

# NEWS

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## Graduation Again - At Last

Your Alumni Association welcomed another 128 members on a stormy Friday evening, bringing the total of Huron grads now to over 10,000. Torrential rains and winds forced the ceremony inside where a splendid farewell was given the seniors who had endured two zany school years. *Turn to page 2 for details.*

## Class Gatherings Resume



Classes have begun their regular and make-up five-year reunions as well as their monthly luncheon and dinner meetings. After more than fifteen months of missed fellowship, fist bumps and masks have relaxed and plenty of hugs and catching up abound. See the openers beginning on page 10.

## Coping with Covid

How did the Huron City Schools wage the battle against Covid19 and win? Read about the measures required and how the community and schools worked together to keep students safe. See page 6.



## And the Beat Goes On

Huron's tradition of Excellence in Education stretches back many generations in some families. As newcomers move into the community, a core of the "old-timers" helps anchor the best of Huron's traditions, even as change nudges us in new directions. Find some of our three generation grads beginning on page 4.

## Generations of Success Stories

Success is more than reaching the Major Leagues or playing in the NFL. We have many grads who have stuck their neck out and ventured where few had gone before, proving that a good education and a vision, coupled with hard work, is a tough combination to beat. We begin this new series following these Tigers past beginning on page 7.



## Former Huron City School Stalwarts Pass



This winter and spring, four former Huron City School teachers passed away: Donald Pflieger, high school Librarian and Media Specialist; John Phillips, high school and middle school math teacher; James Hinton, middle school teacher and high school assistant coach; and this month, Richard Klein, teacher, assistant principal, and AD. Also passing was Dr. Craig Johnson, who began and then coached Huron's swimming program for many years. For details, see pages 17.

# Graduation 2021

What a difference a year makes! Graduation exercises for 128 seniors took place on May 28, but under rules relaxed by Ohio's Governor and meticulously followed by school authorities. The ceremony, originally planned to be held at Huron Memorial Stadium, was forced inside by several days of near hurricane force winds, severe flooding in the area, and power outages. A heroic crew of staff and students worked to lug at the last minute everything already set up from field to fieldhouse, dry it all off, and set the stage for a Friday evening traditional graduation. It seemed as if the weather gods were conspiring against this year's seniors to repeat last year's limited events, but determination whipped both Mr. Covid and the weather. The class was given a well deserved dignified and dry celebration of their success stories. There was no Baccalaureate ceremony, however, as a token sacrifice thrown the pandemic gods' way.



Principal speakers were also reduced from previous years so as to reduce the amount of time folks had to spend in near proximity to one another. Class President Victoria Eytchison welcomed the crowd, Student Body President Blair Petee regaled all with a light-hearted summary of the class's major exploits over the years, and Luke Lagando shook off the jitters to thank the community for their years of support of their schools and especially this class as it faced unparalleled hardships and setbacks at the end but eventually prevailed.

Principal Lamb addressed the class and thanked them for the hard work, perseverance, and leadership shown the entire student body, especially through their past two years. He praised all they had accomplished despite the roadblocks that seemed to pop up almost daily. Of the 128 class members, on the ACT test, 11 had scored a 30 or higher, 17 were graduating *Summa Cum Laude*, 15 *Magna cum Laude*, and 16 *Cum Laude*. Off to college are headed 83% of the class, while 7% have already enlisted in our armed services, and 9% are entering directly into the workforce. On top of that add in \$1.4 million dollars accepted in scholarship money with more coming! These "kids" were not born with the proverbial silver spoons in their mouths, but they mined and smelted the ores and then forged their futures with plenty of guidance from families, the schools, and their community. We wish them the best, and as Principal Lamb said in his remarks, "We can't wait to see what they will build in the future."



Senior class president Victoria Eytchison welcomes the class and crowd.



Luke Lagando, Class Speaker, admonishes his classmates to never lose track of their roots in Huron.



Blair Petee, Student Body President, regales the crowd one final time.



Teacher Jessie Gimperling presents her daughter Layne with her diploma



**OUTA HERE!!!**



# A Special Graduation

Huron High School has been privileged to house a contingent of special needs students for the past two years. Each reports to school daily and is accompanied by a mentor through their daily learning plan. Some report to their own homeroom, others to classes where they are mainstreamed and receive the same instruction as the general population. Their special needs are provided for throughout the experience as they are being guided toward educational objectives that will allow them to function more independently post high school.

Their presence in the building has been a two way blessing. First, their own educational needs are being met at their level as well as their socialization needs and skills. They interact on a daily basis with the rest of the student body and grow more comfortable in social situations. High fives galore greet them as they parade through the halls at break times, with both fellow students and staff chatting them up, congratulating them for their progress or just engaging in a little horseplay once in a while.

By far, though, the greatest learning is taking place within the general student body as a whole. All sorts of stereotypes break down the longer the students interact. Students grow in empathy and toleration for those who are not exactly liked themselves. They have opportunities to practice consideration and kindness, and they learn how to be more accepting of others and build and maintain relationships with all. In short, they are pulled out of the bubbles in which they have sometimes been raised and with which they are accustomed. They learn to walk in others' shoes and not just their own. These skills being mastered by them will translate into a different society long-term to the benefit of all. The beauty of it is that most don't even realize the transformations occurring, as there are no exams for this type of learning, no cramming, just a gradual change.

The decision was made to stage a graduation for these students who had been with us for a couple years now, some of whom are ready to move on. They received the full shebang! A stage was set up for them and ramped to make access simple. Principal Lamb delivered a beautiful speech in which he thanked them for all they had contributed to the school over the years, especially in the way they helped him grow as a teacher and administrator. The students were then called one by one to receive their diploma, to the applause of parents, relatives, and friends, while many a teary-eyed mentor, teacher, administrator, and board member smiled to think of how change can be affected if only folks try. Huron High met the challenge and all are to be commended.



A senior chorale intones the *National Anthem*



Principal Lamb delivers the address.



A smile speaks volumes.





## Three Generations of Huron Graduates

Here are some of the families that have had three and four generations of Huron High School graduates. Enjoy.



Sandy Hartley Schuh, '85, Connor Schuh, and grandfather Richard Hartley, '58.



The Majoy clan with another grad, Mallory, with dad, Kris, '74, grandma Aggie, '52, and Tike, '51.



Graduate Reece Will with her grandmother Judy Hinde Halter, '58, her sister Katherine, '17, mother Jennifer Halter Will, '88, and aunt, school board member Jody Halter Mast, '85.



Proud parents Nate and Jessica Legando Gimperling, both '94, pose with daughters Layne and Rece, '20, and grandparents of the girls, Cindy Hastings Defazio, '68 and Tony Legando, '69.



The families of Pat, '88, (l) and Vinnie, '90 (r) Lagando, pose with the senior patriarch, Duke Lagando, '59. Graduates are Luke next to his father and Alizia who with her sister Olivia, '19, support their grandfather. In the rear stand the graduates' aunt, Sarah, '86, Luke's mother, Kirsta Thoreson Lagando, '94, and Alizia's mother, Heather Thaxton Lagando, '91.





Zak Weyer celebrates with his family: Bruce, '70, and Rick, '07, Bauman, parents Tim, '91, and Kim, '94, sister Kayla, '23, and grandmother Pam Hoppe Bauman, '72.



The Larizza family is still represented in the community. Andrea Larizza Arambula '92, and daughter Olivia pose with Gary Larizza, '66.

## A Senior Prom First

Last year's senior class was deprived of a prom by the Covid pandemic. This year all worked to reinstate the tradition, except that when certain decisions had to be made, all sorts of restrictions imposed by the governor were still in place. What happened next required ingenuity.

A tent was ordered up to be placed upon the beach at Nickel Plate Park. Students were permitted to attend mask-free but only with seniors to keep down the crowd size and risk of infections. The junior class then held a separate prom the week beforehand, courtesy of the parents, and were thus satisfied. Students then had to decide how dressed up to be since a beach would not be as clean as a dance hall. Choice of shoes was also difficult - shoes, no-shoes, sandals, socks only? In the end each decided upon whatever best suited their pocketbook and how much making a fashion statement was worth. The end result was a perfectly good time was had by all. Students felt a part of history as this was the first and maybe the only beach prom ever thrown by Huron High. We'll have to wait until next spring to see how crazy the next class is.



One if by sand, Two if by blue carpet, Three if by boat



Shoes? Who needs shoes?  
This is much cheaper.



## Coping with Covid, Huron Style

By now you have read a thousand articles on how folks have coped with Covid19 during periods of severe surges, so you don't need another here. What the schools nationwide have had to cope with the past fifteen-plus months is nothing short of miraculous. However, that all have survived here in Huron is not merely the work of divine intervention. Rather, it was the result of super-heroic efforts on the part of the entire school community in cooperation with the families.

When the orders came from the Governor in March to shut it down, the teachers gathered to decide how to confront the obstacles that all foresaw but had never needed to plan for. How to teach children when they all remained at home, when many had no access to computers, when a teacher simply could become a talking head on a screen, with the normal group activities curtailed and students becoming bored to death after a few moments – these and many other questions had to be answered, and fast. Working together, teacher teams in each building began researching new strategies, conversing with confrères in other districts, picking brains for best practices and materials to use to try to salvage what they could of what could have turned out to be a totally lost second semester of the 2019-20 school year. Many of the kids were frustrated, teachers were pulling their hair out, parents and administrators flummoxed as well, but no one gave up hope. All hung in there and tried as best they could, and June finally arrived to give respite. From March of 2020 on, there had been no programs, no art shows and concerts, no dinners, very restricted athletics, no prom, and worst of all, a very scaled down graduation that we reported on in the June issue last spring.

During the summer, hybrid ways of bringing students into school part time while using Zoom classes on other days were discussed. The result was that half of the students came in one day, the other half on alternate days, each twice per week. The fifth day was used for teacher planning and for students who needed more individual attention. Parents were given the option of using the hybrid method or keeping their children at home full time for on-line instruction. Classrooms had to be outfitted with cameras so those at home could follow along. As classes began in late August, there was much unease in the air, but all were determined to make the system work. When problems arose, they were immediately addressed so that the system could continue to function as smoothly as possible. As the winter months arrived and the numbers of the infected began to decrease in Ohio, the Governor began to relax restrictions to the point where schools could allow students back full time for face-to-face instruction, but only if parents chose to allow that. On-line zoom and cameras continued to allow students at home to participate as well.

The second semester began with most students in school following strict guidelines of hand-washing, masking, and social distancing. Athletics were permitted, though crowd sizes were limited. More easing of restrictions followed into early spring so that a spring musical could be staged, proms and graduation exercises resume, and life regain some semblance of normalcy, whatever that would mean for the future.

The bottom line is that Huron City Schools did a marvelous job of protecting students and staff through trying times. In fact, in a district with about 1,300 students and about 200 combined teachers, support staff, and bus drivers, and volunteers, between August of 2020 and May 7 of 2021, there were only 95 confirmed cases of positive tests or actual contraction of Covid. Much of that followed the two vacation periods in November and December and then this year's spring break. By comparison, only 5 cases of those 95 have appeared since February 1 of this year! Do the math and you'll find that the district averaged fewer than one case of any kind every three calendar days! Remarkable figures all. And no one is becoming lax either. When the age was lowered at which one could receive the vaccine, the high school, with help from the Erie County Health Department, staged a successful vaccine clinic for any student 16 and older, as well as any parents who wanted to come in. To date over three fourths of the staff have also received all their shots.



Masked and seated three feet apart, students study safely.



These kids get it! All masked and only three sneaked a bite of cookie. Look for crumbs on their masks.

We congratulate the efforts put forth by all those involved in helping to stem the pandemic in Huron, and we hope that grads everywhere reading this can say the same about their school districts. If it takes a village to raise a kid, a whole town can stomp a virus down. You did it. Be proud, but continue to be careful, as sneaky variants are still lurking around.

We don't know what will happen over the summer months nor what restrictions may still be in place for the fall. But rest assured that the entire community is going to work hard to make sure students obtain the best education possible under the circumstances. At this time next year we hope to be able to share a much more positive accounting of what has transpired vis-a-vis Mr. Covid, that is, a return to our normal reporting.



## Huron High Success Stories

Huron High has always endeavored to produce students with the skills necessary to excel in whatever trade, business, or profession they enter. In this issue we begin a series to highlight some of those who have stood out among their peers or are in the process of rising to the top. What they share in common is a history of hard work and a willingness to take chances. Of course, there is always that element of luck, but to paraphrase ancient Chinese wise man: luck doesn't hang only on one family's tree. So if even one of our younger grads benefits from the series, it will have been successful.

### The Original Farmer Jones

*"It took me 17 years and 114 days to become an overnight success." Lionel Messi, footballer for the Barcelona Soccer team*

Thus said Lionel, but some had to put in even more years than he. Bob Jones, '59, was one such Huron grad. Bob passed away this past August, leaving behind a legacy of a successful business enterprise gained the old-fashioned way – through some failures, but always bouncing up to learn from his experiences and finding another way to carry out his vision.

When Bob graduated from Huron High, like so many other young men of his time, he would have been encouraged to either follow in his father's footsteps or enter one of the trades in the many manufacturing enterprises opening up in the area after the war. Bob sort of compromised. He wasn't about to chase ewes and rams as a sheep farmer like his dad. However, he was also less interested in grain farming and animal husbandry like most farmers then than in producing quality edible foodstuffs for American tables. Most of that type of farming was conducted on the smaller mom-and-pop farmsteads, usually right outside a town's limits, with the townies driving out the short distance and purchasing their sweet corn or spuds or spinach for dinner, all fresh off the fields or out of the orchards. Bob never met another produce farmer that he didn't pester to death with questions about their processes and seed strains and sales techniques. In that regard, he was a life-long learner.

After marrying his high school sweetheart, Barb Taylor, and their starting a family, Bob was prescient enough to see that small enterprises could not rival the growing chain grocery stores when it came to produce. So he entered partnership with Ken Dechant, his fellow township farmer. Together they bought the Nickles Produce operation out on Huron-Avery Road. They set about to broker produce for a group of about 90 other farmers in Ohio and Pennsylvania, but to no avail. The enterprise failed, but not without Bob coming away with a bigger vision – aim higher. Why not deal with specialty chefs directly, bypassing the brokers and chains and selling the highest quality specialty foods directly to those who were preparing them for discerning consumers? So began the Chef's Garden Farms, but right along with the farm itself, there had to be some sort of education program for the chefs. Bob and Barb were smart enough to understand this and thus began their companion piece, the Culinary Vegetable Institute, popularly known in these parts as Veggie U or just plain CVI.

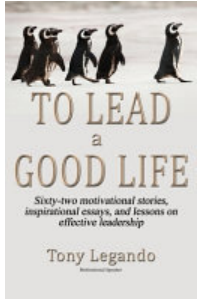
The idea behind CVI was that if chefs from all over the country gathered to experiment with the hundreds of varieties of veggies grown at the farm and then built their recipes and menus back home around what they discovered in Huron, perhaps they could cultivate a different kind of taste among their clientele and increase their returns. It worked and still does. Chefs foreign and domestic come to live together for a while at CVI and come away with something a tad different to offer their clientele. They come from every state and a dozen of more foreign countries as well. And every day trucks full of specialty veggies had to Cleveland Hopkins to be flown around the country and world so that veggies that were in the dirt this morning can be consumed at white table cloth tables everywhere.

As an aside from the actual growing and selling of the produce, Barb and Bob also realized that as more and more kids today believe their carrots and apples are made in factories somewhere, the next generation needs also to be educated as to the importance of old-fashioned dirt farming (Sorry, Mr. Mucci.) and preserving not just the land itself but a way of life for the future. So they began a program of educating students from kindergarten on up about the importance of agriculture and its production of healthy foods. Over 5,000 schools nationwide successfully have adopted their program! (And it does not involve raising the customary 4-H sheep.)

Just before Bob's final illness slowed him down and Mr. Covid gripped the country with lockdowns, obviously restauran-teeing was not the business to be engaged in. Realizing this, Bob struck out in his final venture, that of home delivery of his produce. At his passing in August of 2020, that business was also taking off.

Bob was always engaged with classmates from Huron High to keep his class together and share memories of their high school experiences. CVI was always opened for classmates to meet and celebrate, with Bob leading his class in a sometimes long prayer over a gradually cooling dinner fare. No one minded. An intensely religious man he was, and always found a way to prayerfully bring out in his imprecations those sentiments in the hearts of classmates as they went through the different stages of their lives. He is missed today, though his work continues proudly in the hands of his children, now grown, of course, but steering the business in a manner that would make Bob proud, yet always on the lookout for an opportunity to meet new challenges in new ways. From herding sheep to food delivery service, Bob had certainly learned adaptability and the value of hard work. His children are filling his footsteps yet.

# From X's and O's to Authorship



Question - what do two former high school football coaches have in common after their retirement? Answer – they have taken to writing, as in publishing books! Impossible, you say. Their vocabulary has been limited to monosyllables only, they speak only sentence fragments using guttural fricatives, and their wives always write out their banquet speeches. So publishing is absolutely out of the question. Five Pinocchios on that one. Try again.

So call me a liar. But Huron has turned out a couple who have mastered not only X's and O's but the art of putting real words to paper. Tony Legando, '69, and Jim Bollenbacher, '74, have each found their work up on line now and are doing nicely. Their work can be seen and reviews read on Amazon's website.

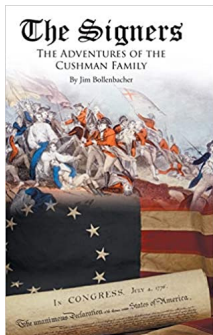
Tony retired as Huron's head football coach after 28 years and began his second career as motivational speaker. Today he regales audiences around the country, be they teachers and administrators, leaders of youth groups, reverends, medical professionals, - heck, even politicians if they will listen! He brings to the stage a fire-in

the-belly and passion for whatever the topic de jour. He believed that hard work and determination can overcome whatever a game or life serves up, and today he is determined to help others see the same way, motivating them to help others.

Tony also writes a weekly column for the *Sandusky Register* and the *Norwalk Reflector* to help put his ideas across. His pieces usually illustrate how good things happen for those who exhibit a strong desire to succeed and the true grit and determination to work hard to achieve their goals. He illustrates his themes using stories about leaders who have been able to motivate others to advance toward their life dreams. He pulls away the veil that sometimes obscures the obvious, and leaves the reader to ponder the meaning of the exemplum contained in the story, enlightening in the process but without preaching.

Several years ago Tony began reworking these columns to include in a book, targeting them to a single audience of individuals who care and want to use the principles of good leadership to improve the condition of humanity. His work was published in October of 2020 under the title of *To Lead a Good Life*, and contains 62 different stories that illustrate his points. The book is read best, not at a single setting, but rather by reading one piece, then musing over each story as an inspirational exercise, perhaps only one a week until each is fully digested and applied to one's own life.

Jim Bollenbacher's work is different. It is an historical fiction describing the lives of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in the week leading up to the actual signing. Based on well researched records from the time, Jim describes the conflicts between those early men who wanted independence from the Mother Country and those unwilling or afraid to sever the ties. Filled with intrigue and mystery, the story catalogues the fears and anxieties of both sides as the Declaration takes form and a former colony moves toward uncharted waters and an experiment never before successfully attempted -full independence from those who founded the original colonies. Inextricably the Cushman family becomes entangled in the various subplots, hence the subtitle.



The book relates the nefarious plots to hunt down and kill those responsible for fomenting the insurrection, including a plot to kill Washington himself. The attempt to enlist the aid of the French in their effort is carefully explored, those same French who also had long-standing grudges against their continental neighbors and wanted to redress their grievances from their losses in North America in a previous war, the French and Indian War. Much gold was needed to buy the French allies, with a shipload of it bound for France to grease the necessary palms. Tories had other ideas, and the plot thickens many times.

Jim can be forgiven if he fixates long over events and details from that century, but in the professional writing business it is sometimes called local color and a sign of excellent research. If you enjoy a history that in some ways mirrors what the country is experiencing these days, you will consider this an excellent read. Though some of the themes seem contemporaneous in nature, Jim had actually begun this work several years ago. Maybe he just has the gift of prescience.



Another Huron High School historical writer who also has roots in that late 1960's era is John Oller, '74. A high power Wall Street lawyer, John's interests vary widely. He has a series of biographies in print, beginning as far back as 1997 with the publication of the biography of actress Jean Arthur. Jean had a whole stream of loser roles during the days of the silents, stuck with it after sound was added in 1928, and thereafter garnered some better roles, most notably in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* and later in *Shane*. She was truly the actress nobody knew, but through careful sleuthing, John unmask her for the world.

In 2014 John followed up with *American Queen*, the biography of Kate Chase, daughter of financier, Supreme Court Justice, and presidential wanna-be, Salmon Chase of the Civil War era. Kate uses her charms and social skills as Washington's belle to advance careers of sometimes disreputable politicians. John sorts out all the intrigue and exposes how the system worked at that time. It's not a whole lot different from what we are experiencing these days.

A most excellent work, *Swamp Fox*, charts the heroics of Francis Marion of the Revolutionary War era as he harassed and kept in check the Brits as they tried to subdue the colonists in the Carolinas mostly. An excellent read and my favorite, Tony Munafò also enjoyed it, sending us on a trip to the Carolinas to visit some of the sites mentioned. Now that's high praise! Tony enjoyed all but the snakes on that trip.

Well done on all these works, John. His works are available by Googling him or the titles on Amazon.com



# How to Get Shipfaced

*A face by any other name is just a face unless . . . .  
(Wm. Shakesphere, McKado About Nothing, 1885)*

Every so often a group of grads manages to make liars out of all their former teachers, actually surpass expectations, and enjoy adult notoriety for their accomplishments. Usually, but not always, they invent a new product or service, or they simply tweak an older product. This issue we recognize a younger group of grads who took a gamble, also with vegetables, and are working for a big payoff.



Recently a group of entrepreneurial Huron High grads parlayed their life experiences into a useful product in a budding business enterprise. You younger grads wondering if you can ever make it at anything, if you emulate these guys, take a chance, you too may get lucky. If they can make it, so can a one-legged guy in a butt kicking contest.

It seems that what the world has always longed for is to wake up in the morning with a cure, a remedy, even a vaccine for the previous evening's binge. To whomever could discover such a recipe, much adulation would be due. Our group of enterprising locals may just be due such high praise.

Paul Defazio, '95, of Eastside fame, had long been familiar with the benefits of tomatoes, everything from growing them to drowning them in potfuls of secret recipe Italian sauces known only to his grandmother. He built a small foot press, and after a hard day's work hiding in a sheriff's cruiser awaiting speeders, he would hurry home to experiment with tomato recipes. A gustatory connoisseur he was not, but he knew what he wanted – something close to grandma's "recipe." Kudos to thee, Grandma DeFazio. He finally hit upon a "recipe" for a Bloody Mary mix. If Paul told you the truth of what's in it, he'd have to kill you. Only the bottler in California has the recipe.

Someone with business experience, however, was still needed to properly promote the product. Enter the scene one James Joseph Dike, '94, or just plain Joe. With Joe's vast experience running refreshment establishments, he quickly assented to enter into a business partnership.



So what to call the concoction? Not to worry, though, with master etymologist, Ryan Beach, '93, on the search. Hours spent perusing The Oxford English Dictionary bore fruit, as Ryan arrived at an appropriate name – *Shipfaced*. Yes, you read that correctly. Spelling was never Ryan's long suit. And so the moniker stares out from grocers' shelves at passers-by who double-take at the product name. Joe quickly searched for and discovered the owner of the trademarked name out in California and purchased the rights. The group is now legal, both Stateside and across the world.

As for an appropriate image for this bottled morning-after ambrosia, after much searching, casting calls, photo sessions, consulting the constable's rap sheets, a unanimous committee voted to provide a face as proof-positive of the product's merits. A glowering mugshot of Vinnie Lagando, '90, was obtained to decorate the bottle and lend credence to the efficacy of the concoction.

Next project? The Gang of Four is doing marketing research on offering a specialty margarita mix. What a twofer! They fix a body up the night before, then hand them the "cure" the next morning. Not a bad racket.

For the second year in a row, Shipfaced Bloody Mary Mix has won a Gold Medal at the international SIP Awards, given for a label image most likely to shock users back to sobriety. The company is now holding photo auditions for its coming margarita mix.

Check out their website for complete details and lists of establishments carrying their product. And while we are not permitted to advertise under rules governing a 501 c 3 organization, we do heartily recommend you visit their Facebook page to evaluate their claims. [Shipfacedbloodymarymix.com](http://Shipfacedbloodymarymix.com) will satisfy your curiosity or your money back.

## Cedar Fair's New Sandusky Park Manager

Carrie Boldman, '79, has ridden a roller coaster ride from her teen days when she worked summers at Cedar Point until her recent appointment as vice president and general manager of the entire Cedar Point park. In the entire 151 year history of the park, Carrie is the first female to hold the position. She comes to it well prepared. She spent 25 years in the product development and design field, sixteen years of which were spent with the Disney people and two more with Huron's own Chef's Garden. Her most recent stint was as Cedar Point's vice president of merchandise and games. We wish Carrie all the best in her new endeavors. The Point recently reopened, and you can bet that Carrie will be out and about on the midway. If you see her, stop and chat her up, as she loves catching up with folks.



## They're Baaaaaack!

After a year's pause, class reunions are slowly resurrecting. Pandemic fears seem to have subsided with the advent of vaccines that held great promise. Eateries relaxed their restrictions in keeping with the CDC guidelines, so folks began to feel safer when out of their own bubbles. Hence, a renewal of classes meeting on a monthly basis. It has been slow at first, kind of like a groundhog emerging and stretching and slowly gazing about. We do expect, though, that a return to normal will prevail as the summer flows on. So if your class has not joined in the fun yet, contact your officers and give it a go.

The First Friday of the Month group from the Class of '48 had its first gathering in over a year, a simple breakfast at Berardi's, but oh, the joy! Pat Basilone, Fran Ringlein, Joe Catri, and Bob Fritz spent an enjoyable morning catching up.



The class of '65 enjoys its regular get togethers. In mid-May they met at the newly refurbished Pizza Box for a luncheon and some long overdue catching up. The crowd was a tad smaller, as some of the regular snowbirds were still down south way. The full contingent should be back for their summer gathering. They are hoping that more of the locals can make it as well.

How a noon luncheon flies when the talk flies faster after a year off! The Class of '63 had much catching up to do as they met at Berardi's for a confab: George and Linda Walbeck sitting across from one another, Meri and Jack Sender, Sharon Becastro Jamison, and Peggy Ritter Klahn. Standing are Mary Anne Koehler, Barb Canterbury Kromer, Bill Koehler, and Leslie Gockstetter-Wilson. Great start, guys! Numbers will grow as summer slips into fall.







The Class of '62 meets regularly in a "normal" year almost every month. Folks from out of town then know when to join the rest of the class. This month's meeting brought in two who had not attended in years!

For this occasion at Marconi's, they were too large a group for a single table so they broke up. Thus table featured: Ed Boose, Ron Faller, Lee Coe, Bob Barnes, Gene Simon, Sam and Becky Bomar, and Kathy Faller

This table featured:  
 Len and Kay Dixon, Eileen Stewart, Patty Sowecke,  
 David Majoy, Sally Majoy, Darrell Smallwood, Bill-  
 Boos, Linda Haley, and Marilou Pankow.

(Sharon Barnes also attended but arrived too late for the picture.)



## Reunions

With the pandemic seeming to wane, as of this writing, class officers are facing a conundrum: do we or don't we restart class gatherings? The past year had wiped out almost all of the five-year reunions and halted the monthly gatherings as well. If there is any hesitancy on the part of a significant number of class members to return just yet, the better call may just be to be to defer until '22. Better safe and all alive to enjoy one another's company again. The Class of '71 has decided to do just that.

Below is the list of those we have received thus far. Congratulations to the youngest class, that of 2016, who are determined to celebrate their first ever five-year reunion.

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| Class of '59  | Something may be cooking! Possible Park Party. Stay tuned.                                   |                                  |                            |   |
| Class of '60  | Makeup from last year  |                                  |                            | Contact: Marge Billman                                |
|               | July 16 Harbor House 5 PM  | July 17 Marconi, 5 PM cocktails  |                            | mbillman@buckeye-express.com                          |
| Class of '61  | Return to monthly class meeting sometime in July, 60th reunion planned for fall. Stay tuned! |                                  |                            |   |
| Class of 2016 | July 9<br>Meet & Greet<br>Harbor House 7 PM  | July 10<br>Cookout<br>Bogart Rd. | See FB page<br>for details | Questions? Contact Lise Gies<br>at lmgies30@gmail.com |

# Tiger Sports - Winter/Spring 2021

The Huron Tigers comported themselves very well on courts, fields, lanes, and track during this very trying time of the pandemic. Many times they had to compete before limited crowds, with sometimes none at all allowed. But they didn't let that bother them as they did things the Huron way and competed well, while always remaining safe. Below are the results.

## Basketball

**Boys**      Coach: Bobby James      Record 10 - 7      SBC Bay Division 4 - 4  
 Jacob Lamb      First Team      Unanimous Choice  
 Dylan Hohler      Second Team  
 Cole Parker      Honorable Mention  
 Tyler Adams      Honorable Mention



**Girls**      Coach: Darius Schaeffer      Record 4 - 11 overall      SBC 1 - 9  
 Ava Winnestaffer      Honorable Mention      All-SBC Bay Division

## Drew Wennes '20

Drew starred for the Huron Tigers basketball program, then was recruited by Baldwin-Wallace. As a freshman, Drew figured to gain playing time in mop-up situations, but he earned a start in all eight of the games played in a Covid-shortened season. He averaged 14.8 points per game, hitting for 21 twice. He was one of only two frosh selected as honorable mention to the All-Ohio Athletic Conference team. His parents are Amy Majoy and Richie (dec.) Wennes, both of the Class of '88.



## Softball

Coach Jude Schmidt      Record 19 - 10      SBC Champions Bay Division      Sectional Champs Bay Division

Eliza Maloney	Pitcher	First Team Bay Division
Rae Roldan	Infielder	First Team Bay Division
Jessica Holsapple	Outfielder	First Team Bay Division
Carley Chambers	Infielder	Second Team Bay Division
Kennedy Camp	Pitcher	Honorable Mention Bay Division
Lauren Wainwright	Catcher	Honorable Mention Bay Division
Meadow Bess	Infielder	Honorable Mention Bay Division



## Baseball

Coach Dan Lindsley      Record 19 - 10      SBC Champions Bay Division      Sectional Champs Bay Division

Chris Hand	Pitcher	First Team Bay Division
Kayden Yates	Catcher	First Team Bay Division      Hon. Ment. District
Cole Parker	Infielder	First Team Bay Division      1st Team District MVP Bay
Zach Murray	Infielder	First Team Bay Division      2nd Team District
Tom Cozzens	Outfielder	First Team Bay Division
Joey Shade	Infielder	Second Team Bay Division      hon. Ment. District
Tyler Adams	Outfielder	Honorable Mention Bay Division





## Bowling

**Coach:** Craig Pack      **Records:** Boys 8 - 6;      Girls 9 - 3

**Boys 1st Team All-Conference:** Nick Pack and Trevor Poltorek  
**2nd Team All-Conference:** Gabe Schwiefert

**Girls Honorable Mention Conf.:** Blair Poltorek and Emily Warren

## Tennis:

**Coach:** Matt Weiss      **Record** 14 - 5      SBC 11 - 3  
**Second Team Bay Conference:** Joey Lenczyk, Jared Lenczyk, JJ Murray, Sam Findlay  
**Honorable Mention Conference:** Nick Walls, Bryce Putman  
**All-District Honorable Mention:** Joey Lenczyk, JJ Murray

## Track

The track teams had their best season in many a year. The largest contingent of Boys and girls ever made it through all the preliminary championships to the state tournament.

### BOYS

**Coach:** Mike Lempanen      SBC, District, Regional Champions

**Relay team 4x1**      **First Team SBC**  
Rich Delaney, Zak Weyer, Ben Buathier, and Conner Schaeffer  
**Relay team 4x4**  
Rich Delaney, Zak Weyer, Conner Schaeffer, and Jacob Eck

### Girls

**Coach:** Leslie Gainer  
**Relay team 4x1 and 4x2:** Maggie Golling, Hayden Roshong, Ca'Eujanay Grant, Isabella Cozzie, Jaden Carey  
**800:** Kennedy Schlessman  
**200 and 100:** Isabella Cozzie  
**Long Jump:** Jaden Carey



The largest contingent of Huron track stars sent to the state finals in many a moon. Competing for the Tigers were:  
**Front:** Zak Weyer, Ca'Eujanay Grant, Maggie Golling, Jaden Carey, and Kennedy Schlessman  
**Rear:** Isabella Cozzie, Rich Delaney, Conner Schaeffer, Jacob Eck, Ben Buathier, and Hayden Roshong

# The Arts Are Back

After a nearly fifteen month hiatus, with months of teaching choir and band by Zoom, Covid restrictions were finally eased and the high school music program could return to more “normal” activity. In late April and finally in May, not only a spring musical was possible but also a public concert was allowed.

The musical *Hello Dolly* was performed this year, with extra performances given so as to spread out the audiences safely over more evenings. The choir and band concert was also held but outdoors at the stadium, with both groups performing along the edge of track in front of the home stands. The students were so grateful for the opportunities to display their hard work and talents, and audiences were most appreciative of their efforts. The band concert finished with its rendition of the *1812 Overture* just in time, as a bolt of lightning in the west sent the crowd scurrying right after the applause. It seemed a fit ending to a second season of fighting through every obstacle possible to keep the fine arts program alive and well at Huron. The only part missing was a public display of the students’ drawing and painting skills. It was still not deemed safe enough to have a crowded viewing for this highly popular community event. Next school year, hopefully, will return to normal, whatever that will be. But rest assured that faculty and students will meet whatever challenges remain in fine style, the Huron Way.



Jake Koba starred as Horace Vandergelder. His background included eight years of acting experience with the local Caryl Crane Youth Theater where he won numerous awards for his acting. He took the Showstopper Award and Outstanding Performer Awards at National Festivals in Atlanta and Orlando. Jake also played football and will be attending Heidelberg College to continue in the sport.

Rebecca Cooley starred as Dolly Levi, coming to the part with much experience also in her background. She was part of the high school musical program for five years playing several leading roles in musicals such as *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Sound of Music*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, and *The Little Mermaid*. Rebecca will continue her education at Malone University, where hopefully she will have more opportunities to share her talent and

The band performs on the track along side the football field, with family and friends listening from above.



The choirs provided the vocal programs for the evening. After so many months of not being able to listen to their work, the crowd was most receptive to all of their pieces.



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# Scholarships

Scholarships were presented this year at The Chapel with limited attendance permitted. The generosity of so many organizations, individuals, and foundations allowed 57 different students to receive scholarships from 59 different local organizations. Including scholarships granted by colleges, over \$1.2 Million dollars were awarded. The Alumni Association and Huron Education Foundation were able to award 13 through their various endowments. You can help this effort by making your contribution to any of the funds listed inside the back cover of this issue. On behalf of the students benefiting from your generosity, a heartfelt THANK YOU!

## Huron Education Foundation Scholarships



Walter Blevins  
OSU



Abigail Miller  
CSU



Richie Delaney  
Ashland University



Luke Lagando  
OSU



Aiden Kastor  
Ohio Northern



Reece Will  
OSU



McKena Muratori  
University of Arizona

## Alumni Association Scholarships



Victoria Eytchison  
OSU



Mallory Nelson  
West Va University



Abigail Miller  
CSU



Andrew Steinhour  
BGSU

## Shontz Science Scholarships

## Dee Heydinger El. Edu. Scholarship Hagy Family Scholarship Greg and Suzanne Thaxton Scholarship



Layne Gimperling  
BGSU



Faith Diffenbacher  
Slippery Rock



Mallory Majoy  
Ohio U



Salvador Sherer  
U of Toledo



Andrew Steinhour  
BGSU

## Richard Klein, a Man for All Times, Passes

Richard Klein, a 1940 Huron High graduate, passed away on June 8 at the age of 98. He and his wife June had moved this spring from Sandusky's Parkview to Muirfield near Columbus to be closer to their daughter, Terry Klein Herzog, '72.

Dick was the last of the "legends" of Huron High who graduated in the early 40's and became part of the Greatest Generation. During his high school career, he had played baseball with the likes of a Jim Campbell who, later the general manager of the Detroit Tigers. Many of these childhood chums and classmates would later enlist in the army and help defeat the European fascists during WWII. Many gave their lives, while others like Dick returned to proudly bear wounds for the rest of their lives.



Dick with his squad buddies in England just before the big drop into Normandy on D-Day. Spot his black hair?

As a paratrooper, Dick would eventually jump into France on D-Day, June 6 of 1944, with his buddies from the 101st Airborne Division to participate in holding operations. Later he would jump again into Holland as part of Operation Market Garden to help liberate that country. He also fought during the battle of the Bulge and was wounded at Bastogne. Dick maintained contact with many of his service pals for the rest of his life, often returning to significant D-Day memorial ceremonies, including on the 70th anniversary in 2014, to help celebrate and pay homage to those who gave their lives. The French and Dutch to this day are so grateful for the US aid during the war that on these occasions they roll out the proverbial carpet. On one occasion he even reunited with the son of the family in whose backyard his unit had camped in foxholes as part of their operation. On another he met the family who annually tended the grave of a school chum, Keggy Meno, who is buried in the American Cemetery at St. Avold, FR. Dick and June cherished these opportunities to help keep alive the memories of their own adventures in those days, but also to remind present generations of the tremendous sacrifice nations will undergo if they succumb

to fascist tendencies. Later as a teacher Dick would reemphasize these sentiments with his students - lest any forget.

After the war, Dick would return home to attend The Ohio State for his teaching degree and there met June. He was then hired in the fall of 1949 by R.L. "Mac" McCormick to begin his long teaching career at Huron, whereupon he served in so many capacities for parts of seven decades. He loved teaching American history but also wanted his students to remain vigilant. Hence, the practice of the weekly reading assignments of *Time Magazine* and the current events discussions. Sometimes he found it difficult to move past WWII, as many of you will remember, as those days and the deaths and wounds it brought were seared into his mind. Lunch time in teacher lounges was not exempt either, as his motto seemed to be "Lest we forget."

Dick's teaching career had began in present day McCormick Jr. High. He moved over to the present high school, in 1958 when it was completed, and except for brief assignments back in McCormick, remained there for the rest of his career. He retired in 1990 but continued service to the district he loved, when not traveling, as substitute teacher and supervisor of the in-school suspension room. During his career, Dick also served as Athletic Director for decades, guiding the district through many glory years while also serving as head baseball and basketball coach. He maintained his friendship with Jim Campbell and helped Jim establish the foundation that bears his mother's name to provide student scholarships. No one will ever know how much used Detroit equipment was sent to Jim's favorite "minor league" Huron Tiger teams through the intercession of Dick.

After Dick's final "retirement," he and June set about on their celebrated world tours, consuming the rest of their lives. They visited every continent, including Antarctica, chasing polar bears, sleeping in yurts in Outer Mongolia, posing at the Taj Mahal, photographing African wildlife, and much more. Everything except kick boxing the 'roos in Australia.

Dick's was a life of paying constant homage to basic religious and American values, of dedication to family, schools, and community, of service to others, and of friendship to all who ever had the good luck to know him. *Ave atque vale, Richard!*



A sunset stroll in Luxembourg



## Those Who Have Passed



**Ruth Washburn Warner**, '37, age 90, passed away on October 31 2019 in Longview TX. With her teaching degree from BGSU, in 1944 she headed for California where she taught children from Mexico. Ruth met her soul-mate of 69 years as he was shipping out to war, but he mailed her back a diamond ring and she married him in Little Rock, riding with him on a tank to begin their life's journey. Ruth raised a family, substitute taught, worked in retail, and enjoyed a long retirement where she did much volunteer and church work.

**Scott Pfahl**, '80, age 58, passed away on September 16, 2020 in Atlanta GA at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital. A graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Law, Scott began practicing in Cleveland with Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey, then returned to Huron to practice with Richard Delamatre before eventually moving to Atlanta where he was an Associate with King & Spalding, specializing in corporate defense cases for large corporations. Scott finally began his own practice, Pfahl Law in Newnan, Georgia specializing in immigration and general law.



**Carolyn Rau Claggert**, '46, passed away on November 20, 2019 in Columbus OH. An accomplished pianist, Carolyn spent her time volunteering for church groups, Girl Scouting programs, and many civic organizations her entire life.

**Louis Wargo Jr.** '50, age 87, passed away on June 14, 2020 at OVH in Sandusky. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Louis returned to Huron where he began working for the Huron Police Department in 1955. He became the Police Chief in 1966 and worked for a total of 30 years for Huron.



**Ronald V. Smith**, '65, age 73, residing in Huron, passed away on November 28, at home following a lengthy illness. Ron retired from New Departure Hyatt as a pipefitter/plumber after 31 years of service. Gifted with a beautiful voice, Ron sang in church funeral choirs and local choruses for years when not rooting for Cleveland teams.



**Mary "Chris" Scott Metzger**, '68, age 70, passed peaceful on December 4 at The Meadows of Huron Township. After graduation, Chris attended Stautzenberger Business College in Toledo and went on to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., in the clerical division. When she Chris moved back to Huron, Chris worked at Lawsons, Prepared Foods and Parkview.

**Kenneth Gadd**, '58, age 82, of Huron passed away on December 13.



**Wilma Franklin Urfer**, '59, age 80, of New Philadelphia OH, passed away on December 14 at Northwood Village Inn of Dover, Ohio. Wilma enjoyed competing in the Semi-Professional Bass Masters circuit on the eastern side of the country from Texas to Ohio.

**Jody Winkler Cartieri**, '77, age 61, of Box Springs GA, passed away in December 31 at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, after a short illness. Jody was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed nature photography.



**James St. John**, '72, age 66, of Huron, passed away on January 2 at Stein Hospice of Sandusky after a long illness. Jim farmed the family farm on Boos Road, Huron, and worked for the Schlessman family at Schlessman Seed Company from the time he was a teenager until 2011.



**Joanne Savage**, '63. Age 75, of Huron and Florida, passed away on January 6 of complications from a previous condition. Joanne never met a stranger, enjoyed her two children and grandchildren, loved her animals, and was totally devoted to family.

**Walt Taylor**, '63, age 76, of Estero FL, passed away on January 9. In high school, Walt was known for his athletic prowess. Dubbed "Twinkle Toes," he was a member of the undefeated '62 football team where he set all sorts of records for that time. Walt was inducted into the Huron Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He taught social studies at New London and coached their athletes in many sports.

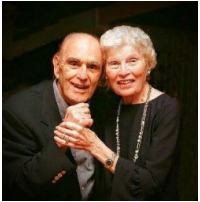
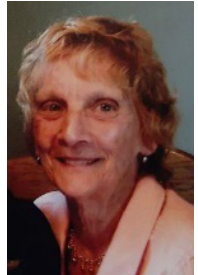


**Mary Ann Doyon Robinson**, '61, age 77, of Bellevue OH passed away on January 13 at The Willows in Bellevue. Mary Ann was secretary of her church for many years, loved gardening, doing crafts, and being active in her church.



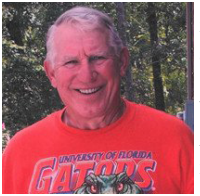
Barbara Voight "Babs" Mitchell, '51, age 87, of Huron and Orville OH, passed away on January 19. After graduation. Barb attended BGSU, then graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, after which she enjoyed a 40 year career as a Registered Nurse in Orville's Osteopathic and Dunlap Hospitals, teaching in Obstetrics, and working in the office of Dr. D. Nofzinger. Though living away, Barb always remembered her roots and maintained a close relationship with Huron's Christ Episcopal Church.

**Carol Andrews Wilford**, '54, age 84, of Huron, passed away on January 30 at Parkvue Healthcare Center. Carol worked for the 1887 Gift Shop at Sawmill Creek for years and was an avid bowler. In her later life she discovered, with husband Ken, classic cars, and thereafter the two loved cruising the car shows.



**Donald Ritzenthaler**, '52, age 87, of Huron, passed away on February 3 at Stein Hospice of Sandusky. Don was a star athlete in high school, then served in the U.S. Army in Arkansas where he met his wife Ellie. He worked as foreman and then superintendent of the skilled tradesmen at New Departure, retired, and ran a fishing charter for years. He served as a Huron township trustee, helped found the Huron Township Conservation Club, and in general worked for the overall betterment of Huron through many civic organizations.

Su Foss Hillyer, '71, age 76, passed away on February 14 in Norwalk. Su was a vivacious, fun-loving mother and grandmother who famously spoiled the grandchildren. She excelled in photography and also loved doing ancestry for her family.



**William Craig**, '51, age 87, of Mountain View AK, passed away on February 17. After a stint in the U.S. Army, Bill graduated from The Ohio State University, married, and became a manufacturers' rep. While in high school, Bill lettered in five different sports and is in the Huron High school Athletic Hall of Fame. He was an avid outdoor fisherman and hunter until the end.



**James Hinton**, age 88, passed away on February 20 at Stein Hospice. Born and raised in Tiffin OH, Jim earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Bowling Green State University. He taught elementary and middle school for the Huron school system from 1958-1987. He was an assistant high school varsity wrestling coach and a middle school football coach.



**Charles Ross**, '67, age 72, passed away on February 22. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Charlie first worked on maintaining the Minuteman Missiles and spent over 30 years in Alaska, with eleven years at the Shemya AF Base, and then at Elmendorf AF Base near Anchorage. He was a true outdoors man, loved helping others, and collecting – stuff, lots of stuff!

**Richard "Rick" Jensen**, '67, age 71, passed away in February 22. A veteran of the Ohio National Guard, Rick returned to work at New Departure/Delphi until retirement. After that he worked at Ace Hardware in Huron.



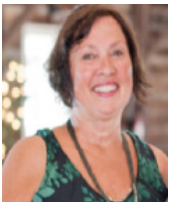
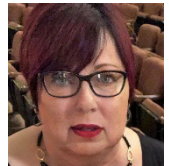
**Carl Dahm Sr.** '50, age 88. Of Huron, passed away on February 23. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Carl served as a mechanic for many years for Ace Motors and OVH in Sandusky. He was an avid classic car and truck admirer and member of the Car Coddlers and active member of the Erie County Agricultural society.

**Lori Franklin Dawson**, '71, age 62, of Huron, passed away on February 26 at home. Lori graduated from The Ohio State University with her bachelor of science in natural resources, then attended the University of San Diego where she completed the lawyer assistance program. She was most proud of her 32 years of service as a flight attendant.



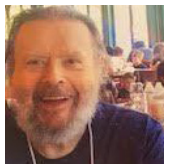
**Dr. Craig Johnson**, age 73, of Huron, passed away February 27 from complications from a stroke. A practicing dentist for over thirty years, Craig was well known around Huron High School circles as the man who spearheaded the move to have swimming recognized as a varsity sport. After organizing teams as a club sport, he gained his wish with full recognition for boys and girls swim teams at the junior and senior high school levels in 1990. With co-coaches. Craig ran the program until 2002 when he became a an OSHA official for 18 years and was awarded "Boys Swimming & Diving Official of the Year." Craig was inducted into the Huron's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

**Linda McGory**, '67, age 72, of Huron, passed away on March 1. A graduate of Ashland University, Linda had her Master's Degree in School Counseling and had a wonderful career with the Huron, Berlin Heights and Firestone School systems, both teaching art and counseling.



**Sharon Napka Lalond**, '68, age 71, passed away on March 1 at home in Huron after a courageous battle with cancer. Sharon will be remembered for her selflessness, independence, and her sense of humor.

**Robert Kehr**, '54, age 85 of Sandusky, passed away on March 5 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky.

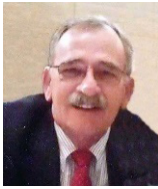






**Dawn Yount**, '90, age 49, passed away at Stein Hospice in Sandusky on March 10. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Dawn taught children English in Taiwan and Australia before returning to take a law degree in 2017 from Case Western Reserve and work with a Cleveland firm for the past four years.

**Frank Beverick**, '73, age 68, of Milan, passed away on March 17. Frank retired from Ford Motor Company in Lorain after 43 years. In 2018, Frank and his wife purchased land and a cabin in Maine, where they spent time between Frank's treatments trying to enjoy retirement.



**Charles "Chuck" Knight**, '68, passed away on March 21 at Firelands Regional Medical Center at the age of 70. A resident of Berlin Township and son of former Huron High math teacher, Bill Knight, Chuck had served with the U.S. Marines, then returned home to work for the Huron Post Office. He graduated from Firelands BGSU with a teaching degree, then eventually became a salesperson and independent contractor until retiring in 2015 to enjoy traveling the world by train.



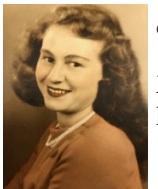
**Wayne "Turk" Majoy**, '65, age 75, passed away on April 6 at Stein Hospice Care of Sandusky. A veteran of the U.S. Army and service in Vietnam, Wayne returned to Huron where he served in law enforcement for 32 years, eventually retiring from the Erie County Sheriff's Department.



**Eric Scott Bullion**, '89, age 49, of Bellevue, passed away April 14, 2021, at Stein Hospice, Sandusky. Eric was employed as a locomotive engineer for Norfolk Southern railroad for 28 years.



**Randall Glennis McCoy**, '70, age 68, of Huron, passed away on April 17 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. A lifelong truck driver, Randy was also a talented musician, beginning a performing career with the *Youngsiders* and continuing to the end by experimenting with all sorts of instruments. His habit of carrying a harmonica while on the road earned him the title of *Rockin' Randy*.



**Margaret Schenk Ommert**, '48, age 91, of Huron, passed away at home on April 18, surrounded by her daughters.

**Ned Jeffery**, '51, age 88, passed away at his home in Milan on April 19. For over 50 years, Ned was engaged in the retail clothing business in Sandusky, first with JC Penny, then with Marv Byer's Clothing, and finally with Weber's Clothing, a profession he dearly loved.

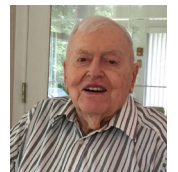


**John Phillips**, age 81, of Huron, passed away on April 24 at Stein Hospice of Sandusky. John came to Huron in the early 1970's and taught in the math department at the high school and McCormick Middle School, retiring after a thirty year career.



**Gerald Bursiel**, '61, of Norwalk, age 78, passed away on May 30. An Air Force vet who served during the Vietnam Era, Gerald was a great outdoors enthusiast and lover of his Harley. He enjoyed talking about politics and religion.

**David "Buckey" Meola**, '54, age 85, of Huron, passed away at his home on May 31.



**Harold Wright**, '46, age 93, of Huron, passed away on June 1 at Stein Hospice of Sandusky. Harold, an avid outdoors man and man of many skills and trades, had worked primarily as a stevedore on the Huron iron ore docks.



**John Macioce**, '86, age 53, of Sandusky, passed away at Stein Hospice on June 5. Self-employed, John trained police dogs and did obedience training. In 2002, John graduated from the Pennsylvania Culinary Arts School and worked as a chef for many years.

**Christine "Chris" Bille Harris**, '79, age 60, of Castalia, passed away on June 4 at Firelands Community Medical Center after a ten-year battle with metastatic cancer. Chris had worked at the Port Clinton Walmart for thirty years. While living in Port Clinton, Chris had been involved in many community and church projects.



## First and Last Librarians Pass

Marian Hammond Howland, '37, age 101, passed away on May 3 at the Kingston of Vermilion. Marian and seven other girls, at the behest of their teacher, scrounged up books to begin Huron's first library. She also captained the girls' basketball team from 1934-37, then graduated from Sandusky Business College. During WWII, she worked at the US Ordnance Plant Trojan Powder (now the NASA area) making ammunition for the war effort. She then went on to work a few years for the Eastern States Mill in Huron. In 1975, after twenty-five years, she retired for the first time as matron at the Erie County Detention Home. A second retirement found her leaving as head of housekeeping at the Hotel Breakers at Cedar Point. In her later years, Marian also continued working through her church and for youth groups until physically unable to continue. She was a lively, quick-witted lady to the end.



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Donald Pflieger, 82, of Sandusky, passed away at his home in Sandusky, on April 17, 2021. The path of Alzheimer's disease can be long and dark. Don traveled that path for nine years but is now at peace.



Don was born on Jan. 28, 1939, in Norwalk's and raised on the far east side where he roamed the fields and woods as a youth. His parents sent him west for high school, as far as the banks of the Mississippi, where he graduated from Champion High School, a Jesuit boarding school, in Wisconsin. Try as they might, they could not indoctrinate him, but he received a first-class classical education.

Upon graduation, Don served in the U.S. Army on tour in Germany as a member of the traveling Army Pistol Team, a Cold War effort to help enhance marksmanship among our troops and the allies alike. Don then returned to graduate from Kent State University, majoring in history and library science. He began his teaching career in the history departments in the Aurora, Norwalk and Sandusky Schools.

In 1970, Don came to Huron High School as director of the library and media facilities. During his tenure, he spearheaded the change from printed to digital materials and more use of technology, such as it was back then before "real" computers. As libraries became more of a media center, it became apparent that technology would actually drive education. Don's skills in this area had been developed in the army where he received commendations for his work. He put that knowledge to work, leading Huron to the forefront of the entire area in educational technology usage.

With time, the Huron school system gave him the opportunity to bring library science into the computer age. He created the first computer lab in a high school library in this area. He collaborated with NASA to offer a summer computer camp and started interdepartmental curriculum training for staff. As part of that, he encouraged staff to load up their cars on Fridays after school with computers and printers and anything else not nailed down to practice, experiment, and have fun. He believed that teachers would not have to be forced to transition but would eventually discover for themselves the benefits to education of all that "machinery." His method worked. Countless hours he spent in his office after school, working one-on-one with teachers and students as this new and strange way of teaching was taking over.

As an extra-curricular activity, Don worked with the some of Huron's first *Academic Challenge* Teams, comprised of those students who wanted to compete against the best of other schools. His teams always did well locally, and many times were invited to Cleveland TV 5's *It's Academic* (later to become *Academic Challenge*) to compete. Don and TV host Don Webster actually became good friends. Huron always comported itself very well, as they had been well trained. When not designing stumper questions for the teams, Don owned and operated the Superior Driving School, where for years he took white-knuckle drives with nervous sophomore and juniors as they practiced driving skills and tore up the back country roads. But they all survived.

After retiring from Huron, Don continued to use his skills as a computer consultant at Huron, Sandusky and St. Mary's Central Catholic schools. He also loved traveling and then sharing his adventures with all who would stop by.

Huron High has advanced by leaps and bounds since those early days with Apple IIe's, the many offspring of the early Macs, and Ethernet wires dangling everywhere. Don predated all the modern applications but predicted them, and before he left, he made sure Huron's students had the best available. He loved that student aides knew more than he did about the emerging technologies, and was not afraid to use their skills for the betterment of all. All the books are now gone from the collection that Don helped build at the old high school library, but that wouldn't bother him at all. He'd just say, "They're still out there – that's why God invented a cloud and the internet. Get over it!"



# Membership

Eleanor Waite	Strongsville	OH	43	Bill & Carolyn Moore Spievak			
Bonnie Shrigley Kellenberger	Washington CH	OH	43		Saginaw	MI	56&60
Joanna Klein Oller	Sandusky	OH	46	Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman	Huron	OH	67
Betty Webster Ruetenik	Montgomery	TX	49	James Silver	Huron	OH	68
Bill Schell	Huron	OH	49	Carl Kessler	Huron	OH	68
Dominic Majoy	Huron	OH	51	Dan Marshall	Brookhaven	GA	68
Lee Rhinemiller	Knoxville	TN	51	John Caporini	Huron	OH	68
Barbara Phillips Reddick	Willoughby	OH	52	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Agnes Doyle Majoy	Huron	OH	52	William O'Hara	Vermilion	OH	70
William C Handley	Cape May CH	NJ	53	Jeff Jablonski	Crystal Falls	MI	71
Jean Davis Howard	Huron	OH	53	Jody Boyes Caporini	Huron	OH	71
Helen Carpenter Shaw	Orange City	FL	54	Patricia Meredith			
Rolland Hart	Sandusky	OH	55	Costello Palmison	Sandusky	OH	72
Samuel Jeffery	San Diego	CA	55	Jan Witt Comiono	Brecksville	OH	71
Barbara Mellein Warner	Toledo	OH	55	Bill Scott	Huron	OH	72
Ann Bostater Hart	Sandusky	OH	56	Chris Harlan	Huron	OH	72
Carol Haggerty Schell	Huron	OH	56	Becky Wilber Harlan	Huron	OH	72
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	57	Ron Junod	Duson	LA	72
Nancy Weilnau Claus	Bellevue	OH	58	John Pelehach	Oak Ridge	NC	72
Gary Harris	Colorado Spgs	CO	58	John Williams	Marysville	OH	73
James McKelvey	Lake Orion	MI	60	Carol Markin Scott	Huron	OH	73
Marjorie Windnagle Billman				Timothy Shannon	Mesa	AZ	73
	Huron	OH	60	Brian Butler	Huron	OH	74
James Klecka	Safety Harbor	FL	60	Greg Yarmoluk	Howell	MI	74
Dottie Allinson Presutto	Vermilion	OH	60	David Gillette	Golden	CO	75
Judith Moore Zoliniak	Santa Cruz	CA	60	Sue Coleman Frankart	Huron OH		76
Ann Mansen Harris	Colorado Spgs	CO	60	Rob Delamatre	Sandusky	OH	80
William Towne	Rockford	IL	60	Joan McCann Heinrich	Lake Park	FL	80
Nelson Hardesty	New Albany	OH	61	Lisa Stein	Columbus	OH	80
Kay Billman Reeves	Huron	OH	61	Dan Billman	Houston	PA	82
Kay Dahlhofer Wilson	Chester	MD	62	Newton Marshall	Winnetka	IL	82
Patricia Rudy Coutellier	Hilliard	OH	65	Diane Billman Clements	Bay Village	OH	85
Grace Towne Cerniak	Joliet	IL	65	David Shontz	Greenwich	NY	89
Cheryl Wyckoff Berger-Roeser				Katherine Shontz Burnley	Richland Center	WI	92
	Westerville	OH	66	Elizabeth Delamatre	Sandusky	OH	14
James Kiger	Bakersfield	CA	66	Lynn J Studer	Bluffton	SC	
Anna Wunder Bauman	Huron	OH	67				Former Principal
Suzanne Matt	Leesburg	FL	67	Judy and Don Pflieger	Sandusky	OH	
Carol Morey Trautt	Sandusky	OH	67				Former Faculty
John Zimmerman	Huron	OH	67	Susan Shontz DuBray	Huron	OH	
							Social Member



# Scholarship Contributions

Huron's students are most grateful for the assistance that grads everywhere are giving them through their contributions to our various scholarship programs. Funds designated for the endowment set up through the Huron Educational Foundation are sent to the Erie County Community Foundation for investment. Funds earmarked for scholarships for the present seniors are aggregated and presented at the regular spring Scholarship Ceremony in May. We thank all who continue to pay it forward now and invite others to participate as well. See inside the back page for the various options at present. If you or your classmates wish to establish a named scholarship, contact us and we can help guide you through the process.

## Huron Education Foundation Endowment

### Janice Rae Cook Herrmann

	Amherst	OH	57
Carol Morey Trautt	Huron	OH	67
Suzanne Matt	Leesburg	FL	67
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
John Williams	Marysville	OH	73
Timothy Shannon	Mesa	AZ	73
Rob Delamatre	Sandusky	OH	80
Lynn Lindsey	Swampscott	MA	80
Lisa Stein	Columbus	OH	80
Don and Judy Pflieger	Sandusky	OH	F. Fac.
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	F. Fac.
Lynn j. Studer	Bluffton	SC	F. Princ.

### Language Arts Scholarship - Larry Zimmer, Mary Harpster Memorial

#### Janice Rae Cook Herrmann

	Amherst	OH	57
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Bill O'Hara	Vermilion	OH	70
Jan Witt Comiono	Brecksville	OH	71
John Pelehach	Oak Ridge	NC	72
David Gillette	Golden	CO	75
Lynn Lindsey	Swampscott	MA	80

### Science Scholarship - Tom Shontz and Jim Seiple Memorial

Carol Morey Trautt	Sandusky	OH	67
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
John Williams	Marysville	OH	73
David Gillette	Golden	CO	75
Lynn Lindsey	Swampscott	MA	80
Sue Shontz DuBray	Huron	OH	F. Fac.

### Hagy Family Memorial Scholarship

Gary and Ann Harris	Port Hueneme	CA	58/60
Debra Hinton	Kensington London	UK	75
Liz Hagy Swain	Columbus	OH	76
Joel Hagy	Huron	OH	80
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	F. Fac.

### Tanny VonThron Memorial Scholarship

Cheryl Wyckoff			
Berger-Roeser	Westerville	OH	66
Sue Shontz	Huron	OH	F. Fac.

### El. Ed. Scholarship - Dolores Heydinger Memorial

Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Bill O'Hara	Vermilion	OH	70
Debra Hinton	Kensington	UK	75
Lynn Lindsey	Swampscott	MA	80
Sue Shontz DuBray	Huron	OH	F. Fac.





## Membership Sign Up<sup>621</sup>

### HHS Alumni Association Membership Form

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden name, if female grad \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "SuperTiger" \$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

### Scholarship Funds

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

Contribution to the Science Scholarship Fund (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)  
Includes Tom Shontz \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Jim Seiple \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Donors to Scholarship Funds:** Please be advised that banking regulations now require that the name of the Huron High Alumni Association appear on the *Pay to the order of* line on your check. If you wish to differentiate in your records between your contributions to different scholarships, just use the memo line on the check. Also, you do not need to make out separate checks for each membership/scholarship contribution that you wish to make. One check with the HHSAA name on it and then the memo line to separate your donations will suffice. In our records, we will then split your contribution into the different accounts for proper crediting. On behalf of our scholar-recipients, we thank you for your generosity to our various scholarships.

### Endowed Memorials

If you, your family, or your classmates wish to begin a named memorial scholarship in anyone's memory or even of an entire class, contact us for information on how to do so. Once your legacy is established with us, Huron's students forever will benefit from your generosity. Since we are a 501 c(3) charitable organization, your contribution is tax deductible within current IRS limits.

## Athletic Hall of Fame Returns

Mark your calendar to celebrate the latest classes to be inducted into the Huron High Athletic Hall of Fame on September 23, 6 PM, at Mesenburg's Plaza Place in Huron. Last year's class, postponed because of Covid, will be inducted along with this year's choices for the honors. Come out to support your classmates.

### 2020 Inductees

2005 Track 4x400 Relay Team: Craig Lindsley, Lucas Bauer, Tom Connell, Craig Nickoli, Bob Isphording, Evan DeLuca, '06 Susie Isphording, '08 - Four-year volleyball star, All-Ohio honors

Tom Legando, '76 - An assistant football coach, and PT therapist, he set up and ran the strength and conditioning program for 27 years

Charlie Miglietti, '74 - Four-year tennis star, first to compete at state level

### 2021 Inductees

Taryn Graham, '11 - Four-year letters in volleyball and MVP, one year track

Nate Faust, '98 - Four-year letters in tennis, three-years in golf

## Saunders-Foss Golf Scramble

The 20th annual Saunders-Foss Golf Scramble will be held on July 24, with start time at 9 AM. Get your team together and sign up now for this highly popular event before registrations close. Call Paul Berlin at 419-515-0132 or email at pberlin7@gmail.com or call Craig Saunders at 419-602-7068 to receive your registration form. Be sure to have your forms back in by mid-July to guarantee your spot. This event has been a very successful fund raiser to support scholarships for young women who exemplify the qualities of the two young ladies who perished far too early in an auto accident. Enjoy the game, a chicken dinner, drinks, and a fun time sharing camaraderie.

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