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# Tiger Times

Sneak a Peek

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

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### Graduation '23



*Jody Halter Mast, '85, prepares to present a diploma to a graduate as Superintendent Dr. James Tatman observes.*

End-of-Year ceremonies for this year's seniors concluded with ninety-four new alumni taking their final walk across the stage and on to new beginnings in their lives. They are well prepared to face whatever their futures hold, having excelled in all phases of their development. *Turn the page to see their story.*

### Welcome New Alumni

Ninety-four seniors proudly walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and join over ten thousand Huronites who preceded them as Huron High Alumni. p. 2

### Scholars' Spotlight

Thirteen years of hard work paid off for many of this year's seniors as the scholarship awards ceremony took place on May 24. Many colleges had already awarded in excess of one million dollars to our grads as incentives to attend their institutions. Then the local scholarships were awarded to many gasps and much applause. *Read about what the grads earned that evening on page 5.*



*David and Loren Leidheiser present the Leidheiser Family Scholarship*

### Three Generations of Grads

Huron High traditions continue as three generations of Huron grads can testify. pp. 3-4

### Class Gatherings

Classes continued meeting on a monthly basis throughout the winter and early spring months, snowbirds excepted. pp. 6-7



*The last kindergarten class to graduate from Shawnee School assembled at the Maul Plaza on May 26*

### Shawnee School's Demise

In the early 1950's it became apparent that Huron's post-war population boom was taxing the capacity of the Ohio Street School. A new facility was constructed on the East Side to accommodate these students, and it has served the community well for 70 years. Because of changing demographics, the property is now up for auction. *Read about this on page 8.*

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### From Moonraker to Mars

Not that long ago, around the turn of the century, Rob Dence, '02, was making a name lobbing footballs and dancing past linebackers to an All-Ohio title. Then he became an engineer and landed a position working on various spacecraft for Lockheed. His work led to improvements on craft that someday will aid even those heading to Mars.

*Read about what Rob and his team accomplished and where he is headed for his next adventure, on page 11.*



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### Athletic Achievements

Huron's Tigers had fantastic winter and spring sports seasons to start off '23. The girls teams especially reached new heights. pp. 12-15

### Those Who Have Left Us

Those whom we shall miss are shown with brief biographical information on p. 16.

### Membership and Scholarship Contributions

Our ability to carry on this work depends upon our alumni support. On page 17, view those who do their part to advance the cause.

### The Reader's Nook

This issue we feature the work of four of our writer/artist grads. They have written for the mystery crowd, the children's audience, and a political fantasy. The '60's seem to have been fertile ground for future writers. *See the back page*



### Sports: Champions Galore!

Huron High experienced a great spring sports season, especially in the track program. Both the boys and girls teams won district and regionals, sending a total of 27 athletes to the tournaments in early June. Personal, school, and state records were broken along the way. *Find out how they all fared, starting on page 12.*

### The Arts

The visual and performing arts are alive in Huron. Each spring the schools stage displays and performances to highlight what the students have achieved. See pages 7-9 for the teasers.

*Drawn on an iPad, then printed off; created by Kayla Weyer, '24.*



## Graduation '23

The 134th Huron High graduation ceremony was held on Friday evening, May 26, in the high school gymnasium. The ceremony began promptly at 7 PM, featured the principal's address and that of the student body president, followed by ninety-four new alumni walking across the stage to near continuous applause. At 8 PM, hats flew into the air and it was over. Few could believe it. But somewhere Rocky Larizza, principal '65-'75, was churning up the turf and chortling, "Ya, but you still didn't break my records - and I had as many as 225 grads in a class!"

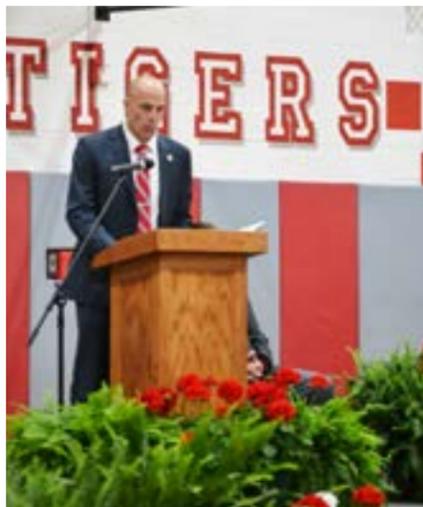
So another one is in the bag, with the juniors now romping around town in souped up cars with "SENIORS '24" soaping windows. So yes, it is a time of great rejoicing at the end of a thirteen year journey, plagued by a pandemic through half of the grads' high school career. In spite of it all, they survived, with true grit style as they faced unbelievable obstacles. But Principal Lamb reminded them that even greater challenges lie ahead, the greatest being how to devote one's life to the general betterment of mankind. He urged them to keep in touch and to share how their plan is working out.

This group has laid a solid foundation for future greatness. At an earlier ceremony celebrating the recipients of the local scholarships, over \$175,000 was awarded by 60 different organizations or individuals. In addition, close to million dollars has been awarded to students by various colleges, for either academic or athletic scholarships. Two dozen or more colleges, most within Ohio or just a few hours more away, will hopefully see over 80% of this crop graduate from their institutions. Several have already enlisted in various branches of the military to serve their country there. Many Huron grads from EHOVE have already found work in the trade fields for which they have prepared.

We wish all of our grads well and much success. In future years, many columns in this *Newsletter* will be filled with reports of their deeds. Stay tuned.



*Student body president, Caylin McCormick, addresses her classmates one final time, parsing out words of advice as they move forward.*



*Principal Lamb addresses the class one final time.*



*School Board president, John Jones, '73, presents a diploma, while Huron City Schools Superintendent, Dr. James Tatman, waits to congratulate the student.*



*Huron High's chorale sings "You Will Be Found" with grads joining in one last time.*



*Joshua Parenti-Kennedy receives his diploma from board vice-president, Jody Halter Mast, '85.*

*Parenti-Kennedy prepares to receive his diploma from board vice-president, Jody Halter Mast, '85.*



*High School biology teacher Roger Blevins greets his daughter Allison with her diploma.*



*We're outa here!!!*

## Three Generations of Huron Grads Carry on the Traditions



*The Beach/Hohler Family: Brad “Brother” Beach, ‘67, poses with his Toledo-bound grandson, Dylan Hohler, ‘23, his daughter Dawn, ‘92, and son-in-law and head football coach, Sam Hohler, ‘90. On the left are sibling Landon Hohler, ‘26, and Julie Beach Fantozzi, ‘97.*



*Jake Lagando is supported by his grandparents, Mary and Ed ‘Duke’ Lagando, ‘59, brother Luke, ‘21, aunt Sarah, ‘86, and parents, Kirsta Thoreson Lagando, ‘94, and Patrick Lagando, ‘88.*



*The Swanbeck tradition goes back many generations. This year it was Keely Kay’s turn to extend it, as she poses with mother, Sharon Betsy Swanbeck Kay, ‘83, and grandfather, Ray Swanbeck, ‘62.*



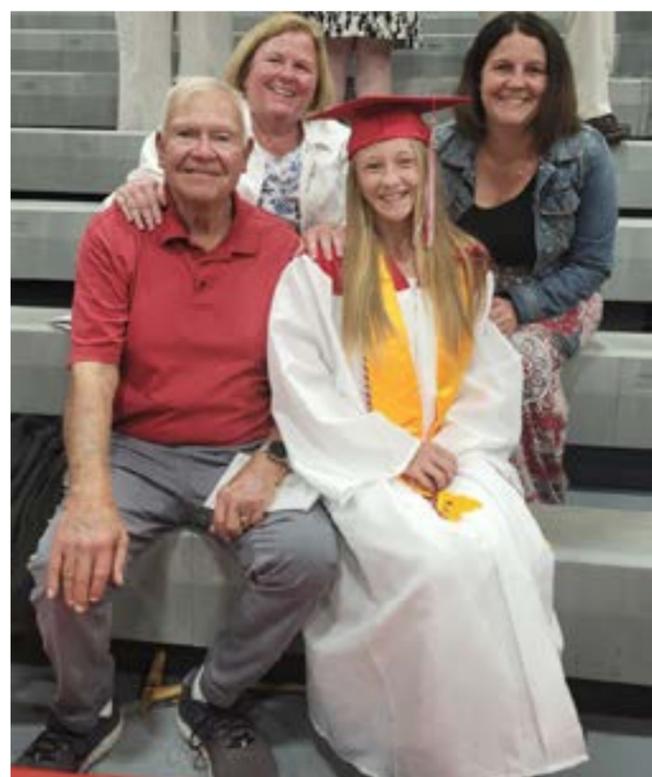
*The Defazio family graduates Nolan this year. He is flanked by his dad, Paul, ‘95, and grandmother, Norma Minnick Baker, ‘72, and grandpa Joe Defazio, 71.*



*The Fantozzi crew always turns out big for family affairs. Grad Marilena is supported here by her dad Justin, ‘93, on the far left, then sister Isabella, ‘20, and uncle Joe, ‘96. On the right are Luciana, ‘26, then grandpa Joe, ‘67, and great-uncle Gene, ‘64.*



*The Larizza/Arambula family has this year’s proud grad, Emilio Arambula, with granddad Gary Larizza, ‘66, and mother Andrea Larizza Arambula, ‘92.*



*The Schlessman/Taylor family: Mary Legando Taylor, ‘78 and daughter Kristi Schlessmans, ‘97, with Ed Taylor, ‘60, and graduate Kennedy Schlessman.*

*Three generations of Mr. Fries's family: While he did not graduate from Huron, he did teach for the Tigers for thirty-five years, raised his family in Huron, and is now happily retired. For the occasion of granddaughter Addie's graduation, Amy Fries Castro, 93, flew in from CO. She was joined by Jacob, '16, Lizzie, '20, Addie, Ben, '15, and Brett, '87.*



*A three generation picture it is; the right kid, just the "wrong" school.*

*Macie Majoy, '18, was a star pole vaulter for the Tigers all through high school. After graduation she left to attend Marshall University in Morgantown WV, where it was tough to jump barefooted, but she caught on.*

*Macie began setting the Marshall records almost immediately, with the culmination coming this year, her fifth year of eligibility. Macie vaulted back in February at the SBC Conference championships and cleared 3.98 meters. Let's see, that would be just of frog hair over 13 feet for the conference championship. She had already been there at least once, when, at the Conference USA indoor championships, she reached 3.96 meters. Actually, she had already jumped at an invite in Lynchburg VA back in January and cleared 4.03 meters, the first time a female had cleared that height. Just to make sure, a few weeks later she broke the 4.10 meter mark. At her meet in Ohio at OSU in April, Macie registered a 13'5" mark for a second place finish, her only collegiate jump in Ohio, and a personal high at that.*

*Macie graduated this spring with a degree in criminal justice. She is now employed in law enforcement. Surprised???*



*Three generations of Majoys pose at OSU: Aggie, '52, and Tike, '51, in front. In back, Aunt Carolyn, '83, and Jeff Haynes, parents John, '86, and Hope Majoy.*

### ***Been There, Done That!***

*Back in her Huron High School years, Macie made the coveted trip to the Jesse Owens Stadium at Ohio State to compete. She finished as runner-up by clearing 12 feet. Actually, she had cleared 12'7" in the districts earlier.*



*At Marshall, she added a full foot in height to her numbers, going 13'7" at the conference meet and earning a return trip to the Jesse Owens Stadium. There she took second place with a 13'5" vault.*



### **MAC Champ**

Huron graduate Jimmy Harkelroad, '20, won his third Mid-American Conference Indoor Track championship on Feb. 23. His first two league titles were in the 400-meter hurdles outdoor. This one came in the flat 400 meters. Harkelroad was the second-fastest runner in the preliminary round but won the final by almost a full second, coming across in 48.77 seconds.

In the MAC Outdoor track competition in May, Jimmy took first in the 400 hurdles, at 50.47

## Scholarship Time

This year's scholarship evening saw in excess of \$175,000 awarded to graduating seniors by over 60 community and area organizations and individuals. We thank all who have had any part in making this possible. Huron helps care for its students even after leaving our school system. We especially thank those alumni who, through the membership form inside the back page, have assisted in this effort by making contributions to any of the scholarship funds for which we and the Huron Educational Foundation are caretakers. Your generosity is more than rewarded as these students go on to pursue their careers, raise families in most cases, and then pay it forward in appreciation when their means eventually permit. In the pictures below we feature some of the students who received scholarships through your efforts. The students appear bright-eyed and smiling, but you don't know how long we sometimes have to wait to take the picture before they cease crying in gratitude and wipe their tears. All donors should experience this. It beats even a thank you letter from the recipients!

### Huron Alumni Association Scholarship



*Kennedy Schlessman and Caylin McCormick  
(Abs. Jessica Holzapple, playing at regional softball tourney.)*

### The Tom Shontz Science Scholarship



*Addie Fries, Jared Lenczyk, and Regan Fry*

### Dee Heydinger El Ed Scholarship



*Allison Blevins and Marilena Fantozzi*

### Tanny VonThron Scholarship



*Allison Blevins and Joslyn Harrington  
with Emma VonThron*

### Jess and Lynn Hagy Memorial Scholarship



*Harper Hagy, Joel, 83, and Jenny Hagy with  
Kennedy Schlessman*

### Vanessa Hart Campbell Scholarship



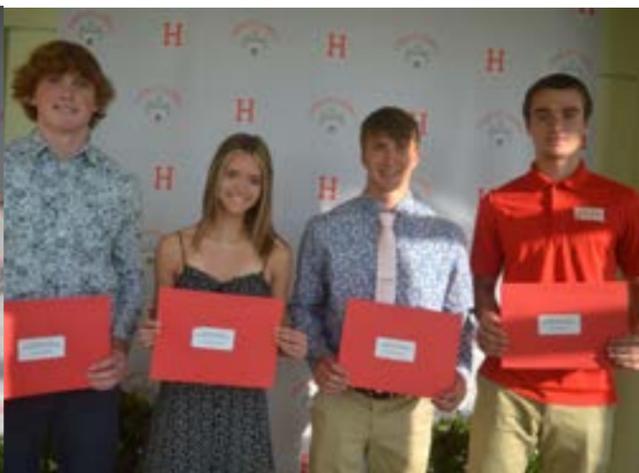
*Kennedy Schlessman and Caylin McCormick*

### Greg and Sue Thaxton Scholarship



*Evan Collins and Dylan Hohler*

### Huron Educational Foundation Scholar-



*Jake Lagando, Allison Blevins, Cooper Norwell, and  
Dylan Hohler, abs. Thomas Wilson*

### Huron Education Association Scholarships



*Marilena Fantozzi, Ayden Duffy,  
Keaton Linn, Adam Murray*

### Evelyn Bauer Scholarship



*Recipient Conner Schaeffer proudly poses with the  
Bauer family: Adele, '28, mother Beth, Grant, '26,  
and father Matt.*

## Planning for a Scholarship?

It is not uncommon around class reunion time for there to arise the topic of the class maybe considering endowing a scholarship, to honor either the achievements of the class members themselves, to perpetuate the memory of their deceased classmates, or assist some other cause. The idea is bandied about for a time, and then other topics arise and folks move on.

The idea of class sponsored scholarship endowments is quite common among schools, even Huron's size. The Huron Educational Foundation is now prepared to assist any class in exploring how to proceed with the process. It is not complicated, but it does require some degree of leadership commitment to see the idea through. If you think there may be enough interest in your class to pursue the idea, contact us and we can help start the process. Email an HEF Board member at [mheydinger@huronhs.com](mailto:mheydinger@huronhs.com).

## Mid-Winter Gatherings

### Retired Faculty Enjoy an Evening Out



*On a cold Ohio winter's eve, a number of stalwart former faculty gathered in the Upper Room of Marconi's to celebrate their past and give thanks for living this long - guess the average age of the group and win the high school yearbook of the oldest attendee - if they even had one back then.*

*Left: Doug Fries, Tom and Kathy Kirby with Nancy "Moms" Freitas, Jeff and Judy Horchler, Ed Boose, Sue Shontz DuBray and husband Bob DuBray, Dino Caporini, Carol and Bill Scott, M. Heydinger, Tom Heckelman and his daughter/chauffeur, Lisa.*

*The Class of '63 meets whenever the winter weather allows, and the locals happily gather to catch up. This gathering at the Pizza Box found assembled Don and Marcia Ramsey, Bill Koehler, Jack and Meri Sender, and Linda McKelvey. Dropping by for a quick visit over lunch with Tim McKelvey was Tom Myers (standing), while Sharon Jameson and Leslie Wilson listen in.*



*Outside, inside, summertime, wintertime - it makes no difference to this bunch from the Class of '61. The summer version on the patio at Bar North features Bill and Judy Fisk from Norwalk, Ron Krock, Nelson Hardesty from New Albany who found Sue Lavelle in Westerville on the way up, Rose Gerber, Beth Walker, and Alice Buell from Vermilion. In the winter, the "homies" made it to the Main Street Tavern. The Fisks came over again, as did Ron Krock and Beth Walker, joined by Carol Delahunt, Jim and Nonie Peterson, and Rose Gerber.*



*The crowd from '62 fills up the Angry Bull when they meet. This table found Barb and David "Blue Gill" Majoy, Lee Coe, Sam and Pat Bomar, Eileen Stewart-Lyons, Jim and Laura Falter enjoying one another's company.*



*This table features Kathy and Ron Faller, across from one another, Becky and Doug Ricci, Patty Sowecke at the end, Linda Haley, Billy Boos (hiding), Sally Majoy, Marilou Pankow, Ed Boose, and Bob and Sharon Barnes.*

## Class Reunion Season 2023

Summer and early fall seem to be the favorite times for regrouping at the old stomping grounds and sharing the past five years' events with classmates. Of course, it goes without saying that at these gatherings the tales of high school escapades grow more unbelievable with the years, the accounts of increasing aches, pains, and surgeries elicit more sympathy, the boasting of grandkids feats raises them to rarefied Olympian heights, and a fondness for ones roots grows more intense as the decades pass. And then just that quick, about half way back to Chicago or Possum Run Forge or from wherever one has traveled, reality clicks back in and it's back to the grind. So what was the weekend all about?

Meeting friends with whom one has remained in contact is always fun - face-to-face now, exchanging warm hugs again, no texting or emails, and certainly not Zoom. We realize that we have gone different directions in life, but deep down we know that bonds formed eons ago are still intact. Those whom we hardly knew then seem more engaging; those things which kept us apart then are gone. We have all moved on, met new challenges, share now our life's adventures, and gain a new respect for all the challenges we all have met and overcome. We share the loss of loved ones, too, mindful of the values we shared with them back then and the new perspective we gain as we see the common future of us all. Finally, we realize that we have all created lives of happiness, each in our own way, and if we envy what others have achieved, then that's on us. Knowing the difference is called maturity. These quinquennial meetings reinforce what we have learned about ourselves, and we celebrate our own uniqueness all the more. Reuniting is a measure of our own growth, a celebration of friendships made, a reminder that we have miles to go before we sleep, and a longing to do it all again, maybe more often.

So think a little longer and harder before you return your invitation to attend a class reunion. Make the effort. If you are a "homie," don't disappoint those who have measured the miles and said "yes" to returning.

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|--------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class of '55 | July, between 6th and 8th |   |  | Call Rol Hart for details at 419-357-0412                                       |
| Class of '63 | August 18                 | Hinde Airport Boos Rd                           | 5:30-8:30 PM                                 | Tim at (614) 309-0281 or Tim12Gauge@insight.rr.com                              |
|              |                           | Taco Night;                                     | beer, wine, drinks provided; BYOB hard stuff | Linda at (614) 309-0283   |
|              | August 19                 | Marconi's                                       | 5 PM Happy Hour<br>6 :30 PM Buffet           | Contact ASAP by July 31 at 440-724-6468<br>or hhsreunion1963@yahoo.com          |
| Class of '68 | August 26                 | Boat Basin Picnic                               | 5:30 PM                                      | Pam Ebert Blinglady17@gmail.com   |
| Class of '73 | Sept. 22                  | HHS Tour  | 4:30 PM                                      | John Williams jrwill78@yahoo.com  |
|              |                           | Dinner HHS Cafeteria, Homecoming Game to follow |  | Patricia Hastings teapat3455@aol.com  |
|              | Sept. 23                  | HYC Buffet                                      | 5 PM   |   |
| Class of '78 | July 7                    | Harbor House Patio                              | 5 PM   | Joan Saunders joan.m.saunders,nj10@statefarm.com                                |
|              | July 8                    | T-Bird N  | 10:30 AM                                     | contact Pat Krumlauf 419-366-3810 to reserve a slot                             |
|              |                           | Bar North Patio                                 | 5 PM Happy Hour 7 PM Dinner                  | contact Joan to reserve spot  |
| Class of '81 | July 8                    | RiverFest Beer Tent                             | 7:30 PM - ?????                              | Kirk Adler 614-561-5213   |
| Class of '83 | July 7                    | Culinary Vegetable Institute                    | Reception 6 PM<br>Dinner 7 PM                | Paul Ward <a href="mailto:coachpward@yahoo.com">coachpward@yahoo.com</a>        |
| Class of '88 | July 8                    | Sean Resley Home<br>1328 Berlin Rd.             | 4:00PM<br>Potluck                            | Sean Resley seanresley@yahoo.com<br>Ingrid Ritzler troy_ingrid@hotmail.com      |
| Class of '98 | July 8                    | T-Bird North                                    | 6-8 PM                                       | Eric McGraw at <a href="mailto:ericmcgraw4@gmail.com">ericmcgraw4@gmail.com</a> |

## The Arts



Huron High's tradition of fostering the fine arts has produced decades of talented artists, thespians, dancers, and musicians who have gone on to productive careers in their chosen fields. In addition, legions of students are scattered across the world who enjoy consuming anything associated with the arts. They patronize and support those who produce, and together help create a better world.

This year's students at all levels have continued that tradition. The Spring Musical, *Suesical*, highlighted the singing, dancing, and acting talents of not just the high school students but elementary future stars who supported the "Big Kids" as they enacted tales based upon the popular Dr. Seuss characters enjoyed by generations of children.

The band has performed at numerous venues this year, from summer festival engagements, to the fall athletic contests, and to various competitions. This spring's concert band's performance featured mostly modern composers' pieces. Tribal sounds intermixed with Southern folk pieces, and glided effortlessly into old fashioned rag time rhythms, showing the students versatility and a break from pounding out the Sousa marches.



The vocal music groups, comprising the Chorale and Treble Ensemble, gave us the beautiful renditions of spiritual and secular sounds. They even managed to work in a couple Latin praise pieces, and had the crowd clapping their enthusiasm and joy along with the students.

The performing arts this year were an exceptionally talented and hard working bunch who strove mightily to reach and exceed the levels of past perfection for which Huron High has always been renowned. Graduation will see many moving on, but with the underclassmen and women who worked so hard this year, we predict continued greatness to come.

## More About the Huron High Arts Programs

The Spring Musical is always the highlight of that time between spring break and the coming end of the year, when the student body and teachers alike are getting antsy and want proof-positive that the school year has not been for naught. Just then up pops a musical that has everyone clapping and dancing in sync with the tunes they just can't get out of their heads, and the year is declared a success by all.

This year was no exception. But when the title of the musical was announced, the consensus was that this is Huron High, not Shawnee. How will teens and adults receive a piece written for Dr. Seuss's audience - lap-top toddlers who fear the Lorax and maybe middle school kids who love to play the Grinch? But vocal music director, Ms. J - kid-speak for Adaleine Jackson - involved kids, little ones, borrowed from as far down as Shawnee School and many who had acted with the Caryl Crane Youth Theatre over the years. Parent volunteers jumped in to assist with the choreography required, and the high school age thespians rather adopted the little'uns, for a good time for all. The shows were sold out each night and afternoon, as even great-grandmas packed the McCormick Auditorium to see their future stars, all dolled up on stage, behaving and following strict orders, and having fun with no phones growing out of thier palms.

The show was a hit, with buzzing all over town. And it speaks of the training that Huron's students are receiving from early on up, as they develop an appreciation for the arts and experience the satisfaction that comes from having participated in a creative activity that reached out on an emotional level to an appreciative audience. Each one, in his or her own way, for a short time *WAS* a star and grew up just a little bit more for all that time invested. We congratulate our director and all of her assistants, those who acted and sang, those who worked behind the scenes as well whether daubing paint or pulling ropes. The final product was a great example of team work learned outside of athletics.



*Elephant is serenaded by characters of all ages.*

*These children will never forget their on-stage experience, many for their first time in the lights.*



*At the preview given for the youngsters, Superintendent Dr. James Tatman warms up the crowd and builds their excitement.*



*Preview night involves a run-through sans costumes and make up, and the players enjoy a good relaxing time.*



*An exhausted Cat in the Hat, senior Caylin McCormick, pauses to reflect upon her career choice, an acting career. She begins her studies in the fall at Baldwin-Wallace, working toward that goal.*

*Ms. J. introduces her chorale and accompanist to the assembly.*

*This group of hard workers performed at various venues throughout the year and participated in several competitions where they scored in the outstanding categories each time. Obviously the group is smaller in numbers than Jim Gardner's choirs you remember of the past, due to declining population in the schools. However, dedication makes up for size, as this group proved.*



## Arts Festival - Huron's Got Talent

At the annual high school spring arts festival, the art of dozen's of students was on display in the cafeteria prior to the choral and instrumental music concerts given inside the gymnasium.



*Thomas Murray, '26, painted this lark sparrow for the wildlife painting contest sponsored by Erie MetroParks and the Firelands Audubon Society.*



*Ohio's favorite birds, Cardinals.*



*A Picasso Owl Escaped???*



*Picasso's wives or girlfriends?*

*by Casey Brown*

*Simple dots add up to something beautiful.*



*Mr. Blue Jay, by Ryan Sas*

## Concert Band

The concert band may be smaller than usual, but these dedicated musicians shine when the competition begins, scoring *superior* each time under the baton of Ms. Chris Scherly.



## RIP Shawnee Elementary School 1953 - 2023

Shawnee School was born in 1953, when it opened its doors to a burgeoning crowd of youngsters born after the men and women returned from WWII. Prior to that, classes had been taught in log cabins, private homes, one-room school houses scattered about the township, and all-purpose building for elementary through high school students where the library now stands - only to be succeeded by another K-12 building on Ohio Street, the present McCormick Middle School. More schools would be built as the needs arose, but in '53, Shawnee was the absolute pride of the district with all of its modern technology. Books were supplemented by rooms with movie screens and projectors, lessons enhanced by overhead and opaque projectors, and with other print and visual materials lighting up the rooms. In 1964 an addition had to be added because of increased enrollments, but a subtle change began in the mid-70's. Early school age population began to wane and thus part of the building became available for a Montessori Academy to be included.

Now, after seven decades of life, an end appears in sight for Shawnee School. Housing only grades pre K - 2, and with space available for those students at Woodlands Intermediate on the west side of town, the school can be closed and its students transferred beginning in the fall of 2023. Woodlands School, with its present grades 3 - 6, can accommodate the younger ones by moving the sixth grade back to McCormick School, making it a true middle school once again. The high school will remain with its present grades, except for making accommodations for the school district's administrative offices which at present are housed at Shawnee.

How can this be, one may ask. It's all due to the changing demographics of the entire area. Formerly, families with an average of around five children comprised most of the households in town. Plenty of jobs existed in factories and professional establishments around the area, and Huron, with its excellent school system ratings, became home to many new and large families. But the changes in the automotive industries, the disappearance of foundries, the advent of malls that claimed more jobs that they created, and all the support businesses made Huron less attractive to families with children where one or both of the parents had employment enough to support their children all the way through their college years. The tide began to turn from graduating class sizes in the mid-70's of well over 200 students down to very near only 100 or so now.

But, you ask, isn't Huron growing in size? Aren't there more homes in town and the township today than ever before? Certainly, but homes themselves do not always equal more children. In the past couple decades a slow transformation has taken place, with two factors at work. First, the community has gained a reputation as an excellent retirement community. Its small size and quiet neighborhoods, plenty of green space and recreational activities for seniors, nearby shopping opportunities to supply all one's needs, a thriving sense of the arts, and with great museums, theaters, and music venues within close driving distance, not to mention that great body of water to the north - all these make Huron very attractive to retirees from outside the community. From the inside, as Huron's own senior citizens age, they tend to remain in their family homes as long as possible. Then, as more seniors eventually pass away, their homes continue to remain in the family, as the sons and daughters either retire from their own positions all over the country and return to their own roots - without children - or they retain the homes for use as summer cottages, bringing their own children, and now grandkids, to return for just a few weeks. Either way, homes that would have been put up for sale to newcomers with possible younger families become harder to come by and more expensive for young families starting out with small children. Hence, more empty classrooms in the schools, starting with elementary and moving up into the high school buildings.

Thus, the school board made the very difficult decision, after many meetings with the community members, with architects, with staff members, to close out and move Shawnee's students. Small chain reactions up the line all the way to the high school will be easily accommodated. The plan is for all changes to be implemented in time for the opening of the 2023-24 school year in August. One may rightfully ask what is to be done with the Shawnee building itself. Several options are out there: rent out the building, but that really does not reduce costs to the district; sell the building, and that takes satisfying all sorts of licensing, permitting, and codes within any community; or as a last resort, tear the building down and construct something that will accommodate the needs of the changing population. So the building could sit there empty for a while or receive excellent offers made to recondition the area. Time will tell, as it usually does. Stay tuned.

Adding to the confusion this summer will be the installation of a new track system at the high school. The present track has long outlived its useful lifespan and needed to go several years ago. However, grant monies have been obtained to fund the project, and work began already this spring, during track season, right after the Huron Invite was staged. The only remaining meets occurred at away venues, so construction could begin early and thus end in time for full scale summer band, football, and soccer practices on the field. It promises to be a busy, noisy, sometimes confusing summer around all the school buildings for a few months, but community members have always risen to the occasion, allowed for the inconveniences and work to continue smoothly, and ended up with a much better situation than before. We would expect no less this summer, and look forward to reporting the results to you in the next issue.

## Shawnee School Principal Lauded

This past March 23, in a faraway town in western Ohio, Ottoville, the Ohio School Boards Association held its annual spring meeting for the Northwest District. School district officials from over 150 communities, large and small from northwest Ohio, met to conduct their business.

At its awards ceremony, Brian Kucbel, Huron Shawnee's Principal, was honored as the Elementary School Principal of the Year for the entire State of Ohio. Accompanying Brian out to Ottoville were our first-year school Superintendent, Dr. James Tatman, school board president, John Jones, '73, and district treasurer, Paul DeMarco. Mr. Jones made the presentation and lauded Brian to the assemblage for his commitment to Huron's youngest students and their parents, the entire staff, and his dedication to trying to meet all the needs of all the students. Brian is now finishing up his doctorate degree, and with the closing of Shawnee School, he will be assuming the principal's duties at Woodlands School next fall.



*Brian holds his plaque, with BOE President John Jones and Treasurer Paul DeMarco posing with him. OSBA officers flank the trio.*

## Students Lauded

Two seniors were recognized for their academic achievements.

**Sam Lee, '23,** was awarded Scholar of the Year by BCSN, the broadcast company for high school sports in the Northern Ohio area.

**Amber Vance, '23,** was named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. Of the 1.5 million juniors who take the PSAT test each year, only 7,500 are notified as seniors that they have achieved semifinalist status. Amber joins an elite group of HHS juniors who took the test during the past 77 years. Our congratulations to both for their hard work and dedication to their studies.



*Samuel Lee*



*Amber Vance*

# Robert Dence Goes Above and Below for His Duty

A long time ago, in a town far, far away, Rob Dence was launching footballs in a stadium for the Tigers of Huron. His laser-like passes and shifty running earned him All-Ohio QB honors back in 2001 in his senior year in high school.

Then later on was recruited and played backup quarterback at the University of Dayton, lettering for two years. Rob was majoring in mechanical engineering at Dayton, and while not playing football or studying, he courted his future wife, Megan, whose only flaw was that she hailed from Pittsburgh and liked that other team over there. Rob married and rescued her, though, and the couple lived in Littleton CO where they began their family, while Rob worked for Lockheed-Martin.

Rob's first important work at Lockheed involved the GOES-R Weather Satellite. These machines weight tons and are launched into orbits about 22,000 miles high with all sorts of instrumentation aimed at earth below. At that height, no U-2 will be able to fly up to inspect them, nor any F-16 shoot them down. They don't orbit earth like "regular" satellites, but at that height their revolution matches the earth's rotation. In other words, they stay parked in one spot to constantly observe conditions over a wide area of the planet within their range. Just as some of their functions, they spot the makings of storms, intensity of lightning storms, first sights of fires; they kept track of solar emissions that might endanger our communication systems, as well as other forces out there that could harm other satellites or even our astronauts. You are familiar with their videos if you watch late evening weather reports of approaching storms and other atmospheric conditions. Obviously Rob did not work to develop these complex instruments, but someone had to figure out how to mount them all within a limited space perched atop a 100-foot-plus rocket, without interfering with one another's tasks, how to protect the delicate devices upon which we below depend as the space ships blasted them into orbit, and how to manage them while in orbit. One suspects that somehow, after being a quarterback and learning how to take hard knocks, the subject came a little easier for Rob.



*Take the kids to work day or "grooming" the next generation of female engineers?*

After 2018, Rob's work centered on what he did for the Orion Project. You remember that one, right? After the Apollo program put men on the moon, the U.S. became rather satisfied at being the only nation to have done so, and the program ceased in 1972 with the last human footprints being placed on the lunar surface, after only a dozen men had walked its surface. Mars was targeted next for exploration, as were other projects sending craft to distant planets. Mars was invaded by alien automobile-like contraptions that poked and prodded her, photographed her, and analyzed her soils for signs of life – all to answer one question: Can humankind perhaps establish life-sustaining colonies there and live in peace with Orson Welles' little buddies? Outer planets became explored and photographed close-up, exposing us to the wonders of distant volcanic activity, dense clouds, and atmospheres acidic enough to vaporize any landing modules. So what did that leave upon which we could spend our money?

The moon, of course. All the while that we were busy discovering climate change, folks gradually clamored again for a return to our planet's very own moon. Hence the Artemis Program, begun in 2017. Designed to place both men and women on the moon, Artemis I was successfully launched in November of 2022, placing just a capsule in orbit around the moon, setting records for distance traveled in a craft that could have supported human life, and then returning successfully to Planet Earth. But one of the most important components of the lunar module, code named Orion, was its door assembly. Can't have a door flying off or leaking precious oxygen or sucking someone or something out. Here is where Rob entered the scene. He, as team leader, and his team designed, engineered, and built a contraption that successfully met all requirements. Future manned and female crewed flights to the moon and perhaps one day even Mars will rely heavily upon the design made possible by Rob and his team.

Now Orion is set to participate in the Artemis 2 project, an actual crewed mission to the moon, without actually landing though, but intending to go further into space than any human has before, and then use the moon's gravity to sling its precious cargo back to earth – round trip tour lasting about ten days. Again, Rob's door will be all that stands between four humans' lives and the vacuum and death of the void outside.



So what is next? Right now Rob and team are working on a project for the US Navy, on ballistic missiles that would fit on submarines, all in the name of US defense. And if he tells you any more, he would have to kill you. Don't ask. Just be glad he is on our team.

So how does Rob fill his downtime? Just ask him - it's a full platter with family first. Says Rob, "I help to coach my kids basketball, t-ball, and softball teams. I enjoy as many wood-working projects as I can find, having Friday movie and pizza nights with the family, love watching college football as well as playing golf while also trying to teach my kids the game of golf. I try my best to keep in touch with friends from the past and co-workers along the way to see how they and their families are doing. I also love to travel; we have gone to the Outer Banks with my wife's family every summer for the past 15 years, as well as I've been organizing a golf trip with my Colorado buddies for the past 6 years that has been a lot of fun every fall."

Sounds like a very thrilling, at times, and satisfying life for the entire family. Continued success, Rob.

MICHELLE MARIE SAUNDERS / RYAN LEIGH FOSS

22nd ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday July 22, 2023  
Thunderbird Hills South Course  
9:00 AM Shotgun Start  
\$360 per team (\$90 per golfer)  
Please pre-pay prior to event.

The families of Michelle and Ryan would like to invite you to a day of celebration and remembrance. We are forever thankful for your enduring support for more than two decades.

Please contact :  
Paul Berlin

Includes golf, cart, hot dog lunch, 6 (six) drink tickets, Catered Chicken Dinner, keg beer, soft drinks and water.

Payable to: Saunders/Foss Memorial Fund  
2711 Plumbrook Creek Dr., Sandusky, OH 44870  
pberlin7@gmail.com or (419) 515-0132

## How Well They

### Basketball

**Boys**      **Coach - Bobby James**    **Record 17 - 6**  
Dylan Hohler \*      - 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.  
Luke Rager            - 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div.  
Jackson McNulty    - Hon. Ment. All-SBC Bay Div  
Adam Murray        - Hon. Ment. All-SBC Bay Div

**Girls**      **Coach - Darius Schaeffer**    **Record 16 - 6**  
Mia Hurst \*            - 1st Team All-SBC Bay Div.  
Caylin McCormick   - 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Div  
Addie LaCivita       - Hon. Ment. All-SBC Bay Div  
Jessica Holsapple    - Hon. Ment. All-SBC Bay Div  
\* Unanimous Choice



### Tigers to Have New Basketball Coach in '24

For 14 years, Coach Bobby James led Huron's Tiger basketball teams, amassing a total of 214 wins against only 102 losses. During the 2022-2023 season Bobby actually reached a plateau of over 800 wins in his career. However, as time wore on and the size of his family grew, Bobby decided to spend more time with his kids before they inevitably move on and thus retired as Huron's head basketball coach at the end of this year's 17-6 season. He had fitted in well with Huron's tradition of long-time coaches who built character and gentlemen as part of their legacy here at Huron, in addition to wins and weekend excitement in a town that can be pretty dull come winter.

Then the search for a successor began immediately. After interviews were completed, the young man eventually hired, a former player for Huron's nemesis a tad west of here, the Duckpond Polar Bear's, was Toby Miller. At age 26, Toby has had much experience in coaching. How could he miss, as his father coached that other team for many years, with Toby studying his every move. After graduating from high school, Toby moved on to Tiffin and was a GA coach for Heidelberg College where he will be receiving his MA in business administration.



We wish Toby all the best as he changes from Polar Bear whites to Tigers' stripes.

### Softball

**Coach: Jude Schmidt**    **Record: 26 - 6**    **SBC and District Champions**

|                   |                              |            |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Eliza Maloney     | First Team All SBC Bay Div.* | Pitcher    |
|                   | Most Outstanding Performer   |            |
| Lauren Wainwright | First Team All SBC Bay Div.* | Catcher    |
| Jacyi Schmidt     | First Team All SBC Bay Div.* | Outfielder |
| Lanee Orzech      | 2nd Team All SCB Bay Div.    | Infielder  |
| Jessica Holzapple | 2nd Team All SCB Bay Div.    | Infielder  |
| Emma Shaw         | 2nd Team All SCB Bay Div.    | Infielder  |
| Annabelle Herzog  | 2nd Team All SCB Bay Div.    | Outfielder |

\* Unanimous Pick

Eliza Maloney has signed with UT to play for them next year.



### Baseball

**Coach: Dan Lindsley**    **Record: 12 - 12**    **SBC: 5 - 5**

|                |                               |            |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Adam Murray*   | 1st Team All-SBC Bay Division | Outfielder |
| Landon Hohler  | 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Division | Pitcher    |
| Kyle Auger     | 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Division | Infielder  |
| Thomas Cozzens | 2nd Team All-SBC Bay Division | Outfielder |



### Bowling

**Coach: TJ Poltorek**      **Records: Boys 0 - 14 Girls 2 - 11**

### Wrestling

**Coach: John Wasily**

|               |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Hunter Drury  | 3rd Place in 138 lb. wt. class |
| Julian Munoz  | 8th Place in 132 lb. wt. class |
| Ashton Perdue | 8th Place in 165 lb. wt. class |



## Track

The track teams, boys and girls, excelled this spring. At the Jesse Owens Stadium at OSU, the boys' team ended up on the podium as third best overall in the state. The boys collected high point finishes in multiple events, setting many personal and school records in the process.

The girls also enjoyed an excellent year, culminating in 12 athletes making it to state and bringing home the hardware!

**Boys**                      **Coach: Mike Lemponen**

|                  |          |  |
|------------------|----------|--|
| Jackson Campbell | 4 x 400  | 4 x 400 - 6th in state   |
| Tyler Kohlman    | 4 x 400  | 800 - 3rd in state   |
| Beau Harkelroad  | 4 x 400  | 4 x 200 - 2nd in state<br>110 hurdles - 6th in state<br>300 hurdles - 2nd in state |
| Conner Schaeffer | 4 x 400, | 4 x 200  |
| Andrew Delaney   |          | 4 x 200  |
| Joseph Schaeffer |          | 4 x 200  |



*Andrew Delaney takes the baton from Joe Schaeffer.*



*Beau leaps the hurdles*

*Beau Harkelroad is the first 4 medal winner at state in the same year in the history of Huron High School.*



*The Huron Girls Track Team won their first-ever Regional Championship in late May, enabling them to compete at the state finals in June. Many individual, school, and meet records were set in the process.*

*The 4 x 800 girls relay team of Jady Towns, Samantha Lesnak, Kennedy Schlessman and Lucy Watson*

**Girls**                      **Lesley Gainer**

The girls track team won the SBC Bay Division Championship, the first title since 1979. Kennedy Schlessman won the 800 and 1600-meter races, setting meet records in both. Seniors Jaden Carey and Kyla Garbe were double winners: Carey with the high jump and 100 hurdles, Garbe with the long jump and the 300 hurdles. The foursome of Garbe, Lesnak, Towns and Kohlman smoked the competition in the 4 x 400. On the way to state, the girls team also won the district and regional competitions, setting three district records.

**State Results at Jesse Owens Stadium**

|                    |                    |   |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Elianna Cozzie     | 4 x 100            |   |
| Kaylee Parker      | 4 x 100            |   |
| Jaden Carey        | 4 x 100, high jump |   |
| Kyla Garbe         | 4 x 100,           | 4 x 400, 300 hurdles                          |
| Olivia Kohlman     |                    | 4 x 400                                       |
| Jady Towns         |                    | 4 x 400, 4 x 800<br>1600 - 8th place in state |
| Kennedy Schlessman |                    | 4 x 400, 4 x 800<br>800 - 3rd place in state  |

The foursome in the 4 x 400 took fourth place in the state with a 3:58.91 to break the school record.

The foursome of Watson, Lesnak, Towns, and Schlessman broke the 4 x 800 school record four times en route to a state second place finish in 9:24.62.

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Lucy Watson     | 4 x 800 |
| Samantha Lesnak | 4 x 800 |



*The 4x400-meter girls relay of Jady Towns, Olivia Kohlmann, Kyla Garbe and Kennedy Schlessman*

*Track Performances at the Artie Miller Invitational Meet*



*State Champs in 2003 - Laura, Kristen, Amy and Sarah*



*Levitation! Wake me when I'm over.*



*Flying high - and*



*Gimme that thing!*



*We WON??? OMG!!!*



*Is this gonna hurt???*



*Most important folks at the tmeet - the volunteer timers*



*Lapped 'em!*

## Swimming

Coach: Randy Lehrer

Huron state championship diver Max Wasiniak, '23, finished 1st in Division II diving competition, for the second year in a row.

Granthem Brown, '23, finished 14th in the state in D-II in the 500 yard freestyle race in 14:53:52

*Division II boys district diving title champion  
Max Wasiniak, '23, with Peter Cencer, '26.*



## Tennis

Coach: James Fialka

Record: 11 - 4



## Will Koenig's Boston Marathon Run

April 17 found Huron's William Koenig, '14, fulfilling a lifelong dream - competing in the Boston Marathon. He finished in the top 3% of the 26,000 other runners who had qualified, finishing with a time of 2 hours, 43 minutes, 20 seconds for the 26.2 mile run. For Huron, he ran cross country and the distance events for track. At Wooster College he began to improve his times, and after graduation continued to run for the love of the sport. He had run five other major marathons prior to qualifying for the "Big One." Congratulations to William for his accomplishment. With his teaching degree, William would like to eventually teach math and coach cross country and track.



*Want to bet that William frames his marathon bib?*

## Records Made to be Broken



Twenty years ago, the foursome on the right set a new HHS record in the 3200m relay and went on to state to finish first. This year the foursome on the left broke that school record four times en route to a second place finish at state. The ladies on the 2003 team returned in April to wish the 2023 girls good luck in their pursuit of a first place finish at state.

The gentleman in the middle being held up on each side is Bill Scott, '72, who coached the 2003 gals, and though not head coach today, he can be found at all meets lending his support and expertise.

The 2003 gals are Laura Lindsley Moyer, Kristen Erne Bednarz, Sarah Wilber Thompson, and Amy Renner.

The girls on the left can be found on page 11.



*Landon, Dylan, Heather, and Sam Hohler*

Outstanding athlete, senior Dylan Hohler, signed this spring with Toledo University to play football for them. Actually, the signing could just as well have been to play basketball for the Rockets, as Dylan starred in both sports. For his football prowess this past fall season, he was selected as the SBC's Most Outstanding Player, All-SBC QB, and District Co-Offensive Player of the Year. He led the basketball team to a 17-6 record in his senior year, while celebrating an evening in which he scored his 1,000th point. Tiger fans will be tuned in on Saturdays to follow Dylan's Rockets career.

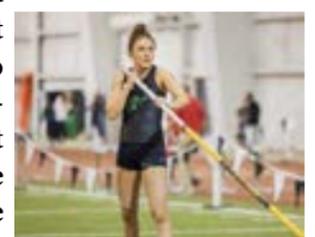
## Thompson with Seahawks

Cody Thompson, '14, is continuing his pro football career with the Seattle Seahawks as a member of their taxi squad. For his career, as of this writing, he has appeared in five games for the Seahawks.



## Majoy Gets High

Macie Majoy, '18, was state runner-up in her senior year for Huron High in the pole vault competition. She had committed to Marshall University where she jumped all four years and holds every pole vault record there, her best being 13'7" at an indoor meet. She went on to compete in the Sun Belt Conference championships and took first place there. That feat entitled her to compete at Ohio State's Jesse Owens Stadium at the end of April where she topped out at 13.4 feet and fourth place.



## Photographer-in-Chief

Officer Keith Lobsinger, the Resource Officer assigned to the Huron City Schools, doubles as a photographer for most of the events occurring within the district. His specialty is sports photography, as he seems to have been blessed with the uncanny ability to predict the precise moment and place where a significant action is going to occur, then captures it perfectly.

After each event, Lobs posts his best work on his website for viewing. There friends and family who maybe could not attend an event, can see the results in action shots. You can share in the excitement this causes by visiting his website at [www.lobspography.com](http://www.lobspography.com). And if you want to reserve any photo to share with generations hence, they are for sale right there.

Our thanks to Keith also for providing photos for some of the pieces in our Newsletters.

After graduating with her Masters in a five-year BA/MA program, what's next? What else? - she's a Majoy - and will be entering Federal law enforcement, inspired by her father, John, '86, the chief of police in Newburgh Heights, a Cleveland suburb. Go even higher now, Macie!

## Those Who Have Left Us



**Deborah O'Rork Collinsworth**, '81, age 59, of Huron, passed away on December 2. Debbie worked for 35 years as compliance manager at Imagine Baking Inc. and was herself renowned for her cooking.



**Alverna Michaels Tracht**, '58, of Huron, age passed away on December 4. Alverna was an avid nature lover who, on frequent walks of 4-6 miles daily, prowled the paths at Sheldon's Marsh and Old Woman's Creek, observing the wildlife, especially the birds.



**Shirley Minier Reynolds**, '54, age 86, of Huron, passed away on December 20. Shirley was introduced to work at the family's restaurant in Huron, the Ed-Mar. After marriage, she supported her husband Bob's career in realty and development. An avid gardener also, Shirley was involved with the Water Festival, and she and Bob restored the dignity of the home that became Captain Montague's B & B.



**Danny Lee**, '76, age 64, of Huron, passed away on December 21 at home. After graduating from Baldwin-Wallace College, Danny managed the Ramada Inn, Best Western Hotel, and Perkins Family Restaurant with his parents. Later years saw him working at Huron Cement alongside his son Ethan. Danny was extremely passionate about Tiger athletics especially those of his children, sometimes even overdoing it at games! He was equally passionate about all aspects of life.



**Ann Bostater Hart**, '56, age 84, of Huron, passed away on December 28 at the Stein Hospice Care Center. Very civic minded, Ann served as president of the Women's Junior League and Director of Huron-Dial-a-Drive, in addition to serving on the Huron Library Board. Ann was also the stalwart class member who kept the proud class of '56 together over the years.



**Donna Klein Fedele**, '56, age 84, of Huron, passed away on December 31 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. Donna had worked at Cedar Villa and the Family Inn, as she so enjoyed cooking. She was an avid canner, with her favorite thing to can being her famous spaghetti sauce.



**Helen Knupke**, age 96, passed away on January 8. Born in Penfield PA, she moved westward with the family, then met and married her husband Wayne Knupke, '43. After working for Philco in Sandusky, she was hired by the Huron City Schools, eventually becoming cafeteria manager for many years at Huron High School until retiring.



**Fern Bartlett Delamatre**, '51, age 91, of Huron, passed away on January 13. Born in St. John's Newfoundland, Fern moved to the United States with her parents when she was 16 years old, married in 1952, and raised three sons. She worked part time at the Huron Sports Center and the Attic Boutique, while not helping to build and care for rental properties on the family's land. She was famous for her cooking and also her seamstress skills. She definitely owned the town's largest collection of hats.



**Joseph Catri**, '48, age 94, passed away on January 26. Joe had been the supervisor at Eastern States / Agway until their closure. He then retired from New Departure, Sandusky. He was known in later years for his rides around town on his bicycle and for his love of family and the times spent with them.



**Charles "Charlie" Myers**, '61, age 79, of Sandusky, passed away on February 1 after a 40 year battle with Parkinson's Disease. After graduating from OSU with a degree in Animal Science, Charlie served in the U.S. Army. He then worked for Routh Packing Company before starting and operating Myers Brothers Custom Butchering for 40 years. Charlie was an inspiration to many people, having lived a full life, even participating in Rock Steady boxing the day before he was admitted to the hospital. He would hope that his life would serve as a reminder to anyone facing a diagnosis like Parkinson's disease to never give up.



**Thea Harris**, '86, age 55, passed away on February 7 at Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk. Thea was a driver for Best Bet Shuttle for over 20 years. She loved spending time with her family, dogs, and her friends.



**Debbie Bright**, '72, age 68, of Sandusky, passed away on February 21. A graduate of Patricia Stevens Finishing School and Ohio Business College, Deb was an "animal activist" and animal owner.



**William Schell**, '49, age 91, passed away at his Huron home on February 26. After playing as a member of Huron's first 11 man football team, Bill enlisted in the Navy after graduation and served as an airman and structural mechanic. Returning home, he married Carol Haggerty, '56, and they enjoyed 65 years of marriage. Active in his church and veterans organizations, Bill served as a Federal Grain Inspector and Weigh Master, in production control of Chrysler Plastic, and retired as manager for Huron Asher Brothers.

**Jeffrey Klein**, '82, age 59, of Temple GA, passed away on March 7. Jeff graduated both Huron High School and EHOVE with a degree as an AGG Industrial Mechanic. He worked for Huron Cement, then as a Heavy Equipment Operator for Wagner Quarry, Sandusky, and for Sylvania Minerals in South Rockwood, Michigan. He was an avid outdoorsman and animal lover.



**Charles "Chuck" Schrader**, '88, age 53 and of Sandusky, passed away March 8 after a long illness. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Chuck returned and worked for his father's business, Schrader Brother's Construction.

**Dante Gebelle**, '79, age 62, passed away on March 10.



**Chris Rader** '72, age 68, of Huron, passed away on March 23. Chris retired from Certainteed after a 41 year career there. When not working, he was enjoying nature, the all-outdoors, and riding his Harley.



**Barbara Stein Boeckling**, '43, age 97, of Centerville OH, passed away on April 12 at Bethany Village. She grew up in her father's funeral home, the present Foster Funeral Home, was a proud member of the first graduating class from the Ohio Street School, the present McCormick Jr. High, and then went to Dennison College. During WWII, she helped the war effort by working at the Plum Brook Research, then later for Halles in retail sales. Barbara was very civic minded, was employed as a para-professional in early childhood development, and a world traveler with her husband.



**April Blankenship**, '87, of Huron, passed away on April 18 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. April worked as a home health care provider and had a huge heart, loving everyone she cared for.



**Andrew "Andy" Garrick**, age 74, passed away on April 21 at home. Andy was Huron High School principal from 1991-92.



**Paula Millis Newell**, '59, age 81, of Huron, passed away May 22 at Stein Hospice Care Center. Paula was a homemaker, caring for her home and family.



**William "Bill" Haggerty**, '58, age 83, of Huron, passed away n June 7 at the Willows in Bellevue after a short illness. Bill served as the Perkins School treasurer for 33 years, retired and co-owned Kawrmelcorn and help his wife manage her family's business, The New Sandusky Fish company.

## HELP!

**We need your help. If you live outside of the immediate Huron and Sandusky newspaper coverage area, we have a hard time learning of our grads who have passed away. We believe it is important to report their passing so that classmates and close friends back here on the home front learn of it and can contact family members, even if it may be later. If you learn of former Huron grads who have passed away in your area of the country - especially those in the western half of the country - email us with the information. Let us know when the passing occurred, the location, and maybe the name of the newspaper which printed the obituary. We will then be able to locate the pertinent information and pass it on to the rest of our alumni. Rest assured that the families will appreciate your help.**

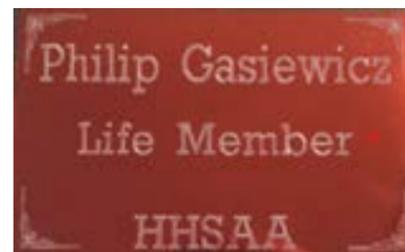
## Membership

We are grateful for all our readers who respond by taking out a membership in the Alumni Association. Their generosity makes it possible to continue this work at a time when most Americans are feeling the pressure of rising prices on all fronts. We applaud their efforts and urge more grads to consider following their example. Inside the back page is the membership form. Also found there is the form to contribute to our scholarship program. Those funds are invested by the Huron Educational Foundation with the Erie County Community Foundation to grow and insure that Huron's graduates might have some measure of financial support as they leave Huron High for more education and training. Please consider lending a hand up to those deserving students as well.

|                              |                   |    |     |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----|-----|
| Bonnie Shrigley Kellenberger | Washington Ct Hs. | OH | '43 |
| Patricia Altman Basilone     | Huron             | OH | '48 |
| Robert Fritz                 | Vermillion        | OH | '48 |
| Betty Ruetenik               | Montgomery        | TX | '49 |
| Dorothy Doyle McCarthy       | Sandusky          | OH | '49 |
| Jean Howard                  | Huron             | OH | '53 |
| William C Handley            | Cape May CH       | NJ | '53 |
| Paul Bachman                 | Inverness         | FL | '54 |
| Jane Pappas McDevitt         | Huron             | OH | '55 |
| Rev. William Lucht           | Huron             | OH | '55 |
| Judy Connors Mize            | Sandusky          | OH | '56 |
| Janice Rae Cook Herrmann     | Amherst           | OH | '57 |
| Nancy Claus                  | Bellevue          | OH | '58 |
| Sara Caffrey                 | San Bernardino    | CA | '59 |
| Marjorie Windnagle Billman   | Huron             | OH | '60 |
| James McKelvey               | Lake Orion        | MI | '60 |
| Dottie Allinson Presutto     | Amherst           | OH | '60 |
| Nelson Hardesty              | New Albany        | OH | '61 |
| James Compton                | Lyndhurst         | OH | '61 |
| Philip Gasiewicz             | New Wilmington    | PA | '64 |
| David Horner                 | Norwalk           | OH | '65 |
| Ann Wunder Bauman            | Huron             | OH | '67 |
| John and Cheryl Zimmerman    | Huron             | OH | '67 |
| Daniel Marshall              | Columbus          | OH | '67 |
| Carl Kessler                 | Huron             | OH | '68 |
| John Caporini                | Huron             | OH | '68 |

A reminder to those considering both a membership in the Alumni Association and a contribution to our scholarship program. Both types of financial aid flow in the past flowed through the Huron High Alumni Association, but the law requires that such different contributions be written on two separate checks, one to the Alumni Association for a membership, another to the Huron Educational Foundation for a donation to any of our scholarship endowments. In the past a single check for both was made out to the Alumni Association which then deposited the check and from there moved the monies to their final destinations. One check, one treasury agent, one simple record keeping system. We were reminded that the law does not allow this, so please help us stay legal by observing their requirements. We are sorry for this inconvenience. Thank you!

|                             |                 |    |             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----|-------------|
| Tim Wallick                 | Huron           | OH | '68         |
| Roger France                | Buena Vista     | CO | '69         |
| Jody Boyes Caporini         | Huron           | OH | '71         |
| Sue Markin Ferland          | Jewett City     | CT | '71         |
| Becky and Chris Harlan      | Huron           | OH | '72         |
| Laurel Wolf                 | Stow            | OH | '74         |
| Gary Majestic               | Rome            | GA | '74         |
| Greg Yarmoluk               | Drummond Island | MI | '74         |
| Sharon Caporini Aamoth      | Solon           | OH | '75         |
| Sue Coleman Frankart        | Huron           | OH | '76         |
| Mary and Will Folger        | Huron           | OH | '76         |
| Scott Bade                  | New Albany      | OH | '82         |
| Lynda Bird Bade             | New Albany      | OH | '84         |
| Diane Billman Clements      | Bay Village     | OH | '85         |
| Tike and Agnes Doyle Majoy  | Huron           | OH | '51/'52     |
| Bill and Carolyn Spievak    | Saginaw         | MI | '60/'56     |
| Steve & Beth Legando Fisher | Huron           | OH | '70/'71     |
| Tobin Knight                | Huron           | OH | '14         |
| Paul and Alea Dahnke        | Huron           | OH | Former Fac. |



## Scholarships

Our students are most grateful for the assistance that is provided them through the scholarship money which the community so generously raises each year. The Huron Alumni Association and Educational Foundation are proud to be part of that legacy. The list of scholarships which these two organizations help manage appears to the right.

Any monies given are invested through the Erie County Community Foundation (ECCF) whose management record over the past decades is outstanding. Instead of only one investment firm caring for the funds, the corpus is divided among three firms who vie with one another to provide the best possible returns to the Foundation. At present, our organizations are guaranteed for each scholarship fund a 4% "return on investment" dividend each year, averaged over the three most recent years. Thus, a fully paid up scholarship of \$25,000 will provide a student with \$1,000.

On the list at the right, several of the funds have already reached that

### Huron Alumni Association General Scholarship

|                      |            |    |           |
|----------------------|------------|----|-----------|
| Janice Cook Herrmann | Amherst    | OH | 57        |
| David Puderbaugh     | Brookville | OH | 61        |
| Thomas Heckelman     | Norwalk    | OH | For. Fac. |

### Science Scholarship Fund in Honor of Tom Shontz and Jim Seiple

|                  |       |    |      |
|------------------|-------|----|------|
| Margorie Billman | Huron | OH | 60   |
| Sue Shontz       | Huron | OH | Fac. |

### Jesse and Lynn Hagy Memorial Scholarship

|                     |               |    |    |
|---------------------|---------------|----|----|
| William Handley     | Cape May C.H. | NJ | 53 |
| Janice Cook Herrman | Amherst       | OH | 57 |
| Debra Hinton        | London        | UK | 75 |
| Leslie Hagy Simon   | Vermillion    | OH | 76 |
| Liz Hagy            | Columbus      | OH | 76 |
| Joel Hagy           | Huron         | OH | 83 |

\$25,000 mark while others are still growing. Until they reach that goal of \$25,000, we keep reinvesting the dividends so that the winning recipients will eventually receive \$1,000. Some of the 25K individual funds continue to grow, so that any dividend of over the \$1,000 which is annually distributed is allowed to remain with ECCF and continue to compound. This helps grow the fund faster to the next benchmark!

We mentioned earlier that some classes are considering beginning a scholarship to honor the class itself in perpetuity and their departed classmates. We encourage families also to consider establishing the same type of fund to honor their family's great Huron legacy or some cause which is special to the family. A couple families have already done this, though not necessarily through us - and that is OK. The important thing is that your generosity in establishing such a fund anywhere will help insure that students will benefit in perpetuity. Think about it, and if you are interested, contact us for information on how to proceed.

### Dolores Heydinger Elementary Education Scholarship Fund

|                          |             |    |           |
|--------------------------|-------------|----|-----------|
| Patricia Altman Basilone | Sandusky    | OH | 48        |
| Roger France             | Buena Vista | CO | 69        |
| Debra Hinton             | London      | UK | 75        |
| Sue Shontz               | Huron       | OH | For. Fac. |

### Language Arts Scholarship in Honor of Larry Zimmer and Mary Alyce Harpster

|                      |         |    |    |
|----------------------|---------|----|----|
| Janice Cook Herrmann | Amherst | OH | 57 |
|----------------------|---------|----|----|

### Richard and June Klein Family Memorial Scholarship

|                 |               |    |    |
|-----------------|---------------|----|----|
| William Handley | Cape May C.H. | NJ | 53 |
|-----------------|---------------|----|----|

|                |             |    |    |
|----------------|-------------|----|----|
| Tanny VonThron |             |    |    |
| Roger France   | Buena Vista | CO | 69 |

The Evelyn Bauer Memorial Scholarship Fund to date has received well over one hundred contributions and is fast approaching the \$25,000 goal. We thank all who have supported this cause and helped the family in its period of grief.

## Evelyn Bauer



Sometimes in a small community like Huron, an event occurs that seems to strike the very heart of the entire town. On Sunday evening, January 8, a child passed away at Rainbow and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, one of our very own, a six year old kindergartner at Shawnee Elementary School, Evelyn Bauer. She had contracted an infection, and within a few days she left us. She was little known outside of her circle of friends, classmates, and family, but when the news circulated of her passing, every heart in town, it seemed, mourned her leaving us, as if she had been their own. Her smiling face was seared into minds, with tears flowing for days, as those who knew and loved her shared their memories. Her wish in life, it seemed, was to make all happy, to help her friends. Her energy was endless, the joy she spread infectious, the people whose lives she touched forever moved.

A few evenings later, in a rainy, cold Huron Boat Basin amphitheater, community members packed together for warmth and for a vigil to honor the memory of this sweet thing. The night sky was punctuated with tiny glimmerings from hundreds of candles, as the darkness rang with the joyous strains of hymns and prayers to celebrate what Evelyn had taught us in her short time about pure, childlike love. Her teacher addressed the crowd, sharing her memories of the short time that Evelyn had been with her, and reminded all of the brief time we all have to spread peace and joy among all we touch.

To commemorate Evelyn's life and encourage others to imitate her passion for life and for making an impact upon all with whom they come in contact in the community, the family has established a scholarship through the Huron Educational Foundation. The recipient of this award shall have demonstrated how he or she made a significant impact upon the greater Huron community.

Anyone who wishes to assist in this program may do so by referring to the form below. As a significant impact upon this program, the Thrivent organization, a charitable foundation helping to fund scholarships, among other things, agreed to match donations to Evelyn's fund, up to a total of \$5,000. The goal was achieved, and a scholarship was awarded already this spring by the Bauer family.

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### Membership Sign Up

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

### 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)

The Dick and June Klein Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

The Evelyn Bauer Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Huron Educational Foundation Endowment Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund administered through ECCF,  
the earnings used for student scholarships and teacher grants.)

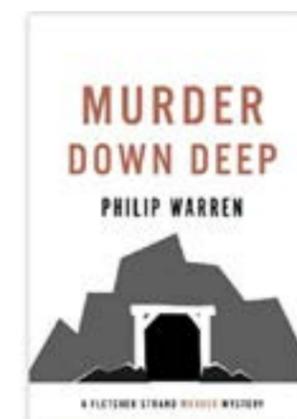
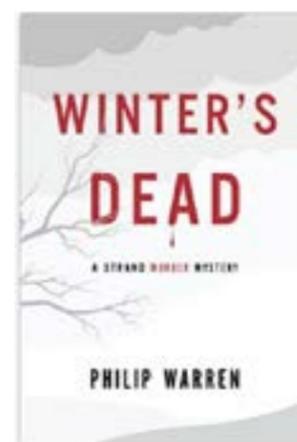
**Murder down Deep by Philip Warren Gasiewicz, '64**



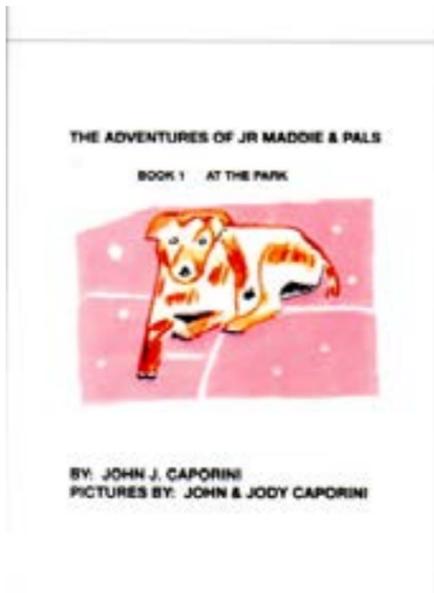
Phil graduated from Huron High in 1964, did his college work at Xavier University, and stepped into the real world just in time for the Vietnam conflict. Instead, he tackled the Chinese language and began working in national security positions, sometimes stationed atop mountains in Taiwan “listening” to the Chinese, other times in offices deep underground in mines in Pennsylvania. His first series of novels, the *Turnarounds*, appeared in 2014 and ‘15, and featured political operatives in the White House, filled with greed and enamored with power, working to “fix” elections. Sound familiar?

Then Phil turned to creating murder mysteries, sometimes based in the fictional versions of places where he himself had lived and worked. His detective, Fletcher Strand, and trusty sidekick have to solve murders but also overcome local police officials who believe their small towns foster no such crimes. If you are into murder mystery fiction, then give *Winter's Dead* a try, part of a series by Philip Warren Gasiewicz, who writes under the name Warren, as, he says, no one could pronounce or spell the other half of his name. A boy's body floating in a river mid-winter sets off a trek across Western PA's Amish Country in pursuit of culprits.

A second novel was released this past May, *Murder Down Deep*. Also set in western Pennsylvania where Phil lives, the tale involves Fletcher Strand working to solve murders of victims working high security deep underground, literally, in a limestone mine. When the Director of Security turns up stone cold dead, and other officials meet similar fates, Fletcher must determine whether higher-ups with security clearance are responsible. Could there be, even within such a secret governmental operation, such corruption that officials would resort to murders to cover up actual criminal activity? And is there a hint of Amish antipathy that surfaces during the investigations, as the Director had an Amish background. Read for yourself. Then await the release of a third mystery in the series, coming soon, *The Letters*. Google Phil on Amazon to read reviews and obtain information on how to order.

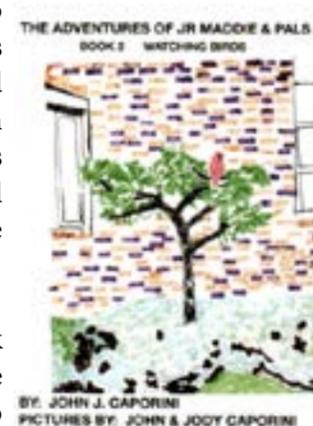


**The Adventures of JR Maddie and Pals by John, '68, and Jody, '71, Caporini**



These two books are the first in a series that John and Jody hope to provide to help children have fun, learn about their surroundings, and improve their reading skills while doing so. And what better place to begin than right in one's own backyard and neighborhood, and with what better companions than beloved animals with which children are familiar. In the first volume, Maddie, a Jack Russell, introduces himself and his canine friends as they cavort about their local park and are greeted by all the other animals that happen by. The book is meant to be read aloud as the text is done in simple couplets which children love to hear and mimic.

The second volume concentrates upon all the fowls in the neighborhood and backyard. Children will learn to recognize them by shapes and colors. At the end of the book are pages with pictures of common birds which children are then invited to color. It's another fun read during which learning occurs, more parent/child bonding develops, and children can give self expression as they do their coloring. The



**What If? Dave Brown, '67**

Ever read a book with only a single character, a likable enough guy without antagonists but filled with anxieties nonetheless? Ever meet a guy whose unbounded optimism, raw courage, and sometimes childish naivete made him believe all things are possible, and not just with God? If not, then meet Franstaffski, a Dave Brown character whose faith in powers beyond human ken amazes him to the point where he unabashedly confronts real terrestrial powers and gives them and the readers a sense of hope, of escape from so many of life's vicissitudes. Inaction is never an option in this short tale; only results count, and there are plenty of those. And by the end, the reader will sense that if this tale is not a joke, at least it does have a good central thesis. All the way through the story, Franstaffski sees people frozen by their fears, by politics played only for the sake of power, by their own insecurities caused by a sense of helplessness in the face of all this. What if their dreams were never meant to be realized, their hopes just extinguished on altars of cash? There's the sense at the end that we could all be suffering from DID (Disassociative Identity Disorder), from feeling disassociated from the world around us. We are suddenly thrust into an awareness that Godot is never going to arrive, no matter how long we await. That even if he did, our existence may be fruitless. Even if we were to awaken from a dream like the many that Adam and Eve must have experienced before their fatal Fall, all is futile. For the story ends suddenly with a smile and inaction. And only a *What if?* No solutions, no balm, no sense of control. *What if* that is what we have become? Read Dave's book, and see if you agree with his thesis. If you do, then do something about it. If not, then look into a mirror and meet Franstaffski.



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