

# NEWS

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## HURON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## Graduation 2015

After an afternoon of threatening pop-corn showers and anxious skyward glances, the 126th annual Huron High School Commencement exercises took place, outdoors, at Huron Memorial Stadium on Friday, May 29. The warm evening saw 141 more graduates join your Alumni Association, with the last grad striding across the stage at sunset. Joyous families flocked to the field to greet their loved ones and snap their pictures, watch them say their goodbyes to school chums, and then turn to leave their home-away-from-home for the past four years, ready to begin new lives.

Tears of gladness and sadness always wet every cheek on these bittersweet occasions, but we welcome our latest crop of alumni and wish them well. They have set the highest of standards for those to follow, both in the classroom and in all their athletic and extracurricular activities. We know they will make all Huron grads everywhere proud of their future accomplishments as they chart new courses in their lives.

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## All-School Reunion Shaping Up

If three years have passed, it must be time for another All-School Reunion.

On July 11, a Saturday afternoon and evening right in the middle of RiverFest Weekend, the Huron High Alumni will once again gather to celebrate. Much there is to be joyful for in Huron. Even more is there to celebrate since last your class gathered. Come out to join classmates and friends before and after your time and catch up. This year's gala will be staged outdoors, featuring a hog roast with all the trimmings. Catch all the details inside, then help round up your classmates to celebrate together once again. See page 4 for all the details.

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## Huron Educational Foundation *Hope for the Future* Campaign



About three years ago, your Association was present at the birth of an organization that holds great future promise for improving scholarship assistance to our graduates and providing increased opportunities to enhance the entire education program at Huron.

The Huron Educational Foundation was begun to establish both new funding sources and investment opportunities to grow the dollars that our many graduates, businesses, and foundations contribute annually. All sorts of organizations and individuals presently do an excellent job of supporting our future alumni with scholarship aid. The Foundation does not seek to diminish nor replace those efforts. Rather, it seeks to create a perpetual endowment that will guarantee our future grads opportunities to continue their studies after high school graduation. As college costs escalate, we wish to prevent Huron's finest from being priced out of opportunities. Hence, the campaign we call *Hope for the Future*.

Read about our campaign that has already kicked off, beginning on page 6, and learn how you can assist in our efforts.

## Some Long Winter Gatherings



This bunch of regulars from the Class of '61, under the leadership of the two class social activities chairpersons, Rose Iallonardo Gerber and Suzi Lagando Groscost, reconnect monthly at various area eateries for a noon luncheon that sometimes carries far into the afternoon. They have good taste for their age! Their "Valentine's Day" celebration this year was held at the Old Dutch Tavern in Perkins Township, home of the hamburger voted Best in Area for umpteen straight years. Enjoying the luncheon that day were Angela and Charley Myers, Ron Krock, Mike and Rose Gerber, Kay Billman, Suzi Groscost, Sharon Warren, Beth Walker, Debbie and Bill Fisk.



### Class of '48

The few stalwarts of the class of '48 meet every month yet, promptly at 8 AM on the first Friday of the month - that is, those who remember the day. Norma Batch, Fran Ringlein, Millie Morey, Teresa Johnson, and Joe Catri managed this month. We hope Bob Fritz's eye problems are resolved so he can drive over from the Vermilion area again.



These '75 reunion planners enjoyed their night out to help plan for their big 40th this summer. After many a draft, they settled upon the All-School Reunion celebration venue.

Planners were Michaele Hoyt Keller, Sue Everett Rader, Theresa Faulkner Routson, Mike Richardson, Todd Sommer, and Kathy Muehlhauser Moore.



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# Scholarship Awards

The evening of May 18 was a big payday for 67 senior grads. The Senior Awards gathering at the Cedar Point Center at Firelands College BGSU saw almost 100 local scholarships given out to deserving recipients. The total this year for both local and college merit scholarships exceeded one and a half million dollars, with the amount growing daily as late-comers continued to send in their donations.

As Principal Scott Matheny pointed out, the students had done what was expected of them, and more, for their entire career in the Huron City Schools. That evening was the community's way of saying thank you for doing everything right and best wishes for your futures!

Indeed, Huron's students over the years have been doubly blessed when it comes to pursuing their future dreams. First, they have been well prepared academically, and the rewards have come in the form of numerous college merit scholarships. These scholarships are based upon academic achievement, high test scores, and other considerations such as community service, involvement in activities, and demonstrated leadership qualities.

Then the added advantage has come from the high level of support provided by the community. Countless groups and individual donors in Huron have always stepped forward to raise dollars for scholars. But it's not just the city of Huron which contributes to the graduates. Groups, individuals, and businesses from Sandusky, Bellevue, Monroeville, and Avon Lake, to name but a few, also contributed.

The featured speaker this year was Ashley Bechtel, '07, a recipient of the Vanessa-Hart Campbell Scholarship. Ashley used her scholarship to pursue her goals in the field of social work. She received her undergraduate degree at Taylor College, then her Masters from OSU. She now works at the Central Ohio Agency on Ageing. Ashley shared her experience of moving from small town Huron to a huge college campus and urged this year's grads not to be afraid of change but to embrace diversity and new experiences. She counseled the newest crop of grads to remain focused, work hard and honestly, cherish the relationships they are about to form, and learn everything they can from diversity. From the reception that Ashley received, it was clear that the class heard her message and will respond well.



Madison Orzech and Ashtyn Stadler received this year's Alumni Association Scholarships. Madison is off to Cleveland State to major in Physical Therapy while Ashtyn will be attending Findlay College for a degree in Occupational Therapy.



Samantha Herbert and Brandon Bess received the Campbell Scholarship this year. This award is worth \$6,000 per year for four years, provided the students remain in school and maintain certain levels of achievement. We have no doubts these two will do so. Samantha is off to the University of Mississippi to study biology, while Brandon will attend Baldwin-Wallace to major in marketing.

This award was named in honor of Vanessa Hart-Campbell, a 1911 graduate, the mother of Jim Campbell, former general manager of the Detroit Tigers and graduate of Huron High in 1942.



Zoey Lehrer and Hannah Miller received the Tom Shontz Memorial Science Scholarship from Sue Shontz DuBray. Tom was the former biology teacher of many of you. Zoey is off to Miami University to study speech pathology and audiology. Hannah will be studying biology and pre-med at Cleveland State University.

## Scholarship Awards Ceremony



**Ashley Bechtel, '07, former Campbell Scholarship winner, returns to give address to this year's recipients.**



**Cory Lively Dike, '01, receives all the help she wants in presenting the scholarship named in honor of her mother. "Come on down!" he hollers.**

**Dr. Cindy Miglietti, '72, presents the Alumni Association Scholarships to Madison Orzech and Ashtyn Stadler**



**Emma VonThron, '96, presents the first annual scholarship in honor of Tanny VonThron, former principal of Shawnee Elementary who passed away last March.**

**The largest check of the evening - both in amount and size - went to Kelsey Ohm from the US Navy upon her enlistment.**





# All-School Reunion Time

The Huron Alumni Association's fourth All-School Reunion will take place at Mesenburg's Plaza Place, practically across from the high school on Cleveland Road West. The grassy area west of the shopping strip will be transformed, and alumni will be greeted with an array of tents, tables, chairs, and the smell of roasting pork as they make their way to the site.

Why so informal this time and why smack dab in the middle of the summer season?

For the first three such reunions, we have done the very formal, sit-down banquet style reunions, but have seen declining attendance over the years. We have learned that because past reunions have been held in the fall when most children are in school, the younger grads have difficulty returning, especially from out-of-state. Our surveys also seem to suggest that so many grads return to their roots during the summer anyway, especially over RiverFest weekend, that the committee deemed it wise to try to gather when it was most convenient for most grads to return. Hence July. Hence the informality to keep costs down so families can afford to make the festivities. You won't find a band blaring and people having to holler over the music to visit. You won't find endless speechifying to interrupt your visiting. You won't have to wade through fancy decorations and displays of high school artifacts from decades ago. Just come prepared to enjoy a summer picnic, dressed as casually as you wish for the weather, and prepare to meet a host of people you may not have seen in ages – literally, in many cases.

The usual morning festivities will revolve around RiverFest itself.

A 5K race will begin at 8:00 AM and the Queen's Brunch at 9:00 AM. For classic car enthusiasts, the car show also begins at 9:00 AM and runs until 3 PM. Treat the kids to midway rides beginning at 11 AM. Find a spot on the curb for the annual Lions Club parade that begins at the high school at 11 AM. We hope that all returnees will follow the Pied Pipers of bands, floats, and fire trucks to the downtown area to enjoy the foodstuffs and at-

tractions there at noon. The riverfront is always alive with activity for the whole family and should serve as the prime focus for those wishing to relive the Huron "fair" spirit from their yesteryears.

A golf outing is also planned for the morning for returning alumni. Thunderbird South will have tee times reserved for a couple dozen duffers, beginning at 8:06 AM. Times will be awarded on a first-come basis. Folks can gather early and make up their teams at that time, or they can organize groups ahead of time and have someone call the club to guarantee a time. There will be no formal organized competition set up, just an opportunity for friends to gather and enjoy a round together. Now if some side bets are placed or skin games occur, well, that's the Huron spirit for you!

Then, beginning at 3 PM, the focus shifts to the Mesenburg Plaza Place. Folks can walk from downtown or drive over to enjoy a the All-School Reunion. Parking may be at a premium, as an evening wedding reception is also being held inside at Mesenburg's. However, the bank next door will have parking available, and drivers are also advised that they can use the high school student parking lot and just walk on across the street.

Returning grads should look for the "entrance" tent and make their way in. The entire reunion area will be fenced off so that consumption of alcoholic beverages can be confined to a single area. Anyone planning upon participating in the hog roast can pay right there at the gate and will be issued their meal tickets. The very reasonable cost of \$20 per person, and half that for any children, helps cover the cost of everything.

Folks can feel free to wander in, visit, leave for a while if they wish, then return and eat at their pleasure throughout the dinner time. However, dinner will be served only within a two hour window, from 5 – 7 PM, so that the feast stays hot and fresh. There will plenty of roast pork and all the trimmings to go around. (Hopefully the Hahn sweet corn will be on in time!) Folks can come early in the afternoon to meet their friends and stay as long as they

like. Or they may wish to wait until later in the afternoon, come for dinner, and stay late. We are urging the classes to use the various social media to arrange a specific time for their class to meet.

Thus far we have seven of the five-year class reunions committed to returning for this "Big One." Some are also meeting for their private class gatherings in town at various other venues on Friday evening and even Sunday morning. They are then using the Saturday at Mesenburg's as an anchor point to reach out to others from their time in Huron, from classes immediately before or after theirs. So why not let your Association do the heavy lifting for the large gathering - the planning and feeding – you just show up and enjoy!

Because the affair is being held outdoors, state law prevents Mesenburgs from serving alcoholic beverages. So this will be a BYOB affair - with each individual, couple, family or class making arrangements to lug in their coolers and suit their own tastes. No one will be checking at the gate! No need to sneak into a restroom. Just remember that we are planning a family affair and drink accordingly. And in case of shortages, the Huron Market next door has been given a heads up to lay in extra stocks for the weekend!

The affair will also be non-smoking inside the fenced area, but a designated smoking area will be marked off for those who must. Just depends upon how the wind is blowing that day. And no, it will not be way down on the beach area!

We look forward to hundreds of our grads returning for this gala. For those classes making arrangements to return as a group, either as part of a five-year gathering or their own class gathering, we urge you to contact your class organizers that you will be attending, and they, in turn, will then forward the numbers of returnees to us. For those of you not part of any organized reunion and wanting just to enjoy the company of other classmates and friends from their era, please contact us in advance with the number returning. We need to get a handle on how many hogs to sacrifice to the gods of good weather and better times! If you all email us by July 1st, that will be plenty of time.

## Summer Fun

Huron is a Great Lake Place to be in the summer. Locals know this already, but for those grads living away and looking to plan a trip back to see grandma and grandpa, here is a partial listing of some of what's happening this summer. Enjoy!

June		August	
14	Arts in the Arboretum - free concert given by the Firelands String Quartet.	1	17th Annual Summer Jam at the Basin
20	Sandtown - Motown's best - at the Basin	7-9	Rotary Fine Arts and Food Festival
27	Gypsies in the Palace - Jimmy Buffet Band - Basin	15	Classics Weekend - Lyman Boats Classic Show and Classic Rock by Soft Machine
July		22	Eddie & the Edsels - #1 Oldies Fest - Basin
4	Fireworks at the Basin 10:30 PM	23	Firelands Symphony free concert - Arboretum
7-10	<i>West Side Story</i> Huron Playhouse	29	Legends of Rock at the Basin
10-12	RiverFest - at the Basin	September	
11	All-School Reunion - Mesenburg's from 3-10 PM	5	New Decade Band - Basin
12	Arts in the Arboretum - Jack Schantz Jazz Band - free concert	12	City Wide Garage Sale
14-17	<i>The Odd Couple</i> Huron Playhouse	13	Olympic Brass Ensemble at the Arboretum
18	Saunders-Foss Golf Scramble - TBird South Direct Energy R&R band at the Basin	October	
21-24	<i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i> Huron Playhouse	22-24	2015 Cabela's Master Walleye Circuit-World Walleye Championship at Huron Ohio
25	Christmas in July - Fleetwood Mac Tribute - Basin		
28-31	<i>Footloose</i> Huron Playhouse		

## Class Reunions 2015

1948	First Fridays	Berardi's Restaurant 8:00 AM		
1955	July 11	All-School Reunion	Rol Hart	superior911@aol.com
1960	July 11	Mesenburg's Plaza Place All-School Reunion	Marge Billman	mbillman@buckeye-express.com
1965	July 24	Island Trip 9:30 AM Brass Pelican 6 PM	Ann Meier	Reiema@aol.com
	July 25	Golf, tours, lunch @ TBird Dinner HYC 6 PM	Dan Houdeshell Marcia G. Lapp	danowdy@centurytel.net mllapp31@yahoo.com
1970	July 11	All-School Reunion		
1975	July 11	All School Reunion	Sue Everett Rader	cnsmainst@aol.com
1983	July 11	All School Reunion	Joel Hagy	joel.hagy@ge.com
1985	July 11	Brass Pelican	Laura McKay Nickle	lsnickle@aol.com
1990	July 11 July 11 September 23-26	All School Reunion Vince Lagando's home Homecoming Weekend	Vince Lagando Stephanie Cromley King	419-433-6318 419-871-1436
1995	July 11	All School Reunion	Mike Peterson	petersonhuron@gmail.com
1998	July 11	All School Reunion	Eric McGraw	Facebook
2005	July 11	All School Reunion	Allison Ashley	alashley@civistabank.com





## Hope for the Future Drive

Your Association over the past three years has been involved in establishing and planning for the future of the Huron Educational Foundation. This Foundation was set up to bring together in one place funds for investing and then disbursing of the earnings for scholarships and the enrichment of present educational programs of the Huron City Schools.

The Foundation enjoys tax exempt status as a 501 (c)(3) organization under IRS rules and is incorporated in the State of Ohio. To date the Foundation is managing, through Merrill Lynch, a portfolio in excess of \$100,000. While this is a great beginning, it is hardly adequate to meet the growing needs of our graduates, let alone helping to fund enrichment programs that could be provided future Huron students.

With that in mind, your Association has decided to embark upon its first-ever formal fund raising program to build our endowment with the Foundation. The campaign is called *Hope for the Future*. An ultimate goal has been set to reach at least one million dollars within the next three to five years. When you recover from choking on that gulp, read on to see how that goal can be accomplished. It is VERY doable!

There are many sources of funding for a foundation such as we have helped establish. Other foundations will contribute to educational foundations, employer matching fund contributions are often made, and local governmental agencies and many businesses also help out. However, the largest source of funding for this foundation will always be our present graduates.

### Donation Types

First, an explanation of the two types of donations possible: restricted and unrestricted. Restricted donations are ear-

marked for specific purposes, those unrestricted are not. It's that simple. You, the donor, decide whether you want to target your gift for some specific cause or in memory of someone, or whether you want to allow the Foundation's Trustees to select the beneficiaries of your gift.

### Restricted Donations

In most cases, restricted donations are made so that the donor may stipulate what the scholarship recipient should be studying. Corporations and families sometimes donate this way to help advance the quality of those entering a field of study that could result in a better prepared workforce for themselves. For example, a company needs better trained IT personnel or coders or machinists for its operation. Or a teaching scholarship could stipulate the field of entry for the future teacher. It will then lay out the conditions that need to be met for the applicants to receive a scholarship award if entering those fields.

Other types of restricted donations come in the form of memorial scholarships. Families, or classes, or team mates, or any other group join together to establish an endowment that will perpetuate the memory of someone for generations to come. They may make the contribution all in one year or take up to three to five years to fill the endowment. After that, the principle is never touched, but the annual earnings provide the scholarship dollars. The memorial scholarships may stipulate qualifications needed to apply, and donors may even want to participate in the final selection process.

### Unrestricted Donations

Then there is a whole group of potential donors who really do not want to be burdened with making all sorts of choices, so they make unrestricted donations to the cause. They simply want to see that those coming up receive help similar to what they may have received – or wish they had received back in the day! Contributions from these folks are of any amount and not without con-

siderable sacrifice on their part. They just want make their donations without any strings attached, allowing the high school's counselors to disburse the earnings to those students who meet certain criteria and show promise of future success. All these contributions are then pooled together and invested. Let no one ever believe that his or her contribution is too small to make a difference! The power comes from being joined with all sorts of other categories of donations for investment purposes.

We have thousands of alumni in this latter group of potential donors. They have worked hard, may have put their own kids through college, and continue to make generous donations (called taxes) to their own local schools wherever they live. Many have already retired or are approaching retirement age, but still feel they could do a little more to help the next ones up the ladder. We depend upon their contributions as well, for the power of thousands making small contributions is tremendous.

We like that old African adage that says anyone can eat an elephant – if he just takes enough small bites. These thousands of grads from every state, and now many foreign lands, can be those nibblers who get rid of the elephant in the room – the rising cost of education for everyone. We depend upon these donors every bit as much for what the combined power of their gifts can do.

At present, the dollars that many of you already contribute to the various scholarship programs in general and those earmarked for the endowment have been placed with the Foundation. Those dollars continue to grow and are used to help pay for the scholarships that we presently award.

### Pass-Through Donations

Sometimes individuals establish what we call pass-through accounts with the Foundation. They make a single contribution each year to cover the cost of a generous scholarship or two without

actually investing the dollars with us. Why? Because they wish to make an immediate impact with a scholarship or a specific need. In some cases, their employers make matching contributions so that their initial gift is leveraged into quite a sizable scholarship. We invite all to investigate whether the company for which they work makes this kind of matching donation. Examples of these kinds of donations in the past have been gifts made to fund the purchase of new pianos for each school, or the Greg and Sue Thaxton Scholarship given each year now. The advantage of this type of giving is that the donor receives the tax deduction for that year, the award can be targeted by the donor and is not subject to the market fluctuations, and the amount donated increased or decreased as situations change.

### Other Funding Sources

Another funding source for the Huron Foundation is from other foundations themselves. The IRS rules require that annually a 501 (c)(3) disburse a certain percentage of its dollars for very specific causes. Many foundations earn vast sums of money and need to find other foundations to gift to in order to satisfy the IRS people. We are always on the lookout for such sources of funding, and if you know of such resources in your area, we would love to hear from you.

Local businesses and industries are another source of funding for endowments. In planning their annual taxes, usually at year end, they may find that they need to make some deductible contributions to charity. In doing so, they also gain the benefit of advertising themselves in the local community, not only for business self-promotion but as a good community member, interested in giving back to the community that supports them in so many ways. They can establish with us a named corporate endowment within our foundation and receive all sorts of benefits from doing so.

Without a doubt, though, the greatest source of funding for the Foundation

is from our graduates themselves, now spread all over the world. Huron City Schools have been very good to them in helping them up the ladders of success. As alumni mature, they realize this and desire to give back, or as they say these days, desire to pay it forward. They contribute to those institutions that have helped make them what they are today and thus insure that another generation of students in the future can enjoy success as well.

We invite all of our grads to do some soul searching and see how much they have benefited from their alma mater. They then need to respond in any way they can.

The Huron Educational Foundation has been established to provide benefits to students in perpetuity. Generations of past alumni, by contributing any amount to the Foundation's endowment, are insuring that forever the earnings from their contributions will benefit our future grads. And God knows that they need help. You have all read the horror stories of college graduates emerging with a diploma in one hand and mountain of debt in the other that will burden them for years. The first part of their careers is devoted to working for the banks instead of themselves. They have to put off marriage and beginning families and buying that first home – all of which holds back our already struggling economy. Thus, anything that will help them reduce their debt obligations in turn benefits all of us with an improving economy.

As we looked to this fundraising campaign, then, we first decided to appeal to those graduates whom we know have benefited greatly from their past education and then worked hard to turn their education into successful enterprises. These individuals are legion, as Huron has always provided strong academic preparation for her grads to enter the choice academic programs, which, in turn, have helped lead to their success. We have solicited help from this group and have met with great returns thus far.

The education family here in Huron has also been approached. Retired teachers and those still in the work force have contributed to this first phase, as well as many past superintendents and administrators. Their combined generosity has been most encouraging.

Now it is up to the rest of our graduates hearing of this campaign, here, for the first time. We have called it *Hope for the Future*, for indeed it will supply hope for many who otherwise could never aspire to achieve further education and all which that brings. We are hoping that most of our grads will respond in some way to this campaign of hope with a contribution of ANY size. Combined they will help slay that elephant in the room! You may use the form on the last page of this issue to send in your contribution. Then, in the fall we will mail reminders and pledge cards out to those from whom we have not heard. Indeed, a campaign of this sort, in order to be completely successful, must have the support of everyone.

If you look around at what Huronites of the past have provided for their students, it's amazing how the community has always worked together to promote its youth. From first class recreational facilities, to a modern library that serves not only the youth but the entire community, to new schools and the premiere education offered the students, to safe parks, and many other opportunities not enjoyed by every other community in the area - Huron always has put kids first!

This campaign will once again test that past commitment. With the successes we have seen displayed thus far, we are confident that our goal will be met within the next few years.

The Foundation has established a website for you to obtain more information about our purposes, goals, and method of operation, as well as a listing of those entrusted with overseeing your gifts. Please visit us often on line to check the progress of the campaign at [www.HuronEF.com](http://www.HuronEF.com).



## Ernest Perhamus

On April 27, Ernie Perhamus passed away at Kendal at Oberlin Nursing Care Center, Oberlin, Ohio. He had lived at the Kendal assisted living facility for many years. Ernie had his 100th birthday on New Year's Day of this year.

Many of you will remember both Ernie and his wife Dorothy as Huron teachers back in the day. Dorothy loved the little ones at the lower elementary levels, while Ernie, after serving in the Pacific during WWII, figured he could tackle teenagers. He taught history at the high school level at McCormick School, and then at the present high school also served as guidance counselor. In between he served as basketball and tennis coach as well.



Ernie hailed from Van Wert County, a regular farm kid growing up. As money was scarce when he came out of high school in 1933, he literally had to scrape to afford college. He used to tell how, in order to raise money, he drove his dad's pickup through the countryside stopping at all the farms and scrounging for any kind of metal to sell. He was a true "picker," looking for old discarded farm implements from the horse and plow days, junked after machinery came in, and rolls of steel fencing that had served its purpose and was then discarded by farmers, usually in a woods. He started piecing together college courses and taught already in the late 1930's at Birmingham School, a country school in eastern Erie County, back when a four year degree was not required. He coached their basketball team to a conference championship. Ernie finally graduated from BGSU in 1940 – just in time for the war. His teaching was thus interrupted by his service in the US Navy in the Pacific Theater where he served with valor before returning. Many a grad can recall how he used to regale Dorothy's kids for years by appearing in her classroom, in full dress military uniform on national holidays, to share stories of his war experiences.

Always the gentleman, dressed in full suit and bow tie for work, Ernie struck an imposing figure about the schools for over 40 years until his retirement in 1977. As counselor, he shepherded many grads to colleges, and had the good luck to be teaching when jobs were plentiful in the Erie County area. "Go over to Ford – they're hiring," was a favorite quote from him. And the graduating seniors followed his advice and did very well. He was also interested in psychology but better known as a savvy investor. In the late 1960's, when a group of teachers and administrators began an investment club to learn how the stock market operated, he provided sage advice, though never joining himself. Often he and Mary Windau could be spotted with their heads together at lunch, arguing over which was a better buy: ATT or that upstart IBM and their fancy computers that would never go anywhere. Conservative Mary's ATT won out, but the club lost, as it turned out! And don't even talk about when Apple computer started up!

After Dorothy passed away, Ernie continued to live alone in their long time family home in Chaska until the Kendal facility at Oberlin attracted him. There he found the companionship and intellectual stimulation that kept him engaged until his health began to seriously fail. Larry Zimmer and Ernie traveled and dined often together, and then Dick and June Klein visited him frequently and keep him up on all things Huron. His warm smile and soft spoken manner will be long remembered.



Ernie at his counselor's desk, with the two loves of his life: the U.S. Navy and his wife Dorothy.

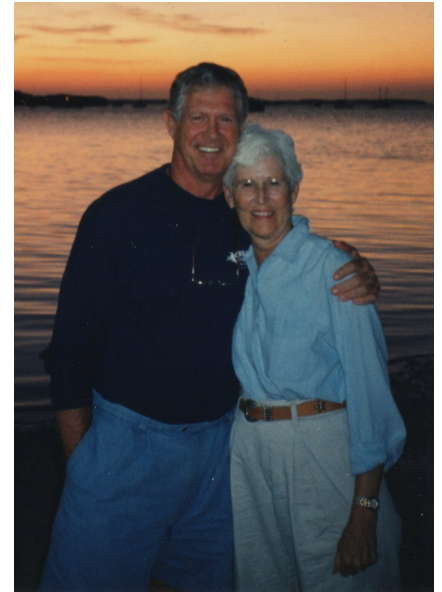
# Jesse Hagy

Jesse James Hagy passed away on March 10 at home, surrounded by his loving family. Jess had taught and coached at Huron High for well over forty years.

He made his way out of the hills of West Virginia where he was born at a crossroads place called Panther WV. You can't get there from here! When The Waltons' TV series was popular in the '70's, he used to critique the show at lunch time, as he, too, had grown up in very similar Depression Era circumstances. After graduating from high school, he was recruited to play football and basketball at the University of Virginia where he starred for them. Many claimed he was actually a more talented football player, but his love of basketball eventually led him to head coach in that position at Huron. While at Virginia, he met and courted Lynn Roderick, '53, eventually following her back to Huron and marrying her.

In Huron, Jessie was hired to teach some health and PE classes and biology. He coached football as an assistant, sometimes golf when Dutch Laub retired, but always basketball, his primary love. His teams were always in the hunt for the conference championships, and he produced back-to-back undefeated seasons. His bench presence was always reassuring to his players as he seldom screamed at refs, always encouraged his players, and projected a calm, confident demeanor – without the cigar, of course. A treat for him after a hard fought game or conference championship game was a tall glass of buttermilk!

Summers, Jessie could be found about town – when there still was one – working at a business he shared with Bob Bowers Sr., the J&B Clothestree, and another at the Gull Harbor Marina. He loved the water, boating and fishing, and could always be counted upon to provide his share of fish for faculty fish fry events. Together he and Lynn reared two daughters, Liz and Leslie, and a son Joel. The family was a regular fixture, beach or court-side at Chaska year round. In later years he delighted in his grandchildren as well, always proud of their accomplishments.



Jessie was nicknamed 'Gentleman Jess' around the courts in the league and also in the high school. He carried himself with a sense of pride in his work, and thus served as a role model for the younger teachers who flooded the schools in the '60's and '70's. When teacher activism became the norm in the late '60's, Jess helped found the first teachers' union at Huron, served as its president, participated in the first negotiations sessions with Mac McCormick, and always demanded a sense of professionalism of his confrères. He guided a whole generation of young teachers in developing their sense of professionalism and thus helped perpetuate the tradition of excellence in education that became the "Huron Way."

After retirement, Jess and Lynn remained active around town and with family. They loved to frequent the retired faculty parties and regale the "youngsters" among them with stories of the REAL Huron days. When Lynn's health declined, he tended her until the end and served as role model again of loving devotion. His warm smile, bone crushing handshakes, and good natured poking fun will be sorely missed.

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About twenty-five years ago, Jess and his family began the Hagy Open Golf Meet in Huron, mainly for family and friends. His brothers and cousins would update their passports and then leave Virginia for Ohio for days of old fashioned family fun and sibling rivalry on the links. As Jess was always big on family, his wish was made known before he passed that the family continue the tradition. And so they shall.

Always the Chaska Beach Bums, Jess and Lynn in happier days!



A collection of Hagy Open hats created for the occasion in the past - that tradition will also continue.



## Appreciating Seniors

Records were set at the April Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner this year. In exactly thirty minutes, the combined efforts of the Tiger football team, members of the National Honor Society, Student council, and the girls' volleyball team turned a student cafeteria into a café setting for the seniors to enjoy. Food services head, Sue Whitaker, and her crew had prepared a delicious turkey dinner, and it wasn't even a holiday. Last year's attendance was almost doubled, the specifying cut in half, and the seniors finished their dinner and were on their way to watch a dress rehearsal of this year's musical all in about an hour.

A total of 130 guests were served and about thirty students as well, up considerably from last year's crowd. The crowd included a nice representation from Admiral's Pointe, Huron's extended care facility. Superintendent Dennis Muratori and high school principal Scott Matheny both expressed to the seniors their appreciation for supporting Huron's schools for the many past decades. Senior student Eric Wier served as MC for the occasion and did a great job. After polishing off their strawberry shortcake desserts, the crowd then repaired to the auditorium at McCormick Middle School to view the final rehearsal of this year's production, *The Wizard of Oz*. Judging from the applause, all appreciated the opportunity.

Huron City Schools enjoy a relationship with the community that is not always present in small communities. The Appreciation Dinner highlights that relationship, especially in the way the students work hard to make the experience a most pleasurable one for the seniors, but also in the increasing annual turnout of the seniors themselves. For years they have sacrificed time and treasure to show their support for children and grandchildren, and today while many no longer have offspring in the schools, they continue to support the district's academic, athletic, and arts programs. May this nexus between schools and community long continue to flourish!

Sharon Legando Harkelroad and a couple Johns join Doug and Pat Fries for dinner



Bill and Carol Shell, Wanda and Mike Lyons, and Bob and Ida Hastings enjoy their time together again.

Barbara and David Majoy, Jack Cook and John and Tina Swanbeck await their food. (Wake up, Tina!)



## Back-to-School Days for a Birthday Girl

On April 30, one of our oldest living graduates celebrated being one hundred years young, Marian Weigand Ryder, of Milan OH. And young she is. Now she is not going to beat anyone in a foot race nor set the wheels on her walker to smoking. But for having just joined the centenarians club, she defies the conventional in all respects.

Marian still lives alone in her own home and does everything her way, except for driving her car. She gave that up a couple years back, so has to rely on the local senior center's public transportation. Other than that, she shops for herself and cooks her own meals. Her laundry still lies in the basement, but with a chair lift system, she can do her own laundry. As a true bionic woman now with her new knee, she has had to delegate to a hired hand the crawling around on the ground to care for her flower beds. She and her pet cat, who actually runs the household, enjoy a daily routine together and always welcome visitors. Marian keeps up on the news and can hold her own on any topic *de jour*, right or left wing! Though her family is spread out in the area, she can tell a visitor about the latest goings on with every grand, great, and great-great grandchild!

Marian graduated from Huron High in 1933, but not from the McCormick building, she'll tell you. It was the old school where the library now sits, the one they never should have torn down! There is a certain fondness in her voice as she recalls the time spent there for her entire academic career. She was the first in the family to graduate and is still proud of that. She was reared in the Oklahoma development and today can still name the former owners of every home in almost every part of Huron, Old Huron, that is. For in her day, the city limits was the first cove area on the west side, so everything west of that doesn't count. Her family was large, so whole neighborhoods were dominated by her relatives - on both sides.

Her dad ran the tugboat that brought

the freighters in back in the day, and an uncle a fishery on the river. Despite that good fortune, she claims she never rode the boat and never fished. Too busy playing basketball, probably, for she played her senior year on the girls' team. She claims they played in "the attic" of the old school, but tiny though it was, it still served as a court for a sport that drew few fans in those days.

As the Depression was raging around her upon graduation, she scrounged for work and then eventually married. She and her husband lived toward the Berlin Heights area on a small ten acre farm where they raised two daughters and lived off the land for about ten years. That family has grown to five grandchildren and eleven greats, and now a couple great-greats. The growing family then built a new home in Milan, and today she is still proud to call Milan her home. For her birthday, she consented to pay a visit to the "new" Huron High School, the first she had been inside a Huron school in the eighty-some years since she had graduated. What an eye-opener she received. Most comments were centered on the sheer size of everything – the cafeteria (which she never experienced in school as all the kids lived in town and walked home for lunch or brown bagged it), the immense gymnasium, the wide hallways, and the classrooms, humongous by 1930's standards. She had an opportunity to view the athletic trophy cabinet and spotted several from her time period and class. When Tony Munafa Jr. brought out the trophy of the 1917 state boys basketball championship, she just beamed and was able to actually identify one of the players in the team picture. She should have known them as she attended school with some of their children!

The biggest changes Marian observed were in the areas of classroom instruction and the library. Chemistry teacher Ms. Telenko demonstrated for her the use of a Smartboard, the computer controlled, interactive but dustless board where much of the instruction



Marian inspects the picture of the 1917 championship team and identifies at least one of the boys.

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occurs these days. The word she used to describe all this was "scary," but not frightening scary, for her own grandchildren readily have shared their computer knowledge and skills with her, and she understands where the world is headed. She did, however, turn down the family's offer to buy her a computer and show her how to use it. As for the high school library, or what is left of it, she readily admitted that computers looked better there these days, as most information is accessed through fingers on keyboards, not paper.

All in all, Marian enjoyed a delightful return trip – after eight decades away. She commented upon how well behaved and courteous the students were, and, though a little loud for her, so respectful and clean cut looking. Now that you have found us again, Marian, don't wait so long for your next trip back. How about for a Huron-Edison ball game? You could switch sides at half time!



# The Demise of High School as We Knew It

In his State of the Union Address in January, 2015, President Obama outlined his plan to make the first two years of community college education after high school free for all graduates who qualified. Hello? Where have you been, Mr. President? Here in Ohio we already have such a program. It is called College Credit Plus. This hydra-headed program has been evolving over the past several years until it has become a veritable monster, potentially threatening the quality of education at high schools across our state.

The question is whether the plan outlined by President Obama would ape the system put into place by president wanna-be John Kasich, present Governor of Ohio, or whether it would avoid the pitfalls and actually accomplish something beneficial.

So what is Ohio's College Credit Plus and how does it operate? Huron students who graduated this side of the mid-1990's would recognize its predecessor called the PSEOP program, the post-secondary options program. Basically, PSEOP was a program that worked like this. Students who qualified, usually juniors and seniors, could schedule college classes, either during their regular school hours or evenings at Firelands College BGSU, complete the course with a C or better, and then receive both high school and college credit for the course. High schools could set some restrictions, such as requiring that participating students have at least a minimum GPA to take such a college course or make sure that the courses taken enriched what the high school already offered and did not replace any of the local curriculum. The system had both its positives and negatives and did give precocious students a leg up on their college careers. The courses taken at BGSU generally transferred to most colleges in the country, and students thus reduced both their future college tuition bills and the amount of required coursework.

How was the program paid for? Here's the rub. Most of the dollars raised to support each student's education come from local property taxes, though indirectly. The State of Ohio has also long paid each school district a certain number of state raised tax dollars as its share of supporting local education. The state amount was never meant to even out the differences between the high and low valuation districts, just

to help provide a certain amount of basic support. So to fund the PSEOP program, the state simply charged a fee, so to speak, for each high school student taking college courses in each district, then subtracted those dollars from the amount it would have paid each district. While it looks as if the state is paying the freight for such courses, in actuality, the reduction in state payments to the local districts had to be made up from local funding. Bottom line: each property tax paying resident within a school district was paying for the students' college education. Can anyone say "socialized education"?

In addition to covering the tuition for the college courses, the fee charged the locals also included the cost of books and other learning materials required for the courses, such as lab fees or special materials. At the time this PSEOP program was in existence, the students taking the courses had a great motivation to do their best. Let their grade fall below a C and they paid the entire freight of the course! Sounds fair enough. The community, through deductions from state funds, would help the students, but the students, in return, had to do their part to "earn" the help.

School districts with college campuses in their back yards, such as Huron with its BGSU branch, had it made. Students were able to drive to and from the college easily, leaving the high school right after a class or study period, and five or ten minutes later could be sitting in a class at Firelands College. The students at outlying schools such as Castalia or Vermilion had a tougher time managing the day time courses and usually opted for courses after regular school hours or in the evenings. Either way, their enrollment in the post-secondary option was usually much less than that of Huron's students.

However, lately, the system has been changed, both to the detriment of the students, the local school districts, and the quality of the students' education. How this happened and why is kind of easy to understand. POLITICIANS kidnapped the program and are holding all for ransom. So who are the victims here and who is profiting off the ransom? Here is where it grows kind of murky, but read through to the end, and you probably will see the big picture.

Basically, what has happened is that, not just in Ohio, but across the country, a plan is being put into effect to avoid the legislatures' having to accept their responsibility for school funding. That would require increased revenue sources - read more taxes - or painful cuts in other parts of state budgets. The plan outlined below dodges both these political bullets.

So now it appears that in Ohio and many other states there is an effort to shift the burden of school financing. Watch the school funding pea and find the correct shell. The conservative mantra is "No New Taxes!" So if no new revenue streams are found and if expenses continue to climb, how can schools retain any level of quality? Cuts to programs, to employees, to all sorts of services and materials have to occur in order to balance a budget. For public schools cannot, by law, operate at a deficit. So with school financing as the pea, watch how many thimbles are popping up.

First, the state and local taxing authorities used to pay for education from K through grade 12. Then the state of Ohio, facing budget shortfalls, cut hundreds of millions of dollars from school funding from kindergarten through college. Either more cuts occurred or local taxpayers were forced to make up the differences. When political blowback occurred, the state had to find another way to fund schools. Their answer: do away with high schools long term. Say what!?! Exactly. The original PSEOP program (Post Secondary Education Option) and its offspring have evolved to where its latest successor, when fully implemented, will make the present brick and mortar high school experience practically obsolete. Here's how.

Under the latest scheme, the goal is to make sure that all students are properly trained for the new economy. All course work must lead to a job. No more learning for learning's sake. No more liberal arts courses. Concentrate only upon employment, because increased employment within a state can be counted and used to run political campaigns, while appreciation of the arts, honing thinking skills, gaining a knowledge of and appreciation for our past - all these things are intangibles and considered superfluous. There is less emphasis on manufacturing skills, more on technol-



ogy based skills. Huron, for example, long ago gave up its “manual arts” programs, and, like many other school districts, has become focused solely upon college, on post graduate education, on the higher incomes that accrue to those with college degrees, especially in technology fields. The assumption is, of course, that all students are able to compete academically for these jobs. It’s all about getting a certificate, in the least amount of time, at the least cost.

The College Credit Plus program, therefore, makes middle school and high school irrelevant. The program permits students as young as 13 – that’s the seventh grade – and then all the way up through high school, to take college courses, at local tax payer expense, and in substitution for the locally controlled curriculum. A single three-hour, semester long college course (about sixteen weeks) can count as a full year high school academic credit. To meet a foreign language requirement, for example, a student can now take two semesters of college Spanish in one year and received two years’ worth of high school credit. The point is not so much that they learn the same as that they are pushed through both high school and college faster and at less expense. Hopefully they will be job ready! After the requisite number of courses are taken in this manner, the student can graduate from college with an Associate Degree, even before he would be able to graduate from his own high school. In fact, Huron has already experienced that phenomenon this year, with a very well qualified student graduating from Firelands College BGSU on May 9, and then Huron High School on May 29. For sure, more will follow in the coming years.

Opposition to such a plan is minimal. Parents love it because their child’s college education is potentially paid for, up to 120 credit hours at present, by the other taxpayers in the community. School administrators have complained but to no avail. They have no political clout at the state level, and teachers have even less. Why? Because teacher unions are perceived to be democratic leaning institutions, and Republican controlled legislatures hold them in low regard. The result is a perfect storm. The pea – secondary school financing – has been surreptitiously shifted to the local level by having not only what remains of local education funded mostly by property

taxes but now college education as well.

What’s not to like about it? Parents can brag that their sixteen year old is now a junior – in college. They can revel in the fact that their child will not graduate with mountains of school loans to pay off. Students can get a several year jump on working in the labor market, at high paying jobs supposedly – and maybe pay off their braces with the first check!

The beauty of the scheme is that any college in Ohio can qualify to receive these state funds – read “local” here – both public and non-public colleges, and even on-line colleges, provided that certain qualifications are met. So now in Ohio and many other states, it appears there this movement is gaining traction to turn secondary education into a for-profit enterprise, with colleges profiting off taxes originally voted to be expended at the local level on educational services for each child within the local school districts. If several colleges lie within a local district’s area, they can all compete for the dollars by offering their courses within a high school, taught by adjuncts. A single three hour course taken by a high school teacher can qualify him or her to become such an adjunct. Or to put it another way, as more students are lured to the colleges – with parental approval, of course – profits for colleges will increase, dollars available to local districts will decrease, and local tax payers will be left to pony up the differences or watch their schools completely disappear. But the politicians can brag that THEY did not raise taxes upon individual communities; the communities voted to tax themselves! Hello! Is this a form of extortion or what?

Now aside from the economic implications of the plan, there are also social and educational issues.

First, how many present junior high school students are fully prepared, emotionally and socially, to endure the rigors of college work on a college campus? College instructors fear that this present generation of helicopter parents will now attempt to buzz into every college teacher’s office, demanding to know exactly why controversial subjects – at least to them – were ever discussed in the presence of their student just barely into his or her teens, or why the teacher is not slowing down to spoon feed

their child. The fear is that such pressures, very subtle at first but growing over time, will force the eventual dumbing down of the college work just to satisfy this type of parent. After all, today’s meme is that effort is no substitute for achievement and achievement is no substitute or requirement for success –only ego-stroking, personal satisfaction, with everyone being rewarded equally with a trophy, regardless of achievement. Think it can’t happen? Talk to any high school teacher who has been around for at least fifteen years and has seen the trends.

A second objection has to do with the maturity levels of high school students. Their brains are still developing, with a very small percentage of students mature enough to do true post-secondary work as young as their freshman high school year, and even then not in every subject. Students love courses that require mainly rote learning; that they can do without having to understand what is being memorized. But in courses requiring genuine comprehension, or the ability to make informed judgments as to the worth of information, and then synthesize it into something new – all these skills that have first been traditionally developed during the regular high school careers will now be skipped. The time for learning such skills will be compacted and untested as students are rushed into courses in college requiring higher order thinking skills. And college professors today complain about how poorly entering college age freshman are prepared! What does the future portend?

So what’s to be done? At this point, nothing can be changed. It’s a done deal, put into effect for the ‘15/’16 school year. Ohioans can only watch as the next couple school years play out and the results limp in. But the betting is that other states will soon follow suit, that regardless of whether the students are prepared or not coming out, the politicians will not care. It all means that they will not have to do their duty and properly fund education in their states. Voting on no new state-wide taxes means no primary threats to those running for office. And if the program fails, it definitely is not THEIR fault. But at least they will have one less scapegoat to blame for failure. The high schools as we know them today will not exist to blame. So watch out sixth and seventh grade teachers!

## HHSAA to Begin Gallery of Achievers

It is a well-known fact that all children growing up worship heroes. In days past, all young boys wanted to be a policeman or fireman, and little girls teachers, princesses, or mommies. Times have changed and so have their heroes. About the time puberty begins to kick in, they switch now to action figure heroes – their favorite ball player or actress or rock star. High school years see them still stuck on heroes who make the most noise, shoot the most bad guys, pack the most ripped abs, win the prettiest gal, or knock down the winning kill to bring home a state volleyball championship. Always been that way; don't expect a change soon. It's as it should be. Most grow out of it when the reality of college and jobs and family sets in.

When we examine heroism and the qualities which lift some few men and women in the eyes of the masses to heroic status, we find several commonalities. We admire them – which it to say, we actually envy them for what they have and do that we cannot do. We also don't discern within ourselves much that is heroic – not that we don't try, but because too often we spend so much time looking for heroism in others. We want to be like Mike, as the old jingle used to go. It's tough for an individual today to think of him or herself as capable of heroism – doing that which marks us apart from others – because corporate America and our total culture constantly bombard us with *their* images of “heroes” to imitate, which imitation earns billions annually for the corporate bottom lines. Kids fall for this, parents also because they want the kids to “fit in,” be accepted, be one of the crowd.

The problem is that with this type of mindset, it is all too easy to feel satisfied with one's self just by copying styles, amassing the same “stuff” as everyone else, and imitating peers and the “heroes” that are served up daily to us through mass media and social media sites. If everyone were satisfied with him or herself for thus fitting in, from where would we ever get new heroes? For a generation truly is damned if it cannot create new heroes. Except that with this

prevailing homogenizing mindset, there are too few categories of heroes left to emulate. We have the sports figures and media stars, the successful dot com business folks and entrepreneurs, the occasional politician, the one-named heroes and heroines of the world. They all shine because they have done amazing deeds, usually against all odds; they perform splendidly amidst great difficulties.

For all of this, though, has our culture finally arrived at what Peter Kreeft describes in *Jesus Shock*: “Our culture has filled our heads but emptied our hearts, stuffed our wallets but starved our wonder. It has fed our thirst for facts but not for meaning or mystery. It produces ‘nice’ people, not heroes.”

Then there is another quieter type of hero, usually ones who do not want to be designated heroic, simply because that's the way they are. They could be living right next door and we would never notice them. Why? Because they do what they have to do without ceremony, without seeking adulation. But the bottom line is that they make a far greater impact upon the lives of others than all the “noisy” heroes combined. They do their work amidst the daily grind of domestic, business, or academic affairs while all around them the world spins like a top. They are usually selfless, ordinary folks who perform extraordinary acts. Their success is measured by a different yardstick, not by the great actions they perform. They are heroic for what they are willing to do for others, for what they bring to their chosen causes. Sometimes they fail, but their spirit of determination does not die. Others imitate that spirit, and if they succeed, it is not necessarily in what they lived to achieve but in what they sacrificed in the process.

Countless examples abound of people we secretly admire but never praise, because to do so would put the spotlight on those who prefer to do their good in the dark. Besides, we say, who would want to imitate the common? But imitated or not, they remain heroic. The problem with this latter group of heroes is that we don't realize they have led heroic lives

until, perhaps, after they have left us. We reminisce and then discover the gem we had in our midst and let slip by, never thanking them, never recognizing them for what they did and meant to us, and for that matter, to all humanity.

So where is this dissertation on heroism and our exaltation of one type of hero and ignoring of another leading us? To this.

Your Association is about to undertake a way of recognizing these heroes of both types described above: the public and the private heroes. We wish to recognize those who have made major contributions to their professions and to humanity, those who have publicly or privately inspired us.

What we have in mind is to establish a Gallery of Achievers for Huron High School grads who meet certain qualifications. Why do we do this? Because in our culture today there are too few such examples for students at every level to emulate. Granted, they do have their sports heroes, and we do a marvelous job through the Athletic Hall of Fame of recognizing our outstanding student athletes' abilities. Many of these student-athletes go on to do great things for humanity as well, and should be properly recognized as well for these other accomplishments in later life. There are also a host of alumni who never participated in athletics, or if they did, they worked hard but never stood out on field or courts. Yet they, too, went on to accomplish great things in their chosen fields of endeavor. But more than just being successful in a corporate office or in a courtroom or in an operating theater, they left far more enduring marks, a legacy of heroism that benefited mankind in untold ways.

We need to tell those stories. Future generations need to know what these heroes contributed to our country, to the world in many cases. They need to understand that many are the varied passions we humans have, but only a few involve care for all and not just self. We need to celebrate those individuals who have found

their passion and pursued these higher callings. They have struggled, many have failed even, but we admire them because in the end they remained true to their passion and succeeded against all odds.

Help us find these graduates and celebrate their lives and accomplishments. Help us give the next generation of Huron grads new heroes to look up to, to emulate, to follow. You may use the Gallery of Achievers Nomination Form to submit your nominee(s) for this prestigious award. The process may take a couple years to accomplish but it is nec-

essary that we begin now. We need first to build a portfolio of applications. Then, in the future, a committee will annually sift through the nominees to select a class to be honored at an awards banquet. Honorees will also be presented to the student body in an assembly to help celebrate their accomplishments and to show students to what heights grads from a little town on the North Shore of the smallest of the Great Lakes may aspire – if they but find their passion and work hard to chase it. For as a sage once said: “The most unlucky generation is the one which couldn’t produce a hero to look up to.”

Please take the time to nominate a Huron grad who you think qualifies for this great honor. Whom should our future generations of students look up to and imitate? The nomination form is available below or on line in printable version at [www.HuronAlumni.com](http://www.HuronAlumni.com). Mail or email to us the completed form, or a facsimile thereof, at any time, with as much detail as you can supply. Then look for the announcement of those to be honored and the date of the induction ceremony.

Give our students a whole different breed of heroes.

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## GALLERY OF ACHIEVERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and address of closest relative if nominee is deceased:

In what year did the nominee graduate from Huron High School? \_\_\_\_\_

List any post-high school academic pursuit(s) of nominee, degrees earned:

Circle the area(s) in which the nominee served and excelled:

The Arts    Business    Community    Service    Education    Entertainment    Government Service  
Law        Medicine    Military       Religious Service    Science/Research  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

In what specific profession(s) did the nominee excel?

This Gallery of Achievers award honors those who have truly demonstrated a pattern of a lifetime of significant achievements in the above-listed areas. Therefore, the nominee should have graduated from Huron High School at least twenty-five years ago. List any and all awards, honors, achievements post-high school that the nominee received and for which you believe the nominee represents outstanding contributions to his/her field of endeavor and humanity: (Use as much space as needed, if necessary.)

Current status/vocation of nominee:

Name of Nominator:  
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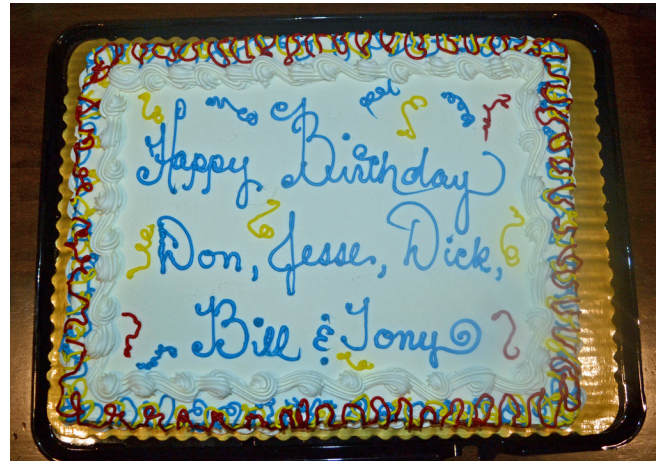
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Phone Number:



## Retired Teachers Celebrate Birthdays

Once upon a winter's eve, a merry band of Huron's finest gathered to celebrate the January birthdays of five of their cohorts. Marconi's Restaurant was livened up that Wednesday eve as these merrymakers let down what little hair remained and enjoyed an evening of sharing memories and catching up. The two nonagenarians braved the weather, as well as an octogenarian or twain. Two "kids" appeared to lend an air, and then sandwiched in between were the rest of the 60/70 some-things. The newest retiree, Jan Bogden Henning, '69, and her husband Pete jumped the gun by two days as Jan was slated for her final day that Friday.

All things considered, the group is doing well. They boast of Huron High's glory days, show off purses full of pictures of grandkids, and share their tales of post-retirement life. All hale to the group till summer's feast around the pool - at least the weather will be better!



Birthday boys above: Tony Munafo, Don Pflieger, Dick Klein and Bill Needham.

"Moms" Frietas gives Tony a massage.

The latest and youngest of our retirees, Jan Bogden Henning, '69, and husband Pete.







**The math department, left, Tom Heckelman, Mary McDuffie, Ed Boose, and Bill Scott.**

**Language Arts department, below left: Alea Dahnke, Jackie Warren, Mary McDuffie, and Sally Green**

**Biology man, below, Tom Knechtges, and counselor Judy Pflieger**



**Right: Carol Scott, Jim Seiple, biology department, and Jack Busam, counselor.**

**Below, Joan Needham, Doug Fries, business department, Bob and Kim Bowers, shop-hunting-fishing department.**

**Below right: Don and Dick share birthday greetings.**





## Chris Ford Honored

On the evening of February 7, Ashland University honored one of its own by dedicating its new wrestling locker room facility to Ohio's "Mr. Wrestling," Coach Carl "Chris" Ford. From 1952 until 1965 Chris taught for Huron High school and coached its fledging wrestling program. In the summer of 1965, he left Huron to fulfill a life-long dream of coaching at the collegiate level. Then, in 1977, Chris left Ashland for Columbus and the helm of the Ohio State Buckeye's wrestling team where he served as head coach until 1986. Only the title of US Olympics Wrestling Coach ever eluded him!

Throughout this entire career, Chris left behind programs that had begun with almost nothing but which he had transformed into championship caliber teams. When he took his first coaching job at Huron, the practice room measured about fifteen by fifteen feet square, with mats made of felt, and bare walls keeping the grapplers in bounds. Wrestlers had no uniforms. Instead, the parents purchased for their sons a couple pairs of long johns, had them dyed an ugly, washed out shade of red, and then the boys wrestled in those. (Wonder if there were ever "wardrobe malfunctions" back then.) Nevertheless, as the

kids believed in themselves and worked hard, successes came, small at first but then multiplying each year that a wrestler made it deeper into the championship series. Full maturity was reached in 1959 when Billy Joe Armstrong became Huron's first State Champion wrestler, beginning a streak that continued under T.D. Talbot and produced a total of seven champs by 1971.

At Ashland, Chris faced even greater challenges. There were only two divisions of collegiate wrestling back then, so tiny Ashland College was up against the best of the Big East and the Big Ten. Chris's first practice space was a WWII Quonset hut, thin of walls and lacking heat. When the sides were beaten out by wrestlers being thrown around, practice was moved to a basement room directly under the college chapel. "Nearer My God to Thee" became "My God, they stinketh up thy place!" as weekly chapel goers could not stand the reeking stench emitted through the ventilation system. Not to worry, though, as an ancient campus building that had served as a maintenance building became available for use. Eventually a wrestling facility was built, and the program prospered.

Chris and Georgie honored with presentation of plaque by the Ashland University Athletic Director, Al King.



Chris's accomplishments at Ashland during his twelve years there were legendary. After a slow start where he began with nothing, he amassed a final record of 95-55-5. He finished in the nation's top six (NCAA Division III) three times. In 1976, the Ashland Eagles finished third in the country. Not bad for a program that was the doormat in the two-division format for a couple years until, some believe, a third division was invented to stop the embarrassment to the "Big" boys when Chris's program took off.

So it made sense to have a Chris Ford naming ceremony when the university received a million dollar donation from Dr. Edward Hissa of the class of '76 to construct a modern locker room facility for the mat teams. A troupe of Chris's former wrestlers traveled down, up, and over to Ashland to help him celebrate the occasion. In his acceptance speech, Chris touted his early years at Huron and how the family spirit there had actually made the young men into a cohesive unit and eventual champions. Of course, he modestly neglected to relate how he and his wife (Georgie) had opened their home and hearts to all the boys, becoming, in effect, a second set of parents to those who were blazing the trail at Huron.





Some of Chris's "boys" from his Huron days: Ed Hamer, Jerry Simon, Charlie Meyer, Billy Joe Armstrong, Tom Koehler, "Mat Maid," Lani Hum McKnight, Dave Hahn, and Chris.



Dave, Ed, and Charlie inspect the newly dedicated facilities and wonder how many more champs they could have had with digs like these!

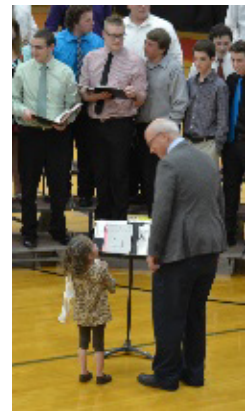


Chris is VERY pleased with the new facility and wonders how many more young men would have been attracted to his program back in the day had they had a chance to hang out in luxurious facilities such as these.





**The Huron High School award winning band grows every year, under the direction of Mrs. Chris Scherely.**



**“Need help, mister?”**



**The Huron High School Chorale, under the direction of Jeff Skaggs, took superiors at the regional competition again this year. Watch for their Madrigal Dinner performance this December 3.**



**The Huron High Jazz Ensemble performed classical and modern jazz pieces under the direction of Jeff Skaggs.**



**Chuck Schrader, ‘88, proudly poses with his son Braydon, an EHOVE graduate. Braydon will represent the State of Ohio in a national competition among Criminal Justice students nationwide. Do us proud, Braydon!**



**Molly Harkelroad Ryan, ‘88, welcomes the newest alumni to the fold.**



# Baccalaureate Assorted Views









# Graduation Eve









## Peruvian Birthday Party



At last summer's celebration of their 50th high school graduation, the Class of '64 was challenged by fellow classmate Oswaldo Sandoval to visit him in Peru. Ozzie had spent only one year at Huron High as a foreign exchange student, but has fondly kept in contact with his Huron classmates over the decades. He has attended past reunions and enjoys the company of classmates.



After Huron, Ozzie returned to Peru, earned a college degree, and began a business career. He also turned to politics, helped the country write its Constitution, and served in its legislature. Today he sits on boards of many international corporations and foundations.

Judy Baumer, Pam Cunningham Burns, '66, Katie Cunningham Nissen, '64, Dave Cunningham, Paul and Lani Hum (64) McKnight, Host Oswaldo Sandoval, '64, Leslie Callihan Foxworth, '64, and Dick Baumer, '64, pose while exploring ruins at Machu Picchu.

This May, on the occasion of Ozzie's 70th birthday celebration, he was joined by several classmates and spouses. They were all treated to visits of the highlights of Peru, including a trip to the Incan Andean ruins of Machu Picchu. A couple even did a trip on the headwaters of the Amazon - and lived to tell about it, with normal sized heads!

While in Peru, the classmates presented Ozzie with a plaque honoring his many accomplishments and his devotion to Huron, that little, very cold town thousands of miles away that helped him out at the beginning of his career.



Greg and Sue Airhart Thaxton, '79, pose with the recipient of their \$5,000 scholarship, Tyler Graham, who will be studying business and finance at Ohio U. Many thanks to the Thaxtons who last year began this named scholarship to help advance tomorrow's business leaders!

A perfect evening saw another 141 seniors graduate from Huron High and enter the ranks of the Alumni Association. This brings the total number of graduates over the years to well over 9,300 and counting.



# The Wizard of Oz

Timeless. Imaginative. Frolicking good fun. Scary. Renders us all kids again. Love the dog!



Cassie Battiste, '17, as Dorothy and her lovable Toto star in the *Wizard of Oz*.

These were just some of the quick quips heard while leaving the performance of this year's spring musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. Many adults still hummed the Garland classic Rainbow song, while a few youngsters could be seen testing whether it is indeed possible to click one's heels three time while in the air. (One almost got it right, two suffered bruised knees and battered egos.) The production will long be remembered as one of the strongest ever done by the Huron High music department. The popularity of the musical was also evidenced by the need for a Sunday, mid-afternoon matinee.

The cast was strong from top to bottom. Sophomore Cassie Battiste played an excellent Dorothy, with a strong, sweet voice and such a natural and convincing delivery of her dialogue that made every scene so convincing. She rendered the memorable Garland pieces with such aplomb and spirit that brought tears to many an elder's eye. Ah, sweet memories!

The *tres amigos* on Dorothy's trip to Oz – Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion – all were cast perfectly. Scare-

crow, played by freshman Nathan Hoty, glided and flopped around the stage as if his arms and legs were indeed made of straw. Tin Man, senior Matt Oertel, was well made up in his tin suit but best kept at arm's length lest one injure himself on sharp edges. He clanked about and kept in perfect character, never forgetting that he lacked oiled joints. And how about the Cowardly Lion, roared by senior Joe Asberry, who, Bert Lahr-like, cowered and sniveled at the slightest shadow or his own twitching tail, and garnered the most laugh lines with his antics!

The witches were made up and played perfectly. Senior Wicked Witch, Allison Brownell, was just scary enough to set youngsters' hearts pumping but not their feet to running, while Good Witch Glinda, sophomore Aubrey Baumler, balanced the bad with magical spells and helpful hints to Dorothy. The Munchkins were believable as well as they scooted around the stage, with each wee one seated on a castered seat and rolling freely about through the choreographed pieces.

Can't forget Toto either. How lucky to have found an experienced actor in Snoops, a fifteen year old Karin terrier, totally deaf and therefore unfazed by any of the stage actions. Toto submitted easily to hugs and harsh words alike, from being stuffed into Miss Gulch's bicycle basket, to the noisy blasts of "steam" and flying monkeys flitting and chirping about the stage, all the while perfectly controlled. "Control" was supplied by an off-stage handler, Mallory Nelson, and her laser beam which Toto obeyed right on cue and thus endeared himself to all with his adorable "acting."

Choreography was aptly handled again in this, her tenth year, by Lisa Jones, choreographer and Live Entertainment Director for Cedar Point. She had the various chorus groups dancing like professionals. The jitterbug scene brought the house down as the kids – and audience – had a rollicking good time and showed it.

Director Jimy Foreman once again got every ounce from each actor, with his attention to the finest details showing in the overall quality of the production. His years of work in theatre from his college days to Broadway to TV work showed and was much appreciated by all attendees. His youthful vigor and energy transferred to the students who so well



respect him and appreciate the opportunity to work with a true professional.

Music Director Jeff Skaggs, now in his thirtieth year of teaching, directed an experienced orchestra in this, his 22<sup>nd</sup> Huron musical, officially passing the record held by former teacher Bob Adler. He and Jimy will be a hard act to follow if ever they decide to hang it up!

Indeed, Huron High is blessed to have such dedicated professionals involved in these annual spring flings that highlight the students' artistic abilities – everything from acting, singing, and dancing to set design and learning to manage costumes, makeup and props, to controlling lighting and sound. They learn valuable team work skills, every bit well as student athletes, to make their "big game" a success. After a night on the boards, their self-confidence reaches heights that they themselves never dreamed of. They also create friendships and memories that are talked and laughed about years later at class reunions. Many go on to varied professions in the trade, working the cruise lines, or summer stock in regional and national tours, with some few even making it to the Big Apple's stages or an HBO gig for a series or two. Huron is to be applauded for promoting the arts and insisting upon strong arts programs in her schools. *The Wizard of Oz* is just the latest in a long line of culminating productions that prove that "The Arts Matter," and that, to paraphrase Dorothy, "There really IS a place over the rainbow" for talented dreamers.





# Wizard of Oz









## Huron Supports It's Safety Forces

All across America lately, it seems as if folks are demonstrating against the very forces pledged to keep the peace and protect life and limb. From small Alabama towns, to St. Louis suburbs, to urban centers such as Baltimore and New York, people have been voicing their displeasure with the quality of service rendered by the safety forces.

In the dead of this past winter, Huronites demonstrated also - in full support of Huron's finest. Most of the safety forces, fire, and EMT squad members are Huron High grads, well disciplined in the duties of their chosen professions but also trained to respect those whom they serve. While many may complain about the high taxes needed to support these public servants, by and large Huron supports what they do. And they showed it.

Carol and Bill Scott, '72/'73, decided in the spirit of the Christmas season that Huron needed to show its support for its men and women in uniform. They called for and organized an evening gathering that included crowds of people, speeches, and a candlelight ring around the city services building on Main Street. The event was well attended, as young and old, families and fiends, and representatives from area safety forces filled the lawn in front of city hall in frigid weather. But never mind the cold - the hearts and songs of all were filled with warmth as the community embraced the work its safety forces do.

The event made no state nor national news, but didn't have to. Huron knows its own, cares for its own, and respects its own. Many thanks to Bill and Carol for organizing this event.



Bill and Carol Scott began the evening by thanking all who braved the cold and then introducing the featured speakers.



Donnelle Cowell Orzech, '90, and husband Darin, together with their munchkins, all show why they turned out in the cold.

A couple Tony's spoke at the ceremony, lauding their past experiences with the city's service personnel. Tony Legando, '69, recounted the care rendered his father over a half century ago, while the elder Tony thanking the crews for their care and concern during his recent ride on the "meat wagon," as he calls it.



Ann Wunder Bauman, '67, Betty Munafu, Judy Ishmael, '59, and Phyllis Wassner help warm the evening.





# State of the Arts in Huron

## Superior Singers

The Huron Chorale received a Superior rating at the Ohio Music Education Associations State Adjudicated Event, held at Highland High School in Medina, Ohio. The 30 voice group earned the rating based upon their overall musical skills and sight-reading skills. The group spent many weeks preparing three songs: *Gloria* by Haydn, *About Us Lies the Summer Night* by Nix, and *Soon Uh Will Be Done* by Dawson, then sang a song given to them that morning, sight unseen, with only 4 minutes to talk about it. The superior rating is a culmination of the hard work and dedication to the musical arts by the students and their director, Jeff Skaggs. Congratulations once again, group. You make us all better and proud!

## Ones-Only Band

The Huron High School band had a number one hit again this spring. At regional competition, the players scored perfect unanimous one's from the judges. Under the direction of Mrs. Cristine Scherley these students rehearsed hard and the results were most pleasing to all. For a school Huron's size, and with so many students attending college courses together with their high school load, it's a wonder that a band can even be formed. But turn out they do, and all summer under the hot sun they march and play to prepare for football season, then turn to the concert routines through the winter until spring competition. Our congratulations once again to Mrs. Scherley and her hard working band of merry-makers.

## Fine Arts Festival

In springtime, art and music are in the air. On the evening of May 19, both the music and visual arts students put on a display of their year's work for the entire community. When the doors opened at 5 PM, the visitors first found the entire cafeteria and part of the main hallway filled with students' creations. They appreciated that they did not have to walk the entire length of the school to view the works but instead could wander about the cafeteria to find their child's or grandchild's work.

This year's collection of pieces varied quite a bit from past years'. Much less emphasis was placed upon the gothic and the grotesque and more on realistic depictions of nature. Insects of every species and color predominated in realistic detail. Oils and watercolors captured idyllic scenes, while charcoal and pencils depicted still lifes. There were the usual Warhol and Picasso, Pollock and O'Keefe wannabes, of course, but some very creative and imaginative pieces as well. Very little political commentary was apparent, but cartoon strips, very cleverly done, abounded. A few students even dabbled with three-D creations that showed much thought and precision work. Not all of these students will be going on to make careers of their art work, but they have found a creative release for expression that they can put to good use for a lifetime. And for the few who do go on to major in art, they do well after spending the requisite number of apprenticeship years as "starving artists." The program remains strong from elementary through high school, and let's hope that this tradition continues in these hardship years.

The vocal music choirs and chorales both displayed their mastery over a wide variety of types of pieces, from the religious to the profane, from patriotic to pops. And wonder of wonders, the only foreign language pieces this year were three in Latin – the first two pieces alone totaling a whole five different Latin words, and a Hayden piece almost doubling the word count!

On the instrumental side, both the jazz and concert bands were remarkable. The jazz students are learning a wide variety of jazz types from the master jazzman himself, Jeff Skaggs. In the future, they may not make a living from their playing – though some obviously could – but they will have learned enough that they can sit in and jam with some of the best and not embarrass themselves or their school. Learning how to learn for the pure pleasure and enjoyment still does have its place at Huron. The concert band also acquitted itself marvelously, displaying a remarkable touch and virtuosity that is hard to achieve at the high school level by students involved in so many different activities. But band director, Mrs. Chris Scherely, works the students hard but sees to it that they enjoy playing as well. That pure joy was definitely on display that May evening.

The final musical rendition was a combined band-choir piece, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, which brought down the house, or at least the audience up on its collective feet. Our congratulations to all these students engaged in the finer arts!

# Huron Playhouse News

This summer marks the 67th year that the Huron Playhouse will be in production. Little did founder Frederick Walsh know back in the late 40's that this summer stock theater would still be in existence for more than the fifty years he envisioned. If we can just make it to the end of the century, he thought! Wow! And now we are well into the 21st century, and this little-engine-that-can still chugs along, bringing first class summer entertainment to the area.

Several years ago the main support for the theater, Bowling Green State University, decided to go another direction by building their own performing arts center on the main campus. There, in a state-of-the-arts facility, the present theater majors can hone their craft. So in order to continue, the Huron contingent has had to do some adjusting. The new board of directors began a tax exempt 501 (c)(3) organization to raise funds for the Playhouse. Support is good but can always be better, of course. But the Playhouse refuses to die. Go on line sometime to see how YOU can help make a difference and see this tradition continue.

This summer's offerings will mark some departure from past traditions. The number of shows stands at four, running the month of July. Show dates will be from Tuesday through Friday. Saturday shows have not drawn many folks the past few years because of all the other doings in the area, so that night has been dropped. The hope is that the house will fill on the remaining four evenings. Individual show tickets have risen slightly in price, as has everything else, but the season ticket price has actually dropped!

The four shows this year begin July 7 and include *West Side Story*, *The Odd Couple*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, and *Footloose*. First class productions all! And all are invited to enjoy the season. But to guarantee a 68th year and more, more folks need to step up and support the Playhouse by attending a show or two during the short run season. The arts are vital to the life of a community, and once a treasure such as the Huron Playhouse is lost, it will be impossible to regain it or even a successor. Resolve today to spend one night a week in July at the Playhouse. You'll be glad you did!

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## Arts in the Arb

This year marks the fifth in a row that the Firelands Symphony Orchestra will perform a free pops concert in the James H. McBride Arboretum on the campus of Firelands College BGSU on Rye Beach Road. This summer tradition has fast become a staple of summer fare in Erie County as attendance seems to grow each year, from hundreds the first year to over two thousand last summer. Folks lug in their lawn chairs, park themselves under the oaks and sycamores, and prepare for a couple hours of the finest music this side of Blossom Center. Many spread their blankets and break out the picnic hampers to sate their palates along with the music.

This year the tradition continues but with a new wrinkle. Three extra concerts, also free, will be added to the series, all taking place in the arboretum, each in a different locale but within a short walk of the parking lots. The series will take place on Sunday afternoons, beginning at 4 PM and lasting about an hour and a half. These "mini-concerts" will feature some of the best types of music in the area.

**NEW THIS SUMMER...**  
**FREE** *FSO Ensemble Series*  
**in the Arboretum**  
at McBride Arboretum  
BGSU Firelands Campus,  
One University Dr., Huron  
*Rain venue - Cedar Point Building*



Sunday, June 14, 4-5:15pm – Firelands String Quartet  
Sunday, July 12, 4-5:15pm – Jack Schantz and Friends  
Sunday, Sept. 13, 4-5:15pm – Olympic Brass

June 14 will see the Firelands String Quartet playing a variety of music, from classical to pops. The members have a combined musical experience of nearly seventy-five years, having graduated from prestigious music schools and played for various symphonies all over Northern Ohio and Michigan.

The Jack Schantz and Friends group hales from the Cleveland area and is considered one of the best jazz ensembles in Northern Ohio. Members have played with the Dorsey, Shaw, and Glenn Miller Orchestras as well as innumerable clubs and venues in Ohio. You will enjoy their unique mix of jazz and gospel!

The Olympic Brass ensemble is one of the most versatile groups in the state. Members hold degrees from top music departments, many teach at the collegiate level, and all perform regularly with

symphonies throughout Ohio. If the brass sound turns you on, be there!

Enjoy music at its finest in a unique outdoor venue. But remember, the arboretum is still Erie County's best keep secret. Tell your friends about the music but not too many. Don't want to ruin the reputation - or the natural setting and atmosphere.



# Sports Results

This year's sports seasons at Huron saw memorable performances on field and court. The girls' volleyball team finished first in the state, knocking off two of the premiere teams in the state in the process. The football team finished atop the SBC and ran deep into the playoffs once again. Then the boys basketball team had another fabulous run, sweeping the SBC and running deep into the playoffs as well. Finally, the boys baseball team shared SBC honors with Edison, with both teams atop the league the first time since the early and mid-nineties. The boys' run finally ended in the regional championship game on their graduation evening. In full caps and gowns, they received their diplomas on the field at the game's conclusion.

## Boys Basketball

coach Bobby James Record 19-4, SBC and Sectional champs, ranked 10th in Div. III

Adam Storer first team all District and First Team all SBC  
Nick Stauffer first team all District and First Team all SBC  
Player of the Year in SBC

## Girls Basketball

coach Keith Lobsinger Record 11-10 6-6 SBC

**HIGHLIGHTS:** 1st winning season in 12 years. 3 girls 2nd team all-district, 2 honorable mention, 3 girls 2nd all SBC, 3 honorable mention. 1 girl (Audra Wischart) academic All-Ohio.

## Bowling

### Boys

coach Mark Winschel Record 13-3, second in SBC; team advanced to District tournament

Alex Winschel first team all conference top average in conference at 216  
Josh Minton second team all conference top individual in Districts with a 726  
Nick Stutzman second team all conference high conference game at 278, high series at 520

### Girls

coach Jeff Decker Record 9-5, third in SBC

Allison Brownell first team All-Conference both girls advanced to the district tournament as individuals.  
Jordan Prosser first team All-Conference

## Wrestling

coach Rob Majoy

The team had a productive and challenging season, with Brysen Mansor and Tommy King emerging as leaders of a young group of wrestlers. Brysen and Tommy finished the season with a great run to the State Tournament. Brysen was a Sectional and District Champion, Tommy was Sectional and District Runner-up, and both qualified for the State Tournament. Brysen finished his career with 151 career wins which is second all-time in Huron Wrestling History.

## Baseball

coach Sam Hohler

Named by peers as District 9, Div III, Coach of the Year  
Record 22-6 10-2 in SBC Lost at Regional Championship game  
JV Record 9-8 overall

Kyle Kovach	first team All-Conference	1st Team All District	pitcher
Grant Ferrell	first team All-Conference	Noble Mention District	catcher
Tommy Bogden	first team All-Conference	1st Team All District	infielder
Jack Hufnagel	first team All-Conference	2nd Team All District	infielder
Matt Dewey	first team All-Conference		outfielder
Jared Fronzaglio	second Team All-Conference		infielder

## Softball

coach Jay Clevenger

Record 10-9 5-7 SBC

Alison Litz	first team SBC outfielder	Kiersten Hammond SBC First Base
Jenna Witter	second team SBC catcher	Bailey Gadd Honorable Mention at third base
Emma Elder	honorable mention SBC pitcher	Msdison Orzech Honorable Mention at shortstop

## Swimming

### Boys

Coach Randy Lehrer

Jack Inseon

placed in Sectionals, Districts

The following swimmers were awarded All-Academic Honors for the SBC for 2015:

Sean Martin, Graham Mast, Nicholas Swope, Riki Tanaka, Caleb White, and Blake Wysocki

### Girls

The following swimmers were awarded All-Academic Honors for the SBC for 2015:

Hannah Blackwell, Samantha Herbert, Madeline Henry, Priya Kurtz, Renata Kurtz, Morgan Morey, Kelsey Ohm, Emma Steinmetz, Melissa Wirtz

## Tennis

Coach Ryan Hodges

Jake Guerrero

first team All-Conference

## Track

### Boys

Coach Roberta Collins

Zach Harkey

Sectional, district champion, Discus Div II, throwing at OSU state meet on 6 6 15

### Girls

Kelly Van Cauwenbergh

Kayla Black

Shot Put placed in districts and went to state, June 6

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## Athletic Awards

The Ohio High School Athletic Association presented the Award of Excellence Certificates to the following:

Eric Weir

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Kiersten Hammond

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Jake Ortman

Award of Excellence Certificate

Bill Scott, '70, received the award from the State of Ohio for Exemplary Contribution and Service to the School's Interscholastic Athletics Program. Bill forgot that he retired two years ago.

In addition, 47 students were recognized as Scholar-Athletes and were awarded the coveted gray Honor Cords for maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA during their senior sports season.

Five cheerleaders were also recognized as Student-Athletes for maintaining a 3.5 GPA during their cheering seasons.

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## Coach Legando Honored

On February, the OHSFCA (Ohio High School Football Coaches Association) awarded Huron football coach, Tony Legando, '69, its Art Teynor Sportsmanship Ethics Integrity Award. Tony's tenure as head football coach at Huron has run for 27 years and counting. During that time his combined 208-92 record is tops for Huron's football program. The run includes seven SBC championships and playoff appearances in 14 different years. Huron's young men during Tony's tenure have placed 50 players on the All-Northwest Ohio District Team and 15 on the All-Ohio first team. In addition, 19 men earned National Football Foundation Hall of Fame awards, two players earning their Courageous Award, and the first ever Ohio HSAA Courageous Athlete Award. That's all part of the Huron tradition that the two Tony's, Munafo and Legando, have established through the past six decades.



## Generations of Huron Grads



Julie Esposito Dewey, '85, her son Matt, '15, and Joe Esposito, '57, celebrate Matt's graduation.



Carl, '69, Emma, '96, and Oshae VonThron

The Wechter connection: Carl Wechter (in the picture frame) graduated from the old Huron High building on Williams Street in 1933. His daughter Nancy (seated) was a proud 1959 graduate. Her daughter, Lisa Decker, was part of the 1983 bunch. This year, Lisa's daughter Megan graduated to continue the line of Wechter kin traced to Huron. The first was actually Carl's father, Bill Wechter, born in Puckerbrush, Ohio, an ancient suburb of Milan, formerly located near the intersection of SRs 601 and 61. Bill owned and operated the old Huron Dairy with his wife Rose and the kids - it took children to furnish a village in those days.



Judy Hinde Halter, '58, her grandson Graham Mast and daughter Jody Mast, '85, pose with an image of Judy's father, Raymond Hinde, '32, who passed away in 2010. The wonders of Photoshop to keep this family together!



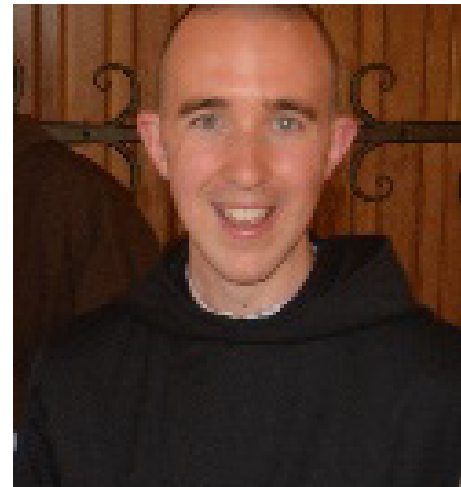
David Klein, '72, and sons Alex and Mike, '07, with proudest and oldest grandparents around - Dick, '40, and June Klein.



Proud grandfather, Doug Fries, long time business teacher at Huron High, poses with first-grandson graduate, Ben, son Brett, '87, and daughter Amy, '93, home from Colorado for the occasion.



The Carroll-Catri family - twins Jessica and Sarah, with grandmother Gloria Esposito Catri, '52, parents, Tom and Lisa Carroll, '82, and siblings Alexandria, '12, and Matt, '17.



## Fr. Andrew Norton to Return

Fr. Andrew Norton, '02, will be returning to Huron for a visit with his family and friends during mid to late June. After finishing his college studies, Fr. Andrew joined a cloistered Benedictine monastic order in Oklahoma, at Clear Creek Abbey, and was ordained to the priesthood in October, 2014. As a member of a cloistered monastic way of life, Fr. Andrew's visits outside of the monastery are very limited. The monks at Clear Creek Abbey devote their lives to work and prayer, all within the confines of the monastic grounds, about 1200 acres in eastern Oklahoma. This trip will be Fr. Andrew's first to his hometown in nearly nine years since entering the order. Fr. Andrew will be offering a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's in Huron on June 21st, at 2 PM, with a reception to follow. The Mass will be celebrated in the traditional pre-Vatican II manner, a Latin High Mass, with all chanting performed in Latin by a diocesan choir. Fr. Andrew looks forward to seeing as many of his friends and neighbors as possible at the reception and during his time home, as this could be his last trip back for many a year.

For those wishing to see what his lifestyle is like, you may visit the monastery's website at [www.clearcreekmonks.org](http://www.clearcreekmonks.org).



# EHOVE Graduates 27 Huron Seniors

On the morning of May 22, the EHOVE vocational and technical school graduated over 365 seniors from the schools comprising its territory and spread over three counties. Many of you will remember the early years of EHOVE – and not too favorably. But the school is now in its 47th year of training students mainly for the work force and going stronger than ever. In fact, this senior class was the first to use the school’s newest building.

Over 50% of the grads are off to college next fall, many having won scholarships for their performance at EHOVE - \$290,000 worth, in fact. Actually, many of the EHOVE programs require training at Firelands College BGSU, with some students having put in over 220 hours of Firelands work throughout their careers. About a third of the grads are entering the workforce directly, and another 10% have opted for the military first. This is definitely NOT the EHOVE that so many of you recall from their earlier years!

EHOVE’s programs have modified through the years to reflect the ever changing need for different employable skills. Just as Huron High long ago dropped programs such as shorthand and typing, EHOVE phased out vocational agriculture offerings, successful crop rotation, and horseshoeing, to name a few. Now career training occurs in areas such as forensic investigation, culinary arts, computer network technology and visual media, and electrical technology. They are also gearing up for the onslaught of retiring “boomers” with careers in exercise science and rehab therapy, and health tech and careers. One set of skills even concentrates upon global business management.

So a tip of the hat to the 27 Huron seniors who graduated from EHOVE with diplomas in hand and many already employed. We wish you well as you set out on your chosen paths, and welcome you into the alumni family. See you at the reunions!



Megan Maley gives her farewell wave as she receives her diploma.



Megan Decker is all smiles as she receives her degree in health technology.

Long time EHOVE Principal, Dale VanLerberghe, “graduated” with the class of 2015, as he will be retiring this summer.



Tyler Mitchell is on his way to being an engineer now.

# Remembrances of Times Past

## A Treat or a Tease?

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference. But this winter Huronites were treated to memories of times when life was humming around the East Side docks. Two lake freighters were brought in and docked for the winter at the former ore docks in Huron rather than at their customary berths in the Toledo area.

At first, the great unknown thought it was all a joke. Rumors abounded - docks reopening? A plot to house illegal immigrants below? A complete retrofitting before spring? Many a cup of Joe was bet and lost at local coffee shops. But for whatever reason the shipping company

chose Huron, those who remember the glory years of dock activity and lamented the closing of both docks, at least had the solace of those memories as they drove the bridge each day. June first has come and gone now with the ships still berthed - more coffee spilled! It will be a grand day when those sitting at the windows in the Brass Pelican, the old Twine House, watch them pull out and make the turn in the river. Those who never witnessed that maneuver that will wonder whether the bow will soon be in their laps, but turn they will, and off to another port they'll steam, leaving Huronites wondering - was it real or just a cruel dream of what it used to be.



## Glory Years

The true glory years show in this photo borrowed from an album left behind by Ernie Perhamus. The grain silos and flour mill stand at the left, ever a beacon to port for boaters far out on the lake. On a cloudy, dreary day, the lighthouse could be obscured against the sky, but not these behemoths. Aim for them until the lighthouse emerged, and all were safe.

Many a grad there is in Huron yet who earned a living in the mills, on the water, or on the docks, raised a family, and then watched as those jobs disappeared. Surely it was the end of an era but not the end of Huron, as the generation next was educated and found a living at other kinds of jobs. Changes hurt, but Huron survives and thrives.





# Huron High School Retirees 2015

## Tom Bollenbacher



After threatening to retire for the past few years, “Bobo” is finally doing it. Of course, there are some who would maintain that he retired decades ago but still came to work every day!

Tom was the baby of the family, and it shows: they got all the hair – none left by the time he was born. Through his high school career, he distinguished himself on fields and court. He quarterbacked for three years for the elder Munafo, then gave Hagy fits on the basketball court as point guard, except he never quite got the point. As the baseball shortstop, Coach Dave Brown more than once wanted to use the bat on him. But he survived, played his heart out for all, and deservedly was inducted into the Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

At Bowling Green, he took his BS degree in something, then did even more advanced work in sports science at Ashland University in 1995. In between he owned the Sandbar for a few years but he doesn’t remember much about that experience. In 1990 he began teaching at Adams Junior High in Sandusky where he remained until 2000. From 2001 until the present he has been teaching at Huron High. On the side he put his sports science degree to work by coaching a number of sports. He assisted with the football program from 2001 until 2008, then gave that up to become assistant baseball coach. About the same time he became chief chauffeur for the golf team. The eighth grade boys’ basketball program also profited from Bo’s experience the entire time he was at Huron.

Bo’s son Keegan, now nineteen and a freshman at OU regularly takes the measure of his dad on the golf course, and can skunk him at horse. Daughter Megan is a junior at Huron High and causes dad no headaches.

Looking back, Bo laments only being digitally challenged on a computer. Education today, he says, is all about paper work, reporting, and test taking, but his sports science degree didn’t give him much facility on a keyboard. However, he managed! His greatest pleasures while at Huron were in working with some of the most highly motivated, driven, competitive, and nicest kids around. Looking forward, he – as well as many other teachers – sees education going through a difficult era. Budget cuts at all levels are narrowing the offerings to students, and teaching to the TESTS is driving many a good teacher out of the classroom or into retirement. Be that as it may, he leaves with no regrets except that he knows now that he should have begun teaching earlier – this piece then could have been written five years earlier! As for his own future, he plans on starting by managing Mulligan’s Pub this summer, driving the golf kids around again in the fall, and then heading way south for the winters. Beyond that, you will see him around town and on the links, usually gracing the end stool at his new “office,” the Donut Shop, and otherwise exploring and enjoying nature in any woods that happens to be adjoining any golf course he plays. Still has that terrific hook!

Best of luck to you in your retirement, Bo. And don’t forget to send the office a postcard or two in the winter, from whatever continent you happen to be playing golf on!

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## Memorial Signs

Space is still available for memorial plaques to be mounted on the rear of the entrance sign at Huron Memorial Stadium. Honor your loved one, a class or a classmate, or even a team with a plaque. For ordering details and costs, contact either Donna Green: 419-433-3285 or Cindy DeFazio: 419-602-1216. There is no more space available to plant memorial trees in the stadium area, so these memorial plaques, mounted where all who drive into the stadium parking lot can view them, will serve as the next best thing. Thanks to all who have taken advantage of this plan in the past.

## Jan Bogden Henning Retires

Jan's family came to Huron in 1966 from Detroit, Michigan when her dad took a job at Ford Motor Company as manager of Quality Control. In high school, she participated in volleyball, basketball and tennis under the coaching of Dolly Katzen. Jan was also active in GAA, Pep Club, sports editor of the yearbook and editor of the high school news page for the *Huron Reporter*. (Remember that?)

Jan then earned her bachelors and masters degree from BGSU and began a career as a special education teacher. She worked as a counselor in a drug rehab home for young men, was director of a mental health agency that worked in schools of Erie and Ottawa counties with students at risk, taught computer classes at Firelands College when raising her family and then took job at HHS as counselor in 1998. She was lucky to begin her high school counseling career with Judy Pflieger until her retirement.

Jan has been married to Peter Henning 37 years. They have a son who is an industrial engineer, a daughter who works as an occupational therapist, another in marketing/event planning/fund raising for a non-profit, and a third who is director of programming for a county park system. The couple is blessed with three grandchildren.

Jan's Greatest satisfaction of working at HHS was no two days ever being the same and assisting great young people in navigating through high school and getting started with planning their careers. The biggest change she sees is the push on taking college classes while still in high school, the pressure to get the high GPA and college entrance test scores, and the many opportunities opening for female athletes. The greatest challenge in education continues to be its funding and relevance as well as the need to educate students who will be competitive in our global economy. Hopefully, there will be more problem solving projects and activities in classrooms. She maintains it is still important for students to be able to communicate and develop the proper skills to work together towards a common goal. High school will continue to change with more college course offerings, on-line classes, mentoring & job shadowing, so educators who want to teach at the high school level might want to consider earning a masters in their subject area so they can teach college classes to the high school students.

Jan's retirement plans include more traveling, family time, gardening, special projects she never had time for before, and working part time for North Point Educational Center. Enjoy it all, Jan. You certainly earned it!



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## Calling All Duffers

This July 18 marks the annual Saunders/Foss Memorial Golf Scramble to be held at Thunderbird South. Two shotgun starts will be held, one at 8 AM, the second at 2 PM. In between will be served a delicious barbecue chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Drinks and prizes always add to the fun as well.

The event was begun shortly after Michelle Saunders and Megan Foss tragically lost their lives in an auto accident. Each year now two scholarships for \$3,000 each are awarded to students who plan on entering the education profession, as were the two girls. Funds raised in excess of the amounts awarded each year are deposited into an endowment fund which continues to grow. Eventually the fund will be a perpetual endowment to honor the memory of the pair who today would have been completing their tenth year of teaching.

You can sign up for this event by sending your check for \$240 for your team to Craig Saunders, 312 Canterbury Drive, Huron OH 44839. Get your team together immediately and register soon before all the spots are filled. Checks should be made out to the Saunders/Foss Scholarship Fund.

In the past several years, the event has also taken a creative turn. Teams, especially those comprised of the younger grads, have been showing up either dressed as some TV or media personalities and then regale all with their antics all day or they decorate their golf carts imaginatively. All this adds to the fun of the day, and for such a great cause! Can't wait to see who shows up this year - Fred and Barney, Rosco P. Coltrane and the Duke Boys, or Cat Woman and Spider Man. Only the Shadow knows.



## Classnotes June 2015

**Nick Lenyo**, '18, was honored in January at the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards. He was given the Cleveland Clinic Sports Health Courage Award. In 2013 Nick lost a leg to cancer, has recovered, then helped quarterback the freshman football team to a 9-0 season last fall. Nick's friend, Cleveland Indians Manager Terry Francona, presented the award.

**Kahlene Shannon La Rue**, '70, sent a note from Tempe AZ about her son Sean, a naval officer. Currently a Lieutenant, he entered the navy right out of high school and worked his way up FAST. He served off Iraq, then in Gitmo, obtained his BS in Information Technology in three years, returned to Virginia where he obtained his Masters in Information Management, and is currently engaged in Naval Cyber Warfare. He is married and the couple has four children.

**Rich Ramsey**, '90, reports from Colorado Springs that he is enjoying his teaching at the Air Force Academy, a welcome change after three tours in Iraq, between 2007-2011. Now he teaches courses in an AF Commanding Masters Program and also, at the cadet level, courses in leadership and leadership development. He looks forward to retiring with his twenty, but faces hard choices between staying with the mountains or returning to a flat lake area. Stay tuned!

**Jim Mitnik**, '75, returned from Afghanistan (Bagram AF from March 2013 to August 2014) serving as the Director of Public Works and Planner.

## Engagements and Marriages

**Michael Bogden**, '03, and Kylene Guerra of Sandusky were wed on August 16, 2014. Michael did his undergraduate work at John Carroll University, then took his Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Walsh University. He is employed by the Cleveland Clinic. Kylene graduated from the University of Dayton in 2009, then from Tulane University in 2010. She is also employed by the Cleveland Clinic. The couple now lives in Cleveland.

**Kira Yonek**, '13, and Holden Maschari of Milan were wed on June 28, 2014. Kira is a student at Trinity International University in Deerfield IL. Holden graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in Deerfield IL and is now employed there. The couple lives in Chicago.

**Adriana DeLuca**, '10, and Thomas Guerra of Sandusky announced their impending wedding on December 28. Adriana graduated from DePaul University with her Bachelor of Science in Economics. She is now employed in Chicago by Morningstar, Inc. as a provider of Independent Investment Research. Tom, a Sandusky St. Mary graduate, earned his Mechanical Engineering Technology degree from the University of Akron and is employed at ARPAC in Chicago. An August 8 wedding is being planned.

**Ashley Bechtel**, '07, and Jonathan Ramsey were wed on September 20, 2014, at The Chapel in Sandusky. Ashley graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University and is now employed at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Jonathan graduated from Metropolitan State University of Denver and is employed by Northwestern Mutual. He also served in the U.S. Air Force. The couple now lives in Dublin OH

**Jeremy Hicks**, '06, and Christina Fornwalt of Boardman OH, announced their engagement on March 1. Jeremy graduated from The Ohio State in 2010 with his B.S. Degree in Industrial Systems and Engineering and is now employed by Energizer as Global Procurement Manager. Christina, a 2006 Boardman High School graduate, took her B.A. Degree in Political Science and then did post-graduate studies as a paralegal. She also is employed by Energizer as a paralegal in St. Louis, MO. The couple will wed on June 13.

**Robert Isphording**, '05, and Noelle Spitler of Toledo OH announced the engagement on April 12. Bob, a 2009 graduate of Indiana University, earned his Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences, then did his graduate work at the University of Colorado, where he earned his Doctorate in Audiology. He is an audiologist employed at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Toledo. Noelle is a 2007 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, a 2011 graduate of Bowling Green State University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Gerontology, and a 2014 graduate of The University of Toledo, where she earned her Masters of Science in Nursing. She is an R.N. employed at Flower Hospital in Sylvania, Ohio. The couple will wed July 25.

**Rebecca Janka**, '92, and **Al Sima Jr.**, '88, announced their engagement to be married on April 26. Rebecca earned her nursing degree from Terra Community College and is employed by Fisher Titus Hospital in Norwalk. Al earned a degree in Computer Science from BGSU Firelands, a degree in Business Management from Toledo University, and his Masters in Accounting from The University of Phoenix. The couple will wed on July 11.

**Kathryn Vaughn**, '08, and Daniel DeFrench of Nordonia OH announced their engagement on May 3. Kathryn earned her Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising from Kent State University and is employed at Amresco Inc. in Solon OH. Daniel attended Kent State and Tri-C and is also employed by Amresco. The couple plans an October 17 wedding.

**Sarah Ommert**, '05, and Cody Gilbert announced their engagement on May 10. Sarah graduated from Huron/EHOVE and then

attended the EHOVE Adult Career Center and graduated from BGSU Firelands with her Associates of Science Degree and Nursing diploma. Sarah now is employed by the Erie County Community Health Center. Cody, a Perkins High School/EHOVE graduate, earned his journeyman's card from the Ohio Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program. He now works out of the Carpenters Union, Local 744. A July 25 wedding is planned.

## Obituaries



**Paul E. Kalies**, '74, age 58, of Eaton, Ohio, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, in Reid Hospital in Richmond, Ind. Paul retired in 2014 after 39 years at International Paper in Eaton.

**Kevin Gray**, '84, age 48, passed away on December 13, 2014, in FRMC after a long illness. Kevin had been employed by Bettcher Industries and Corporate United.

**James Canterbury**, '59, age 73, passed away on December 25 at his residence after a long illness. A Vietnam veteran, Jim was owner of Canterbury Roofing in Huron for years, then did missionary work in Haiti, and finally operated his own truck rig until his retirement in 2012.

**Suzanne Klaus Brant**, '70, age 62, of Huron, passed away on January 21 after a brief illness. Suzanne had enjoyed several careers spanning 25 years that included working in education, the auto industry and most recently as director of sales for the Sanctuary in Sandusky.



**Bertha Ash Fantozzi**, '51, age 82, of Huron, passed away on January 27 in Providence Care Center in Sandusky OH. Bertha was an avid crafter, gardener, and reader.



**Bonnie Bartlett Taylor**, '73, age 59, passed away on February 7 in Stein Hospice after a short illness. Bonnie had been engaged in retailing before opening her own silk screening shop. She was a true "soccer mom" and band parent.



**David Kovacs**, '84, age 49, of Beavercreek OH, passed away unexpectedly on February 5. Dave had been employed by Whirlpool, then Emerson Electric. An avid kite flyer on the side, Dave and his Team 180 GO! family regularly entered competitions across the country.

**Raymond "Red" Lescher**, '56, age 78, of Norwalk, passed away on February 13 at the Cleveland Clinic. A veteran of the US Army Signal Corps, Red faithfully served the City of Norwalk in many capacities over the years.

**Jill Giese Bryant**, '86, age 46, passed away on February 14 at her residence. Her life had centered around her children and grandchildren, her many friends, cooking, and riding her beloved motorcycle.



**Gary Patterson**, '58, age 74, of Willard OH, passed away on February 21 at the Hospice House of North Central Ohio in Ashland OH. A veteran of the US Navy during the early Vietnam years, Gary returned, earned a college degree in business, worked for a time for Ford and GM, but then spun off on his own to become a professional photographer, traveling the world as a free-lancer. He was once commissioned to shoot every lighthouse in America.



**William Lyons**, '52, age 81, of Sandusky, passed away on March 3 in Firelands Regional Medical Center. Bill, an army veteran, retired from Barr Rubber and the Perkins School District. Bill played on the very first eleven-man football team at Huron in 1949, and remained loyal to both the OSU Buckeyes and Cleveland Browns football.



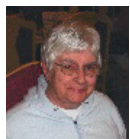
**Jack Freitas, Jr.** husband of long time Huron High School secretary, Nancy Freitas, passed away on March 8 at Admiral Pointe Nursing Home in Huron. A 1943 grad of Sandusky High, Jack was a Navy veteran who returned from the war to earn a teaching degree. He began teaching and coaching at Olmstead Falls, then Sandusky, then to Lima Shawnee, and finally back to Sandusky where he served as guidance counselor and finally principal until retiring in 1979. He is enshrined in numerous basketball and high school Halls of Fame.



**Jesse Hagy**, age 82, passed away on March 9, surrounded by his family at home. Jess had taught and coached at Huron from the time he graduated from college in 1957 until his retirement in 1996. For a more complete story on Jesse and his contributions to Huron High, see the earlier article.



**Dixie Thomas Andrews**, '49, age 83, passed away on March 12 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Dixie had graduated from Providence School of Nursing and then began a nursing career at Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk that lasted until her retirement in 1986 after thirty years of service.

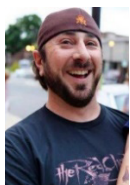


**Patricia Hinton**, age 80, passed away on March 22 in Kingston Residence in Vermilion. Pat had taught in the Huron elementary schools for 26 years, along with her husband Jim, who taught and coached at the junior high level.

**Dorothy L. (Laub) Kaiser**, '50, age 82, of Huron, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2015, in Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky. The daughter of Melvin "Dutch" Laub, Dot was active in the community, her church, and with her family.



**Dianna Newsome Thoreson**, '69, age 64, passed away at home on her birthday, March 31, after a long illness. Dianna was noted for her smile, as she had been employed for many years in the service industries, working mainly at the old Showboat Restaurant and then the Sandbar.



**Anthony Ketchmark**, '00, age 33, passed away unexpectedly on April 9 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. Anthony had founded Monolith Multimedia in Sandusky where he designed and managed web pages and databases for various area businesses.



**Martha Williams Gerold**, '44, age 89, of Sandusky, passed away on April 25 at Stein Hospice. Right after high school, Martha worked for the Trojan Powder (TNT) Company at the present day NASA facility in Perkins, then later at Hinde and Dauch, and finally American Crayon in Sandusky.

**Ernest "Ernie" Perhamus**, age 100, passed away on April 27 at Kendal at Oberlin Nursing Care Center, Oberlin, Ohio. Ernie was a former teacher and guidance counselor at Huron High School. See an earlier article on Ernie's career at Huron High.

**Bruce Carlisle**, '56, age 76, passed away in Mission Viejo CA on April 27.

**Mary Jane Auer**, '60, age 72, passed away on May 21 at her home. Mary had been employed by the Ed Norton Dentist office for many years before retiring.

## Obituary Notices

We appreciate it when folks send us obituary notices from out-of-town newspapers that we may otherwise have missed. Friends and classmates back here in Huron also appreciate knowing of the passing of friends and former neighbors and then having the opportunity to contact the family. It is never too late to send a note of sympathy to family members that you may have known and befriended many years ago. So thank you to all who have notified us, and please continue this practice.

# Membership

Included here are those who sent in their dues since December 2014.

Marian Weigand Ryder	Milan	OH	33	Dottie Allinson Presutto	Vermilion	OH	60
Marjorie Henes Marshall	Amherst	OH	37	Ann Harris	Pt. Huenneme	CA	60
Ruth Washburn Warner	Longview	TX	38	John/Sharon Legando Harkelroad	Huron	OH	60
Richard Klein	Huron	OH	40	Nelson Hardesty	New Albany	OH	61
Eleanor Waite	Strongsville	OH	43	Kay Billman Reeves	Huron	OH	61
Bonnie Kellenberger	Washing' CH	OH	43	Judith Perrin Burke	Dayton	OH	61
Allan Slyker	Lighth'se Point	FL	43	Mary and Ed Taylor	Huron	OH	61
Mary Waite	Strongsville	OH	45	Kay Dahlhofer Wilson	Chester	MD	62
Carolyn Rau Claggett	Newark	OH	46	Barbara Hartley Schlachter	Iowa City	IA	63
Kenneth Wilford	Huron	OH	47	Gary Brown	Toledo	OH	64
Bill Kaiser	Sagle	ID	48	Robert C Boos	Sandusky	OH	64
Patrician Altman Basilone	Huron	OH	48	David Horner	Norwalk	OH	65
Teresa Larizza Johnson	Huron	OH	48	James Kiger	Bakersfield	CA	66
Robert Fritz	Vermilion	OH	48	Terence Welfle	Raleigh	NC	66
Joyce Klein Boyes	Huron	OH	49	Michael Bork	Huron	OH	66
Patricia Lyons Baker	Elyria	OH	49	Carol Morey Trautt	Colorado City	CO	67
Don and Vicki Doty	Huron	OH	49/54	Anna Wunder Bauman	Huron	OH	67
Dixie Thomas Andrews	Huron	OH	49	John Zimmernan	Huron	OH	67
Bill Schell	Huron	OH	49	Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman	Huron	OH	67
Betty Webster Ruetenik	Montgomery	TX	49	Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA	67
Shirley Burton Schwanger	Sandusky	OH	50	John Caporini	Huron	OH	68
Fern Barrett & Ward Delamatre	Huron	OH	50	Pam Wentz Ebert	Bay Village	OH	68
Barbara Voight Mitchell	Huron	OH	51	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Dominic Tike Majoy	Huron	OH	51	Jim Lenthe	Gambier	OH	69
Dr. Carol Payne Smith	Kalamazoo	MI	51	Timothy Wallick	Huron	OH	69
George Ritzenthaler	Sandusky	OH	52	Scott Stipp	Huron	OH	69
Agnes Doyle Majoy	Huron	OH	52	Pamela Nasby Runner-Perkins	Huron	OH	70
Shirley Steibly Watrous	San Diego	CA	52	Tim Sowecke	Huron	OH	70
Jean Davis Howard	Huron	OH	53	William O'Hara	Liberty Towns'p	OH	70
Peggy Payne Zimmer	May'ld Heights	OH	53	Becky Bryant Walker	Sandusky	OH	70
Donald Shrigley	Sandusky	OH	53	Steve Fisher	Huron	OH	70
William C Handley	Cape May CH	NJ	53	Christina Bork Stipp	Huron	OH	70
Judy Lacey Rielle	Hyde Park	NY	53	Julie Hetrick Sowecke	Huron	OH	71
Carol Andrews Wilford	Huron	OH	54	Beth Legando Fisher	Huron	OH	71
Helen Carpenter Shaw	Orange City	FL	54	Jody Boyes Caporini	Huron	OH	71
Joy Foley Stephens	Pittsburgh	PA	54	Loren Rhoad	Mattawan	MI	72
Laura Daniels Cramer	Logan	OH	55	Chris Harlan	Norwalk	OH	72
Rolland Hart	Sandusky	OH	55	Becky Wilber Harlan	Norwalk	OH	72
Samuel Jeffrey	San Diego	CA	55	Ron Junod	Duson	LA	72
Nancy Rhodes Harman	Huron	OH	56	Gaetano Munafu	Huron	OH	73
Carol Haggerty Schell	Huron	OH	56	Gary Majestic	Rome	GA	74
Judy Connors Mize	Sandusky	OH	56	Mary DeLombard Smith	Pickens	SC	74
Linda Fisk Wareham	Fredericktown	OH	56	David Shearer	Arroyo Grande	CA	74
Ann Bostater Hart	Sandusky	OH	56	Dave Gioffre	Fairview	NJ	75
Suzanne Dunham Boldman	Huron	OH	57	Sharon Caporini Aamoth	Solon	OH	75
Linda Uther Boos	Sandusky	OH	57	Laurel Junod Wolf	Stow	OH	75
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	Amherst	OH	57	Don Smith	Pickens	SC	75
Gary Harris	Pt. Hueneme	CA	58	Michael Sheard	Helena	MT	75
Barbara Mellein Warner	Toledo	OH	58	Will & Mary Reese Folger	Huron	OH	76
Jack Brugeman	Novi	MI	58	Debora Bihun & Gerhard Gross	Sandusky	OH	76
Barbara Taylor Jones	Huron	OH	59	Scott Sijan	Lakeville	MN	77
Robert Jones	Huron	OH	59	Ann Mansen Harris	Port Hueneme	CA	77
Gayle Wallick Allen	Phoenix	AZ	59	Mary Legando Taylor	Huron	OH	78
Joanne Trabant Hall	Cincinnati	OH	60	Lee Jones	Milan	OH	79
James McKelvey	Lake Orion	MI	60	Joan McCann Heinrich	Lake Park	FL	80
Dr. William Towne	Rockford	IL	60	Dana Butkus	Whippany	NY	81
				Terri Jones	Newark	OH	81
				Scott Bade	New Albany	OH	82
				Linda Pelehach Printy	Bay Village	OH	82
				Bob Jones	Huron	OH	83



Debra Asher Dusza	Huron	OH	83
Lynda Bird Bade	New Albany	OH	83
Mark Claus	Huron	OH	84
Wendy Walderzak Dyer	Stow	OH	84
Michaele Hoyt Keller	Sandusky	OH	84
Amy Harkelroad Claus	Huron	OH	85
Bryce Butkus	Huron	OH	85
Molly Harkelroad Ryan	Huron	OH	88
Kerk Ryan	Huron	OH	89
Kerry Glann	Kent	OH	92
Jennifer Ineson Cowin	Palatine	IL	92
Andrew Washburn	Huron	OH	92
Michele Cromley Washburn	Huron	OH	93
Jessica Faller Schmidt	Westerville	OH	97
John Glann	New York	NY	99
Nicholas Sorg	Granger	IN	02
Kyle Wright, Esq	Huron	OH	03
Anna Sorg Cozzone	Rocky River	OH	05
Jessica Keeton Wright	Huron	OH	05
Kate Jones	St. Bonafacius	MN	10
Zach Jones	Cincinnati	OH	13

<b>Former Faculty</b>			
Lynn Studer	Bluffton	SC	
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	
Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH	
Dr. Jann Graham Glann	Huron	OH	
Judy and Don Pflieger	Sandusky	OH	
Roberta Hartung	Huron	OH	

## Scholarship Fund Contributions

Listed here are those who have so generously contributed to our growing list of scholarship funds. The General Scholarship Fund donations are unrestricted and are disbursed annually to recipients selected by our scholarship committee. If donations are marked for our endowment fund, they are invested with the Huron Educational Foundation. The Named Scholarships are also deposited into our endowment fund for

### General Scholarship Fund

Richard Klein	Huron	OH	40
Pat Altman Basilone	Huron	OH	48
Sam Jeffery	San Diego	CA	55
Janice Herrman	Amherst	OH	57
Gayle Wallick Allen	Phoenix	AZ	59
James Kiger	Bakersfield	CA	66
Tim and Julie Sowecke	Huron	OH	70/71
Amy and Mark Claus	Huron	OH	84/85
Kyle and Jessica Keeton Wright	Huron	OH	03/05
Don and Judy Pflieger	Sandusky	OH	former faculty
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	former faculty

### Tom Shontz Scholarship Fund

Michael Sheard	Helena	MT	75
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	former faculty

### Tanny VonThron Scholarship Fund

Ed and Mary Taylor	Huron	OH	61/78
Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA	67
Jessica Faller	Westerville	OH	97
Scott and Lynda Bade	New Albany	OH	82/83

### Language Arts Department Scholarship Funds

Janice Herrmann	Amherst	OH	57
Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA	67
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Tim and Julie Sowecke	Huron	OH	70/71
Mary Reese Folger	Huron	OH	76
Scott and Lynda Bade	New Albany	OH	82/83
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	former faculty

### Dee Heydinger Memorial Scholarship Fund

Don and Vicki Doty	Huron	OH	49/54
Janice Herrman	Amherst	OH	57
Gayle Wallick Allen	Phoenix	AZ	59
Ed and Mary Taylor	Huron	OH	61/78
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	69
Tim and Julie Sowecke	Huron	OH	70/71
Michael Sheard	Helena	MT	75
Kerk and Molly Ryan	Huron	OH	89/88
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	former faculty
Jann Graham Glann	Huron	OH	former faculty

### *Hope for the Future*

Contributions to the Huron Educational Foundation made through our *Hope for the Future* campaign will be acknowledged in a special publication to be printed by the Foundation annually. This annual report will detail information about the Foundation, its goals and purposes, its earnings objectives and record, and its disbursement policy.

There donors will be recognized for their annual contributions, and as their donations accumulate over time, they will be honored with induction into our Legacy Circle of donors.

To be recognized in this first annual publication, donors should have their gifts to us by the end of October, 2015.

## Membership Sign Up<sup>615</sup>

### HHS Alumni Association Membership Form

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

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

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

### Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "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" \$40                      \_\_\_\_\_ Regular "Red" \$25

### Scholarship Funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### All School Reunion Pre-Reservation Sign Up

At this time I (we) plan to attend the summer, 2015 All School Reunion . There will be \_\_\_\_\_ adults in our party, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ children.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Email or Street Address \_\_\_\_\_



## All-School Reminder Attendees

In order for our caterer to get a handle on how much food to prepare for the All-School Reunion hog roast, we need to know an approximate number of attendees. If you are part of a five-year reunion class that will be attending the All-School event on Saturday, July 11, please make that known to your reunion organizer who will then forward an approximate count to us. If you are planning to attend but not as part of any formal class gathering, would you email us by July 1 so we can get the grand total for the Mesenburg folks. Your cooperation is most appreciated, and we do hope to see you there.

## Smile, We're on Amazon

Amazon, the on-line retailer that many of you probably use, has enrolled the Huron High Alumni Association in its Amazon Smile program. Whenever you make a purchase from Amazon, they will donate a percentage to your Association. All you have to do is click on their big yellow Smile button before purchasing, select the Huron High School Alumni Association from their list of charities, and then proceed as normal with your purchase. Your Association will be credited 0.5% of your purchase price. Now that may not sound like much, but aggregate that over the thousands of members we have, and the thousands of purchases they make each year, and as the pol once said, pretty soon you're talking real dollars. The next time you go up to Amazon, first search for their smile program and register yourself and the HHSAA. That's all you have to do, just once. After that each purchase helps us. Thanks in advance for helping us in this way.

## Save the Dates

Four free outdoor summer concerts at the James H. McBride Arboretum at Firelands Campus BGSU:  
June 14, July 12, August 30, and September 13.

## Madrigal Dinner

The Huron High School Music Department will be presenting its second annual Madrigal Dinner on the evening of December 3, at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. Costumed in period dress, the singer-performers will regale you in an evening of fun-filled nonsensical merriment, beautiful music, and fine food, though served with silverware, of course! Call the high school for tickets after November 1.



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