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# Tiger Times

Official Newsletter of the Huron High School Alumni Association, Huron, Ohio

Sneak a Peek

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### Shawnee School Sale and Updates



The school where you first cried when mom ditched you, where you first pulled a girl's pigtails, scabbed up your knee at recess, or smacked a boy is no more. It stands alone, empty, strong against the serene December sky. Who bought it, what do they intend to do with the place so sacred to the memory of all who can read this?

*Learn what even the administration does not know for sure yet, on Page 14.*

### Reunion Seasons Review

What a reunion season it was this summer and fall! Hundreds of alumni from across the county, state, nation, and - in one class - the face of Europe, tramped to their homeland to celebrate together again.

*The record begins on page 2.*



### Fall Sports Athletes Excel



Tiger athletes in almost all sports are a force to be reckoned with, and this fall was no exception. For some of the sports, training and workouts never cease year long. Many students play club sports, some locally, others only by traveling a distance, sometimes indoors during the winter season. They are driven to excel, some to break a Sib's record, many because they love the sport, and many to earn coveted scholarships to a college of their choice. Win, lose, or draw, though, all become better adults for their experiences, having learned valuable lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship, the value of hard work, even how to take care of their bodies for better health as they age. Believe it or not, their academic work can also improve, not just because a coach rides them to keep the grades up, but they learn time management skills and many field and court lessons can transfer over to classroom successes. Here we can report their success on the fields and courts; next spring we can report also how well they performed in the classrooms and labs.

*The fun starts on page 7.*

### Long Time Teacher Passes

On October 8, 2023, Tom Heckelman passed away in Norwalk at the age of 96. Tom had spent much of his early years helping around his parents' greenhouse and flower shop in Norwalk, Henry's Flower Shop, next to the Post Office. Here he learned to love growing flowers, and for the rest of his life Tom enjoyed a hobby of starting and then planting out every species of flower that would grow in this climate and sharing his love for them. Don't even try to visit him without allowing time to tour his greenhouse and gardens.



As a young man Tom caught the end of WWII where he fell in love with jeeps, for he owned a little red one, driving it to school for most of his career, finally getting rid of it just a few years before passing. Upon returning from the war, he took his degree and began teaching math for the Norwalk City Schools. A few years into Rockie Larizza's principalship, Rockie recruited him, and the rest you know, some better than others. You learned fast to be in your seat before the tardy bell or risk losing an arm trying to race in before the Grand Slam. You learned to be super meticulous in all your math work - tiny details count - as you found out later in life in your work. You learned what quick wit and puns were, and that two thirds of a pun is "pu" if you came up with a bad one. Those challenged in counting skills could always chase dust bunnies with Tom and count along with him. Or better yet, keep track of how many different outfit combinations of colored sports jackets and trousers he could come up with during a semester. The record seems to have been over 100.

Above all, though, you learned your math, from algebra up to calculus. His students always tested high on standardized tests, from the state ordained ones to the AP exams. He would especially beam when a former student returned to thank him for working his students so hard because it paid off in their future professions. He will be missed by all who taught with him, visited with him after he retired, or enjoyed socializing with him and Nancy.

### Hall of Fame

This year's class was huge. View the individuals and team that were inducted. See pp. 10-11

### Dave Brown, '67, Passes

Dave Brown, former student, athlete, teacher, coach, Assistant Principal, and Athletic Director who began Huron's Hall of Fame has passed away.

*Visit Dave's tribute on page 12*

### Grads Passing Since June

Thankfully, we lost fewer than the average number of grads for this time period.

*Learn who left us on p. 13*

### Announcer Honored

The well worn tonsils and vocal chords of Mac Lehrer, our local announcer, were honored at the Hall of Fame banquet where they gave an encore performance.

*Applaud with us on p.8*

### Music Department Gifted

Gifts of instruments and new band uniforms blessed the high school music program this fall.

*Tune in on p.14*

### Star Athlete and Champ Passes

Billy Joe Armstrong, star football and wrestling champ for Huron and the Buckeyes has passed on.

*Read Billy Joe's obit on p. 12*



## Summertime is Reunion Time

### Class of '54



These stalwarts from the Class of '54 gathered at Marconi's on a beautiful fall day in September to celebrate their times together over the decades.

Topics for conversation were not just centered about aches and pains. Rather, grandkids were featured as well as recent travels - anything further than Sandusky, Shinrock, or Vemillion. Nor is there a lot of tongue clucking at modern kids and their antics. This bunch has seen it all, has adjusted, and is forward looking.

*Standing were Peggy (Bean) Breay, and Joyce (Ohlemacher) Eldred. Seated were Linda and Al Sender, Diane (Esposito) Hoffman, and Shirley (Bickley) Shupe.*

### Class of '55

The class learned that Lois Murphy was passing through from Texas and so gathered at Jim's Pizza Box for a quick luncheon and catching up. Time flew as each related what was happening in their lives since the last meeting. Great time, just not enough!



*Attending were Ken Majoy, Tom Reilly, Jane and Mike McDevitt, Rol Hart, Sam Jeffery, Lois Murphy, and Rev. Bill Lucht.*

### Class of '57



*This month's attendees were Ted Hinkle, Dick Schenk, Virginia Mataleska and her daughter Beth from Colorado, and Joan Tracht.*

The Class of '57 tries to get together at least once a month to keep tabs on one another. The venue changes, the size of the group varies depending upon who is ailing or not, but the camaraderie always remains high, as stories about former teachers and fellow students abound and entertain all. Kudos to Joan Tracht who wields the whip to keep them all corralled!

### Class of '59



*What a spread of food! Too bad Beefo had to miss it. Present were Claudia Wallace and daughter Martha Hendrock, '80, Gary and Anna Dunn, Dee and Tom Hartley, '53, Marlene Behrens, '68, Lynn and Lois Meyers.*



*Sharing the table were Nancy Wechter, Judy Hartley, Barb Jones, Jim Landoll and Linda Boos.*

This is a tight-knit group of classmates that meets in town every month or so on a Sunday evening for dinner over pizza and beer. Then at the end of summer they cement their friendships with a picnic at Old Homestead Park. There they no longer play croquet or throw lawn darts - if they ever did - but for the most part are content to put a huge dent in the potluck spread before them, lounge in the evening breezes, and reminisce. They share their plans for the future, muse over why those who usually attend are absent, and plan to assist any in need. Their friendships go back three-quarters of a century by now, and they are not about to let down any of their classmates.



## Class of '60

The Class of '60 gathers late every summer, as members begin to migrate. The wine room at Bar North seems to be their favorite haunt, as it provides a quiet, comfortable atmosphere in which to catch up. Farthest distance traveled award usually falls upon Karen and John Doyle who trade California's heat for a couple weeks of Ohio's moderate temps.

*Class of '60 Members: Rear: Roy Gadd, March Gadd, Karen Craig Doyle, Judy Coe Riddle, Dottie Allinson Presutto, Sherry Ballie Otto, Marge Windnagle Billman, John Doyle  
Front: Marta Knott Richards, Pat Sowecke, Bob Zeno, Charlene Zeno*



The Class of '61 likes to explore new places by the water, in this case, over at the Bay Bell Restaurant in Bay View. Rose Gerber shepherds this group through their monthly gatherings and never seems to repeat a venue throughout the year. Turnout varies depending upon weather, vacations, and grandkids, but the conversation is always brisk, the food and drinks good, and folks always look forward to the next time.

*Attending in July were Ken Strayer, Nonie Peterson, Bill Fisk, Tom and Judy Keller, Beth Walker, Rose Gerber, and Jim Peterson.*



Class of '61

## Class of '62

Bob and Sharon Barnes love seeing their home full, and the porch, and the patio, and the backyard, and the parking lot, and everyone's plate and glass. They open up the home to their classmates for an evening of joy, of good old fashioned ribbing and joking, of reliving antics in shop classes and pranking in locker rooms. It's a great reunion, with the class motto now "Why Wait for Five?"



*Sharon Barnes checks on Len and Marilou Dixon and Billy Orshoski*



*Ron Faller and Tony Mussell wait for the serving line to go down while Kathy digs in. Bob Barnes seems to be on a diet.*

## Class of '63

Celebrating 60 years since graduation, this class met first for a very informal gathering in The Hanger at the Hinde Airport. The following evening they found their dress-up duds and enjoyed a more formal dinner together at Marconi's.



*(R to L) Ed Boose, Tom Myers, Barb Kromer, Linda Walbeck, George Walbeck, Linda McKelvey, and Tim McKelvey prepare to dine at Marconi's.*

Definitely a hanger!



**Class of '62**



*Dave Schlessman, Linda Haley, Mary Lou Pankow visit over pre-prandial snacks.*

*Becky Ricci, Ed Boose, and Kathy Mussell enjoy catching up at the kitchen bar.*

*"Tiny" Stewart and Sally Majoy guard the serving line.*



*Dave and Barb Majoy load up before Ron Faller wipes out the board.*

**'63 at the Hanger**

**Class of '63**



*Linda and George "The Glass Man" Walbeck*



*Leslie Wilson, Roger Claxton, Linda and Tim McKelvey, Peggy Ritter Klahn, Cyndie Deyo Casper, Skip Klug, and Larry Falter*



*MaryAnne Koehler, Peggy Klahn in back, Don Ramsey, Tom Myers*



*Leslie Wilson, Shorty Al Millis, Marcia Cook Ramsey, Don Ramsey, Roger Claxton, Larry Falter, Marilyn Riley Millis, Cyndie Deyo Kasper.*



*(R to L) Leslie Wilson, Shorty Al Millis, Marcia Cook Ramsey, Don Ramsey, Roger Claxton, Larry Falter, Marilyn Riley Millis, Cyndie Deyo Kasper*



*(R to L) Sharon Becastro Jameson, MaryAnne Koehler, Peggy Klahn, Dave Schlessman, Bill Koehler, Jack Sender Steve Parish, Valerie Parish, Skip Klug*



**Class of '68**

This class enjoys staking out a territory at the Boat Basin pavilion area, enjoying a potluck, and catching up till the bugs drive them out. Keep it going, gang, and go big for the upcoming big 6 - 0 next!!!



*Dave McKinnon, Tim Bruggeman, and Denise Knight.*



*Front: Marcy Reutepohler, Kathy Butler, and Kerry Rabins. Rear: Lillie Merrell, Helen DePrimo, and Pam Ebert.*



*Jerry Berger, Sue Eisnor, John Bacon and Marlene Behrens*

**Class of '73**



This 50 year gang certainly did not act it. They toured their old haunts at the high school, marched to the Homecoming Game and sat together in the bleachers, then the next night gathered at the Yacht Club for a more formal buffet and partying till the wee hours.

**Class of '78**

Forty-five years since graduating, and this group still likes boppin' on the docks. On Friday evening, they met informally along the river, enjoyed hollering over the music and catching up, and behaved so well that no one fell in. On Saturday evening, they all repaired to the patio at Bar North at Thunderbird North for a more formal dinner, enjoying the pleasant weather, with no one leaving hoarse. Plans are already in the works for a big 5 - 0 next time!



*Brad Burrier, '74, and Penny McCoy Burrier, '78. and Kelly Catri*

*Left: Pat Krumlauf & LuAnn Enderle Krumlauf, '79*

*Right: Mary (Everett) Langhals, '81, Scott Carroll, Joan (Everett) Saunders and Jim Wagner*



*Owen Morey and Loren Leidheiser*



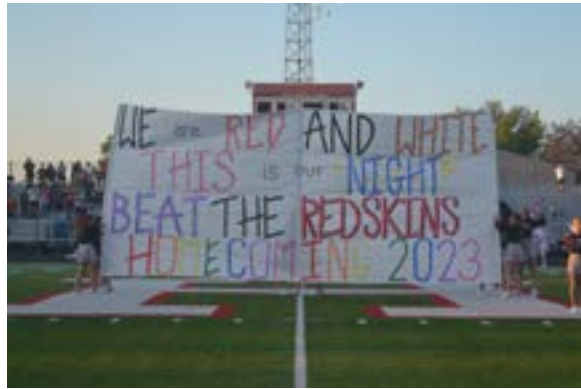
*Craig and Joan Saunders*



A beautiful evening it was and a great time for friends and couples to share their adventures since last they had met.



**Homecoming Game:  
Enjoyable Moments**



*Traditional start - cheerleaders work on sign all week so boys can burst upon the field.*



*Class of '73 was seated together and recognized between quarters. George Smith, '53, guards the gate when not on the chain gang, positions he has held for 70 years!*

*Is this the third generation of families being introduced early to the site where they will someday perform? The Bollebacher and Black-Radelman Hall of Famers and kids.*



*Meet the Royal Court: Homecoming Queen Casey Brown and King Charlie Hardy.*



*On the way to another score, the Tigers that evening dominated the Port Clinton team, 38 - 7.*



*Band looks great doing the National Anthem before opening kickoff, lead by first year director, Jordan Stutzman.*



**Class of '81**

To make up for what the pandemic did to this class a couple years back, they organized on the QT, then sneaked into the back door of the bowling alley, enjoyed a luncheon, and visited till the food ran out.



*Mike Gnidovec and Jerry Rose*



*Dana Vorhees, spouse of Scott. Kirk Adler and wife Andrea.*



*Scott Vorhees, Tom Catri, Jerry Rose, and Scott Kirshman*



*Unknown spouse with Lisa Toft, Dennis Wechter, and Terri Jones*



**Class of '83**

The Class of '83 had a two-evening affair, with the first held at CVI, the Culinary Vegetable Institute, with a wonderful turnout. The Saturday night dinner was held on the patio at Bar orth, on a beautiful summer evening with perfect weather. Folks shared stories and caught up with where their lives are headed these days. Most are enjoying grandkids, reliving previous soccer lives, discovering Harry Potter, and looking forward to retirement.



**Class of '88**

The Resley family hosted their classmates at their beautiful country home. Looks almost like a golf course in the background.

*Sean Resley takes a break to visit with Renee and Dan Moscioni.*





## Class of '98

My, how a quarter century seems to pass! This healthy looking group met for a few hours at Bar North at Thunderbird Hills to catch up and share their hopes for the future. In the prime of life now and fully ensconced in their professions and with family life, they are living the good times. Most still have hair to comb, college kids to feed, and a few years left on their mortgage, but they happily met to briefly relive their past and express thanks that Huron was their parent.



Front Row: Dennis Palmer, Jason Butke, Matt Rhenish, Julia Dix Coleman, Eric McGraw, Alicia Williams  
Back Row: Brad Rasnick, Mark Murray, Brian Heck, Kurt Hall, Andy Palmer, Bill Mirtes, Kevin Kuligowski, Brad Dees, Becky McGraw Patrick, Ben Stierhoff, Greg Perdue, Randy Bledsoe.

## '98's Traveling Man

Many are the late teens and recent college grads who are struck by an ancient malady called Wanderlust. Formerly, the tendency to hanker always after traveling to ever newer places was viewed in some circles as a refusal to hunker down to the pattern of living dictated by one's culture, that is, grow up in one's 20's, marry and begin a family supported by one or more jobs, and live happily ever after in a manner also dictated by one's society. One truly struck with Wanderlust can be thought of another way. There's such a lot of world to see - so many different cultures, beliefs, value system out there. Why settle upon just the one into which one was born and believe that is the divinely decreed way? Isn't that way of thinking what causes so many world problems? What if folks spent time more deeply investigating other systems by traveling off one's own ground to a new land and putting down roots there for a while? Maybe even repeating the process several times? Would there be some benefit to this approach? Of course, there is. It just takes time to develop and be recognized.



Eric's cross-cultural communication class in Shanghai, the content of which is now used at OSU's Fisher College of Business for inbound international students.

A quarter of a century ago, one of our grads, Eric McGraw '98, was infected by Wanderlust. Growing up, he thought he was inoculated - earned the good grades, graduated from Arizona State with his degree in journalism and public relations, and all set to settle into a staid future. He returned to Ohio and worked in Akron for year until enrolling at Ohio State for another degree in conflict resolution and more PR. While there, he learned of a university sponsored opportunity to teach abroad, in France, for a semester. Luckily he had taken some high school French and could have settled in there. But the Wanderlust had struck him, and when another door opened to teach some public speaking and English in Wuhan China (well before Covid), Eric fearlessly decided to move on. He jumped to a land where he knew no one and even less about their culture, had no language background, but just knew he wanted to learn as much as he could from the experience there as he could share from his own native perspective.

Eric describes such experiences using a stone metaphor. Most stones have both smooth and jagged sides. Put the two on a beach next to one another and the smooths and jaggeds rub together and eventually both stones wear smooth. Folks work the same way. After seven years in China, Eric is more than convinced of that. He lived with the native born in every way, inside and out of the classrooms. Every restaurant, drinking establishment, seat on a living room rug somehow becomes a classroom. Topics can swing from religion to economics to politics to whatever, all in the course of an hour or an evening, and each person is changed, sometimes not even realizing it. Try doing that at Arizona State or even in Buckeye Land. For a change, in 2000 Eric then began another career, this time in Shanghai, putting some of his college to use by helping settle distinctions between Chinese and US business practices, when the East was more open to doing business with the West. Different cultures suddenly thrown together back then required a deeper understanding of where each side was coming from. Eric was happily helping both sides join hands when the politics of both countries changed, and it was more prudent to leave. Many of the friends Eric had made all over China also found themselves leaving, especially for Europe, resulting in a night or two lodging wherever he visits over there these days.

Upon returning to the US, Eric found work selling beer for Great Lakes Brewery, hardly the type of career he had envisioned for himself. But it did put bread on the table and refreshment in the stein for a while until he caught on with another company, the Pacer Corp, where he oversees a field of executives who manage corporate health programs and HR systems. He has no offices where he punches in, but rather works remotely, maybe for ten hours or so a week. And guess what? It's the perfect position to satisfy his Wanderlust companion. Right now he is living in a southern Spanish, Mediterranean town called Málaga, and for twenty weeks taking a twenty hour per week Spanish language immersion course, determined to widen his horizons even more. In his free time, he travels widely, becoming more accustomed to the culture and its people. Someday - he knows not when - he will use this information for the betterment of wherever he locates. Until then, he sees himself as a "wandering scholar," a stone rubbing against others to grow smoother, a true peripatetic in the original Greek philosophic sense. We wish him well and continued success on this, his road usually not taken. Sometimes, perhaps, he doubts he may ever come back, but we know that somewhere, ages and age hence,

We shall know that it has made all the difference!



Work and pleasure mix in España's culture. Eric shares responsibilities for quality control with a team at a wine tasting fest.



## Fall Sports

This fall was an exciting one for Huron athletes. They competed well in almost every sport and brought numerous accolades to the community. Numerous players earned all-conference, district and state honors for their hard work. Congratulations to all participants, regardless of final records, for learning teamwork, sportsmanship, and how to make life-long friendships.

### Football

Head Coach: Sam Hohler

Record: Season: 8 - 4; SBC Bay Division: 5 - 1; Playoffs Bay division: 1 - 1

Beau Harkelroad*	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Offense, 1st Team District	Receiver
Donni Hartley*	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Defense, 1st Team District	Linebacker
Beau Harkelroad	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Defense	D-Back
Cameron Manner*	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div. Specialist, 1st Team District	: Kicker
Cody Scroggins	2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Offense	Quarterback
Jackson McNulty	2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Offense	Receiver
Andrew Delaney	2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Offense	Running Back
Ayden Bartzen	2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Offense	Guard
Vinny Majoy	2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Offense	Tackle
Ashton Perdue	2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Defense	D-Line
Evan Trevino	Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div. Offense	Center
Nic Lewallen	Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div. Defense	Linebacker
Andrew Delaney	Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div. Defense	Linebacker
Owen Cantu	Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div. Defense	D-Back



### Cody Thompson Update

After stellar careers at Huron High School (All-Ohio First Team QB) and at Toledo University, Cody practiced briefly with the Chiefs and Bengals before hooking on with the Seattle Seahawks. There he played mostly with the practice squad, standing in wait until injuries or other needs gave him the opportunity to advance. That he finally did, as a member of special teams where he played off and on. This year, as of this writing, he has played in one game as wide receiver, with one catch for a ten yard gain. We wish Cody continued successes and look forward to welcoming him back to his roots.



Head Coach: Don Wood

Record: Season: 23 - 4 SBC Bay Division: 20-3; Playoffs: 3 - 1

Kendall Camp*	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div., 2nd Team All-Ohio Libero	Most Outstanding Performer SBC
	District 6 Player of the Year	
Tess Humprey*	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div., 3rd Team All-Ohio	Setter
Azure Waldock*	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div., 3rd Team All-Ohio	Hitter
Casey Brown*	1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.	Hitter
Cami Adams	Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div.	Hitter
Kaylee Parker	Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div	Hitter



Coach Wood settles the girls down for another win.

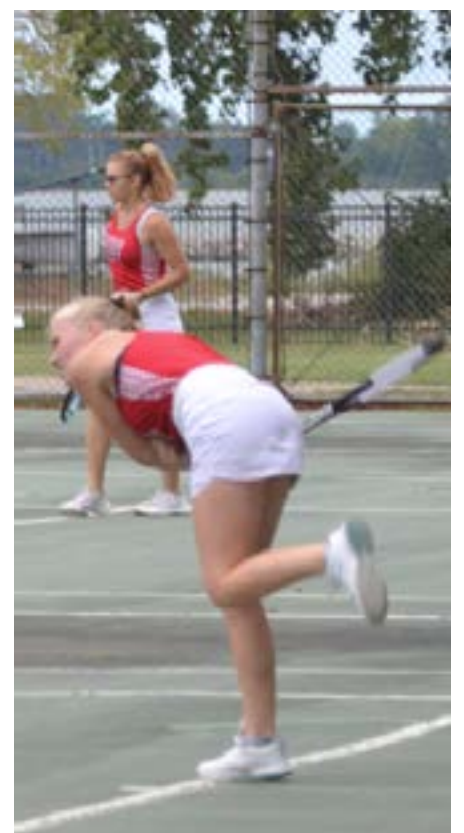


### Girls Tennis

Head Coach: Taylor Gosser

Record: 1 - 9

Asst. Coaches: Jim Fialka, Brian Miller





'73 at CVI





## Soccer

1st team district and district player of the year. He was also 1st team all Ohio and was placed on the all region team

### Boys

Head Coach: Matt Asher Record: Season: 9 - 8; SBC Bay Division: 6 - 4; Playoffs: lost first match

Chris Heidl\* 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.; District player of the Year and on All-Region team; 1st team All-Ohio  
 Cameron Manner\* 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.; All-District 1st Team  
 Joe Schaeffer 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div.; All-District 2nd Team  
 Jackson Gray 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div.; All-District 2nd Team  
 Nick Walls All-District 2nd Team  
 Jason Lenczyk and Mason Schindley named Honorable Mention All-District

Mid-Fielder

Attacker  
 Defender

Mid-Fielder

(\* = unanimous)



Chris Heidl, District Player of the Year



## Girls

Head Coach: Sam Kudrin Record: Season: 1 - 9

Lauren Wainwright 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Keeper  
 Jayci Schmidt 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Defender All-District 1st Team  
 Liz Heidl 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div. Mid-Fielder  
 Ada Vandergoot Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div. Defender  
 Elianna Cozzie Hon. Mention All-SBC Bay Div. Attacker

## Cross Country

### Boys

Head Coach: Bill Mishall Record: Placed 2nd in the SBC Conference Bay Div.  
 Asst. Coach: Roger Blevins

Sage Edgerly-Bork 2nd place in SBC Conference Bay Div. Finals  
 53rd at State  
 Jacob Case 4th place in SBC Conference Bay Div. Finals



Lobs



Guess the combined ages of these two stalwart Huron Cross Country coaches, Roger Blevins and Bill Scott, and win free tickets to the next meet.



Tiger boys' Cross Country team readies for the 5k at the Huron Invitational

### Girls

Record: Finished 1st in the SBC Conference Bay Div.; 7th in State

Jadyen Towns 2nd place in SBC Conference Bay Div. Finals; 30th at State  
 Rylie Towns 3rd place in SBC Conference Bay Div. Finals  
 Samantha Lesnak 5th place in SBC Conference Bay Div. Finals  
 Claire Putman 7th place in SBC Conference Bay Div. Finals  
 Lucy Watson 9th place in SBC Conference Bay Div. Finals



Jadyen Towns sprints for home.

The Tigerettes' Cross Country team just tries to conserve energy at the Huron Invitational Cross Country 5K meet, held at the James H. McBride Arboretum on the campus of Firelands College BGSU.





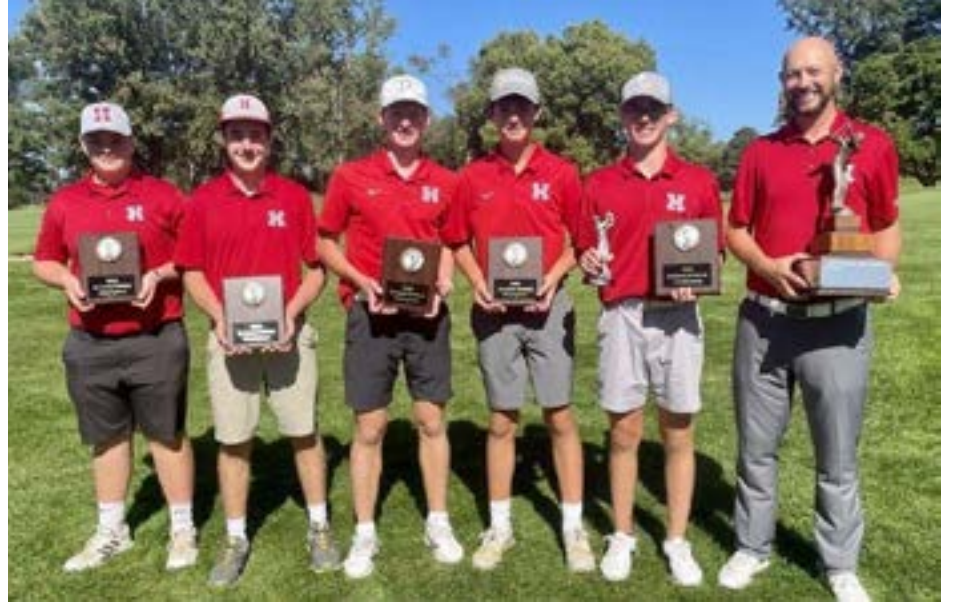
## Golf

### Boys

Head Coach: Justin King Record: 2nd in SBC TNY Play 29 Points Total:

Charles Hardy 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.  
TJ Murray 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.  
Jack Murray 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div.

*Boys team won the Erie County Championship for the second year in a row: Grant Humphrey, Stephen Ferenczy, Charlie Hardy, Jack Murray, T.J. Murray and coach Justin King.*



### Girls

The Athlet-

Hall of Fame banquet and celebration was held on September 21, at Mesenburg's Plaza Place during Homecoming Week. Eight individuals were honored with induction as well as one team and their coach. The hall was packed with family and friends, classmates and coaches, and community member who enjoyed watching the inductees perform during their heydays.

Head Coach: Jeff Hippely Record: 3rd in SBC TNY Play Points Total: 25

Teagan Miller 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.  
Madelyn Porterfield 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div.  
Kayla Weyer Hon Mention All-SBC Bay Div.

*Girls Golf Team: Coach Jeff Hippely, Teagan Miller, Kayla Weyer, Samantha Laffay, Gabby Bricker, and Madeline Porterfield*



## Henry "Mac" Lehrer

Mac Lehrer was inducted into this year's Athletic Hall of Fame, having never graduated from Huron High, never played on a varsity team, and never coached a team. The son of former band director Hank Lehrer, Mac left Huron after the eighth grade and moved with the family to near Toledo where he graduated from Perrysburg High School. He then graduated from Southern Illinois University, after which he served in the United States Navy. He did return to his roots and married a Huron grad, Karen Schuh, '78. For the past 33 years, they couple has lived, bred, and bled Huron while raising their three children. Mac serves as a licensed real estate agent with Hoty eterprises, Inc. in Sandusky.



So how did this Huron bred, Huron fled, Huron wed, but non-athlete gain admittance into the Athletic Hall of Fame? Ask any local who has ever attended an athletic event, played in the high school gym, or on the football or soccer fields for the past 17 years and they will immediately ask, "Haven't you heard? He's our voice!" For all that time, Mac has been the official announcer for countless Huron events, and not just athletics. He calls football for the freshmen, JV's and varsity teams, varsity basketball - girls and boys, and the same for varsity soccer and SBC track and field events. When not showing houses, he also enjoys speaking and moderating for events all around town: Victory Day, the Tiger Pride Run, Football night events, Football and volleyball banquets, the Huron Boosters Reverse Raffle, even MCing the Huron RiverFest Parade, dedication of the Campbell/Klein baseball field and various other events and celebrations in the community. (He does not, however, officiate at weddings.)

So for Mac's dedication to all things Huron, especially the school's athletic programs and the men and women who participate in and grow through them, Mac was dutifully inducted into the Hall of Fame. Long time coming, but well deserved and appreciated by his fans.

The only drawback on the induction event, though, was sparcity of time. Mac rose to deliver his induction speech and did a beautiful job. But when it passed the fifteen minute mark and began to wear like a Sunday homily, when some anxious attendees worried about curfews from the home, when moms began dressing their ittle'uns for bed, when pleas to wrap up brought "just one more" story, when MC Paul Ward could not locate the hook, Mac finally ran out of gas and received a prolonged standing ovation before he could regain his momentum and continue. After a quick final benediction,

*Three generations of Lehrers here: Henry, '09, Karen, '78, Mac, Kelly, '09, and Henry "Hank" Lehrer, former Huron High band director.*





## Athletic Hall of Fame

The annual Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and celebration was held on September 24 at Mesenburg's Plaza Place during Homecoming Week. Eight individuals and one team and their coach were inducted. The hall was packed with family, friends, and all who had enjoyed their performances during their heydays. Enjoy reviewing their accomplishments and learning what they are doing today.

### Calvin Black Randleman, '06

Calvin excelled in four sports at Huron. In football, he played wide receiver and punt returner. As a senior he amassed 1,417 all-purpose yards and earned All-Conference and first team Northwest Division IV honors. Under Coach Legando, Calvin's teams won three consecutive football titles with a record of 32-5. He also participated in two SBC Conference Champion basketball teams under Coach Caporini with a record of 30-12.



*Calvin with father Kevin Randleman of Sandusky High School, OSU, and UFC fame.*

In track, under Coach Bill "Doc" Scott, he ran with the 4x100 relay team, setting records which lasted for 18 years. With All-State honors he qualified for State Competition in 2005 in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. In his senior year, he ran the 4x200 and did the Long Jump as well. At the Bellevue Invitational that year, he won four track events, was named the meet's MVP, and at the end accepted his award dressed in his baseball uniform, after which he sprinted to the Bellevue baseball diamond for a game in which he pounded a two-run home run for his Tigers. Calvin loved baseball, and in his senior year he batted .483, with 24 runs scored and 14 stolen bases, three triples, and a .976 fielding average, thus earning again All-Conference honors.



After high school, Calvin competed for Ashland University before entering UNLV as a walk-on under scholarship. Lucky for him he moved, because while in Las Vegas he met his wife Maria. They have two children now and are living in Akron OH where Calvin works for LTA in the historic "Goodyear Air Dock" helping build the next generation of rigid airships - blimps or dirigibles for you older readers.

### Brian "Bo" Bollenbacher, '11

Brian captained football, basketball, and baseball teams at Huron. In football, as a quarterback, he was All-District, accounting for 2000+ yards and 30 TD's. He finished in the top ten of Huron quarterbacks in completions, passing yards, total yards, and passing and running TD's. In basketball, Bo earned All-Ohio honors, averaging 18 points per game. In his junior year he set a new NW Ohio District Playoff record by hitting 7 for 7 consecutive three-pointers.

After high school, Bo graduated Cum Laude from OSU's Fisher College of Business, majoring in Finance and Economics. He then put in five years as a Wall Street analyst, then returned to Huron to work as a financial advisor for Waterstreet Financial/Raymond James out of Sandusky. In 2022 he earned his Certified Financial Planner certification and was named a partner in the firm.

Today he and his wife Kylee are fawning over their first baby, a boy, and probably destined to take after his dad, grandpa and grandma, and cousins, all of whom form a dynasty in the Huron Hall of Fame.



*The Bollenbacher crew with three Hall of Famers: Jim, 'xx, Jim Sr., '71, Kristi, 'yy, Brian, '11, and Patty (Newsome) Bollenbacher.*

### John Dusza

John starred in three sports for the Tigers: Soccer, Tennis, and Football. In soccer he made first team All-SBC three times All-District twice, and second team All-Ohio once. He holds a first place record in career assists and second place in goals scored. He was a four-year starter in tennis and made the first team All-SBC team twice while earning an SBC Doubles Championship title, and All-District honorable mention. In football, John started two years as kicker where he made first-team All-SBC and second team All-District. He holds the current record for the longest field goal at 53 yards.



In college, John played for one year for Baldwin-Wallace before transferring to Toledo where he earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He now is on the Sandusky Police Department while at the same time serving as assistant coach for the JCCAA Terra State men and women's soccer teams. He resides in Huron.

### Megan Borgelt Hill, '03

Megan was an all-star setter and captain for the Volleyball Team for four years. She was a four-time first team All-SBC choice, three-time first team All-Ohio, two-time SBC and District Player of the year. At her graduation, she held the records for most Season and Career Assists, Career Service Points and Digs. She was on the state runner-up team as a freshman, in the Final Four her sophomore year, and winner of it all as State Champion in her junior year.



In college she played two years for Trinity College, CT, where she earned her Bachelor's degree, then a Masters in Education from Portland State University. After teaching high school in Portland for ten years she has moved back to Huron where she lives with her husband and two daughters while teaching at Port Clinton High School.

*Megan is flanked by her proud parents, Susan (Francis) Borgelt, '71, and Steve Borgelt, '71.*



## Treyvon Matthews, '12

Treyvon fell in love with track competition at Huron High where he helped bring home a State Championship for the Tigers. At the University of Indianapolis, Treyvon hurdled his way to the Nationals and received sixth place as a All-American in an indoor meet. He was sixth in the nation for Division II NCAA college indoor track. In the Junior Olympics he received a first place in the second stage of competition. He always made it to Nationals for both indoor and outdoor track competitions.

Treyvon graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and now works as a life skills specialist for Cummins Behavioral Health, currently working with underserved youth by teaching life skills in Indianapolis.



## Taryn Graham Miller, '11

Taryn was a four-year volleyball starter where she captained for three years and holds five records: Digs in both season and career, State Final Four Digs in three sets and in five sets. She was selected first team All-Ohio in 2010, played on the All-Ohio All-Star Game, was northwest District Player of the year, SBC MVP, First Team all- District ad All-SBC. What a year! In her four years, the team made four SBC Championships, Four Sectional Championships, Four District Championships, One Regional and one State Championship.

Taryn then played college ball for Gannon University PA, where she started four years and holds five Gannon records. While there, her team s made four NCAA Division II tournament appearances and won one Pennsylvania State Athletic Western conference Championship and she was selected to the second team All-PSAC Team in 2014.

Today Taryn works as an Occupational Therapist and resides in Dublin OH with her husband Jay Miller ad two boys, Lux and Cru.



*Taryn, unable to attend, had her parents accept for her, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Graham*

## Lauren Volz Pavlechko, '11

Lauren earned a total of twelve letters in golf, basketball, and softball during her Huron High School career.

In golf, Lauren was named to the SBC 2nd team, then the first team three times, 2nd team All-District, then twice to first team All-District, once named SBC Player of the Year, and made first team All-Ohio with her fourth place finish in the state. She led the team to several Invitational Tournament Championships, and currently holds the record for the girls' lowest single round golf score. In basketball she started with three-times SBC honorable mention, before 2nd team All- SBC, then 2nd team All-District before finishing first team All-District. She also holds the school record for most three pointers in a game. In softball, Lauren was named 2nd Team SBC as a junior and Honorable Mention All- District as a sophomore.

In college, she parlayed a full golf scholarship to Ohio U into her Bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology. From there she moved to Chamberlain University to earn a second Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She resides with her husband and son in Columbus where she is a Clinical Research Nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital.



## 1974 Volleyball Team

In 1974, Ann Voight was hired to coach the volleyball team in the first year the SBC recognized it as a high school sport. What a start they had! They won the first of 26 SBC championships in an undefeated season - a 6-0 season at that time. With sets, too, of only 15 points! My, how the sport has grown. The team continues to be grateful to what Mrs. Voight imparted to them by way of sportsmanship and teamwork, qualities which they have imparted to their own children. She remains today a role model and mentor for these '74 members.



*The gals today, almost a half century later, look as if they could go a set or two - 15 points only - yet today. Underhand serves, too! Coach Ann Voight poses with her flock: Ellen Baker, Patty Newsome Bollenbacher, Annette Balconi Haskins, Linda Franklin Makarewicz, Gail Moore, Martha Luby Sudsina, and Barbara Fulton Geiselman.*





*Most of the inductees present at the end of the ceremony*



*Cathy Black sings her signature piece, the National Anthem, to begin the ceremony.*



*The Black-Randleman family enjoys the evening honoring Calvin.*



*The Asher-Dusza family meeting comes to order under the direction of Mr. Ed Asher, '46, celebrating John's induction.*

*The Matthews family celebrates with Treyvon.*



*More Lehrers trooped out to cheer on Mac.*



*Ann Voight with two teammates, Gail Moore and Ellen Baker*



## Dave Brown, '67



On September 16, Dave Brown, age 74, departed life, leaving behind his life-long legacy in the communities in which he had served. Born in Huron in 1949 to Wayne and Marilyn Brown, Dave graduated from Huron High in 1967, then BGSU in 1971 with his bachelors degree, and later in 1976 with his masters in history. He began a 40 year education career, part spent in the classrooms teaching history, the rest in administration at various times as assistant principal, athletic director, or even coaching. He rendered his service first and foremost to his beloved hometown, then at Sandusky, Edison, and Cuyahoga Heights near Cleveland. In each case he was efficient and fair in accomplishing the goals of his position, meticulous in seeing that the most minute details were taken care of, and innovative in his approach to the needs of the communities he served.



No matter where he served, though, Dave loved sports above all else. Why not? He was born with a brain of innumerable terabytes for all the statistics from every sporting event he had ever witnessed or in which he himself had participated. He was also gifted in playing some of them, with baseball and golf his most cherished. Play a round with him and one could always find his way back to the clubhouse - just follow his trail of cigarette butts like cookie crumbs. As for baseball, he coached that sport after Dick Klein and Ray Richards had given it up. Like Clark Kent, when the dismissal bell rang, Dave could doff his sport coat and tie, be in full uniform before the first player slammed shut a locker, and ready to board the bus before his first player shod up. Ask him any hitter, fielder, pitcher stat all the way back to Paul Doyle's time and this Mr. Wikipedia would fire it off. It was often rumored that at an Indians' game, he once sat up in the nosebleed section with one John Adams where the two played stump-the-chump by firing Indians stat questions back and forth between deafening drum beats. His love for stats led him to concentrate upon Huron High's football teams, writing about their earliest days up until the 2012 season, a historical work which turned into a two volume set. Every game was described in minute detail with copious stats sprinkled throughout, a labor of love from a man who lived and loved the game itself. In addition to coaching baseball, Dave also served as head coach for the girls' basketball team and the head golf coach. He assisted wherever needed as a coach of football, basketball, and baseball.



In the early '90's Dave decide that Huron also need an Athletic Hall of Fame. He had already established one while at Sandusky High School, so it was just a matter of getting the right people in the right places and they were off. The first celebration was held at Plum Brook County Club in 1993 and featured 15 inductees from 1917 to 1987. While the number varies each year, a full house always attends, now at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. It is a time to publicly celebrate the athletes' accomplishments and laud how the entire community is in part responsible for the athletes' successes. In honor of Dave's work in establishing these organizations, he was inducted into both the Sandusky and Huron Halls of Fame, and was elected Athletic Director of the Year for the Northwest District in 1991, and finally inducted into the Ohio Athletic Director's Hall of Fame in 2016. He also was selected as Huron's Educator of the Year in 2000.



Dave was always forward looking in seeking ways to provide the best in athletic facilities and opportunities for not just Huron's students but all youth in the area. For example, he spearheaded the fundraising effort for Huron High's all-weather track which was only recently redone. He helped begin the Sandusky Bay Stars for college students to compete in baseball all summer long. Not to mention, be also joined numerous booster clubs to help promote athletic opportunities wherever he served. And when student athletes completed their high school careers, he made sure they were recognized for their excellence by serving on the Hall of Fame selection committees for both Huron and Sandusky. Also, on the academic side, he served on scholarship committees to make sure students were rewarded for their school work with financial aid. And his fervor did not end at Ohio's borders. When he moved to Florida, he served as director of golf at Heatherwood Village in Lakeland and the Lakeland Senior Men's Golf Association.



So did Dave ever just relax and enjoy life outside of stadiums and golf courses, without a ball glove on one hand or bowling ball in the other? You best betcha! Every chance he got, he and wife Loree were off on another adventure somewhere in the world. The pictures he would send said it all - of lions and elephants while on safari in Africa, or lying back with a margarita on exotic island places like Tahiti, Bali, or Fiji - always smiling along with Loree. Or from those spur of the moment cruises to any of the Caribbean Islands. Or from historic Greece and other Mediterranean ports, not to mention jaunts up into the Alps or to Austria and Germany - his last trip abroad. Dave had saved up time for all this to enjoy as he saw life winding down.



*The last photo ever taken of Dave, with Loree and friends in an Austrian pub, taken on his way home from Greece.*

So how to sum up a life well lived serving students and communities? One could only do well to read the last book that Dave wrote, *What If?* published in 2022. In this book, he waxes a little philosophic. The book actually deals with politics and economics to a degree, but more like in a dreamlike state. The reader can sense Dave trying to venture into fields that he had not previously dabbled with, what with his concentration on a lifetime of athletics. As he looks at the realities of life in America today and sees the growing problems of our society, he muses on solutions. It's a mind again looking forward, in non-athletic contexts this time, and seeing needs and searching for remedies. How Dave-like!

## Billy Joe Armstrong

Billy Joe Armstrong, '59, age 82. of Santee SC, passed away on February 24 after lingering illnesses. Billy Joe was an outstanding athlete, specializing in football. After graduation, he played at Ohio State for Woody Hayes, both as a center and middle linebacker. He always liked being in the middle of the action! He also could kick and punt, as discovered too late by Woody. He played on the 1961 National Championship team, and in 1962, he was named First Team All-Big Ten. After OSU, he went to work managing cattle with his dad, but not roping nor bulldogging them. He branched out on his own and produced \$50,000 dollar bulls. Somewhere along the way he discovered that he could sell, so his next stop was off to China where he sold steel mill equipment. Ever since 1960, he had been working part time for Worthington Steel, located just north of Columbus, gradually working his way to the top until he became the company president. A perk of the position was box seats with Woody and company for all Rose Bowl and Super Bowl games until Woody's passing.

After Billy Joe retired, he and his wife Becky moved to Santee SC where he lived on a golf course. He mellowed quite a bit, read history, but complained that he was kept on a short leash. His oxygen line was only 50 feet long! For all of the athletic and business accomplishments in his life, he was always mindful of his roots in Huron, of his friends that he had left but with whom he remained in contact, of the many Huron men whom he admired, of the teachers who tried to keep him straight.



## Those Who Have Left Us



**James Dahlhofer**, '60, age 81, passed away on October 22, 2022, in Willowick OH. A U.S. Navy vet, Jim worked in management at the same company for over 40 years.



**Dr. James Teener**, '81, age 59, passed away on November 28, 2022 in Ann Arbor MI. Jim was an avid outdoorsman in the woods and on the lakes of Michigan. He served as a professor in the University of Michigan Department of Neurology and co-chief of the Neuro-muscular Division. He was a member of the Medical School faculty since 2002, and enjoyed teaching and interacting with students and staff. Jim's work focused on neuromuscular weakness. He provided exceptional care for patients grappling with a variety of neuromuscular diseases, including Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), neuropathies, myopathies, and disorders of neuromuscular transmission.



**Paul Bachman**, '54, age 88, passed away on April 21, 2023 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness FL. Paul had retired from the Citrus School System after many years of service.



**Richard "Dick" Haley**, '59, age 79, of Huron, passed away on June 12. A US Air Force vet 1963-1967, spending time in Okinawa, Japan, and at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. After being discharged from U.S. Air Force, he worked at New Departure-Hyatt in Sandusky. He then left there to go with his friend, Ken Strayer, selling and servicing boats for many years at Huron River Marine. Dick was an avid duck and goose hunter in the fall and winter, and otherwise loved to be out fishing on Lake Erie.

**Nancy Rhodes Harman**, '56, age 84, of Huron, died Jun 28, 2023, at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky. Nancy enjoyed the 36 years during which she taught in the Huron City Schools. In addition, she was a DAR member, an avid bibliophile, and animal lover.



**Spencer Hofer**, '59, age 82, passed away in Cincinnati on July 6.



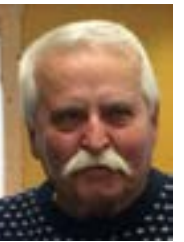
**Kim Bache**, '73, age 68, of Vermilion, passed away on July 17 at home. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Kim began working in restaurant hospitality, then started his 30-year career in insurance, later taking on Bache & Associates in Norwalk.

**Janice Grisell Dircks**, '50, of Huron, passed away on August 2 at Parkvue Care Center in Sandusky at the age of 90.



**Mary Schenk Boos**, '61, age 81, of Huron, passed away in September 12 at Stein Hospice. Mary was the quintessential mother, born and raised on a farm and known for her loving care given her country family.

**John "Jack" Wasily**, '57, age 84, passed away 19 September 19 at Countryside Manor in Fremont OH. An avid Huron track fan, hunter and fisherman, Jack spent his work career with Norfolk Southern Railroad.



**Lenny Round**, '82, age 59, passed away on September 21 at his home. A passionate musician, Lenny was blessed with skills on many instruments, skills acquired from his days with the Huron High band. He entertained, inspired, and taught many musicians who became as family. He parlayed his skills to Nashville where he taught dozens of bass students who played in many bands.



**Pattiann (Kidwell) "Patti" Stropko**, '67, age 74, of Tucson AZ, passed away on September 29. Patti was employed by Miracle Mile Motors, the Tucson General Hospital, and retired from the Amphitheater School district. She loved music, especially singing with her church choir.



**Dr. Anne "Libby" McKelvey Nelson**, '66, age 74, of Manchester WA, passed away on September 30 after a very brief illness. After graduation, Libby earned her nursing degree from the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. A Navy vet, Libby served during the Vietnam war as a psychiatric nurse. A strong advocate for children, mental health causes, and inclusion, she devoted her time to numerous causes in the Los Angeles-Palos Verdes areas. After returning to Washington State in 2004, Libby volunteered for Hospice right up until her own death.



**Daniel Pisano**, '71, age 70, passed away on October 23 in Dublin OH. Dan began working at an early age on the railroad and the ore docks in Huron. He also owned the Orioles Club in Sandusky for many years before turning to real estate where he worked for the Russell Agency of Huron. He also was invested in properties along Lake Erie's many beaches.



**Carolyn Rudy**, '64, age 77, of Sandusky, passed away on October 25 at Parkvue Health Care Campus in Sandusky. After graduating from Huron, Carolyn took her Bachelor's degree in Education from Ashland University and then began a 35 year teaching career with the Sandusky City Schools. After retirement, she became very active in the Erie County Retired Teachers Association.

**Margaret "Maggie" Bates Huddleston**, '88, age 53, of Huron, passed away on November 8 at Cleveland's Metro Health.



**Patricia Altman Basilone**, '48, of Huron and Sandusky, passed away at 93 on November 24. In 1949, Pat married her high school sweetheart, Bill Basilone, who had enlisted in the Air Force, and for the next 30 years they raised their six children always on the road, as in the Philippines, England, Vietnam, and Germany. Upon Bill's retirement, they returned "home" to Huron where Pat became involved in singing for the St. Peter's Church's choir and the Sweet Adelines. She quilted for babies, read voraciously, and wore out her iPad, staying in touch with friends and relatives.



**Carmel Temper Michel**, '47, age 93, of Sandusky, passed away on November 8. Carm was an RN at Providence Hospital where she became head nurse, then "retired" to raise her family before returning to nursing at New Departure Hyatt. While nursing, Carm was always partial to the elderly and thus advocated for hospice care in the area. Later on, she and husband Joe volunteered at the Senior Center.



**Thomas Ewart**, '73, age 68, of Huron, passed away on November 19 at home. For many years, Tom owned and operated The Sandbar in Huron. He also worked at Armstrong Air Conditioning and was later a driver for Dial-A-Ride.

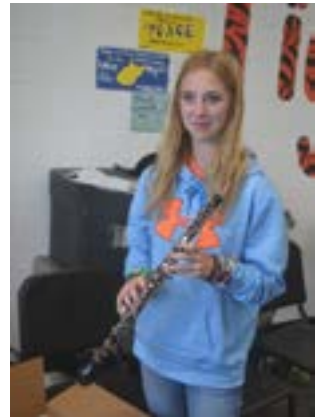
**John Paul Jones**, '73, age 68, of Huron passed away on December 3 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky, as this issue was going to press. Further details will be forthcoming as they are available.



## Delightful Oboes

In 1956 a gifted musician, Delight (Lewis) Immonen, graduated from Huron, married, and moved to New England with her husband Gerald. There she pursued a musical career, playing throughout the Northeast with numerous symphonies. Her favorite instrument was the oboe, a clarinet-like, double reed instrument which appears in every major orchestra (and every NYT Crossword). In October of 2021, Delight succumbed to cancer after a twenty-year battle. She had left many of her oboes which her brother Joe Lewis, '59, and the family discovered while settling up her affairs. The family decided that Delight would have liked to have her high school alma mater have them for their orchestra.

Brother Joe and his faithful companion Hector drove them all the way back to Texas, where Joe carefully wrapped them for transport to Huron's music department. Late this past summer, the precious cargo arrived, the box then being placed in the rear of the band practice room until the students arrived for practice. One of the freshmen flautists who had long been desirous of playing the oboe was invited to open the box. With trembling hands, she shuffled among the packaging peanuts and one by one retrieved the instruments which Joe had sent up to us: first a Guy Humphrey Clarinet, then a Loree English Horn, finally followed by, not one but two, Marcel Loree Oboes D'Amore, made of grenadilla wood, a timber similar to ebony. Shaking the box revealed six more oboes buried down in there, including a baroque wooden model. The coup de gras was a reed-making kit consisting of the delicate proper tools and a supply of bamboo, all needed to refresh-worn reeds. Band and instrumental music instructor Jordan Stutzman is grateful for this addition to the sounds of their orchestral pieces. The entire Huron music enjoying family is most appreciative of this donation made to the Huron High orchestra program. Can't wait until the students master the instruments and participate in state competition!



*Freshman AddieLynn Hoffman can't wait to begin practice on this baby!*

## A Symphony of Generosity: Carol Wolfe Conducts Surprise Gift for Huron High School Band

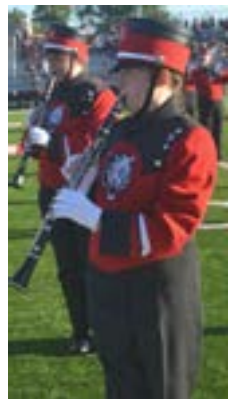
In a harmonious gesture that struck a chord of joy, a local lover of the arts quietly orchestrated a surprise \$35,000 gift that's music to the ears of the Huron High School Band. This unexpected gift came about when she learned of the Huron High School Band's need for new uniforms. According to Band Director Jordan Stutzman, Huron's current uniforms have been worn hard for 8 years and by 50-65 band members annually. Recognizing the importance of music and bands to these many young people, this donor decided it was the perfect time to strike a harmonious note of inspiration.

Our donor understands the power of music to inspire, shape character, foster creativity, and instill a sense of discipline and teamwork. She hopes the new uniforms with raincoats will provide a much-needed practical solution, and assure the band shines, even in the rain.

On behalf of the entire community, the Huron Education Foundation and the Huron City Schools thank Carol Wolfe for her generous gift to the band. This act of kindness serves as a reminder that, in the grand symphony of life, sometimes a single note of kindness can create a harmonious ripple that resonates far beyond the confines of a high school band.

FYI:

The history of band uniforms dates to the Middle Ages, when musicians wore distinctive colors and plumes to show their loyalty and purpose. Uniforms reflect the identity, style and concept of the band, and school. They are a matter of fashion, tradition, expression, and quality.



## What Now for Shawnee School?

Shawnee School was finally sold at auction on July 12 for \$1.6 million dollars to an as-then unidentified purchaser. The total acreage, building and land together, amounts to about 6.7 acres. The property, however, could not transfer ownership before September 1.



The sale was brought about by a declining enrollment in the Huron City Schools, down by almost 10% in the past decade alone. Thus, the expense of maintaining four buildings and their staff was becoming too expensive for the district, so as early as the past school year, the decision was made to consolidate the student body into three buildings only: Woodlands would be pre-school- 5; the McCormick building for 6-8; and the high school for grades 9-12.- The School Board estimated that such changes alone would save the district about \$75,000 per year.

Finally, on October 17, some of the mystery surrounding the sale began to be revealed. The school system will receive about \$1.5 million, the reduction from the original bid price being due to damages caused by the severe floods felt in this area in August, around \$64,000 of which damages were not covered by the district's insurance. Also deducted were the auctioneer's fees and closing costs.

Plans for the monies raised have taken a look at what the long-range needs of the districts may be. Thus, proceeds from the sale can only be used for capital improvement expenses within in the district and has been deposited in an interest-earning account with Star Ohio.

As for the identity of the buyer, a Chris Ryan signed for a company, identified as East Cleveland Road LLC, a Delaware based registration. So exactly what will the building be used for in its new life? That is the mystery question presently bouncing around the community. But a look at Mr. Ryan's background shows that he is the CEO and legal representative for a company called ACCEL, which is a part of a larger for-profit technology-based educational enterprise, Pansophic Learning, founded by entrepreneur Ron Packard and headquartered out of McLean VA. Mr. Packard's background was in technology and finance, and he pioneered in centering education around the use of technology.

In researching the company, it seems that charter schools have played a large part in the past in ACCEL's businesses. In fact, the company maintains in the Ohio area at present 77 charter schools and 15 on-line schools, most of which lie in Ohio itself. They are easily recognizable because one of the words Academy paired with either Preparatory/Career/Technology appears in most of the names. The VRL (Virtual Reality Learning) appears before the name of most of the on-line schools operated by ACCEL. Almost all of the schools are established in the larger cities or areas with a population in the 30 to 40 thousand range.

Huronites and alumni everywhere are justifiably interested in what the company's plans are for the future of the Shawnee building. Change seldom occurs without fears for what has been a part of the community for almost eight decades and an enjoyable part of the lives of many now reading this. Will Shawnee be used as a charter school or center for on-line learning? Could part of it be turned into a day care center or preschool, providing working mothers or dual working parents relief from worrying about childcare during their working hours? Could it even be used as something like a regional headquarters for the larger enterprise? So these and many other such questions abound these days, but don't pester your school administrators who are in as much darkness as an ordinary citizen. When the answer is available, the company will make it known at their appointed time. Until then, we just need to remain calm and call out those who spread far out "conspiracy" theories. By the way, ACCEL stands for Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning. Ponder that for a while instead.



## Membership Sign Up

### HHS Alumni Association Membership Form

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

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

### Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "SuperTiger" \$300 (includes two passes to every high school sporting event)  
\_\_\_\_\_ "Tiger" \$125 (includes two home season tickets to sport of choice)  
(Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Basketball Boys' Basketball)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special "Gray" \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Regular "Red" \$25

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the earnings used for student scholarships and teacher grants.)

### Membership and Scholarships

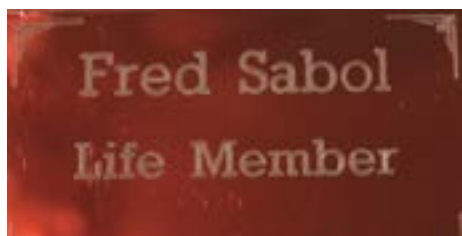
In December we encourage our alumni of all ages to help keep this effort moving forward by taking out a membership. We know that times can be tough for some, but that goes for businesses and non-profits such as your Alumni Association also. For example, once again this summer the cost of mailing this Newsletter has increased. When we began this enterprise in 2002, we set the membership price as \$10 per year with special rates for multi-year memberships, resolving at the same time not to increase that rate. That we have not, but your postal system did not. Postage in 2002 was on 37 cents per first class stamp; today, after this second summer's jump in price for the year is now 66 cents, a ten percent increase since the same time in the preceding year.

Thankfully, to mail this newsletter does not cost the same as a first class letter, otherwise we would be dead broke. Instead, as a non-profit we receive a bulk rate which is priced by the number of copies sent to each zone. The further the distance mailed, the higher the cost. We snail mail a little over 3,200 copies of this newsletter for an average cost per printing of about \$1,400. Then we include in the cost that of printing and addressing each copy that goes out. Total printing cost per edition is usually around \$1,200. That cost used to run much lower until pulp and paper costs increased right along side the cost of an ordinary eight foot long 2x4 stud.

Thus, the cost per year to print just twice - down from the four issues that we used to print - runs around \$3,200 annually, up from about \$2,000 per year when we started twenty years ago. Thank God for email subscribers. Our cost to email is \$0 per year, as the Huron School system graciously allows us to piggy-back on their system.

We are grateful for every member that can join and help support our efforts. Unfortunately we are in a quandry more each year. So many of our aged grads are passing away. They helped swell our membership over the years as they preferred a paper edition in their hands. The more recent grads, however, have been reared to carry and read on their phones, laptops, or Kindles and Nooks. You can see the problem slowly developing. We urge all who have email to provide us with their email address so we could eventually provide this service to all at no cost. Dreaming? Maybe, but the alternative is a reality that could eventually destroy what we are trying to do, that is, keep all grads connected with their classmates and friends, their alma mater, and their Huron hometown roots. Do what you can to help us out, and we will be eternally grateful!

Lois Taylor Murphy	Lindsey Allen	TX	1955
Jane Pappas	McDevitt Huron	OH	1955
Janet Carpenter	Kennedy Olmstead Falls	OH	1962
Claire McLaughlin	Ann Arbor	MI	1965
Tim Sowecke	Huron	OH	1970
Julie Hetrick	Sowecke Huron	OH	1971
Fred Sabol	Port Charlotte	FL	1973
Lisa Dechant	Dahmen Sandusky	OH	1976
Deborah Murphy	Tietjen Allen	TX	1976







## Into the Arts

### Team Caporini

Here they go again, John, '68, and Jody, '71, in two new children's books. With the help of Jack Russell Maddie and Pals, children will investigate the birds that dwell in their back yard or migrate through the area. A second book scopes out all the types of construction equipment seen in their neighborhoods. The works, especially with their pictures, aim to involve children in reading with parents about the worlds around them and, while doing so, enjoy the rhythms and rhymes of language. In working with and questioning parents about words and what they mean, the children will also increase their vocabulary and hopefully have fun with learning. *The Adventures of JR Maddie & Pals: Watching Birds* helps children learn how to recognize various common bird species, as well as increase their knowledge of the birds' habits

and habitats, their diets, and migration patterns. The book ends with pages of coloring instructions for each species to help children with their hand-eye coordination - i.e., stay inside the lines!

The fourth book in the series, *A Day with Construction Machines*, walks the reader through a neighborhood with new construction occurring everywhere. Any machine larger than a child is carefully explained as to its purpose, design, and special features. Anything that pushes, scrapes, lifts, loads, or dumps is fully illustrated. Somehow even cement mixers and mix plants find their way into the text and illustration sections. Children who read this book with their parents and already possess a collection of Tonkas and such will especially enjoy the work and probably tear up their sand box or even Nickel Plate beach front.



To view the books and their reviews, go on line to Amazon.com and search John Caporini Books. All four in the series will appear, allowing for reviewing and ordering. Stay tuned as John and Jody are currently working on books 5 and 6 - something about Christmas trees and zoos. Stay tuned.

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### Kim Minus Luczkowski, '76, Nature Artist



Kim has been painting her watercolors of natural subjects for about a decade now and displaying her works throughout the area. Earlier this fall the Huron Public Library highlighted her works with a month long exhibition. You can see some of her works from this display at the library's website. If you are interested in purchasing any of her work, contact her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KimLuczkowskiDaydreamStudio/photos> or at her email: [daydream1@roadrunner.com](mailto:daydream1@roadrunner.com). Signed works are available.



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## HEF Report

The Huron Educational Foundation (HEF) has been slowly and steadily growing under the aegis of the Erie County Community Foundation's investment policies. All of the named scholarships listed on the previous page are invested with ECCF and are guaranteed to return us an annual distribution each year of 4%, in perpetuity. The number of such scholarships is growing each year, the latest being the Evelyn Bauer Scholarship Fund, in honor of our kindergarten student who passed away this past January. The community's generosity to this cause has been so great that the fund has exceeded its original goal and continues to swell. Thank you to all who have participated in its success and continue to do so. This is a prime example of a memorial scholarship of an individual or couple.

Others are imagining what other ways the scholarship numbers can be increased. For example, some classes, at their large five-year gatherings are starting to investigate how they may be able to establish a scholarship, in the name of their class, for a purpose near and dear to their particular class. Contact us and we can help walk you through the process.

Others are thinking in terms of honoring parents, or the family as a whole, or a family business, and thereby perpetuating the family name in perpetuity while at the same time helping many generations hence up ladders of success. What a fine example of memorializing past successes and helping to point the way to future ones!

Another consideration deals with end-of-year decisions that folks have to make for their tax purposes. For example, one may have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from a IRA, part of which he or she annually donates to various charities in order to help reduce a tax bill. Why not begin a scholarship endowment and then annually continue to build it up? Or anyone pouring over the old 1040 can do the same type of donation at any time. Some many tax payers, so many small donations, what a huge pot eventually!!! Think about it and consider doing your part for this cause. Lend a hand up to kids looking at further education, but wondering - perhaps like yourself once up a time - how in the heck to even begin to manage it.

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## Check Writing Regulations for Non-Profits

Once again, a reminder from our attorney, that when making a donation for your alumni membership dues and to a scholarship cause, since the Alumni Association is separate from the Huron Educational Foundation, a separate check is required for each. Also, for scholarship donations, on the memo line you can write the name of the fund for your records, but the top line must be made out to the HEF, the Huron Educational Foundation. Please help keep our bank teller gals smiling!

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## Memorial Bricks



The McCormick Middle School building years ago was declared a treasure, a superb representative of classical Art Deco architecture. The State of Ohio Historical Society had the building declared a historical site, thus ensuring that the building will remain basically the same into the future.

During the 75th anniversary celebration of the building's construction, the wishbone shaped sidewalk at the front entrance was established as a site for placing commemorative bricks as a fundraising effort to help defray maintenance of the structure. Individuals, whether graduates of Huron High or no, whole Huron classes, or even businesses can purchase a brick to be placed along the sidewalk. Information about purchase of the bricks can be found at [huronhs.com](http://huronhs.com), and then a click on the Community/Alumni tab. Please be patient in having your brick placed, as the company inscribing them is two counties away. We batch orders to save transportation costs.

