

## Whatever Happened to Dr. Judi Horchler?

Like chocolates? Premium chocolates? Chocolates exploding with creamy wines or luscious ripe strawberries when you chomp down on them, paralyzing your tongue and slowly oozing out the corner of your mouth and down your chin as you savor the delight? But you don't care because not since you were a kid did you enjoy sin this much! So what's chocolate have to do with a retired teacher? Plenty, if you happen to have discovered Tres Sorelle Cioccolato. Those of you who remember Judi Horchler as the social studies Nazi throughout the 80's and 90's would never believe that this Italian lady had such a sweet side. For after she retired from Huron in 2003, Judi and her two sisters chased down childhood dreams that even Oompa-Loompas would envy – operating a specialize chocolate “factory.”

Judi left her West Sandusky home in the 60's and earned her BS in Education in social studies and government from Ohio University in 1972. She tacked on her Masters in history from BGSU in 1980, then did her doctorate in Educational Leadership and Technology through Ashland University, wearing out a car traveling during the 90's until she finished her dissertation on teaching in an interactive learning environment. She taught at Fremont Ross till 1976, then at Sandusky St. Mary's till '83 when she came to Huron. Her courses were rigorous, fun, and highly informative as she always used the latest technologies to make her history, geography, sociology, and sometimes government students aware of how their world worked, both in the present and the past. She began a course in Research in History, and the results of that class are still being enjoyed all over the area in the form of eleven bronze plaques marking local historical sites. Her kids competed in Youth in Government, the Mock United Nations, and Academic Challenge on Cleveland TV, and they attended the Cleveland City Club guest lectures. She was advisor for the Firelands Challenge Competition and helped them win the event the first time ever. From 1986 until 2001 she guided the social studies department through the educational reform crazes, and with her vision helped make Huron the premier educational factory of Erie County in its day.

When she retired in 2003, her education

began all over again. Running a chocolate shop is a little bit different from melting down chocolate bars to make fudge over the kitchen stove or smores over a campfire. No, to become a chocolatier, one needs a piece of paper, so she took courses through Ecole Chocolat out of Vancouver, BC and attended lecture classes in Chicago IL. Then she pitched in with her two sisters to found Tres Sorelle (Three Sisters) Cioccolato. The ladies scrambled to start a catalog business, working nights wherever they could find freed up cooking space after hours in restaurants like PJ's in Huron. In 2007, she and sister Jan formed a partnership and took over the Tudor building at Columbus and Monroe in Sandusky. Husband Jeff became her construction engineer as the gals turned the formed flower shop into the place of their dreams.

Turn off your Garmin and follow your nose as you enter Sandusky, and you'll discover a Wonka World of chocolate delights as you enter the door. This is no factory with vats of browns and darks bubbling over. Rather a small kitchen in back produces the tables of individually wrapped, mouthwatering delights out front. No matter the season but chocolate hearts, bunnies, leprechauns and Santas galore stare up at hungry eyes. Dipped strawberries go out the door by the case for young lovers and weddings. Ever try a ganache? It is a high end filling using a couverture chocolate, cream, and a flavoring, usually of either fresh herbs, coffees, wines/alcohol, dried fruits or flowers. They have even worked with Firelands Winery to develop chocolates using their wines and liqueurs. Want to send thank you gifts, birthday or holiday treats? How about having your own customized logos or special labels on the candies? They will accommodate all of these and more. Seasonal shipping can be arranged, except for summer when a hot Fed Ex truck would deliver only brown goo to your door. Visit their website at [www.tresorellonline.com](http://www.tresorellonline.com) but it's not the same as experiencing the wave of scents



Judi stands guard over some of her creations.

that engulfs the nostrils when opening the wooden door at Columbus Avenue. Hardly has the silver bell stopped tinkling when you just know you have entered into a different world.

When not in the kitchen, Judi can be found doting over Jake, 12, or Emma, a big kindergarten graduate now. She and Jeff live – where else for a history teacher – in Milan right across from the Edison Birthplace in a lovingly restored period home. As a pharmacist at Huron's Drug Mart, Jeff doesn't have much time off, but already the couple has traveled to many of those places Judi taught about in her geography classes: Spain, France, Germany, the Czech Republic and Prague, Austria, Hungary, and Italy, along with most of the major islands in the Caribbean and to breathtaking Alaska. Next on the itinerary is a cruise on the Rhone in Southern France. We're sure it's just a trip to smuggle in truffles for her business. When she doffs her candy-making cap, she dons her Amish hat and indulges in quilt making. Truly this lady enjoys the cottage industries ala the nineteenth century. Small town Huron and Milan can do that to a body – and we'll take it any day! Ad multos annos, Judi.

## More Joys of Graduation



The wettest, widest smile we've ever seen - tears of joy shed by Kate Bickley.

Superintendent Fred Fox has his assistants read from envelopes the messages he intended the class to remember and then commented upon each: Kyle Krueger: Nothing good ever happens after midnight. Kyle Sommer: Don't drive and text. Then the most important advice from Sarah Phinney: Call home often. Finally from Jesselyn VanBarg: Do what you have to do in order to do what you want to do.



Your Association vice-president, Jim Bollenbacher, '71, congratulates and then welcomes all grads into the Association, then counsels them to stay in touch with their alma mater - and to save up enough to pay their Association dues someday!

Abby Strbjak led her classmates in the ritual throwing of the caps. The class threw theirs only after Abby had first thrown a single cap in honor of deceased classmate Jordan Smith who had tragically died in a tragic automobile accident in September.





As part of the baccalauteate service held at St. Peter's Church, students lay at the altar the many symbols of their accomplishments, many academic, others athletic or extracurricular. Some see this as the ritual Collection of Junque, but most recognize that here are the many visible signs of what adolescent growth and development is all about - the well rounded individuals that Huron turns out.



Science teacher Roger Blevins delivered the baccalaureate address this year and advised the graduates that they had an obligation to be virtuous, despite how the world might interpret their actions.



Anthony Quinn and Brianna Gorby were two of the many students parading to the stand either to lead a litany, recount memories, or recite poetry or paeans to the parents. Music from chorale groups, the bell choir, and a final tribute, Faithfully by Journey performed by Tyler Krueger, lent a solemn and sacred air to the affair.



In they come, their last march together



## ARTirondack Chair Auction

To commemorate the Huron Bicentennial, the Planning Committee commissioned a public art project, ARTirondack chairs. Two dozen blank chairs were ordered and used as a canvass upon which various local artists could work their magic with their imaginations. The result was a whole gallery of scenes deliciously just Huron: the Land, the Lake, the River, and Life. Some waxed nostalgic over summers long ago, or beach and river scenes; others featured sports themes or whimsical color palettes that let the mind run ragged. The public is invited to view these chairs all summer at various businesses in town. Then on August 11, at 6 PM at the Nia Center at Kalahari Resort, there will be appetizer buffet followed by a grand auction of the chairs. The public is invited out to bid and support local charities - all proceeds will go to charities of the winning bidders' choices.

Email [kilbury4@verizon.net](mailto:kilbury4@verizon.net) or [jbfoster@barnesnursery.com](mailto:jbfoster@barnesnursery.com) for further information.

Bernice Taylor Hamler, '58, a life-long Huronite, chose the blue heron for her inspiration. A self-taught artist, Bernice has created pieces over the years that showcase the nautical areas of the Huron of her youth and numerous nature scenes. She combines both in her *Wildlife of Huron* entry.



Her kids left home in the 80's and Carol Sprankle Leshner, '56, has been painting at her home in norwalk ever since. Her chair, *Castles in the Sand*, evokes the memories of many summers she spent enjoying sun and sand on many of Huron's beautiful beaches.



Our youngest graduate entry was by Janice Green Hasinger, '96, now married and living in Port Clinton, designing web pages, and enjoying copper enameling and oil painting. Her *Sands of Lake Erie* speaks volumes of her experiences at Nickel Plate Park.

Dianne Preu Chevalier, '78, and her daughter Tessann Brewster, '12, collaborated on *Erie Rose*. A graphic artist, Dianne says that the rose should be seen as a symbol of the spirit of Huron: "We must all work together to keep our city bright, blooming, and growing!"





## *Anything Goes* – the musical, that is!

If you remember Ethel Merman and Bing Crosby in the first film version of this Cole Porter musical, you graduated in the 1930's. If you remember only Bing Crosby in a later color version of the same story, you graduated after 1956. If you saw Merman and Sinatra starring in the made for B/W TV version in 1954, then your parents were boycotting The Ed Sullivan Show or your kids had Monday off. If you saw Liz Taylor and Richard Burton in it, then you had the wrong channel and some bad booze. They never did this one together!

Then there was the 2009 Huron High School version of *Anything Goes*, starring Megan Buckingham and Patrick Moore, that brought the house down on the weekend of May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> at McCormick Middle School Auditorium. As the annual musical season reached its a climax that weekend, another fine batch of Huron thespians strutted their

hour or two between the scenery and the audience and did themselves and Huron's musical program proud. Thus continues the great Huron musical legacy of over a half century!

A complicated plot, the story involves Americans and Brits, evangelists, and gangsters, a debutant and her suitors, a banker, gamblers, showgirls, and an assortment of ships crew members – all tossed together on an ocean-going vessel that somehow German U-boats forgot to practice on before the Big War. Before the transatlantic crossing is completed, several marriages are re-arranged, three more arranged, and other love intrigues hatched in the interim. But then consider the title, and anything can go, and does, on this wacky ship!

The evening was made delightful for theatergoers by especially fine renderings of *I Get a Kick Out of You* and *All Through*

*the Night* under the skilled direction of high school vocal music instructor, Jeff Skaggs. First year high school band director Adam Ladd and middle school music teacher Chris Scherley were in the pit with six others lending fine orchestral accompaniment to the singers. The cast performed under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Eishen Strohl, who lead her charges through this production with great skill. Some jazzy dance pieces were performed under the tutelage of Mrs. Lisa Jones, a dance instructor and show director for Live Entertainment at Cedar Point. The set design was the largest constructed in many years – a full sized ocean liner deck, or so it seemed, right there on the stage. A fine cooperative effort from so many folks in front of and behind the scenery made this “Three Hours Trip” across Huron's stage one to remember.



The curtain is about to come down on this year's musical extravaganza, *Anything Goes*.



Joe Ramey, '09, as Public Enemy #13 Moonface Martin, Patrick Moore, '10 as lover boy Billy Crocker, and Megan Buckingham, '09, as nightclub singer, Reno Sweeney.

Megan Buckingham as Rose Sweeney makes a play for money in the person of Ethan Felton, '11, as Sir Evelyn Oakleigh.



## Contributions - First Half of 2009

Due to the generosity of contributors to our various scholarship funds, your Associations continues to be able to fund annual scholarships for worthy graduates. The number of such scholarships is determined solely by the depth of the snow on the ground on scholarship dance evening, and of course, by the depth of our contributors' pockets. We are heartened that, despite the poor economic performance this past year or so, our members continue to reach down and then share with the many truly needy. On behalf of the scholarship recipients this year, we send our thanks to these donors.

If any more of you are so moved, we would be happy to accept your donation of any size at any time. We have always stressed that no one needs to stretch too far, if everyone reaches just a bit. With a membership base as large as ours, we could do wonders if everyone participated just a little! Just make out your tax deductible check to the Huron Alumni Association, and when you send it in, please indicate to which fund you would like to your monies to be contributed.

### GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Marian Hammond Howland	'37	Huron	OH
Jack Hart	'44	Scottsdale	AZ
Victoria Tata Bencivengo	'44	Huron	OH
Ida Hastings	'47	Huron	OH
Pat and Bil Basilone	'48	Huron	OH
Al Weingart	'49	Huron	OH
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	'57	Amherst	OH
Jim Kiger	'66	Bakersfield	CA
Dave Wilber	'68	Huron	OH
Lillie Terry Merrill	'68	Columbia St	OH
Roger France	'69	Colorado Sp'gs	CO
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Thomas Lee Stallings  
Sept. 17, 1966-April 2, 2009

### THOMAS SHONTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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### TOM STALLINGS FAMILY FUND

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Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	'57	Amherst	OH
Gail Wilson	'62	Medina	OH
Tim and Julie Sowecke	'70, '71	Huron	OH
Sue Coleman Frankart	'72	Huron	OH
Kathy Kosan	Former Faculty	Huron	OH
Anonymous		Huron	OH

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Thomas Lee Stallings, 42, of Norwalk, went to be in the presence of the Lord Thursday, April 2, 2009, at his home surrounded by his wife and dear friends. Tom was born Sept. 17, 1966, in Tiffin, to Dolores Moore. After the death of his mother, April 2, 1972, Tom and his brother, Steve, went to live with a foster family. They were later adopted into that family of Jack Stallings and Dorothy Stallings-Coffey. Tom grew up in Attica, Ohio, and went to Seneca East High School. He remained very close to many of his classmates. He was involved in many activities and sports there and played trombone in the band. He graduated in 1989 from Heidelberg College where he majored in education. He later went to Bowling Green State University to obtain his master's degree in teaching. He taught math at many schools, the latest being Huron High School and BGSU Firelands Campus. He had a passion for teaching and truly cared about his students. It was very difficult on him when he had to leave teaching in early 2005. Tom married the love of his life, JoLynn (Taylor), Aug. 10, 1991. They have weathered many storms together including a miscarriage of twins, the death of their seven-month-old son, and the horrible disease that Tom had, ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease. They also had many joys in their life, being so in love with each other and having three wonderful kids: Jordan, 8, and twins, Taylee and Jami, 5.

Tom had a variety of interests including politics, Ohio sports teams, making jokes, quoting movies, playing golf and volleyball, and spending time with his family. He had a passion for Jesus Christ and followed Him with all of his heart. He was an incredible friend, husband, brother, son and father. He was a wonderful, inspiring example of true faith, a true hero. He is survived by his wife of 171/2 years, JoLynn; son, Jordan Daniel; daughters, TaylorLee Hope and JamiLynn Faith, all at home. *SR 6/4/09*



## Veterans Day 2009

Call it VE, VJ, VK, VN or VI Day, we don't care. All we know is it's TOO MANY wars and even more vets, of both wartime and peace time service. This November 11, Veterans Day, Huron intends to honor its own vets in a special way.

Plans are being made for a celebration at Huron High School for the afternoon of November 11, 2009. The ceremonies will begin shortly after noon that day. Before the assembled student body, speakers and a solemn ceremony will honor those sons and daughters of Huron who made the supreme sacrifice during armed service during the past and present century, in conflicts from WWII to the present. We also wish to honor those survivors who have served in any of the five service branches at any time, during armed conflicts or in peacetime. A beautiful memorial tribute is being planned, but here is where we need your help.

In order to make the ceremony more meaningful to the community, we would like a representative from each family of anyone killed in action to represent him or her during the ceremony. We know who the deceased are, but are asking members of their families to volunteer to be present and participate. We know that for some the mere process can still be painful and so do not want to press anyone into service that day. However, we would consider it an honor to be able to commemorate their loved one's sacrifice and are asking the families of each such deceased service person to contact us with the name of a family member or friend who could represent them at the ceremony.

Also, our community is filled with veterans from the armed services over the past 75 years or so. (There is no truth to the rumor going around that Bill and Jim once rode with Teddy at San Juan!) We would respectfully ask your attendance at the ceremony also as

we would like to pack the Huron High School gymnasium for something other than an athletic event. The bleachers will be filled with students; the floor of the gym should be packed with veterans and their families. We believe it would be a good experience for students to meet those who have done so much to insure our freedoms.

As you can imagine, with a crowd this large, we do need to do some advanced planning. So we are asking our vets and their families who wish to attend to make a reservation for seating. Fill out the attached form on the back page and mail it or a facsimile thereof to HHSAA at the high school before October 1. Or you may email us the information at [Huron\\_Alumni@Huron-City.k12.OH.US](mailto:Huron_Alumni@Huron-City.k12.OH.US). We will have name tags filed out for you and a space reserved in the places of honor. All other members of the community wishing to attend are more than welcome also.

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## On the Front in Iraq

Service in wartime takes many forms, from one of the five branches of the military on the front to the paper pushers back in the Pentagon. One of our grads these days is serving in Iraq as a member of a forward surgical team (FST). Scott Lunato, '87, is a member of a twenty person team comprised of doctors, nurses, and medics. Their job is to accompany combat teams on offensive operations and support them surgically if any casualties are sustained. Sounds like a step up from the old *Alda M.A.S.H.* reruns playing endlessly these days.

The team stays out for about seventy-two hours at a time max, and can be set up and be cutting within ten minutes. Rank doesn't matter when a life or limb is at stake. When not mobile, the group remains attached in in the heart of Baghdad to the 10<sup>th</sup> CSH (Combat Support Hospital). Here they have a large operating theater much like any in the States here. They boast a 94% survival rate with major trauma cases, certainly a much higher rate now than when many of you served in 'Nam, Korea, or even in the Big One. On their staff they have cardio-thoracic, ortho, facial maxial, general, and urology specialists. Severe nerve damage cases are usually shipped

immediately to Balad where the only neurosurgeon is located. Up front they average about 180 cases per month now. Scott reports that they will operate immediately on anyone, regardless of who they are, stabilize them, and then move them on to the appropriate facility.

To do that kind of work requires a high degree of commitment. Scott says he absolutely loves his job, that he actually enjoys getting up in the morning and going to work because it is so satisfying. Some days, though, are bad, especially when children with burns are involved. Our men and women work so hard to fix them up, but the sad part is that so many fail to survive, because once they leave the military medical facility, they have to return to a health care system that is, well, for want of a better word, third world. They thus succumb to severe infections, and the news of that always devastates our men and women. The country just does not have the resources nor facilities to care for its own. Adults fare no better than the children in cases of severe traumas.

All of which raises the question of what happens after our eventual withdrawal.

It doesn't bode well, based upon Scott's experiences. He cites the case of the International Zone which was handed back to the Iraqi security forces in March. Since that time, the situation seems to have degraded and become much more dangerous. Legitimate fears exist as to whether the whole situation will revert to the way it used to be. President Obama's decision to have the mainstay of our forces out of the country by year's end will certainly test the Iraqis.

In the meantime, Scott will have to see how the plan works out from home here in the States. He was scheduled to catch the "Freedom Flight" from Kuwait to the US over the weekend of June 6-7 and arrived back at base on Wednesday the 10th.



A FST team works on a case in surroundings similar to what they would have in the States.

## Fine Arts Festival

Once again Huron's students showed off their stuff at the annual Fine Arts Festival held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The entire first floor hallway, entranceways, and stairwells were plastered over with students' handiwork. A faint bouquet of oil and turpentine combated the aroma of hot brownies and chocolate chip cookies in the hallways as these future Picassos, Dali's, and, oh yes, some pretty good graphic artists and better photographers pleased the townsfolk who turned out to view their work. Later the crowd gravitated to the gymnasium where the combined orchestras and choirs performed to round out the evening.

The art program at Huron encourages students to explore many media to develop their latent talents in whatever ways possible. So no surprise when the audience discovered in each student's area many samples ranging from earlier works to more accomplished pieces. There were drawings and paintings, sketch books and finished pieces, collages and photos galore decorating every available space.

Subjects covered the usual assortment of still lifes, large and small animals, then cartoons, caricatures and comics, portraits and pointillism studies, botanical and insect studies, landscapes, seascapes, and moonscapes.

Students tried their hands imitating the styles of famous realists and romantics, of the ancients and the moderns, all with varying degrees of success. For of imitation is bred the desire to rebel, and thence is born creativity. We have some outstanding artists to look forward to in the future.

The best pieces seemed to have been born deep within the imaginations of the more senior art class members, images that crawled up out of their subconscious and through their tools to produce some marvelously original scratchboards, oils, pencil drawings, charcoals, and even their photos. A few have received full ride scholarships to some prestigious art schools and are looking forward to continuing their love affair with art right into their careers.

New this year were photography portfolios produced by Mrs. Patty VanBarg's photography class. As the world seems to have abandoned Kodak and Fuji for digital works almost entirely, the course

was begun to give our future graphic artists, communications, and advertising majors a leg up on the competition. Qualities of composition and creativity were stressed, and the results were astounding! The fancy enhancements, previously left to darkroom enthusiasts, are now done with Photoshop programs, and future courses will train the students in those techniques. For now the basics are stressed and the students seem to have mastered those, with many showing exceptionally well trained eyes to shoot at just the right angle and lighting and capture a mood. Point-and-shoot hacks they are not!

For the musically inclined they, too, had an opportunity to shine. First the orchestras performed under the baton of first year director Adam Ladd. In the fall, the campus was filled with the pounding oomph papa of the marching band. This spring the gym showed a different range of student talents. High quality renditions were given, running the gamut from a playful *Russian Sailor's Dance* to more serious versions of *Brick Street Encounters* and *Prospect*. It was very obvious that these students had taken to their first year mentor and were truly enjoying their music. We look forward to many years of superiors at state with them.

On the vocal side, Jeff Skaggs had his charges ready with a varied repertoire ranging from English to Latin, French, and Italian selections. The choir actually grew in size throughout the performance, as many of the vocalists kept trekking in from a make-up softball game played that same evening. At full numbers on the last pieces they were all outstanding.

Their themes ranged from the sacred *Alleluia* and the spiritual *Oh Mary Don't You Weep* to the uplifting melodies of *Can You Hear* from a project called *Sounds of a Better World*, a series of children's songs focusing on how to take small steps to improve the world. Another piece from the end of the musical *Wicked* may just have well been written for this group of senior graduates among the singers as it speaks of being changed for the better: "Because I knew you I have been changed for good." How true for all the relationships made by these seniors at the end of their high school careers and their formation years in Huron.

It was also obvious that these singers

enjoyed their work as so many of the songs spoke to the theme of making good music throughout a lifetime. *May You Always Have a Song* sounded like good advice for anyone, not just graduates looking forward to a life of joys and heartaches, love and disappointment as well.

*May music be a part of the joy  
within your heart,  
May you feel it deep within your soul.  
May the gentle harmony of a tender  
melody,  
Make your spirit whole.*

*May your life be filled with song  
And may your friends all sing along.  
May your heart be true and strong,  
May you always have a song....  
May you always have a song.*

Likewise, their rendition of the medieval madrigal *Fa Una Canzone (Make Me a Song)* spoke tenderly of the power of music: "When all the pain of love drives me to madness/Sing me to sleep with a sweet serenading." Finally, the piece *The Colors of My Life* challenged all to leave the quiet browns and grays of life and fill days instead "With rose and cherry red" so that when the sunlit world seems to grow dark one day, "The colors of my life/Will leave a shining light to show the way." Good advice, better music, superbly done performance once again!

The music tradition of Huron High is thriving on the roots planted by the likes of Huffy, Noe, Lehrer, Rinker and Gardner.



Alex Rupert, '09, imagines what the child playing with a flashlight under the covers sees.





The concert band (top) directed by Adam Ladd, and the combined choirs (below) directed by Jeff Skaggs, shone at the Huron Spring Arts Festival.



Jenny Catri, '09, took first prize with this piece in the Firelands Area Art Competition this spring.



Megan West, '09, likes butterflies



## Sports Section

Occasionally we come by material for our Association archives from members scattered far and wide. For this one we did not have to travel far, only to Milan OH, to visit with Marian Wiegand Ryder, '33. Marian was a member of the girls' basketball team for the 1929-30 season (rear, second from the right), a powerhouse in those days. Do any of you recognize your grandmothers or great-grandmothers? Marian tells us that this picture was posed and taken on the rooftop of the old Williams Street School. Such daring young lasses! The picture was given to Marian many years ago by Mrs. R. L. McCormick.

Team members included (l. to r) Front: Margaret Opferman Shunaker, '30, Lydia Dotzlaf, '33, Agnes Zimmerman Lyons, '33, Margaret Molnar Henes, '32, Helen Mae Wilkes Rhodes, '31.

Rear: Martha Mize Elzey, '32, Betty McQuillen, '31, Helen Mae Klein, '31, Marian Weigand Ryder, '33, and Eloise Sperry Bowers, '30.



How about it, sports fans! Do you have lying around somewhere pictures like the one printed above? Would you like to see one or more run in future issues? Send us what you want to see printed, with all names provided, and not necessarily printed on the front of the picture as in this one above. Tell us any interesting history behind the picture also. If you like, we can retian the original photo for eventual display in our archives, or we can scan the images and return the original to you. Don't just leave these windows to the past closed, locked away in a drawer or hidden in a book somewhere. Let us help you share them with all of our grads.



## Winter and Springs Sports Roundup

The Huron High athletic teams were a mixed bag the past six months. As the Indians' and Browns' coaches always say, "We're rebuilding! Wait till next year!" Team standings notwithstanding, the kids competed hard and swere entertaining to watch. And there is something to be said for the special kinds of lessons learned during the down periods as well as when a program is at its peak. Despite the final team records, some of the athletes did achieve individual recognition for their efforts.

### Boys Basketball

Team Record W 4 - L 18

Honorable Mention SBC Collin Scheid Brandon Poorman

### Girls' Basketball

Team Record W 6 - L 15

Honorable Mention SBC Caroline Estel Lauren Voltz Megan West

### Baseball

Team Record W 2 - L 17

Second Team SBC Eric Hahn, catcher  
Honorable Mention Ben Souter Dan Frank Blake Berryhill

### Girls' Softball

Team Record W 11 - L 15

First Team SBC Lexi Majoy , catcher  
Second Team SBC Haley Corso, pitcher Kate Weber, outfield  
Honorable Mention Abby Cook Missy Moberg, Renee St. Clair Lauren Votz

### Boys' Track

Team Record W 6 - L 1

4 X 4 team went to state and finished second by less than 2 tenths of a second. The team was comprised of Matt Lehrer, Craig Thorne, Ben Delamatre, and Jake Hillman.

### Girls' Track

Team Record W 4 - L 3

### Wrestling

Team Record W 5 - L 20

## Huron Memorial Stadium Seats

Looking for a way to remember a loved one, a classmate, an entire team, a great season? There is a way that you can do so and have the memorial available for all to see for generations. The Huron Boosters Club is selling memorial plaques to be placed upon the backs of seats in Huron Memorial Stadium. They are engraved with the name of the person or team that you wish to memorialize and permanently affixed to a seat in a space of your selection, if you wish, in the home stands on the south side of the stadium.

The memorial plaques cost only \$100 and are available by calling the office of the Athletic Director, Tony Munafo Jr., at the high school at 419-433-3171.

## Golf Benefit Outings 2009

Practice that back swing and sharpen your putting eye! It's summer, and time for more golf outings to benefit the many local causes.

The annual Saunders-Foss Memorial Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, July 25 at Thunderbird South Golf Course. There will be a shot gun start at 7:00 AM with a second tier at 2:00 PM. Your entry fee of \$55 per person/\$220 per team will include the delicious BBQ chicken dinner, and all the usual snacks, desserts and libations. It goes without saying that this most enjoyable day of golfing benefits a great scholarship cause. The Saunders-Foss Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships since its inception seven years ago, the latest being two scholarships of \$3,000 each to 2009 winners Matt Lehrer and Patrick McNulty.

You may register to enter this scramble by remitting the form printed here. If you are so inclined, you and your business may also become a hole sponsor for this event for which your contribution is tax deductible. For your contribution you will receive a T-shirt listing all the sponsors' names and also signage at a T-box on the course.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Return ASAP to Craig Saunders 312 Canterbury Dr. Huron, OH  
A check for \$220 will reserve a spot for your team.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CHOOSE START TIME HERE: \_\_\_ 7 AM \_\_\_ 2 pm

Names of other golfers on your team (if undecided, put undecided)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check(s) totaling \$220 payable to Saunders/Foss Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### SPONSOR FORM

(Please return by July 10 to guarantee name on T-shirt & T box)

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (as it is to appear on the T-shirt & T-Box sign)

\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check for \$100 for a Hole Sponsorship

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## Huron Boosters Golf Outing

The annual Huron Boosters Golf Outing, sponsored by Kalahari Indoor Water Park, will be held on Saturday, August 6, at Sawmill Creek Golf Course. Registration begins at noon with a 1:30 PM tee time. The registration fee of \$125 per golfer includes a pre-match lunch and then a deluxe reception afterwards, all eats catered by Kalahari.

Golfers may go on-line to procure a registration form at [www.HuronBoosterClub.com](http://www.HuronBoosterClub.com)

### **Tickets for Kalahari Waterpark**

The Huron Boosters have been given 1000 tickets to Kalahari Waterpark to be sold at \$20, more than half off the regular admission price for a day pass. The proceeds will benefit the renovations to the baseball and softball fields. Tickets may be purchased at Jim's Pizza Box, Huron and Milan, at Ace Hardware or The Huron Market. Passes are good till December 21, 2009. At this price they will go FAST!



## Maloney Makes Debut

Is it a sin for an undertaker to pray for business, an orthopedist for breaks, a ball player for an injury to another for playing time? No, No, Maybe! This latter situation is where Matt Maloney, '02, found himself all last year and then part of this baseball season. A top pitching prospect for the Cincinnati Reds, Matt had enjoyed another good spring training but landed back with the Louisville Bats in the Reds' farm system when the final cuts were made. What's a guy gotta do? Cincy is the one of three major league team without a lefty in its rotation, so one would think Matt would have gotten a shot. Not to be.

Matt dutifully returned to Louisville, where he kept practicing saying "Lurvill" with just the right accent and in the process has put together an impressive first part of a season. As of June 1 he was 4-3 with some quality starts. On April 17 against Indianapolis he hit a home run and pitched solidly for 6 innings before being pulled in a 4-3 victory. On May 12 Matt had a spectacular start as Louisville shut out the Yankees Jr. 3 - 0. He went 7 strong, giving up no runs and only 4 hits, while striking out 10 (!) and walking one. In mid-May he was named the International League Pitcher of the Week based upon two starts. Then again on June 1 Matt faced the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees a second time, this time shutting them out on a complete game gem, with ten more K's. His ERA at Louisville was a sparkling 2.00.



Matt showing his heat 'em up form earlier in the year.

Then on June 4 someone's prayers were answered - Reds' pitcher Edinson Volquez went on the 15 day DL, and Matt was called up to start on June 6 against the Cubs. Manager Dusty Baker greeted him and tried to calm down an excited rookie who may have had a tendency to overthrow in his first start. "It's a dream come true," said Matt.

In the first inning he gave up a leadoff double, hit the second batter, but then settled in. Before leaving in the seventh he had fanned four, walked one, and had given up two solo home runs. He left in the seventh with a 3 - 2 lead, and stood to win the game. Except that the Reds' bullpen is as bad as that of the Indians, and they couldn't hold the lead for him. No matter. Matt definitely opened some eyes and proved he belongs in the majors. If not as a pitcher, how about as a DH or something? In his first big league plate appearance he singled. Now someone just needs to convince the team

moguls that they could use a good lefty in the mix of starters. We see a nice career budding here for Matt. Nice first outing, rookie!

Matt's major league appearance actually marks the second time a Huronite has performed that feat. The first was also a southpaw, Paul Doyle, who graduated in 1958, then entered the minors and paid his dues with the Amarillo Sonics and Dallas Spurs, once pitching a no-hitter in '68. In 1969 he was traded to Richmond and eventually called up by the Atlanta Braves. He went on to throw for California, then San Diego, and finally California again. A reliever, Paul appeared in a total of 87 games, winning five and losing three. He finished with a 3.79 ERA.

Incidentally, Paul watched the game and is amazed that little Huron should turn out a pro athlete as often as every half century!

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## Hall of Fame Inductees for 2009

Congratulations to the newest inductees. On September 24, the Huron Athletic Hall of Fame will induct the following:

Anthony "Pickles" Legando, '36 (posthumously) - four letters each in track and basketball  
Charlie Wilson - '73 - three year letter winner in football and wrestling, two years in golf  
Mike Sudsina, '74 - three year letter winner in football and wrestling, two years in tennis  
Seth DeRose, '98 - four basketball and four tennis letters  
Matt Wooster, '98 - four tennis and two golf letters  
Monica Asher, '98 - three letters each in volleyball and basketball

Gather your group and come back to honor your classmates at a celebration at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. The dinner is \$20 per person, with tickets available at the high school office by calling 419-433-3171 and asking for Tony Munafo, Jr.

# Classnotes

**Junius (Bud) Huff**, who attended HHS his junior year only and would have graduated in 1960, is presently living near Charleston, SC, having retired in 1999 from Federal Service. He then went back to work part time for the local school district as their resident engineer and project manager for facilities projects. Bud would like to find out about his classmates and what they are now doing. Contact him at [bhuff@dorchester2.k12.sc.us](mailto:bhuff@dorchester2.k12.sc.us)

**Dan Houdeshell**, '65, made it home safe and sound from another tour of duty Down Under, waaaaaaay down under, in Antarctica, where he was working on flight control again - just can't stay retired. Too bad – now that he's home safely, but because now our rolls are down to grads on only six continents!

**Jeffrey A. Carver**, '67, returned to print with the newest novel in his science fiction series, *The Chaos Chronicles*. *Sunborn*, volume four, appeared in hardcover from Tor Books last October. To help readers get caught up, Jeff put the earlier novels into ebook format and put them up for free download from his web site: <http://www.starrigger.net>. He's now hard at work on book five at his home in Arlington, Massachusetts. Meanwhile, his older daughter Alexandra entered her sophomore year at Bard College in New York, while his younger daughter Julia continues to home-school through high school, and his wife Allysen works as editor and writer at the Educational Development Center in Newton, MA. Jeff continues to be surprised by the number of people he meets in the Boston area (and in the SF world) who have been to Huron. Indeed, he recently ran into fellow HHS-alum Bruce Burdick at a Boston SF convention. Visit Jeff's blog at <http://starrigger.blogspot.com> and say hello!

**Marla Mount Delombard Watts**, '69, writing from Clearwater FL, reports that she is a Senior Project Formulations Chemist for Transitions Optical (the company who make those eye lenses that go from clear to darkened sunglasses in the sun). She does new project development work and gets all the glasses she could ever want. She has three grown children and enjoys five grandkids. She also owns a home in Marietta, GA to which she plans to return when and if she ever gets to retire. (Darn economy!)

**Mike Meade**, '71, is now living in Las Vegas. After leaving Huron, he moved to Los Angeles in 1977 where he worked in the film studio system for many years, most notably as the Story Editor Features for Paramount Pictures but also served time at Fox, Disney and Lorimar during the heady days of "Dallas" and "Knots Landing." He claims he was burned out after nearly two decades but did work on some great films and even published a children's book during that time. After being bored out of his mind in Palm Springs for two years, he has now lived in Las Vegas for ten years and finally found his home. He is a working writer doing all kinds of material-- lots of video, magazines, live shows, some television. Mike says it's a good life and a great city that seems to like him as much as he likes it. He's even had some other great jobs over the years, such as backstage host at the Grammys and the Oscars and even was a butler at the Playboy Mansion in the late 1970's. We'll definitely have to get that story! Field trip!!!

**Ron Junod**, '72, writes from Washington state that he is doing fine and is still employed building Boeing 777's unless they do a layoff - in which case he will hop onto a long haul rig and get paid for seeing the country!

**Rickie Meade**, '76, in Kingsport TN writes that he is now disabled with a condition called COPD and is oxygen dependent. It's a syndrome of conditions actually effecting the lungs, including emphysema.

**Cathy McCormick**, '76, is working in Paris for a Franco-American joint venture between Thales and Raytheon. Her husband, Robert, is still in Florida so they are racking up a few frequent flyer miles these days. Their first grandchild was due late in May.

**Don "Corky" Fielitz**, '77, of Norwalk OH, was recently inducted into the men's Bowling Hall of Fame. Don has been bowling for over forty years and earned his accolades with four perfect games thus far. To celebrate, the evening before he was inducted, while bowling in the Butch Wagner Hall of Fame tournament, he rolled number five. Way to go, Corky!

**Cindy Rau Zehnder**, '77, teaches AP, senior and freshmen English, and speech at St. Peter's High School in Mansfield OH and is generally enjoying her poverty.

**Jean Garton Cantor**, '77, wrote from California about her sister Julie, a non-grad because the family had moved, who attended the Obama Presidential Inauguration. She relates:

"People were incredibly nice and in great spirits. With the wind chill, it felt to be about 10 degrees. Being amongst all those people is hard to put into words, but there was a sense of unity, that we're all in this together. There was lots of eye contact, as trust replaced any fear normally felt in such a large crowd. People were jubilant, and reverent when listening to the speech.

"During the musical piece by YoYo Ma and others, a peace descended over the crowd, the sound system in perfect synchrony



then. As if on cue, a flock of seagulls took off from the pond and flew in a free-flowing dance over the pond, swirling and dancing to the notes of the beautiful music. Their dance moved down the crowd and directly over my head, and with tears streaming down my face I found myself thinking of the notion of freedom, that desire in humanity to be free of strife, free of oppression, free of fear.

“The hope that Obama inspires in so many was palpable that day. The American Experiment continues, and if Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness is the goal, then Justice is the path. Obama’s election felt Just. He feels believable, trustworthy. The Hope is that he is. The Change that people desire is for a truthful leader.” Nice to get such words of hope for everyone in these hard times.

**Mary Legando Taylor**, ‘78, was selected for the Teacher of the Month Award by the Ohio Lotto for her contributions to her school, her excellence in the classroom, leadership, citizenship, community involvement, and . . . Well, you get the idea. Mary, formerly a nurse, is an English teacher at EHOVE Career Center. Congratulations, Mary!

**Tracy Rhode Roy**, ‘83, of Franklin OH raises horses, when not reading *Animal Farm* with her daughter, at her family horse business near Middletown OH. In the market for a horse, some riding, or just a chat? Visit their website at [www.sycamorerum.com](http://www.sycamorerum.com).

**Elizabeth Wolff Drake**, ‘88, is an experienced transactional lawyer. That means she concentrates on real estate finance, these days living and practicing in Chicago after four years of similar practice in New York.

**Julia Tyson Moore**, ‘89, and her husband **Dale**, ‘87, former “band geeks,” are settled in the Cedar Springs MI area with their daughter and son. After eight years in the Air Force, Dale is now employed as a software engineer, writing programs to control conveyor systems for the British Postal System and unmanned forklifts in distribution centers. (Blame him if your package from the UK arrives late or forked through the side.) Julia substitute teaches when not employed as domestic engineer and taxi driver for her kids. If any spare time, she also contracts as a web designer.

**Rich Ramsey**, ‘90, has returned from another tour in Iraq. He is assigned to Ft Carson, CO.

**Scott Pohl**, ‘91, who works for the United Nations in their relief services, has been transferred from Sri Lanka back to Sarajevo where he is now living and working on a four-year tour of duty.

**Tanny Vonthron**, ‘92, principal of the newly reopened Woodlands School this year, recently successfully completed her first year as elementary principal, but now faces an even greater challenge. She is dealing with some health issues and is making good progress on her vow to lead her building in the fall - sporting a crew cut and fancy scarf, of course. Best of luck, Tanny!

**Marcy Schaub Barkema**, ‘96, unfortunately had to miss the Chicago gathering this year, but for cause – a brand spanking-new baby girl. Both are doing well.

**MeriKim Hime**, ‘96, is serving as a missionary in Istanbul for a year-long project teaching English and Christianity.

**Jamie Moran**, ‘99, and her husband still live in Columbus, but she accepted a job this year as a high school counselor at Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster. As the only counselor in a small Catholic school, it’s definitely been a learning experience for her.

**Farrah Bragg**, ‘99, has her own company now in which she manages projects for small companies, mostly in the marketing/sales industry although she does have some off key clients as well. She manages call centers and coordinates sales campaigns inbound/outbound for Overseas Shipping/Receiving. She also runs Affiliate Market Management, Customer Retention Campaigns, and Virtual Customer Service Support - and she’s not even located in India!

**Lacey Keefer**, ‘02, is now leading a busy schedule, practicing nursing full time at the Lorain Heart Center and part time at a nursing home.

Brother Pascal, **Dan Yohe**, ‘02, will begin his theological studies in the fall at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg MD.

**Steffen Schmitz**, ‘02, is now back in Munich after a year long sojourn in Australia. His brother **Patrick**, ‘03, is also back home after his year in Panama.

**Abby Cook**, ‘03, is back up in Michigan, still working in Public Affairs for Dow Chemical. They sent her to Texas for a few months last year (July - November). Originally slated to go work for K-Dow, the joint venture between Kuwait/PIC and Dow, the project tanked before starting, so Abby is back in Dow corporate in Midland, now working on some employee communication projects until everything is figured out!

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Lauren Gura**, '00, and **Andrew Bork**, '99, both of Colorado Springs now, announced their engagement on January 11. Lauren earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Ohio University in 2004 and is now employed by the Colorado Springs Municipal Court. Andy served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army for four years and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He now attends the Colorado Technical University toward an Associate's Degree in electronics technology, while being employed by Lockheed Martin Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. A fall wedding is being planned.

**Suzanne Lieblein**, '99, and Jon Gozdanovic of Willowick OH announced their engagement on January 25. Suzanne earned a B.A. degree in microbiology from Miami University and then her Doctor of Medicine from Wright State University School of Medicine. She is now a surgical resident in Columbus OH. Jon, a graduate of Orange High School in eastern Cleveland, took his BA degree in biology from The Ohio State University, then his Doctor of Medicine, also from Wright State University School of Medicine. He is a surgical resident in Columbus also. The couple wed in April.

**Melissa Hasenmeier**, '02, and **Jason Gibboney**, '03, on February 5 announced their intent to wed. Missy is a 2005 University of Toledo graduate with her Bachelor of Science and a Doctorate in 2008 in Occupational Therapy from the UT Health Science Campus. Jason graduated from the Sandusky Police Academy in 2008 and is presently employed by the City of Huron Water Department. The couple will wed in September, 2009.

**Matt Meyer**, '03, and Kelly Lippert of Sandusky, announced their engagement February 15. Matt graduated from Columbus State Community College with an Associate's Degree in Fire science and from Firelands College BGSU where he obtained his Bachelor of Applied Health Science degree. He then attended the University of Toledo College of Medicine as a physician assistant student. He is an emergency room paramedic at FRMC in Sandusky. Kelly graduated from the Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology and is employed by FRMC. The couple will wed on August 9.

**Laura Lindsley**, '03, and Thomas Moyer of Milan OH announced their engagement on May 31. Laura graduated from BGSU with her Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science degree in communication disorders. She is a speech language pathologist for the Celina OH City Schools. Thomas took his Bachelor of Science degree from BGSU and then a Master of Education. He is a physics and chemistry teacher for the Wapakoneta OH School District. The couple will wed on July 18.

**Lt. David Norton**, '99, and Meghan McCarthy of Little Rock AR announced their engagement on May 31 and will wed on July 11. David earned his Bachelor's Degree in government from the University of Notre Dame. In 2003 he became a commissioned officer in the US Navy. He has just returned from deployment in the Middle East as a flight officer aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt. Meghan graduated from Mt. St. Mary's Academy in Little Rock, then earned her Bachelor's Degree and master's in occupational therapy from St. Louis University.

## MARRIAGES

**Jessica Marshall**, '04, and Joseph Ellis of Martins Ferry OH were wed on May 31, 2008, in the Brown Chapel at Muskingum College in New Concord OH. A 2006 journalism grad of Muskingum College, Jessica is now employed by St Mark's Episcopal Church in Upper Arlington OH. Joseph, also a graduate of Muskingum College with a BA in English, is employed with Business Professionals of America in Columbus. The couple lives at 147 Como Avenue in Columbus OH.

**Andrew "AJ" Capizzi**, '00, and Lindsey Neehouse of Vincent OH were wed in the Galbreath Chapel in Athens OH on July 19, 2008. AJ graduated from Ohio University in 2005 with his bachelor's degree and now teaches fifth and sixth grades at Phoenix Learning Center in Cincinnati. Lindsey is a 2004 graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor's degree and a 2006 graduate of the University of Cincinnati where she earned her master's degree. She is a speech pathologist at Drake Center Hospital in Cincinnati, where the couple now resides.

**Molly Melching**, '96, and Bradley Sherman were wed on July 26, 2008 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus OH. Molly graduated from The Ohio State and then earned her M.Ed. Degree from Ashland University. She now teaches for the Olentangy Local Schools. Bradley graduated from Ottawa Hills High (OH) School and earned his B.A. degree from Miami University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Toledo. He is an attorney for Cincinnati Insurance. The couple resides at 184 Wagon Trail S. in Powell OH.

**Jared Dees**, '00, and Jennifer Erin Reed were wed on June 6, 2008, at St. Joan of Arc Church in Toledo OH. Jared graduated from Miami University in 2004 with a major in history and comparative religion and in 2004 with a Masters of Education degree from Notre Dame. He is Assistant Director for Play Like a Champion Today at the University of Notre Dame. Jennifer, a 2000 graduate of Notre



Dame Academy in Toledo, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education in 2004 from Miami University, and her Masters Degree in Education from Notre Dame in 2000. She is Assistant Director of the Magnificent Initiative at the University of Notre Dame. The couple lives at 415 Wakewa Ave. South Bend IN.

**Douglas Parthemore**, '94, and Stephanie Grace of Mentor OH were wed in The Manor House in Mason OH on April 26, 2008. Doug graduated in 2001 from Ohio University with a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in graphic design and is now employed as a graphic designer. Stephanie, a '98 graduate of Mentor High School, earned a Bachelor's Degree in marketing in 2002 from Miami University of OH with a minor in Spanish. She is employed in retail management. The couple lives in Cincinnati.

## **OBITUARIES**

**Sally A. Garlock**, '72, age 54, of Toledo OH, passed away at her home December 5 from heart complications.

**Julius Megyesi**, age 90, of Huron, died December 8 in Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky, after a brief illness. Julius attended Huron Schools and was a veteran of WW II.

**Lisa Corso Fantozzi**, '79, age 47, of Huron passed away on December 19 after a twelve year battle with cancer. Lisa was a florist for many years, at one time owning her own shop, The Enchanted Florist, in Huron.

**David Hayes**, '69, age 57, of Huron, passed away on December 23 at Stein Hospice after an eleven year fight against chronic lymphocytic leukemia. David loved music, sharing that love as a DJ and by broadcasting American Music Classics over WLEC radio of Sandusky.

**Virginia Wilkinson**, age 83, of Huron, passed away on December 26 in Stein Hospice Center in Sandusky. Virginia is probably best remembered by many of you as a long time cook for the Huron City Schools.

**Mary Gioffre David**, age 86, passed away unexpectedly in Firelands Regional Medical Center on January 23. Mary was co-owner of Huron Cement.

**Gladys Grisell Kovacs**, '53, age 73, passed away at the Stein Hospice Care center in Sandusky. Gladys was instrumental in the success of the first Huron High School Alumni Association in its later years.

**June Collins Gockstetter**, '41, age 85, passed away after an extended illness on January 24 at the Stein Hospice Care Center in Sandusky.

**Derek Fox**, '97, age 30, was killed on February 17 in a single engine plane crash in Volusia County, FL where he was taking pilot instructions. He had recently enrolled at Delta Connection Academy Flight School in Sanford FL. He and an instructor were both killed when their training plane was lost on radar and went down in a wooded area frequently used to practice emergency procedures. Derek had told a friend earlier that if anything ever happened, he would have wanted to go in pursuit of a dream of a lifetime, his being to gain his pilot's license.

**Caroline Meno Gebelle**, '46, age 81, passed away on March 1 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky.

**Flora Mae Perry**, '35, age 91, passed away in Twilight Gardens in Norwalk on March 1. Flora was a life-long resident of Huron

**Paul Rhodes**, '31, age 95, passed away on March 23 in Chula Vista CA. After leaving Huron High, Paul graduated from Wilmington College, taught math, coached, and eventually became superintendent of Brighton Township Schools. After taking a Masters Degree from Western Reserve University, Paul became principal of North Olmstead Schools in 1947 until his retirement in 1973. Paul's sister, Kathryn Ackerman of Huron, survives.

**John Megyesi**, '47, age 81, passed away on March 31 in the Firelands Regional Medical Center of Sandusky after a brief illness. A World War II veteran who served with the Sea Bees on Saipan, John retired from Norfolk and Southern Railroad after 36 years of service. John is survived by his wife Catherine Meola Megyesi, '47.

**Carl Michel**, '50, age 77, of Huron, passed away on April 22 in Stein Hospice Care in Sandusky. A Korean war veteran, Carl was an avid Huron Tiger fan

**Robert Braun**, '61, age 66 of New London, passed away on May 29 in Fisher Titus Medical Center in Norwalk OH. A verteran of the U. S. Air Force, he served in Vietnam.

**David Echelberger**, '88, age 39, of Huron, passed away unexpectedly in Sandusky. David was co-owner of the Computer Center in Perkins and a former computer technology teacher at EHOVE.

# Membership Rolls

The following alumni have enrolled as fully paid up members since the December 2008 Newsletter was printed. As you may recall, we have successfully switched our enrollment period to comply with our constitution which calls for memberships to expire on December 31 of each year. If you have forgotten to enroll for the 2009 year, you may still do so.

## Life Members

David Wilber	'68	Huron	OH
James Mitnik	'75	Colorado Sprgs	CO

## Social Members

Dr. Jann Graham Glann		Huron	OH
Lynn Studer		Bluffton	SC
Joyce Keane		Huron	OH
Will Folger		Huron	OH
Kathy Kosan		Huron	OH
Alea Dahnke		Huron	OH
Susan Shontz DuBray		Huron	OH
John Harkelroad		Huron	OH
Judy and Don Pflieger		Sandusky	OH

## Five-Year Members

Donna Kreck Klepper	'38	Huron	OH
Victoria Tata Bencivengo	'44	Huron	OH
Joanna Klein Oller	'46	Huron	OH
Lina Lee Wharton	'47	Longwood	FL
Ida Henes Hastings	'47	Huron	OH
Donald Doty	'49	Huron	OH
Florence Hart Poyer	'51	Cincinnati	OH
Rita Landoll Hohler	'52	Sandusky	OH
Jean Howard	'53	Huron	OH
Victoria Esposito Doty	'54	Huron	OH
Grace Towne Cerniak	'58	Joliet	IL
Richard Warren	'59	Sandusky	OH
Anne Delahunt Thayer	'59	Coral Springs	FL
Karen Craig Parker	'60	Cincinnati	OH
Nancy Boos Colon	'61	Huron	OH
Gail Wilson	'62	Medina	OH
Sherry Enderle Mischler	'63	Huron	OH
Dan Conrad	'68	Anchorage	AK
Lillie Terry Merrill	'68	Columbia St.	OH
Michele Bateson Conrad	'68	Anchorage	AK
Craig Fowler	'71	Winnetka	IL
Jeanne Filler Reese	'72	Louisville	KY
John Paul Jones	'73	Ormond Beach	FL
John Williams	'73	Marysville	OH
Mark Connell	'78	Huron	OH
Vicki Nutter Springer	'78	Lees Summit	MO
Sharon Boos Enderle	'79	Huron	OH
Linda Olmstead Connell	'79	Huron	OH
Debra Asher Dusza	'83	Huron	OH
Joe Enderle	'85	Huron	OH
Steve Schlessman	'88	Huron	OH
Kristi Taylor Schlessman	'97	Huron	OH
Nancy and Jack Freitas	social	Huron	OH

## Graduate Memberships

Ruth Gow Blough	'31	Huron	OH
Marian Weigand Ryder	'33	Milan	OH
Donald Klein	'36	Santee	CA
Marian Hammond Howland	'37	Huron	OH
Marjorie Henes Marshall	'37	Amherst	OH
Charles Washburn	'38	Huron	OH
Allan Slyker	'43	Lighthouse Pt.	FL
Eleanor Waite	'43	Strongsville	OH
Carolyn Zavitz Beatty	'43	Columbus	OH
Jack Hart	'44	Scottsdale	AZ
Ruth Bonnington Deehr	'44	Berlin Heights	OH
Mary Waite	'45	Strongsville	OH
Anthony (Dempsey) Esposito	'45	Huron	OH
Carolyn Rau Claggett	'46	Newark	OH
Mrs Jeanne Owen Buhler	'47	Lynchburg	VA
Helen Carpenter Shaw	'47	Orange City	FL
William Basilone	'48	Huron	OH
Patricia Altman Basilone	'48	Huron	OH
William Kaiser	'48	Sagle	ID
John Barram	'48	Lakeland	FL
Robert Fritz	'48	Vermillion	OH
William Schell	'49	Huron	OH
Dixie Thomas Andrews	'49	Huron	OH
Patricia Lyons Baker	'49	Elyria	OH
Robert Anderson	'49	Fountain Valley	CA
Betty Webster Ruetenik	'49	Montgomery	TX
Alfred Weingart	'49	Fort Meyers	FL
Myrna Bickley Abel	'50	Sandusky	OH
Sue Dahlhofer Hahn	'50	Huron	OH
Shirley Burton Schwanger	'50	Sandusky	OH
Eileen Lamont Currie	'50	The Woodlands	TX
Dominic Majoy	'51	Huron	OH
Barbara Voight Mitchell	'51	Huron	OH
Theresa Gioffre Alten	'51	Elyria	OH
Lillian Fisk Rodden	'51	Morrow	OH
Agnes Doyle Majoy	'52	Huron	OH
Shirley Steibly Watrous	'52	San Diego	CA
Richard Foley	'53	Grayling	MI
Donald Shrigley	'53	Sandusky	OH
George Smith	'53	Huron	OH
Judy Lacey Rielle	'53	Hyde Park	NY
Peggy Payne Zimmer	'53	Mayfield Hts	OH
Byron Allman	'54	Tyrone	NM
Joy Foley Stephens	'54	Pittsburgh	PA
Joyce Ohlemacher Eldred	'54	Bay Village	OH
Sandra Roderick Gordon	'54	Van Wert	OH
Rolland Hart	'55	Sandusky	OH
Alice Roswurm Foley	'55	Grayling	MI
Samuel Jeffrey	'55	San Diego	CA
Laura Daniels Cramer	'55	Logan	OH



Ann Bostater Hart	'56	Sandusky	OH	Chris Harlan	'72	Norwalk	OH
Carol Haggerty Schell	'56	Huron	OH	Robert Hastings	'72	Burlington	KY
Carolyn Moore Spievak	'56	Saginaw	MI	Becky Wilber Harlan	'72	Norwalk	OH
William C Handley	'56	Cape May Ct H	NJ	Loren Rhoad	'72	Mattawan	MI
Carol Sprinkle Lescher	'56	Norwalk	OH	Emma Minton Kunz	'72	Laguna Beach	CA
Nancy Rhodes Harman	'56	Huron	OH	Mark McKelvey	'72	Morton Grove	IL
Barbara Batch Daniels	'56	Berea	OH	Dr. Cynthia Miglietti sch	'72	Huron	OH
Ronald Junod	'56	Marysville	WA	Mark McKelvey	'72	Chicago	IL
Linda Uther Boos	'57	Sandusky	OH	Patty Davey Hastings	'73	Burlington	KY
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	'57	Amherst	OH	Gene Bores	'73	Huron	OH
Barbara Mellein Warner	'58	Toledo	OH	Wayne Homyak	'74	Huron	OH
Gary Harris	'58	Port Hueneme	CA	Mary DeLombard Smith	'74	Houston	TX
Karen Blough Colon	'59	Huron	OH	Gary Majestic	'74	Rome	GA
Charles "Ed" Seder	'59	Prescott Valley	AZ	David Shearer	'74	Arroyo Grande	CA
Sara McCormick Caffrey	'59	La Habra	CA	Annette Balconi Haskins	'74	Rossford	OH
William Spievak	'60	Saginaw	MI	Cathy L. Bohrer Slone	'74	Woodstock	GA
Dr. Willian Towne	'60	Rockford	IL	Don Smith	'75	Houston	TX
Martha McCormick Downing	'60	Berlin Heights	OH	Jeff Coomer	'75	Toledo	OH
Marjorie Windnagle Billman	'60	Huron	OH	Laurel Junod Wolf	'75	Stow	OH
James McKelvey	'60	Lake Orion	MI	Sharon Caporini Aamoth	'75	Solon	OH
Sharon Legando Harkelroad	'60	Huron	OH	David Gillette	'75	Golden	CO
Nelson Hardesty	'61	New Albany	OH	Cindy Catri Homyak	'76	Huron	OH
Suzanne Dunham Boldman	'62	Huron	OH	Mary Reese Folger	'76	Huron	OH
Anita Roswurm Parker	'62	Merced	CA	Susan Coleman Frankart	'76	Huron	OH
Timothy McKelvey	'63	Westerville	OH	Kelly Carruthers Lowe	'76	Orlando	FL
Linda Hinde McKelvey	'63	Westerville	OH	Debora Bihun Gross	'76	Sandusky	OH
Julie Jackson	'63	Huron	OH	Liz Hagy Swain	'76	Columbus	OH
Robert C Boos	'64	Sandusky	OH	Toni Ritzenhaler Coomer	'77	Toledo	OH
Gary Brown	'64	Toledo	OH	Scott Sijan	'77	Invergrove Hts	MN
Carolyn Rudy	'64	Sandusky	OH	Lisa Haynes-Henry	'78	Cincinnati	OH
Gene Fantozzi	'64	Huron	OH	Kim Samstag	'78	Huron	OH
James Mellein	'64	Huron	OH	Nancy Reese Csarny	'79	Solon	OH
John Perrin	'65	Shaker Heights	OH	Robert Fidler Jr.	'79	Huron	OH
David Horner	'65	Norwalk	OH	Tim Esposito	'80	Wildwood	MO
James Kiger	'66	Bakersfield	CA	Joan McCann Heinrich	'80	Jupiter	FL
Anne Libby Nelson	'66	Manchester	WA	Scott Bade	'82	New Albany	OH
John Zimmernan	'67	Huron	OH	Kay Reese Esposito	'82	Wildwood	MO
Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman	'67	Huron	OH	Dan Billman	'82	Mars	PA
Suzanne Matt	'67	Ft Myers	FL	Karen Basilone Goya	'83	O Fallon	IL
Anne Wunder Bauman	'67	Huron	OH	Lynda Bird Bade	'84	New Albany	OH
Brad Beach	'67	Huron	OH	Wendy Walderzak Dyer	'84	Stow	OH
Dale Casper	'67	Norwalk	OH	Diane Billman Clements	'85	Bay Village	OH
David Brown	'67	Huron	OH	Bryce Butkus	'85	Huron	OH
Geri Roughton Protzek	'67	Huron	OH	Dale Moore	'87	Cedar Springs	MI
Cindy Hastings DeFazio	'68	Huron	OH	Molly Harkelroad Ryan	'88	Huron	OH
John Caporini	'68	Huron	OH	Kerk Ryan	'89	Huron	OH
John Hardy	'68	Stony Brook	NY	Julia Tyson Moore	'89	Cedar Springs	MI
Scott Stipp	'69	Huron	OH	Amanda Barnes Becker	'89	Dunwoody	GA
Jim Lenthe	'69	Gambier	OH	David Shontz	'89	Saratoga Spr'gs	NY
Roger France	'69	Colorado Spr'gs	CO	Kathy Keane VanderHorst	'90	Bay Village	OH
Tim Sowecke	'70	Huron	OH	Andrew Washburn	'92	Huron	OH
Steve Fisher	'70	Huron	OH	Jennifer Ineson Cowin	'92	Chicago	IL
Christina Bork Stipp	'70	Huron	OH	Katherine Shontz Burnley	'92	Richland Center	WI
Dr Robert Jackson	'70	Corpus Christi	TX	James Keane	'92	Bay Village	OH
William O'Hara	'70	Middletown	OH	Kerry Glann	'92	Kent	OH
Beth Legando Fisher	'71	Huron	OH	Michele Cromley Washburn	'93	Huron	OH
Joe DeFazio	'71	Huron	OH	Timothy Wallick	'93	Huron	OH
Jody Boyes Caporini	'71	Huron	OH	Josh Mellein	'93	Powell	OH
Julie Hetrick Sowecke	'71	Huron	OH	Jennifer Mingus Mountcastle	'93	Avon Lake	OH
Dan Pisano	'71	Huron	OH				

## Dirty Nine Does Naples

Will Naples ever be the same again after the “Dirty Nine” from the class of ’74 spent a long weekend together in December in warm, sunny Florida? Hosted by Annette Balconi Haskins, the other eight were Katie Bork McCabe, Martha Luby Sudsina, Joy Witt Rockow, Cindy Carothers Wilken, Patty Newsome Bollenbacher, Barb Fulton Geiselman, Ellen Kaiser Drumm, and Susan Parthemore Scott.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration of Cindy Carothers Wilken. In high school, Cindy was well known for her red hair. Although not quite as vibrant red as it was in high school (only Ms. Clairol and her hairdresser know for sure), her eight dear friends donned red wigs to help her celebrate the day. The evening started the evening a fabulous sunset and dinner at the Turtle Club which happens to be managed by Patty’s brother, Roy Newsome, ’66. The celebration then continued at various nightspots on Fifth Avenue in Old Naples. With Cindy wearing her “Happy Birthday” glasses and others in the wigs, the girls from Ohio showed the town how to party.

The rest of the weekend was spent shopping, sunning, sampling the local restaurants, and getting caught up with each other. Although this group tries to get together periodically, it had been quite some time since all nine had been together. Katie Bork McCabe resides in Largo, Florida and Barb Fulton Geiselman lives in New Jersey. The remaining seven live between the greater Toledo and Cleveland areas, and in Huron. To have all nine together again for more than just a few hours was a great treat . . . it was reminiscent of a high school slumber party, except all went to sleep way before 3:00 am.

Anyone remember that old ditty about the “Old Gray Mare”?

Front: Ellen Kaiser Drumm, Joy Witt Rockow  
Back: Barb Fulton Geiselman, Patty Newsome Bollenbacher, Annette Balconi Haskins, Cindy Carothers Wilken, Katie Bork McCabe, Susan Parthemore Scott, Martha Luby Sudsina



Some of Huron’s many “Sunbirds” who gathered for a Huron Day St. Patrick’s Day party in Florida on March 17th. Wherever two or more Huronites are gathered together in any state, THERE is Huron!



### New Life Members



# Membership Sign Up (6 09)

HHS Alumni Association Membership Form (Memberships are due in December of each year.)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ "Super Tiger" \$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" \$20

Contribution to General HHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or to the Endowed Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Order for Homecoming Events

Please reserve space at the Huron High School All School Bicentennial Reunion on September 26 for the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (As you wish it to appear on the name tag) Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (As you wish it to appear on the name tag) Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$24 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet on September 24 X \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the Homecoming Football game on September 25.

(Pick up and pay for these under the Alumni tent at a discount before the game.)

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for me for the Tail Gate Party supper before the game.

(The cost for this supper is a freewill donation payable at that time.)

We will hold the tickets for the Reunion Dinner Dance and/or Hall of Fame Banquet, plus your name tags, and have them available for you upon your arrival at each event.

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## Reservation for Veterans Day Celebration

Please reserve seats for the following at the Veterans Day Celebration at Huron High School on November 11 2009:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Served in the \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(service branch)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse, friend, companion)

I wish to represent \_\_\_\_\_ at the ceremony honoring deceased alumni servicemen.



## Email Reminder

Help us out here. If you are reading this in a paper version and could just as well be reading it on-line, shoot us an email to which we can deliver it. The advantages are two-fold: to you, because on-line you get the same stories but many more times the pictures; to us because we save on mailing costs with the post office. As you may have noticed, this past month the postal rates increased once again. Woe is us!

## Call for Materials

Your Association is beginning to accelerate its drive to collect and compile materials with some historic value in the history of the Huron City Schools. As our graduate population now begins to age because of larger class sizes ever since the 1940's, more of our alumni will eventually be lost. We fear that as this happens, families with little or no really deep roots in Huron will begin to discard materials that had been saved by an earlier generation of Huron graduates. It rather makes sense, since many left Huron decades ago, took along mementos of their own earlier years growing up in Huron, but then raised their family many states away from Ohio. What interest would their children have in Huron yearbooks, school memory books, copies of high school scrapbooks, school publications, old time photos, perhaps band uniforms, books, pamphlets and brochures from old musicals, graduation ceremonies? Well, you get the idea.

If you have materials like these or any others related to Huron's school district, ancient or modern, and if you either do not want them any longer or do not plan on handing them over to children or grandchildren - or if you just fear that eventually your children will simply dispose of them - then here is your opportunity to donate the materials to your Alumni Association. We are amassing materials like those listed above and others for which we will eventually be finding a new home when we have a facility in which to properly store and display them. If the materials can be safely mailed, please send them to us care of the address below. If you want to scan the material and send just a digital version of it, that's OK, too. If the materials are larger, let us know so we can arrange for either a pickup or shipping instructions.

We have copies of yearbooks dating back to 1915, but with gaps in the 20's and 30's. Would you believe that a basketball score book from the boys' 1930 season surfaced? Tattered copies of *The Megaphone* and, we imagine, some of *The Echo* as well may still be around. Class composites have also found their way to our safekeeping. We have an ancient band uniform but no football jersey from any state championship year. Team championship trophies that migrated away from the school may also be ready to come home, as well as medals no longer wanted. So scour your closets and attics, see what you have that you would be willing to share with future generations of grads, and then contact us. Future generations of Huronites will eventually be able to imagine life in your day. Some may even say, "How primitive!" But isn't that what museums are for, the final stage of appreciation?

This is the kind of priceless treasure that may be in the process of being lost forever. This is the junior high ball team of 1938 or 1939 that competed for and won the trophy that summer.

Lewis Enderle was Coach, Bill Cassidy, Bill Ritter, Jack Hart, Bill Enderle, Ralph Gioffre, Pat Gioffre

Kneeling (L. to R.) Allan Slyker, Tom Ochs, Bill Zimmerman, Norman Rau, Charles Tarring, Jim Gioffre, Calvin McMillen, Ralph Pisano

