

Huron High Graduates Its 9480th Alumnus

On a beautiful Friday evening on Memorial Day weekend, Huron High graduated its latest crop of seniors dating back to 1887. One hundred and twelve young men and women joined the distinguished ranks of the Huron Alumni Association, of whom over 85% are still living! Your Association's alumni message to the grads was delivered this year by president David "Blue Gill" Major, '62. Read all about the class and their accomplishments inside beginning on page 36.



HHS Has a New Principal

Huron High School's present principal officially retires - again - on July 31. Scott Matheny has served the Huron school community and its students well for the past four years. He leaves "the best school job in the State of Ohio" to try to empty a huge bucket of things to accomplish in his retirement.

Succeeding Scott is a new principal, selected by the Board of Education at its March meeting. Tim Lamb, presently principal at Vermilion High School and a Huron resident, will take over the reins in July. Read about Tim and what he brings to the Huron system on page 3.

Huron War Heroes Honored

Two generations ago, during the Vietnam War, and more recently during the Iraq Conflict, Huron lost four young men whose lives were snuffed out in the midst of two controversial wars. As Memorial Day neared, Huron's student body participated in a history lesson at a ceremony held in the Huron High School gymnasium. The four men were honored by having highway signs erected at four places in Huron - at three interchanges on the Huron Route 2 Bypass and one at the walkover bridge behind the high school's Huron Memorial Stadium. Read about the ceremony and its moving messages to the students and community inside on pages 17.



Some Winter Gatherings



Class of '61

The merry gang of '61 tries to meet at least once a month during the bleak winter season and enjoy a luncheon together somewhere in the area. Favorite haunts include Chinese in Norwalk, burgers at the Old Dutch, or Italian at Berardi's.

This Berardi gathering saw the following show up: Bill Fisk, Ron Krock, Mike and Rose Gerber, Suzi Groscost, Judy Keller, Josephine and Butch Palmer. On the right: Debbie Fisk, Charlie and Angela Myers, Beth Walker, Sharon Warren, Anjean and Bob Crowell, and Kay Reeves, Angela and Charlie Myers, Debbie Fisk



Class of '65

The class of '65 has quite a few Florida Sunbirds. They extended their class lunches this year to the sunny South. On April 8th they met in Venice at Snook Haven on the Myakka River. There oughta be a law - with Ohio suffering through an endless spring, these guys soak up the sun in a great place and a slice of OLD Florida:

Martha (Routh) Taylor, Marilyn Beatty, Judy Houdeshell, Cathy (Mackiewicz) Keelan, Darlene Jensen, Dan Houdeshell (standing), Ron Jensen, and George Beatty.



Wanderers from '69

Tom and Patti Biazzo wandered in from Washington State this spring and decided to enjoy catching up with Keith Vlasak over luncheon at Chet and Matt's in Sandusky. Both guys are retired now and enjoying whatever life brings next. Tom retired as a chem engineer from the pulp and paper industry, mostly in Minnesota and Sweden and now lives out in the Puget Sound area while Keith has an apartment in Sandusky. He still writes for pleasure and profit, his latest novel being *Have Amber - Will Travel*, available on line.

Meet the New High School Principal

Your alma mater has a new leader at the helm, effective the first of August this year. Mr. Tim Lamb was chosen to lead Huron High School for perhaps the next twenty years or so, as he is only 43 years old. Tim, a '91 St. Mary Central Catholic graduate, has lived in Huron for 18 years. He wisely married one of the Dwight girls, Kelly, and they live on the far west side of Huron with their six children. Number one daughter is a junior and then there is the little surprise, four years of age. A dedicated father and family man, Tim has long ingratiated himself with the Huron community and wants nothing but the best for Huron's kids.

Tim's experience with students of all ages and situations is vast. He hung around in college, pushing up his student debt, until he emerged with his MA and considerable PhD work behind him. He began his teaching career in 1997 at Fremont St. Joseph until 2000, as well as doing clinical counseling from 1998 until 2015 with Dr. Robert Daniels. He became Vermilion's school counselor in 2000 and enjoyed that until taking over as their principal for their Workforce Development program. In 2014, then, he became principal of the entire Vermilion High School.

About coming to Huron to lead the high school for the next generation, he says he is very excited. Having lived here for 18 years and participating in the life of the community, he is eager to get to work. And what changes can the staff expect to find?

Tim's attitude is that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. He knows that Huron's academic success over the decades has been remarkable, but there are areas where the program could stand some tweaking. He sees his job not to impose from above but to be a cheerleader for what is working and then an enabler for what needs changing. Also, as the state keeps making ever changing demands, it will be his job to help educate the staff to move in whatever the new directions shall be required. That may take a while, but if it's good for kids, you can bet he will be the district cheerleader and bring the staff along with him!

If there is one thing that one takes away from talking with Tim it is his enthusiasm for what he does. He doesn't sit still; he bubbles with excitement talking about innovative programs and the changing needs of the workforce and how the schools can help fill those needs. He could be mistaken for Italian, not bad in this town, as he constantly gestures with his hands to make his points. And that's good to see. We sense that the transition will be smooth, and your Association looks forward to working with him in the future in doing whatever we can to help improve your alma mater.



Fare Ye Well, Mr. Matheny

Scott Matheny, Huron High School Principal for the past four years, will officially retire for a second time at the end of July, after thirty-two years in education. Scott came to Huron from Sandusky High where he had been assistant high school principal for three years. He had begun his teaching career at Arcadia where he taught sixth and seventh grade. From there he moved over to Findlay where he spent three years teaching in the old Findlay Central building. When a position opened up at Jackson Jr. High in Sandusky, Scott took it and enjoyed 12 years as principal there, before moving on up to assistant principal at the high school.

At Huron, Scott enjoyed four years in what he lovingly calls "the best position in the state of Ohio." He leaves to begin working on his own bucket list of things to do now. But we suspect that we shall see him frequently at many Tiger events in the future. He lives just south of town on Rt. 13, a short ways away, longer if he travels in by donkey.



Scholarship Time

May is always harvest time for Huron High School's graduating seniors. Planting had taken place maybe thirteen years earlier, way back when they entered kindergarten and first sensed what learning was all about. With careful nurturing by family, community, and school along the way, most had developed into top flight scholars by their senior year, despite the best efforts of athletics, college courses, and Facebook and Twitter to distract them along the way. So it's with a great deal of excitement when, in mid-May, seniors receive an invitation to attend the scholarship evening, usually held at the Cedar Point Center on the campus of Bowling Green Firelands College. For three hours a steady parade of speakers approaches the podium, tells its story, and then announces the individual winners of scholarships to students to continue their education.

This year's event took place on the evening of May 16, with featured speaker being Marcus Rimboch, '04, himself a winner of the Vanessa Hart-Campbell Scholarship. After graduation, Marcus reported that the scholarship had allowed him to leave college owing much less debt than average and having saved thousands of dollars in interest payments alone. However, he chose to be born at the wrong time, as he graduated at the height of the recent Great Recession when no jobs were available. He paid his dues, however, by subbing and volunteering to coach at various schools until the economy turned around. Today he enjoys teaching in the Port Clinton school district. He encouraged today's seniors to stay focused, positive, and dedicated to obtaining as much as they could from their college experience. Finally, he urged them never to forget their roots, and when their time came, to give back to another generation of students in another time to maintain the steady parade of successes from Huron.

Then the scholarships were handed out to the graduates. Twenty-two percent of the class received merit scholarships, all but two from Ohio colleges and universities. These are outright gifts to talented students, not loans that are repayable. In many cases, by maintaining the proper grade point average, students can renew the scholarships annually and thus reduce their total overall college costs.

In addition, a total of 68 local scholarships were handed out totaling in excess of \$640,000 and counting as more come in daily. A good portion of the gifts come from memorial scholarships, those set up in memory of someone deceased and whose family has chosen to keep their memory alive by presenting a scholarship. Others are given by various community service organizations, who, in addition to the usual academic bona fides, target students who have shown unusual promise of leadership and generosity with their time throughout their high school careers. A final category of donors choose not to wait until after they are departed to make a lasting impression upon students. They are usually successful at whatever it is that they do and wish to help others behind them up a ladder. In many cases, the relationship turns into a mentorship of several years both to the benefit of the students and of the donors who enjoy seeing the fruits of their generosity while they are still living.

Huron's students have been blessed many times over by this spirit of a small community willing to take care of its own. Countless adults work innumerable hours all year long to raise the funds necessary to make these scholarships. It's interesting to note that even in the toughest years economically to the country as a whole, donations to these fund do not dip as one may suspect. Rather, folks just work harder and dig deeper to make their goal – that of insuring that any Huron student who works hard, shows promise of future success, and has perseverance has a chance to go on after high school.

For all these individuals and organizations, Huron students roar out a mighty Tiger "Thank you!"



Dr. Cindy Miglietti presents Emma Steinmetz with the HHSAA Scholarship for 2016.

Sue Shontz Dubray poses with the winners of the Shontz Scholarship for 2016: Mike Huddleston and Kaitlyn Krueger.



David Gagnon



On March 14, David Gagnon passed away in Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky. David had suffered a stroke earlier in the year, was making good progress, but life threatening complications set in and eventually took him.

None of you reading this ever had Dave as a teacher, a few of you experienced him as a counselor during the 1967-68 school year, but many of you knew him as the tall, lanky, balding man lurking in the principal's office.

He served as principal at Shawnee School before it was closed, then moved over to assume the same position at Woodlands School, and finally at McCormick Middle School. He then retired but continued in education by serving as a member of the Board of Education in Port Clinton where he maintained a home and for the EHOVE Career Center. His entire professional life was centered upon advocating for children.

He was well prepared for the task through his own education. After graduating from Sandusky St. Mary's in 1954, he attended Notre Dame for a year before transferring to, and graduating from, BGSU with three degrees – his BA, an MA, and a Specialist's Degree. Not finished, he enrolled in the University of Toledo to work on his PhD, but then still loving learning, he did course work in real estate law. All of this training served him well during his professional career, but even after retirement he continued his advocacy. He helped found Erie County's CASA, a troubled children's judicial service group and served as a children's court appointed mentor to shepherd them through the social services system. His legacy lives on, too, in a non-profit business begun way back in 1977 in Port Clinton – The Treasure Shop, a community based agency to help people. In short, his life was filled with so many examples of selflessness, of stepping forward when he perceived a need, and of accomplishing much while remaining out of the limelight.

Lest one think Dave lived entirely between book covers or school offices, he did have a life outside of his beloved schools. He loved boating and fishing on Lake Erie's waters. Early on, as a teenager he built his first boat, and, unlike Leroy Jethro Gibbs of NCI fame, who is perennially building a boat in his basement, Dave built his in the family garage and did manage to extricate it, albeit by removing a garage wall. Eventually his father forgave him, though. He later earned his charter captain's license and could be found all summer on the lake, guiding folks to his favorite perch and walleye holes. During the winter, he even gave some of us inquirers routine ice fishing reports, though we always failed to get him into a shanty. We shall miss his piscine savvy. The community shall miss his zeal in advocating for the less fortunate. The children he mentored and advocate for today stand taller and prouder because of him.

Chris Ford



Chris Ford, former Huron wrestling and football coach, passed away on January 11 doing what he loved best, hunting with his boys. A graduate of Mansfield Senior, Chris played football and participated in wrestling at Bowling Green State University. He then began his coaching career at Huron as a student teacher in 1952, becoming a full-time teacher in 1956. He began as defensive coordinator for the football team, then coached field events in track and field, but his real mark was made when he guided the Huron wrestling program to new heights, with individual state champions in Billy Joe Armstrong, Ted Wiley, and John Sharpe, as well as a third

place state finish in 1964. His record at Huron stood at 67 - 10 in duals.

In 1965, Chris left Huron for Ashland College. There he started all over again, building a team from nothing, starting in an army surplus quonset hut, graduating to a sweaty storage room under the chapel, and then finally getting a real facility and dressing room! Today the new locker room at Ashland bears his name, as it was dedicated to him last year. In all, Chris coached a national champion, 32 All-Americans and led the Eagles to a third place finish at the NCAA championships in 1976 while also winning Coach of the Year honors. With a record like that, little wonder that Ohio State gobbled him up in 1976 where he remained for ten more years.

At OSU, Chris's accomplishments were legion. He coached a national champion, Big Ten champions, and All-Americans. Ohio State went from relative obscurity in the sport to one of the premier programs in the country, and that during a time when it was still called *rasslin'*. Overall, he compiled a career record of 299-76-8 and was inducted into the Ohio High School Hall of Fame in 1978, the AU Hall of Fame in 1989 and in 2010 was inducted into the Ohio Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Chris's success at every level was due in most part to the supreme interest that he took in every aspect of his men's education. He and his wife Georgeanne were like alter-parents for the team, and did the same when Chris was head of a campus frat house. Firm, but not too stern, fun loving when he could be, serious when he had to be. That love of his men and the mutual loyalty they showed one another back in those days persisted through life. Whenever he learned of any accomplishment of former wrestlers, Chris would drop them a note or ring them up for a chat - always that personal touch.

In his later years, after retirement, Chris could be found back in Huron again. He and Georgie maintained a residence in town where Chris became quite an accomplished wood carver. His waterfowl carvings displayed the same meticulous attention to detail that made him a winner at every level in his wrestling career. It was a great legacy that he passed on to all who knew and loved him. A person was a stranger only once to him. The world needs more like Chris; his students are many and now paying forward what he taught them.

Reunions 2016

Listed below are the only class reunion notices that we have received as of press time. Of course, the younger ones no longer depend upon paper. They have this new fangled method called social media that they use for everything, and that's ok - as long as they are staying connected. If they let us know, we can cover the reunion and get the pictures into the next issue. Enjoy the summer season, and see you at your reunions!

1948	First Friday of the month, 8 AM prompt, Berardi's Restaurant			
1956	Aug 6	Huron Eagles	Judy Mize	419 624-8063
1961	Oct. 8	Marconi's	Rose Iallonardo Gerber Suzi Lagando Groscost	iallonardo@aol.com elnsg@aol.com
1965	June 16 August 6	Rustic Oar, 11:30 AM Bar North, 11:30 AM	Marcia Gockstetter Lapp	mllapp31@yahoo.com
1971	Waiting till their 50th to celebrate BIG!!!			
1976	Sept 3	Saturday evening of Labor Day weekend.	Jan Auble Battiste	jan-battiste@hotmail.com
1986	July 9	Rustic Oar 6:30 PM	RSVP BY JUNE 18 to Sarah Lagando 419-602-7322	
1981	RiverFest Weekend - stay tuned for details		Eric Muehlhauser	emmmule@aol.com1986
1996	July 9, 6-9 PM	Bar North @ T-Bird Hills GC	Sarah Resley Leimkuhler	sarahresley@yahoo.com
2006	July 9 2-4 PM	Bar North back patio	Alex Swain Anthony	419-357-6332 aswain1@gmail.com)

Rubber Ducky, You're the One

Don't be drinking before five - anywhere. Otherwise you may possibly run into something that will confound your eyes and perhaps send you off the road.

That happened to many a driver late this past April 25. Drivers on Cleveland Road West, in front of Barnes Nursery were pulling off the road in disbelief when confronted by this friendly looking enough but YOUGE! rubber ducky taking up half the Barnes parking lot. Topping out at some 65 fet, it was visible for miles around.

Owned by Sandusky company Big Duck LLC, Ryan Whaley, owner, said that Mama Duck hibernated with Barnes all winter, then was arranged on its base, inflated and scrubbed up to prepare it for the upcoming festival season. Mama usually appears wherever there are tall ships moored to comemorate some event. In fact, look for Mama to return in the summer of 2018 when the Tall Ships visit Sandusky Bay to commemorate Sandusky's 200th anniversary.

Until then, remember, don't drink and drive.



What's Happening?

Busy time, summer in Huron is! If you plan on being in town anytime this summer, here are some activities you might try.

June

12	<i>Green Golly and Her Golden Flute</i> , an introduction to classical music for children at the James H. McBride Arboretum at Firelands College at 4 PM
18	Sandtown at the Basin Motown at its finest
25	Alex Bevan 7:30 at the Basin modern troubadour

July

2	Red, White and Blues Bang 6 PM at the Basin Fireworks 10:30
5-8	Chorus Line Huron Playhouse 8 PM
8 - 10	Huron RiverFest at the Basin
	Fireworks Friday night 10:30 PM
12-15	The Birds Huron Playhouse 8 PM
16	Cletus Black 7:30 at the Basin Unique style of rock, pop & blues
17	Michael Gabriel free concert at McBride Arboretum 4 PM singer/songwriter
17	Vermilion Community Concert Band at the Basin
19-22	Vania Sonya Masha Spike Huron Playhouse 8 PM
23	Christmas in July Rumours at the Basin Fleetwood Mac Tribute
24	The Smooth Groove at the Basin Motown and DooWop
26-29	Little Shop of Horrors Huron Playhouse 8 PM
31	Pantasia at the Basin 7 PM Music played on steel drums a la Jamaica!

August

7	Firelands String Quartet McBride Arboretum free concert at 4 PM
7	Erie County OSU Alumni Marching Band at the Basin 7 PM
12-14	Rotary Fine Arts Food Truck Festival downtown 11 AM - 4 PM
27	Legends of Rock at the Basin 7:30 The Brits and Elvis
28	Firelands Symphony Orchestra free concert McBride Arboretum at 6 PM

September

3	New Decade: at the Basin 7:30 PM Classic 50's-90's Rock
10	Huron City-Wide Garage Sale II - 9 AM - 1 PM

October

8	Pumpkin Fest and Huron River Art Fest at the Basin 11 AM - 5 PM - Fall festival
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Retired Faculty Burrows Out

In early February this year, the few retired faculty still in the Huron area gathered at Marconi's for an evening of dinner, fine beverages, and reminiscing. As usual, grandkids, travel, and even great-grandkids dominated the conversation. Sorry, former students, you no longer dominate as you once did!

This spring's gathering saw the following attendees:

Seated: Tom Heckelman, Paul and Alea Dahnke, June and Dick Klein, and Nancy Freitas.



Couples toward the rear were Jack and Vicki Busam, Don and Judy Pflieger, Will Folger, Jeff and Judy Horchler, Bob and Kim Bowers and Tom and Marilyn Knechtges.



The Pfliegers and Bowers enjoy a good laugh with former principal, Will Folger.

Will has retired now - again - after bouts of superintendency in the Sheffield-Sheffield Lake and Norwalk school systems. Kim is still working to keep Bob and his faithful hound Maggie in food. Don and Judy, though retired, remain active in the Sandusky community - when not down in the Charleston area.

Proof positive, folks. You can see it with your own eyes. Dick Klein has finally been photographed in the 21st century. How so? Look at what he is trying to conceal in his hand, like a lowly freshman shielding his cribsheet - a modern fancy Smartphone. So far he has mastered the numbered buttons, is taking the short course in texting, and will eventually move up to taking pictures. His standard answer to most queries is "If God had wanted us to have . . . , they would have been there on D-Day!" This must be DeeDay as he now seems to be enjoying his new toy.



A Mother Turns 100

On January 9, a special birthday party was held at the United Church of Christ over in Oxford Township, at the corner of Thomas and Mason Roads. So what, you ask. That's not Huron. Well, it is and it was.

On that day the 100th birthday of Arlene Kaiser was celebrated, with over 175 guests crowding in during the afternoon. On the actual date of her birthday, January 11th, another 60 folks mobbed the party room at Parkvue Assisted Living Residence in Sandusky to put a punctuation mark on the week of celebrations.

Arlene and her husband had actually raised most of their children inside the Huron School district before eventually moving west in the '60's. But while they lived in Huron, during the 1963-64 school year they sponsored a foreign exchange student, one Ozzie Sandoval, about whom we have written many times in these pages. Ozzie was from Peru, not the tiny hamlet in Huron County, Ohio but the big country in South America. The Kaisers were fast becoming empty nesters and thought having another "son" around would be great. Hence the appearance of Ozzie.

But this is not a normal relationship between host family and exchange student. So strong is the bond that has existed for over half a century now. On Arlene's birthday each year Ozzie calls her from wherever he is, usually in Peru, and sings her the birthday song. He did it again this year, only in person, by singing at both parties, thrilling his "mom" to no end!

Then there are the family visits to Peru. Arlene and her husband have made the trip, as did two of the married children at various times. Now it is the grandchildren's turn, with one, Kristine, planning on going next year, along with her husband now. Kirstine was only two years old when Ozzie arrived in 1963, a scared kid far from home, wondering what family life was like in America. She was impressed with Ozzie, and Ozzie was doubly impressed that a two year old could speak perfect English already! They have remained close through the years.

Arlene also continues to reciprocate, in a way. She knits baby sweater and hat sets for all of Ozzie's grandchildren. This trip Ozzie went home with another set for the anticipated grandchild to be born sometime during this past spring. Amazing, isn't it, that an ambassadorship begun that long ago continues today, with each family drawing nearer the other and the other's country. Much more of that needed these days to balance America's growing xenophobia.

As an added note, back in late 2014, as plans were being made for the birthday celebration this year, Katherine contacted the McBride Arboretum people and requested that a living memorial tree be planted in Arlene's name. A beautiful white oak was planted near the Deering Family Terrace at the arboretum. Why there? Because the Kaiser and Deering's owned adjoining farms after the move to Oxford Township. It made sense that the Kaiser tree adjoin the Deering Terrace as well. After the birthday party settled down and mom had time to recuperate, Katherine drove her out to the arboretum to see "her tree." As they say in England, it "warmed the cockles of her heart," whatever they are!

Many more happy birthdays, Arlene. (And your tree is doing just fine this spring!)

Birthday girl in front holding her flowers is Arlene Kaiser. By couples, left to right: Zannie and Ozzie, '64, Sandoval, Bob and Michele Kaiser, John and Louise, '56, (Kaiser) Carle, Herb, '60, and Diane Kaiser, and John and Katherine, '54, (Kaiser) Aylsworth



Senior Citizens Thank You Dinner

The middle of April now seems to be Fine Arts Week at Huron High School. Oh yes, and Senior Citizens Week as well.

On April 20, the district held its annual Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner to thank the city's growing number of seniors for continuing to support Huron's education program, still Number One in the area. The evening began when doors to the dinner opened at 4:30, only to find two eager brothers, veritable geriatric eating machines, already seated and waiting! Well over one hundred folks filled the cafeteria this year to enjoy a meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, and mixed veggies, with a surprise dessert of ice cream over warm Granny Smith apple crisp. A thanksgiving feast well deserved.

But the event indirectly turned into a district-wide Fine Arts happening as well. To entertain the troops, the freshman choir delighted the crowd before dinner with several pieces beautifully rendered, and the crowd applause proved its appreciation. Then as dinner was being served and enjoyed, the high school jazz ensemble began a set that lasted right through dessert. This quintet was comprised of a single senior, with the remainder all underclassmen, but they played as if they had been together for years. The jazz aficionados in the audience clapped and stomped in accompaniment, and an aged member of the class of '59 even took to his feet and, while visiting from table to table, managed to tie himself up by getting caught wiggling his behind between a One-Step Two-Step something or other. (Word has it that he sneaked off early the next morning to his chiropractor. His back is just find now.)

For the actual art part of the evening, the entrance hallway, as well as the area all along the cafeteria's windows, had been festooned with samples of student's artwork, from Shawnee Elementary to the high school. In fact, many of the guests were heard to exclaim that they wished the art had been for sale as they wished to purchase much of it for their homes. And we're not just talking an appreciative grandma who happened to spot her grandchild's rendition of her pet Chihuahua. Most of these folks were discerning buyers of art pieces who just happened to want to support the students' efforts by gracing their walls or mantels.

After the dinner, the seniors were all invited over to McCormick Middle School's auditorium where they enjoyed the final dress rehearsal of this year's musical, Cinderella. The seniors enjoyed the production, and the students likewise enjoyed performing one final time before a live audience to get down their timing. These seniors were also the first members of the viewing public to view what was a first for Huron theater, a flying character – the Fairy Godmother took to her wings, soaring over the rest of the cast and left the crowd audibly gasping.

So yes, the Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner did have food - a great meal it was, and thank you again, ladies – but another kind of food was also served that hopefully lasts much longer. For if laughter can be wine for the soul, then art in any of its forms nourishes the spirit as well. The seniors went to bed that evening well sated. Now for next year, we just need to shoot for an all-arts trifecta - borrow a statue from somewhere to prop up in the cafeteria and also placate the Muse Terpsichore with at least one dance for all the participants. Huron kids are up for the challenge.

The event was a great time for all who attended. Each year the numbers creep up, and that's great. So look for it next April, and we'll see you there!



Some of the folks who enjoyed the dinner, viewed the art work, listened to Superintendent Muratori, and enjoyed the entertainment.





The high school chorale and the jazz ensemble performed, much to the delight of the crowd.



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Jeff Skaggs Lays Down the Baton

For the past twenty-four years, Jeff Skaggs has directed the vocal music program and spring musicals at Huron High School. And what a run it has been! Huron was lucky to land Jeff and smart enough to retain him after what he had been through in his previous districts.

In 1980 Jeff graduated from Ohio University with his BFA and began teaching in the Clark County Schools. He was RIFed at the end of the year and returned to work on his Masters of Education in performance from BGSU. He interrupted that long enough to work for Cedar Point with its PR band, "The Amazement Park Revue." Two years on the road convinced him to stay more settled, especially since he was now married and family was a prime concern. So he took a job as music director for St. Mary's Central Catholic in Sandusky, beginning in 1984, then went to Perkins as Assistant Band Director where, after only two years, he was faced with another RIF. He solved that by switching to their vocal education program, directing their choirs for three years. But when a position as Assistant Manager and Golf Instructor opened up at Thunderbird Hills, Jeff laid down the baton and took up the clubs, a no-brainer he thought.

But again, after only two years, he realized that he missed the kids and teaching, so he started looking to return to the classroom. And that's when Huron got lucky, in 1992, when the position of vocal music director opened at the high school. Marty Smith, director at McCormick Middle School, caught wind of Jeff's desire to return and promoted his hiring. The Board of Education at that time wisely acted upon Marty's recommendation, and Jeff was hired. The rest is legend.

Jeff's musical past was extremely rich in experiences. While still in college, he had begun performing at Cedar Point as part of its Hobo Band and Keystone Cops group, performing on the midway there. Perhaps some of you can find a picture posing your kids with the Hobos back in the day. He then moved to their Red, Hot and Dixieland Band and into the Red Garter Saloon where he helped entertain the crowds of mostly oldsters resting their feet, sucking down a few suds, and enjoying the playing. The man in the back row sliding his trombone to tip off hats and rustle the singers' skirts? That was Jeff!

As part of his legacy, Jeff had many musical opportunities that others today would kill for. He once worked with entertainer Pearl Bailey, and her drummer husband, Louis Bellson, with trumpeter Clark Terry and comedian Henny Youngman (The King of One-liners). He has played many productions at the Huron Playhouse, was Principal Trombone and guest soloist for the Firelands Symphony, and currently plays his weekend gigs at the islands with Wally and the Beavs. He has also been a side musician for many bands in the Cleveland and Toledo areas.

Jeff's love of and feel for music has carried over to his students. He relates an episode that took place in his first year at Huron. "Ever had your hair on your arm rise when you see or hear something beautiful? Year one at Huron, State finals, the Chorale was singing a beautiful ballad and their singing gave me the chills to the point that I got lost in their music. I almost lost their Superior rating I was shaking so much. I have had many moments like that." And the students sense that feeling as well, and the two become one and soar together. For twenty-one of his twenty-four years at Huron, Jeff's choirs have taken superiors at state competition. It doesn't matter whether he throws singing in Russian or in 8-10 parts, whether they perform free-form or with dissonance, his students have always risen to the occasion and gone far past their musical abilities. It takes a special musician himself and motivator to take kids where they never expected to shine. Jeff could do that. For that he will be sorely missed.

As for the spring musicals that he has directed, the absolute highlight has to be when he flew as a first on a Huron stage the Fairy Godmother in this year's production of Cinderella. He was not about to retire without that feat to his credit! As the perfect storm of creativity and talent, he would rate Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as unparalleled - and that's not to take away from any previous performances. It's just that sometimes the talent of the students and all the stars align just right to produce a masterpiece. The hair on his arms stood up and about fell off on that performance!

As for his future, Jeff and Janet want to empty their dream buckets. Daughter Lauren has given them a granddaughter over whom they can now dote, and then there is that golf thing again - Jeff would really like to get back into the swing and work on reducing his 6 handicap a bit, preferably on great courses in Europe. His concerns for the future, though, for those following him, are great. Hard pressed school boards all over drop the arts, then too late realize they should not have done so. Talented teachers will get lost in those shuffles. Then with the advent of the high stakes testing programs and mandates, he can see teacher burnout increasing nationwide. His concern is also that the steam - the A for Arts - will be taken out of schools with over emphasis on STEM subjects in the future, all to the detriment of the nation which needs even more creativity in student training.

So between trips to the Grand Ole Opry, music festivals around the county, and jazz fests anywhere, expect Jeff and Janet to pop up on your radar anywhere. They may be the oldest in the crowd, but you won't find any more young at heart. And if things get boring, Lauren can always use help at her new found passion, winemaking. Here's one for you, Jeff! Ad multos annos!

Patty Bo Leaves Woodlands

Patty Newsome Bollenbacher, '74, has found an excuse to hang it up - a first grandbaby. Seems to be going around these days. She and her husband Jim, '71, also retired now, have decided to spend more time with family and do some traveling as well. They both deserve the well earned time.

Patty took her degree in education from Kent State University back in '78, certified in K-8 and a specialist in early childhood. Later she would add reading specialist to her credentials. In '80 she married the love of her life, Jim, for whom she had cheered while in high school, and together they raised four children, also Huron graduates: Jim, Beth Ann, Kristy, and Brian. The girls have followed mom into teaching, the boys into business and finance so that someday the folks would have a better quality nursing home! All are doing well.

Before returning to Huron to teach, Patty taught at Norwalk St. Paul, then at St. Jude's in Elyria, before going to the Wee People Nursery School. All of these experiences were a good tune up for her next twenty-two years stint spent in Huron's third grade classroom. She loved the work, was passionate about kids, and unrelenting in getting the most out of them.

During her career, she saw many changes. The job is definitely not an 8 - 3 job with summers off any more. The past eight to ten years, for example, have seen the state demand increasingly more structure and constant revising of the curriculum to meet new standards, supposedly designed to Leave No Child Behind and all that good stuff. Every new man or woman at the top of the state department demands new sheaves of paperwork, and that trickles down to every classroom teacher burning the midnight oil, constantly improving teaching. The only thing that really changes is the names on the plans so that someone else gets the credit - and a pay raise! But she survived all the administivia and technology training and now looks forward to fulfilling some dreams.

First on the list is spending lots of time with Baby Bo, a month old as of this writing. Then there's the call of the beach, jet skiing, and the islands, mostly in Lake Erie, but come winter probably further south, waaaaay south! And then there is a whole lot of country she and Jim have not yet seen. So together they will be burning up the miles in this next phase of their lives. We wish them happy travels wherever the wind takes them and know that we will still be seeing them volunteering all around town.



Another Retiree Turns 90

Did you go to Huron City Schools between the years of 1948 through the mid-seventies? You may have had Miss Alter / Mrs. Hahn as your English teacher.

The superintendent of Huron Schools, R.L. McCormick, traveled to Muskingum College with his two daughters, recruiting teachers. (Men were not allowed to interview women teachers unchaperoned!) There, he interviewed Christine Alter for a teaching position. Miss Alter came to Huron in 1948 as a young 22-year-old, to teach at the newly constructed McCormick School which was built in 1943. It housed elementary through high school students. She took a position teaching high school English and was the Junior class advisor and play director for the High School.



One of her students was Mary Hahn (class of 1952) who thought Chris would be a nice catch for her older brother, Ted Hahn (class of 1940)! He was, they did get married in 1954, and Chris has been in Huron for 68 years!

If you didn't have her as a teacher, you most certainly know her as the "Sweet Corn Lady" from Hahn Farms on Bogart Road! She and Ted raised three sons: Leslie (1974), Gordon (1975) and Roger (1977). Four of her 7 grandchildren have graduated from HHS, as well! (Lucas - 2007, Eric - 2009, Annie - 2010 and Laura - 2012) Chris is an avid Huron Tiger fan! She enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren participate in the various sports, and will watch many of the games today, as they are broadcast on the television. As an English teacher, she loves the written word! She always has a book, or three, on hand to read! One of her dear students, Cindy (Sheared) Carruthers (1973 graduate), keeps her well supplied with books from the Huron Public Library.



Christine is turning 90 on September 15! We know she would LOVE to receive a card from her former students! You can send them to her at: 820 Bogart Road, Huron, Ohio 44839.

(Thanks to Mary Hahn for calling this to our attention and supplying the information.)

SBC Realigned

Usually when folks attend a cock fight, they don't expect to see a banty rooster paired against a heavy or a gamecock. Or as a sage once said, "Don't bring a knife to a gun fight." That about sums up what has happened over the years in aligning sports conferences at the high school level – trying to pair up the right sized birds against one another.

The SBC athletic conference to which Huron High has belonged for years, like any good conference, has tried to maintain parity among its members based upon student enrollment. But today's solutions often become confounded due to circumstances beyond school officials' control. For example, a city can be hit with plant closures, ageing demographics, or changing job opportunities, any of which forces families to move. A school district can then sometimes gain or lose a fifth or quarter of its population practically overnight. Then, with smaller pools of athletes from which to field teams, the now smaller school systems cry for realignment. Can't blame them, frankly. Now you know what the two pound banty rooster feels when he looks up and sees a two pound beak aimed straight for his eyes.

Athletic directors who want to insure that their teams in all sports have a fair chance of winning seasons will always be striving for parity. The past two years have proven no exception in North Central Ohio. A couple years ago, St. Mary's as the smallest high school in the SBC, looked around for a league with teams of comparable size. They dropped out of the SBC, and that action began tipping over the dominoes. Other schools, too, began shopping around for new affiliations, and so began a new league of smaller schools. The new conference, the Sandusky River League, was to consist of smaller schools to the west of Huron such as Old Fort, New Riegel, and Fostoria St. Wendelin.

In late 2014, however, the SBC was forced to expand to 15 teams from an original seven. They absorbed this new league and added Vermilion which was playing independent. Because of long term contracts among schools, though, the reformulation would not be completed until the 2016-17 school year. The problem is that some of the schools are small enough that they can't field a football team.

So the idea of a conference with two equally matched divisions competing against all schools within their division and then annually crossing over for a few games against teams in the opposite division, while it looked good on paper, presented its own set of problems. But they tried, and realizing the complications, a new arrangement was announced this past spring. The athletic directors came up with the idea to solve the problem by expanding further – to twenty-one teams! The old Northern Ohio League was to be absorbed into the new SBC, thus ending a league which had existed since 1944. But not to fear, as this new arrangement, when completed, will certainly create new rivalries and hopefully increase attendance at events.

Remember the days when stadiums were packed? Not any more. A gate of two-thirds capacity is considered good these days at any school. When one considers that the football and basketball programs basically fund all other athletics, it is easy to see that something needs to be done to create more interest and bring out the fans on Friday nights. So many other activities compete with high school athletics these days. Consider also that an ageing demographic means that fewer folks in town have children or even grandchildren playing any kind of sports and the future can look pretty bleak. Perhaps new rivalries can help end the drought of fans. For the present, however, the final alignments and the matching of teams within divisions of the SBC have not yet been announced. The date for beginning the new arrangement has been pushed out to school year 2017-18. Until then, excitement will build, folks will scratch their heads trying to figure out how it will all play out in terms of conference championships, and so on. But the end result in time should prove that the SBC will be one of the premier conferences in the state of Ohio. Stay tuned.

As of this writing, here is the listing of schools that will comprise the new league:

Present Sandusky Bay Conference (SBC): Huron, Perkins, Oak Harbor, Clyde, Edison, Margareta, and Port Clinton

Present Sandusky River League (SRL): St. Mary Central Catholic, Fremont St. Joseph, Fostoria St. Wendelin, Old Fort, New Riegel, Lakota, Tiffin Calvert (Absorbed from the Toledo Area Athletic Conference, and Vermilion (which had been independent)

Present Northern Ohio League (NOL): Bellevue, Sandusky, Norwalk, Willard, Tiffin Columbian, and Shelby.

Picture now, if you can, three divisions of seven schools, with some schools with certain sports teams, others without, and then a playoff system with three divisions but no wild card provision. Complicated? You bet. Thank God that the SBC cross country finals are held at the James H. McBride Arboretum on the campus of BGSU Firelands. The starting meadow there can easily accommodate 21 lanes, but as the runners funnel, even there trees may have to be moved. Will let you know how that all plays out!

Meet Commander Brad Swanbeck

We are pleased to announce that back on April 18, national security improved a bit when Brad Swanbeck, '95, assumed command of the nuclear attack submarine *USS Montpelier*. Nicknamed "The Mighty Monty," she was commissioned in 1993 and immediately went into battle during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was the first ship to fire its full complement of Tomahawk missiles. Longer than a football field and half as wide, she carries 15 officers, 17 Chief Petty officers and 112 enlisted men. It takes that many to maneuver her nearly 7,000 tons fully loaded. She can remain underwater for six months at a time and has made port calls all over the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and off the Mideast Gulf States. Based of Norfolk VA, if Brad told you where his next assignment is, he'd have to kill you.

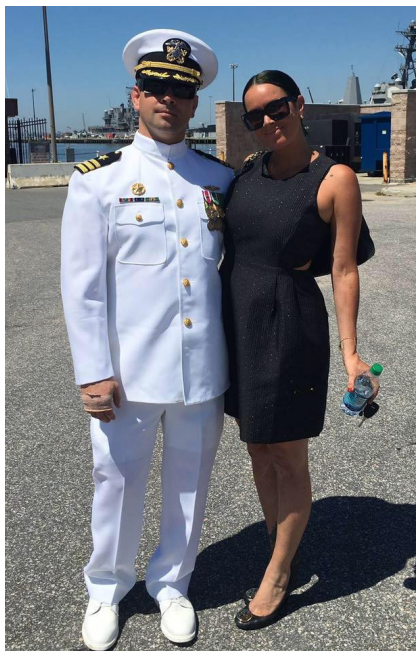
Brad was commissioned to the US Naval Academy after graduating from Huron High. He took his degree there in mechanical engineering and graduated with honors in 1999. He did additional work for his Masters Degree in business administration and also carries a certificate in operations analysis from the Navy's post-graduate school. All this paper work served him well in the years leading up to his recent command, but it was also his previous deployments and working experience that qualified him.

Brad served on the *USS Asheville* as a division officer, where he successfully completed deployments to the Western Pacific and Central Command Area of Responsibility (CCAR). Then he put all that engineering training to good use as an Engineer Officer on the *USS Maryland Gold* where he did five strategic deterrent patrols. That's a long time underwater and away from family. Moving on up, Brad then served as Executive Officer on the *USS Dallas*. When not at sea, Brad did instructing in anti-submarine tactics and served as information systems department head at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center in San Diego. He was also the assistant Squadron Engineer at Submarine Squadron Fifteen in Guam, operations analyst in OPNAV N81 (Assessments division), and then just before his *Montpelier* assignment he was the Executive Assistant to the Director of Maritime headquarters, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. So do you think he was ready to assume full command of his own sub? And if he walks with a slight stoop, it's because he carries a chestful of medals earned thus far in his career for meritorious service, and many other various achievements and commendations.

Brad is the son of proud parents John and Tina Yacavone Swanbeck, both '66 grads of Huron High.



Brad was a stand-out football player and wrestler at Huron High. At the ceremony in April, he was accompanied by his high school wrestling coach, Chris McFarland and assistant coach Larry Balcarcel.



She stands by her man - Brad's wife Monica. Next Memorial Day, remember also those who serve beside those who serve, the spouses of those out to sea, who during the absence, assume command and control of all family affairs, manage the finances, raise the children, and in general endure months on end of loss of companionship. Except that Monica does have two boys to keep her busy: Parker, 9, and Braxton, 8.



Brad being piped aboard his new command

Dedication Ceremony for Memorial Day



On May 20, a full week before Memorial Day, Huron High School celebrated a distant part of its past that a whole generation preferred to forget. The Vietnam era was a troublesome time period in American history, a time when the country was being ripped apart by opposition to an unpopular war. When her vets returned home, many were scorned by an ungrateful county as traitors to everything that America stood for. Even less attention was paid those who came home through Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, in flag draped caskets. After the military rituals played out at the funerals, few wanted to talk about them, even in reverent tones, for fear of backlash from anti-war protesters.

But finally the Huron men who gave their lives in both the Vietnam War, and the later Iraq conflict will now be honored for their sacrifices. Every time drivers along the Route 2 Huron Bypass cross any of several interchanges, they will be reminded of these men and their heroics. For on May 20, a dedication ceremony was held at Huron High School at which signs were unveiled that will eventually be posted along the highway. Each sign bears the name and rank of a Huron son who made the ultimate sacrifice in these two wars: James Fekete, Terrance Mesenburg, James Baumer, and Michael Finke.

The interchange naming was made possible by a bill introduced into the Ohio Legislature last year by Senator Randy Gardner, Bowling Green, who represents Ohio's Second Senate District. Randy had driven to the Huron area back in February of 2015 during blizzard conditions to listen to your Association make a pitch that this was something that needed to be done after all these years. He took the informational packet supplied him to Columbus where he worked on drafting a bill and then shepherded it through committee hearings and out onto the Senate floor late in the year. After the bill passed there, it went to the House, was confirmed there, and eventually was signed into law earlier this year by Governor John Kasich when he was in Ohio and off the campaign trail for president.

The bill authorizes the Ohio Department of Transportation to designate with appropriate signage three interchanges around Huron as memorials to Huron's finest. A fourth man will be honored by having the walkover bridge behind Huron Memorial Stadium named in his honor.

The interchange at Route 2 and Rye Beach Road will be named in honor of Sgt. James Fekete who died in Vietnam in 1967. The Route 13 (South Main Street) and Route 2 interchange will be memorialized to honor Naval Fireman James Baumer who died in 1970 in Vietnam. A third interchange at Route 2 and Berlin road will honor Sgt. Terry Mesenburg who died in 1969 in Vietnam. Finally, Sgt. Michael Finke who died in Iraq in 2005, will be honored by having the walkover bridge behind Huron Memorial Stadium named in his honor. In addition to the signs there to be placed on the bypass spur leading into the city of Huron, Mike will also have a sign posted at each end of the bridge so that those who walk it will also know in whose honor the bridge is named.



When the bill was finally signed this winter, Principal Scott Matheny set to work to help plan for a celebration of the event. Memorial Day at Huron High, in the olden days, was a day off school to begin the summer party season and, oh yes, prepare for final exams. In more recent years, graduation has been held before Memorial Day and school was already out for the summer. So this year, it was decided that the dedication ceremony would result in an early Memorial Day celebration for the students, a chance to educate this generation of students about Huron's part in part of America's painful past. Thus Friday, May 20, was chosen as it was the last time the entire student body could be assembled before exam and graduation week began.

Before the assembly, ODOT had delivered the signs to the school. What the event planners did not know was that the signs would not be a simple aluminum sign, maybe ten inches high and five feet long. Rather, these signs were huge, requiring two burly men to unload each from the bed of the truck that had brought them up special that morning for the ceremony. So each was leaned up against a tree in the front of the school, facing the school so that all passers-by could view them. One car was even observed to stop, with the driver exiting to salute before continuing on.

Students were then called down for the assembly, solemnly entering the gymnasium to see the band seated, concert style, ready to begin an *America* medley. They knew not what to expect because an assembly of this nature had never been held within their memory. They soon found out. A color guard, comprised of EHOVE Police Academy students, marched in to the music of America and posted the colors, both the American and Ohio flags, next to the podium. A trio of senior young ladies then sang a cappella for the crowd's enjoyment the National Anthem, while the ceiling-to-floor flag was displayed and remained displayed as



a backdrop for the entire ceremony. Superintendent Dennis Muraatori then began by introducing the honored guests, the speakers, and family members who could attend.

Principal Scott Matheny then assumed the role of Master of Ceremonies and spoke directly to the student body of each of the men being honored. He recounted brief biographies of each, stressing the service that they had rendered their nation and the circumstances leading to their deaths. The student body was transfixed, totally focused on each word, as Scott narrated the emotional details. After Scott spoke about each man, a sign was undraped on tables spread before the crowd, replicas of those that will appear on the highway. Audible gasps pierced the silence as the black crepe was removed, each name revealed, each seared into the collective memories of the viewers.

Then Scott brought to the podium the three featured speakers for the occasion: Senator Randy Gardner, Representative Steve Arndt of Ohio's 89th House District, and Col. Joel Hagy, a 1983 Huron alumnus and West Point graduate. Each took to the podium and explained the process leading to the day's events.



In his opening remarks, Rep. Arndt stressed the sacrifices made by the four young men and how he had helped maneuver the bill through the Ohio House. In an emotional moment, he told of his own son, a member of the U.S. Air Force, and how he prayed every day that America be spared the scourge of war again.



Senator Gardner took the podium, again recounting the process that made the day possible. He lauded the community of Huron which, though small in numbers, is big of heart and takes care of its own. The school system he especially praised for being the number one district in this part of the state. The family members of those being memorialized he also thanked for their hardship and pain resulting from their loss of brothers. At the end of his speech, he called school officials to the podium where he presented to them a copy of the actual bill, signed by the Governor, designating the interchanges as memorial places. The bill will reside in the showcase near the school office.

Next invited to the podium was Col. Joel Hagy, who has served with distinction since his West Point days. Joel recounted that he had never known the men being honored, never met them, never served with them. But he DID know them, just by different names, as he served with many like them in the Hindu Kush of Afghanistan or in the deserts of Iraq. The heroic deeds of men like them he knew well, and of the bonds they shared with their friends in the days, hours, minutes before they died. In a totally silent gym, he stood to tell the families and students, "I know they were loved, they are missed, and they will never be forgotten. No – I never met James, Terry, James and Michael – but I knew them, I served with them, I miss them dearly and will never forget them. Today's dedication ceremony ensures that their spirit will remain forever young, forever brave, where their memory will live from generation to generation."



Joel then challenged the student body to "Be that nation that honors and remembers. Honor these fellow alumni with service of your own, in your own way. It does not have to be in the military; it may be through other public service or other ways to help your fellow citizens. You see, I'm – a lot of us are - old, we are almost done, but I need to know – we need to know – that you will commit yourself to continue this tradition of selfless service to our community and to our nation." He concluded with "Your attendance here today is a testament to an American public grateful for the freedoms and liberties guaranteed at great cost through the heroics of men like James, Terry, James and Michael. May we, as their fellow alumni, never abandon their memory or allow their sacrifices to slip from our national conscience." With that, he strode back to his seat as a deafening silence filled the gym, allowing the message to sink deeply in.



Richard Baumer, Huron graduate of 1964, took the podium to speak briefly of his brother Jim and his Huron upbringing. On behalf of the family, he thanked the community for remembering Jim's sacrifice. He narrated from letters sent from shipmates of Jim what really happened that night on the river in Vietnam. After the craft had been hit by a floating mine and a ten foot hole pierced its side, Jim was not knocked unconscious and left to drown, as the naval version of the event said. Instead, having



been trained in ship emergencies, he chose not to jump into the water but instead ran below to seal the engine room hatch where the blast had occurred, thus creating a more buoyant craft and giving more men a chance to escape. Unfortunately, Jim and another sailor could not get back out in time and went to the bottom.

Rick Mesenburg then finished the speaking by briefly thanking those in attendance for helping to honor his brother in a way that will always be remembered.

To conclude the celebration, a very moving Final Roll Call ceremony was held. Sgt. Mike Van Rossum, '83, took to the podium to call the roll of those military present and ready for service. Col. Hagy responded with a loud, "Here!" as did Huron social studies teacher Heather Merckens, with two tours in Iraq to her credit, answering in like manner. Three men in the Honor Guard who were to fire the final volley – Tony Munafo, Tike Majoy, and John Harkelroad - also answered with a loud, crisp "Here!"

Then, painfully, the names of each of the four men lost were called, first by rank and last name only – followed by a long silence. No one breathed.

No response. Again each name was called, a first name added – again silence. A final plaintive call was made of first, middle, and last names – again the dreadful silence, breath as the finality of the loss settled one last time, Col. Hagy reported, "All sir!" Staff Sgt. Merckens then gave the and fire three salvos right outside the tance. Two band member buglers closed of *Taps*, played in echo style. The student unmoving, waiting, many sobbing, wait-

Before dismissal, Principal Scott in the past, each of these four men had sat tion, maybe family and careers someday, two or three years older than today's student body, in an instant of heroism, each chose a different path, sacrificing himself for others. How many of you, Scott asked, could make such a choice at the same age? Learn from what they gave. The student body left the gymnasium, solemn and somber.

They returned to classes that morning in of what they had witnessed. The ceremony would all remember Huron's brave men. such as this would never have



longer still. Students and staff alike held their ever more deeply. When all four had been called are present but answering to a higher authority, commands to the four riflemen to present arms gymnasium door, the reports echoing in the dis- ceremony with a beautifully done rendition body and staff, family members and guest stood ing to be dismissed.

Matheny reminded all the students that one day in the same stands, looking forward to graduation of dreams for their future. But when only student body, in an instant of heroism, each chose a ers. How many of you, Scott asked, could make from what they gave. The student body left the

near total silence, still processing the enormity of the event. The atmosphere was almost monastic in its quiet. Long All would remember also to pray that another to be repeated.

After the students had settled into their classes, Assistant Principal Tony Munafo Jr. addressed them over the PA system. He lauded them for their decorum and behavior during the ceremony. Never in his thirty-some years in education, he said, had he ever experienced a student body at an assembly of any type behave as well as these students that May day. They were respectful upon entering and leaving, attentive throughout, glued to their seats and focused to a person on each speaker. They got it!

Likewise, at a luncheon afterwards for family and guests, Senator Gardner remarked in the same vein. In the course of his duties over the decades, he said that he has visited hundreds of schools but never had he experienced anything like the Huron student body that morning. He, too, was impressed with their respectful demeanor and complete attention. He had watched them intently and noticed none just gazing about or checking watches or cell phones. The message got through, not loudly, but delivered clearly in soft tones – these men were heroes, all, in the manner in which each died. Huron has so much to be proud of and thankful for.

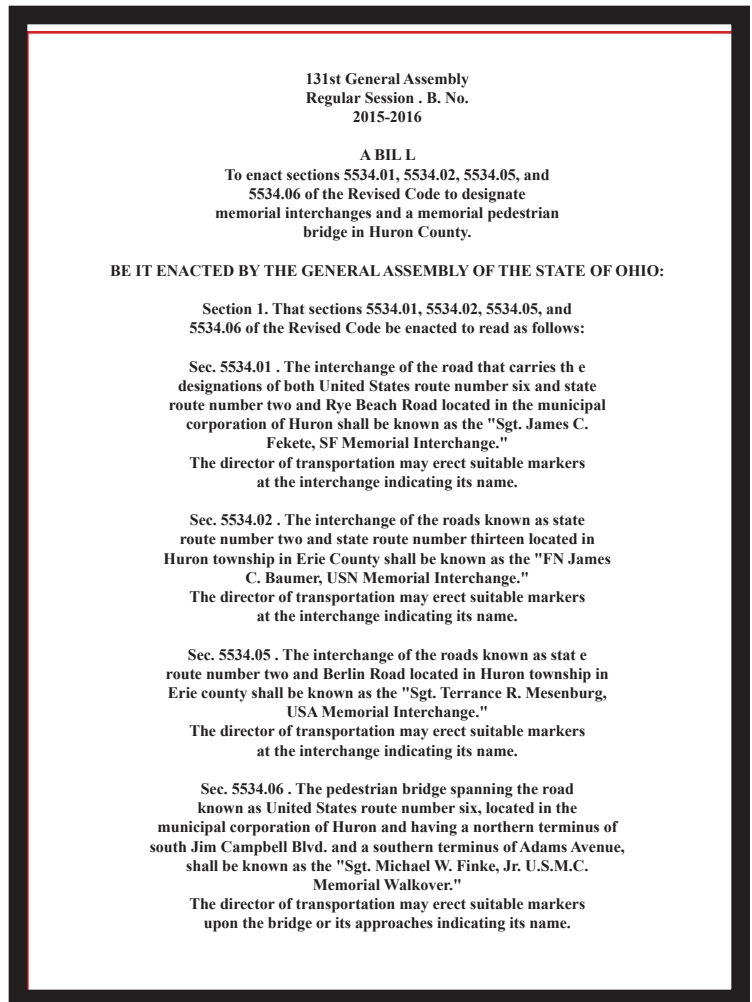


A Proclamation

At its May 23 meeting, Huron City Council's Mayor, Brad Hartung, '89, issued a Proclamation declaring that Memorial Day 2016 would be officially dedicated to the memory of the four men honored in assembly the previous Friday morning. Brad solemnly read the proclamation before the assembled Council, then presented a copy to your Association. The families and the Alumni Association join in expressing their gratitude to Brad for this initiative and for helping to keep alive the memory of four of Huron's finest.



Senator Randy Gardner presented school officials with a copy of the official bill enacted by the Ohio Legislature naming the interchanges and walkover bridge in honor of Huron's fallen. This bill will be enshrined in the Huron High School showcase by the main office to memorialize these men.





Do you think this is the REAL reason Jeff Skaggs has decided to retire?

Or is this the real reason Jeff has laid down his baton? He always said he wanted to fly someone on stage at a spring musical. With *Cinderella* his wish came true. So did hers: she meets a handsome prince, he woos her and . . . well, you know the story. But by the end of this version, the cinder sweeping little girl has been transformed by a Fairy Godmother who flies in over her to make sure everything turns out well. It was a first, and possibly an only attempt to do so. (Oh, the concern over the safety harness, and the liability policy required!) So when you are on top of your game, walk away. And that seems to be what Jeff is doing. But the word on the street is that if Peter Pan ever



How many grads does it take in one family to graduate another? ' on the way up. Shown are Louise Moon, Alice's mother, Bill Spring Will Springer, Jim Springer, '89(in front of Jim are Amy Baron Sp Springer, '01, Jess Springer, Charlene Kaman Baron, '67, Steve Bar

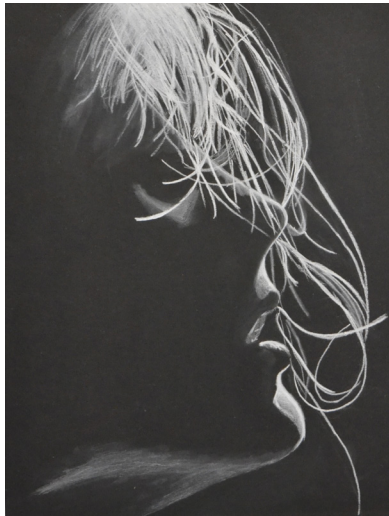




The annual Spring Arts Festival showcases what our students can produce, whether in oils, or water colors, or pencil sketches, or any other media. Many of these students will pursue careers in the arts fields, and we wish them well.



The Springer's are at eight and counting here with two more (Alice Springer, John Springer, '87 Katie Springer, graduate Katie Springer, '90, & Sam Springer) next to Jim on his right- David Springer, '68, & Jack Springer, '14



Sgt. James Charles Fekete, SF



James Charles Fekete was born October 30, 1936 in Huron Ohio. He attended Huron public schools and graduated in 1954. Jim was a member of the Special Forces and had between 12 and 13 years of service at the time of his death.

Jim, a Green Beret, was killed on June 15, 1967 when he charged an enemy machine gun nest. He was a sergeant in the U. S. Army at the time and his company was moving along a heavily wooded area when it received a sudden outburst of Viet Cong machine gun fire from concealed, fortified positions. Sergeant Fekete spotted two machine guns in key positions enabling the Viet Cong to pin down his men. He took three men and worked their way toward the hostile emplacement. When he was close enough, he jumped up, heedless of his own safety in the face of the intense fire, and charged, firing his rifle. He was mortally wounded in this valiant attempt with multiple fragmentation wounds. James was 30 years old when he was killed in action in Vietnam.

Officers from the Military Science Department of the University of Chattanooga presented his family with posthumous awards of the Silver Star and the Bronze Star medals. The Bronze Star citation noted Sgt. Fekete's "energetic application of his extensive knowledge" materially contributed to the United States mission to the Republic of Vietnam."

James was buried on 01 July 1967 in Site 91, Section BB, in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee. James is honored in Washington D.C. on the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Panel 21E Line 104.

James left a son, James Charles Jr., age six at the time. James Jr. now lives in Seymour TN.



Sgt. Terrance Mesenburg



Terrance R. Mesenburg was born in Huron OH on February 22, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mesenburg. Terry graduated from Huron High School in 1967 and enlisted in the United States Army. He was a member of Company D, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, Ninth Infantry Division.

Sergeant Mesenburg lost his life after being wounded in June 1969 in the Republic of Vietnam. He was 20 years old when he died. He was on duty during a conflict with the enemy in the Mekong Delta when a man from his unit ran out and was wounded. Terry ran out to help him and was himself wounded by gunshot. Terry lay in the hospital seven days before he died on June 6, 1969.

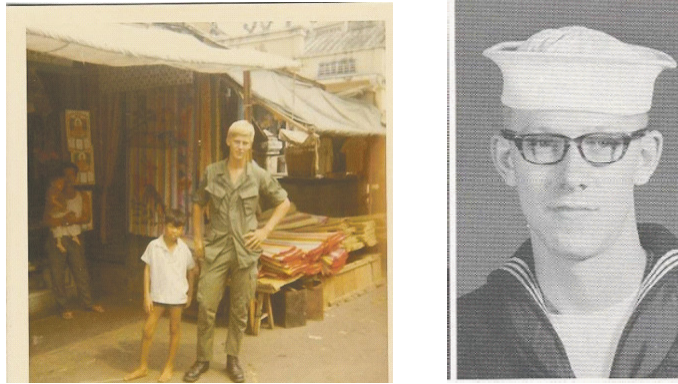
Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mesenburg, were presented two Bronze Star Medals for him for military operations against hostile forces. He also received the Purple Heart for his injuries.

Terry is buried in Scott Cemetery in Huron Ohio. Terrance is honored in Washington D.C. on the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Panel 23W Line 090.

Terry's mother Rosemary recently passed away in Huron Ohio, where two of brothers still reside: Rick and Randy. Brother Mitch now lives in Florida. A sister Margaret (Peggy) was killed in a tragic automobile accident in 1969, a year after her graduation in 1968.



FN James Baumer, USN



James Charles Baumer, FN USN, was born in Sandusky, Ohio to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baumer on December 11, 1949. James graduated from Huron High School in 1967. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on September 1 following graduation from Huron High School. He was sent to South Vietnam following a second entry into the service of his country in January, 1969.

Fireman James Baumer was assigned to the River Assault Craft, T-151-36, RIVRON 15, TF 117, US-NAVFORV, USN. The river assault boat Jim served on, with six other men, hauled troops and set night ambushes to keep the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army (NVA) from moving men and materials into South Vietnam.

Jim's crew was at dock on the night of January 21, 1970, when a mine hit the boat and exploded. The mine and other explosives had been set in the water by two boys, 13 and 15 years old, who worked for the NVA.

With water pouring in through a 10 foot plus hole, and awakened from a sound sleep, Jim worked his way back to the engine room. He was aware that fundamental damage control required the hatch to the engine room to be closed. For a few moments, the engine room was the only part of the boat out of the water. In those few moments, two shipmates were able to get out of the sinking boat. However, Jim was unable to get out before the whole boat sank in 15 feet of water.

Jim and another crew member were killed that night. One of the surviving men wrote that he and the other man were able to get out of the sinking boat because Jim thought first to secure the hatch to the engine room. Jim was killed in action Jan. 21, 1970 on Vain Co Dung River at Go Dam Ha, South Vietnam as a result of drowning.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baumer, Sr., Huron, OH, were presented his awards and ribbons. He posthumously received the National Defense Service Medal, the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal with one star, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was 20 years, one month and two days old when he lost his life in action. James is buried in Scott Cemetery in Huron, Ohio.

James was survived by siblings Richard, Jr. (Judy), Dorothy Girard (Jack), Joyce Thiel (David), Nancy, and Joseph. James is honored in Washington D.C. on the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Panel 14W Line 051.



Sgt. Michael Wayne Finke Jr., USMC



Michael Wayne Finke Jr. was born October 31, 1976.

Mike graduated from Huron High School in 1995. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. fulfilling a life-long dream of his.

Sgt. Michael Finke died Jan. 26, 2005, one of 31 soldiers who died when a Marine Corps transport helicopter crashed during a sandstorm near Ar Rutbah, Iraq, a couple weeks before he was scheduled to be deployed out. As a leader of his unit, on the day of the accident Michael had given up his position on the lead helicopter to ensure that all his men arrived where they were supposed to go. It was that second chop- per that went down with him and 30 other men.

Michael was a member of the US Marines, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Hawaii.

Mike was survived by his father, Mike Sr., his mother, Sally Rapp, and siblings Toni, Trisha and Tim.

Mike is buried in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio, at Plot: SECTION WAL12 ROW B SITE 33,



A small plaque has been affixed to each end of the walkover bridge so that drivers and walkers alike will know to whom the bridge is dedicated. This sign is in addition to the larger one that ODOT will install along the highway and visible to all drivers in both directions.

Some Sports Updates

Baseball

The Tiger Baseball Team, under Coach Sam Hohler, won back to back SBC titles for the first time in school history this season. Led by Seniors Kyle Kovach, Grant Ferrell, Jared Fronzaglio, Nathan Reinbolt, Dean Dickirson, and Wyatt Myers, the team had an overall record of 16-8. Despite moving up from Div. III to Div. II play, The Tigers were Sectional Champs once again but were eliminated at District play at Heidelberg University in Tiffin.

SBC All Conference

Kyle Kovach	First Team, Most Outstanding Performer	Nathan Reinbolt	Hon. Mention
Jared Fronzaglio	First Team	Dean Dickirson	Hon. Mention
Grant Farrell	First Team	Wyatt Myers	Hon. Mention
Jared Hohler	Second Team	Conor Fortune	Hon. Mention

Boys Tennis

The boys tennis team, under Coach Dan Johnson, finished with a 7 - 9 record. Jake Guerrero finished first in SBC and sectional tournaments. Jake Guerrero and Nick Swope also finished 3rd in the Fremont Doubles invitational. Many young players coming up who will have to step up to replace some valuable seniors who will be leaving.

Jake Guerrero MVP Ben Nevison Most Improved Justus Schellmann Sportsmanship Award

Huron Track Boys

The Boys Track Team was small in numbers but big in heart. Under Coach Roberta Collins, the team went 1 - 3 in tri-meets and 0-1 in dual meets. In invites, they placed 9th in the Perkins Invite, 7th in Edison Invite, 3rd in the Bellevue Invite, 2nd Bob Knoll Invite and 5th at SBC. Damien Bellamy in the pole vault qualified for state track meet in Columbus, Ohio. They were lead by a great group of Seniors: Nic Smercina, Shane Thatcher, Damien Bellamy, James Faunda, Jarod Mayle, Max Parell, and Jonathan Zechman.

Huron Girls Track

The Girls Track Team, under Coach Kelly VanCauwenbergh, completed a successful season and made steady improvement as the season progressed. They took second place at both a dual and tri-meet. In the Invites, they began in 12th place, then moved up to a second, fourth, and fifth, and first, before finishing fifth in the SBC. In the Districts, they finished third of thirteen teams. State finisher results were not completed as of the printing deadline.

Sarah Neibler	4x8, 4x4	Macie Majoy	Pole Vault
Cassie Currance	4x8, 4x4	Kylie Obergefell	Pole Vault
Jenna Burrier	4x8, 4x4 800m	Kaylia Black	Shot Put
Grace Moser	4x8, 3200m	Hunter Garbe	100m hurdles
Virginia Spitzley	4x4, 400m		

Damien Bellamy -Pole Vault
Macie Majoy-Pole Vault
Jenna Burrier-800
4 x 800 Relay Team of Cassie Currance, Grace Moser, Sarah Neibler
and Jenna Burrier

competed at state after print deadline

MICHELLE MARIE SAUNDERS/RYAN LEIGH FOSS Memorial Golf Scramble

The Saunders-Foss Memorial Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016, at Thunderbird Hills South Golf Course and will run in two flights, 7:30 AM and 2 PM, with a chicken dinner sandwiched in between. You may sign up by contacting Jim Bollenbacher 314 Canterbury Dr. Huron, OH 44839 or by phone at 419-366-5344 or Craig Saunders at 419-602-7068 and sending this form in by July 7.

\$60 per person/\$240 per team

Return this form and money ASAP, no later than July 7th

Team Captain Name: _____

Address: _____

Email (for confirmation): _____

Contact Phone Number _____

List other team members (if undecided, put undecided)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

___ Enclosed is a check for \$240 to reserve a team in Scramble

Make payable to: Saunders/Foss Scholarship Fund.

CHECK START TIME HERE: ___ 7:30 AM ___ 2 PM

HOLE SPONSORS/DONATIONS

Maybe you or your organization or business would like to consider a hole sponsorship? If so, please use the following:

Sponsor Name: _____

(will appear on the Tee-Box sign, Pavilion signs & T shirts)

Email Address: _____

___ Enclosed is a check for \$100 for a Hole Sponsorship

___ Enclosed is a check for a donation to the Scholarship Fund

Donations for Door prizes or Questions, please call:

Jim Bollenbacher 419-366-5344 - Craig Saunders at 419-602-7068

Thanks to you, this organization has given away over \$90,000 in scholarship money since the inception of this tournament. Keep up the good work! See you all there.

State of the Arts

How go the arts in the Huron Schools? Better than in most. The pressure is on these days to minimize the arts offerings in all schools. It's part of the big reform movement, you see. If a course does not lead to immediate employment, drop it. The bottom line is that it is all about the bottom line any more - bottom line for schools, because tax levies are voted down more often than not, and bottom line for students because more free college courses are being pushed down into the high schools to reduce college costs. A free college course that may help lead to a degree versus high school chorale, or speech and drama, or art history and the like? It's no contest.

But not in Huron. The district is proud of its arts programs. The students who can take the classes enjoy them and work hard at them. They aren't just the schedule filler courses of the past. The district supports the programs as well, with crowds enjoying all types of performances and exhibitions. There is even a little outside pressure as well, the Huron Playhouse. The community is proud that the Playhouse tradition has continued for well over 60 years now, uninterrupted, even though it struggles these days. That pride rubs off on the schools as well. Long may it continue.

With that said, we review here what has transpired at the high school. Be assured that the same continues in the other three buildings as well, as the foundations for continued excellence at the high school level begin way down in kindergarten, if not earlier.

Music Concerts

In the May spring arts festival, when the music began promptly at 6 PM, many were surprised to hear the Huron High School jazz ensemble perform. These eight players have studied jazz for over a year under the direction of master jazz artist and Huron vocal music director, Jeff Skaggs. The year was spent learning improvisation by watching past masters and then imitating them. The dividends paid that night were huge as they tore through selections from Myles Davis to the Duke himself. This group is good and needs more exposure on a larger area-wide jazz festival circuit. They can definitely hold their own.

A special treat, possibly a first for Huron High, was a student composed piece for piano by Jacob Jordan. Students accompanied the piano with flute and cello to render *Piano Trio in Eb Major*. The piece debuted in Cleveland the week before the concert and was well received there as well as in Huron.

When the full concert band's turn came, they too enthralled the audience and received standing ovations for a couple pieces. Director Chris Scherley had them all tuned up to perfection, and their performance that night was worthy of their superior rating at the state level competition.

The concert choir, under the direction of Adaleine Jackson - heir apparent to Jeff Skaggs - presented a wide variety of pieces, from a South African freedom song to spirituals to a selection from Mozart's Requiem, in Latin no less! The concert band, under direction of Chris Scherley, gave an equally well received selection of pieces showing off a wide range of talented musicians. Finally the Chorale, under the direction of Jeff Skaggs, presented its pieces.

As the chorale sang, it was a bitter-sweet performance, with tears in the eyes of most in attendance who realized that this was the last performance given by a Jeff Skaggs directed group. For twenty-four years, Jeff has labored to bring out the finest of Huron's vocal talents, in both the various choirs and in the spring musicals. In twenty-one of those years, his groups have gone to state competition and received mostly superior ratings there. A special tribute of a farewell lullaby was given by three young ladies who have performed so admirably for Jeff the past four years. And this time, the bouquet of roses that wiggled its way out of the crowd was presented to Jeff who immediately shared them with his wife, children, and granddaughter in the stands. For after all, without family support in a career such as Jeff's, could what he accomplished in his time have even been possible?

In giving a few words, after he found his voice, Jeff praised the Huron community for its dedication to the arts over the decades, stretching all the way back through Jim Gardner's run to Huffy's time beginning back in the 30's. Through all those times, Huron has refused to succumb to the meme that only the academics or the trade classes should be offered today's students. With the increased pressures in a highly technological world, the push is on in some areas to offer only STEM courses to train students for future tech positions - STEM standing for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Jeff was quick to point out that for the fully developed person it should read STEAM, not just STEM - the added A, of course, being the Arts. For critically and creatively thinking people are truly nurtured by the arts in any society. Despite the declining opportunities to enroll in the arts, due to college classes now being offered to high school students, Huron High still has over half its student body enrolled in fine arts classes of art, photography, band and choir, and the musical productions, with many doing various dance forms on their own. Area theater opportunities also abound for students. Long may the tradition continue!

The Visual Arts Turn

First was the mass of art displayed in the lower hallway and the cafeteria. Wall to wall it was, with all sorts of works staring out at visitors. The quality this year seemed a tad higher than normal, and that's not to take away from the past but to pay this year's students their due. The media remain the same from year to year – the water colors, the oils, the pen sketching, even photography these days. What changes, though, is the quality of the drawing and the creativity demonstrated in the pieces. The subject matter, too, usually remains the same – lots of nature with birds, exotic animals, and flowers, then in second place portraits of all sorts, real and imagined, then followed up with architectural renderings, calligraphy, cartoonish panes, and the obligatory still lifes.

This year one could see the Harry Potter influence – owls everywhere, on almost every show board, though most were horned or hoot owls, not the snowy Hedwig. And sea creatures galore abounded, the most popular being the octopi or squid, drawn with sparkling clarity, almost as if every artist had a window seat on Nemo's Nautilus. A hint of Japanese landscape art also crept in, with delicate pastels in water colors creating cherry blossoms and pandas perched in the bamboos dining on the leaves. Not so much gothic this year, though the human skull seems to attract many. Some of the portfolio students were encouraged to experiment, just to see what happens, with combining various media. Mix blue paints with white glue and other ingredients, then dabble it all over a canvass with some sort of pattern, and the result is not a Jackson Pollock glob but a rather nice uni-colored board that dries to resemble a contoured map done in 3-D.

An unusual canvas this year as well greeted guests. Parked right out in front of the school, at the very base of the flagpole, sat a snow plow. Yes, just a plow without a truck to push it. But painted on the front of the blade was a new billboard, advertising Huron as the small town with a big heart. Bet the Chamber of Commerce is looking over that baby. Leo Bunting, Addy Wisheart, Char Tyree, Abby Black, Ashlyn Ohm, Molly Leherer, and Madeline Henry all worked on the project which was designed by Will Wiseman.

Cleveland Airport Arts Connecting Flight

Passengers are not the only ones flying these days out of the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Thanks to a Huron High School junior, Amy Opfer, so does Superman.

Right there on the wall, as one enters the queues for the TSA security checks, he leaps up at the crowds passing by, his familiar blue, spray painted uniform with the emblazoned block S unmistakable to all but the blind.

Amy had entered her piece of art in the Cleveland International Airport Student Art Competition this past winter and had practically forgotten about the piece. That is until a letter arrived announcing that her piece had been chosen to hang in the airport for a year, along with those of others who had entered.

In March, Amy, her parents, and her teacher, Patricia Ryan, went to the Youth Arts dinner in Cleveland to receive her award and a second surprise greeted her. Superman was staring out from the cover of the program. She had taken first prize after all!

Our congratulations to Amy, and may more of her work in the future be received as well. And if you are passing through security at that airport, look for it. It hangs on the left hand wall as you pass through, the very first piece in the row. You may have to argue with the security folks, but they will let you take a picture of it!



Paint a Plow

Nothing is colder than the nose of a snow plow in winter. But the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) a couple years ago decided to warm things up with a contest. The idea was to offer another opportunity for schools to showcase their students' creative abilities by decorating the blade of an ODOT plow. The students could design a tasteful statement about their school and community, as long as they did not get political or partisan. Huron's students chose to spotlight the community by working on the theme Huron: Small Town, Big Heart. The plow was dropped off at the high school where art students tackled the job on their own time mostly. The beautiful result you see here, done in warm colors and featuring warm, fuzzy images. EHOVE's class in the Collision and Refinishing program then clear coated all eleven Erie County entries to insure that the images would survive a winter's use.

The plows are available to each community at public events to highlight public safety as well as foster greater appreciation of both ODOT and the schools' art programs. Well done, students. And let's hope that in the upcoming winter we will have as little snow-fall as we did this past winter. Your work should last many a year at that rate!



Artists on this plow project pose with their work and their teacher: Ashlyn Ohm 2017, Will Wiseman '17, Madline Henry '17, Leo Bunting '16, Addy Wischart '17, Molly Lehrer '17, Patricia Ryan instructor, Charlotte Tyree '16.

A work in progress with Molly Lehrer '17, Ashlyn Ohm '17 and Charlotte Tyree '16



Quite a shock it was indeed, as folks arrived for an arts festival in May, only to find a snow plow hogging the space at the flag pole. They stepped around it and were greeted by a dazzling display of artwork. Folks scratched their collective head, kids reached out to touch and were admonished by parents not to touch the art work, and a few Philistines never noticed - until they left. But in general all who saw admired the work. Great job, kids!

CLASSNOTES

John Hardy, '68, writes that he is definitely NOT retired-retired. After a very successful career in the insurance and brokerage industries, focusing primarily on construction and the maritime trades, he simply moved from his former office to another in NYC where he is now working with former business contacts to begin another type of insurance company to protect contractors. He received accolades when he set up the system after the 911 attacks in NYC to protect all the cleanup workers and contractors. John and his wife still live on Long Island, and he looks forward to returning for the class's 50th in a couple years.

Kerry Glann, '92, on Dec 11, 2015, received his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from The University of North Texas. His field of emphasis was in choral music and conducting. Kerry had received his Masters in music and conducting from Kent State University and served on its faculty for a time at the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music. He annually brought the university choral group through Huron for a concert as part of its tour through Northern Ohio. Kerry is currently in his second year as Associate Director of Choral Activities and School of Music Faculty member at Ball State University in Muncie IN. In addition to his teaching duties, he serves as College and University Repertoire & Standards Chair for the Indiana Choral Directors Association. Many of you will remember the seventeen years he put in as musical director for the Huron Playhouse where he led over thirty performances, as well as conducting for many operas over the years.

Engagements and Weddings

Dana Hammond, '01, and William Hogg of Anston, Sheffield, England, were wed on August 2, 2015 at Old Calvary in Sandusky. Dana earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Baldwin-Wallace College, then took Masters of Arts degrees from Hult University in London and then from Brooklyn College. She now teaches at Explore Charter School in Brooklyn. William graduated from the University of Newcastle (UK) and is now employed at PWC in New York City. The couple lives in Brooklyn.

Sara Sage, '08, announced her engagement to Matt DeMarcus, the son of Tom and Debbie DeMarcus of Solvang, CA. A 2012 graduate of UCLA, Sara is a Speciality Sales representative for Nestle Health-Sciences. She was also a professional volleyball player overseas. Her fiancé is a 2008 graduate of Santa Ynez Valley Union High School and a 2012 graduate of UCLA. He is the Vice President of Zaca Creek Landscapes Inc., a family-owned business in Solvang. He was also a professional volleyball player overseas. They will wed Aug. 6 in Maui.

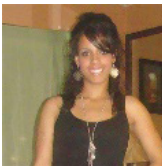
Jared Deville, '02, and Kate Yeo of Litchfield OH announced their engagement on April 14. Jared graduated from Bowling Green State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, and the University of Toledo, where he earned his Doctor of Physical Therapy. He is employed at Crystal Clinic Orthopedic Center in Medina. Kate graduated from Keystone High School and the University of Toledo, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and her Doctor of Physical Therapy. She is employed at Ferrel-Whited Physical Therapy Services in Medina. The couple will wed on August 20 in Grafton OH.

Obituaries



David Hiatt, '73, Age 60, of Amarillo TX, passed away on December 14 as a result of complications from a fall while putting up Christmas decorations. Dave was a controller for Tony Packo's Restaurants for many years before serving at Affiliated Foods Inc. as chief financial officer.

Donald Shrigley, '52, age 80, of Sandusky, passed away on December 17 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. Don, a veteran of the Korean conflict, worked at the Ford Motor Co. Sandusky plant until his retirement.



Katelin Castile, '07, age 26, died on January 1 as a result of an accidental gunshot wound. Kate served as an LPN at a local nursing home.



Allan Slyker, '43, age 90, passed away on January 4 under the care of Halifax Health Hospice in Ormond Beach FL. Al served as a medic with the U.S. Navy during WWII and was awarded both the Purple Heart and Asian War medals. Many of you probably remember having visited the Knotty Pine Restaurant in Old Huron, operated by Al and Sarah. Al then worked for the Post Office until his retirement.



Chris Ford, former wrestling coach at Huron High, passed away on January 11 while on a hunting trip. (See Chris's obit on page 5.)



Jane Bettcher, age 50, of Huron OH, passed away on January 11. Jane had attended Huron City Schools for many years before graduating from Linden Hall in Lititz, Pa. A business education major, Jane worked for Bettcher Industries and Goodwill while donating generously with gifts and time to other charitable organizations.



Nancy Boos Colon, '61, age 72, passed away on January 23 in Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky, of complications due to lung cancer. Nancy was all about all things green – from working at Charlie Nickels Farms, the Starr Mink Farm, and Colonial Gardens for years, and in her own gardens, flowers beds, and lawns.



Robert Simon, '48, age 85, of New London OH, passed away on February 6 at his home after a brief illness. "Glue Fingers" starred for the Tigers, was a U.S. Navy veteran who served proudly in the Korean War, then returned work for Laborer's Local 480 Sandusky from 1953 until retiring in 1990 as business agent.



Ella D. "Doris" (Hibbard) Ulmer, '59, age 74, passed away on February 7 in the Stein Hospice Care Center. Doris had attended the Maumee Valley School of Nursing, then became a devoted mother and homemaker.

Vivian Weigand Lee, '34, age 99 of Norwalk, passed away on February 14 at Admiral Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Huron. Vivian's body was donated to the University of Toledo Medical Center.



Marlene Westcott Boose, '63, age 70, passed away on February 12 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Married to Ed Boose, former Huron High School math teacher, Marlene graduated from the Sandusky School of Practical Nursing, then raised her family before returning to nursing. She served 10 years at the Erie County Care Facility and later for five years at Parkvue Health Care Center. Her compassionate and caring ways will be missed.



Alfred "Al" Weingart, age 85, passed away the morning of Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016, in his home in Ft. Myers, Fla. Al began his teaching career in Huron where he taught fifth grade at Shawnee School. He later became middle school supervisor for the Erie County Public School System. He was principal of Meadowlawn School in Perkins for 19 years, and elementary curriculum director in Perkins for two years. After retirement, Al donated much time to countless area organizations.



Lawrence Macioce, '51, age 82, of Huron, passed away on February 22 in Firelands Community Hospital, Sandusky. A graduate of Case Western University with a degree in mechanical engineering, "Chum" worked at NASA - Lewis Research Center and was Deputy Division Chief of the Research Experiments Branch, overseeing a wide variety of space and aeronautics programs over a thirty year career.

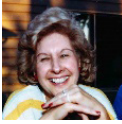
Dorothy Truman Slyker, '45, age 88, of Sandusky, passed away on March 8 in Kingston of Vermilion Nursing & Rehab. Dorothy was married to Albert Slyker, long time Huron City Schools custodian and maintenance man.

Scott Suter, former member of the Huron City School Board, passed away at his home in Leeper PA on March 13. Scott had also been an active member of the community and supporter of the Huron athletic program.

David Gagnon passed away on March 15 after an extended illness. (See Dave's obituary on page 5.)



Linda Jones DiStefano, '69, age 65, of Sandusky, passed away on March 13 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Linda loved her German shepherds, her gardening, and being an artistically creative designer, always striving to find beauty in whatever she did.

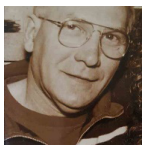


Carol Ann Adler, age 79, wife of former Huron High School speech and English teacher Robert Adler, passed away on April 17 at Mercy New Life Hospice in Lorain. After marrying Bob and moving from her home town of Toledo, Carol settled in to Huron, raised her family of three children, and variously ran a day care out of her home, was Executive Director of the local American Red Cross and American Cancer Society, then a fundraiser for the Lung Association and administrator for the Erie County Medical Society. After her retirement in 1997, she split time with family, Nickel Plate Beach, and volunteering for Stein Hospice. She will be missed.

Mark Ringlein, '78, age 58, passed away at his home on April 18. Mark had managed the Pro Shop at Sawmill Creek Golf Course, taught Culinary Arts at EHOVE for 20 years, and was a member of the Sandusky Bay Chefs Association.

George Skaggs, age 82, father of long time Huron High School vocal music teacher and musical director Jeff Skaggs, passed away on April 19 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky OH.

Don Casper, '63, age 70, passed away passed away early Sunday morning, May 1, 2016, in Stein Hospice Care Center after a brief illness. He was born Aug. 4, 1945, in Sandusky to the late John and Marie (Smith) Casper. He graduated from Huron High School, served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army, and was as an Erie County Deputy Sheriff for 27 years.



Roland "Cobb" Minge, '68, age 68, of Dunellon FL passed away on May 7. A U.S. Army vet, he had worked for Ford Motor Company before opening Cobb's Drive-In in Sandusky and served the first frozen yogurt in the area. He later became director of mechanical maintenance for Be-Mack Transportation Co. in the St. Louis area.

Brian Ford, son of former Huron High School wrestling coach Chris Ford, passed away from a massive heart attack on May 9.



Mary Riedy Hauser, '43, age 90, of Berlin Heights, passed away on May 12 at Fisher-Titus Medical Center Norwalk after a brief illness. Mary had worked at New Departure, retiring in 1991.



Marlene McKillip, age 83, of Sagamore Hills OH, passed away on May 13. Marlene was a graduate of Heidelberg University, and continued her education at the University of Colorado and Case Western Reserve University. She began her teaching career at Huron High School, and later taught Latin and English at Orange High School where she chaired the English department. Marlene was a church, school, and civic volunteer who enjoyed travel, theater, counted cross stitching and her beloved Cleveland Indians and Browns for whom she was a most loyal fan.



Helen Klaiber, age 92, of Berlin Heights, passed away at Admiral's Pointe in Huron on May 26. Helen had worked for the ammunition plant in Ravenna OH during WWII, then came to the Huron area in 1957 where she and her husband Charles raised their family. She was a long time secretary at Shawnee School before her retirement.



Don Goretzki, age 79, of Sandusky and formerly Huron, passed away May 25 at the Stein Hospice Care Center after a lengthy illness. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Don worked for Ford Motor Company in Sandusky for a time, then served twenty-plus years as night custodian at Huron High School until his retirement in 1988.

Membership Enrollment

We were gratified by the number of grads who either recommitted themselves to membership in the Association or joined for the first time. As you know, your Association's main source of funding for keeping all connected is through the membership dues structure. We cannot and will not deficit spend, so all the connecting we do depends upon your continued support. For those who have done so, we thank you. For those still thinking about it, give it some careful consideration and then refer to the inside back cover for your options. A reminder to all that renewals are always due in December. Please help us avoid the expense of mailing out reminders.

37	Marjorie Henes Marshall	Amherst	OH	60	Dottie Allinson Presutto	Vermilion	OH
38	Ruth Washburn Warner	Longview	TX	61	Nelson Hardesty	New Albany	OH
43	Eleanor Waite	Strongsville	OH	61	James Compton	Lyndhurst	OH
43	Bonnie Kellenberger	Washington CH	OH	61	Kay Billman Reeves	Huron	OH
45	Mary Waite	Strongsville	OH	62	David Majoy	Huron	OH
47	Kenneth Wilford	Huron	OH	62	Lewis Enderle	Huron	OH
47	Kenneth Betsh	Wyomissing	PA	62	Kay Dahlhofer Wilson	Chester	MD
47	Lina Lee Wharton	Longwood	FL	64	Gary Brown	Toledo	OH
48	Robert Fritz	Vermillion	OH	64	Carolyn Rudy	Sandusky	OH
48	Patricia Altman Basilone	Huron	OH	65	Grace Towne Cerniak	Joliet	IL
48	Teresa Larizza Johnson	Huron	OH	65	David Horner	Norwalk	OH
49	Patricia Lyons Baker	Elyria	OH	65	John Perrin	Shaker Heights	OH
49	Joyce Klein Boyes	Huron	OH	66	Michael Bork	Huron	OH
49	Bill Schell	Huron	OH	66	Robert Burkhardt	Cypress	TX
49	Betty Webster Ruetenik	Montgomery	TX	66	Alverta Modic Luma	Castalia	OH
50	Schirley Burton Schwanger	Sandusky	OH	66	James Kiger	Bakersfied	CA
50	Fern Barrett Delamatre	Huron	OH	67	Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA
51	Tike Majoy	Huron	OH	67	Carol Morey Traut	Colorado City	CO
52	Barbara Phillips Reddick	Willoughby	OH	67	Anna Wunder Bauman	Huron	OH
52	Agnes Doyle Majoy	Huron	OH	67	Suzanne Matt	Leesburg	FL
52	Shirley Steibly Watrous	San Diego	CA	68	John E. Hardy	Harwich	MA
53	William C Handley	Cape May CH	NJ	68	John Caporini	Huron	OH
53	Peggy Payne Zimmer	Mayfield Heights	OH	68	Pam Wentz Ebert	Bay Village	OH
53	Judy Lacey Rielle	Hyde Park	NY	69	Timothy Wallick	Huron	OH
54	Carol Andrews Wilford	Huron	OH	69	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO
54	Shirley Minier Reynolds	Huron	OH	69	Scott Stipp	Huron	OH
54	Sandra Roderick Gordon	Van Wert	OH	70	Steve Fisher	Huron	OH
54	Joy Foley Stephens	Pittsburgh	PA	70	William O'Hara	Vermilion	OH
54	Katherine Kaiser Aylsworth	St Johns	MI	70	Christina Bork Stipp	Huron	OH
55	Rolland Hart	Sandusky	OH	70	Gary Hinton	Huron	OH
55	Samuel Jeffery	San Diego	CA	70	Anne Hiatt Hinton	Huron	OH
55	Laura Daniels Cramer	Logan	OH	71	Sue Markin Ferland	Jewett City	CT
56	Carol Haggerty Schell	Huron	OH	71	Beth Legando Fisher	Huron	OH
56	Nancy Rhodes Harman	Huron	OH	71	Jody Boyes Caporini	Huron	OH
56	Linda Fisk Wareham	Fredericktown	OH	71	Chris Baker	Huron	OH
56	Ann Bostater Hart	Sandusky	OH	72	Gregory Roth	Mechanicsville	VA
56	Judy Connors Mize	Sandusky	OH	72	Dan Delahunt	Sandusky	OH
56	Carol Sprankle Lescher	Lorain	OH	72	Kathy Lopez Hummel	Columbus	OH
57	Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	72	Chris Harlan	Norwalk	OH
58	Nancy Weilnau Claus	Bellevue	OH	72	Becky Wilber Harlan	Norwalk	OH
58	Barbara Mellein Warner	Toledo	OH	72	Ron Junod	Duson	LA
59	Joe Lewis	Laguna Vista	TX	72	John Pelehach	Oak Ridge	NC
59	Barbara Taylor Jones	Huron	OH	73	Gaetano Munafo	Huron	OH
59	Robert Jones	Huron	OH	73	John Paul Jones	Huron	OH
59	Gayle Wallick Allen	Phoenix	AZ	74	David Shearer	Arroyo Grande	CA
60	Joanne Trabant Hall	Cincinnati	OH	74	Laurel Junod Wolf	Stow	OH
60	James Klecka	Safety Harbor	FL	74	Gary Majestic	Rome	GA
60	Dr. William Towne	Rockford	IL	75	Debra Hinton	St Albans	UK
60	Judith Moore Zoliniak	Santa Cruz	CA	75	Sharon Caporini Aamoth	Solon	OH
60	John Doyle	Los Alamitos	CA	76	Dr. Will Folger	Huron	OH

76	Debora Bihun and Gerhard Gross	Sandusky	OH	87	Sarah McFee Solberg	Huron	OH
79	Lee Jones	Milan	OH	92	Jennifer Ineson Cowin	Palatine	IL
80	Lynn Smith Lindsey	Swampscott	MA	92	Mary Reese Folger	Huron	OH
80	Joan McCann Heinrich	Lake Park	FL	2006	Sarah Baker	Huron	OH
81	Tom Solberg	Huron	OH	2010	Kate Jones	St Bonaficius	MN
81	Terri Jones	Newark	OH	2013	Zach Jones	Derby	KS
81	Dana Butkus	Huron	OH	2013	Gregory Baker	Huron	OH
82	Linda Pelehach Printy	Perrysburg	OH	former faculty	Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH
83	Bob Jones	Huron	OH	former faculty	Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH
84	Mark Claus	Huron	OH	former faculty	Barbara Butkus	Huron	OH
85	Amy Harkelroad Claus	Huron	OH	former faculty	Judy Pflieger	Sandusky	OH
85	Lynn Andrews	Keene	NH	former faculty	Don Pflieger	Sandusky	OH



Scholarships

We are happy to accept donations at any time for any of our scholarship programs. Donations are placed in our account with the Huron Education Foundation where they are invested and continue to grow. Scholarship programs begun so far are listed inside the back cover of this Newsletter. The General Scholarship Fund exists for those basically undecided as to which memorial to contribute. These funds can be earmarked for disbursement in the school year donated or placed into the endowment to grow, with only earnings expended. The memorial funds are all in the endowment and growing until earnings of each reach a point where annual disbursements never need to touch the principal invested.

If you are interested in beginning an endowed memorial fund to commemorate someone or for some cause, please contact us and we will arrange a meeting to discuss your options. When doing final estate planning, folks often decide that is the time to make a lasting contribution to their alma mater in the form of a legacy scholarship of some sort. We will be happy to walk you through the process so that generations of Huron students will benefit from your generosity.

General Scholarship Fund

'47	Ida Henes Hastings	Huron	OH
'69	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO
'66	James Kiger	Bakersfield	CA
'72	Dan Delahunt	Sandusky	OH
'48	Patricia Basilone	Huron	OH
'57	Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH

Dolores Heydinger Memorial Scholarship

'47	Ida Henes Hastings	Huron	OH
'75	Debra Hinton	St. Albans	UK
'69	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO
'73	JP Jones	Huron	OH
	Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH

Language Arts Scholarship Funds

'69	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO
'67	Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA
'72	John Pelehach	Oak Ridge	NC

Jess and Lynn Hagy Memorial Scholarship

'54	Sandra Roderick Gordon	Van Wert	OH
'76	Suzanne Matt	Leesburg	FL

Richard Wennes Scholarship

'85	Lynn Andrews	Keene	NH
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Tanny Vonthron Scholarship Fund

'67	Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA
'55	Sam Jeffery	San Diego	CA
'70	Anne and Gary Hinton	Huron	OH

Tom Shontz Science Scholarship Fund

	Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH
'72	Rebecca & Chris Harlan	Norwalk	OH

Alan and Sarah Slyker Memorial Scholarship

	Dr. Ron Ruble	Huron	OH
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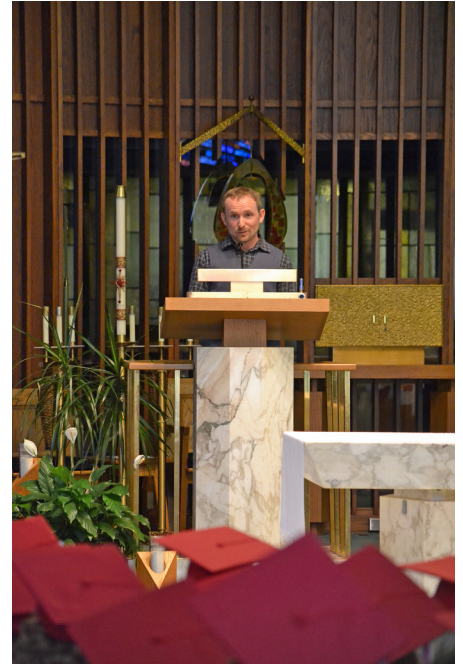
Graduation 2016

Friday evening, May 27, saw another 113 Huron High School students pass into the ranks of the Huron Alumni Association. By general consensus of staff and administration, this was an exceptional group of students all four years in high school. They excelled in the classroom, on the fields and courts, in volunteering of their time on projects all over town, and even in the extracurriculars in which they engaged full force. They exhibited supreme leadership, a dedication to purpose in whatever they engaged in, and a compassion for the less fortunate as judged by the number of charitable projects they undertook. As outgoing principal Scott Matheny said, he came in with this crop four years ago and now leaves with them - they off to their college and futures, he into retirement. It was a bittersweet parting.

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According to long standing custom, the ceremonies began at St. Peter's Church where most of the students chose to attend a baccalaureate service written and enacted entirely by the students themselves. Music bookcased the service, with the handbell choir opening and the chorale closing it. A procession of speakers took to the ambo to thank families, friends, teachers, coaches, and clergypersons - all who had helped them in their careers thus far. Their featured speaker was Mr. Cory Schoenherr, their middle school history teacher whom they "broke in" five years earlier in his first year in Huron. He regaled them with memories of their past relationships in the classroom, eliciting much laughter as he recalled incidents that they many times just as soon would have forgotten. The point was, though, to show them how much they had grown in the intervening years - from naive tweenish kids to now more fully mature young adults. But he challenged them to act out his definition of history - one's interpretation based upon the past - by interpreting the past that they had just completed so as to build a much better future for themselves and others. Only by doing that would they find happiness and success.

There then followed the ritualistic bringing down and laying at the foot of the altar those mementos of their past four years. These included almost entirely artifacts from their athletic and extracurricular activities. Trophies and jerseys and sports paraphernalia gradually heaped up near the altar. But conspicuous by their absence were any text books, classroom projects, or even pieces of art produced on the academic side of the house. O ively!! Between 20 and 40 credits for classwork, and no one noticed? The one consolation, though, was that no one laid a smartphone on the pile, their best test taking, researching, and gaming friend for the past four years.



Rockie Larizza always used to brag that he could run two hundred kids through a graduation line in one hour or less and never get rained upon if he held graduation outdoors. Principal Matheny batted .500 on this date. He chose perfect weather, after a nail biter week of predictions of rain, but took last place in the timing. It took almost two hours to process 113 graduates, but then he couldn't control for the length of speeches. However, the messages that the student speakers presented were well received by the audience of family and friends, so no one minded that the last diploma was handed out just as the sun perched on the edge of the horizon, lingering just long enough for the turning of the tassels and throwing of the mortar boards. Only the photographers complained about poor lighting, but that did not stop the crowd from enveloping the football field to take final shots of their proud graduates. Parents hugged kids, classmates hugged one another, afraid to let go on this, the first step of many now into their futures.

Speakers were exceptionally good this year. Student body president Kaitlyn Krueger set a record for the most Disney character quotations, but concluded by asking all to remember Winnie the Pooh's admonition: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." Don't rest on your laurels, group. The Romans chose laurel wreaths to crown their champions because they knew that laurel, like fame, wilts away fast. In a few short years no one will remember how many points you scored or what your GPA was in high school. They will be concerned with present accomplishments only. What sort of gift to society will you be presenting? Winnie was a very wise bear!

Tyler Sasala, class Valedictorian, took issue with the media's notion that Gen Z's kids are too lazy, too into technology to care about others, too fixated on the wrong kinds of "smart," as in smart phones, smart homes, smart everything. They are not allowed to make mistakes because if they do, technology will catch them in the act, broadcasting their errors to the world forever. But perhaps Gen Z brains are wired differently. True enough, the generations of their parents and grandparents gave the world improved health, better living conditions, better workweeks and jobs, cutting edge technology. So yes, Gen Z did not have to recreate all this "stuff." Instead they are now free to go out and carry improvement to the next step - free the world of hunger and poverty, improve living conditions for all, cure us of our worst diseases, care for the environment. And the list goes on. Tyler really wants his classmates to make their mark in a different way. Amen to that. And the nay sayers had better watch out for this group - and politicians listen as well. As our future, Gen Z is going to take us in new directions, hopefully to new heights, at one with and in peace with the rest of the world. So good to have dreams. Without them centuries ago, where would we be today?



Lisa Gies, Class Salutatorian, advised her classmates to “break away from the past and pursue dreams that will enable you to be you.” Lisa will begin her college career at OSU, helped by aid from the Hagy Family Memorial Scholarship presented this year for the first time.



Student Body president Kaitlyn Krueger addresses her classmates. She is off to Capital University in the fall.



Tyler Sasala’s valedictory speech warned his fellow classmates not to succumb to the image of Generation Z promulgated in the press these days. He urges them to make America greater again by building upon what previous generations have already given us. Tyler will also be attending OSU next fall.



A Final Hurrah delivered from principal Scott Matheny as he graduates his last senior class before retiring this July. During his four-year tenure, Scott saw over 520 senior pass through Huron’s halls into their futures.

In the tradition of saving the best till last, David “Blue Gill” Majoy, ‘62, was given that coveted position. As president of the Huron Alumni Association, Blue welcomed the latest crop of graduates into the Association. He urged them to thank family and teachers who had helped bring them to this day. He also extolled them to remember that no matter how far from Huron they may one day



land and make their careers, they should never forget their roots here in Huron. After all, he said, “This is where your heart is and belongs.”

Our congratulations to Blue upon the successful completion of this, the first speech of his five year term. And shame on all who entered the pool betting against Mr. Donut Shop Guy’s actually surviving!

EHOVE Recognizes Graduates

On the morning of May 27, EHOVE Career Center, formerly called the Joint Vocational School, held its Senior Recognition Ceremony. In any other school this would be called Graduation Day, except that the students enrolled at EHOVE actually graduate from their home schools. At present there are 18 school districts in the three county area that send students to EHOVE for their career training.

This year, as in the past few years, the class was large enough that two sessions had to be run to accommodate not only the students but also the family and friends who wanted to attend. Over 350 students went through the ceremonies and received their career packets in 22 different fields.

The achievement of the students in their chosen fields is remarkable. Many have received scholarships to continue their education at the next level, be it a college or a technical training institution of some sort related to their field of study. Over two hundred thousand dollars in scholarship money was earned by this class. To obtain certification in many of the fields requires at least one thousand hours of hands-on training. Hundreds of the students accomplished that.

What does post-high school portend for these students? Many have already received their certification in the State of Ohio to begin practicing their profession or trade. They have met all the requirements, have been thoroughly tested, and now are prepared to work. In fact, many are already employed part time and will go to full time now that they are out of school. Some have elected, both males and females, to enter the armed forces right after graduation, with the U.S. Army being the most usual choice. A goodly number are already enrolled in college courses, some beginning already this summer, the rest going in the fall.

In short, students who elected to attend EHOVE after their sophomore year in their home school have received the best of all possible worlds. They have been prepared to enter directly into a career if they want, they could participate in any and all activities offered at the home schools, including athletic competition, they could take advantage of the post-secondary option and take college courses in addition to their vocational training, and they even got extra snow days off, even if their home school was in session on bad weather days. EHOVE does sit out in the county yet, and many of the feeder schools serve more rural areas of the three counties, so officials play it safe on the country roads in bad weather.

Our congratulations to all the Huron students who attended and were recognized by EHOVE. You have a leg up, in many respects, on the job competition in this area, and we wish you the best as you begin immediately to work for your dreams.



Don Smallwood, Huron graduate of 1969, left EHOVE with the students this year, after decades of service to the school. The place could not have functioned without him! We wish Don well as he tries to work his way through his personal bucket list in retirement.

These are the Huron students who graduated from EHOVE Career Center this May:

Bailey Baker
Kyra Bickley
Brenna Bollinger
Kira Bolt
Nathaniel Burlovich
Izaak Carles
Jonathon Colflesh
Ryan Engel
Jake Garton
Brian Gosser
Brooke Keller
Brandon Lochotzki
Sarah Roll
Austin Welsler

Membership Sign Up⁶¹⁶

HHS Alumni Association Membership Form

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

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

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State ___ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Graduation Year _____
Maiden name, if female grad _____ Graduation Year _____

Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues _____ "Super Tiger" \$300 (includes two passes to every high school sporting event)
_____ "Tiger" \$125 (includes two home season tickets to sport of choice)
(Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Basketball Boys' Basketball)
_____ Special "Gray" \$40 _____ Regular "Red" \$25

Scholarship Funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contribution to the Richard Wennes Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund
through the HEF)

Contribution to the Hope for the Future Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through
the HEF)

2016 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

The following have been nominated for, elected to, and accepted the nomination for admission to the Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame. They will be honored at a banquet on September 29 during Homecoming Week. You may attend by calling the high school to make a reservation. Please come out to support your classmates and teams at this event.

Class of 2016 Inductees and Accolades

1968	Dan Hunter	Athlete BKB, Golf - member of golf team that won the Lakeland Conference title in 1966, 1967, and the SBC in 1968.
1969	Tony Legando	Athlete FB, BKB, Golf, FB Coach (1988-2015) 211 Wins, 99 Losses
1977	Pat Cahil	Athlete FB, Wrestling, BSB, AP / UPI 1 st team.
1985	Don Grieves	Athlete/Community member. FB, BKB, 1st team SBC, 987 career points in BKB
1995	Brad Swanbeck	Athlete, FB, Wrestling 3 time SBC champ, 3 time State qualifier, placing 2nd his senior year.
1988	John Nichols	Athlete, FB and BB, All-Ohio, Selected in 2015, to be inducted in 2016
2002	VB Team	Conference, Sectionals, District, Regional, State Champions, 27 Wins – 2 Losses.
2005	Scott Lasch	Athlete – All Ohio Cross Country and Track, selected in 2016, to be inducted in 2017.

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