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Another Year, Another Alumni Class

On Friday of Memorial Day weekend, May 26, another 121 Huron High seniors trod the stage at Huron Memorial Stadium to receive their hard won diplomas, flip their mortar board tassels, and bellow out their screams of joy. We welcome all and look forward to decades of their success stories being told in these pages. Share in their joy by visiting pages xxxxxxxxxxxx

Caption here:

Counselors' New Digs and Therapy Dog



The Huron High School Counselor's office is literally going to the dogs. First, the good news is that after months of planning, the offices were moved from their quarters as decades-long boiler room neighbor to the more elevated academic area wing, the former high school library area. As we have reported, the library is no more. One half is now the new Student Union (see the December, 2016 issue of the *Newsletter*). Another half has become a computer lab. The area which used to be library offices and AV equipment storage has been remodeled into new offices for the counseling services. To view the result of this renovation, and learn about the pooch, turn to page YYYYYYYYYY.

Modern Girls Go Big Time!

This year's high school musical featured two seasoned actresses in the major roles in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. The show was a hit, and proved that the tradition of fine music and acting for these galas has not diminished. To enjoy more scenes from the musical, turn to pages XXXXXXXX.



Meet the United State's Air Force's latest general, Brigadier General John Nichols. An '88 graduate of Huron High School, John's career has blossomed over the time of his service until his recent appointment to a new rank and new responsibilities heading up one of our nation's largest air bases. Read about what John has been up to since graduation and how the family has coped with his many deployments and moves, found on page xxxxxxxxxxxx

Class of '56 Celebrates 60th

Back in August, the Class of '56 met to commemorate 60 years of their continuing post-high school friendships. Out of a class of 63 graduates, forty-nine are still with us, and this bunch came from both shores to their roots to celebrate. Aches and pains they stashed at home, then gathered to share stories of their travels, their families, as well as their plans for the future. As time goes by, they are not afraid to buy green bananas, avoid reading the daily obits first thing each morning, and are glad that automobiles have back up cameras. Carry on, group, and many more.



This group of '59ers meets monthly, on the second Sunday evening, for dinner together at the Pizza House in Huron. The numbers attending vary each month, but a set day, time, and place certainly makes it easier for the out of town classmates to plan a visit back home and be assured of meeting fellow classmates. They are mostly healthy, well-traveled and highly mobile, and love growing older with their grandkids and attending their activities. With summer here and good weather, they look forward to seeing more of their classmates at these affairs.



The class of '61 tries to meet monthly at a restaurant or watering hole to renew friendships and harass a certain member who enjoys giving it right back! The farthest distance award usually goes to a couple that drives up from New Albany, near Columbus, for the day. Here they enjoy Mexican food, but they did not practice their high school Spanish on the occasion.

The Class of '62 keeps up a running monthly dinner, gathering at various venues throughout the area. Winter keeps the numbers low, but come warm weather, more attend and some months they even picnic. There is nothing wrong with their appetites either, and they carry on their chatter between bites. This group still maintains their love affairs with their 50's jalopies and first dates at the Sandusky Drive-In. (You younger ones will have to google that!) To join the group and learn where they are meeting each month, contact Mistress of Ceremonies, Linda Green Haley.



Pizza must be catching, as the Class of '63 also met at the Pizza House this month. This bunch always thinks young even if they are beset by more aches and pains. But it is always great to meet with them and listen to how excited they are about where they have been, where they want to go yet, and how confident they are that the younger set has it together, at least their own grandkids. Leslie Wilson is their contact, so if you would like to know where this moving party will occur next, contact her and join the fun.



These stalwart members of the Class of '65 braved wind and rain and flooding of a May afternoon to meet and catch up at Bar North. They haled from the Toledo to Cleveland areas, Sandusky and Huron. (Avon Lake was detained by weather somewhere on his return from Florida.) The bad news was that the butt kicking champ of the class had injured his best foot; the good news was that three days a week the best class rower works out on the Cuyahoga without fear of catching fire or contracting a disease. Other than that, all are healthy, the grandkids are smarter than average, and they agreed that they liked most of their teachers.



Three Generations of Huronites

It's always great at graduation time to see families with several generations of Huron High grads and meet once again those who helped create the high bar of Huron High traditions that this latest crop of grads has sought to uphold and even exceed. So many folks in so many areas have made their mark while here and then attained success in whatever fields they entered. Keep it going!



The Hinde family is actually a four generation alumni family. This branch is all Halters and Fortunes: Kate Will, '17, Jen Halter-Will, '88, Jill Halter Scott, '86, Judy Hinde Halter, '58, Elizabeth Mast, '17, Jody Halter Mast, '85, Conor Fortune, '17, Jan Hinde Fortune, '60, Andy Fortune, '90, and Mason Fortune.



The Jones family poses out at the Culinary Vegetable Institute: Donna Jones Collins, '73, Zach Jones, '13, Becca Jones, '17, Bob Jones Sr., '59, and his wife Barbara Taylor Jones, '59, Terri Jones '81, and brothers Lee "Farmer" Jones, '79 and Bob Jones Jr., '83. Not present was Kate Jones, '10.



In 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, the family patriarch graduated from Huron High, wondering whether to remain in the farm out in the Firelands College area or strike out on his own. For a while he earned a living delivering fuel oil, then later operated a resort motel, built homes in Huron, and finally "retired" as a realtor. Ray remained socially active and engaged with family and friends until the very end.



Hannah "Millie" Hastings poses with proud grandmother, Ida Hennes Hastings, '47, and dad, Tom Hastings, '78.

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The Esposito family is represented at yet another graduation with patriarch Joe, 57, and mother Julie Dewey, '85, congratulating daughter Emily after the Scholarship Awards Ceremony.



The Beach Boys connection: Sam Hohler, '90, and graduate Jared, '17, joined by grandfather Brad "Brother" Beach, '67, and mom, Dawn Beach Hohler, '92.



Grandmother Ann Wunder Bauman, '67, poses on the deck across from her home at the McBride Arboretum with son Scott, '93, and now Alexa, '17. Dawson, '20, will have to wait a little longer for his big day.



Jan Auble Battiste, '76, poses with her daughter Cassandra "Cassie."



Jason Cobleigh, '87, beams a mile wide as number two son Zachary graduates.



Francesco "Cesco" Gioffre with Frank Gioffre, '82, his son's biggest booster.

All-School Reunion Changes

Next year, 2018, is one divisible by three, so it should be time for another All-School Reunion. Except that beginning in 2018 there will be a change to the format. The past two All-School Reunions have seen the enthusiasm for such affairs reflected in ever decreasing numbers. Perhaps it is time to stop trying to put lipstick on that pig, you know, the one we roasted last time and very few came. We have tried to forestall the declining interest by moving from fall events, where it may have been difficult for the younger ones with smaller or school-age children to pull up and return to their roots around their alma mater's Homecoming time. The idea was that if we staged such a reunion nearer to RiverFest, when so many of our grads returned home anyway, we could maintain or increase the numbers. That did not prove to be so. Thus the move to try something different.

What we will try for the next three year cycle is decadal reunions. That is instead of the entire alumni body returning at the same time, we will do it by decades. Thus, in 2018, those graduating in the 60's, 50's, and before will be invited back to celebrate their roots. These loyal alumni will all be within about twenty years of age of one another and will enjoy meeting those with whom they were close, not only from their own class but also from other classes immediately before and after them. Likewise, in 2019, we will invite back those graduates from the 70's and 80's, with the same assumption that friendships were more firmly formed with those within these age brackets than with those who graduated much earlier – which in some cases may have been their parents' age, heaven forbid – and those later grads, who may have been their children. That leaves the year 2020 for those graduating in the 90's and thereafter.

We will schedule the 2018 and 2019 reunions toward the fall, perhaps around Homecoming, when these more senior grads don't have to pull children out of school to return to Huron for a gala weekend of activities. The younger grads we will schedule for mid-summer, when they can return with children in tow, participate in RiverFest activities as family and then take time to spend an evening with

classmates and friends at a larger reunion.

Some folks may say that this would put an end to individual classes staging their own five year reunions. However, we believe that for those scheduled to meet for a five year reunion in any one of the decadal reunion years this new plan would actually make it easier for their classes to meet. They can schedule their own five year reunions – and at most there would be maybe four of those each year – at the same time as the larger reunion. By joining the larger group for a one night dinner, they would not have to secure a venue for their class, plan their own menus, worry about entertainment if desired, nor all the other chores associated with advertising and decorating for the event. They could all congregate for the larger dinner and sit together as a class, visit around before and after dinner, and still have other opportunities that same weekend to meet separately if they so desired. But the heavy lifting for planning and carrying out a gathering would be taken care of for them.

We would also like to make it clear that other classes who would like to gather at the same time but don't necessarily fit into the decades selected for that year would be more than welcome to attend the larger gathering. Yes, and that includes coming back to share a dance with mom or grandpa!

We feel that by breaking up the entire alumni body into several smaller groups we can more adequately appeal to the needs of the individual groups, make it easier to stage reunions, and thus increase attendance at these affairs. For example, instead of a single event held every three years for which we might attract 250-300 grads – the numbers from the last two All-School reunions – if we annually attracted the same numbers from a smaller, more compact era of grads, after three years we could easily attract least a thousand alumni returning to their base. These numbers might even be too conservative from what we have seen of the numbers returning for the five-year reunions the past few seasons.

So the experiment will begin in the fall of

2018, over Homecoming weekend of September 13 -16. Festivities will begin on Thursday evening with the Hall of Fame dinner. Hopefully nominees would be inducted from the classes of the 50's and 60's so folks could return for that banquet to celebrate their feats. The Homecoming game would be held on Friday evening with plenty of opportunity for the classes to celebrate individually either before the game or at Mulligans Pub for our annual post-game debriefings. Then Saturday would be devoted to the whole group celebration, with Sunday again providing opportunities to meet as individual classes before taking long recuperating naps to rest up for returning home.

We will be calling upon individuals from the classes within the decades chosen for each year to meet as a committee at least once to help flesh out plans, and then after that relax, anticipate and then enjoy once the weekend arrives. We also suspect that once this cycle begins, folks will also start to celebrate more frequently. For example, many of the classes from the 50's and 60's have begun the practice of meeting at least once a month somewhere in town or nearby. They establish a day and time certain – for example, noon or evening on the third Thursday of the month – and those who can return do so. Those planning to return from out of town thus have an anchor point to help them organize their return and be guaranteed meeting with classmates, even if it for just a couple hours over lunch. The numbers at these “mini-reunions” continue to grow, with the exception of the dead-of-winter months when snow birds head south for a while. But come April, that first spring gathering brings them all joyfully back together as sure as swallows, robins, and buzzards return to Ohio. We anticipate that those grads from the 70's and 80's, as more become empty-nesters, will also begin the practice and know the joy that comes from seeing friends from the past on a regular basis and of finding support among classmates and sharing the experience of growing older together. It's a fun time, invigorating and, believe it or not, another opportunity for growth!

Look for further details on the 2018 decadal reunions in the December issue of your *Newsletter*.

New Counselor and Doggie Digs

Gone! The last vestige of the former Huron High School Library is no more. The sacred vault for yearbooks past, *Huron Reporter* copies dating back centuries, videotapes (remember those?) and 16mm films, stacks of magazines no longer published like *Look and Life* and *Saturday Evening Post*, Herr Pflieger's private stash of old *National Geographics*. All gone. A wall muraled over sometime in the 70's as a last remembrance of Old Huron's downtown, now painted over and lost to the ages. These sacred premises have been vacated, completely remade, and now host the counselor's offices.

Entry is gained off the main hallway and just inside the double-door entrance to the former library. An abrupt left takes one inside a modern looking business office. A wrap around counter top forms



a nice break between the students and those things which must remain confidential, and yet affords students plenty of space on which to lay out all sorts of forms and brochures, books and tablets, and even their computers while conversing with the secretary or counselor. All the necessary records, file cabinets, and usual office supplies lie within a fingertip of whoever sits in the captain's seat behind, greeting students or teachers.

Deeper within lies the counselor's office, a boardroom appearing space cheerfully and tastefully decorated. At one end a huge gurgling tank is home to delicious looking species of fish, sandwich sized and colorful. At the other is the business end of the room, the counselor's desk. No

couch here, but beside the desk a comfortable looking and inviting padded box sprawls on the floor. Some days it is empty, but on others the real king of the space sits, Casey, a beautiful golden retriever. The beloved denizen of these darkened haunts sleeps with one eye open, waiting, begging to be petted, patiently as a saint hoping for attention and maybe a biscuit. In all of Erie County's secondary schools there is none other like her, a real counselor herself, a therapy dog offering a paw and a slobber Jordan Fahr, to whoever stops by for a visit.

Having a bad day? Visit Casey, a listening creature to whom you can pour out your sorrows, one who never interrupts or talks back, her big hazel eyes staring into your soul and whose reassuring kiss says it can't be that

bad, now get back to class and move on. And they do! Between classes she roams the hallways and loves to stop and be petted or shake hands with students. In the short time

she has been in school, she certainly has made friends as well as a name for herself. And she works for nothing except affection and doggie biscuits.

Presiding over all is Jordan Fahr, former home ec teacher turned counselor, in her eleventh year at Huron High School. Jordan has long wanted a therapy dog for the building. Why, one might ask.

Research has shown that the mere presence of an animal – warm blooded, not fish – can have many positive influences upon students. A dog like Casey, when properly certified, with all its shots and proper schooling herself, can help

boost student morale, reduce incidents of bullying, and, believe it or not, even help improve reading scores. Dogs like Casey can be trained to interact with students on their own. We can picture a future in which right along with cheerleaders and a flag corps, a troop of prancing canines will entertain a crowd on game night and motivate teams to fight harder and win. Well, maybe if they are pit bulls.

For now, Casey has the run of the place and everyone loves her just the way she is. Stop by for a visit if you happen to be in the vicinity to admire the newly converted spaces, but don't forget a biscuit.



Jordan Fahr, high school counselor, in her new digs with Casey, the "new" therapy dog



Casey on the job during a class change. Through all the turmoil of traffic and noise, he remains calm and welcomes pawshakes. He is on a first-bark basis with many of the students already.

What's Happening in Huron This Summer?

Summer reunions scheduled as of this printing

Date	Venue	Times	Contact Person(s)
1948	First Friday Berardi's	8:00 AM	Just show up!
1959	Second Sunday evening each month,	6 PM at Huron Pizza House	
1962	Aug 5 Huron Yacht Club Patio	6 PM	Linda Haley/Sharon Barnes bouvielady@aol.com slbarnes@barnesnursery.com
1967	July 29 Huron Yacht Club Riverside Patio	Cocktails 5 PM Dinner 6 PM Keyboard Cletes Bilgen	Brenda Stallard Brown 13218 Arlington Rd Norwalk OH 44857
1972	Details still being worked out for the 45th. Contact Barb Speir to help and for info @ 419-433-8533		
1987	July 8 Harbor House (former Twine House)	7 - 10 PM hors d'oeuvres, cash bar	
1992	July 7 Harbor House	Cash Bar 6:30 PM Heavy Appetizers 7PM	Amy Newdome amynewdome@aol.com 112 Woodside Blvd.

Come celebrate small town life all summer long in beautiful lake front Huron Ohio.

Firelands Symphony	June 11	4 PM	Free FSO concert at McBride Arboretum at BGSU Firelands College featuring Samba Joie: Brazilian sound
RiverFest	July 7-8-9	Fireworks Fri @ 10:15	Parade Sat. 10 AM.
OSU Alumni Band	August 6	at the Basin	7 PM
Firelands Symphony	August 6	4 PM	Free FSO concert at McBride Arboretum at BGSU Firelands College featuring the Firelands String Quartet
Firelands Symphony Orchestra	– full orchestra performance at the McBride Arboretum has been moved to Norwalk this summer to help them celebrate their Bicentennial.		
Bopping at the Basin	Concerts	at the Boat Basin every Saturday night, usually 7:30 PM. Check website cityofhuron.org/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/events	
Huron Rotary Fine Arts & Food Trucks Festival	Aug 11-12-13	For all events, see: huronrotary.org	

Wednesday evening family movie nights at the basin, July 12 – August 9. Show starts at dusk.

Scholarship Time - 2017

Every year, mid-May brings excited gasps as seniors attending the Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Cedar Point Center, BGSU Firelands College, hear their name called and then walk to the stage to accept the red envelop containing their award. This year was no different as 75 different named scholarships, totaling approximately \$500,000, were handed out. The list grows each year - as does the length of the ceremony - with eight new memorial scholarships awarded, give or take an extra half hour!

The keynote address was given by Sarah Orndorff Ross, '08, who recounted how she used her Campbell Scholarship to make her way through Calvin College in marketing, and then began landing internships with various professional sports teams. Today she handles chores as Senior Membership Director at the YMCA and lives in Vermilion.

The top ten percent of the class of 119 graduates were then presented as were the winners of college scholarships, twenty-two of them so far. A few were for their athletic abilities, but the majority were awarded for academic excellence in their high school careers and their choice of future fields of study. Future physicians, musicians, artists, attorneys, molecular biologists, nurses and pharmacists are among those who will graduate in another four or five years, most with their Masters Degrees. It certainly does not hurt that some are graduating high school as second semester college sophomores thanks to the Post-Secondary Option offered in Ohio whereby students obtain both high school and college credit for course work during their undergrad years at Huron.

Among those receiving scholarships were six through the Alumni Association and Huron Educational Foundation. HHSAA president, David "Blue Gill" Majoy presented the Alumni Scholarships to Hannah Hastings and Joey Harkelroad. Hannah will be attending Miami University while Joey is off to the University of Cincinnati. Both recipients had a parent and also a grandmother who were Huron graduates. The Thomas Shontz Memorial Science Scholarships went to Aaron Wise and Maria DeVita. Aaron will be at Case Western University while Maria is bound for OSU. Alex Swain Anthony, '06, Jesse Hagy's granddaughter, presented the Hagy Memorial Scholarship to Aaron Wise, and Mike Heydinger presented the first two Dolores Heydinger Memorial Elementary Education Scholarships to Kelley Huffman and Kailee Wennes, Dick Wennes's granddaughter, both of whom will be entering teacher training programs in the fall.

We congratulate all those students who received scholarships that evening, the reward for years of hard work. May they continue to persist, work hard, find their passion for a profession, and somehow avoid the "sophomore" bulge. You will be reading about many of them and their accomplishments in these columns in the future.



Kelley Huffman and Kailee Wennes, daughter of Amy and Richie Wennes, '88, and granddaughter of Dick Wennes, long-time Huron high Social studies teacher, after receiving their scholarship awards.



Joey Harkelroad and Hannah Hastings, Recipients of the Huron alumni Association's Scholarship award.



Aaron Wise and Maria DeVita dwarf presenter Sue Shontz DuBray. Aaron holds the memorial plaque inscribed with the names of all previous winners. Both students will display the plaque at their family graduation celebrations, and thereafter it will hang in a prominent place within the science department wing of the high school.

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Then followed to the podium speakers from class president to Salutatorian to Valedictorian, all of whom gave their fellow grads final congratulations followed by words of advice. One good friend is worth more than 20 Facebook friends. Find your passion and chase it. Be pleasant or be forgotten. The usual admonitions were all delivered in speeches, except for the Salutatorian, Maria DeVita, who was joined by two fellow classmates at the microphone in reciting and acting out a poetic ditty that comically recounted the highlights of the class's K - 12 journey. It was a well-received change of pace.

Principal Tim Lamb then summed them all up. He exhorted all to dedicate themselves to service, not to being served, and to loving, not just seeking to be loved. Be great, he xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx them, not in accumulating for one's own self and family but by dying to one's self and to selfishness, in

reaching out in service to others. He xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx them to learn how to really enjoy silence by breaking away from their cell phones and the constant cacophony of ears plugged into music and xxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Find the little voice within oneself, listen to it tell you what to be, and then do it. Know who you are by listening for a change.

There then followed the calling of the role one last time by Tony Munafo, with students rising to cross the stage, receive that coveted diploma, shake a hand or two or give Tony a hug, and cross through the next doorway of their life. When all were in possession of their diplomas, the final speaker strode to the podium, glad handing and congratulating students all the way. Your Alumni Association president, David "Blue Gill" Majoy cheerfully welcomed these nearly ten dozen new alumni into the fold. He thanked them for upholding the fine traditions of the past through their high school careers, even as they charted new ones, and he

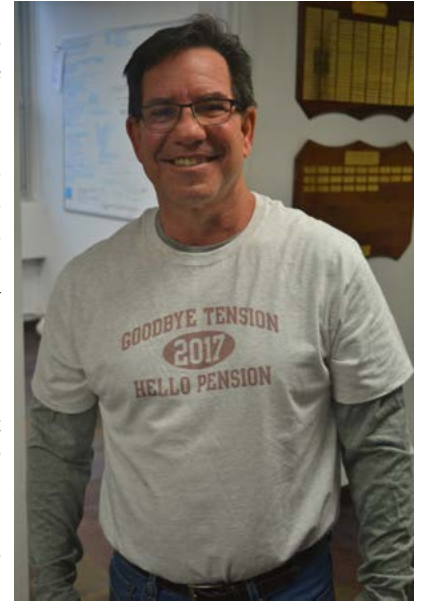
urged them to remain in touch with one another and their alma mate throughout their lives. He then got out of the way before the traditional hat throwing took place. Just that quick it was over, and parents and well-wishers descended from the stands to flood the field and offer congratulations. Those long-of-arm took final selfies with their friends, those endowed too short dutifully posed while others shot their groups. Darkness finally enveloped the field and chased the last lingerers away well after 9 PM. A strange quiet descended upon the area, almost funereal, like leaving an internment to heading to the post funeral feed ?????????????????????? blah.

Your Alumni Association welcomes this latest crop of grads, thanks them for their gifts of service, dedication, and hard work over the years. We urge them during these hectic next few years to remain connected to their roots, even as they move away. For no matter how far they go in life, they are forever indelibly mark with all things Huron. They should never forget that, never apologize for their past, always cherish xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Tony Munafo Jr. Retires

As the first semester of the 2016-17 school year came to a close, so did the career of long-time teacher/administrator Tony Munafo Jr. Tony began his association with Huron Schools as a kindergärtner when the Other Tony became Huron's head football coach in 1966 and the family moved to Findlay Street. The West side hasn't been the same since.

Young Tony made an indelible mark at Huron High, graduating in 1979. He served on Student Council during some rough years and then made his presence felt on both the wrestling mat at 142, and on the gridiron as a defensive back. He continued developing his athletic prowess at Heidelberg College in Tiffin by wrestling and playing football all four years. In 1984 he graduated with his BA in HPE with certification K-12. As many new teachers today still do, Tony had to start by substituting full time for a couple years until he was hired full time by Sandusky City Schools at Barker Alternative School. There he taught HPE in various capacities, beginning with 5th and 6th graders, then moving on up to Jackson Jr. High with 8th graders. In addition, during these years he also served as Assistant Football and Wrestling Coach at Sandusky High. He reached the pinnacle of his high school coaching career in the 1988/89 school year when he served as head varsity boys swimming coach!



Tony left Sandusky in 2006 when he was offered a position at Huron High School, doubling as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal for four years. Eventually he became full-time Assistant Principal, serving there until his retirement this January. He served as assistant during that time to Principals John Ruf, Scott Matheny, and Tim Lamb. In addition to handling discipline, he did teacher observations, worked on curriculum with various departments, and did all the other things required when the principal was out of the building, including even emergency substituting in classrooms when occasion demanded.

Tony's personal highlights while at Huron included helping to celebrate numerous trips to state athletic competitions around the state, especially the girls' volleyball trips to the final four and their eventual championships. During his tenure he also witnessed the transformation of the Huron football facilities from splintery wooden bleachers and a grass and mud field to the ultra modern stadium enjoyed by Tiger football fans today. He will probably still be found at all home games in the future, hanging on the fence like his dad and friends, cheering on the Tigers, applauding the band performances, chatting up passers-by, and missing most of the game. But that's Friday night in Huron and it never changes.

So what has changed in the thirty plus years that Tony was in education?

He remarked that what he has observed is the state's demolishing of the traditional brick-and-mortar school system in Ohio by going more and more to a system of on-line education, as well as post-secondary options for students, and the emergence of the charter school mindset. While each has its supporters and detractors, the fact is that the days are gone forever of students who take their entire curriculum within a self-contained building which offers all the courses needed and then disgorges graduates, sausage-like, bundled with all they need to know to succeed post-high school. Instead, students can be home schooled, digitally schooled, college campus schooled, EHOVE schooled, Huron High schooled, or all of the above and at the same time if they want. The pressures to see that each student emerges from the sausage grinder fully equipped to succeed are thus spread over so many areas that it's hard to assign responsibility for students' successes or failures. That's what creates the pressure for teachers and administrators alike these days. But the final chapter on this transformation has not yet been written, and no one, especially the State Department of Education, has any idea as to where it will all end up. For sure, Tony is happy to be out of the pressure cooker now and in a different phase of his life.

Through it all, though, he does say that the students themselves have not changed much. Most enter the meat grinder of high school as naïve, freedom seeking, slowly developing, immature adults, searching for their identity, fun-loving at times, but serious when they need to be. They emerge as more empathetic, self reliant, self assured, and eager to move on, ready to have the real world round off any remaining rough edges and wake them up to what adulthood is really all about. About the same as it was back in '79 when Tony emerged from Huron High.

As for the future, Tony professes that he has no deeply filled bucket list as of yet. His child-bride Marissa is still working, so extended travel is out of the question for a while. The couple is enjoying watching their two children, Anthony and Gina, navigate the waters post-Huron High to full adulthood and their own eventual careers. As for right now, it's enjoying the moment, maybe relaxing with fishing as the weather changes and maybe walking a dog – definitely not a bulldog like a certain other Tony, and maybe nibbling around the edges at education again if the right opportunity arises. So many maybes, so much time looking forward! We wish Tony the best as he sorts it all out and waits for his bride to join him on that next journey. Happy travels, Tony! Yes

None other than the inimitable Archie Bunker of *Archie's Place* once said on his way to his bar's bathroom, "You never buy beer. You just rent it!" Now we know the sage that Archie was, when this sign was spotted recently in the Huron Plaza, urging folks to come in and lease any of its 300 beers. Twelve ounce, sixteen, or growler size, you'll be glad to know it's just lease. So if the lady of the house has forbidden anyone to buy any more beer, this is the place to go to *lease* some.



On May 11, the Erie County Chamber of Commerce held its annual ceremony to induct new members into its Gallery of Achievers. This program honors graduates of Erie County schools who have a lifetime of achievements that merit their being inducted into a local "hall of fame." Huron High School graduate Brad Swanbeck, '95, was one of seven inducted this year for his service in the United States Navy.

After graduation, Brad attended the Naval Academy, then over the years gradually rose through the ranks by excelling in many different positions. Last year Brad earned the position of Commander of a Los Angeles Class nuclear powered submarine, the USS Montpelier. Congratulations to Brad upon this latest honor

Yes, Huron students are still giving of themselves to those in need, in this case their very blood. The Red Cross blood drive comes through Huron High several times per school year, and each time students turn out in droves to donate. Many times the operation is overseen by Ron Krock, '61, who generously donates his own time to assure that the day runs smoothly. Good job all!



Spring Arts Festival 2017

The annual Huron High Spring Arts Festival put on full display for the community the results of year long work by students involved in the art and music departments.

For the festival evening, art students had flooded the cafeteria tables with displays of their work, and even before the doors officially opened, the halls were filled with eager observers. They were not disappointed. This year's crop of art and photography students' work was superb, in its varied styles, materials, and themes. Of course, there were the usual perfunctory pieces required of younger students to practice their techniques. The difference in those works from the time students enter the program as freshmen until their senior portfolio presentations is truly remarkable. Whether the seniors use water colors, crayon, or oils, do simple sketching or use a camera, they have prepared collections that will serve them well on their way to future art schools. Even those students not continuing in the arts should consider doing an art minor somewhere along the line to further develop their skills. One never knows when excellent drawing skills would help advance their future work. And even if it never did, what a waste to allow such talent to wither and die! Personal happiness and satisfaction in life will never come so cheaply!

On the music side, the results were no less spectacular. First year music director, Adaleine Jackson, had her Concert Choir of mostly underclassmen sing everything from *Ride the Wind* to a classical Haydn *Gloria*, done in Latin, of course, from Adele's *Skyfall* to the spiritual *I Want to Be Ready*. The Chorale then followed with their required competition pieces: *Closer to the Flame*, a Zambian Christian celebration song, *Bonse Aba*, followed by *Don't Forget Me*, a very moving rendition of *Goodnight, Dear Heart* and finally a spiritual *Soon 'Ah Will Be Done*. The themes of these last two were a very fitting end to another successful school year and concert season.

The instrumental music students - many of whom also sang - gave us ever bit as masterful pieces as the vocalists. The evening began with Huron's fine jazz ensemble doing their spirited versions of *Sing, Sing, Sing, Take the "A" Train*, to their version of *Feels So Good*. The seniors will soon depart, but whether they ever play together again or not, they have certainly prepared themselves to continue a lifetime of enjoyment, playing wherever they finally settle down. Meanwhile, underclassmen will step up to continue this fine tradition, hopefully for decades to come.

The Concert Band finished off the evening with several pieces that have come to mark these evenings: the usual march sounds of *The American Way* and *Kentucky 1800*. Imagine - a concert without a Sousa! They concluded with a piece written for the band by junior trumpeter, Jake Jackson. In what has come to be a Huron tradition, the evening ended with the combined band choir's *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. The thunderous applause given at the end of each piece showed how appreciative the audience was of the hard work these conductors and students had done this school year.

It is amazing that Huron High can continue to offer these music and art electives. With so many upperclassmen choosing to avail themselves of the college courses offered at and through Firelands College for both high school and college credit, it's easy to see students opting for academic credit over art courses. Hopefully enough students will opt for this musical training to continue Huron's tradition of musical excellence.



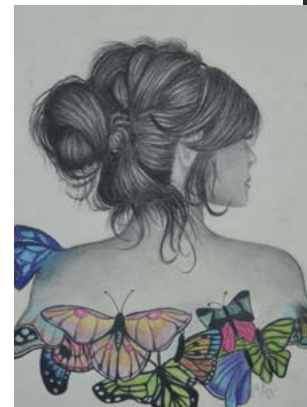
Elizabeth Mills, '17



Gabriella Woods, '17



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Finnish Exchange
Student



Madeline Henry, '17



The Jazz Band does its rendition of *Take the "A" Train*, under the direction of band director Chris Scherley.

The Concert Choir, while small in numbers, gave a beautiful rendition of Haydn's *Gloria*. Mrs. Adaleine Jackson, first year choir director, has her charges well trained, and when they are upperclassmen, they will keep alive Huron's tradition of earning superiors in the state competitions.



The Chorale is made up of the more senior vocal music students who have been with the program the longest. But as one can see from this picture, not too many juniors and seniors are in the building long enough each day to assemble the huge choirs that many of you remember from yesteryears. Those that do stay and participate then make up the backbone of the spring musicals each year. Here they are giving their spirited version of the Zambian piece, *Bonse Aba*.

Senior Citizens Dinner

The Huron City Schools annually celebrates the senior citizens' support for their school system by honoring them with a special dinner. Billed as *A Dinner and a Show*, the affair is held on the evening of the dress rehearsal of the high school's spring musical. Seniors are invited to partake of a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by the food services staff, and then repair to the McCormick Junior High auditorium where the students do a final tune up for the annual musical. It's a win-win for all. The seniors watch the students perform

in a relaxed atmosphere, while the students have the benefit of performing before a live audience for the first time and thereby get over any jitters they might have.

This year's dinner, while down in numbers from past years, was nonetheless enjoyable for all who came out. The high school choral group, under the direction of Mrs. Adaleine Jackson, entertained the diners. The Junior High National Honor Society students greeted each guest and then served dinner to all. Even

the fourth graders got into the act by providing hand made thank you cards for each place setting. At the north end of the cafeteria, a wall full of art work greeted guests and brightened up the room as the seniors admired the many artistic talents of the students.

All who attended had a good time, and the majority then made their way over to view *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. For a late April evening, it was a wonderful outing and opportunity for the schools to say thank you to our seniors.



Carol Schell, '56, and Ida, '47, and Bob Hastings always enjoy mixing with the younger set - and staying so themselves.



Principal Tim Lamb addresses the seniors and thanks them for their continued support of the Huron Schools.



It's always nice to see the students filling in the empty spaces with the seniors and then watch the generations chat up one another and share experiences.



Lots of experience raising kids at this



Students mix it up with senior guests and all enjoy



Seniors at this table gave us 24 Huron alumni over the years.



Typical! Set the table for three on a side and ten show up!



Huron grads celebrate another return to their alma mater.



The chorale entertains the seniors under the direction of Mrs. Adaleine Jackson.



Pat and Mary Ann Deville and Sam and KC Yohe enjoy catching up during their meal.

Thoroughly Modern Millie



On the weekend of April 28 – 29, Huron’s music department presented the musical comedy *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Mrs. Adaleine Jackson, the new choral director, chose this musical as her first at Huron, and she, the director, the musicians, choreographer, technicians, stage hands and the kids, of course, did not disappoint.

The plot line follows the traditional formula of small-town gal moving to large city to break away from her jail of rural



Two superbly talented leads in this year’s musical, Hannah Hastings and Cassie Battiste, play Millie Dillmount and Dorothy Brown.



1920’s America to find, hopefully, a rich eligible bachelor whom she could marry and still have her own career – certainly not her mother’s idea of marriage. If she were lucky, love might eventually follow the money.

The plot managed to entangle twists and turns with different types of lovers until, in the end, as in all fairy tales and Disney movies, Jill will have her Jack – and his money – for however long ever-after lasts.

The students chosen for the main parts were all masterful in their depiction of their own character and most talented in their singing and dancing. The support cast as well comported themselves with grace and style on the stage.

For many, this was not their first time on the boards, and the newbies also seemed to enjoy the experience. It is unfortunate today that schools cannot – because of all the state testing and teaching to the tests – offer their students more opportunities to show off their skills in dramatic productions such as this musical. The learning that occurs is immeasurable, so it seems not to matter to the state. However, those students who have the opportunity to participate – all the way from the lead soprano to curtain rope-puller all learn so much from working together as a team to present a polished product to an appreciative community. They build relationships, conquer their fears of messing up before a full

Every drama needs a villain type. Faith Hofacker plays a lovable white-slave trafficker with her two sons, Ching Ho and Bun Foo, played by Matt Toldy and Kelsey Stadler.



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house, learn how to budget their time, experience and survive criticism, and in the process discover another self they never knew existed. Neither meter stick nor dipstick can plumb their psyches to measure the depths of self confidence they experience nor describe the new self they have discovered as they successfully undertake a project that consumes several months of their lives. Sure beats term papers!



Kids, don’t try this at home – So dancing on a window ledge. Millie dances with her beau Jimmy Smith, played by Nathan Hoty, in a reprieve of a balcony scene of another famous pair of lovers. These two survive.

commend these students and their teachers and the volunteers who worked with them for another successful production in Huron’s long vaunted tradition of thespian undertakings. May it long continue under the new leadership, and may Huron continue to nurture the types of students who excel at this art form and



Millie with her rich boss and prime target for marriage, Mr. Graydon, played by Andrew Thorpe.



Jack seeks his Jill, and Dorothy has hers: surprise - Bun Foo.



Dr. Jann Glann, long time director of the Huron Playhouse and countless Huron High musicals, still enjoys returning to share her expertise with the current crop of high school students to show them how success is earned. She claims it keeps her young. It's working!



What's a 20's story without a flapper, here Muzzy Van Hossmere, played by Rachel Stadler, struts her stuff.

Miscellaneous Views

Prodigal Children Return



The '63 bunch spent an afternoon at Lakeside Marblehead on a dreary May day, enjoying "the world's best pizza," (their words) at Sloopy's Sports Cafe, then repaired to the cottage there of Don and Marcia Ramsey. Nice venue!



Joe Lewis returned from Texas for a visit for seven days in May. His '59 classmates met informally with him at various venues in town, including this Thursday evening dining together at the Huron Pizza House. Conversation covered hunting deer and groundhogs, traveling, pet dogs, health ailments, and the newest marijuana farm in town. Though it all Duke Lagando managed to nap. For a pop-up, last minute call to gather, turnout was great. Not shown - Homer - Joe's dog guarding the truck outside.



The Joe Harkelroad Family, at least part of them, celebrate the graduation of oldest son/brother, Joey. Grandmother Sharon Legando Harkelroad was a 1960 grad also.



Anita Bickley, front row center, returned home after a fourteen year absence and shared a dinner at Bar North with a few of her classmates. Carol Phillips Pfefferle Judy Coe Riddle, Anita Bickley Hemmer, Dottie Allison Pre-sutto. Back row L To R- George Ritzenthaler, Bob Zeno, Marge Windnagle Billman, Chuck Wright.



About once a year John Doyle comes up from Arizona to visit family and friends - always an occasion for celebration with classmates as well.



The Huron High School Band performs at the Spring Arts Festival. It lacks a string section or it could be called an orchestra.

Seventy years ago, on June 5, 1947, the New York Central train passing through Huron derailed when it hit a handcar that had been set upon the tracks in error. Deaths and injuries occurred, and the mess, shown here, tied up the track system for weeks until the train was cleared and tracks and ties repaired. Of interest to Huron students was the fact that one derailed car slid off the tracks onto Main Street and toward a school bus loaded with students, stopping mere feet from the front bumper of the bus. No injuries resulted from that scare, but most students were visibly shaken up. Some are still living, remember the event vividly but no longer with nightmares. Such a derailment these days, with the flammable and toxic materials on board, would probably cause mass evacuation of a major section of the city. Hopefully, with handcars no longer in use, and with the annual track maintenance programs in place, this will not happen. If it does, with all the drones now in flight, aerial photos such as this will then be available in 2087. Enjoy them then even as you look back now.



Photo provided by Brad Bickley, '59.



Homesick yet? Something new docked before something old, just like in the old days. This forty million dollar, 164' yacht is owned by the Devos family of Amway fame and now with Betsy Devos as Secretary of Education. Two tanker trucks to fill'er up!

Huron Agriculture's Changing Face

Huron's roots, literally, are in farming. Oh sure, there was that brief time in the 1830's when Huron lead in Great Lakes shipbuilding. But canals and then railroads changed all that, and Huron focused on fishing and farming. Now it looks as if there is a reprieve of our past fast developing, except that this time around it is not grain and livestock farming. The ratio of dumb animals to humans keeps decreasing, unless one counts the numerous tea cup critters and man eaters seen at various parks in the area. No, what is changing is the nature of the crops grown and how they are grown.

It used to be that strategically placed farms on the edges of the village of Huron raised the summer garden variety fruits and veggies that all consumed or put up for the winter. Many inside the village did have their small kitchen gardens, but for serious canners and freezers, the outlying farms filled the gap. Some of those have survived, others have died out. Gone now are the greenhouses that used to sit on the corner of Cleveland Road East and Rt. 61. The dozer took care of that this winter. Surviving yet are family run establishments like the Knight Family Farm to the east, the Enderles on the south, and the Hahns on the west end. Rising up in prominence now are farms more targeted to the big box grocery store chains, establishments like Kroger, IGA, Walmart, and Whole Foods. And then another recent addition has targeted a niche market that they themselves have created and for which they are now providing produce all over the world.

The newest farmer on the bloc has not entered into production yet as of this writing, and probably will not be until maybe late this fall. It is a corporate enterprise that specializes in growing veggies for shipment all over our clime twelve months out of the year. The Mucci Farms, headquartered just across the lake in the Leamington-Kingston area

of Ontario, has chosen Huron as the second of its Ohio ventures, Wapakoneta OH being the other. Soon the northwest corner of Rye Beach and Bogart Roads will see a behemoth of a greenhouse rising into the air some four or five stories and covering 24 acres. The company has purchased a little over 100 acres of land there from the Bowling Green State University's Firelands Campus to construct this state-of-the-art hydroponic growing space for all sorts of vegetables – from tomatoes, their specialty, to peppers of all temperatures, to zucchinis, to cukes, and eggplant to – well, you get the idea. The entire operation will be under glass all year, with computer controlled growing conditions delivering light and water to

in direct competition with them. We refer to the Jones Family Farm, the Chef's Garden, headquartered on the south west corner of Huron-Avery and Scheid Roads. Bob Sr. and Barb Jones, '59, began this farm decades ago, and hired many of you reading this right now to help them plant, harvest, and pack the produce over the years. Then a number of years ago the next generation of the Joneses entered the scene and created a niche market for specialty veggies target for sale to chefs.

Bob Jr., '83, and brother Lee, '79, of bow tie fame, worked with their dad and an advisory board to begin CVI, the Culinary Vegetable Institute in 2001. They purchased land south of Huron on Mudbrook Road (Rt. 13) almost into Milan, cleared a spot in a forest there along the Huron River, and, using the harvested timber, constructed a facility for training chefs in the use of specialized vegetables and with enough space to stage wonderful culinary affairs – and even class reunions, to which many of you can attest. As training has continued and more chefs world-wide are realizing the upside to using the fancy vegetables provided by the Jones family, the business has grown.

Another initiative begun by the family is Veggie U, an educational outreach component of their operation that teaches school children how food gets from Earth to Table. In a five week course, they learn good nutrition and growing practices that they can use on their own, both immediately as they make good food

choices and later as they raise their own families – and hopefully much of their own food. To date, Veggie U has provided workshops, materials, and Classroom Gardens to school district in 36 states, has “graduated” over 160,000 students, and won acclaim wherever the program has been used. They have actually out-Obamaed the former First Lady with her White House garden in getting the



Views of operations at Mucci Farms greenhouses once they are completed in Huron.

each plant individually to insure the maximum growth and nutritional value of the produce. Indeed, the company brags that it can grow tomatoes vines 40 feet high! Imagine picking tomatoes from atop an extension ladder – not to worry: they will ripen on your way down.

This operation will enter a market side by side with an earlier enterprise, but not

word out about proper nutrition. In fact, a newer initiative has been put in place, VUA+ which is an educational outreach to children with autism issues. All these programs have been highly successful.

So now we have two giants in the area. The older sprawls along Scheid Road for 300 hundred acres raising over 800 varieties of every imaginable vegetable - the baby veggies, herbs, edible flowers, and greens. The other will sit more compactly on Rye Beach Road and concentrate upon a few dozen varieties most frequently found in the Krogers and Whole Foods of the world. One raises veggies under the sun and inside plastic cloches, the other will do so inside sterile glass houses. Both, though, stress “green” growing practices, including “clean rooms” and pesticide free growing, taking care of the pollinators such as honey bees, and maintaining proper composting, sterilizing, and recycling of materials. One concentrates upon organic micro varieties for the specialty restaurant market, the other on bringing to local food markets the sizes you have become accustomed to for your home cooking. Both will be labor intensive, but each does so in an economical fashion to bring food stuffs to markets and diners’ plates as cheaply as possible by maximizing the economy of scale. And in the process, though almost neighbors, they don’t step on each other’s toes either as one might expect. The best part is that neither of these enterprises threatens the older family run fruit and produce farms still operating in the township.

Jobs will be created at this new Mucci facility for those willing to think of farming differently – not from the seat of a tractor or with hoe in hand but by manipulating the plant environment in ways unimaginable two generations ago in Huron. In fact, Firelands College BGSU will be tailoring some of their courses to help train those wishing to enter into this new field. So we welcome the newest entry into the Huron agricultural scene and wish them well. And for our more traditional family farms, best wishes for good weather and a better season than last year, and may you, too, continue to prosper and supply the local markets with fresh foods as you have for so many generations!



The Farmers Jones pose in their work attire with one of their “tools”: Lee with his bow tie, Bob Sr., and Bob Jr.

Specialized machinery and dedicated packers ship produce daily to all parts of the country and overseas. Produce is pampered in every step of the process to bring flavor, color, texture to a diner’s palate as fast as possible.



State of the Union - Huron Style

On April 4, Ohio's Governor John Kasich came to the Sandusky area to deliver his State-of-the-State address at the Sandusky State Theatre. As part of his entourage, members of his administration made upwards of fifty stops at various locales in the area to tout whatever they were in charge of – recreation, conservation, water cleanliness, air quality, Cedar Point, and even composting. Yes, you read that correctly.

Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor and her retinue paid a visit to the Barnes Composting Facility on Camp Road. The Ohio EPA Director, Craig W. Butler, accompanied the Lieutenant governor on a tour to see first-hand what an enormous operation it is to render whatever material that is delivered to the facility into mulch, topsoil, or a compost to which only the most pernickety earthworm would turn up a blind nose. Bob and Sharon Barnes, '62, Jarret Barnes, '87, and Julie Barnes Foster, '90, attended as well as chief grandson Drake Foster, '25.

Many of you reading this probably worked at the nursery back in the day. If you are old enough to remember the origins under Harold and Jean Barnes back in the '50's, you probably also remember arms all scratched up from planting roses, as that was Harold's main product. Sometime in the '60's, the Barnes Roses sign changed to Barnes Nursery, and a full line of plants and nursery supplies was sold. Farms in the vicinity were converted from grain crops to tree farms as the business expanded, and huge machinery like Big John ran up and down the highways carrying massive trees to be planted without ever knowing they had been moved.

Along about the mid-90's, the company turned even greener by beginning on a small scale to accept yard waste and materials from tree removal companies and landscapers to experiment with composting. Composting: the art of converting stuff that used to be soil back into soil. To put it another way: the job of guaranteeing that life on this planet will continue in the future. For you see, if all the top soil on earth were spread out equally on land it would cover less than an inch of earth's surface. That's one thin thread that supports us all. And at the rate that

good topsoil is being sent to the bottom of waterways, lakes, and oceans, we could be



Ohio's Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor lauds the Barnes facility for their work in bringing the bottom back to the top and helping to reclaim Ohio's topsoil from dredged materials.

in deep doodoo as our population expands.

So in 1993, the Barnes family decided to do their small part to help reverse the trend and maybe even make a little money at it. Their initial successes convinced them that ramping up to full-scale production could be made profitable and help save our most precious commodity. Today, drivers down Route 2 west of town pass huge peaks of ground up materials in various stages of conversion to enriched soils and mulch for distribution to any who would upgrade their landscapes.

More recently, with changes in environmental regulations, the Army Corps of Engineers is no longer going to be permitted to dump harbor dredgings from local rivers and ports into the Great Lakes. So, for example, gone are the days of dredging the channels and docks at the Huron River and running the material out to a dump site in the lake somewhere. Gone also is any pumping of dredgings into the spoils facility that lies nestled against the west side of the Huron pier to create a sort of island for future development. The water that escaped from the site, it was claimed, could pollute Huron's drinking water. So what to do with the "stuff" that comes up from the bottom?

Enter the Barnes Composting Facility. They are now accepting loads of the material, spreading it out to dry, then processing it to mix in with their other products to produce environmentally safe, nutritionally rich, and earthworm delicious soil supplements available to the public. As the Lieutenant Governor said, in quoting a Corps official, "Ohio's best topsoil is on the bottom of Lake Erie." And one might add, "Or on the way to the lake, at the bottom of her rivers and streams." So by reclaiming this soil through the dredging process and bringing it back to the top of Ohio where it belongs, the Barnes facility is performing a huge function in helping to make Ohio greener. Not to mention the jobs the facility has created.

Huge earth movers and Caterpillars, aeration machines, grinders and dozers still are not smart enough to operate themselves. A human being drives them, fuels them, repairs them when they break down as they too often do when engaged in this type of work, and even drives around a watering truck to constantly spray the roads within the area to help keep the dust and air borne particulate matter to a minimum. If Harold and Bob Barnes had been told generations ago that this would eventually become a large part of their family's business someday, well, we can't print what boot and retort they would have given the crazy fool spouting such nonsense! Change is constant in the business, and this time it represents real progress.

Huron grads today are still right in the middle of it! Few knew, fifty years ago when folks graduated how to even pronounce hydroponics, how to farm twelve months a year here on the lake, or how to recycle anything, let alone a river bottom.

But Huron schools have always educated students to think, to imagine outside the proverbial boxes, to innovate, to dream big and find different ways forward, even as the world around them changes. We all share in the pride they bring back to their alma mater. So we applaud those who engage differently in agriculture today, who are working to make it more sustainable. who are dedicated to preserving and restoring what millions of years have given us to live on - that one inch belly band circling the globe upon which we all feed.



Just some of the heavy equipment needed to operate a composting facility, a VERY heavy investment indeed, to help preserve and restore our precious top-



Sharon Barnes beams as the nursery's reclamation and recycling business is recognized for its conservation achievements.



Whatever you do, don't fall in front of this baby! This windrow turner's mouth will eat you up, grind you to pieces, and spread you evenly as part of a long row of aerated mulch or compost, suitable for spreading on someone's landscape.



Drop tons of brush or logs into this monster and in a few minute out pops the first stage of ground up material on the way to being reduced to top soil or mulch, depending upon how long it is left to be worked back into soil.



Somebody played hooky that day but snagged an autograph from Mrs. Taylor. In the process, Drake Foster gained bragging rights over his classmates and learned much about the family's business. Proud grandparents, Sharon and Bob Barnes, look on admiringly.



At the site of the future Mucci Greenhouses, a wooded area has to first be cleared. The downed trees and plant materials will be recycled into various types of mulches and soils as needed by the greenhouses.

What's New About Town?

At the risk of sounding too much like the local Chamber of Commerce, we share here some of the new things going up or changing around town. Most of the changes revolve around the river front, which Chamber folks tout as our most valuable, exploitable asset these days. That may be true, but most of the activity is taking place on the west side instead of the eastern shore where once stood the grain silos and rail yards. Acres of prime development sit there awaiting some

deep pocketed individual to ride in on his white horse and build the Huron-of-the-Future. Until that happens, we'll just have to set eyes on what is already to the east – the boat launching ramps.

This winter saw continuous open water on the river except for about one week. Other than that, when folks should have been ice fishing, the waters ran free, and the walleye and perch fishermen were out every day. Half of Michigan and even

some Wisconsin hardies drove down to test their luck off Huron, and rewarded they were. Daily limit catches of lunker 'eyes and perch satisfied all but the most greedy. Huron's stock this winter went up all over this North Shore's area among the angling set, and future growth in popularity will continue. Maybe some enterprising young capitalist soul next winter can even set up a hot coffee stand and service those waiting in the long lines to launch their craft.



The morning of February 15, 2017, when the boat launching area was completely filled with trucks and trailers of mid-winter fishermen testing the waters off Huron's lighthouse - when they should have been ice fishing - a sight never before seen here.



Another Joe's Place

At the far north end of Main Street, practically on the pier itself, stands a newly remodeled bait store. For a while, the owner, Joe Dike, '94, had set the building up as a coffee shop run every morning by his mother. Now, ever since May 1, it has reopened to serve not only morning Joe but an assortment of pastries to provide a breakfast for early fishermen. And for those going out later or in the evening, Joe has even procured a beer license. We do hope that no one falls in!

The original Joe's Place, Joe's Bait, as it was about a half century ago. The modern version has made some important changes, mostly on the inside, as the history minded Joe has preserved the outside profile of the building to contribute to its charm. The fresh brewed espresso aroma inside now masks the dead minnow odors, while the yellow drums outside have been replaced with tanks that could serve as flower, ice, or beer keg containers - any of which beats reeking fish guts, mouldy nightcrawlers, and long dead crawdads.



Sports Force Park at Cedar Point Sports Center

Just down Cleveland Road a tad west of Huron, at the site of the former Griffing Airport, a beehive of activity has taken place over the past eighteen months or so. The airport had been sold, cleared of hangers and other buildings, the concrete floors cut into squares by Barnes Nursery personnel for re-purposing of the materials, and then a new facility constructed where area aviation pioneers had flown since the late 1930's. The Sports Force Park, a joint venture between The Sports Force, Inc. and Cedar Point, is now completed and ready for play.

The park sits on the shores of Lake Erie across the back bay from Cedar Point itself. Constructed to host all levels of baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse games, its synthetic turfs on all playing fields makes it ideal for operations from March through November. In addition, fun activities will include an 18-hole miniature golf course, trampolines, a ropes course and the Great Lawn—an outdoor activity area where students could play corn hole or watch movies. Erie MetroParks also plans to install trails and walks along the water perimeter areas for biking, walking, bird watching, or just plain enjoying the outdoor fresh air in a natural setting.

This multi-million dollar investment will help the area's economy grow, as all sorts of tournaments will draw players from surrounding states for days at a time. An arrangement with Cedar Point guarantees all players free entrance to Cedar Point and its Cedar Point Shores Waterpark, with discounts for other family members. All these people need to be fed and housed, so expect crowded venues all season long. The facility will be a welcome asset to what has become a family destination vacation place over the years.

We expect that in the future Huron Tigers will be mixing it up in tourney play on these very fields in every sport, lacrosse being the exception. What's the spread on how long it will take the SBC to begin lacrosse as a club sport and then become a full fledged team sport for participating schools?



Various views of the new park complex where once planes took off and landed, showing the many playing areas available. The Tiger's baseball team has already played on the facility.

Classnotes

Obituaries

John Gorman, '68, age 65, of Parma OH, passed away on February 19, 1916, at University Hospital in Cleveland OH. A U.S. Navy veteran, John took his BA from The Ohio State University and spent his career in accounting with RR Donnelley & Sons in Willard OH.

Thomas J. Stamm, '55, age 80, of Clyde OH, died at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky on Monday, November 28, 2016. Thomas served in the USMC, then as a deputy for the Erie and Sandusky Counties Sheriff offices, retired from this duty in 1971, and then became a full time farmer.



Joe Davidson, '69, age 66, of Amherst OH, passed away suddenly on December 14 at Elyria Memorial Hospital. As a police officer throughout his career, Joe was looked up to by all for his "gentle giant" ways, his humor, compassion and integrity.



Ann Marie Rau Neate, '51, age 83, passed away on January 22 at Providence Care Center in Sandusky. Ann actively supported the Perkins School district and was also extremely loyal to her home town, Huron, serving the Huron Historical Society and Museum and on the board of the Vanessa Hart Campbell Scholarship Committee.

Sandra Lee Olmstead Myers, '60, age 74, passed away on January 25 at Admiral Pointe Nursing Home in Huron. After graduation, Sandy served in the U.S. Army for a while, then had several jobs in the health services field, culminating in a career as a nurses' aid at the Ohio Veterans' Home in Sandusky.

Beth Schoenegge Kimberlin, '82, of Bellevue, passed away on April 20 in Las Vegas NV at the age of 53 from cancer.

David Corwin Jr. '69, age 67, of Altamonte Springs FL, passed away on March 3. David had lived and worked on Put-in-Bay OH. He had also served as a volunteer fire department member in Huron.



Catherine W. Hines, age 98, passed away on March 13 at her home in Huron. Catherine had taught kindergarten for the Huron City Schools for 20 years, having moved to Huron in 1967 from Bristol CT.

Scott Sommer, '70, of Norwalk, passed away on March 14.



Karen Vargo Casalinova '61, age 73, passed away at the Cleveland Clinic on March 16. Karen had owned, worked at, and loved her business, Vargo's Drive Inn in Norwalk. She never met a stranger and could never say "No" to anyone.

Robert Lippus, '70, passed away on March 21 from injuries resulting from an assault. Bob was a cement contractor.



Steve French, '76, age 58, passed away at his home in Lancaster PA on April 25. Steve had been employed by Phillips Healthcare, NA preceded by Wellspan Health, York PA. He was also very active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday school and served as deacon.

James Roswurm, '51, age 82, of Placerville CA, passed away on March 30. Jim graduated from OSU as a veterinarian. He worked for the Department of Agriculture in CA, then received an MPH in 1967. After that he served as Tuberculosis Epidemiologist for the USDA, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and then was "on loan" to the Pan American Health Center in Buenos Aires Argentina, 1973-76. In 1980 he was named Administrative Veterinarian in Charge of California for APHIS serving until his retirement in 1990.



Leon Payne, '67, age 67 of Huron, passed away April 29, 2017, in Louis Stokes Veterans Memorial Hospital, Cleveland. He proudly served in the United States Army as a sergeant with the 501st Infantry and was a Vietnam War combat veteran. Leon took special interest in advocating for disabled veterans.

Albert Gilliam, '63, of Huron, passed away on May 18 at Firelands Regional Medical Center after an extended illness.

Membership

Memberships are accepted any time during the year, but we like to have them by December 31 so that we can budget for the following year. Consider joining today to help keep this publication going and help meet our other expenses. We cannot deficit spend, so most of our activities are self sustaining. The largest expense, obviously, has been printing and mailings. Many of our members have chosen the option of using the Life or 5-Year memberships which greatly helps our planning. We thank all who have shown their appreciation of their alma mater by joining and continuing the legacy of loyal Huron Alumni.

Marjorie Henes Marshall	'37	Elyria	OH	Ed and Mary Taylor	'61/'78	Huron	OH
Ruth Washburn Warner	'38	Longview	TX	Kay Dahlhofer Wilson	'62	Chester	MD
Ellie Waite	'43	Strongsville	OH	Lewis Enderle	'62	Huron	OH
Bonnie Shrigley Kellenberger	'43	Washington CH	OH	Gary Brown	'64	Toledo	OH
Mary Waite	'45	Strongsville	OH	David Horner	'65	Norwalk	OH
Lina Lee Wharton	'47	Longwood	FL	Michael Bork	'66	Huron	OH
Kenneth Wilford	'47	Huron	OH	Dan Marshall	'67	Atlanta	GA
Joe Catri	'48	Huron	OH	Anna Wunder Bauman	'67	Huron	OH
Robert Fritz	'48	Vermillion	OH	John Caporini	'68	Huron	OH
Patrician Altman Basilone	'48	Huron	OH	Pam Wentz Ebert	'68	Bay Village	OH
Joyce Klein Boyes	'49	Huron	OH	Roger France	'69	Buena Vista	CO
Betty Webster Ruetenik	'49	Montgomery	TX	Timothy Wallick	'69	Huron	OH
Bill Schell	'49	Huron	OH	Becky Walker	'70	Sandusky	OH
Shirley Burton Schwanger	'50	Sandusky	OH	Steve Fisher	'70	Huron	OH
Dr. Carol Payne Smith	'51	Kalamazoo	MI	William O'Hara	'70	Vermilion	OH
Barbara Phillips Reddick	'52	Willoughby	OH	Beth Legando Fisher	'71	Huron	OH
Shirley Steibly Watrous	'52	San Diego	CA	Suzette Ritter Coburn	'71	Huron	OH
Jean Davis Howard	'53	Huron	OH	Jeff Jablonski	'71	Crystal Falls	MI
William C Handley	'53	Cape May CH	NJ	Jody Boyes Caporini	'71	Huron	OH
Judy Lacey Rielle	'53	Hyde Park	NY	Michael Kirby	'72	Waterville	OH
Peggy Payne Zimmer	'53	Mayfield Hts	OH	Dan Delahunt	'72	Sandusky	OH
Esther Svoboda	'54	Medina	OH	John Williams	'73	Marysville	OH
Carol Andrews Wilford	'54	Huron	OH	Greg Yarmoluk	'74	Howell	MI
Joy Foley Stephens	'54	Pittsburgh	PA	Gary Majestic	'74	Rome	GA
Katherine Kaiser Aylsworth	'54	St Johns	MI	David Shearer	'74	Arroyo Grande	CA
Rolland Hart	'55	Sandusky	OH	David Strom Jr.	'75	West Orange	NJ
Paula Kay Snyder Bier	'55	Sandusky	OH	Laura Gould Greenwald	'75	West Orange	NJ
Samuel Jeffery	'55	San Diego	CA	Debra Hinton	'75	St. Albans	UK
Ann Bostater Hart	'56	Sandusky	OH	Sharon Caporini Aamoth	'75	Solon	OH
Nancy Rhodes Harman	'56	Huron	OH	Mary Reese Folger	'76	Huron	OH
Carol Lescher	'56	Lorain	OH	Susan Coleman Frankart	'76	Huron	OH
Judy Connors Mize	'56	Sandusky	OH	Dr. Will Folger	'76	Huron	OH
Linda Fisk Wareham	'56	Fredericktown	OH	Gaetano Munafa	'76	Huron	OH
Carol Haggerty Schell	'56	Huron	OH	Debora Bihun and Gerhard Gross	'76	Sandusky	OH
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	'57	Amherst	OH	Kay Ellen Hinton	'79	Huron	OH
Gary Harris	'58	Colorado Spr	CO	Lee Jones	'79	Milan	OH
Nancy Weillau Claus	'58	Bellevue	OH	Joan McCann Heinrich	'80	Lake Park	FL
Barbara Taylor Jones	'59	Huron	OH	Terri Jones	'81	Newark	OH
Robert Jones	'59	Huron	OH	Scott Bade	'82	New Albany	OH
Marta Knott Richards	'60	Cincinnati	OH	Linda Pelehach Printy	'82	Perrysburg	OH
Dr. William Towne	'60	Rockford	IL	Shirley Minier Reynolds	'82	Huron	OH
Joanne Trabant Hall	'60	Cincinnati	OH	Bob Jones	'83	Huron	OH
Judith Moore Zoliniak	'60	Santa Cruz	CA	Lynda Bird Bade	'84	New Albany	OH
Dottie Presutto	'60	Vermilion	OH	Kate Jones	'10	St Bonaficius	MN
Nelson Hardesty	'61	New Albany	OH	Zach Jones	'13	Derby	KS
Kay Billman Reeves	'61	Huron	OH	Kathy Kosan		Huron	OH
Susan Lagando Groscoct	'61	Sandusky	OH	Thomas Heckelman		Norwalk	OH
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Scholarship Contributions

Thanks to the continued generosity of so many of our members, we are able annually to present scholarships to our graduating seniors. You can help in this effort at any time by making a contribution of any size. Monies marked for any of our endowments are deposited through the Huron Educational Foundation and are invested through our local Merrill Lynch offices, overseen by Keith Sweigert, a Huron 2002 graduate.

There are many ways in which you can make a contribution to any of our scholarship funds, or, for that matter actually begin one yourself in memory of someone. Cash always works, of course. However, some folks prefer to make a donation of stocks that have appreciated considerably in value and receive a tax deduction. By contributing the stock to our Foundation they avoid taxes on their long term gains and help make some of our students very happy! Our advisors decide when to liquidate the stock and then add the dollars to grow the corpus of our Foundation. Contributions of bonds work about the same way. Contact us for details and we or our advisors can walk you through the process.

Another way of benefiting our students is to consider a legacy contribution. These are arrangements that you make to remember us in your will. As you work on your estate planning and wish to consider something like this, contact us to help guide you in the process. There are so many ways to remember your alma mater this way. In addition to cash, folks might want to consider outright donations of stocks or bonds, of property, vehicles, collections, or other things that can be liquidated, with the proceeds then added to the Foundation to grow in perpetuity. These donations can be made as a named scholarship contribution or added to an existing one.

General Scholarship - Regular/Endowed

Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Carol Payne Smith	Kalamazoo	MI	51
Barnes Family	Huron	OH	62
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
John Williams	Marysville	OH	73
Janice Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	57
Amy and Mark Claus	Huron	OH	84/85
Richard Ritter	Mt. Vernon	OH	59

Tom Shontz Memorial Science Scholarship Fund

David Gillette	Golden	CO	75
John Williams	Marysville	OH	73
Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH	fr. faculty
Dave and Laura Strom Greenwald	West Orange	NJ	75

Jesse Hagy Family Scholarship

Mike Kirby	Waterville	OH	72
William Handley	Cape May Ct House	NJ	53
Liz Hagy Swain	Huron	OH	76
Lee Hagy Simon	Vermilion	OH	76

Richard Wennes Memorial Scholarship

Nancy Harman	Huron	OH	56
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Language Arts Scholarship - In Memory of

Larry Zimmer, Mary Alyce Harpster

David Gillette	Golden	CO	75
Dave and Laura Strom Greenwald	West Orange	NJ	75
Janice Cook Herrman	Amherst	OH	57
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
John Williams	Marysville	OH	73
Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA	67
Mike Kirby	Waterville	OH	72
Pam Ebert	Bay Village	OH	68
Jim Kiger	Bakersfield	CA	66

Tanny Vonthron Memorial Scholarship

Gregory Yarmoluk	Howell	MI	74
Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA	67

Dolores Heydinger EL/ED Memorial Scholarship

Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Debra Hinton	St Albans	UK	75
Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH	former faculty
Dave and Laura Gould Greenwald	West Orange	NJ	75
Anonymous	Huron	OH	76
Judy Mize	Sandusky	OH	56

Hope's Eternal Spring

Tom "BoBo" Bollenbacher, '75, has stood the test of time. With a full year under his belt of being "in" the NFL, Bo found himself moving up on the depth chart in January when it was announced that the Browns would not be drafting a QB in the first round.

Before the draft, the Browns HQ guys decided to put their wanna-be QB's through their combine to see what they were worth. Bo showed up early. It was a cool day on a Sunday morning in March when this make-or-break workout commenced. Everyone's breath filled the air and some giggled as Bo stripped off two of his sweat shirts to get down to his idol's, Tim Couch, number 2 jersey. Bobblehead Bo indeed.

First task was an accuracy test – throw a football at a swinging target, AKA, a tire on a rope, and see how many he could make. He missed the tire ten times out of eight attempts for a new Browns record, out-Couching even Tim!

Speed – in the 40 yard sprint, dash, or slug-along, Bo was only slightly disappointing. The timers clicked on their watches when the starter's arm went up, then set them down to fetch a coffee, returned when Bo had recovered from tripping over the 25 yard line, then clocked him crawling across the 40. They would not reveal the result.

Next they held a foot nimbleness contest. Here Bo was expected to excel. On a dance floor at Main Street Tavern he has always shown his stuff with moves such as The Wounded Turkey Trot, The Dirty Dog, or the Rowboat – all without spilling a beer. Alas, this time Bo also flopped – literally. When they picked him up the last time, covered in chalk and grass stains, he reluctantly accepted a gator ride back to the club house. There, after his whirlpool, and smothered in Ben Gay, he managed to squeeze his svelte 38 inch waist behind the wheel and drive back to Huron.

Conclusion – current value about a three dollar bill and trade bait! This ranks him right down there as number 28 of the 26 QB's the Brownies have paid since returning to the NFL in 1999, with the likes of a Seneca Wallace, Brady Quinn, Brandon Weedon, or Thad Lewis. Could he be the Browns next Ty Detmer? Or Johnny 'Gimmie the Money' Manziel? Only time will tell, as the clock seems to be running down on prospects for Bo's future in the NFL.

After the taxing try-out, Bo retired to Florida to recuperate and stay two long steps ahead of all those trying to collect coffees off his lost bets. It seems he prognosticates about as well as a Hillary pollster. Jimmy the Greek he ain't, but his name will be forever Mud if he doesn't soon pay down his Donut Shop bar tab!

However, post-draft, since the Browns picked Notre Dame's DeShone Kizer in Round 2, Bo's hopes indeed resurrected! DeShone has long lost "da shine." Witness ND's 4 and 8 record in 2016. So Bo moves back up to number four. Here's Bo's dreams in a nutshell: Kessler gets killed in the home opener against the Steelers. Osweiler breaks a leg against the Ravens the following week, and Hogan then fails to show up in game three against the Colts. Kizer then steps in and takes a concussion on the first play, then Bo gets the call! He scrambles for a TD after an interception places the ball on the one. Later he throws a Hail Mary on the final play, it hits the goal post, and the Browns lose their third straight, 49-6. But the good news is that with his \$9,000 pay day, he can pay off his coffee bets and bar bills.

Meanwhile back from Lala Land, as for his future employment with the Browns, he has been promised a raise – from the bottom of the laundry chute in the washer/dryer room to upstairs as head polisher of helmets, folder of jock straps, and cubicle clean up. The players love their "boy," as he showed his worth as inflater of balls in the Browns' only win last season. If they are high on him, so are we.

Good luck Bo. But get those coffees paid down! Your lawyer can protect you only so long, so guard your kneecaps.

New SBC Alignment

Try to follow this new conference alignment for 2017 and following years. The former SBC, of which Huron has long been a member, will now include three divisions: Big, Middle, and Small, based upon school enrollment. They line up as follows:

Big Division

- Shelby (AAA, 228 Boys, 207 Girls)
- Bellevue (AAA, 246 Boys, 222 Girls)
- Sandusky (AAA, 322 Boys, 274 Girls)
- Norwalk (AAA, 299 Boys, 298 Girls)
- Tiffin Columbian (AAA, 322 Boys, 311 Girls)
- Clyde (AAA, 269 Boys, 227 Girls)
- Perkins (AAA, 295 Boys, 258 Girls)

Middle Division

- Willard (AA, 143 Boys, 169 Girls)
- Edison (AA, 161 Boys, AAA, 174 Girls)
- Huron (AAA, 208 Boys, AA, 144 Girls)
- Margaretta (AA, 110 Boys, 131 Girls)
- Oak Harbor (AAA, 188 Boys, 201 Girls)
- Port Clinton (AAA, 208 Boys, 203 Girls)
- Vermilion (AA, 242 Boys, 230 Girls)

Small Division

- Calvert (A, 63 Boys, 54 Girls)
- Lakota (AA, 99 Boys, 99 Girls)
- New Riegel (A, 44 Boys, 41 Girls)
- Old Fort (A, 58 Boys, 66 Girls)
- St. Joseph C. C. (A, 58 Boys, 48 Girls)
- St. Mary C. C. (A, 72 Boys, 72 Girls)
- St. Wendelin (A, 43 Boys, 58 Girls)***

*** School closing end of 2016 school yr.

Not all the schools offer all the sports so scheduling will be a nightmare. However, it is hoped that a more balanced output will occur and the athletes will find success and enjoyment at whatever they excel.

Huron High Goes Ahead Full STEAM

Your Alma Mater will be soon doing some exciting things in a new interdisciplinary course being offered NEXT YEAR. It will be full STEAM ahead once the course is up and running, a joint effort between the science and art departments. What's the connection there you ask. The one department concentrates upon the natural world, investigating how everything around us works and why it operates as it does. The other deals with imagination, with pulling out of the brain ideas and images, swirling them around through trial and error until something new, maybe even something that has never existed, is created. But a team of teachers has seen the future and intends to offer Huron's students an opportunity to teleport into it successful careers by becoming involved in STEAM projects.

As the world becomes more technology oriented, today's students need to prepare for the jobs of the future which do not even exist yet. What a daunting task for both teachers and students alike! The old fashioned 3 R's alone will not cut it any more. To be sure, students need to master those skills, but then the schools need to go beyond and prepare their students for the technology world that will build upon those basics in ways not even imagined today. The cost of NOT training for the future is frightful – more unemployment, wider economic disparity, more social unrest – you fill in the blanks.

For example, our politicians proudly proclaim that they will bring back jobs that have been lost to places like China and Mexico. The reality is that very few jobs, figured as a net total, have been lost to those countries. The reality is that technology has created more jobs than have been lost and will continue to put workers out of the old-style manufacturing jobs unless they know how to master and use technology. Of course, we could all be Luddites and smash the technology "machinery" and continue to compute on our abacuses and write our cursive memos one at a time. We could rise earlier each day and drive our surrey to work. We could order from a Sears catalogue and wait several weeks for our new what-chamacallit.

Or we could join the march to the future, master the technology instead of fearing it, and create jobs for ourselves that will raise the standard of living to heights greater than our grandfathers could have imagined. The point is that to participate in and enjoy this technological world of the future, students need to be prepared. And Huron High School intends to invest in this future by preparing its students properly – whatever that means. (It's interesting to look back just a couple decades at educators' efforts to define "proper" career choices and see how many ever panned out or are already extinct.)

So what is the STEAM all about that Huron intends to implement? By now everyone knows what the STEM courses are. In the past couple decades, more and more emphasis in schools K-12 and beyond has been placed upon the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics courses, the so called STEM courses. Remember how the Asians, Scandinavians, Canadians, and even Estonians were kicking our collective behinds in most subjects? STEM was supposed to reverse all that, but they still are kicking butt.

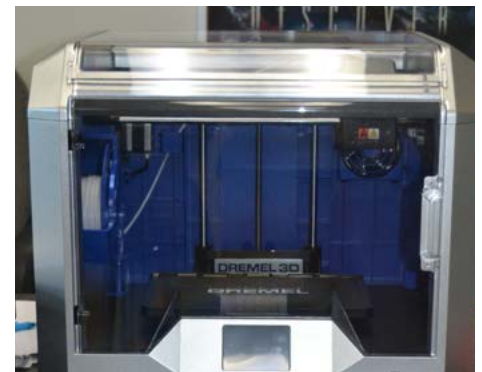
Huron proposes to add an A to the STEM acronym, "A" standing for the Arts. Hence, STEAM. At first blink, it seems like an improbable marriage. What does art have to do with science? Oh, maybe a student wishes to prepare for a career illustrating science books on the art of dissecting amphibians or cadavers. Sorry, already been done. Job opportunities here in short supply.

The reality, though, is different. In the future, the world will need students in the STEM subjects who have also been trained to visualize ideas for things that need to be created, know how to use software to help create 2 and 3-dimensional sketches on computers, and then interface those results with the machinery that will create the final products. Sound complicated? Yes to a Luddite, no to Huron's science and art students. They will know how to conceptualize, then create what has not heretofore existed. And make darned good salaries doing so! They would work on projects training them to use their basic skills in new ways to pro-

duce creative "masterpieces."

For example, suppose one wished to erect a piece of public sculpture to honor the Native Americans who used to live in the Erie County area before Europeans discovered them. How would that be done? In an interdisciplinary STEAM activity, students at Huron High could be given a challenge to create an object incorporating many of the symbols used by the local Native Americans and then proudly display it in a setting that would be representative of their ancient culture.

The project would raise a host of questions and problems to be surmounted. Of what would they create such a sculpture? What forms could be incorporated? Exactly what would the finished product look like? How and where would it be displayed? And most importantly, from where would the funding come to create this product? One can see the interdisciplinary nature of such projects.



This 3D printer is a first for Huron schools. It is small, allowing only a 9 inch cube to be constructed, but learning on this will enable students to move up to the industrial sizes in their futures.

The questions and problems are exactly the same as Michelangelo would have encountered in creating some of his great masterpieces such as his *Pieta* or *David* statues. Except that today, before a hammer hits a chisel against rock, hours of preparatory work would be engaged in using modern technology. On the one hand, Michelangelo spent months searching for just the right slab of Carraran marble from which to carve his *Pieta*, more months creating models with

which to clinch the commission, and then months more carefully chiseling and smoothing the cold, hard rock into a creature of warmth and beauty, perfectly proportioned, highly emotive. A Huron STEAM team could complete a similar task in about a semester!

For the sculpture honoring our Native Americans, the students would set to work researching the images that our area's Native Americans left behind, all over the internet without leaving the comfort of their den or bedrooms. Records of their findings would be saved in digital documents and then shared with classmates on line, sitting next door or across town, exactly the same way that industrial engineers develop and share ideas with confrères half way around the world.

Once the images are found and archived, then the students would begin to brainstorm ideas of how best to publicly represent these images in a form that would represent the ancient culture. Again, all the discussion and sketching could be done on computers and shared via the internet. As a consensus developed as to what different final products might look like, students again would turn to their

software on their own or the school's computers and begin sketching out and sharing their ideas. Art teachers would help the students refine their ideas into a form that is at once informative, representative, and beautiful.

Then a model of some of the final products could be constructed. Once again the students would turn to technology, this time to 3-D printers, upon which they would actually create scale models of what they wanted to scale up into a final statue. Students would have to master how to translate their ideas from their minds, to digitized images, and then out into final 3-dimensional products using the best available technology at the time. Luckily, Huron High has most of what the students will need to complete such complex projects. It is exactly this type of interdisciplinary projects that will best prepare our students for the jobs that are already here and will be developing even more rapidly, jobs that will pay excellent salaries for those with the skills to create and produce in this world of the future.

Huron's forward looking science, technology, and art departments have thus created a course of study that will pre-

pare students for these exciting careers. Matt Asher, '02, physics teacher, and art teacher Patty Ryan have begun a STEAM course to give Huron's students experiences in developing all of the creative and production skills needed to complete a project such as that outlined above – all in one Michelangelo semester. Real life experience would also be developed in helping design the place where the final sculpture would be displayed. Economics would enter when students begin thinking about the cost of producing a final product and in securing the necessary funding. Their communication skills would be developed as they "sold" their ideas, like *Shark Tank*, to potential granters. Collaborative team building skills would also be developed at every stage in such a course.

We applaud the present staff and the excitement they have engendered within the student body to sign up for such a course. In future articles we will survey their progress and display their products. And just maybe, someone of you out there might just spot a student or two involved in these projects that you could use in your own company and offer them a position. Bingo! From our labs to yours!



Baby Groot, that lovable character from *Guardians of the Galaxy* was one of the first objects printed on Huron High School's 3-D printer. Of course it's not an original, creative project for the students, but just learning how to input the data into the printer and then watching the machine create this four inch high model out of material that looks like a weed waker's spool of plastic "string" watching the printer lay down the material layer by layer as it spritzed out the liquid, heated material was just the first step in these students' long learning process.

We anticipate quite a few objects such as this being designed and produced in the physics lab in the year to come as this STEAM program gets off the ground. Thanks to the interdepartmental planning that our teaching staff has undergone, the grads of tomorrow should fit right into the growing job market

Retired Teachers Party Time

So how do retired teachers spend their winters? Most just hunker down right here in Huron or the surrounding area and tough it out. A few still work in other non-educational positions, still fewer travel a bit, but the majority remain close to family and friends, volunteering on the side, participating in Elder College programs, pampering grandkids and great-grandkids, or cursing the weather that no longer allows ice fishing.

Then for one evening they all meet over dinner and catch up. This past winter they gathered at Marconi's of an evening and gabbed about travels – past and future – about friends and family, city progress or the size of neighborhood potholes, and the grandkids. Rarely does the issue of school come up, even rarer complaints about health. Surprisingly, politics, if it does come up, is treated with a wink and a nod and not much else. That's how they continue to remain friends for decades.

Of those who gathered this year, their health remains surprisingly good, well into the 90's for three of them now. For those creeping up on their 80's, an artificial this or that may be in the offing, but they do what it takes to keep up their life styles in comfort. They are grateful to the Huron City Schools that allowed them satisfying careers and the opportunity to live out their days surrounded by friends and family in such a great lake place.

A few snapshots are included here to see if you can identify them with less hair, maybe more pounds, but still the smiles that you remember from your days at Huron High.





Answers: Connie Bunn, Sally Green, Jackie Warren, Dick Klein and Marcon's proprietor Carlo Martello, '79, Bill Scott, Principal Will Folger, Bob Bowers, Ed Boose, Jack and Vicki Busam, Tom Knechtges, Scott Bunn, Bill Scott and Tom Heckelman, Judy Pflieger and Sue Shontz Dubray, Dick Klein and Don Pflieger.

Justice Beth Deer Walker, Supreme Court WV

Beth Deer Walker, '83, was elected to the Supreme Court for the state of West Virginia. She was sworn into office on December 5th for a term commencing January 1 of this year and ending in 2028. Her win gives the court a female majority for the first time in the state's history, joining

Editor for The Ohio State Law Journal. She was admitted to the bar and is permitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Sixth Circuits, District Courts in West Virginia and Ohio and the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

System. In 2012 she was elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from Hillsdale College. Beth has also been active in community affairs wherever she has lived. A former chairwoman and current member of the board of directors of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council, she has also served as chair of the boards of Leadership West Virginia and Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center.



Beth began her career in law by joining Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, now Bowles Rice, in Charleston. During her 22 years at Bowles Rice, she concentrated her statewide practice on labor and employment law and mediation. Walker served on the firm's executive committee and in several other leadership roles. She and her husband Mike Walker moved to Morgantown in 2011, where she became Associate General Counsel for the West Virginia United Health

Beth is married to Mike Walker, an attorney and former Executive Vice President of Cecil I. Walker Machinery Co. Their daughter Jennifer is now a junior at WVU. The family resides in Morgantown, West Virginia.

We join Beth's classmates and all Huronites in wishing Beth much success in her new position. From Huron to the hallowed halls of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, as it's called there – who wudda thunk! We must be doing something right here, getting them all dressed up for the Big Dance.

As the "newbie" on the court, Beth proudly took her seat on the right hand end of the bench on her first day on the job.

ten other states with that distinction. In fact, of the 77 justices ever elected to that West Virginia's Supreme Court of Appeals, Beth is just the third female ever to attain this honor. Humbled as always, she believes that her election will inspire other young ladies to aspire for higher things, as she says, "You can do anything you set out to do." Beth had previously run for the position in 2008 as a Republican, but the state legislature's law passed in 2015 declared all justices run as nonpartisan. The second time around for Beth was thus a charm!

Beth graduated in 1983 from Huron High and then did her undergraduate work at Hillsdale College in Michigan where she graduated summa cum laude in 1987. Not finished, she then took her law degree at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law where she was Articles



Justice Allen H. Loughry II delivers the oath of office to Beth, as proud step-daughter Jennifer looks on, holding the judicial robe, and husband Mike holds the family Bible.

Brigadier General John Nichols, USAF

For John Nichols, '88, the way to the top certainly has been a long dusty road, sometimes almost literally. After high school graduation, John left Huron for the United States Air Force Academy out in Colorado, a fresh air state. He graduated from there into a series of assignments followed by more schooling, followed by commands with more responsibilities, mostly in very dusty places. As in Alabama, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, New Mexico. Oops, a break in Germany. But then a year in Qatar was finally followed by commands in Columbus, Mississippi, and finally his present assignment as Deputy Director of Operations, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

All that is about to change. On March 14, the Secretary of Defense recommended a slate of 76 officers for elevation to the rank of Brigadier General. The US Senate confirmed John's nomination and now Huron High has an alumn who, after the pinning ceremony sometime this fall, will be sporting his star as a proud Brigadier

General USAF.

John's next command will be no less onerous than his present one. In Louisiana he has responsibilities managing and advocating for resources for the command's nuclear and conventional forces. It is responsible for operations, training, exercises, testing, and evaluation of three Minuteman III ICBM wings, two B-52 wings, two B-1 wings, one B-2 wing, and one-1N helicopter group. That's tens of billions in assets, folks. A highlight, though, was John's opportunity to check out in the B-52 bomber. You may remember that flying dinosaur from back in the 1950's, the workhorse in the Vietnam Era and the Cold War, and still flying. So now he is one of only a few checked out to fly the B-1, B-2, and B-52 bombers.

In his new command, John will be at the 509 Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB in Missouri. He is responsible for the combat readiness of the Air Force's only B-2 Spirit wing, (Google that one - it's an upgrade from the B-52) including development



and employment of the B-2's combat capability as part of the Air Force's Global Strike Task Force. His command provides logistics support for the Air Force Reserve 442nd Fighter Wing, Missouri Air National Guard 131st Bomb Wing, Air Combat Command 20th Reconnaissance Squadron and the Missouri Army National Guard 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Unit. Nothing in here about vacation time with such a full platter. He now will manage flying assets in excess of \$46 billion and an annual operations and maintenance budget of \$147 million.

Along the way to his present position, John had a helpmate, classmate Michelle Willinger, '88, whom he married in 1992. As a military wife, she endured more moves than a Mayflower van, 16 so far and sti counting. She and John eventually had three children: Michael, Brooke, and Beau.

As the family faces this new challenge of settling in Missouri and adapting to the rigors of dad's new command, we here at Huron celebrate their combined successes and wish them all well.

Michael, 23, Michelle, John, Brooke, 22, and Beau, 19, pose before the family's home.



Winter and Spring Sports Results

Basketball Coach Bobby James Record: 16 - 5 SBC Champions 11 - 3 in conference

Michael Hurst first team All SBC , second team all district, 3rd team Northwest district
Jared Hohler first team All SBC
Joey Harkelroad 2nd team all SBC honorable mention all district

Baseball Coach

Softball

Track

Boys Coach Roberta Collins

The Boys' Track Team was led by 5 Seniors: Will Currence, Will Steuk, Will Wiseman, Joey Harkelroad, and Caleb Witte. They were a young team with 17 Freshman but competed well in the Tri-Meet and Invites. They placed 4th at SBC, 8th in the Districts and 17th at Regionals. Six athletes qualified to the state meet in Columbus on June 1-3. The athletes are: Ronnie Brandal, Nathan Pack, Will Steuk and Casey VanCauwenbergh with alternates Caleb Witte and Luke Wood. Casey VanCauwenbergh also qualified in pole vault.

Girls

Tennis Coach Dan Johnson Record 2 - 6 in SBC, 4 - 10 overall
Doubles team of Max Martin and Jake Swope - lost by one win in regionals to #2 seed

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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 _____
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Maiden name, if female grad _____ Graduation Year _____**

Huron Booster's Club Membership

**Annual Dues _____ "SuperTiger" \$200 (includes two passes to every high school sporting event)
_____ "Tiger" \$125 (includes two home season tickets to sport of choice)
(Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Basketball Boys' Basketball)
_____ Special "Gray" \$50 _____ Regular "Red" \$25**

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