

# NEWS

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HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## A Summer to Remember

Wow! Do we have a report on a full summer and fall season for you - more parades, reunions, tournaments, athletic events, Homecoming hoopla, and face lifting around your Alma Mater than you can shake a stick at, and it's all wrapped up inside. You'll notice the feel of this summer/fall issue - extra thick to reflect the fabulous seasons just completed.

Actually, we increased the size of the publication from its normal twenty-four pages to forty. Printing and postage increases have forced us to forego frequency for increased size. Go figure.

So inside we have packed pages to summarize a fantastic season of activities. Looking backwards, we have nine class reunions to report on, several golf tourneys, a RiverFest celebration and parade, the completion of Kalahari Field and the first game ever played on the new turf, and an exciting Homecoming weekend. Fast forwarding, we have news to share about Huron's big



Tony the Tiger graces the top of a ticket booth.

birthday bash next year - did you know we are 200 years young? There will be celebrations of some sort in almost every month and another All-School Reunion. So be sure to have your 2009 calendar handy to begin marking out dates to join in the celebrations. And oh yes, there will be some of the usual five-year class reunions, dances, parades, and sporting events to keep everyone busy.

So peek inside at where we have been for the past six months, get a grip on where we are headed, and know that we would like you to join in as much as you can.

While you're at it, don't forget to renew your membership in the Association or take this opportunity to become a new member if you have not already done so. Details are on the back page.

If you are reading this in paper form and have email access, please shoot us your email so we can notify you of future events and publications online and thus save the postage costs. Besides, on-line you will receive almost twice as many pages as we can provide on paper. How's that for a deal!

*This summer, your Alma Mater received a huge do-over out front. Sidewalks were all replaced, and the entire lawn torn out, lowered a tad to improve drainage, then replanted. But wait, there's more! All the trees and shrubs original to the landscape plan were also replaced, courtesy of Barnes Nursery. Can you imagine how beautiful the place will look at each future graduation? All funding, over and above what was donated, was provided by the Permanent Improvement levy and the Boosters out back. How about that for a 50th birthday remake for the building!*





## Class of '43: 65 Years Young

Ellie and her crew of Barb and Carolyn put together another nice September afternoon for the class of '43 at the HYC. Dessert was later served at the farmhouse of Wayne and Helen Knupke where the memories were as sweet as the cake icing. Next fall will see this gang meet once again along a very changed Huron River scene. Looking forward to the conversation!



Front, L. to R.: Jean Boos, Barbara Boeckling, Claire White Tomkins, Lois Jean Walker, Ellie Waite, Bonnie Kellenberger, Helen Knupke. Rear: Charles Malone, JP Jones, '73, Al Slyker, Gordon Meeker, Wayne Knupke, Jim and Murial Zielski, Carolyn Beatty, and Hazel Saylor Foster, '45, sister of classmate Helen Malone.



Jim and Murial Zielski await their dinners and chat with table mates about what the year has brought.



Nuff said. It was good!



Carolyn Beatty and Barbara Boeckling smile and pose before they return to eating and sharing together.



Gordon Meeker, Wayne and Helen Knupke reminisce about how the river front has changed over the decades.



Jean Boos, Hazel Saylor Foster, '45, and Chuck Malone always enjoy these get togethers.



## Class of '47 Annual Meeting

The class of '47 was called into session by Ida Hastings for their annual dinner at the Huron Yacht Club on September 26th. The warmth of sunshine outside was matched inside by this cheerful group of soon-to-be octogenarians. They shared with one another their antics of the past year and along the way reminisced about growing up in Huron. They vowed to return next year, God willing, and we'll be there to share it with you.



Elizabeth Christianson Meola, Audrey Specker Davis, Maggie McCormick Jablonski, Catherine and John Megyesi, and Larry Meola always enjoy their time together at these affairs.



Donna Lamb, Bill and Lina Lee Wharton, and Ida Henes Hastings and her husband Bob enjoy their luncheon and share their hopes for fleeing to a sunnier Florida for the winter.

Karl "Zeke" Lynn and his wife Evelyn enjoy a joke at their table.



Joe and Carmel Temper Michel, Fran Tata Wargo, Jeanne Purvis Willgrube, Maggie Herber Grimm, and Sam Pisano always rush to sit together for these affairs, just like in study hall or the Blue Room those many decades ago.



## Diamond Jubilee - Class of '48

On the evening of September 27, the Diamond Jubilarians gathered for dinner and reminiscing at the Huron Yacht Club. Fran Westerhold Ringlein had spread out the class photos and mementos for all to enjoy once again. Conversation was brisk, and yarns from the past were spun enough to weave a good sized rug! They'll continue their first Friday-of-the-month Berardi breakfasts and wish more classmates would join them.



Front: Bill Basilone, Teresa Larizza Johnson, Norma Taylor Batch, Mildred Schuh Morey, Fran Westerhold Ringlein, Millie Christiansen Borgelt, and Howard Stamm. Middle: Joe Catri, Jack Fleming, Pat Altman Basilone, and Fred Hammond. Rear: Bob Simon, George Meuhlhauser, and Bob Fritz.



Joe and Pat Catri beam as they visit with friends.



Bob Fritz and his daughter relax with friends at dinner.



Pat and Bill Basilone always look dapper at these affairs.



Eugene Ommert and Millie Borgelt



Fran Ringlein sits in front of her handiwork of pictures and other memorabilia of her class.



The "Better Half" of the First Friday Berardi Breakfast Club: Millie Borgelt, Millie Morey, Pat Basilone, Norma Batch, Fran Ringlein, and Teresa Johnson always give a welcoming smile to any other members of the class who appear at these 8:00 AM gatherings.



## Class of '59 Takes a RiverFest Parade Ride

Fifty years ago the present Huron High School opened its gaping front doors on the Tuesday after Labor Day to an eager crowd of students, happy to escape the Ohio Street School for a more modern facility. The Class of '59 seniors, therefore, had the honor of being the last to tear up the old building and the first to baptize the new with their fire and zeal! To commemorate the transition, we rounded up a few this summer, threw them up on Gordy's best corn wagon behind a scaled down model of the building, and then paraded them around town

during the RiverFest parade. That was the plan, but God and the combined Donut Shop tonnage of certain riders almost squelched the plan.

As the float was about to move up in line, a terrible discovery was made - the rear tire was going flat - fast! With no long air hose at hand, a quick scramble was made to shift riders, and the wagon survived the trip listing slightly to starboard.

Then by the time the parade had begun, the skies which had threatened rain all morning were soaking

Rye Beach. With our float bringing up the rear of the parade route, one hundred yards into the trip Ma Nature let loose and drenched riders and crowd alike. What to do? Duck for cover or gut it out? The decision to continue was made by none other than former school board member, Wilbur Ramsey, '38. "We've come this far and are already this wet, let us proceed." So they did. Luckily, too, for the kids along the route, who didn't mind scooping up wet candy.

As usual, the float did not finish in the top ten, but riders and parade watchers alike had fun, enjoying another chance to gather and celebrate a significant event in the life of the community.



Before the parade, above, so full of smiles. Then, soaked to the bone after the deluge that hit the parade, were Rita Landol, Dick Warren, Alice Groves, Karen Blough Colon, Lynn Myers, Linda Uther Boos, Dee Wilber Hartley, Gary Dunn, Bill Orshoski, Wilbur Ramsey, Val Costantino, Brad Bickley, and David Boos.



Wilbur Ramsey, '38, was part of the Board of Education which acted upon the recommendation of then Superintendent of Schools, "Mac" McCormick to construct a new high school. Here he keeps an eye on a wagon load of his first charges.

Near disaster in the form of an overstrained Goodyear PolyGlass Farm Wagon Special almost derailed the float before the parade began. Minor adjustments in seating arrangement saved the day! (You know who you are.)





## Foss-Saunders Golf Outing

Another beautiful summer day set the stage for the annual Foss-Saunders Golf Outing held at Thunderbird Hills Golf Course. Over the years, the golfing community has embraced this fundraiser for scholarships in memory of two of our finest graduates who perished in an automobile accident. All slots were filled once again, with many more of our younger grads participating. Next May lucky seniors will benefit from the efforts of so many. Thanks to all who worked, judged at the holes, served the dinners, recorded the scores, sponsored the holes, or labored in any way for the success of this event.



Chad Geretz, '99, Andy Palmer, '98, Steve West, '04, and Caleb Dees, '03, make good throwbacks to the Slammin' Sammy Snead days!



Jude Everett Seeholzer, 76, assists as grandmas Ginny Berlin and Bea Everett monitor commemorative shirt sales.

Robin Wexler, '79, Sue Kovacs Downs, '82, Barb Everett Slattery, '81, and Jim Tann, '69, mix it up at lunch time.



## Boosters' Golf Scramble

The Huron Boosters, in cooperation with Kalahari Resorts, staged another successful annual golf scramble to help support their projects. The weather cooperated perfectly, the turnout was fantastic, the food superb, the links in perfect order at Sawmill Creek.



Golfers were treated to a fine buffet near the lake and on the deck, then enjoyed being serenaded by the Marching Tiger Band before heading out to the links. An excellent meal was also served after the day of golfing. The Boosters far surpassed their previous years' goals and look forward to repeating the experience next year.



Dr. Don Gustovich, Frank Gioffre, '82, Pat "Sticks" Gioffre, '70, and Dave "Blue Gill" Majoy, '62, prepare to burn up the links at the Boosters annual golf scramble at Sawmill Creek. They managed to come in only second, however. Of course, with knees like theirs . . .



## From the Front - Rich Ramsey, '90

*This dispatch was received from Major Rich Ramsey, '90, way back in July. Rich is now stateside, stationed at Fort Carson, CO, finally reunited with his family. His words from the front give great insight into the type of "war" in which we have been engaged in Iraq. Whether you approve of our involvement there or not, it is gratifying to know that a little piece of Huron is over there trying to make a great difference in the outcome of our engagement.*

We are still in Iraq, although no longer in Baghdad. The Iraqi Army unit we advise moved out of Baghdad into some of the surrounding "belts" where the insurgents and militias who were driven out of Baghdad sought refuge. We arrived as the local people established security in the area (you may heard of the Sons of Iraq – similar to the Awakening Councils that began in Anbar Province), and the Iraqi Army continued to expand that security farther and farther into the countryside. The local people love the fact that the Iraqi Army is here; the absolutely huge majority of them are incredibly supportive. They want the same thing we want – peace. They love the fact we are here as well; I've had young men and old hang on my sleeve asking me to bring more U.S. Army Soldiers here to maintain the peace that now exists. I tell them the Iraqi Army is doing just fine, and they need to work with their Iraqi brothers to ensure the situation continues to improve.

While working almost daily with the Iraqi Army, we also meet frequently with men who helped drive Al Qaeda out of this area – some of them former (and maybe still current?) members of some militias and other organizations themselves. It's all about reconciliation, and it's fascinatingly complex. As has been stated by others – this is armed social work. Never taking anything about the security situation for granted, we go with weapons in hand to talk to local leaders about reconciliation, about how governmental law and tribal law can co-exist, and about the essential services – water and electricity most importantly – that still need to be restored in many areas. Tiring and complicated work, but meaningful.

At the end of the day, it's all about developing relationships. I have learned a great deal this year about a culture of which I knew little to nothing prior to spending time here, and the people are pretty amazing. And I believe Iraqis are learning more and more about Americans – about Westerners – as well, and we have changed their opinion of ourselves. We have spent a lot of time in the schools – handing a child a backpack full of school supplies is a memory they will hold forever, I am told – always remembering an American took the time to give them a small gift. Then they go home and show their parents, and we help shape the people's opinion a little more. Then we walk through a village with our Iraqi Army brothers and discuss the people's needs, and about how if security continues to prevail, the Iraqi government will be able to come restore the public services in the area.

The people I talk to will tell me how much they hated Saddam Hussein – how while they dared not say anything, they would



Rich mixes with Iraqi kids during the summer.

spit when they saw him on TV; however, there are days now they wish he was still in power – if you kept your mouth shut there was at least a relative peace. I have spent countless hours during countless conversations talking about the promise of a brighter future. Many tell me they don't believe the future will be better, and I persist in telling them I believe it will, if they choose to make it better and dedicate themselves to the effort – that's the promise of freedom.

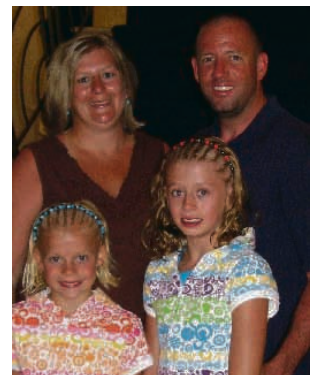
I tell them a little about America's history and how our history books talk about how difficult life was in those early years – hunger, poverty, and disease to name a few of the hardships. I tell them that there are some similarities between America declaring her independence from Great Britain and Iraq gaining its independence from Saddam Hussein, and that with a vision and some hard work to enable that vision, America, even with our faults, grew to be a great Nation, and Iraq can do the same.

Sometimes I begin to doubt myself during these conversations, especially when you see the challenges that exists, but I remind myself that if the future is to be better than the past, the people must have a vision, and I work harder to help them create a vision – one conversation at a time.

*In late November Rich again wrote:*

Just this morning I traded emails with one of my interpreters -- just one example of a friend for life -- an Iraqi and an American, a Muslim and a Christian; we developed an incredible professional and personal relationship during some trying times, and I learned a lot more about Arabs and he learned a lot more about Westerners, and that alone is valuable. . . . A more secure, stable, and peaceful Iraq is becoming more and more of a reality.

*Rich's wife Cassie and their two girls welcomed him home recently.*





# Tilting at the Winds with Mills

It's breezy out here in Ohio. So much so that, as America faces an uncertain future of diminishing fossil fuels to meet our energy requirements, Northern Ohio has become a focal point in mid-America for exploiting this emerging natural energy resource called wind power. With gasoline hitting four bucks a gallon this past summer, Americans focused anew on ways to convert or conserve their energy usage. Whether it's solar, geothermal, tidal or wind power, the fact remains that new technologies and industries are emerging to either take their place beside or even surpass those to which we had become accustomed in the twentieth century.



Locally, a Huron grad has been adding to his past business by expanding into wind power. Glen Ginesi, '72, of the long time Huron enterprise Wilkes Plumbing, has begun exploring the possibilities of creating a niche business in implementing this new wind technology. This past summer at his business out on Sprowl Road, right around the corner off River Road, there arose on his property a tall structure topped with whirling arms, trained to face the breezes and harness their power. As towers go, it's a midget, less in total height than the arm length of some of the monsters one sees twirling on Western wind farms. Yet it cranks out power every time the Zephyrs breathe. And if they huff and puff and disgorge more power than what his plant requires, the wheels on his electric meter actually spin backwards as the system feeds power back up into the power grid.

Glen grins as he explains how the system works, excited that here, in harnessing the clean and free power of the wind, he can make a difference, wresting something from nature for the good of man. He will laugh his way to the bank, too, as the



system pays for itself in seven or eight years or so, as energy costs continue to rise.

Now imagine what would happen if just about every business or governmental agency that could afford to do so actually did produce power from wind. Perhaps the grip of Mid-East and Texan oil barons would be broken. Glen is banking on it as he gradually expands his business into setting up the systems right now. Critics say that wind power will never meet more than maybe 15 to 20 percent of our national consumption needs and so is

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Glen smiles as he stands before his new baby.



The past, the present, and the future of a local business stand before the ghost of Grandpa Wilkes: Nate Ginesi, '01, Sam Jeremay, '96, Glen Ginesi, '72, and Don Reese, now retired but coming to work every day.

doomed to failure. Hello! A turbine here, a solar panel there, geothermal, ethanol, and even more exotic sources - pretty soon we're talking real megawatts! Glen intends to be in on the ground floor of a new industry and help take America in a new direction. We wish him well and hope to see other wind generators sprout up in the area. We'll get used to it, the same as we did the smokestacks decades ago, only this time it'll be healthier on us all. Now if we could just steer the birds away from these monsters. Maybe that's another emerging industry waiting to happen!



## Class of '58 Throws Three-Day Bash

The Class of '58, this year's Golden Jubilarians, celebrated for three straight days – officially. We hear tell that some few had actually gathered earlier in the week while others stayed late. What a group – and at their age – this, the last class to graduate from the Ohio Street School, as McCormick Middle School was called in those days.

Friday night caught them at the home

of Cliff Long in a picnic mode. Ah, the sweet summer evenings and lengthy twilight of June! Then on Saturday the committee put on its decorating cap and stole out to Sawmill Creek Convention Center to pretty up the room to awe all the attendees. Cocktails began at 5:00 PM and a grand buffet followed. With the speeches and the raffle that this class always throws with donated goods, the partying lasted till way past their bed-

time. Not to worry, though, because on Sunday most of the group managed to roll out yet another time to continue the picnicking, this time at the beach front home of Bob Morris. More eats, more reminiscing, more good natured ribbing, and more tears. Sad farewells followed, with all vowing to return in five.

Superlative effort, committee! Save up some energy for a repeat in five. But why wait?



Stragglers at the Sunday picnic pose one last time before departing for another five.



Huron's only baseball player to make the big leagues so far, Paul Doyle, and his former coach, Dick Klein, reminisce.



Cliff Long really wanted just a nice picture of his car, but all these people got in the way.



## Class of '78 Returns for a RiverFest Weekend Reunion

The Class of 1978 met on Friday night, July 11th, at Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek for a fantastic perch dinner and camaraderie. Many who could not make the dinner arrived later and closed down the place at 1:30 AM. The following day, some of the girls relaxed by the Sawmill Creek pool while many of the men played 18 holes at Thunderbird Golf Course. Saturday night they met again at Settler's Cabin at Sawmill Creek for delicious New York Strip Steak or Chicken Marsala. Most repaired to the Smugglers Cove bar after dinner to dance to the late 70's and early 80's music played by the band in their honor. They had so much fun that everyone decided to try to get together once a year instead of waiting five. So from now on, invitations will be sent out to the annual Saunders/Foss Golf Scramble on the third or fourth Saturday of July to see if at least some of the class's great duffers can gather every year at that event. For the non-golfers, all indeed are welcome. Hold the weekend, and watch for further details as they develop.



Isn't this a great shot of a youthful looking group! They were just revving up on the deck out at Mulligan's Pub.  
Front: Mary Morris Coner, Craig Saunders, Pat Krumlauf, Phil Langhals, Marianne Ailing Webb  
Middle: Doug Wright, Dave Foss, Donna Malone, Charlene Claus, Pam Royal Johnston, Michelle White-Conn, Scott Gundlach, Susan Reese, Joan Everett Saunders, Kim Samstag, Mary Legando Taylor, Scott Carroll  
Rear: Dudley Cramer, Pete Fantozzi, Kevin Ritzenthaler, Lisa Haynes-Henry, Joe Mihalik, Mark Cummings, Loren Liedheiser



Mary Legando Taylor, Mac Lehrer, Karen Schuh Lehrer, Susan Reese, Kim Samstag

A few pics from the Settler's Cabin dinner. See more at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com).



Loren and Mary Leidhieser, Phil and Jane Langhals, Robin and Owen Morey



## Class of '83 Two-Day Reunion

This youthful group of “kids” gathered in town for a two-day celebration over RiverFest Weekend. They dined on Friday evening on a scrumptious dinner prepared and served at CVI, the Culinary Vegetable Institute, founded by the Jones family out in the woods along the Huron River in Milan Township. The fine wines served and the music played propelled the conversation all evening long.

On Saturday morning, a few rolled out to an early tee time and played a friendly round of golf. Then about noon all returned to Nickel Plate Park for a family picnic. No little kids this year with Supersoakers, just a laid back picnic potluck and a lazy July day gliding slowly by, seeming to freeze memories of easier times for a few hours, before it was back to the real world.

But not before they all vowed a repeat, exactly the same way, in five - it ain't broke, and they don't intend to fix a successful formula.



John Grendow, Mark Zumak, Karen Hahn Grendow, Jill Harris Zumak, Sandy Sonntag Morckel, and Bob Mack hit the beach at Nickel Plate Park, recalling, no doubt, many a party on the sands there.



Ray Wausson and his wife Elizabeth Miller Wausson think CVI rocks!



Michelle Ineson Hearn, Jill Harris Zumak, Sandy Sonntag Morckel, and Pat Hanna are having a great time.

Joel, Jenny, and Harper Hagy attend a family friendly affair.

Heidi Dietrich Miller, Jeff and Julie Baumer, and Craig Haplea, the TV production cameraman, take a break outdoors at CVI.



Distance prize winners John and Jennifer Goscinski McKinnon made it in from Anchorage AK again and visit with Melinda Perdue, center.





# Class of '88 Comes Home

*Mindy Lafler Goodin reports:*

On a gorgeous warm Saturday evening in July, the Class of '88 gathered at the Huron Yacht Club and reminisced of old times! Not too old yet, they could not help but notice how "good" the years had been to all. Introductions of spouses, swapping pictures of kids, and talk of careers was evident in between all hugs and smiles. Some classmates came in from as far as Bellevue WA! The evening ended with everyone outside for a beautiful fireworks display. On Sunday, the reunion weekend continued with a picnic at Osborn Park. Back in five!



**Natalie Cowell, Kerri Boutin Hensel, Tracy Lalond Scher, and Ingrid Hammond Ritzler.**



**Heidi Hall and Liz Wolf and her husband.**



**Alisa Paulsen, Mike Mantkowski, and Kristen Dudenhofer Cobb**



**Mari Miller Wood, Missy Heaberlin Pignotti, and Mindy Lafler.**



**Kim Krebs Easton, Shane Dawson and his wife, Mary and Greg Mischler.**



## Class of '93 Rocks the Yacht Club

RiverFest weekend found the Class of '93 descending upon their hometown for feasting and camaraderie at the Yacht Club. Time and budding careers seem to be treating them all well!



They billed themselves as cats while in HHS - ever try to herd cats for a proper picture?

**Katie Haas, Melissa Beatty Eiden, Sarah Leonhardt, Alicia Williams, Allison Barefoot Arndt, Amanda Connell, Kristen Swanbeck**

**Eric McGraw, Betsy Ziegler, Nakoa Browning, Heather Catri, Eric and Jennifer Lee Wobser**



**This reunion brought to you by Eric McGraw and Julie Hughes.**





# Happy Birthdays Around Town

## HHS Turns 50

Your alma mater this year is celebrating its 50th birthday. Hard to believe that the modern looking building standing there on Jim Campbell Boulevard is half a century old. Forward looking planning by the Board of Education back in the mid-50's, when a new school was being considered, truly created a facility for the ages.

Except they never figured that Huron's student population would nearly double within a single year in the late 60's. The then-named New Departure company in Perkins township expanded its operations and moved in hundreds of families from various locations in the East. Huron happily received many of these folks who put down roots, integrated nicely with the community, and helped create a learning community second to none in Northern Ohio. Many of you probably remember double lockering and seeing the ninth grade shipped over to the McCormick building just to squeeze everyone in.

Of course, all those kids first needed classrooms and living space fast, so at the high school, an addition of six classrooms up and a library down helped the building creep northward by another hundred or so feet. Later another addition for a weight room sprouted behind the gymnasium to round out the building as we now see it.

Because of the original planning, over the years only minor tweaking and routine maintenance were needed to keep the building serviceable for the ever changing needs of students and community alike. For example, removable walls between classrooms have made it possible to expand and contract spaces to accommodate larger classes, more teachers, changing curricular demands, or new learning theories as to how best to group students.

Very little was done over the years to improve upon the building because it had been so thoroughly planned out originally. However, in the early 80's the original seven feet tall windows became a heat drain in the winter, so the board wisely had energy efficient window replacements installed. En trace doorways were recently changed also to create energy savings, in addition to increasing security. Better designs and higher gas heating bills will probably necessitate another change someday, but the overall look and feel of the building will remain.

In the summer of 2007, the biggest major change occurred when the science and home ec labs received a complete

make-over, due to the largesse of the ICI company (formerly Glidden Paints.) Rooms were stripped down to the bare walls and floor, and even below, as new plumbing, gas lines, electrical lines, and heating had to be buried. A new band room was also created in the spaces where Dutch Laub and Bob Bowers had long presided over the manual arts training, as shop classes were formerly called.

Finally, this past summer most of the building area, front and rear, received a badly needed cosmetic face lift. The original shrubbery had long since grown scraggly and needed replacement. The original sidewalks out front had heaved enough to trip even the most sure-footed, so all were replaced. Out back all parking lots and entrance ways were all dug up, re-engineered to meet the demands of Megan's Law that no standing puddles be allowed, and then finally repaved. Lastly, just this fall, Barnes Nursery replanted new shrubbery and trees, shot in a new lawn to take advantage of the cool growing weather, and gave the place a sparkling new look - kind of like that fall day in 1958 when the first freshmen and seniors trekked over for the first time.

So now the building stands there ready to serve its community for another fifty years if need be. There is plenty of space so that if changing demands of society and education necessitate it, more additions can be cobbled on to the plant or squeezed onto the property somehow. In fact, the space where the former Kaman-McGraw residence stood was purchased a number of years back by the board and is presently used as spill-over parking space for large events. No telling what kind of structure could mushroom up into that spot sometime in the future.

So you see, when the board in 1957 - composed of Bob Bowers Sr., Wilbur Ramsey, Jim Ditzenberger, Ruth Williamson, and Cathryn Komarek - heard "Mac" McCormick call for a new building, they truly gave the community a gift that still gives to Huron. May future boards be as wise!

We will plan several occasions for high school open houses over the course of this next year so that grads may see what hath been wrought lately. We think you will be pleased. Much of the work was financed out of corporate donations and a permanent improvement levy passed many years ago. As a forward looking community, Huron has always recognized that it is cheaper in the long run to maintain and upgrade present facilities rather than start from scratch. May the citizens always be as wise!



# Huron Township and Huron City

## February 12, 1809 - 2009

On February 12, 1809, a few hearty settlers in the area just upstream of the confluence of the Huron River and Lake Erie gathered to sign a charter that formed the legal entity now known as Huron Township. Now, two hundred years later, another band of citizens has been planning to celebrate that original signing with much hoopla and more events than those humble forefathers and mothers could possibly have foreseen.

Meeting weekly since this past summer, this group has been trying to fashion a worthy celebration that would include all present and past Huronites of whatever station in life and from whatever places they have re-settled. For no matter where they find themselves today, Huron can't be unrooted from them. Something there is about the place that draws them back to this area, and that something is what the planning committee intends to recreate and celebrate throughout the coming year.

You are invited to participate in as many or few of the activities as you wish. Some event is being planned for every month of the year to celebrate the Bicentennial. A few will be carried out within the schools in order to make our youth more aware and appreciative of their community's heritage. Others will be more public and involve all segments of the community. Still others will draw back to the area those who have emigrated and are now creating a little bit of Huron in whatever corner of the world they currently live.

To communicate with all of our native sons and daughters, the committee has commissioned a website on which every activity will be advertised. As planning continues and more events become solidified and details set in concrete, they will be posted. You are advised to consult the site, bookmark it, and check back frequently, as students will be maintaining the site. Visit the site at [www.huronbicentennial.com](http://www.huronbicentennial.com). To celebrate the Bicentennial, what is your Association doing? Plenty!

The Alumni Association's presence will be strongly felt over RiverFest weekend. A huge movement will be made in town to obtain more and classier floats for the Riverfest parade. We shall not disappoint the hosts of parade viewers. A school related theme has been chosen for our float, one in keeping with the Bicentennial theme. Anyone who wishes to help put it together should contact us. There will

also be some sort of community birthday celebration at that time. Watch for the details when the planners are finished.

The highlight of the entire year will fall in the middle of August. A full week of activities is being planned, bookended by two fabulous weekends. The first, August 8-9, will see the annual Rotary Arts Festival and Ribs Burnoff and Bluegrass Festival. The following weekend will feature a Bicentennial Ball on Saturday evening, August 15. Every day during the intervening week will be filled with many event to bring the community out to celebrate and connect. There will be an auction for the ARTirondack chairs, a documentary presented at McCormick Middle School on the Urban Renewal back in the '60's, and a wooden boat show at the Basin. Smaller events will also be held to try to recreate in town a spirit somewhat akin to that last felt by your grandparents. The Bicentennial Ball itself will be a grand opportunity for young and old to gather around good food, music, and dancing in the spirit of an old fashioned community celebration.

The highlight of the season for us will be another All-School Reunion to be held during the fall Homecoming week of September 23rd to the 27th, 2009. As of this writing, the annual Homecoming parade will take place on Wednesday evening, September 23, with several alumni floats made and paraded by some of the five-year reunion classes. The annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will then be held on Thursday evening, September 24th. Friday evening will see the Homecoming game with another pre-game tail gate party and post game party as well.

Finally, the week will climax with a Saturday evening grand All-School Reunion, bigger and better than that thrown in 2006. We'll have good music, a scrumptious banquet put on at Mesenburgs, much ceremony and comaraderie and dancing and reminiscing and . . . well, you get the idea.

The lucky folks are those living in town for all these celebrations. They will have the good fortune of being able to make most, if not all, events. But we print the listing of events as it exists now in hopes that those from out of town who usually return once or twice during the year can begin picking and choosing from this smorgasbord of pleasantries. Lots of luck as you do so!





## Huron's Bicentennial Celebration Schedule

At the printing of this issue, the Bicentennial Planning Committee had been meeting for approximately five months to put together a slate of activities to appeal to every member and segment of the community. Some are family oriented, others more adult in nature, still others require artistic talent and showmanship. One plan also involves community beautification projects.

We share this calendar of events in the hopes that folks will mark their new 2009 calendars and begin making plans to attend some of the functions. Of course, you "homies" have the distinct advantage, but enough Huron natives live in the surrounding communities, that a day trip back "home" for many of the activities is entirely possible. Those of you who emigrated farther away will have to pick and choose more carefully, of course, but nonetheless we feel your hike back from wherever you are will be very worthwhile. Please, all of you, resolve to join the fun and make this the perfect Bicentennial Celebration. Look at it another way - you're all definitely going to miss the Tricentennial!

**February 12** Kickoff Party for Huron Township and Huron City  
Mid-month deadline for submitting preliminary sketches for ARTirondack chairs

**March 8** Huron Historical Society Charter Member Fete

**April 22** Arbor Day Planting of Bicentennial Tree

**May 2** Chamber Marathon  
**25** Memorial Day Parade  
**25** Beard Growing Contest Judging

**June 11** ARTirondack Chair Preview Party at Firelands  
**26** Wine and Roses Party  
**27** Historical Society Garden Tour

**July 11** RiverFest Parade

**August 7** Huron Rotary Festival Starts  
**8** Rotary Art Show  
**9** Huron Birthday Party Celebration at Boat Basin  
**11** ARTirondack Chair Auction at Kalahari's Nia Center  
**13** Urban Renewal Documentary at McCormick School  
**14** Wooden Boat Show starts at Boat Basin  
**15** Bicentennial Ball at Mesenburg's Plaza Place

**September**  
**23** Homecoming Parade with Alumni Floats  
**24** Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
**25** Homecoming Day - Tail Gate Party, Game, Post Game Celebration  
**26** Huron High School All-School Reunion

**October** Closing Ceremonies



Bicentennial Logo Contest winner Robb Harst from Huron created this image for use on all Huron Bicentennial related materials. Congrats, Robb!

## Class of '63 Enjoys Reuniting

At the end of the reunion season, the Class of '63 gathered for an evening of fine dining, reminiscing, and story telling to celebrate their 45th anniversary. At the Lyman Harbor restaurant, the

scene of their merriment, the reunion committee had prepared a room with mementos of their high school years to help pique their brains - for better or worse. Those attending enjoyed their evening to-

gether, but not a few shuddered a few times to think what their next gathering means. A half century! Isn't it great to grow old together!

**Seated: Jack and Mary Sender, Jerry Casper, Cynthia Deyoe, Casper, Linda Hinde McKelvey, and Peggy Ritter Klahn. Standing: Tim McKelvey, Leslie Gockstetter Wilson, Gary and Joanne Modic Savage.**



**Roger Claxton, Marcia Cook Ramsey and Don Ramsey, Ron and Sherri Enderle Mischler, Lee Falter, Ed and Marlene Westcott Boose.**

**Sharon Becastro Jameson, Barb Schlachter, Barbara Canterbury Kromer and husband Bob, and Dick Lippus.**





## Class of '68 Congregates for 40th

This is one group that still knows how to party!

Over Homecoming Weekend, they logged more hours than any other class present. Some attended the Hall of Fame Induction banquet on Thursday. More appeared at the tailgate party on Friday evening before the game and then marched as one across the field up into the stadium stands where they lead the cheering for the Tigers. Then,

post-game, disregarding curfew, they trekked out to the Knight Family Farm for a bonfire fest that didn't break up until Saturday. Still full of energy, some crept out of bed later that morning for a golf tourney, and then all gathered in the evening at the Sandusky Yacht Club for a beautiful dinner, sharing of memories, and viewing of a class video. From a pose by kindergartner Missing-Tooth Sally through a primped up Prom Polly, all seemed to enjoy this review of their

growing up together in Huron, reveling in images from a calmer yesteryear. (The video is being updated and is available through Dan Hunter at [dhunter13@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dhunter13@cfl.rr.com). If you have not already submitted your mug shots to Dan for the revision, you are riding close to the deadline. Hop to!

Plans are already afoot for the next gathering, but don't wait for five, guys. Sneak up on the Big One with lots of little ones!



Seated, L. to R.: Deb Muehlfeld Wright, Denise Sholette Knight, Chuck Knight, Carolyn Lippus Smith, Dan Hunter (asleep), Larry Thaxton. Standing, left to right: Tim Forbes, Emma Moore Walter, Michele Bateson Conrad (in front of Emma), Donna Czech Green, Patricia Camp Adams, Greg Enderle in back, Cindy Hastings Defazio, Marcy Malone Reutepohler, Derrick Bartlett (just over Marcy's head), Dan Conrad, Caryl Kemp McCormick, Tim Brugeman (hands on Chuck), Carl Kessler (behind Tim), Pam Wentz Ebert, Bill Couch, Carol Swords Kashian, Kathy Butler, Dave McKinnon in back, John Hardy, Mike Wilkinson, Mick Geretz, Rollie Washburn obscured by Susan Fogerty Eisnor, Pete Freay, John Bacon, John Caporini. What a Group!



## Homecoming Week 2008

Homecoming this year saw many firsts for your Association. Next year promises to offer more!

On Wednesday evening of Homecoming Week, student homecoming organizers usually haul their floats out of whatever barn in which they had secreted their creations. They throw in a dozen or so convertibles bearing queen aspirants, attendants, former queens and kings, and crown bearers, then round up a few fire trucks, ancient and modern, a flatbed carrying the football team, and they call it a decent parade. But this year was different. They staged a first class parade. Why? Because two alumni classes entered their floats in the parade! That was a first. The Class of '59 rounded up an old trolley, but lacking a full team of horses, settled for a pickup to tow it around town. Then the Class of '68 had a ball all week working in one of the Huron Cement barns on their entry, finally finishing and unveiling it in time for the parade. Great spirit, great fun, and a great chance to rekindle the camaraderie that marked the classes those many years ago.

Friday evening saw a few new wrinkles also. The first was a tail gate party put on by the H-Team guys on the lot next to the gymnasium. Bill Scott, '72, brought out a couple tents and his cross country team who then pitched the tents, set up tables and chairs, and readied the place for a party. Rowdy, Craig, Tony, and a few of the other guys showed up with coolers of brats, burgers, and dogs, tubs of potato salad and baked beans, and all the trimmings for a first class meal. Like a swarm of locusts, the players on the great '98 team returned to help a host of other returning alumni wolf down the grub.

Then all moved into the gymnasium nearby for a first-ever skull session. Band Director Adam Ladd had his charges all prepped and waiting as folks trooped into the gym. Fight songs, march songs, and peppy tunes all stirred up the adrenaline of those who filled the bleachers. Then the pep talks - and oh, how the speak-

ers riled up the crowd. Tony Munafò Sr. gave one of his classic performances that brought folks up screaming. (Of course, he needed help coming up out of his three point stance himself and couldn't sit properly on his Donut Shop stool for a week.) But it was vintage old days!

After the session, the band climbed into their marching duds, tuned up their tubas, and began to parade across the parking lot, out onto Jim Campbell Boulevard toward the stadium. Right behind them, the assembled alumni fell into line. Eventually they all made it to the stadium gate - young legs they don't have any more - and didn't stop marching until they had paraded from the end

go for a bonfire, the Class of '68. Out to the rear of the old Knight Family Farm they trooped for more vitals, hot cider, and marshmallows around a cheerful fire. When Saturday's mists descended in the little dale, the remainder yawned, mumbled something about an early tee time, and departed.

Next year will see a repeat of events with a few new added activities. Mark your new calendars now for the weekend of September 24 - 26, 2009. We are inviting all of you to the Friday night homecoming events and the All-School Reunion the following evening. Details will follow in the next edition and will be posted on line.



*Nancy Wechter, Porter Wallace, Karen Blough Colon, Mary Ellen Dute McConkey, Judy Hartley Ishmael, Bob Jones, Bill Behrens, Bill Orshoski, and Barb Taylor Jones all prepare to "buzz the Ave" on a CVI touring trolley.*

zone, right down the middle of the new Kalahari Field to the fifty yard line. There they stood at attention, sprawled across the field for a moment of recognition, before finding their way up into the reserved section where a block of seats awaited them. How they did cheer, and it worked as the Tigers whupped on Oak Harbor, 56 - 6.

Then, still not finished, the crowd moved out to Mulligan's Pub for more socializing and reminiscing until all hours of the night. A very special group opted instead to





## Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

This year's inductees were: (seated) Jane Purdy accepting for her brother Roger Purdy, '69, Paul Ward, '83, and Jessica Landes, '97. Rear: Chris Ford, former teacher and wrestling coach, accepting for John Sharpe, '64, Mickey Bates, '75, Dr. Craig Johnson, former swimming coach, Barry Esposito, '90, and Bill Colatruccio, '81.



Between these three men are nearly a combined century of involvement in Huron High School's athletics. Dave Brown, '67, played, coached, acted as athletic director, and began Huron's Hall of Fame. Lynn Studer, who served as principal from '76 until '91, was active in Ohio athletics at the state level for many years. Dick Klein, '40, played, taught, coached, served as athletic director, and watched just about everyone play who has ever been inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Former coaches and players always enjoy mixing at these occasions. Tony Munafo never misses a chance to replay those classic contests with his former stars, correct their memories, stir the juices again, and sometimes even provoke a good argument. This time he pigeonholed Greg McGory, '77, a Hall of Fame member who starred in track and football during the glorious '70's.



This group of coaches will guarantee that Huron produces a steady stream of future Hall of Famers: Mark Barker, '74, Tony Legando, '69, Jim Bollenbacher, '71, Bill Kovach, Gene Stallcamp, Andy Fortune, '90, and Sam Hohler, '90. Kurt Hall sits at the rear right, followed to the right by Tim Drumm, John Zadell, and Joe Harkelroad, '94.





# Tail Gate Party and Skull Session



Grads check in at the Alumni Tent, then scoot over to the chow line for their tail gate meal before the skull session begins.



Tony's present and past address the "student body" and the football team at the skull session. The more senior, Tony Munafo, seems permanently trapped in a half-three point stance as he exhorts the "fine young gladiators" to get out there and kick . . . The younger Tony Legando, '69, thanks the alumni for returning for Homecoming and attending the game, then promises a well fought contest, worthy of the Tiger tradition.



Representing the Class of '63 are : Jerry Kasper, Darryl Smallwood, Peggy Ritter Klahn, Cindy Deyoe Kasper, Dave Schlessman, Barb Kromer, Roger Claxton, Leslie Gockstetter Wilson, Jack Sender, and Sherri Mischler.

The Class of '68 enjoys the tailgate party:  
 Front: Kathy Butler, Susan Eisnor, Pam Ebert, Denise Sholette Knight (peeking), Carol Swords Cashien, Debbie Muehlfield Wright, Marcy Malone Reutepohler, Donna Czech Green, Cindy Hastings DeFazio.  
 Toward the Rear: Pete Freay, Tim Brugeman, Chuck Knight, Joe Davison, Dan Hunter, John Hardy, Caryl Kemp McCormick, Mick Geretz, Emma Moore Walter, and John Bacon.



As most senior alumn at the party, Ed Asher, '45, enjoys just sitting and pondering the antics of the younger set.

Alumni of all ages and classes marched across the field right before kickoff, following the Pied Pipers Brad and June Bickley and Nancy Wechter, celebrating Homecoming up close and wild.





## Mulligan's Pub Post-Game Party



This bunch from '87 doesn't miss an opportunity to gather together occasionally: Front: Lee Ann Harkelroad Reinbolt, Shana Pohl Wainwright, Barb Pfefferle Novak, and Sara McFee. Rear: Brian Hartung, Don Roth, Paul Linehan, Sara Pettegrew Porter, Scott Lunato, Jarret Barnes, and Liz Maillard.



Jonathan Dominy, '99, and Shannon Folger, '02, returned home from different parts of the country for the Homecoming celebrations.



Barb Burrier Pisano, '76, Hallie Pisano, '01, Joe Dike, '94, Lauren Lee, '01, Cory Lively Dike, '01, and Andrea Limbach Timple, '01, in foreground, stop being rowdy long enough to pose.

The Class of '63 enjoys a night out: Sherry Enderle Mischler, Dick Lippus, Leslie Gockstetter Wilson, Peggy Ritter Klahn, Darrel Smallwood, Linda Hinde McKelvey, Barb Kromer, Marcia Cook Ramsey, Mary Kay and Dave Schlessman, Cindy Deyo Kasper, Tim McKelvey, and Jerry Casper







**Pete and Mary Fox, Sue Everett Rader, '75, and Kathy Muehlhauser Moore, '75.**



**John, '87, and Amy Baron Springer, '90.**



**Rhett Wennes, '89, Jim Bollenbacher, '01, Scott Hetrick, '01, TJ Temper, '01, Jason Hetrick, '98, and Andy Palmer, '98 celebrate a great victory.**



**This bunch of '67 folks - Sandy Brugler, Rosenberg, Ann Wunder Bauman, Chris Craig Richardson, Karen and Larry Hahn, Sue Hohler - enjoys the chow after rooting the Tigers to victory.**



**Karen and Dick Wennes, who is getting about better these days after recent surgeries.**



**Celebrating the victory were these '79ers: Mel Poepelman and his wife (seated) Lynne Gilbert, Debbie Williams Kath, Ellen Denne Coffman, Geoff Stephenson, '80, Susan Shamhart, Damita Deibler Vanche, and her husband Greg.**



## Kalahari Field Finished - On Time!

The last time we reported on the about-to-be resurfaced football field at the high school, it was torn up in total ruts, bulldozer sized gashes, up and down the field. The top soil had been stripped away, footers were being excavated, and daily the scenery looked more bleak. The community was holding its collective breath along about the middle of July, and local odds were two to one that the opening game would have to be played on some other school's turf.

Wrong! The field was completed a full two weeks in advance of the inaugural kickoff. The new and refurbished ticket booths had each been topped with a colorful tiger, concrete walkways poured, and fences replaced. Even the greenery had been trimmed and beds re-mulched. The place was a picture for the first game on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Better yet, the Tigers prevailed in that game and the other three home games played this year.

Huge thanks go out to all those who made this field possible. First was Mr. Todd Nelson, president of Kalahari Resorts, who back in March presented the school system with the funding plan to make the changes possible. None of the work could have been accomplished without the shepherding efforts of Rowdy Sherer and Scott Gardner, the steady assistance of the H-Team members and Boosters, and the grunt work of the football players when wheelbarrows and shovels were the order of the day. Then, too, nothing would have moved without the Herculean efforts of the Barnes Nursery boys who manned the dozers, graders, and endless loop of dump trucks. They were the rubber that met the road, moving material in and out of the stadium until it was ready for the final artificial surface. No less important were the many sponsors and financial contributors to the project. Oh yes, there was a custom installation company that helped, too! Generations of community members and players will be grateful to all.

We present a few pictures here of the finished product. For a complete slide show of the almost daily progress during construction, visit our website at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com). You'll be amazed at how the field was constructed - how the foundation was layered in, the surface was laid out and anchored, how the lines, numbers, and hash marks were all cut in. The merely curious and the skeptical alike will find something satisfying there.



Finished product - Kalahari Field





# Huron Athletic Booster Club Fund Raising: Phase II

by *Tim Sowecke, '70*

Kalahari Field at Huron Memorial Stadium exceeded expectations this past season. Although the Tigers finished with an 8-3 record, they were undefeated while playing at home on the new artificial surface. Imagine a regular grass field after a full season of varsity practices, 5 varsity home games and numerous JV, freshman and junior high games. Factor in daily high school gym classes and countless band practices and you start to appreciate the value of an artificial surface. A blade of natural grass would have been harder to find than the proverbial "needle in the haystack," but Kalahari Field looked as good at the end of the Margaretta victory as it did when it was first installed.

Imagine if the Booster Club can accomplish the same kind of results at the Woodlands Elementary School athletic complex. Phase II of the planning and fund raising has already started and calls

for a new baseball field, softball field and tennis courts. Add bleachers, practice areas and a concession stand and you see why the Booster Club needs to keep the momentum going that made Kalahari Field happen.

One of Huron's most distinguished alumni, Jim Campbell, was instrumental in creating the original ball diamond at Woodlands. Mr. Campbell was the president of the Detroit Tigers baseball team, and actually sent some of his grounds crew workers to lay out the ball field. It was Mr. Campbell's vision to have the nicest baseball field in the area next to Woodlands Elementary School.

Over time his vision was never realized, and today all HHS baseball, softball, and tennis is played at Fabens Park. The park is a municipal facility and is not properly maintained. The Athletic Booster Club is committed to making the Woodlands

complex as good as Mr. Campbell envisioned... and they need your help!

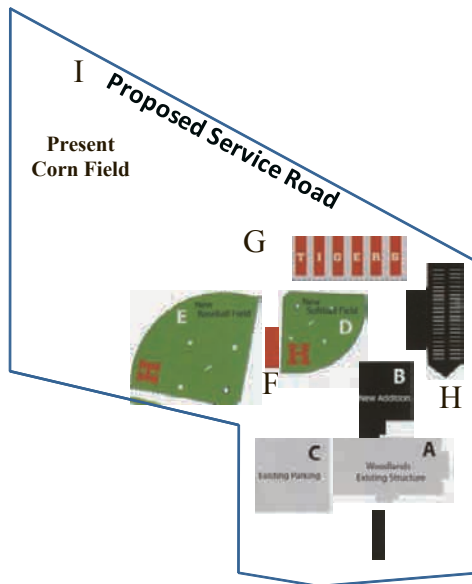
Kalahari Field was just the beginning. Phase II will happen as quickly and as beautifully if the community and especially the alumni of HHS decide to make it happen. Over \$600,000 has been raised since March, and the Booster Club is determined to raise \$1.5 million to fund all the athletic facility improvements. The total cost of Phase II at Woodlands is still being determined, but will probably cost \$300,000 to \$400,000 to complete.

Kalahari Resorts showed what can happen when you invest in the Huron Athletic Booster Club. It's an investment in the young people of Huron and you will continue to receive a return on your investment for many, many years. Please consider a donation to the Huron Athletic Booster Club.

## HURON


### Woodlands Elementary Expansion & Renovation

- A Present Woodlands School
- B New Addition to Woodlands
- C Present Parking Lot
- D New Softball Field
- E New Baseball Field
- F New Concession Stand
- G New Tennis Courts
- H New Parking Lot
- I Future Service Road



As a result of the new and improved facilities, Huron hosted two playoff games. The boosters and the H-Team made much money off the concession stand and parking. Many people were drawn into to Huron from around the state for those games, and they were much impressed with the new facilities and especially the football hospitality provided by all the hard working members of Huron's football program.

This sketch shows the locations of the proposed baseball and softball fields and the tennis courts at the Woodlands location. Construction will proceed as monies are collected with the finished tennis courses slated for the fall of 2009 and the baseball field scheduled to be ready for the 2010 spring games. Remember that all of the work is being paid for entirely by contributions, with no money being expended from the school district's general funds.

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## Tiger's Inaugurate New Kalahari Field

The Huron Tigers began a new era at Huron Memorial Stadium on Friday evening, August 22, 2008 with a 20 – 6 victory over the Vermilion Sailors. In the process they retained possession of the Win Oar, a trophy awarded the winner of this rivalry for over forty years.

Pregame ceremonies dedicated the new Kalahari Field, a full summer in the making. Representatives of Kalahari Resort, including owner Todd Nelson and his wife, and Barnes Nursery's Jarret and Julie Barnes Foster, accepted the thanks of a grateful community. Also on the field to receive an ovation were many of the men who were instrumental in building the original Huron Memorial Stadium as well as the men who played on that first season in '72, amassing a 10 – 0 record. Three cheerleaders from that season also graced the field.

Finally, after the band parents were introduced, kickoff took place for the first game ever to be played for keeps on the new surface. Huron took the opening kickoff, but too much adrenaline forced a turnover, and Vermilion, not the Tigers, scored the first points on the new turf. The Tigers then settled down and by game's end scored three unanswered touchdowns for a 20 – 6 final score, cementing the first of many more victories in this new home.

See the complete story on line at [www.HuronHighAlumni.com](http://www.HuronHighAlumni.com).



Unveiling blown up aerial photographs of the new stadium are some of the chief movers of the project: Mr. and Mrs. Todd Nelson, Jarret Barnes, '87, and Julie Barnes Foster, '90, and Mr. Gary Haas of Rudolph/Libbe Construction. Joy Hillman was on hand to represent the Board of Education.

Accepting an award on behalf of the many Boosters who created Huron's first stadium field were Tike Majoy, '51, Ed Taylor, '61, Ed Asher, '46, and Mike Sudsina. Surrounding them are many players from the first team to play on this field.



The first-ever play from scrimmage on the new Kalahari Field.

All for this, the Win Oar! The team parades it to its proper place - on OUR locker room wall!



At game's end, tradition calls for coaches and team alike to stand and sing with the crowd Huron's *Alma Mater*. Coaches Tony Legando, '69, and Tim Sowecke, '70, lead the crowd in this inaugural songfest.





# Tiger Fall Sports Results

The Huron Tigers had a fabulous fall season this year in just about every sport. The girls' golf team lead the pack by being the first team to go to state. The boys soccer made it to the districts before bowing out. The volleyball team advanced all the way to the regionals before running into a buzz saw. The football team also made the playoffs but bowed out early.

**SBC Girls Golf**                      **Final Record**    **12 - 0** **First Girls Golf team ever to go to state.**

**Lauren Voltz**                      **All-Conference Team**  
**Megan Buckingham**            **All-Conference Team**  
**Shannon Allen**                   **All-Conference Team**  
**Ashley Franks**                   **All-Conference Team**  
**Abbey Cook**                      **All-Conference Team**  
**Jen West**                          **Honorable Mention**

**SBC Boys Soccer**                   **Final Record**    **11 - 5 - 3**                      **Lost in Districts to Mansfield St. Peter's**

**Anthony Camella**                  **SBC All-Conference First Team, First Team All North Central District, Player of the Year**  
**Cory Wechter**                   **SBC All-Conference First Team, First Team All North Central District**  
**Nico Samaniego**                **SBC All-Conference Second Team, First Team All North Central District**  
**Taylor Branum**                  **SBC Honorable Mention, First Team All North Central District**  
**Michael Zeck**                    **SBC All-Conference Second Team, Second Team All North Central District**

**John Dusza**                      **SBC Honorable Mention, Second Team All North Central District**  
**Zach Taylor**                    **SBC Honorable Mention, Honorable Mention All North Central District**  
**Zach Dusza**                    **SBC Honorable Mention**  
**Curtis Boger**                   **SBC Honorable Mention**  
**Chase Greenawalt**              **Honorable Mention All North Central District**

**SBC Girls Soccer**

**Katie Zimmer**                   **SBC First Team**  
**Gina Munafo**                   **SBC First Team**  
**Sarah Bechtel**                  **SBC Second Team**  
**Alexa Majoy**                   **SBC Second Team**

**Volleyball**                      **Final Record**    **20-6**    **Won at District vs. Edison & Riverdale, Lost at Regionals to St. Henry's**

**Kelly Lehrer**                    **SBC 1st Team Outstanding Performer, District Six 1st Team, Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Ohio**  
**Jesse Miedema**                **SBC First Team , District Six First Team**  
**Taryn Graham**                **SBC Second Team, District Six Second Team**  
**Devon Koenig**                **SBC Second Team**  
**Don Wood**                      **Coach of the Year**

**Football**                      **Final Record**    **8 - 3**    **Lost in playoffs to Genoa**

**Anthony Quinn**                **All-SBC First Team Offense, First Team All-District Division IV**  
**Craig Thorne**                **All-SBC First Team Offense, First Team All-District Division IV**  
**Andrew Fantozzi**            **All-SBC First Team Defense, First Team All-District Division IV**  
**Matt Lehrer**                **All-SBC First Team Offense, First Team All-District Division IV**  
**Matt Likes**                   **All-SBC First Team Offense**  
**Ben DeLamatre and Cody Koenig** received **Second Team All-SBC Honors**  
**Matt Acierito and Nick Rivera** received **Honorable Mention SBC Honors**

**Girls' Tennis**                   **Final Record**    **8 - 8**

**Jackie Wier**                   **First Team All-SBC**              **District Qualifier in Doubles**  
**Nancy Bloor**                **Second Team All SBC**        **District Qualifier in Doubles**

## Hail to the Champs!

A year ago we did a piece on Huron High's newest varsity sport, girls' golf. Under the leadership of Coach Frank Gioffre, '82, and with countless hours of work on the links, the girls had, shall we say, a learning season. Then this year they tore through the competition, going undefeated in 12 matches! It was the dream year that coaches of any sport yearn for. The girls love the sport, their coach, and each other, and in one short year learned to help one another achieve to the best of their ability.

So on a chilly Friday October morning, the student body was dismissed to the front of the school to witness a rarity, the first ever girls' golf team to go to state. Up pulled the limo while the girls huddled in the hallway behind the front entrance. After all, during their season they never had to perform before a crowd any larger than maybe a group of parents peering at them through binoculars from some grassy knoll. Now the entire student body gathered for THEM? Wow!

Outside the doors, a gym class stood in two rows armed with - golf clubs? Yep, and as the team left the building, Huron's version of the "Marine Corps" raised their clubs one and all in salute, forming an arch through which the team walked to their ride. Now that's style!

After a short bit of speechifying, the girls bade farewell and were cheered on their way to Columbus. The results at the tourney were not what the girls would have hoped for, but they had fun competing, did Huron proud, and are looking forward to a repeat next year with improved final results.



Smiling broadly, the girls picked their way through a crowd of enthusiastic supporters to the awaiting limo. Nice touch, guys!

Left to right: Coach Fank Gioffre, '82, Megan Buckingham, Shannon Allen, Lauren Volz, Ashley Franks, Abbey Cook, and Jen West prepare to board the limo for the ride of their lives. Managers Kailee Gruhlich and Erin Stoner were invited along to help chaperone.



In case they became hungry on their ride to Columbus, the girls tucked this 16 inch diameter cookie into their goodies box to tide them over.





## Retired High School Faculty Picnic Again

On a beautiful summer evening, many of Huron's retired high school faculty gathered for a potluck supper. They arrived to find a grill full of brats, dogs, and burgers belching forth smoke. They slid their dishes onto the waiting tables, grabbed a brew or soda, and settled into comfortable seats in groups of four to six to catch up on a year's worth of travels, or rejuvenated body parts, or the latest grandkids - and even a few great-grandkids by now.

All who attended were in very good shape - or getting back to good shape - and enjoying their retirement. A couple are working other jobs to keep the cobwebs at bay, others keep traveling to ward off the moss, while

still others shuttle from grandkid to grandkid, watching their games, babysitting, or celebrating birthdays. But none is wearing out a rocking chair on a front porch anywhere.

Attending from a thousand miles away by teleconference was Barb Wolfert, former Latin teacher She and hubby Dave had just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and the folks all had to congratulate the pair via cell phone.

So what do old teachers talk about after they recite the usual litany of grandkids, vacation travels, and medical procedures? Not shop, for sure. Conversation rarely turns

to classroom matters. The nearest it comes is recounting some long since celebrated student classroom antics or faculty room pranks or shenanigans. People laugh today with a sheepish twinkle in their eye at what they cursed or cried over decades ago when young and more foolish.

But above all, these people genuinely enjoys their present stage in life, delight in sharing their stories, past and present, and wish former students would stop around once in a while. You know where they are - most have lived in their same homes for ever, it seems. Remember egging them? That's the place. Make your day - pay a visit!



Jack and Nancy Freitas and Jim and Wanda Seiple certainly enjoyed gathering to share fellowship and stories about their many years of service to Huron's schools.

A pensive Don Pflieger reflects upon what? Many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore?

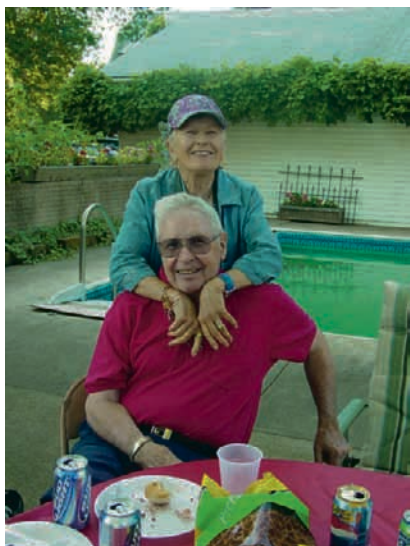


Jack and Vicki Busam enjoy learning of Ed Boose's bluebird breeding program.



Tony Munafò regales his captive audience of Doug and Pat Fries, Barb and Ralph Boyer, and Marshall and Joanne Morgan.





**Dick and June Klein stopped in between trips to share tales of the wonders of the world.**

**Chris Ford was a first-time attendee. He happened to be staying at his cottage in town and came over for the evening.**



**Dino and Jess replay some long forgotten contest.**



**Sally Green and Karen McMillion compare notes on retirement activities now.**

**Jean Diederick came in from Lagrange OH to join the festivities.**

**Judy Pfeiger and Senora Dahnke always have all sorts of exciting news to share when they get together at these affairs.**



**Bob and Carol Adler strike a pose as Bob gets set to do a scene from - let's see, was it *Oliver?* - "Please, sir, may I have some more!" So we threw on another pack of brats!**





## Miscellanies



Who are these guys in this ragtag looking band of bosom buddies? They either built, coached, or played on this stadium field in those first years, a band of warriors who amassed an undefeated season. They were invited back to town for the first scrimmage played on the new field in mid-August. All agreed it would have been a treat to have played on this surface, but they are still proud of the battle wounds earned on the old field where a tumble out of bounds landed one on a hard cinder track with torn up pants and skin. (For you younger ones who don't know what cinders are, you can look it up!)

These more senior gladiators are:

Front: Mark Barker, Chuck Bille, Ernie Meade, Coach Tony Munafo, Brian McGraw, Chris Stone, Tim Finton, Billy Joe Dees, Chris Majoy and Mike Sudsina, Sr., who helped build the field.

Rear: Mike Fisher, Rich Delamatre, Art Wilson, Scott Hetrick, Coach Ed Taylor, Dick Garton, Greg Garton, Jim Blodgett, and Denny Rasnick.

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## Reunions 2009

To date we have the following reunions set for next season. As your committees meet and decide, shoot us the information so we can post the details to the website. Younger class reps contact us for help in getting started. See you all in '09.

Chicago area grads will be meeting again in March. Details will be sent to all early next year.

1930's An All-Decades Reunion will be held again in May. You will receive invitations in early spring.

1959 Over Labor Day Weekend Fri. Night at Dave Boos's house Sat at CVI details to follow Contact "Duke" Legando.

1974 Over RiverFest Weekend Contact Mike Sudsina at [Mike.Sudsina@alltel.net](mailto:Mike.Sudsina@alltel.net)

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## Mexican Dinner

School is all about traditions. So you will be delighted to know that in addition to carrying on where you left off, today's students are beginning new traditions as well. This year's candidate for continued survival is a Mexican Dinner.

Dinner will be served December 14 at the Huron High School cafeteria. The menu includes 1 Chicken enchilada, 2 pulled beef tacos, Mexican rice and refried beans for the adults. For children there will be 1 Chicken enchilada OR 2 beef tacos, Mexican rice and refried beans. Chips and Salsa come with each meal as well.

The Spanish Club is beginning this dinner as a fundraiser for the Jordan Lynn Smith Scholarship Fund, in memory of one of our girls who died in an automobile accident this fall. If you receive this in time, come on out and help these kids begin their new tradition.

# Classnotes

**Ralph Pisano**, '41, was honored this fall with a plaque celebrating his fifty years of service to the Huron Rotary Club.

**Peggy Adie**, '65, writes from Costa Rica: "I retired in February of this year. We sold most of our property, rented our house and boarded a plane in April and have been here since. We are renting a house until we can find a house or lot to buy. We live in the mountains of the Central Valley because it is cooler. We did escape the witness protection program."

**Dan Houdeshell**, '65, is back in Antarctica again for another "summer" down under. He deployed in mid-October and will be frozen in until March. Here is the link to his new Antarctica Blog: [www.antarcticadan.blogspot.com/](http://www.antarcticadan.blogspot.com/)

**Tom Bollenbacher**, '75, age 51, is now officially a card carrying member of AARP, having won the Ohio State Senior Citizens Golf Tourney this summer. A distant finisher was the much older Pat "Sticks" Gioffre, '70.

**Debra Hinton**, '75, was back in the States from the U.K. for a late September visit to family and friends. She reports that, anticipating an empty nest, she and David have downsized considerably. BTW, for those who have asked, she holds dual citizenship and votes regularly in both countries, though she would not divulge for whom she intended to vote in the presidential election. Tactful lady!

**Kristin Watt**, '81, received an award from The Ohio State Woman's Varsity O Association this fall. At their annual Hall of Fame Banquet, Kristin was awarded the Barbie Tootle Buckeye Spirit Award which honors those who demonstrate unconditional loyalty and support of women's athletics at OSU. Kristin began her outstanding career at Huron in basketball and eventually was inducted into the Huron Athletic Hall of Fame. She lettered four years at OSU from 1981 - 1985. After graduation she returned to become the voice of the OSU Women's Basketball broadcasts, providing color commentary at the games. In 1992 she helped found and became the first president of the Women's Varsity O Association. When not boosting women's athletics, Kristin has been a successful attorney in the Columbus area, specializing in environmental law. In addition, she serves on numerous Columbus area boards.

**Beth Markin Stewart**, '85, writes from Idaho that she and Doug have scrapped plans for their Montana lot, sold it, and have set to work enlarging their present home. Growing family pressure requires that they raise high the roof these days, even with one off to college now.

**Stacy Chubak Hinners**, '96, is practicing law in the Cincinnati area. She specializes in labor, employment, and civil rights cases. Stacy has successfully petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Recently she argued before the State of Ohio Supreme Court. You can view the proceedings at [http://www.ohiochannel.org/multimedia/organizations/media.cfm?file\\_id=115496&organization\\_id=4](http://www.ohiochannel.org/multimedia/organizations/media.cfm?file_id=115496&organization_id=4)

**Jason Greene** '97, left Huron High in 95-96 for EHOVE. From there he enlisted in the U.S. Marine corps. where he spent three years and eight months in Iraq in 03'. He is now with the Sheriff's Department in Brevard County FL. He has a 3 year old daughter.

**Katie McCoy Harvey**, '97, is now starting up her own business as a freelance graphic designer, while staying home with year and a half daughter until she starts preschool. She develops websites, print and business collateral.

**Casey Taylor**, '99, works as an assistant superintendent at Brookside Country Club golf course in Columbus, OH. He graduated from OSU with a degree in turf-grass management as well as a degree in social studies and a minor in geography

**Catherine Taylor**, '00, completed her undergrad studies at Miami University with a degree in microbiology. She then completed her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Toledo. She is currently completing her residency in emergency medicine through Case Western at Metro Health and the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland.

**Ara Bartemes**, '01 graduated from USAF flight school and has been assigned to fly the big KC-135's. He is currently stationed at Altus AF Base in Oklahoma. He invites you to visit his website and blog at <http://web.me.com/piusbart> or email him at [ara.bartemes@gmail.com](mailto:ara.bartemes@gmail.com)

**Patricia Shamhart**, '01, co-authored an article entitled "Angiotensin II-Induced Extracellular Signal-regulated Kinase 1/2 Activation Is Mediated by Protein Kinase C delta and Intracellular Calcium in Adult Rat Cardiac Fibroblasts," published in the March 2008 edition of Hypertension, a journal of the American Heart Association. Patty graduated from Miami University in 2005 and is currently a doctoral candidate at NEOUCOM in Rootstown OH. In 2007 she became the first graduate student ever to present at the Ohio Psychological Society meeting. She has also presented at several national and regional venues including the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Washington and San Diego.

**Robert Dence**, '02, is currently a thermal engineer with the Space Systems Division of Lockheed Martin Aerospace in Denver CO. Selected for their leadership training program, Rob spent the past six months in California working with the Missile Defense Division. He was named the company's Diversity Champion in February for his initiatives as president of the New Employees at Space System Program and for his volunteer work for Girls Exploring Science, Engineering, and Technology.

**Kevin Taylor**, '03, graduated with a degree in business management for golf courses from the San Diego Golf Academy of the Carolinas. He passed his PAT (players ability test) in June and began his USGA schooling in October.





## Engagements

**William Kalies**, '85, and Kathleen Puglisi of Aurora CO announced their engagement on August 3. Bill obtained a bachelor's degree in mathematics from The Ohio State University and received his doctorate from Cornell University in 1994, then pursued postdoctoral studies at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is now tenured associate professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Kathleen, an Aurora High school graduate, earned a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Dayton and massage therapy licenses in Ohio and Florida. She works as a staffing manager at the Ultimate Staffing in Boca Raton. An August 30 wedding was held.

**Ashley Link**, '01, and **David Jay (DJ) Misinec**, '01, announced their engagement on July 27. Ashley graduated from BGSU with a bachelor's degree in accounting and is now employed by Plante and Moran PLLC, in Columbus. DJ is employed by Erie Materials in Sandusky. An August 16 wedding was held.

**Adam Vance**, '01 and Carolun Girten of Cincinnati announced their engagement on July 27. Adam graduated from The University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and is now employed by Parker Hannifin in Rockford IL. Carolyn, a Seton High graduate, earned her pharmaceutical sciences and Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toledo. She is employed by the Aurora Health Care of Milwaukee. An August 30 wedding was celebrated.

**James Marsh**, '04, and Jaclyn Sanders of Sandusky announced their engagement on October 26. James graduated from the NA-SCAR Technology Institute and is a certified mechanic. He is employed by Richard Petty Industries in Mooresville NC. Jaclyn, a Sandusky High School graduate, attends Baldwin-Wallace College where she is majoring in broadcasting and communications. She is now a secretary for the Buildings and Grounds Department at B-W. The couple is planning a September 9, 2009 wedding.

**Brad Rasnick**, '98, and Amanda Smith of Sandusky OH announced their engagement on October 19. Brad is attending BGSU and pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. Amanda graduated from Miami University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a minor in anthropology and sociology. She is currently employed at Lake Erie Shores and Islands Welcome Center in Sandusky. The couple will wed in October of 2009.

## Weddings

**Samantha Baum**, '02, and Donald Hawkins were wed on July 7 at Bacon Woods in Lorain MetroParks. Samantha earned her early childhood teaching degree from BGSU in 2006 and is employed as an elementary teacher by the Bellevue OH City Schools. A 1999 graduate of Norwalk High School and BGSU with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree, Donald is employed as a customer service specialist with Sears Holdings, Inc. The couple lives at 603 Ottawa Drive in Huron.

**Cory Lively**, '01, and **James Joseph Dike**, '94, were married June 7 at The Chapel in Sandusky. Cory graduate from BGSU with a bachelor's degree in sports management and a master's degree in sport administration. Joe graduated from BGSU with a bachelor's degree in communication and is working for Endo Pharmaceuticals. They own The Gym in Huron. The couple lives at 529 Washington Ave in Huron.

**Andrea Limbach**, '01, and **Brian Timple**, '00, were wed on July 20 at Mon Ami Restaurant and Winery at Catawba Island. Andrea earned her bachelor's degree in business Education from Ashland University and is now working on her Master's in Business Education. Brian graduated from OU with a Business degree majoring in Accounting, Finance & business pre-law. He is a Senior Advisor on the Global Assurance Services Team at Cardinal Health in Columbus. The couple now lives at 1041 Bernard Road in Columbus.

**Amanda Connell**, '98, and Kyle Gilbert announced their October wedding in September. Amanda earned her associates degree in accounting from Baldwin Wallace College. Kyle, a Perkins High school graduate, is affiliated with Local 43 Plumber and Pipe fitter's Union.

**Melissa Walters**, '99, and Kevin McGurk of Amherst OH were wed by Army Chaplin Mike Thompson in the Mountains of Blowing Rock NC on April 6. Melissa graduated from Ashland University in 2004 with her degree in middle childhood education. She serves as a math teacher and volleyball coach for the Moore County (NC) Schools. Kevin, a graduate of Amherst Steele High School, took his degree in communications from the University of Cincinnati in 1996 and has served in the US Army for the past ten years. He is presently self-employed. The couple lives in Aberdeen, NC.

**Corrie Solly**, '92, and Michael Edwards were wed on June 21 at St. Mary's Church in Sandusky. Corrie attended the University of Cincinnati and is now employed by Northern Haserot Foodservice. Michael, of Virdon IL, graduated from Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute as well as Bowling Green State University. He is employed now by EHOVE Career Center. The couple now lives at 1205 Wickford Place in Huron.

**Colleen Dircks**, '80, and Craig Casselberry were married on September 12 at Sandals Resort and Spa in Antigua. Colleen is employed by Dr. Lata Stefano, D.D.S. Craig, a Norwalk St. Paul graduate, is the owner of Scheid Concrete Construction.

**Janice Green**, '97, and James Hassinger were wed on July 19 at Huron United Methodist Church. Janice graduated from BGSU in 2001 and is grants administrator at University Hospital's Ireland Cancer Center in Cleveland. James, a 1997 graduate of Keystone High School of LaGrange OH is boatswain's mate 2nd class in the U.S. Coast Guard stationed in Cleveland. The couple is living in Lakewood OH.

**Scott Kendall**, '99, and Maggie Folk of Oregon IL were wed on June 20 in Oregon IL. Scott is BGSU graduate and is now teaching physical education and serving as athletic director in Chicago IL. He is also director of the summer camp sports program at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Maggie received her bachelor in education from Illinois Wesleyan and a masters from Northeastern University in Chicago. She is a chemistry teacher at Walter Payton College Prep School in Chicago where the couple resides.

**Craig Reutepohler**, '01, and Molly Moyer of Milan OH were wed on August 16 in St. Anthony's Church in Milan. Craig graduated from the University of Toledo in 2005 and then from the College of Beaver County where he studied air traffic control. He is now employed at the Cleveland Center in Oberlin OH as an air traffic controller. Molly, a 2004 graduate from Edison, earned her bachelor's degree at BGSU in exercise physiology with a minor in health promotions. She is finishing up an internship with Pro Fitness Health Solutions in Cleveland OH. You may congratulate the couple at 100 Hunters Crossing Drive, Apt 203 in Elyria OH 44035.

**Elizabeth Dees**, '04 and Steven Chuddy were wed in Trinity United Methodist in Sandusky on August 10. Beth graduated from Lorain County Community College and The University of Findlay's Nuclear Medicine Institute. Steve, a Perkins grad, did his studies at Terra Community College. He is employed by First Energy in Pennsylvania. The couple lives at 4305 Landing Lane, Moon Township PA

**Dan Solomon**, '00, and Amber Gilson were wed on May 17 at Homestead Park United Methodist Church in Munhall PA. Dan graduated from Grove City College and is now a specialty sales representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. Amber also graduated from Grove City College and is a health care sales representative at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey.

## Obituaries

**Melvin Clark**, age 99, former Huron High science teacher and football, basketball, and track coach from 1939 - 1942, passed away in Springfield OH. Melvin spent his entire life in education after graduating from Capitol University. He began Huron's 6 man football program and coached some great teams, including the undefeated 1940-41 team that played in a tournament game in Lebanon Junction KY. Unfortunately for Huron, they had three men who went on to star in Division I football to our one, Jim Campbell.

**James Hinde**, age '56, passed away of a heart attack in his sleep in Seattle WA. A Vietnam vet, for many years Jim was a fixture at the Pike Place Market in Seattle where he entertained millions with his guitar playing and songs of peace and patriotism. His son and wife Janet are also well known in the Market.

**Fred Howell**, age 76, passed away in Lady Lake FL on June 30. While he lived in Huron, Fred was a super band program booster.

**Lynn Roderick Hagy**, '53, age 74, passed way on July 9 in the home she grew up in Chaska Beach. Lynn worked as a health care provider for 30 years and was married to former Huron High teacher and coach Jess Hagy for 52 years.

**Rolland Gould**, age 77, passed away in Brattleboro VT on July 6. An active member of the community while he lived here in the 60's and 70's, Rolland was an early proponent of building the Huron High School Stadium and served as president of the Stadium Committee in 1979.

**Fred Mihalek**, '57, age 68, passed away on July 10. Fred was known as an avid enthusiast and collector of classic cars and hot rods.

**Mary Gebelle Schnaitter**, '51, age 75 passed away on September 16 in Edgewood KY. A life-long Huron resident, Mary worked for the Huron Municipal Court before retiring in 1995.

**Andrew "Drew" Hammond**, '07, age 19, passed away on September 23. A student at BGSU Firelands, Drew had been an outstanding linebacker in the Tiger football program, earning SBC All-Conference honors his senior year.

**Martha Jane Casanova Jennings**, '48, age 78, of New London OH, and Venice FL, died Oct. 7, 2008, in Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk after an extended illness.

**May Asher Naderer**, '45, age 81, of Sandusky, passed away unexpectedly on October 20 at her home.

**Ruth Stamm Ritz**, '52, age 74, of Norwalk OH, passed away October 20 at Elyria Memorial Hospital.

**John "Jack" Ross**, age 79, of Huron, passed away on October 29 at University Hospital in Cleveland. Having moved to Huron from Pittsburgh in 1962, Jack served several terms on the Huron City Schools Board of Education during the 1970's, including a term as president of the board. His children - Nancy, Suzanne, Beth, and John - were all Huron High School graduates.

**Judy Knupke**, '75, of Nashua NH, age 51, passed away unexpectedly at her residence on October 31. A graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Judy worked in prison ministry for a few years in North Carolina. She was recently a computer programmer for MITRE Corporation in Massachusetts.

## Special Birthday

**Donna Bender Hamer** celebrated her 102nd birthday on October 25. Donna began her teaching career in Huron in the 1920's, taught fourth grade for decades, then became principal of Huron Elementary School, as McCormick Middle School was known back then. She retired in 1963.

## Special Anniversary

**Frank and Marilyn Halley**, retired educators of Huron, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day with a dinner with the families of sons Jay and Phillip and daughter Nan Steyn and the nine total grandchildren.



# Scholarship Time

One of the primary reasons for the existence of your Association is to raise funds for scholarships for today's deserving students. We have sponsored dances every spring for this purpose and engaged in occasional special fundraisers, such as working for Booster Bingo while they still had it and ushering for the Cleveland Browns. (Since the latter's season has been in the toilet for the three years in a row, income from that source has rather dried up!) Recipients of our first scholarships are now leaving graduate school and beginning their careers, even as a steady stream behind them prepares for their futures. We look forward to continuing this legacy of assisting our finest - but we need your help.

We have two types of scholarship funds: a general scholarship from which we disburse funds in the year in which they are raised and an endowed scholarship fund. This latter type of fund retains contributions, invests them, and eventually will fund scholarships from the earnings upon the investments. As an astute reader and inhabitant of planet earth, you undoubtedly know that the markets have tanked of late. Not to worry, though, as past history says that whatever goes down must come up - maybe?, sometimes?, always? We have freed ourselves of this turmoil, though, by positioning ourselves in short term income producing paper. Slow and steady makes the grade - eventually.

As you read this, you may have been considering making a small contribution to the scholarship fund. We understand that times are tough, therefore, we don't run telethons, send out mass mailings, spam you regularly, or show up at your doorstep selling cookies or lottery tickets. But many small contributions like yours eventually add up and make several students happy come May's scholarship awards ceremony. We don't ask anyone to do a lot - just something. Remember the African saying about how anyone can eat an elephant - lots of small bites! To which we could add in today's financial climate - and have a big freezer!

As you approach year's end and consider your tax situation, now would be the perfect time to make a contribution. Also, as an individual, there are several ways you can leverage your donation.

One would be to join together with your classmates at reunion time and either pass the hat for your alma mater or write a small contribution into the price of your reunion ticket - a painless way to accomplish a class donation - just as your employer makes a painless payroll deduction for other types of dues, HSA's, FICA, the United Way, or your hospitalization premiums right from your paycheck. Some few of you may also work for corporations which do matching fund contributions - though such a beast

must be extremely rare in these financial times! Nonetheless, be sure to check.

Speaking of the down markets, maybe this would be a good time to jettison that worthless piece of paper called a stock certificate by gifting it over to your Association. You could write off your loss at the same time you let us paper our walls with those pretty little certificates. We'll watch to see if it goes up and sell it for you. Remember, we are, for your tax purposes, a 501 c (3) organization, so anything you send us is fully deductible if you itemize on your 1040 form. Come next April you'll be happy you made the move now. But remember to act before December 31st, coming up in a few weeks.

Use the form inside the back cover of this issue to send in your contribution. We use a combined form for membership and all sorts of donations, so be sure to check the appropriate spaces so we keep our books straight. You do NOT have to make out separate checks for the different recipients. We will break out the amounts to the various funds and see that they receive whatever you have designated.

We thank you in advance for your generosity, and our worthy scholarship recipients will also.

## Recent Donations:

Contributions to Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Class of 1948  
H-Team Members

Tom Shontz Memorial Endowment Fund  
Class of 1952

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## Recent Members

Jeanne Owen Buehler	'43	Lynchburg	VA
George Muehlhauer	'48	Huron	OH
Doyle Beilstein	'60	San Antonio	TX
George Ed Taylor	'61	Huron	OH
David Majoy	'62	Huron	OH
Bill Lusher	'62	Bermuda Dunes	CA
Kay Dahlhofer	'62	Chester	MD
Ron Elmlinger	'65	Colorado Spngs	CO
Roger Franklin	'65	Huron	OH

Dan Conrad	'68	Anchorage	AK
Michelle Bates Conrad	'68	Anchorage	AK
Pam Ebert Wentz	'68	Bay Village	OH
Dale Terry	'74	Huron	OH
Mary Legando Taylor	'78	Huron	OH
Deborah Novotny	'89	Columbus	OH
Casey Taylor	'99	Columbus	OH
Catherine Taylor	'00	Cleveland	OH
Patti Shamhart	'01	Newton Falls	OH
Kevin Taylor	'02	Huron	OH

# Some Bicentennial Notes

## Beard Growing Contest

This spring, around Main Street and elsewhere in town should look like an approaching Grizzly Adams family reunion. The Huron Bicentennial Planning Committee is announcing a beard growing contest with judging to occur over Memorial Day weekend. Information about rules, signing up, categories of beards and mustaches, and prizes will be posted on the website at [www.HuronBicentennial.com](http://www.HuronBicentennial.com) when it is fully up and running. In the meanwhile, the testosterone-challenged among you can begin growing immediately. Progress reports will also be posted on the site as we capture and shoot your mug shots during the interim. It should be great fun and a nice throwback to another time in our long history.

## Bicentennial Club

The Bicentennial Planning Committee has also devised a Bicentennial Club to honor those individuals who have put in two hundred years or have accumulated a total of two hundred of something. So, for example, you will be asked to record your age, the number of years of Huron residency, years of schooling you endured, of church and civic organization memberships, of marriage, the number of children and grandkids, of just about anything - except the total number of pieces in your beer can collection. We will publish the official form on line and in the HomeTown News, and you can begin submitting right after the first of the year. The committee will prepare certificates of authenticity to acknowledge that you, too, have reached 200 with your city. They then will be looking for ways to honor those folks who have turned in some really high numbers. And ladies, we promise we will not publish your ages!

## Call for Pheeellip Mooorris!

We are calling upon our readers to help out in a few areas.

First, if any of you have an *extra* HHS yearbook just gathering dust, one that you and your kids no longer want, we could use them to fill out our library or share with other folks who have lost theirs and are actively seeking one. We have gaping holes from the 1930's and '40's and are missing copies of *The Anchor* from 1962 - '64, '69, '70, '96, and '99. We have the 1915 and 1921 volumes of *The Tatler*, as the yearbook was called then, and the 1924 and '25 copies of *The Wigwam*. We also have bound copies of *The Megaphone* from the 1949 through '55 school years. There is plenty of shelf room left.

If you decide to part with a copy, send it to us and we will be sure to reimburse you for your costs. Of course, some day we won't have to worry about this. A long term project is to scan every year book, save them on CD's, and make the collection available to those wanting particular years.

Second, we have recently heard of folks looking for pictures of the old elevator that stood along the railroad track on South Main and also a picture of the sand elevator near the same spot. If anyone has a copy that they could scan and email to us, we could pass it along. Or send us the original to scan and copy, and we'll see you get it back.

Finally, in the area of requests, the Huron Historical Society is about to embark upon a history-capturing project as part of this summer's Bicentennial Celebration. They are looking for pictures of Huron going back as far as you and your family have, pictures that would document the village and then the city of Huron. They want to document families, homes, places of business, church, school and civic life, public events, private ones, happy gatherings and sad occasions in our history.

The Society will be procuring the equipment with which to scan these photos, then will invite folks to bring the pictures in for a scan session. In order to avoid long lines, those participating will be scheduled in advance for one of the many opportunities to bring in the pictures. Those submitting material must have all recognizable people identified, have as close to an exact date as possible for when the picture was taken, and it would also be nice to have a caption length write up about the picture. If you have already digitized the material and wish to share it, just bring along a CD of the material. What a nice way to spend a wintry afternoon or evening! At this writing, the Historical Society has not yet decided how to publish the images, but rest assured, they will be compiled and disseminated somehow rather than lie capturing dust motes for an eternity.

So plow through those shoe boxes and old albums and find a few good shots representative of you, your family, and your niche in Huron's history. Then look to the Huron Home Town News or the Historical Society's website for a schedule of scanning opportunities. This will be a contribution to the Huron Bicentennial Celebration that will last for generations.



## ARTirondack Chairs for Decoration

Chicago had its hogs, Lexington its thoroughbreds. Sandusky has its lighthouses, Port Clinton its walleye, Huron its Adirondack chairs. CHAIRS???? Yep, chairs. What else better conveys that atmosphere of a laid back community celebrating the good times? Cruise the town throughout any neighborhood, and see how folks have set the chairs out, decorated and flowered up for the summer season. Some are actually used for sitting, too!

So the Bicentennial Planning Committee has decided to stage a contest for the Bicentennial Year and a fundraiser at the same time to help defray costs for some of the activities planned. Chairs have been purchased, will be assembled, and primed for decoration. Now sponsors are being sought. You may sponsor a chair and also have first dibs on purchasing the finished project if you fall in love with it. Visit the Bicentennial website at [www.HuronBicentennial.com](http://www.HuronBicentennial.com) for details on sponsorship. (If you don't find it at first, keep trying. We are trying to involve students in hosting the website to give them some experience, so the process may take a little longer. Eventually they will get it!)

Artists are presently being sought to decorate these ARTirondack chairs, as they will be called. The plan calls for each artist to submit for approval a preliminary sketch of what the finished product will look like. These sketches are due by mid-February. Then artists would proceed to decorate their chair and prepare them for a preliminary showing party to be held on June 11 at a gala being planned for the Cedar Point Center and James McBride Arboretum at Firelands College Campus. After that, the chairs will be prominently displayed at secure places around town as part of the community beautification plan for the summer. It is hoped that folks armed with cameras will swarm over the community until the chairs are sold. Should be good for business, right? The chairs are slated to be auctioned off at a party being planned for August 11 at KAlahari's Nia Center. You won't want to miss that affair and have an opportunity to bid on your favorite one.

Keep in mind that there are only twenty-five of these chairs available, so don't wait too long either to sponsor or to sign up for decorating one. If you are interested in participating in this exciting ARTirondack project, as part of the committee or an artist, please contact Julie Foster at [jbfoster@barnesnursery.com](mailto:jbfoster@barnesnursery.com) or Jennifer Kilbury at [kilbury4@verizon.net](mailto:kilbury4@verizon.net).



This sample chair is available for inspection at the Huron Chamber offices.

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## Memories

Memories, nostalgia, enjoying your second childhood - call it what you want, but reminiscing of growing up in small-town America always warms the cockles of one's fancy.

No matter what decade you graduated, childhood and school days memories are most cherished as one ages. To help celebrate the Huron Bicentennial coming up in 2009, the planning committee would like to run a series of articles in the *Huron Hometown News*, a series based upon memories of what it was like to grow up in Huron back then, whenever *then* was. We don't care whether you grew up dodging horse hockey pucks on old Ohio Street, swerving to avoid other T's on a one-laned Cleveland Road, "Buzzing the Ave," or never even knowing that Huron used to have a downtown. Your memories are precious and should be shared.

We invite you to spend some time in reverie and see what you can come up with. Don't worry about all that grammar stuff. Some old retired English teacher can probably fix that part up. What's important is that you pull these snapshots out of your memory time banks, put them into words, and give readers everywhere a sense of what Huron used to be - from your perspective. What was it like serving your school daze sentence back then, working those jobs around town, raising families in Old Huron? What are your fondest memories of how you and your friends used to spend your time, of holiday celebrations, or summering in a beach front community? Tell us about some of the places around town that no longer exist that used to excite folks. (That ought to be easy since the 60's!)

Now there is only one caution. We don't want to embarrass anyone, living or dead, so if you are going to fess up to something extra-legal, take a dig at a jilting lover, or hang some erstwhile cantankerous neighbor in verbal effigy, sit on it.

Don't give us a novel or even a chapter that we'd have to abridge to fit. If you are disposed to poetry, go for it! These pieces will be run with your byline, so anyone can enjoy fifteen minutes of fame. Come on, you wordsmiths! Push the pencil or pound the keys, but get your submissions in. Send them to us % HHSAA, 710 Cleveland Road West or % Huron Chamber, 509 Huron Street. And thank you in advance for the love you will be showing and sharing with the community of your youth.

## Shawnee Shakes Off Mothballs

Over the summer Shawnee School traded the smell of mothballs for fresh paint.

Many of you remember when this elementary building was first constructed back in the early '50's. At that time it was considered cutting edge technology. Its modern class rooms featured the best in lighting, heating, and educational technology available at the time. Large spacious classrooms and open spaces afforded teachers the opportunity to experiment with their teaching methodology. Heck, the place even boasted a kind of TV studio to pick up signals from what was then passing for on-line education - an airplane flying over the Ohio-Indiana-Michigan border areas broadcasting lessons to schools set up to receive the signals. So for better or worse, many of you are the product of that wonderful kind of start to your education.

Then came the sixties, and another elementary, Woodlands School, opened to receive the large influx of "immigrants" from New Departure. An addition was placed on the high school also and all was fine for a couple decades. Then as the guinea pig passed through the boa, the population bubble declined, the

pressure was off, and the school district reduced its size to three buildings only - with Shawnee not one of them. Over the years proposals were made to sell the building, but boards of education continued to lease parts of the building to the Erie County BOE and Montessori Schools. Bowling Green continued to warehouse its student wannabe actors in its classrooms over the summers, and the Huron Playhouse prospered. Meanwhile, age and progress overcame this venerable old school.

Thus, this past summer, in order to bring the building back up to a level where more modern education could take place there, a massive transformation took place. Almost every room was stripped bare to the walls and floors. Heating and plumbing were upgraded where needed. New ceilings were dropped in to improve heating efficiencies and windows replaced to gain even more fuel savings. Electrical systems, too, were upgraded to accommodate all the new computers, Smart Boards, and other electronic educational equipment. No more chalk needed! Anything that did not move was repainted, new flooring was laid, and much new furniture was lugged in.



Then all the lower elementary supplies for each teacher transferring over from Woodlands School had to be trucked across town. At midsummer, the odds were five to one that the students would be enjoying extra summer vacation.

Fools! The building DID open on time, thanks to the heroic efforts of teachers, administrators, and maintenance and custodial staffs. Oh yes, some noise was heard in the hallways as last minute shuffling around took place for a few weeks, but when parents arrived for open house in September, the place shined better than it did on opening day in the '50's.

Under the guidance of newly appointed principal Tanny VonThron, '92, the building has begun educating a whole new generation of your kids and grand-kids now. Tanny and her staff wish to thank all for their hard work, cooperation, and patience as this transformation took place. Hopefully it will be another fifty years before another re-do is necessary. For who knows what the next generation of learning techniques will involve? In the meantime, though, thousands of our best will pass through this maze of hallways, taking their first steps toward fulfilling lives and careers.



Kelly Shupe, '00, puts her students through their paces in their newly refurbished classroom.

Jessie Legando Gimperling, '94, works with her students, lower right, in reading exercises using the new SmartBoard technology.



Building leader (principal) Tanny VonThron, '92, settles into her office.





# Membership Sign Up

## HHS Alumni Association Membership Form 12 08 (Memberships are due in December of each year.)

HHS Graduate \_\_\_ \$10 per year    You and Spouse Graduate \_\_\_ \$15    Social/Associate Membership \_\_\_ \$15

5-year membership \_\_\_ \$45    Life Membership \_\_\_ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name, if female grad \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "Super Tiger" \$300 (includes two passes to every high school sporting event)

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

(Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Basketball Boys' Basketball)

\_\_\_\_\_ Special "Gray" \$40    \_\_\_\_\_ Regular "Red" \$20

Contribution to General HHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or to the Endowed Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contribution to the Stallings Family Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Former HHS math teacher with Lou Gehrig's Disease)

**If you wish to help the Boosters' Club in their Phase II project, please use the following form(s):**

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# Annual Scholarship Dance

Your Association's annual Scholarship Dance will be held on Saturday evening, February 28, 2009, at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. We thank all who have supported this dance in the past, resulting in many scholarships for deserving Huron High School students.

At this writing in late November, we are negotiating with a very popular band to provide you the jumping, jamming music of the 60's, 70's and 80's that you have come to expect at these affairs. Mark your calendars now before you forget, and watch for ads around town and on-line for ticket prices and times. By the end of February you will be half crazed with cabin fever, crawling the walls, and looking for a night out. Your continued support is most appreciated. In light of the recent tough economic times, we will work to ensure that the dance is affordable to all, yet provide you an enjoyable music and food-filled evening.

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## Email Us

Take a moment if you are reading this in paper form to shoot us your email. And while we're at it, some of you change email providers about as frequently as the gas station guy changes his prices, and that makes it difficult to keep you all hooked up to your alma mater and to one another. For example, whenever we publish, we send first an electronic notice to all those for whom we think we have good emails. Usually, though, about two hundred of those messages bounce back as undeliverable for one reason or another. That then always sets off a flurry of last minute activity right before the actual printing to switch all those folks back to the paper version until we receive another good email address. So you see, we do try to keep you all connected, but your help in notifying us of either email or home address changes is essential to keeping the process moving smoothly. And while you are emailing us, add a little note to let us know how you are doing - something that we can include in the next issue's *Classnotes* section. We try to keep that a non-fiction column!

Also, late spring or early summer seems to be the time when folks are transferred in their positions, or school terms are ending and moms and dads then feel more inclined to change residences. If you fall into these categories, please add us to the list of those whom you notify, just as you would notify your friends, family, and business acquaintances of your new location. Recent US Postal regulations also require that we perform a Move Update Report every 93 days - just what we need - more work! So help us out with your latest moves. Mustn't anger the gods or our common uncle now.

Finally, if you are moving into that category of retirees who follow the sun, send us your new southern address and an approximate date when you will probably be leaving and returning. Since the post office does not usually forward our *Newsletter*, it costs us money to find out you have moved, and you then miss out for another quarter or so until we can locate you. Thanks to all for your cooperation.

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