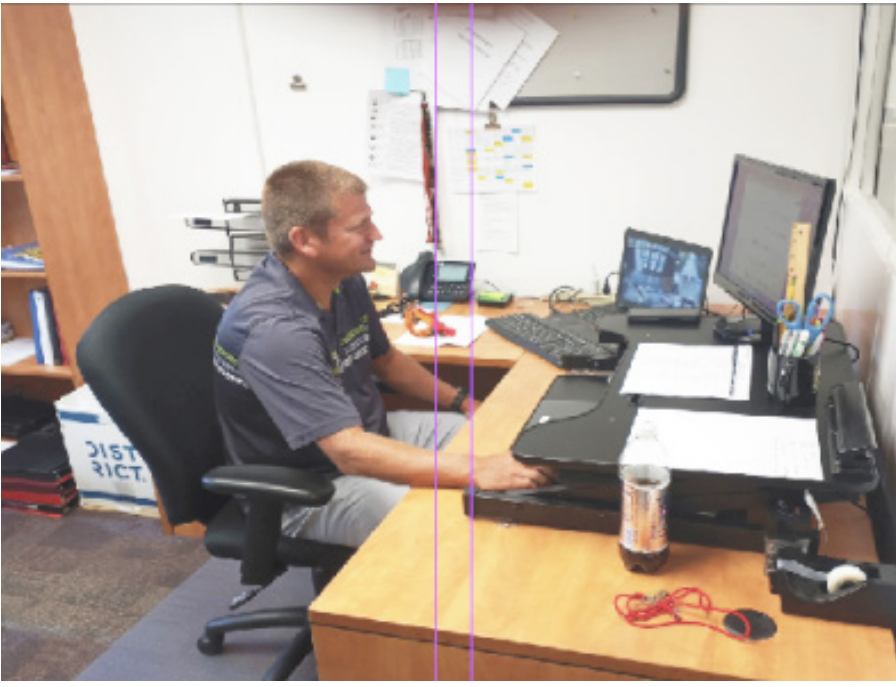
Friends and family turn out to honor inductees.



Nate Faust and his dad dwarf Dan Angelo who was a *Sandusky Register* reporter and mentor to Nate who, while in high school, thought he wanted to be a sports reporter. Good thing he stuck with a tech profession!



Not So New “Newbies”



Darius at work tracking down students.

Darius Schaeffer

This past summer saw our former Assistant High School Principal, Dennis Antonelli, move on to a principalship in Port Clinton’s Middle School. Then our long-time office assistant, Nancy Steinmetz, retired. The Board of Education filled both positions with highly qualified persons who are well acquainted with Huron’s system. One moved from the classroom to an administrative office, the other from her cafeteria duties to an adjoining office. Meet Darius Schaeffer and Kelly Kozich.

So, if a body has been teaching at Huron High for over fifteen years already, he can still be called a “newbie”? Absolutely! Darius Schaeffer recently changed professional tracks from instruction to administration, and thus qualifies.

Why the change? Darius was looking for a new challenge, he says. He enjoyed the classroom, teaching math for fifteen years, but he had been working on two Masters degrees at Ashland University ever since first graduating from BGSU with his degree in math education. His first masters was in administration, the second lead to certification as school district treasurer. How’s that for diversity?

Actually, as an Edison born kid and then a graduate from there back in ‘95, Darius began his career at Port Clinton, where, in addition to his teaching duties, he also coached, as in three sports. The family lived in

Bellevue, then and even now, as it was close to both Darius’s job in Port Clinton and his wife Mary’s work further west. They continue to live in Bellevue for the simple reason that it is still half way, this time between his job at Huron and Mary’s as Superintendent of the Woodmore School District. She is Doctor Schaeffer; Darius is half way.

As the Assistant High School Principal, what are Darius’s responsibilities? There are the usual discipline matters, then working with other district administrators in planning for the future, even covering for a principal who contracts Covid - again. But perhaps his most exciting challenge is directing the Career Readiness program.

What’s that, you ask? It used to be that the primary goal of most seniors was to graduate, head off to a prestigious college, then graduate again with prospects of a great job, an excellent income, and a secure future. Today, that’s not so much desired. Higher college costs and long term student debt have students thinking about the return on their investment. Instead, other life paths are being explored, those with less initial monetary investment while learning a trade or profession that is just as satisfying and productive as if one had devoted four or more years to obtaining a baccalaureate degree and more. But how does one interest students in even examining this type of life pathway?

Here’s where Darius comes in with a program called Tiger Trek. Students are exposed to various professions, some as early as in middle school, when speakers from all walks of life make presentations to students just beginning to think about their distant futures. Later on, students are invited to participate in job shadowing opportunities, spending time observing what goes on in actual workplaces. These visitations can lead to internships or other types of work-based experiences, thus guiding students to better informed decisions about what alternative careers entail. Darius enjoys working with students, helping them discover these alternative learning opportunities, and discussing with them what they are discovering about these careers, and even themselves, in the process.

To relax a bit and stay loose, Darius still coaches the girls’ basketball team. They are gradually improving their status in the SBC since he assumed the duties, and he is happy to continue. For warm weather fun, the family enjoys boating and family activities. Mary’s two children are now 28 and 30, but their two younger daughters are juniors and seniors at Huron High. They will be “lifers,” as in K-12, Tigers true.

Darius says that the transition from classroom to office has been easy. The students have adjusted to seeing him in his new roles and are responding well. The faculty also is working well with him. With change come challenges. Darius seems to be meeting them all well, even to slopping a mop in the cafeteria after lunch to prepare the room for study hall in the afternoon. Is he working on another degree? Time will tell. We look forward to working many more years with him in Huron.

Can You Help?

If live in close proximity to Huron High, can you assist the Tiger Trek program that introduces students to various careers? Speakers are always needed who can present a clear understanding of some trade or profession and answer student questions. Or maybe you have a business that could allow a student to shadowing there to gain a closer look

at what is involved in a job and thus what training would be needed to be successful. Or maybe you can help mentor a prospective future employee in some sort of internship.

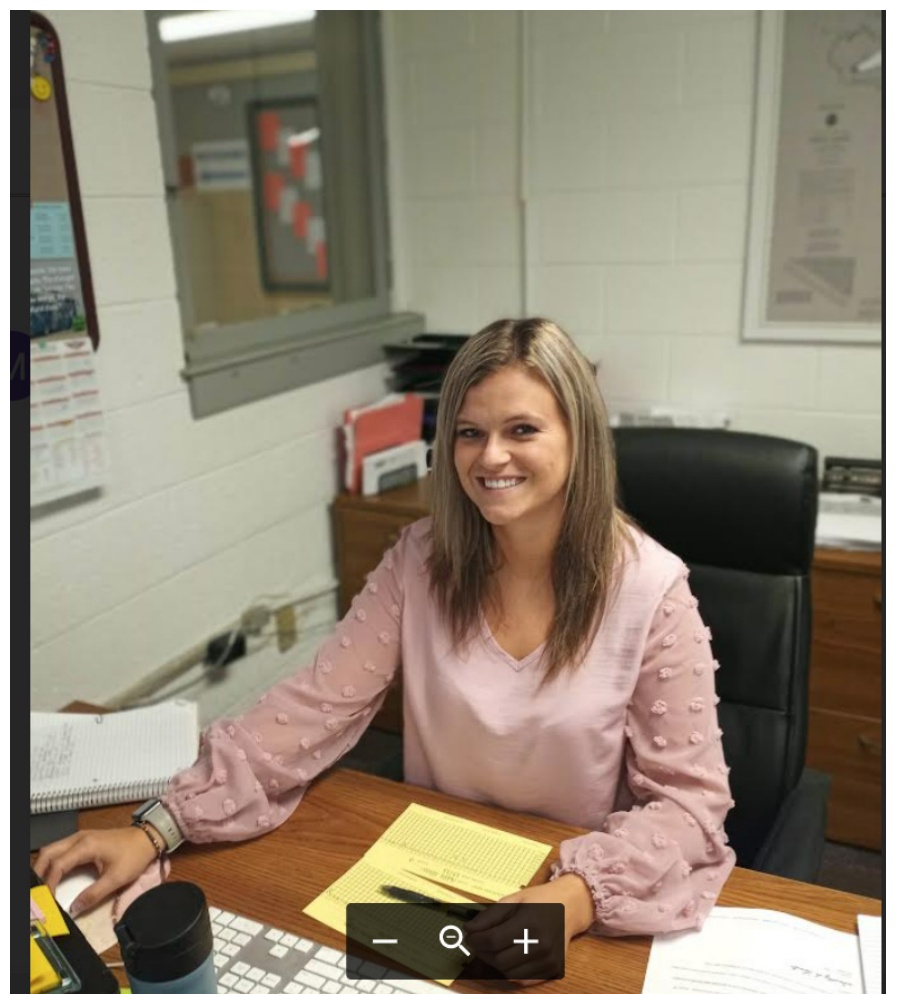
This program depends for its success upon folks extending a hand up to members of tomorrow’s workforce. To become involved or just to seek more information about how you can help, check out this link: [Contacts for Tiger Trek Program](#) and be glad you did so!!!

Kelly Kozich, another “newbie” in the front office, is also no stranger to Huron High either. She is a K-12 “lifer” at Huron where she enjoyed her studies as well as being a member of the golf and softball teams. For a while, she even served as a student aide for Tony Munaf, Jr., the athletic director. During her entire time at the high school she was proud of never having been tardy; hence, she is eminently qualified for her present position as overseer of student tardiness and absences.

After high school, Kelly attended Firelands College BGSU to train for elementary education. For the next eight years she then enjoyed operating a day care from her home. When she gave that up, Kelly moved into a position at Huron High working in the cafeteria. There she enjoyed the daily interaction with students as she collected the lunch money, helped supervise at times, and then helped ready the place for afternoon study hall. She has never been afraid of work.

In her new position, Kelly continues to enjoy the daily contact with the students, the faculty and administrators, and all who pass through the office. She is efficient in her duties, and in just a short time is familiar with the names of almost every student who frequents the office for whatever reason. With that skill, she often serves as a primary resource for identifying all the students highlighted in this publication.

As for the future, Kelly looks forward to spending many years working with Huron’s students and faculty to help insure a smooth and orderly operation of the building. In her off time, she enjoys spending time with and creating adventures for her two boys, Bradon and Ben, eight and ten now. The future holds great promise for her here and for the school that she serves. Welcome aboard, Kelly!



You Make Us Proud!!!

Dr. Thomas Fuller, '73



For the past forty-plus years, Dr. Tom Fuller, '73, has worked in the world of occupational safety and the allied professions. He has researched, taught, published, and advocated world-wide for worker safety issues. Tom is still teaching at Illinois State University as he considers retirement.

So what would motivate one to devote his life to insuring safe working conditions for others? Consider that long before Tom graduated from Huron, despite all the laws enacted way back when Upton Sinclair was writing *The Jungle* about labor condi-

tions in the early 20th century meat packing industry, change was still needed. Worker deaths and career ending injuries were still a plague in this country, all of which led to the establishment of OSHA (Occupational Health and Safety Act) around 1970. Standards were then beginning to be set, with asbestos being one of the earliest targets. So for Tom it was an excellent time to graduate, with such reform news always widely present in the air and a national campaign to insure safety for all workers on their jobs.

Tom dove into his work then, motivated by his belief, described later in a preface to one of his books, "that everyone globally has the right to a safe and

healthy workplace." Notice the word "globally." Safety at work is a right not just for Americans but for all people, from "an 8-year old carrying bricks in the mid-day sun in Nepal, a pharmaceutical business executive on assignment in Bangladesh, or a mother polishing stone in her home in Tanzania."

With that kind of moral imperative driving him, Tom eventually broadened out into working on radiation protection, emergency planning, industrial hygiene, infection control, environmental management, and chemical hygiene, among others. He has chaired or been a member of enough world wide professional organizations to fill a wall with just the titles. His research and shared expertise have led to hundreds of peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed articles in all the related journals, and that's not counting the many conference presentations for which he has written. However, Tom has not yet begun writing his first novel.

Even with teaching still occupying much of his time yet, Tom also continues serving on boards, consulting both nationally and internationally, serving as co-editor of journals, and sometimes vacationing. Summers he spends at his lovely home in Chateaudun FR, south of Chartres a bit, soaking up the rays in wine country.

Never far from his mind, though, is the idea of worker safety. It drives him and makes us all proud to think that all of us are directly or indirectly impacted by Tom's devotion to this cause.



Tom's Home in Chateaudun

Kendra Faulkner, '05, Ms. OHgo

So many hungry people, so much food going to waste. How to join the two? Many communities "solve" the problem through local volunteer groups such as church pantries, Food Bank outlets, community common tables and other creative activities. But one of our grads has taken another path toward guaranteeing food security within our area. Meet Kendra Faulkner, '05, Ms. OHgo of the Sandusky area. OHgo, as in OHIO on the go. And is she ever, never stopping, dawn to dusk, from early morning feeding a pen of chickens, to driving trucks, to maneuvering a tow motor and unloading tons of food stuffs several times a week – even directing traffic to ease folks into the OHgo facility where food awaits them – at no charge!

How can this be, you ask? It started with a dream, a desire to help, mixed with lots of youthful energy, joined by many friends devoted to the same causes, and volunteers show up ready to work without being asked and then operate like a well-oiled machine when the massive task of distribution commences three times a week - and sometimes more around holiday times. Meet this gal who makes it all happen.

Kendra began her post-high school career by graduating from BGSU with her degree in visual communication, setting out then to create a photography career, so she thought. A position with a Cleveland area company shooting wedding photos and creating memories for others paid well and got her out of her parents' basement. But she saw something else in society that gradually nudged her in a different direction.

Kendra saw too many hungry people and decided to do something about that instead of hanging around happy, healthy, well nourished folks. Except that she had no training, just a dream of helping folks desperate to feed their families. She and her friend, Christine, helped out at their church, collecting foodstuff, filling bags for distribution, helping at festivals - all the things that church people like to do. But there was still a hole in her heart for those unable to avail themselves of church largesse. How to reach them?

That's when the dynamic duo enlisted some help, and they all began collecting food from restaurants and stores that would have gone to waste and driving it to parks around town where they could distribute directly to folks where they lived and worked. That was not easy, though, because people thought at first there was a plot to poison them! But time and Kendra's patience, and working directly with children at first, gradually built a trust, and Kendra and group were off.

But that didn't last as the needs grew, especially during pandemic time. At a church meeting, a kind lady pledged money to the group for a truck, and they were then able to increase their volume and aid more families. Then someone convinced them to apply for non-profit status which would increase funds available to them for their work. What did they know about filings and paperwork and legal niceties? Not a cotton picking thing. They didn't even have a name or logo, but with Christine's artistic ability, a truck logo was born, and a friend's pro bono legal advice helped them navigate the system in record time. Now they could run.



Get 'em in, get 'em loaded, get 'em fed!

And sprint they did and continue to do so. One volunteer devotes her time almost exclusively to applying for grants, from governmental agencies and other local non-profits and individuals willing to help feed the hungry. The group was thus able to purchase property on Perkins Avenue, erect a storage building, develop parking facilities, and then expand their operations.

Several days a week up to a hundred cars can fill the lot, with folks standing in line awaiting . . . - well, they don't know exactly what until delivery trucks arrive from Food Pantry and volunteers quickly unload and spread out on tables whatever the fare of the day may be. The Pantry has collected good, salvageable food, then delivers it to places like Kendra's operation, OHgo, for final distribution to the awaiting folks. Lines form early, and an orderly distribution takes place. There is no pushing and shoving because folks realize by now that there will probably be enough to go around. They patiently await their turn to peruse the contents of all the tables, most clutching their own worn and patched cloth shopping bags, then select what they could use for a few days to feed themselves or their families.



Parked that baby. Now lets load up.

Through it all, Kendra flits about helping to load and unload, move supplies from warehouse to the awaiting lines, and even tending to the paperwork in her makeshift office. The space is kept immaculate, inside and out, with a well organized cadre of volunteers helping with directing the traffic and minding the parking. Several times a month now trucks bring the Truck Pantry more directly to the people around the area all because one person grew tired of making mug shots of other "happy people" and decided there is another way to find happiness - by helping others meet their most basic needs. What's next? Who knows? Even Kendra doesn't. Wherever the next challenge presents itself. After all, she graduated from Huron High only in 2005 and makes us proud already! Think of what's to come. That's what she did!

Want to Help?

This OHgo program depends for its success upon enlisting all sorts of volunteers who are empathetic and patient, have some free time and any kind of talent, and a desire to help others. Volunteers help park the cars, sort out the foodstuffs as they arrive and help place it all on the tables. They replenish the supply as fast as it diminishes at any given table, dispose of waste boxes, help the more elderly recipients load their bags or boxes and get to their cars safely, and at the end of the morning, help tidy up.

Young or old, all sorts of help are needed in a project this huge and worthwhile. If you think you may be able to contribute, just show up at their site on East Perkins Ave. across from the Old Dutch on Mon., Wed., Fri. morning and observe for a while. If you think you can make a difference, ask for Kendra and then get involved. Or go up on line to www.OHgoeach.org to scope it out, maybe even donate. Anything you do is appreciated. You'll be glad you did!

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OHgo on the Move

About seven years ago, Kendra Faulkner, '05, and her friend Christine Boesch began a non-profit outreach group to bring needed goods and services to various underserved neighborhoods where folks basically lacked transportation. The movement grew from one truck and two volunteers to what it is today - a multi truck operation with a warehouse and paved service center on East Perkins Avenue where people can drive in three days a week and obtain the food they need. Here volunteers work to help unload the incoming lifeline of Second Harvest trucks and then begin setting the foodstuffs out on rows of tables for those awaiting. On holidays, the number of volunteers can swell to over 300, as gifts are passed out on one night to the less fortunate. On other days, the trucks deliver food to various places around the Sandusky area, set up tables along the curb, and attend to drive by "customers," loading the various foods through car windows or stuffing into trunks. This organization is a vital link to those in need who would otherwise not be able to participate fully in a healthy lifestyle.

How can a movement like this survive? First, there is no shortage of people young and old who empathize with others in need. They step forward, donate their time and energy to a most worthwhile cause. Then ordinary folks with anything to spare drop their goods off on site or place it on a sheltered stand along the road for others to drive by and help themselves. Nothing ever goes to waste!

The largest source of aid is through grants, gifts, and donations made to this non-profit organization. Dozens of other area non-profits with different purposes see the need and then share their resources with OHgo in the form of grants-in-aid. One of the largest organizations is Second Harvest, a national organization dedicated to seeing that food, which would ordinarily be disposed of by huge commercial grocers for whatever reason = usually past date goods - is "harvested" by them and then delivered to places like OHgo who have the help on the local level to see that the food is made available to people on a timely basis.

Another way they are supported is by individuals who share their feeling and see the need, then contribute either their time and energy as volunteers - hence, no salary accounts needed - or outright donate money to help OHgo meet its expenses. If folks want to assist in this manner, they can visit the website at www.ohgoreach.org where various options are explained.



View this page and see the organization in action. See the smiling faces as volunteers enjoy playing their part, however small, in making this well-oiled "machine" run



Co-Founder Christine Boesch helps unload and set out food.



Floyd unloads tons of food collected by Second Harvest Food Bank.



Older students do the heavy lifting, i.e., the turkeys.



Youngsters also help, here repacking breakfast cereals for easy handling.



Setting up takes time to see all tables are equally stocked.



Kendra and volunteers enjoy their work, as do all others. Happiness is contagious!



Crowds snake in orderly fashion between tables, collecting whatever they need.



Curb service!

From arrival of food trucks, to unloading and setting up, to serving the clients along the many lines or at curbside, the process moves smoothly, thanks to the many hands helping.

YOU too can be part of this. Check the website at www.ohgoreach.org to see how you can impact the program. Volunteers set their own hours and can avoid any heavy lifting.



Kendra supervises when not directing traffic.

Tigers' Roaring Fall Athletics

What an exiting fall athletic season in Huron!

Yes, the FCI (Former Cleveland Indians), aka the Guardians, did win the American League North Division Championship, the wild card series, - only to lose to "them Damn Yankees" - and the OGCB (Once Great Cleveland Browns) managed to beat *Baker, Baker, the Touchdown Maker* and the Steelers in the same month before a total collapse. Let it be said, however, that the real excitement took place right here in Huron, on the local fields, courts, and courses. The Tigers continued to make a name for themselves and live up to the motto emblazoned on the back of so many shirts: "Tradition, Passion, Together."

Read here of the accomplishments of your Tigers as they continue the tradition of "The Huron Way" begun by so many of you decades ago.

See photos of all Tiger activities at the website of our Resource Officer, Keith Lobsinger, who captures most events: Lobsphotography.com



Eliana Cozzie, Kendall Camp, Kaylee Parker, Tess Humphrey, Jesse Holsapple, Cami Adams, Azure Waldo, MacKenzie Heil, Bella Ray, Maggie Orzech, Casey Brown, Addie Foster, Lindsey Schade, Lane Orzech, and Carissa Schaeffer

Coach: Sam Hohler **Record:** 9-3, 4-1 SBC Bay Division

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| Dylan Hohler | All-SBC Bay Div. Most Outstanding Player*
1st Team All-SBC Quarterback*
1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. D-Back
District Co-Offensive Player-of-the-Year |
| Beau Harkelroad | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Receiver* |
| Andrew Delaney | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div Running Back* |
| Ayden Duffy | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Center |
| Nathan Abazi | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Guard |
| Brady Petz | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. D-Line |
| Evan LaCivita | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Linebacker*
1st Team Div. V Linebacker |
| Grant Mosijowsky | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Linebacker |
| Kyle Auger | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. D-Back |
| Cameron Manner | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Kick Specialist
1st Team Div. V Kicking Specialist |
| Alex Kitts | 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Tackle |
| Dawson Bowen | Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div. Receiver |

* = Unanimous Choice

The boys had an excellent season. They finished 4-1 in the SBC and lost a non-conference game as well, the two losses by a total of two points! Having made the playoffs, they defeated Edison in their first game, only to have to face their perennial nemesis, Coldwater. The Tigers led 3-0 until the end of quarter four, when Coldwater awoke, scoring twice to end the Tigers' season. Thanks for the thrills, guys!



QB Dylan Hohler sights his target and prepares to unload.



In for the score!



There's an opponent under there somewhere.

Girls Tennis

Coach: Taylor Gosser



*Front: Kampbell Fleck, Reagan Fry, Emma Gilbert, Emma Barnes, Brynee Hartley, Brianna Miller, Claire Daugherty, and Rachel Merckens
Back: Coach Gosser, Kendra Nayotl, Katie Putman, Emma Studer, Caja Boeseniters, Katie McKinney, Melody Hall, Ellie Lesnett, and Savannah Rodgers*



Ace coming up!



Ballet warm ups

Outa here for a grand slam!

Soccer

Boys

Coach: Matt Asher Record: 12 - 4 - 1

**Conner Schaeffer All-SBC First Team Bay Defender *
Most Outstanding Performer Bay *
District Player of the year
First Team All-Ohio Div. III**

**Will Parcher All-SBC First Team Bay Keeper
Chris Heidl All-SBC First Team Bay Mid-Fielder*
Luke Rager All-SBC First Team Bay Mid-Fielder
Cameron Manner All-SBC First Team Bay Attacker
Evan Pickett All-SBC 2nd Team Bay Defender
Jared Lenczyk All-SBC 2nd Team Bay Mid-Fielder
Charlie Norwell All-SBC 2nd Team Bay Attacker**

* = Unanimous Choice

Heading for pay dirt



On attack, the team races for a shot.



She dribbles and bides her time before passing off.



Girls

Coach: Sam Kudrin Record: 0 - 17

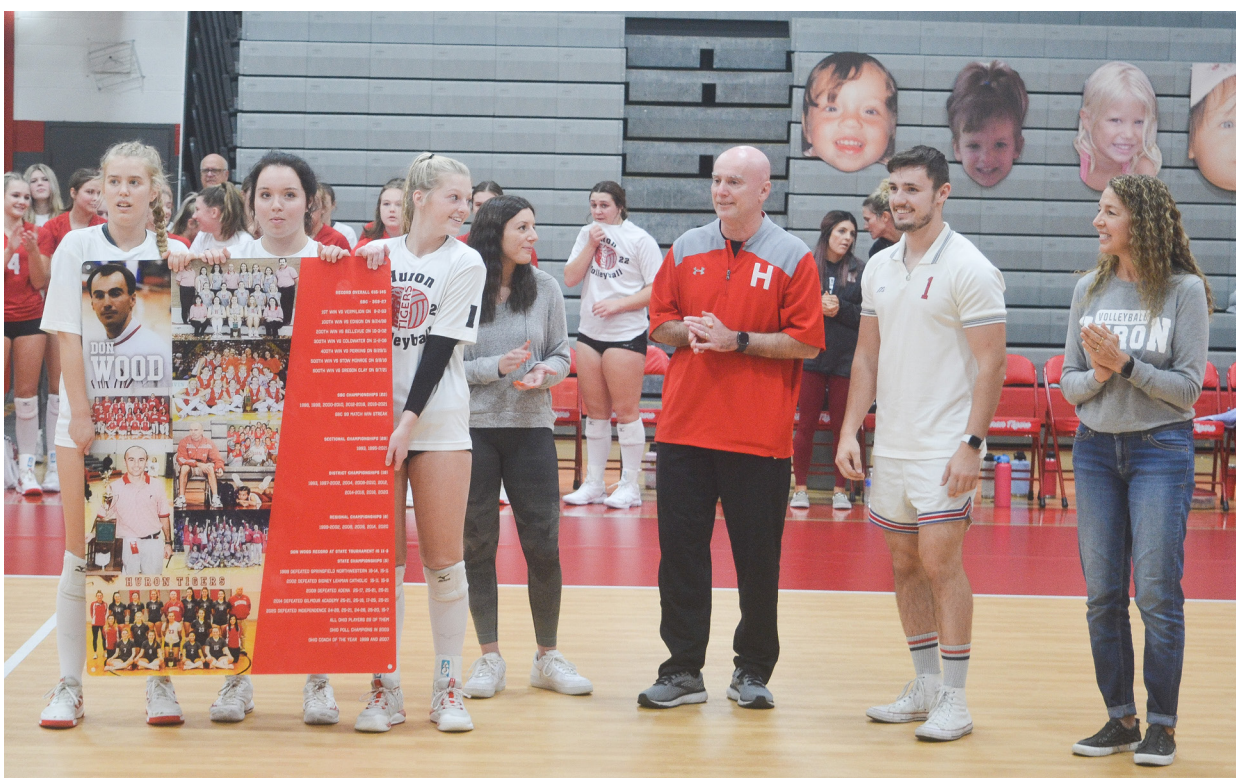
**Jennifer Singer Honorable Mention All-SBC Bay Div
Liz Heidl Honorable Mention All-SBC Bay Div**

Volleyball

**Coach: Don Wood Record: 22 - 3 Won SBC w/ 3rd straight perfect SBC conf. season
Co-Coach of the Year Div. III District champions
Lost in Regionals to Galion**

**Jessica Hosapple First Team All-SBC Bay Hitter *
Most Outstanding Performer All-SBC Bay
Second Team All-State in Div. III
Tess Humphery First Team All-SBC Bay Setter *
Honorable Mention All-State in Div. III
Kendall Camp First Team All-SBC Bay Libero *
Honorable Mention All-State in Div. III
McKenzie Heil First Team All-SBC Bay Hitter
Casey Brown 2nd Team All SBC Bay Hitter
Azure Waldock Honorable Mention Bay Hitter**

* = Unanimous Choice



Coach Don Wood was honored this fall for his coaching achievements at Huron High. Don has coached Huron's girls for thirty years now, during which time he has put up an amazing set of figures. His teams have won over 600 games, taken five state championships, set a school record of 99 straight SBC Conference wins - just to name a few. Don also enjoys rarefied air with several other volleyball personalities from his hometown, Norwalk: Grace Hutchinson of the Norwalk Truckers, and Nancy Miller of the St. Paul Flyers. All three enjoy records of 600+ wins. What is it with the water over there that produces such coaches?

Holding a collage of Don's coaching career are players Jess Holsapple, Lindsey Schade and Tess Humphrey. Family celebrating with Don are his daughter, Gabriella, '17, son Luke, '20, and bride Jennifer.

Golf

Boys Golf

Coach: Justin King **Record: 39 Points Total**
1st Place in SBC Bay; won three invites

Adam Murray **1st Team All-SBC Conference**
TJ Murray **1st Team All-SBC Conference**
Charles Hardy **1st Team All-SBC Conference**
Luke Rager **2nd Team All-SBC Conference**



Coach Justin King, Evan Collins, Adam Murray, Luke Rager, Charlie Hardy, TJ Murray.



All Hail the Mighty Seniors!!!

Girls Golf

Coach: Jeff Hippley **Record: 32 Points Total**
Conference Record: 29-61
Overall Record: 73-162
Teagan Miller **Honorable Mention All-SBC Conference**



The 2022 Girls Golf Team: Gabby Bricker, Samantha Laffay, Madelyn Porterfield, Malena Fantozzi, Kayla Weyer, Teagan Miller, and Sydney Woodruff

Cross Country

Coach: Bill Mishall **Boys Team won SBC Bay Div.**
Asst. Coach: Roger Blevins **Girls Team won SBC Bay Div.**

Boys

Tyler Kohlmann **4th in SBC finals: 17:53.6**
Sage Edgerly-Bork **8th in SBC finals: 18:02.2**
Jake Case **11th in SBC finals: 18:47.6**
Nathan Hinners **12th in SBC finals: 18:51.5**
Carter Schlessman **14th in SBC finals: 19:00.2**
Ryan Sas **15th in SBC finals: 19:02.0**

Girls

Finished 11th at State in Div III

Kennedy Schlessman **1st in SBC finals: 18:36.2**
1st Team All-SBC
2nd at Regionals
3rd at Districts
All-Ohio at State at 15th place
Jadyn Towns **4th in SBC finals: 20:08.2**
All-Ohio at State at 22nd place
Lucy Watson **8th in SBC finals: 21:39.5**
Samantha Lesnak **13th in SBC finals: 22:03.6**
Liz Heidl **18th in SBC finals: 22:36.8**
Allison Blevins **19th in SBC finals: 22:56.2**



Kennedy Schlessman leads the field



Kennedy brings her own cheering section to the meets.

Seen here are her parents and grandparents, aunt and her family and sibs..

Parents: mom, Kristi Taylor Schlessman, '97, (hiding in rear) and dad, Steve Schlessman, '88, flanking racing brother, Carter Schlessman, '25, and sister Laney, '29.

Grandparents in middle: Mary Legando Taylor, '78 and Coach Ed Taylor, '61.

Aunt and family on left: Drs. Catherine Taylor, '00, and husband Amir, with future runners, Kasra and Kamran, ages 5 and 7.

Foss-Saunders Annual Fundraiser Outing

The Foss-Saunders annual Golf Scramble, now in its 20th year, is eagerly awaited by grads everywhere who return to play in this scholarship fundraiser. A full complement arrives to celebrate the lives of two of Huron's finest who were tragically killed in an accident that claimed six BGSU girls returning home from spring break in Florida. The roommates Ryan Foss, '00, and Michelle Saunders, '01, were both enrolled in the school's College of Health and Human Services, looking forward to promising helping careers.

To date, the primary support system for this fund, the scholarship scramble, has raised over \$320,000 and awarded over \$140,000 in scholarships. The fund supports students annually to the tune of \$7,000.

Folks who wish to help grow the fund to aid in supporting Huron's graduates well into the future may do so by sending any contributions to the Erie County Community Foundation at 135 E. Washington Row in Sandusky, with a note to credit the money to the Michelle Saunders and Ryan Foss Memorial Fund. (All donations are tax deductible for those who itemize on their Form 1040.) Your support is much appreciated!



Jim Bollenbacher, A.J. Rogers, Cody Thompson, and Brian Bollenbacher



Eric Muehlhauser, Paul Berlin, Bob Schuh, and Joe Nageotte



Lynette Solly, Celia Finton, and Stephanie Fratoe challenged Kim Samstag to perform her signature splits act from high school days. She did. They didn't offer to help her up either.

Jim Bollenbacher,
Craig Saunders,
Jim Bogden,
and Tom Slattery



2023 Huron Athletic Booster Club 4 Person Golf Scramble



**Benefiting
Huron Tigers
Girls & Boys
Golf Teams**

**Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
Check-In: 7:00am
Shotgun Start 8:00am**

**Thunderbird Hills
(North) Golf Course**

"After Party":

Starts at 130pm

Want to attend the "After Party"?
Not playing in the golf portion?

You will need additional tickets. Ticket prices include dinner and 2X Drink Tickets for the "After Party."

Additional Beer will be available for purchase when your drink tickets run out! We will also have live entertainment, Raffles & Auction Items & Baskets, so please plan on staying when the golf is over and have your significant other meet you at the course for a fun afternoon with other Huron graduates and employees.

Tickets are \$30 each. # Needed: _____

Tickets must be purchased in advance and remember, no current students even if aged 18, and no one under age 18 permitted!

You may pay online at: www.huronboosterclub.com

Or make your check payable / mail to:
Huron Athletic Booster Club Golf Scramble
P.O. Box 184
Huron, Ohio 44839

Deadline for ticket purchase is May 27th, 2023

Volunteers Needed!

Send us your contact information if you can assist us in any way.

Team Registration Form

\$400.00 per team.

All entries must be received by May 27th, 2023

Entry fees will NOT be accepted at the door

Entry fee includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner, 2X Drink Tickets, "After Party" for players, prizes and 1 Mulligan per player.

Additional Mulligans may be purchased.

Team Name: _____

Captain: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Repeat for rest of the team and remit to us by deadline.

Those Gone Before Us

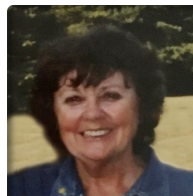
Deborah Elmlinger Grosser, '69, age 70, of Chiang Rai, Thailand, passed away on January 6, 2022 of an unexpected cardiac arrest while in a hospital awaiting heart surgery. After teaching elementary school for 25 years in California, Debbie and her husband Ron devoted the remainder of their lives to assisting "at risk" children from the hill tribes near Chiang Rai, Thailand. They founded an institute to care for and help elevate these children from their poverty-stricken, dead end lives. Many times a sponsor would adopt a child, as did Deb and Ron. Once able to retire, they chose instead to remain with the institute and live out their lives serving the destitute. Ron passed in 2021 and Debbie followed him this past January.



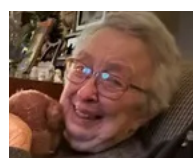
Marilee Delombard, '65, age 74, passed away in Shawville, Quebec on June 17, 2020. Marilee was every bit a "Greenie" before the term was invented, as she worked for preservation of the environment. She loved to see plants, people, and communities grow.



Marilyn Griggs Hindley, '68, of Tracy CA died March 31 at the age of 70. She worked at the Little Flower Shop, for 28 years, and created beautiful floral arrangements for life's memorable occasions. A master at gardening, Marilyn loved her gardens, animals, nature, and the dogs she had rescued over the years.



Janice Batch Abney, '51, age 88, of Fremont, passed away in May 18, 2022. Janice devoted her life to her family and service to her church.



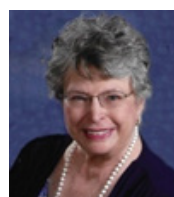
Rita J. Hohler, '52, age 87, of Berlin Heights, passed away on June 20, in the Fisher-Titus Medical Center, Norwalk. Rita and husband Joe had owned and operated the Bay Bell Grocery and Bait Store in Bay view OH. She also had worked for New Departure Hyatt before retiring from the Sandusky Register in the circulation department.



Sam Jeremay Sr, '70, passed away on June 22 at home. Sam worked at the Sandusky Foundry for many years, then at the Glidden ICI Paints Company in Huron. As a master mechanic. He was the type that could fix anything set before him.



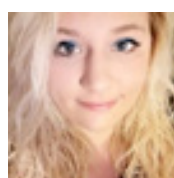
James "Zoomie" Gow, '74, age 65, passed away on June 27 at home. Jim had been employed by Precision Body Shop of Sandusky. He was known in the area for his work on corvettes and other classic cars. He also created raw iron works and even designed and developed animatronics projects for amusement parks and carnivals.



Esther Lucht Svoboda, '54, age 86, of Medina OH, passed away on June 30. Esther taught for the Columbus City Schools for a number of years before serving as office manager for Chippewa Meats, then worked in the advertising department at Wolff Bros Supply, Medina, for another twenty years. When not working, Esther enjoyed directing church choirs for the various parishes where she attended.



Jeffery Collinsworth, '79, age 61, of Huron, passed away on July 5 at home. Jeff had spent a 35 year career in the automotive industry, most recently with Kasper Buick GMC of Sandusky. He was another one who could fix almost anything, especially automobiles.



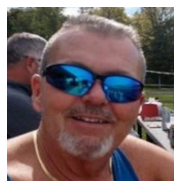
Abby Noftz, '12, age 28, of Norwalk, passed away July 9. Abby graduated from EHOVE in healthcare technology. She then went on to be a home health aide and also a waitress. She was also working toward getting certified to be a nail technician.



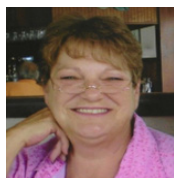
Terri Lee Schaefer Leed, '67, age 73, of Huron and formerly Lancaster PA, passed away at Gaymont Nursing Center on July 7. Terri used to provide day care and then began working for Lowes which she continued doing after moving back to the Sandusky-Huron area.



Myrna Bickley Abel, '50, age 89, of Sandusky, passed away on July 13 at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Main Campus, Sandusky. Myra had worked 30 years for the Ohio Bell Telephone company before she retired.



Kirby Slisher, '75, age 65, passed away August 18 at Firelands Regional Medical Center after a brief illness. For many years Kirby drove trucks for the Dauch Concrete Company in Norwalk, eventually retiring from there in 2019.



Barbara Stout Wiley, 70, age 70, of Sandusky, passed away on September 1 at Firelands Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Barbie was noted for having a big heart and for never having met a stranger.



Judith "Judy" Lacey Rielle, '53, age 86, of Poughkeepsie NY, passed away on August 28 at home. Judy and her husband Don took in foster children for years, then Judy began doing speech therapy for cerebral palsy victims. She also worked at Saint Francis Hospital and helped develop a program for developmentally delayed adults with communication needs.

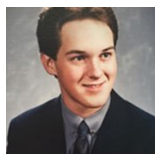
Eric Blazer, '99, age 41, passed away on September 8 at Ahner Health Campus in Scottsdale, Arkansas. Eric was employed in the culinary arts and enjoyed his paintings and drawings.



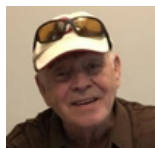
Gwen Sanborn Miller, '72, age 67, of Castalia, passed away on September 4 at Otterbein of Marblehead. Gwen enjoyed a nursing career from 1972 until 1980 when she began teaching reading at St. Mary's Sandusky until 1987 when she moved to the Sandusky system to work with K-6 gifted students until her retirement in 2005.



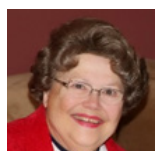
Merle Schorr, '81, of Milan, passed away on August 19, just six days after his 60th birthday. Merle was devoted to all things Cleveland and OSU sports, but especially to the Huron Tigers. Around town he was known as everyone's favorite paperboy, and he also did landscaping work.



Patrick Graham, '87, age 53, of Medina OH, passed away unexpectedly on August 24 at the Cleveland Clinic. Patrick previously was a supervisor at Ford and Sears in Sandusky and manager at Staples in Fremont and Sandusky.



Bruce Gordon James, JR. '59, of Milan, passed away on August 24 at his son's home. Bruce retired in 2000, after giving Ford Motor Company 41 years of service. Besides spending time with his family, he was an active hunter and fisherman, in addition to traveling widely.



Gail Green Kurtz, '59, age 81, of Huron, passed away on September 22. In the 1960s, Gail and her husband Robert owned The Pizza House in downtown Huron and in the 1970s and 1980s, she owned Custom Canvas in Huron.



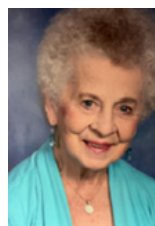
Joseph Fitzgerald, '72, age 68, residing in Sandusky, passed away unexpectedly September 30, at his home. Joe worked for the family business, Fitzgerald Electric before transitioning into an electrical supply distributor and retiring in 2015. He was a volunteer for Huron Fire Department with over 25 years of dedicated service, and took great pride in assisting the children of Erie County. He was a member of several local service organizations and supported them frequently. Joe recently volunteered drove for Erie County Senior Center and their Meals-on-Wheels program.



Pamela (Sam) Hendricks Orshoski, '82, age 58, of Richardsville VA, passed away on October 5. An Ohio State Graduate, "Sam" and husband Rodney lived in Germany and traveled throughout Europe before returning stateside to raise her family. Her passion was aiding programs for special needs children



Todd Enderle, '78, age 62, of Milan, passed away on October 6 at Fisher-Titus Medical Center, Norwalk, as a result of an auto accident. Todd retired from PPG in Huron with over 40 years of service. He then continued working as the maintenance man at Norwalk Chapel, as both a member and elder and board member. Todd also farmed, served on the Milan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, and led many mission trips throughout the world.

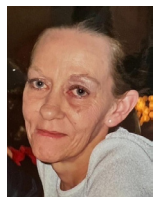


Frann Westerhold Ringlein, '48, age 92, passed away on October 10 at Providence Commons. Frann worked as a second cook at St. Peter's School before writing for the *Huron Reporter*. She then worked for AAA in Sandusky and there became a licensed insurance agent. In 1984 she retired from her position as a Claims Processor for the Underwriters Adjusting Company of Sandusky. Thereafter she devoted herself to volunteering for St Peter's church and school and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Winifred "Winnie" Hammond Herrada, '54, age 86, passed away after a lengthy illness on October 13 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. A lover of children, Winnie was a crafter and doll maker, and was known for her infectious smile.

Frances Tata Wargo, '47, age 93, of Huron, passed away on October 26 at Huron's Admiral Point. Fran was a dedicated homemaker but did work for the Huron City Schools, beginning in 1969 and retiring in 1985 as Assistant Treasurer.



Therese Wechter Barrett, '69, of Norwalk, passed away on November 2 at Stein Hospice Care Center of Sandusky after a lengthy illness. Therese was a quality control inspector at Freudenberg for six years and also provided home health care to many Milan residents through the years.



Ann Hamilton Gast, '56, of Huron, passed away on November 3 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. She was a waitress at the former Stone House for 33 years. Ann enjoyed music and taught at Lombardy Music for many years, teaching Big Band era music.



Dale Kessler, '80, age 61, of Huron, passed away on November 4, at home after a brief battle with cancer. When Dale lived in Texas, he worked on oil rigs. He then worked many jobs locally, from Enderle's grocery store, then moving to Sohio, Providence Hospital, Hy-Miler, and finally as self-employed doing construction.



Thomas "Coach K" Kowaleski, age 65, of Sandusky, passed away on November 4. A Fremont boy, Tom taught and coached for 30 years in Sandusky. He then coached Huron baseball and basketball. In his younger years he was also a certified referee.

The Richard and June Klein Memorial Scholarship

Recently June Klein began a perpetually endowed named scholarship to honor the memory of her husband, former Huron High School teacher Dick Klein. Her wish and that of the family is for the earnings from the fund to be used to provide scholarship aid to Huron graduates entering the education profession. The funding for this scholarship, as for all others, has been entrusted to the Erie County Community Foundation for investment purposes, with only the earnings to be expended upon the actual scholarship. This insures that the principle is never touched and can continue to grow and benefit Huron students forever.

To help this initial donation grow and thus increase both the amount and number of scholarships awarded, the fund invites contributions from anyone who values what Dick imparted to them in classrooms or driving instruction vehicles, on baseball diamonds or basketball courts, or even in an office at discipline time! Dick, with June by his side many times, considered his teaching profession a family affair. Students and even fellow staff members were all part of the family to the couple. In parts of seven decades this bond grew. May this fund continue for at least that length of time and many more decades. Thank you, June, for preserving this legacy.



Recent Renewals and New Memberships

Joyce Ohlemacher Eldred	Avon	OH	'54	Jerry Schafer	Pickerington	OH	'71
Suzanne Dunham Boldman	Huron	OH	'57	Tim and Julie Sowecke	Huron	OH	'70/'71
Joyce Robinson Sherry	Carol Stream	IL	'58	John Williams Jr.	Marysville	OH	'73
Sara McCormick Caffrey	S. Bernardino	CA	'59	David Shearer	Arroyo Grande	CA	'74
John Doyle and				Stephanie Ruffing Fratoe	Huron	OH	'81
Karen Craig Doyle	Los Alamitos	CA	'60	Corey and			
William Towne	Rockford	IL	'60	Morgan Jensen Aldridge	Huron	OH	'06

New Rules for Donation Checks

In keeping with best IRS practices, your Association has separated the treasurer responsibilities of the Huron Alumni Association from those of the Huron Educational Foundation. Congratulations to Laura Dahnke, '83, who has been selected as Treasurer for the Foundation side. Laura

has many years of experience in the accounting field and is more than qualified to deal with her new responsibilities.

However, if you are using this form to take out a membership AND contribute to one or more of the scholarship funds, you need to make a separate check for each. Sorry for the inconvenience. Their rules!!! Help us keep our common uncle happy.

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Membership Sign Up

HHS Alumni Association Membership Form
(Member renewals are due in December of each year. New members accepted any time.)

HHS Graduate ___ \$10 per year You and Spouse Graduate ___ \$15 Social 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" \$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" \$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)

Dee Heydinger Memorial Elementary Ed. Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

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

The Dick and June Klein Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Huron Educational Foundation Endowment Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund administered through ECCF, with earnings used for student scholarships and teacher grants.)

June Klein 1924 - 2022



June E. (Denton) Klein, 98, of Dublin, Ohio, and former longtime resident of Huron, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022.

A proud OSU graduate, with her degree in education, June taught preschool for 45 years at Wee People Nursery School at Christ Episcopal Church, Huron.

A devout Christian Scientist, she still attended church at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbus, Ohio.

She met her husband of 71 years, Richard "Dick" Klein, at an Ohio State-Michigan game. They married in September of 1949 and moved back to Dick's hometown, Huron, where he began his 40+ year teaching career. June was part and parcel of every activity in which Dick engaged, a true dynamic duo.

June was an avid gardener, piano player and photographer, and loved to travel. She and Dick ventured to over 95 countries. Their last trip was to Iceland in 2019 while both in their 90s. They most loved their trips back to Normandy, where they celebrated Dick's part in D-Day event and the Battle of the Bulge.

June embodied that idea of absolute selfless love and devotion every day of her life to her children and grandchildren. She extended that same love and kindness to friends and community. Truly, a life well lived.

Dick and June will both live in the hearts of Huronites for decades.

It is the family's wish that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made out to the Huron Educational Foundation, and sent to "The Dick and June Klein Education Scholarship." 710 Cleveland Rd. West, Huron, Ohio, 44839.



Huron Educational Foundation Review

The Huron Educational Foundation was founded about ten years ago after school administrators met with members of the Alumni Association, with parent and organizational groups within the district, with religious and service groups in town all for the purpose of what could be done to offer more assistance to students and teachers within the school system. It gradually became apparent that the two greatest needs were how to raise more scholarship funds for graduates as the costs of further education in any walk of life were increasing and how to help teachers incorporate more equipment and materials into their teaching to benefit student learning. The already taxed system's general fund was meeting basic obligations, but other needs also needed attention.

Thus the main goal of the Foundation (HEF) is to raise and then endow funds for growth extending out into perpetuity to manage increased pressures on students and teachers.

Time in the past few years has been expended upon creating a firm foundational structure to guarantee that the HEF would endure far out into the future. Some fundraising was also accomplished so that the corpus of this nascent organization is approximately \$200,000 at present. Of course, it depends upon the day one might inquire, as the recent yo-yo markets have led to vast swings in valuation. A decision was made about two years ago to invest these funds with the Erie County Community Foundation (ECCF) headquartered in Sandusky. This organization's track record is unmatched in the area. Twenty-seven years ago its corpus was worth \$2 million dollars; today it stands at over \$40 million!

Essentially, smaller organizations, foundations, non-profits, even individuals entrust their monies to the ECCF which uses the services of three major investment firms in the area to grow the total corpus. Then each donating entity, at the end of the year is entitled to its pro-rated dividend paid from that year's earnings. Payment is calculated at a guaranteed 4% return based upon a three year working average. Organizations have the option of leaving the money unspent and therefore gradually compounding in value or spending the money upon immediate needs. Your HEF thus far has received only one year of earnings and for this first payout chose to award it all in scholarships to graduating seniors in May of 2022. With over 250 organizations and individuals donating to ECCF, is it any wonder that so many good things are happening all over the area? Your HEF is proud to be a part of this movement.

So what does the future portend?

The first move has been to appoint a new treasurer for the HEF at the local level here. Previously all finances of your Alumni Association and the HEF were handled as one. To make the job more legally acceptable to the IRS, it wisely was split for better functioning and separation of entities.

You will be happy to learn that one of our own grads has now stepped forward to manage the fiscal operations of the HEF, Laura Dahnke, Class of 1983. Laura has spent most of her professional career as accountant and treasurer for many companies and boards in the area. She is also very knowledgeable of the operations of the ECCF, as she has worked with them for years.

The next immediate concern is to create more awareness of our mission by first, raising awareness of our existence, goals, and needs, then secondly producing whatever materials are needed to increase awareness of our presence and what we have done and plan to do in the community. For example, to date we have independently raised monies enough to dole out about thirty scholarships and a handful of teacher grants. That's a start, but we have set our eyes on larger goals.

To reach our dreams, our largest challenge will be to design various fundraising opportunities to enlarge our corpus invested with ECCF. Doing so will provide much larger discretion for aiding students and teachers as we work to accomplish our main mission. Of course, you do not have to wait to participate in the fundraising. Maybe take a look at the scholarship giving opportunities presented on the preceding page. Or consider a donation to the Alumni or Foundation endowments, most of which will go toward scholarships. We are both 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organizations, so that if you itemize on your IRS 1040 tax forms in the spring, any donations would be deductible. Right here at the end of the year is a good time to sneak in a donation before year's end. And once we determine what routes to take in our fundraising, you can be sure that we will need the biggest donation - that of your time to assist in our efforts.

We look forward to working with all to speed the growth of the HEF in the near future. Your help in whatever form it takes will be most appreciated by us, but especially by the students and teachers who will stand to benefit. Thank you in advance!

Reunions 2023

Plans for five-year class reunions in 2023 are beginning to be made now. We have received notification from only the Class of '73 with their arrangements as developed so far. A few have inquired about "open dates." Just about any date is open. The question is whether the hotels and restaurants will have rooms available for out-of-town classmates at reasonable rates, and whether caterers are available on your selected dates. For classes celebrating 25+ years, try to avoid any of the three summer weekend holidays, and maybe even RiverFest, as most of the accommodations run full and more expensive at those times, as do the eateries. The in-between weeks are just as much fun with less confusion and actually allow more class members to attend. Stay in touch as you make your plans so we can help in any way possible.

Class	Date	Venue	Contact
'73	September 22	Tail Gate HHS cafeteria Homecoming Game	John Williams, Class Pres. jrwill78@yahoo.com
	September 23	Huron Yacht Club	HHSClassof73@outlook.com

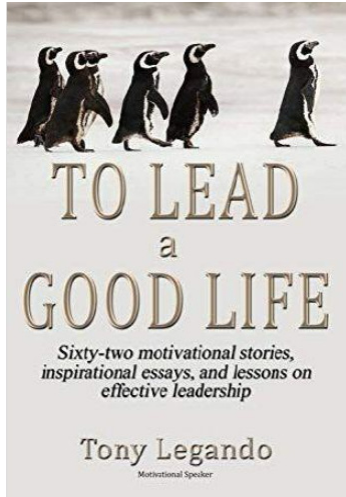
Times will be announced once final arrangements are made.



Tony Tells Tales

He's at it again, this time spinning fables. Former Tiger Football head coach, Tony Legando, '69, has taken to creating modern fables for children as they learn early on to develop leadership qualities.

For several years since his retirement as coach, Tony has engaged in a different kind of coaching, that of delivering inspirational and motivating speeches and writings on topics such as effective leadership, of how positive thinking can lead to overcoming any of life's many challenges, and then how to motivate others to find success in similar fashion. His first offering was *To Lead a Good Life*, a collection of inspirational stories based upon real life episodes from folks' lives who learned how to motivate themselves, and in the process, inspire and lead others to overcome difficulties they face in life. The stories are not meant to be read straight through in a setting or two, but rather for each to be chewed over for a time, digested fully, and then integrated into one's own attitude toward life. Many of Tony's motivational speeches to groups all over the country are based upon examples drawn from the book and then customized toward a particular group. It's fun, Tony says, and most satisfying, as he knows that his listeners go out and "spread the faith," so to speak.

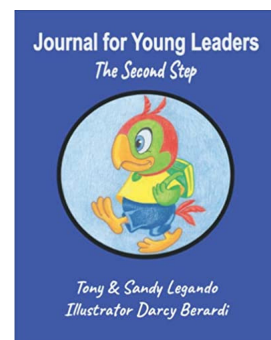
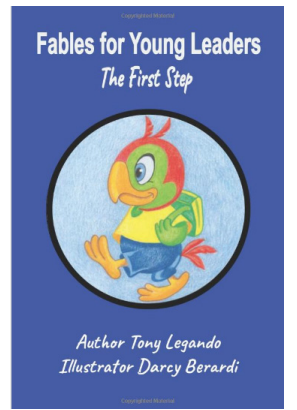


Now he is coaching a team that affects perhaps millions of others rather than just a Tiger team each year of fifty to sixty young men.

Now Tony is targeting another age bracket, the little guys and gals. For decades Tony taught at the elementary level and saw the need for youngsters to develop early on a positive attitude toward themselves and their abilities, a respect for their peers, and a healthy outlook on life in general. How best to convey these concepts to children? Speechifying isn't going to do it. However, as a former reading teacher, Tony learned that a child's eyes would always light up when presented readings about animals, not necessarily the scary ones, but those who dwelt in a world similar to theirs, one filled with "big people" who, from their perspec-

tive, presented obstacle to themselves and their needs and desires. Have someone read and then discuss with them stories about such critters, or maybe even read the tales themselves as they grew older and they could then make the transition to seeing themselves in the stories and thus learn another way to deal with life.

That's what Tony attempts to do in *Fables for Young Leaders, The First Step*. Can butterflies really play a harp? Are cuddly little hamsters just fuzzy fraidy cats? Do roosters just laze around when they are not cockadoodling? Children learn as they see critters responding positively and successfully to problems similar to their own and then begin to self-identify with them as they see a path forward in their own lives. Tony's Fables create these learning situations, in which children delight in seeing positive outcomes, hopefully integrate their basic themes and then imitate what they have heard or read for themselves.



The process is similar to what one Mr. Aesop discovered millenia ago. Now Tony is no Aesop, what with his Italian heritage, but close enough. Tony recognizes that one way for children to integrate lessons taught through fables is to have a parent or someone engage with them in discussions about what they have read. To that end, he has created a companion booklet called *Journal for Young Leaders, The Second Step*. Done in workbook style - something with which every elementary school student is familiar - the booklet encourages children to answer short questions about the stories, to make them chew a little harder on what they have just read and to delve deeper into the meaning and perhaps develop insights about themselves through the characters. The books have been tested and they work!

The books are available on line by googling Amazon or your favorite book selling site. They'd make an excellent gift for your child or a grandchild.

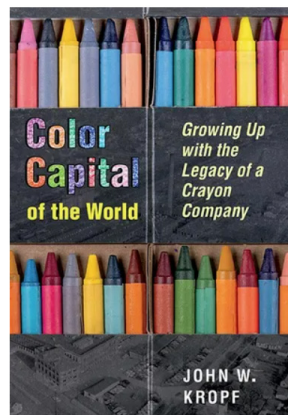
John Kropf Colorizes and More



Do you remember as a child receiving your first box of crayons and colorizing anything that didn't move? Any maybe the old fashioned whupping you got as payment? And do you recall tasting the different colored stickies of chalk to see what flavor they were? Fes up! Every kid did that starting back in the mid-nineteenth century here in America. John Kropf, '80, tells the story of how you came to have those colored sticks in the first place. John was born in Sandusky but graduated from Huron High. But back in the day it was his great-grandfather and relatives who began experimenting in his house on Polk Street in Sandtown with how to coax Dover Cliffs chalk or the gypsum beneath Sandusky Bay to stay firm and not crumble when scribbling on railroad cars or marking lumber. Finally he hit upon the right formula and began selling the sticks from his house and door-to-door. Later the

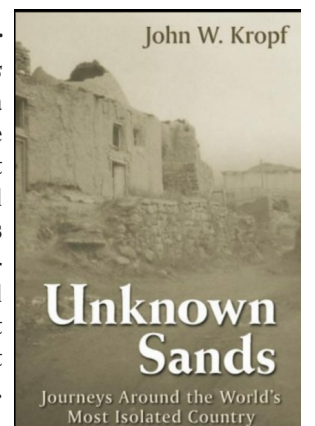
family learned how to meld wax with other colored pigments to create the crayons that you grew up with. Eventually they grew the business to what you may remember as American Crayon, that monstrous factory stretching along the railroad tracks just south of the subway on Hayes Avenue. It's a fascinating story of logical ingenuity and entrepreneurship that bears telling. And tell it John can without putting the reader to sleep.

John has chronicled the entire process in his latest book, *Color Capital of the World: Growing Up with the Legacy of a Crayon Company*. Why that topic and now? Because just a few short years ago, as the factory had been dismantled and all its machinery shipped to Mexico for production there, the building here eventually became such a blighted eyesore that the city had it demolished, the land leveled off, and readied for the next occupant. It was history, a part of his family, and its story needed to be told for future generations. John was just the one to do it. With access to local library references and museums on his trips back to Sandusky, and with family photos and oral traditions about the pains of growing a company, John was just the one to tell the story.



It was not John's first foray into writing. After graduating from Huron High, John took his undergraduate degree in philosophy and poly sci at Denison University, then his Masters in International and Public Affairs at the University of Pittsburg, and finally his law degree there as well. He paid his dues then in Washington D.C. as Attorney Advisor for the Department of Justice and then Department of State.

But John was always restless and eventually did an earlier work entitled *Unknown Sands: Journeys Around the World's Most Isolated Country*. This work catalogued his work for a couple years in what the rest of the world considers the hellhole of the world, Turkmenistan, a desert country cut off from civilization, squeezed between Afghanistan and Iran, the littlest brother of all the -stans of that area. Its history is rich in tales of a fierce people who invaded neighbors, captured slaves, and because of its vastness seemed ungovernable. Only the strongest would survive. Then it was discovered that the land sits atop one of the largest natural gas reserves in the world. Talk about leverage now.



So John's version is nothing like past legends. It's his spin on the two adventuresome years he spent getting to know its people and their customs, understand their version of Islam, maybe even change some Western perceptions and attitudes toward a country with such a nefarious past. Those college studies and degrees paying off? The book is catalogued as a travel-adventure and a good read.

Actually, John is no stranger to other types of writing. He has contributed poetry to various publications, has written humorous pieces, and actually was awarded the prestigious *Certificate of Humor* by the DC Improv Club. In between, whenever the spirit moves him, he posts comments on whatever he happens to be reading off his voluminous shelves, some poetry, and lots of humor at his blogspot *Compulsively Aimless*. (Find it at <http://compulsivelyaimless.blogspot.com>.)

At least once a year now, John returns to his roots. Recently he returned to make a presentation on the American Crayon Company story (later the Dixon Crucible Company) and will visit other area communities later this winter and early spring. Look for him for an enjoyable evening out.