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Graduation 2020

As the poet once penned, “The best laid plans of mice and men
Of times go astray.”

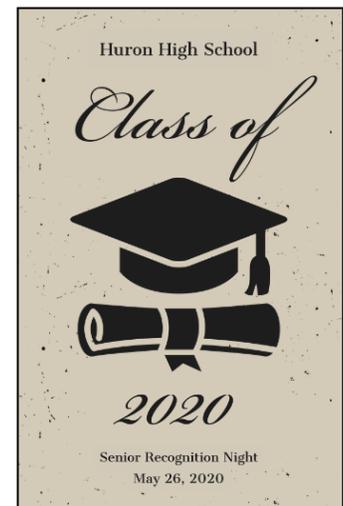
(Burns, *To a Mouse*)

And so they did for the second half of this school year. But working together, the entire educational community and city at large made sure that Huron’s students K-12 were not shortchanged by the pandemic. What could have been a forgettable experience became one to be recalled for the ages. Turn the page to see how all rallied to give our seniors the best possible year-end experience.



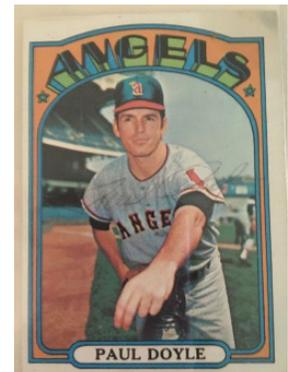
Scholarship Time

Every May, the Senior Recognition Evening is held, usually out at Firelands College BGSU. The affair is a step above casual, with students dressing up to receive their rewards for so many years of hard work. Many of the students already know what kind of scholarship aid they will be receiving from their respective colleges. In fact, over a half million dollars has been awarded our grads for classes beginning next fall. However, what the students do not know is which of the local scholarships they may have won, so the air is a little tense as they await the naming of the winners. This year approximately 70 local organizations stepped up and presented grads with over \$130,000 - and all that despite the virus scare closing down many fundraising activities. We congratulate all the winners and wish them well as they continue to pursue their dreams. To see those who earned the scholarships with which the Alumni Association is affiliated, turn to page 8-9. To donors to any of the scholarships awarded, many thanks for stepping up.



Paul Doyle Passes

Huron’s first American Major League MLB player, Paul Doyle, ‘58, passed away in California on May 6. He was 80 years old. During his high school career, Paul was known as a real heater, a power ball pitcher with an amazingly unique delivery that deceived batters and base runners alike. In 1958 he was named to the State of Ohio’s First Team All-Ohio High School Baseball Team. From there he knocked around in the minors for about ten years until 1969 when, as a rookie, “Pops,” parlayed his skills with several teams in a short career before injuries ended his run. Details on Paul and his career begin on page 13.



Graduation Day, 2020

Where were you when you heard WWII had ended, or when the music stopped and the announcer blurted out the first report that JFK had been shot? Or how about when you learned John Lennon had been assassinated, or Pluto lost his title of planet, or Mount St. Helens blew her stack? You get the idea - those once-in-a-lifetime events that sear their way into our collective memories and indelibly plant themselves in our individual mind-set, the mere mention of which causes them to flash before our eyes as if yesterday were the tomorrow yet to be. That's how this school year went for our senior class. Unbelievably, slowly unwinding, hopes unraveling, week to week another dream dying, each gubernatorial announcement another plug being pulled in someone's ICU .

No last musical to show off one's talents, no spring sports and a last chance to earn an athletic scholarship, no prom, no chance for Senior Skip Day, no scholarship evening, no baccalaureate nor graduation, no celebratory partying, no sharing final memories. It was like slowly dying, one more faculty and sense closing down until . . . but wait! These kids and the community did not give in to Mr. Covid, the Grim Reaper that tried to shut down a country, a world, in fact, but failed. Instead, it was "Huron Strong" signs springing up all over town and township. PTO's and support groups worked the internet to stay in touch and challenged the town for novel ways to keep alive the spirit of school and community. Hours were spent with masked people, properly spaced, packing boxes of food and supplies to see families through their time of lost wages, with their rents and utilities due, or unexpected illnesses popping up. Teachers kept classes going on-line and with weekly study packets sent home. Caravans of teachers and school support staff coursed through neighborhoods, with horns blaring, and waving signs and hollering to children lining the sidewalks that they were not forgotten, that the community loved and supported them. "Hang in there" became the Garfield-like community rallying chant that kept it going through one of the wettest, coldest, most miserable springs in ages.

Then came May, slightly warmer weather and a chance that . . . stop it! Right there stop it! Not a chance. The Governor exercised caution and listened to the best advice to only gradually open up the state. No reprieve, no last chance to throw together any year-end celebration of thirteen years completed. But the school administration had spent hours concocting a best-practices way to honor the work of the Class of 2020 by stitching together a series of activities that resembled what could have been.



Over a two day period, students and families were invited to drive in to the stadium parking lot during their assigned five-minute time slot, to disembark and walk as a small group of no more than six to the center of the football field. There they found a flower-lined stage set up, with but a single table topped with a lone diploma teasing them to advance. Every name was read in turn, exactly as at a normal ceremony, with parents recognized, a list of academic achievements read out, and then the student invited to approach to either pick up the diploma or have a parent or other loved one present the precious packet. They posed for a picture, flipped the tassel on their cap, then descended the stage and sent their cap flying. The hollow sounds of cheers and noise makers arose from their cheering section lined up behind fences beyond either end zone. Finally, each family hurriedly exited the stadium so another family could enter, pausing only long enough to pick up a goody-packet specially prepared for each grad by the PTO. From around noon until well past dinner time, for two straight days, this plan unfolded like clockwork. Students, family members, neighbors, all cooperated so every one could enjoy a final Huron five minutes of fame. Slight sprinkles kept threatening each day, but there was even a back up plan for that eventuality. The entire event was filmed by a local sports station person or by drone, every student included, from their marching in, to flipping the cap, to final exit. The station crew then worked feverishly to prepare a final film of the event, inserting the usual class president's and principal's addresses, and music, all of which was then broadcast on the evening of what would have been their real graduation.

A huge undertaking it was, with kudos due to everyone who had a hand in trying to salvage something for a class of students who had really earned it. This 2020 graduation day will be talked about at every class reunion of these seniors from now until well into the 22nd century.

Emma Claus, with her goodie-box and surrounded by family, says goodbye.



Here a student receives her diploma from her mother, surrounded by principals and a swarm of classmates, just hanging out together - on the stadium fence. Only the band was missing, but a looping tape played the Graduation March fourteen hours long.



Making the Best of It!

This year's senior class graduated right on time, on Friday evening, May 29th, for the third time in two weeks. There was no Baccalaureate ceremony earlier in the day, speeches were kept to a minimum, and the final ceremony lasted exactly one hour - Rocky Larizza and Lynn Studer would have been proud of that.

Principal Tim Lamb gave a final farewell address, followed by shorter farewells also, delivered by class president, Isabella Fantozzi and student body president, Aubree Steinmetz. Principal Lamb complimented the entire class for how they had handled what could have been a most disheartening final year. He praised them for their resilience in the face of adversity, and further promised that if they react similarly in their futures, whatever the fates may bring, they will do just fine. He also had high praise for the entire community which had come together in support of not just the senior class but the entire school system throughout the entire ordeal. His catalogue of special events that had been staged to help maintain the spirits of students of all ages read almost like an encyclopedia. In the middle of the pandemic, the community had also passed a continuing school levy, badly needed because the State of Ohio was running low on income and so cut - you guessed it - education funding.



Brian Steinmetz chauffeurs the school mascot, Tony the Tiger, as the pace truck for the Senior Parade.

However, Huron cares for her kids - all sizes, shapes, abilities, and color. The old adage of "It takes a village . . ." was never truer than when the virus struck and all rallied to see that Mr. Virus would not win. And through it all, these seniors made the best of it, learning too soon some of life's toughest lessons. Teachers, too, are to be lauded, for how many of them at any point in their preparation for teaching had learned how to teach on-line, without a class in front of them? They were fast learners, though, and students were able to make progress.

In addition to what the parents, staff, and community had planned for the graduates, seniors and parents took the lead in organizing a farewell parade. The idea was to cruise past each of the five school buildings most had attended during their K-12 education years. The parade of about 100 grads began at Woodlands School on the west side at 6 PM, then led by a police and firetruck escort along sidewalks filled with well-wishers, they cruised past the high school, then down Ohio Stree past McCormick School, over to St. Peters, and finally ended at Shawnee School. There a band made up of class members awaited them, set up under the overhang in front of the school. As the drivers slowly cruised around the circle and back onto Cleveland Road, they were given a meal prepared for them by Mesenburg Catering and a coupon for their favorite dessert or breakfast at the Donut Shop. All agreed that it was a fitting salute to them and to the school system that had nurtured them from childhood to now young adults.



Grand Marshalls for the parade were the members of the class band, such as this the Stereotypes, with proper social distancing, of course!



Rick Mesenberg makes sure no one goes home hungry.



The Stereotypes perform one last time for their classmates, accompanied by the class cheerleader.

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And the Beat Goes On

Small town America thrives on traditions, secure in the knowledge that, no matter how much the world may change, there are certain unalterables that define the character of an area. One of these is the quality of the local schools and the ability of that high degree of quality to attract and retain families. Two generations of families graduating from the local high school are not uncommon, but three generations means that almost three quarters of a century held some sort of attractiveness so that offspring rejected the lure of a big city urban life style, the money that they could have made, the fancier social circles they could have run in. And four generations within a local district? Almost unheard of any more, but Huron has that tradition as well. Quality schools help create that kind of stability.

So it is always with great pleasure that we present images of those graduates this year with their direct ancestors and links to the past heritage of Huron High and Huron City. With the social distancing restrictions in place at graduation time, it is amazing to think how many families came out to support the graduates.



The Larizza family goes back four generations in Huron history, with former principal Rockie being the first to graduate in 1932. The next three generations followed Rockie and his siblings, with three represented here: Andrea Larizza Arambula, '92, her daughter Sophia, and then Grandpa Gary, '66. Sophia graduated almost exactly on the 100th anniversary of her great uncle's first grade graduation party!



Another of the legendary East Side families is the Fantozzi clan, who seem to have gotten off the same boat as the Larizzas. Their experiences run almost concurrent with one another, culminating now in the trio of Joe, '67, his son Justin, '93, and now Isabella, president of the Class of 2020.



The Enderle-Pisano clans are represented here. Graduate Siera Enderle is surrounded by her grandmother, Marge Enderle, '63, a St. Paul grad and long-time business owner in Huron, her older sister Alyssa, '22, mother Cari Pisano Enderle, '91, father Randy Enderle, '91, and grandfather Dan Pisano, '71. Grandpa Lou Enderle was a '62 grad. Both great-grandfathers also graduated in the late '30's and '40's.



Sue Dunham Boldman, '57, a long time Huron City Schools employee, proudly poses with her daughter Carrie, '79, and granddaughter Lily who is off to Ashland University in the fall to study Health and Risk Communications.



The Bauman family rejoices that finally "Graduation Day" has arrived. Grandma Ann Wunder Bauman, '67, is towered over by both her grandson grad, Dawson, and granddaughter Alexa, '17, and son Scott, '93.



Plenty of Hammond blood in this picture. The grad for the day is Nic, class treasurer, flanked by his uncle Bob, '90, his mother, Ingrid Hammond Ritzler, '88, his father Troy Ritzler, sister Brooke, '18, and grandfather Bob, '64.



Five out of six grads here: Wayne “Turk” and Betsy Rhodes Majoy, ‘65 and ‘66, graduate Drew Wennes and proud mom, Amy Majoy Wennes, ‘88, Kailee Wennes, ‘17, and grandmother, Karen Wennes. Drew’s father, Richie, was a proud Huron ‘88 grad also, and his grandfather, Dick Wennes, so many of you remember from your football or government class days.



Tony Legando, ‘69, and daughter Jessie Legando Gimperling, ‘94, are very proud of Rece who is going on to OSU to study nursing.



The Hart family chose to return to the high school for this photo op where they practice their social distancing. Ann Bostater Hart, ‘56, and husband Rol Hart, ‘55, help their son Todd, ‘81, and granddaughter Gabrielle celebrate her graduation.

This is not an advertisement. Rather, it is a mural brightening up the north side of the former Twine House along the river. It’s nice to see a smile on a face in these times, even if it is just a fish. It does, however, advertise Huron’s place along the North Coast as the premier fishing hot spot at the west end of the lake.



Reunion Season 2020

Like everything else around town, the current reunion season - spring through fall - has been put on hold. With some of the sun-birds starting to return, a couple classes did manage early March gatherings. As for the summer-fall seasons, most class officers have notified us that a hold has been placed upon planning or postponements have been made until next year. A 51st will be just as good as a 50th goes the reasoning, and besides, "At our age, one needs to exercise caution." You get the idea. It's a good one.

Class Reunion Season - Winter of '19-'20



Nonie Peterson, Charlie Myers, Sharon Warren, Rose and Mike Gerber. Standing: Nelson Hardesty, Jim Peterson, Angela Myers, Bob and Anjean Crowell, Joann and Ron Krock, Kay Reeves, Santa and Mrs. Claus - Bill and Debbie Fisk.



The Class of '62 assembled this august group at Bar North, just beating the lockdown. No social distancing here yet. As always, the drinks and other "stuff" flowed smoothly and all enjoyed an excellent time. Floor models were Jim Falter, in from Virginia, and Sally Majoy.

Seated were Laura Falter, Becky and Doug Ricci, Linda Green, Bob Barnes Eileen Stewart-Lyons, Sharon Barnes and peaker, Barb Majoy.

Standing were Gene Simon, Darrell Smallwood, Bill Boos, Sam Bomar, Ron Faller, and Dave Majoy. Ed Boose had attended but had to leave early.

Scholarship Time

Scholarships this year were not presented face-to-face but on line, in the form of a video compiled by the counselors and narrated by various school administrators. The video played on the school website on the evening of May 26, which was the scheduled date of the Senior Recognition Program. The entire video may be accessed at the district's website.

We are showing here the winners of those scholarships which the HHSAA and the Huron Education Foundation assist in any way. Details on how to contribute to any of our scholarship funds are located on the second last page of this edition.



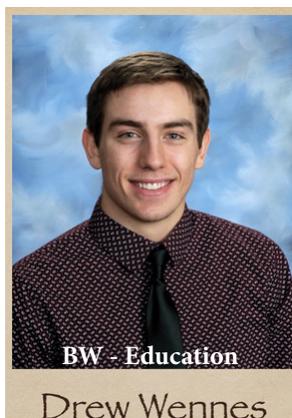
Huron Alumni Association Scholarship



Tom Shontz Memorial Science Scholarship



Huron Education Foundation Scholarships



Hagy Family Memorial Scholarship



Vanessa Hart Campbell Scholarship



Kylie Lobsinger
BGSU - Education
Dolores Heydinger El Ed
Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Giving: Paying it Forward

Plant a tree and your grandkids may live to enjoy it in their old age, but sooner or later it will die. Plant a perpetually endowed scholarship and your grandchildren's kids will still be benefiting from it. We say this as more families are now in a position to establish a perpetually endowed scholarship fund in memory of a loved one or perhaps even in the name of the entire family.

An initial fund contribution, meeting a minimal requirement, will eventually provide Huron scholars forever at least a \$1,000 scholarship toward continuing their education. As the fund grows with others making contributions over time, so can the size of the annual distribution in scholarships. For example, when Jim Campbell established the Vanessa Hart-Campbell scholarship, the recipient received several thousand dollars in scholarship money. Then in his will, Jim bequeathed even more money to the endowment, and the distribution today is many times larger than in the early days. Of course, this was one individual funding the entirety of the corpus. But in other cases, funding can come from different sources.



Nic Ritzler Luke Wood
Greg and Sue Airhart Thaxton Family Scholarship

Some corporations will match an employee's contributions to foundation causes dollar for dollar. What a quick way to increase the value of the underlying endowment and thus of the future scholarships. This is why the Thaxton Family Scholarship is so successful or the Hagy Family's as well eventually. In both cases, employers are matching the family's contributions, so who knows how much Huron students will benefit in the future.

In other cases, the entire community has an opportunity to contribute to an endowed fund and help it grow. The Foss-Saunders Scholarship is an example of this. Begun by the two families, the fund has grown as a result of a golf scramble held each summer. Hundreds of grads and friends have played in this tourney each season, and today the results are staggering, with multiple scholarship awards presented each year.

The Huron Education Foundation is poised to help individuals or families should they decide to investigate establishing a memorial scholarship. Contact us, and we can lay out the options for you that will make the undertaking easy.

Scholarship Contributions 2020

General Scholarship Fund and Endowment

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|--------------------------|-------------|----|----------------|
| Janice Rae Cook Herrmann | Amherst | OH | '57 |
| Marcia Cook Ramsey | Amherst | OH | '63 |
| Roger France | Buena Vista | CO | '69 |
| Tim Sowecke | Huron | OH | '70/'71 |
| Alea Dahnke | Huron | OH | Former Faculty |

Language Arts Department Memorial Scholarship

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----|-----|
| Dan Marshall | Atlanta | GA | '67 |
| Roger France | Buena Vista | CO | '69 |
| William O'Hara | Vermilion | OH | '70 |
| John Williams | Marysville | OH | '73 |
| David Gillette | Golden | CO | '75 |
| Jessica Faller Schmidt | Worthington | OH | '97 |

Tom Schontz Memorial Scholarship

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|----|----------------|
| Ron Krock | Huron | OH | '61 |
| John Williams | Marysville | OH | '73 |
| David Gillette | Golden | CO | '75 |
| Judy and Don Pflieger | Sandusky | OH | Former Faculty |

Tanny VonThron Memorial Scholarship

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|-----------------------|---------|----|---------|
| Dan Marshall | Atlanta | GA | '67 |
| Tim and Julie Sowecke | Huron | OH | '70/'71 |

Hagy Family Memorial Scholarship

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|-------------------|------------|----|----|-----|
| William C Handley | Cape May | CH | NJ | '53 |
| Samuel Jeffery | San Diego | CA | | '55 |
| Dan Marshall | Atlanta | GA | | '67 |
| Debra Hinton | Kensington | UK | | '75 |
| Liz Hagy | Columbus | OH | | '76 |
| Joel Hagy | Huron | OH | | '83 |

Dee Heydinger El. Ed. Scholarship

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|-------------------------|-------------|----|--|---------|
| Patricia AltmanBasilone | Huron | OH | | '48 |
| Dan Marshall | Atlanta | GA | | '67 |
| Pam Wentz Ebert | Bay Village | OH | | '68 |
| Roger France | Buena Vista | CO | | '69 |
| Bill O'Hara | Vermilion | OH | | '70 |
| Debra Hinton | Kensington | UK | | '75 |
| Tim and Julie Sowecke | Huron | OH | | '70/'71 |
| Mark and Amy Claus | Huron | OH | | '84/'85 |

Membership

Leave it to something like a pandemic to preoccupy folk's attention during our annual membership drive. That seems to be what happened this spring, as our new membership signups and renewals fell far below expectations. Luckily, as most activities were under lock-down, our expenses did not increase. It's not as if we are like a normal family, business, or other non-profits that have rent and utilities to meet each month or food bills to worry about. Yet, as the restrictions upon activity, as of this printing, seem to be easing a bit, we expect some sort of "new normal" to return by later this year and activities and expenses to increase again. So we ask that you reconsider taking out or renewing a membership in your Association. We have always pledged to remain within our budget and will continue to do so.

The fact that this edition of the *Newsletter* is small by comparison to those of the past years has nothing to do with cost cutting. Our postage bill for large or small printings remains about the same. The fact is that with most of the country shut down and people sheltering in place, nothing happened to report. People stopped sending in stories, the high school was like a ghost town for months with even the mail delivery stopped, and all school related activities remained curtailed or canceled. The only certainty was the number of obituaries remained about the same. And thankfully, to our knowledge, only one of our alumni succumbed to Covid-19.

Use the form inside the back cover to sign up and maybe even help support one of our scholarships. As the well-worn expression these days says, "We're all in this together. Together we will succeed." With your help we shall, and better times shall return.

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|------------------------------|----------------|----|------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| Eleanor Waite | Strongsville | OH | 1943 | John Zimmernan | Huron | OH | 1967 |
| Barbara Stein Boeckling | Centerville | OH | 1943 | Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman | Huron | OH | 1967 |
| Bonnie Shrigley Kellenberger | Wshingtn CH | OH | 1943 | John Caporini | Huron | OH | 1968 |
| Rolland Hart | Sandusky | OH | 1944 | Pam Wentz Ebert | Bay Village | OH | 1968 |
| Joanna Klein Oller | Huron | OH | 1946 | Deborah Elmlinger Grosser | Muang Chiang Rai | Thailand | |
| Robert Fritz | Vermillion | OH | 1948 | | | | 1969 |
| Patrician Altman Basilone | Huron | OH | 1948 | Timothy Wallick | Huron | OH | 1969 |
| Joyce Klein Boyes | Sandusky | OH | 1949 | Roger France | Buena Vista | CO | 1969 |
| Bill Schell | Huron | OH | 1949 | Jim Lenthe | Gambier | OH | 1969 |
| Betty Webster Ruetenik | Montgomery | TX | 1949 | Beth Legando Fisher | Huron | OH | 1970 |
| Myrna Bickley Abel | Sandusky | OH | 1950 | William O'Hara | Vermilion | OH | 1970 |
| Janet Davis Detrich | Cincinnati | OH | 1951 | Tim Sowecke | Huron | OH | 1970 |
| Barbara Phillips Reddick | Willoughby | OH | 1952 | Jeff Jablonski | Crystal Falls | MI | 1971 |
| Jean Davis Howard | Huron | OH | 1953 | Jody Boyes Caporini | Huron | OH | 1971 |
| William C Handley | ape May CH | NJ | 1953 | Sue Markin Ferland | Jewett City | CT | 1971 |
| Helen Carpenter Shaw | Orange City | FL | 1954 | Julie Hetrick Sowecke | Huron | OH | 1971 |
| Samuel Jeffery | San Diego | CA | 1955 | Chris Harlan | Norwalk | OH | 1972 |
| Nancy Rhodes Harman | Huron | OH | 1956 | Becky Wilber Harlan | Norwalk | OH | 1972 |
| Carol Haggerty Schell | Huron | OH | 1956 | Steven Myers | Columbus | OH | 1972 |
| Ann Bostater Hart | Sandusky | OH | 1956 | John Williams | Marysville | OH | 1973 |
| Janice Rae Cook Herrmann | Amherst | OH | 1957 | Greg Yarmoluk | Howell | MI | 1974 |
| Nancy Weilnau Claus | Bellevue | OH | 1958 | Gary Majestic | Rome | GA | 1974 |
| Gary Harris | Col. Springs | CO | 1958 | David Shearer | Arroyo Grande | CA | 1974 |
| James Landoll | Loudonville | OH | 1959 | Steve Fisher | Huron | OH | 1975 |
| James Klecka | Safety Harbor | FL | 1960 | Dave Gioffre | Fairview | NJ | 1975 |
| George Ritzenthaler | Sandusky | OH | 1960 | David Gillette | Golden | CO | 1975 |
| Judith Moore Zoliniak | Santa Cruz | CA | 1960 | Sue Coleman Frankart | Huron | OH | 1976 |
| Dottie Allinson Presutto | Vermilion | OH | 1960 | Mary Reese Folger | Huron | OH | 1976 |
| Ann Mansen Harris | Col. Springs | CO | 1960 | Debora Bihun and | | | |
| Nelson Hardesty | New Albany | OH | 1961 | Gerhard Gross | Sandusky | OH | 1976 |
| James Compton | Lyndhurst | OH | 1961 | Joan McCann Heinrich | Lake Park FL | FL | 1980 |
| Edward Boose | Huron | OH | 1962 | Stephanie Ruffing Fratoe | Huron | OH | 1981 |
| James Hamer | Plain City | OH | 1962 | Dan Billman | Houston | PA | 1982 |
| Janet Carpenter Kennedy | Olmstead Falls | OH | 1962 | Mark Claus | Huron | OH | 1984 |
| Marcia Cook Ramsey | Amherst | OH | 1963 | Amy Harkelroad Claus | Huron | OH | 1985 |
| Richard Baumer Jr | Homosassa | FL | 1964 | Jessica Faller Schmidt | Worthington | OH | 1997 |
| Dan Marshall | Atlanta | GA | 1967 | Alea Dahnke | Huron | | former faculty |
| Anna Wunder Bauman | Huron | OH | 1967 | Judy and Don Pflieger | Sandusky | | former faculty |
| | | | | Dr. Will Folger | Huron | | social member |

In Memoriam



Marta Heimrich Dull, '57, age 80, passed away in Tiffin OH on November 8, 2019. Marta was a proud employee of American Standard. She was one of the first woman to work the factory floor.

Carolyn Rau Claggett, '46, age 91, passed away on November 20, 2019, in Newark OH. An accomplished pianist, Carolyn devoted her time to volunteer work for her church, her children's school, and various non-profit endeavors.



Mary Waite, '45, age 92, of Strongsville OH, passed away on December 9, 2019 at Parkside Villa in Middleburg Hts. OH. Mary worked for over thirty years as secretary for the TRW company in the merchandising department, retiring in 1986.

Carolyn Klein McClain '55, age 80, passed away on December 10, 2019 in Bonita Springs FL.



Kenneth 'Kenny' Majoy, '92, age 46, passed away at Stein Hospice on December 28. A graduate of BGSU Firelands, Kenny devoted his life to volunteer work in the area for church, schools, nursing homes, kids' programs, and athletic teams. Cleveland sports teams will definitely need a new cheerleader.



Bonnie Simecek Goodman, '58, age 79, passed away on January 4 at Fisher-Titus Medical Center. She had been diagnosed with cancer in October 2018. She enjoyed traveling with her husband Ted, seeing shows, musicals and concerts, and playing cards with friends. She also loved reading and her computer. She was treasurer of the former Firelands Computer Club for 10 years.



Phil Harris, '81, age 57, passed away January 7 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. A former basketball player for Huron, Phil remained a fan of all teams Cleveland and the OSU Buckeyes.



Vicki Esposito Doty, '54, age 83, passed away at home with her children on January 9. During her career, Vicki served with distinction as administrative assistant for five different superintendents at Huron City Schools.



Cathy West Work, '72, of Sandusky, passed away at the Cleveland Clinic on Jan. 14, 2020, after a long illness, at the young age of 65. She enjoyed working for the family at Jim's Pizza Box, where her passion for food and her infectious smile and laugh made her a favorite to all.



Brian Johnston, '74, age 63, of Sandusky, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, after a battle with cancer.

Richard Ritter, '59 age 78, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Bradenton, FL, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, in his home in Bradenton. Dick served in the Ohio Air National Guard as a pilot with the 164th tactical fighter squadron based in Mansfield, and as a liaison officer for the United States Air Force Academy. A graduate of The Ohio State School of Law, he served as the Mount Vernon City Prosecutor and in private practice for thirty years, as well as numerous boards and organizations which he helped found.



Patrick "Jack" Barrett, '57, passed away in Frederick, MD on Feb. 7, a day short of his 81st birthday. Jack had been employed at Kennecott Copper Corporation and at Eastalco Aluminum Company. When not working or attending to his wife and children, he was noted for his volunteer work and service to church and community in many roles.



Keith Washburn, '77, age 62, passed away on February 14. After graduation, Keith worked for Schlessman Seed before moving to Lakewood where he worked at various manufacturing jobs for 20 years, before finally retiring from Sam's Club in 2019. A faith-filled man, Keith's greatest memories were of his trip to the Holy Land and baptism in River Jordan.



Janet D. Slyker Noftz, '73, age 64, of Sandusky and formerly of Huron, passed away on February 18, 2020, in The Meadows at Osborn Park, Huron. Janet had worked at the Huron Pizza House for 21 years.



Thomas Ritzenthaler, '55, age 83, passed away on March 10, 2020, in Ohio Veteran's Home following a lengthy illness. Tom had been employed at Union Chain and New Departure Hyatt before retiring from Ford Motor Co. after many years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War, where he received a Purple Heart.



Eugene "Gene" Smercina, age 87, passed away on March 17 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Gene came to Huron as pastor of Christ Episcopal Church in 1966 and ministered to his congregation and to the community at large for 35 years. He was instrumental in beginning many movements that endure to this day, always helping individuals and the community to strive for higher things. Gene served on the Huron City School Board from 1973 until 1981, as president in 1976, and was able to present each of his four sons their diplomas during his tenure. He was named recipient of many awards during his time in Huron, and his gentle, caring ways will be missed by all lucky enough to have known him.



Edward Hanna, '58, age 79, of Huron. Passed away on April 1 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. A veteran of the US Navy, Ed returned from service to work for American Tobacco until his retirement after 36 years.



Karen Bough Colon, '59, age 78, of Huron, passed away on April 11 at Providence Care Center in Sandusky. An avid fan of all Cleveland sports, she work variously for the Norwalk Trucking, Quarter Horse Saloon, Whirlpool in Clyde, and the Berlin-Milan Schools.



Rodger Oney, '77, age 60, passed away on April 27 at his home in Greenwich OH. After graduating from EHOVE and Huron High, Rodger spent 15 years in the U.S. Army. He then worked many years as a truck driver before spending his last 8 years working for Midwest Industries on Willard OH.



Joseph Mussell, '40, age 100, passed away on May 6 at Stein Hospice of Sandusky. A Navy veteran of WWII, Joe returned to Huron and worked on the railroad at the ore docks until retiring in 1989.



Stephanie Bartz Smith, '91, age 47, passed away on May 4 unexpectedly at her Huron home. Stephanie especially enjoyed her work as a teacher's aide in several area school districts, most recently working for Norwalk City Schools.

John Banta, '59, age 78, passed away May 17 in Englewood FL, having succumbed to Covid-19. For many years John had worked for the Lorain Journal before retiring and moving south.

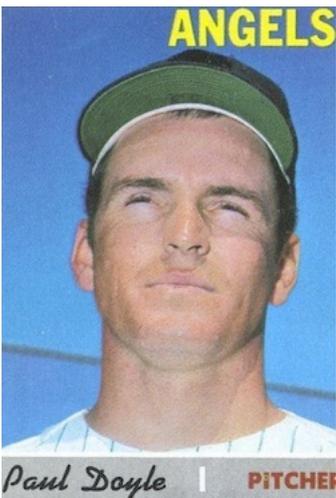
Donald Smallwood, '69, age 69, of Berlin Township, passed away on May 18 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky. Don had worked for the EHOVE Career Center for 24 years. A noted family man, he enjoyed many hobbies, especially hunting and fishing.



Eileen Braidech, age 85, of Huron, passed away on May 24 at home. She spent the majority of her thirty-year teaching career in Huron at both Woodlands and McCormick schools. After retirement, she devoted herself to volunteer work and doting upon her grandchildren.



Paul "Lefty" Doyle, 1939-2020



Paul Sinnott Doyle was born in 1939 in Philadelphia, the youngest of nine children. His Irish grandmother gave him the middle name. After WWII was over, his parents moved the family to Huron where the father worked for the railroad on the ore docks. Paul and the eight siblings were raised in Rye Beach in the Buster Brown House. In high school, Paul lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, of course. He idolized Larry Doby of the Indians, along with Micky Mantle and Warren Spahn, the pitcher of the bunch. Paul developed a reputation as a hard thrower in high school and harder worker.

Selected as an All-State high school pitching prospect in 1958, he went to the Detroit Tigers a year after high school and was assigned to the Erie (PA) Sailors, earning \$450 for two months' work. Another break came during that off season when he was hired by the Yankees and assigned to the Modesto Reds in the California League. He received a \$1,000 signing bonus and \$400 per month salary! Moving on up he was! The San Francisco Giants bought his contract that fall, but as there was almost turnover in the Giants lineup from 61 through 65, Paul was stuck in the minors. He was first assigned to Springfield then served three years in El Paso, which he called a hitter's paradise because of the warm, thin air. But he survived there also, married by then to Sue Doyle and the team traveling by bus instead of in three station wagons.

After another trip back to Springfield, Paul was picked up by the Houston Astros and spent a couple years in the Texas League minors. Finally, after the '68 season, the Atlanta Braves bought his contract, and his first major league game occurred on May 28, 1969 against the world champion St. Louis Cards. He gained a two-inning save. That fall saw the team lose the National League Championship Series to the Miracle Mets. In the off-season he became the property of the California Angels as a result of a player-to-be-named-later deal. There he toiled for two years before being picked up by the Padres where he started to develop serious arm problems. His shoulder started to "feel like glass," as he spent one more year with the Angles before being released in 1972.

Paul never complained about his fate, though. As he put it, he got to play along side one-name greats like Willie and Hank, Orlando and Nolan, and pitched against other All-Stars like Yaz and Robby, Roberto and Joe Morgan. In his entire career, from Erie to the Angels, Paul amassed better than 1,300 strikeouts in over 1,500 innings, and with a weird delivery point to his pitching, never gave up a stolen base. He would rather walk a batter, then pick him off, than allow a hit. After baseball, he and brother John started an import-export business for truck parts in Long Beach CA and lived in Huntington Beach. An avid story teller, Paul livened any crowd at any kind of reunion with vividly recalled detail and copious laughter. In his semi-retirement, he helped his bride Sue of 58 years operate her boutique home store, "Old Vintage Cottage" in Seal Beach, California. The couple raised three children and then spoiled five grandchildren.

Paul and Sue seen at a gathering in later years.



Shortened Sports Seasons Results

The winter sports season was almost finished in Ohio before the Coronavirus shutdowns commenced. The basketball team had finished, entered the playoffs, and won a game before being eliminated. The swim season had been completed, with Huron sending two to the state finals. Bowling had also managed to complete its season before the end came. After that, there were no organized athletic competitions permitted in Ohio - so no track, baseball, golf teams could even gather socially or to train. It was a total stay-at-home lockdown. As this is being written, the fate of the fall school year and sports seasons in Ohio is still unclear and changes daily. Stay tuned!

Bowling

Girls

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| Lindsey Steinmetz | Honorable mention All-Conference | ave. 144 |
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Boys

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| Nick Pace | All-Conference First Team | ave. 210.259 |
| Gabe Schwiefert | All-Conference Second Team | ave. 175.154 |
| Trevor Potorek | Honorable Mention | ave. 174.741 |

Basketball

Boys

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|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Drew Wennes | First Team All-Bay Conference |
| Nic Ritzler | First Team All- Bay Conference |
| Matthew Hurst | Honorable Mention |

Girls

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Ava Winnestaffer | Second Team All-SBC |
| Rae Roldan | Honorable Mention |

Swimming

Two Huron divers went to state in the 1 meter diving competition:

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| Joey Lenczyk | 1st Place SBC Bay Division |
| Evan Lindquist | 2nd Place SBC Bay Division |

Coulda-Shoulda Been

Huron's National Anthem quartet of Brittany Baumgartner, Rece Gimperling, Kelsy Stadler, and Madison Monak were selected to sing the National Anthem at the OHSAA Boys State Championship game on March 21st, 2020. Cheerleader Advisor Janet Gioffe encouraged the girls to submit their rendition to OHSAA and they were selected.

Great girls, great voices, perfect harmony, but Mr. Covid canceled it. Congratulations, though, ladies.



The annual Donut Shop Open Bowling Tournament occurred this year on January 15, sponsored by Sherri Pajak Mesenburg, '84, at Riverview Lanes. Awards were presented for highest pin totals, closest to the pin, most gutters, most tosses across lanes, and sweetest form, as judged from the gallery. This bunch of mostly Huron grads comprises the most able of those regulars daily hanging out at the Donut Shop. They enjoy others' company, love giving and receiving good natured ribbing, and vigorously contest every point, whether discussing sports, coaches, and refs at every level, or politics, religion, Old Huron, or western reruns. They long for the day when *Jeopardy* opens tryouts for team competition and are justly proud of the donut establishment's being called an adjunct branch of The College of Knowledge. Plato would be sooooo proud.

Membership Sign Up⁶²⁰

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

Scholarship Funds

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

Contribution to 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)

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

Endowed Memorials

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

Membership

The academic year here was not the only thing that was interfered with when the first news began emerging of a dangerous virus on the loose. Your Association was in the middle of its annual membership drive when disaster struck and folks' attention was drawn to other more important concerns like how do I feed my family or where is the next roll of TP coming from? We understand that. Felt your pain even.

But with summer at hand and some slight semblance of normalcy returning, this may be the time to reconsider your membership in the Association. Or even a contribution to one of our scholarship funds. All the information is on the preceding page. We will operate only within our budget which is funded entirely by memberships. So do what you can, and we thank you in advance.

Videos Available

Many have asked already how they can view the events that occurred at the end of this school year. The district entered into a contract with a local professional film company to capture every event on film, then carefully edit all into videos that could serve as keepsakes for the class members and their families. Accordingly, the crew spent two full days at the stadium filming each grad and their parents as they entered the stadium, processed to the stage area on the football field where they collected their diplomas, then upon exiting flipped their tassels and cast their caps skyward. From there, each family paraded toward the east exit where a table awaited with a basket of goodies provided by the parents organization. All of this was captured and archived.

Likewise, in place of the annual Scholarship Evening, the counselors compiled a video showing each graduate's class picture, together with a listing of the scholarships each had earned, and finally an announcement of where each was headed in the fall and in what areas they would be majoring.

To simulate the actual graduation ceremony, another digitally simulated ceremony was assembled, complete with singing, the principal's address to the class, and those of the class and student body presidents. Then followed for each student the clips previously shot at the stadium, by ground and drone cameras, of their walk to and across the stage. Family group photos were included as well if desired.

The results of all this planning and work are now available for all to view on line. Recent grads will want to see mug shots of their friends graduating and receiving awards. Older grads may want to just watch parts of it to see how their own experience differed greatly from this year's but also admire the careful craftsmanship that went into making the entire year end as memorable as possible for the grads, our newest alumni now.

To view these pieces of art, go to the district's website at www.huronhs.com. There, below all the pretty scrolling pictures, under Latest News, find the button View All News. A click there will reveal a listing of all the videos presently available. Click on what you want to view or even download and enjoy!

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