

NEWS

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HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Summer of 2010

Summer time around your alma mater the past few years has seen swarms of minions creating hundreds of thousands of dollars of major improvements to the facilities. Monies from a permanent improvement levy, from private corporate donations, and Booster activities have funded renovations of science labs, home economics and band rooms, a football field, baseball fields, parking lots, and much more. This summer was no exception, except that it was more low keyed. One window at a time, one sign at a time, and the premises gradually assumed a new look. Inside read about how a major improvement to the windows at the high school is expected to save dollars long term. Learn

about the new electronic message boards in front of both the high school and Shawnee School along Cleveland Road will better inform the community of school related and community activities.

Summer season is also reunion season in Huron. Read inside about the hundreds of alumni who returned to their roots at various times, from June through Homecoming Week in October, to reconnect with their classmates and friends. Not only the usual five-year reunions but also impromptu get togethers marked the season.

The Fall of 2010

Huron's Tigers began their work already last winter and spring to prepare for their various contests during this school year. Their efforts have met with various levels of success and we report upon that inside.

In the classrooms, new faces of both students and teachers appeared in late August. The student body and staff alike were pleased to learn that their academic efforts last year have helped

them retain the state's designation of Huron as an Excellent system. Hopefully they will do at least as well during the remainder of this academic year.

Finally, read inside about the accomplishments of so many of our grads as they have built upon the values and traditions of their hometown and have excelled in so many different fields.

The high school building shows off her new look, wearing a floor length gown of black-tinted windows, accented with frames of white aluminum, and fronted with a row of flowering trees. She presents a most elegant appearance.



"Twas a hot and sunny day when the new message sign made its appearance before the high school.



Class of '43

The Class of '43 met this year again on its usual date, the first Saturday after Labor Day. Most drove themselves, a few came with family, but miss it they would not! Chef Graham had ordered up several different entrées to whet their palates and they enjoyed their meal around quality conversation. They shared their recollections of Old Huron, but good naturedly recognized the many changes made over the years.

Ironically, from their perch in the Yacht Club, they could look over the river and view the gradual demolition of the Con Agra mill, reported upon elsewhere in this issue. They had watched the construction of this facility from the windows of the Old High School on Williams Street during their senior year. A few had even helped in the construction after graduation. Soon the space will be vacated and viewed as few can remember, from that time period before this bunch even entered high school.



Attendees were (seated): Carolyn Zavitz Beatty, Ellie Waite, Bonnie Shrigley Kellenberger, Ruth Knupke, Mary Riedy Hauser, and Hazel Saylor Foster, '45, sister of classmate Helen Saylor Malone. Standing are: J. P. Jones, son of Allan Slyker, Gordon Meeker, Wayne Knupke, Muriel and Jim Zielski, Barbara Stein Boeckling, and Charles Malone, spouse of deceased classmate Helen Malone.



Class leader Ellie Waite addresses her remarks to her classmates and gives a report on those who were unable to attend. She still remains in close contact with all her classmates throughout the country.

Wayne and Ruth Knupke were also still celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.



Memories of Old Huron from Ellie Waite, '43

Those hot summer days when you played and played and each hour stretched to a half day, a day seemed like three, and a week seemed like a month where tomorrow seemed years away.

Then the cries of "Here comes the Ice-man!" broke the warm day, and all the kids raced to follow the truck, hopping for a piece of that cold, clear ice.

Hearing one of your parents shouting, "Your supper's ready, get in here now!" You gobbled your meal quickly

so you could join your friends in the street to play kick-the-can until dark.

Then those fateful words, "Time for bed!" And you'd think that it was still light out, lie in your bed to hear voices and laughter from the whole wide world who hadn't gone to bed yet. How many of us would like to hear the words spoken once more by our parents, "Time to go to bed!"

Always jumping into a wet bathing suit for probably the third time that day to swim with friends at the lake.

Racing up and down the breakwater in bare feet and a bloody toe to show for it.

Helping to churn ice cream and licking the paddle when it was done. Also licking the dish when finished and waiting for Mom or Dad to yell.

Walking on the pier to watch the ore and coal boats come in. Who can forget the chug-chug of the old tug and the boat whistles signaling each other. The click, click, click of the coal car being hoisted up, the terrible bang, then the sound of millions of pieces of coal sliding down into the hold. And now, the thrill of seeing the William G. Mather anchored off the end of the East 9th Street Pier in Cleveland, now a museum.

(Continued next issue - send us some of your own)

Class of '47

Ida Henes Hastings sent out her annual call to gather, and the Class of '47 responded well at the HYC on a lovely fall afternoon. While there may have been an extra cane or two this year, the group is still hale and hearty and able to sit up and take nourishment - as evident by these pictures.



Bob and Ida Henes Hastings and Donna Lamb



Evelyn and Karl "Zeke" Lynn



Larry and Liz Christianson Meola and Catherine Meola Megyesi



Margaret McCormick Jablonski and Audrey Specker Davis



Millie Herber Grimm, Sam Pisano, and Carmel Temper and Joe Michel

Class of 1948

These folks enjoy their monthly first Friday meetings at Berardi's, called to order by Teresa Larizza Johnson and Fran Westerhold Ringlein. They also hold an annual summer picnic, this year at the Basin.



Enjoying the annual picnic are George and Ann Muehlhauer, Martha and Bob Fritz, Fran Ringlein, and Pat Basilone.

Standing are George Meuhlhauser, Howard Stamm, Fred Hammond, and Joe Catri. Seated are Jack Fleming, Bob and Martha Fritz, Dee Heydinger, Teresa Johnson, Millie Morey, Loretta Stamm, Fran Ringlein, Norma Batch, and Pat Basilone.

Class of '55

On Friday, September 12, the Sandusky Yacht Club hosted the 55th reunion of the Class of '55. They had come from as far away as Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the west side of Sandusky, all to celebrate together yet another time the friendships and good times forged so many years ago. All enjoyed the affair. In addition to those shown below, the following also attended: Ed Allinson, Jim Boos, Lyn Dircks, Patricia Malone Blevins, and Paula Snyder Bier.



Mim and Dick Olmstead



Tom Stamm, Tom Reilly, Mike McDivitt, Bob Tracht, Jane Pappas McDivitt, and Bill and Sue Lucht



Rev. Bill and Sue Lucht



Tom and Rosa Ritzenthaler



George and Mabel Clements

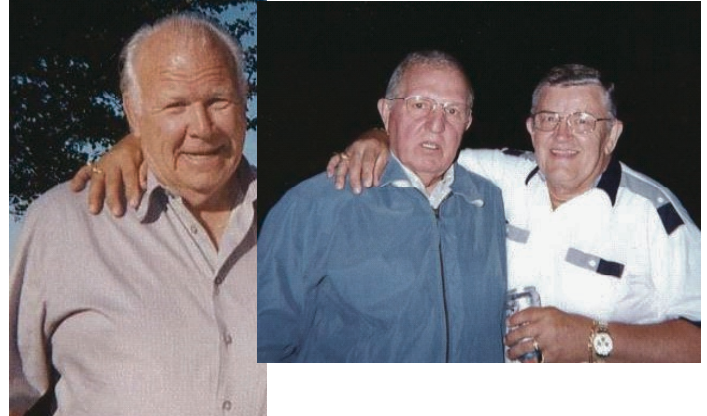
Rol and Ann Hart



Photos courtesy of Bob Tracht

Class of '59 Picnic

Thirty members of the Class of '59 just could not pass up a chance to party again, just not as wildly this year as last year's hoopalooza. They met in mid-September, in public this time, at Old Homestead Lake Front Park, scene of many past transgressions best left unmentioned. Hosts were Bill and Marlene Behrens. Serving as chaperone was former wrestling coach, Chris Ford, and later in the afternoon neighbor Larry Macioce stopped by to make sure the tres amigos of Bickley, Chubak, and Lagando were behaving. All enjoyed the afternoon, as the pictures here will attest, Huron's finest were not called out, and all made it home without event. The class continues meeting monthly at a local eatery to maintain its close knit camaraderie. Their girths are beginning to pay for it though.



Billy Joe Armstrong, Ed "Duke" Lagando and Brad "Slim" Bickley with their heads together plotting something, as of old.



June Bickley peeks around hosts Marlene and Bill Behrens while Bob Jones thinks about going back for seconds.



Ann and Gary Dunn visit with Porter and Claudia Wallace.



Judy Hummel Burdue chats with Dave and Sara Boos.

Photos courtesy of Brad and June Bickley



Chris Ford weighs in.

"Best buds," Judy Ishmael and Fran Chubak



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Class of 1965

The class of '65 met over Homecoming weekend and enjoyed a great ball game, tail gate party, and then dinner together at the Huron Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon. Most are starting to wind down careers or undertaking second ones with youthful vigor and enthusiasm, freed at last to do what they WANT to do!

The weekend went great until class president and now task master, John Perrin, decided to give a pop quiz after dinner. Class members were asked to answer questions based upon their senior class yearbook. It was only then that evidence of early onset amnesic Alzheimer's kicked in, producing gales of laughter, some embarrassment, and finally howls of recognition as the answers were finally read. Good go, John. Top that in five. And ya'll study up before then.

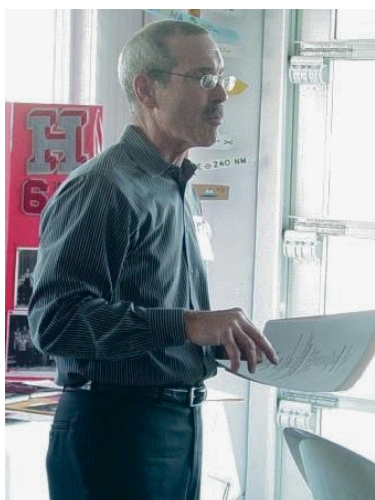
Posing at the Yacht Club gathering were:
Rear: John Perrin, Bill Seder, John Linhart, Ron Smith, Ed Haber, Norm Bostater, Peggy Roswurm Adie, Jan Lehrer, Chuck Cherry, Dale Anglin
Middle: Joyce Morrison Marnier peeking around Char Matt Weigel, Darcy Hetrick Schee, Marcia Gockstetter Lapp, and Monica Doran Hearing
Front: Tomma Slocum Schmidt, Jane Wile Spriesterbach, Sondra Leidheiser Seder, and Char O'Hara Neuenschwander.



Mari Kidwell Bostater, '69, Patty Emmert, and Ron Smith enjoyed a fine dinner together.



Darcy Schee, Dan Houdeschell, and Ross Lerner whooped it up at the Mulligan's Pub get together on Friday evening to celebrate the Tigers' victory.



Ever the teacher and task-master, John Perrin leads the class meeting before springing a quiz on his buddies.

Marcia Gockstetter, Jan Lehrer, and Char O'Hara check answers while Char Matt turns around to crib answers



Class of 1970

This class of easy going buds was called together for their 40th anniversary reunion on the afternoon of July 24th at Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek. Their numbers may have been small, but their spirit was certainly large as they gathered on the porch, more like family than classmates once again.



This merry band includes, seated: Cliff Spurrier, Robin Klecka, Debbie Green Paulk, and Donna Hastings Green. Standing are: Bill O'Hara, Pat "Sticks" Gioffre, Patty Shrigley Barnhart, Tim Sowecke, Sally Brugeman Scudiere, Margie Pisano Gibbons, Margaret Houghtling Tiete, Yvonne Gundlach Halsey, Ken Bogden, Norma Malone Cook, and Bill Motley.



Norma and Ron Cook, Mary and "Sticks" Gioffre and Margie Pisano have a nice visit.



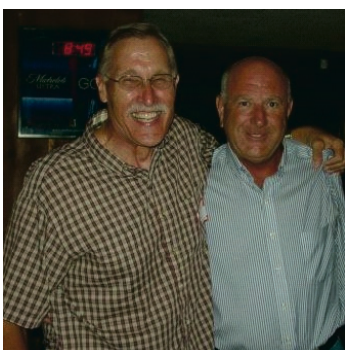
Debbie Paulk, Donna Green, and Yvonne Halsey enjoyed a lemonade or two together on a pleasant afternoon.



Margaret Houghtling Tiete and her daughter and granddaughter caught the spirit.



Penni and Bill Motley and Linda and Robin Klecka enjoyed their afternoon together.



Someone is out waay past his bed time! Ken Bogden holds up his favorite running back, Wayne McCarty, '71.

Class of '73

This fall over Homecoming weekend, a few members of the Class of '73 gathered on a Sunday afternoon on the deck at Mulligan's Pub and reminisced and caught up with one another's lives for a few hours. The Prime Mover for this mini-reunion was John J.P. Jones. JP had not graduated with the class because his folks, Sarah and Allan Slyker, '43, had moved to Florida. That didn't mean that he lost his loyalty to Huron's Tigers. Quite the contrary. Even today he returns annually to bring his dad to the reunion for the Class of '43. This year he worked the phones and email channels beforehand and was pleasantly surprised when a number of mates appeared. Many had also met at the Friday night game to cheer on the Tigers as of old. It worked, too!

Good show, all, and see you again in three.



Kim Fisher McQuillen, Peter McQuillen, Mary Ann Sudsina Longnecker, Wayne and Linda Auble, Dee Heydinger have a nice visit and share laughs.



Carol Markin Scott and Kathy Markin Wunderle, J. P. Jones, and Wayne Foster enjoy camaraderie overlooking Sawmill Pond.

Class of '75

This party-prone class scraped up a few members on Homecoming Eve at Mulligan's Pub and proved that talking and drinking at the same time won't curdle the milk shakes. They were among the last to leave that evening, all talked out and vowing to meet more often. Shown here are seated (L. to R.) Sue Everett Rader, Kathy Muehlhauser Moore, Anna Edwards Minton, Jeff Gilbert, Todd Summers, Warnette Cramer Parthemore, Theresa Cosgrove, and Theresa Faulkner Routsong. Standing are: Jim Mitnik, Will Ball, '76, Dave Johnson, and Mike Richardson.



Class of 1980

This group met again under the tent at Chaska Beach on a beautiful summer evening over the 4th of July weekend. Great planning, guys, for the entertainment - fireworks up and down the waterfront for miles - and the excellent buffet! They had gathered for this occasion from as far away as Florida and the suburbs of Shinrock to share memories and celebrate their victories in life. Thirty years seems like a long time. May they prosper at least another thirty - and look as good doing it!



Jennifer Kilbury, Dave Chambers, Scott Cambra, Ray Siegel, and Rodger Likes



Marty Carlisle, David Bottorf, Lori Braidech Wengerd, Lisa Stein Colvin, and John Kropf



Craig Colvin, husband of Lisa Stein, Barb Siegel, and George Billings, husband of Trudi Bihun.



Mike Ritzenthaler and Rob Delamatre



Sherri and Dale Armstrong and Kim Majoy Suter.

Trudi Bihun Billings and Dayna Harpster



Class of 2000

These “kids” celebrated their second five-year reunion in style, aboard the Good Time I, sailing out of the Port of Sandusky. They had contracted for an evening cruise over Riverfest weekend on the Sandusky Bay and lake, with plenty of music aboard and loaded to the gills with food and potables. They did justice to all, as the day was a beautiful Ohio summer day and evening. Here they cram into the prow for a group shot, then off for the cruise.



Cruise planners Mike Crifasi, Shannon Howard, and Gina Chicotel hang out.



Sharing notes about the big city, Sarah Moore from NYC and Justin Beatty from Washington DC.



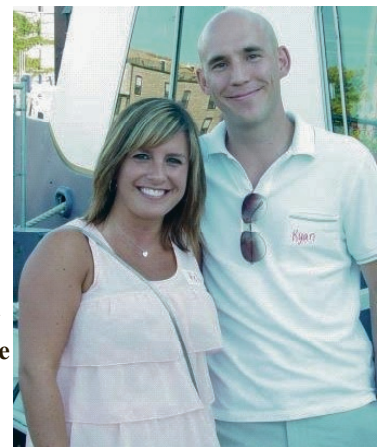
Three buds and their Buds: Jason Rich, Jarrod Mize, and Marc Wilson.



Connection Notre Dame: Jared and Jennifer Dees enjoy the trip.



Dr. Greg Semon and Gina DePasquale catch up before the cruise.



Ryan and Kelly Edgerly prepare for a great trip.

Class of 1990

This class always was - well - different. So they set a date and place for their reunion and then changed venue, menu and beverage selections a half dozen times or more before finally gathering at the home of Sam and Colleen Beach Hohler to share their stories. Riverfest Weekend was the appointed time, and a goodly number did return for the occasion, splitting their time between the Hohlers' place, the action up town, a certain watering hole, and a photo booth, a la the old fashioned department store model that many of you remember. For pictures of their event, you'll need to go up on Facebook and search for them under the reunions section, Class of 1990 Huron Ohio. (If you forget the Ohio, you'll surely end up in South Dakota!)

Class of 1995

Some members of the Class of '95 gathered at Sawmill Creek for a very informal luncheon meeting. These thirty-somethings are doing well now, having settled into their professional lives. In five years we suspect that a larger contingent will appear to share their success stories. At least most won't have to hire babysitters by then!



Eric Gilbert, '92, Lori Foxworth, Lynn Berkey Gilbert, Michelle Grenzebach, Jeanne Porteus Scott, Sonja Blaisdell, and Melissa Hoyt pose before dinner and then enjoy a meal together.



Kalahari Field Christmas Tree Ornament

Looking for that last minute gift for your Huron Tiger Super Booster fan?

The Huron Chamber is offering the latest in its series of annual Christmas tree ornaments. This one features a nice image of Kalahari Field at Huron Memorial Stadium. Part of the proceeds benefit the Huron Boosters as well as H-Team activities.

These ornaments can be purchased at ACE Hardware, Huron Market, Huron Pizza House, Jim's Pizza Box (Huron) and the Chamber office.(509 Huron St.)

If you live out of town and would like to purchase a bulb and have it mailed, just add \$4.95 for shipping and postage. Just email Sheila at chamber@huron.net.



For Several Decades

The Huron Chamber of Commerce's annual commemorative Christmas ornament this year features

*Kalahari Field
at Huron
Memorial Stadium*

\$10

*Joint fundraiser for Chamber,
Huron Boosters & H-Team*



Energy Update

The Huron City School District has long been going green. Some would say “green” as in cold, hard cash. Guilty! That’s because energy savings don’t come cheap. That’s the short-term green. The long term wisdom is what is driving the changes at Huron, though. The first evidence of that is the wind powered generator built at Woodlands School this past spring. Dollar savings from that project are already being reaped by the district. It’s a rare day that one passes the generator and finds those money churning blades perfectly still. The lime plant vapor can be coursing straight up, but the wind power generator keeps on cranking. How’s that for a greenback generator in the sky!



Green-up time didn’t stop there, though. This past year has seen other projects in all buildings, the most obvious being the complete removal and replacement of all windows at the high school and middle school buildings. The original high school windows lasted from 1959 until about 1980 when electric rates began soaring. So that first set of energy efficient windows saw the openings reduced in size by two-thirds with insulating material and then smaller heat losing glass installed. Those windows lasted until this year when even more efficient windows were installed. And just in time, too. Some of the window frames from the ‘80’s retro fit had deteriorated so badly that they were pulled out by hand instead of mechanically.

The latest version of “more efficient” reverts to the full original size opening to allow more light to enter and reduce daytime electrical costs. Then the glass was specially tinted to reduce heat loss and increase security. It’s tough for would-be terrorists to see inside, though day dreaming students can still gaze out. While not a hundred percent blast-proof, the glass will withstand high impacts from flying debris or even an off-course Canadian goose diving at 35 mph. The final look is a thing of beauty, too, with the tinted black look extending from roof to ground. Now the building look like one of those big city, fancy glass and steel buildings, except ours is lying on its side.

Additional work this summer included new drop ceilings being installed to reduce the total volume heated in many rooms; the remainder will be done over this next summer. Some asbestos abatement and removal was also completed. The Board also purchased from the Kaman family more land across the street and adjacent to the practice fields.

On the other side of town, the Shawnee School addition was reroofed, with skylights added. The McCormick building also gained new windows. Finally, this fall work was completed on a finger print keyless entry system for all buildings to improve security. The final bill for all work was about 1.5 million and should preserve the useful life of the system’s buildings for the next 30 years. Spread that cost over thirty years, and any way you slice it, the district has received a bargain.

The cost in green for all this green was financed through ARRA financing at below market interest rates and will be paid for by the recently renewed permanent improvement levy and energy cost savings over the years. Now all that is needed are a few more wind powered generators, solar panel banks atop all buildings, and perhaps the system could go off the grid. Don’t even think “Pigs will fly!”

Signs Up

One more feature sure to be noticed and appreciated by any returning grads are the two modern electronic road signs at both the high school and at Shawnee School. These electronic message boards, when bored, display only time and temperature. However, they can also be programed to display messages about activities at the schools, or anywhere in the community for that matter. The beauty of the signs is that, after being programed, the messages are then sent to the signs from *inside* the buildings, something like signfi wifi. Those of you who trudged through snow drifts to change signs in the past - eat your hearts out! They are so fast to program that they could also be used as part of the Amber Alert system if need be!

The signs were made possible through the generosity of the Huron Rotary and Key Bank. Thank you both!



On the Water Front



In this view on the right, taken in mid-November, the dome is long gone and the car barns, too. Much of the steel contained in the structures is being recycled and helping to pay for demolition. Work is also continuing on bringing down the lower building in the front of the silos. The low hanging fruit always comes off first, then the big boom for the towers and silos. The boat in the foreground? That's Jim Chubak heading on out for his limit - so he says.

Change is coming to the Huron waterfront. We reported last spring about the new boat launch facility constructed in front of the Con Agra Mill facility by the State of Ohio. The ramp has brought a host of fishermen - and their money - to the Huron area for good fishing. Now the old mill is gradually being dismantled to make way for who-knows-what yet, but down it comes in pieces. Note in the picture on the left, the igloo of a storage bin being stripped and the rail car barns on the right still standing.



Huron Bicentennial Winds Down

Finished! Another century behind us; let the next group take over! That was pretty much the feeling of the Huron Bicentennial Planning Committee as it held its final gathering December 9th at the Huron Chamber office. A two-plus year effort to highlight Huron's historic past had been successfully completed. The committee's final task was to oversee the placement of a time capsule at the Boat Basin. Made of stainless steel and welded shut to encapsulate a host of contemporary artifacts, the box was buried beneath a beautifully designed granite stone.

No one need worry about forgetting where it is buried. The river would have to rise and deposit at least a foot of silt to conceal the thing. (Did someone say "climate change? See you in a hundred for the answer to that one.) Surrounded by a beautiful tinted cement compass rose, the monument will pique the curiosity of at least four more generations of Huronites before it is opened. When that day arrives, will they have as great an appreciation of us as we have

shown of our ancestors? Hopefully they will. You can help guarantee they will by making your tax deductible donation right away to the Huron Historical Society. But wait! If you join now, there's more! For only \$35 and for a limited time only, not just you but the whole family can join, but only if you act NOW!



Hinde Memorial Amphitheatre

Huron now enjoys another venue for outdoor performing arts. This past April, Raymond Hinde, '32, passed away at the age of 95. Ray was well-known throughout the area for his business and realty enterprises over the decades, and few knew the history of Huron and even Erie County as well as Ray. He was especially proud to have been a charter member, at age 12, of the local Boy Scout Troop 31. He was even prouder of the fact that his great-grandson was also in scouting and working on his Eagle Scout rank.

This young lad, Dexter Fortune, son of Jeff Fortune, '85, and grandson of Arnold and Jan Fortune, '60, decided as his scout project to erect a fitting memorial to Raymond in the form of something that would benefit the community at the same time.

He sought and received permission from the Board of Education to construct an outdoor amphitheater at Woodlands School. A natural spot for such a project had been created a number of years back when new construction took place at the school and a vast amount of earth had been moved to form a gently curving berm between the school and the Huron bypass, a noise and wind barrier if you will.

Young Dexter, himself a devotee of the theatre arts, decided that inside of one of those curves would be a good place to carve out terraces for seating and then to clear a space at the bottom for a stage and performing area. You can see here the results of Dexter's efforts

to honor his great-grand dad. Dexter raised in excess of \$5,000 toward the total cost of \$7,000. Barnes Nursery generously donated some earth moving equipment, while Dexter provided much of the sweat equity. Work was completed the week of August 7 - 11. The result is a facility that will seat at least 500 comfortably, more if they spread blankets on the grass around the area.

While Dexter did a terrific job, he came up a little short on the amount needed, about \$1400 to be exact. If you'd like



to help see this project through, you can make a contribution by going on line to Dexter's website at www.dx912.com. There you'll find more photos of the site and information as to how you can help. We look forward to dedica-

tion of the site in the spring and the first production there.

Good job, Dexter. The community and especially great-grandpa are proud of your accomplishments.

KSU Traveling Concert

Kent State University's Women's choral group, under the direction of Kerry Glann, '92, paid its annual visit to Huron in early November, and this year were accompanied by the men's chorus as well. They brought with them a pleasant evening of easy listening. A few obligatory baroque pieces were supplemented by modern arrangements of classical sounds and were sung with the ladies' customary verve and expertise under Kerry's conducting skills. Kerry is also instructor of opera at KSU, among other duties in the music department there.



Retirement - Tom Crapsey

In his quiet, unassuming way, Tom Crapsey hung it up this summer after 31 years in the maintenance department at Huron City Schools. A familiar fixture in every building throughout those years, Tom and his fellow crew members were the ones who *really* kept the district running. And here you thought it was the principal and teachers who ran the buildings!

Who plowed the parking lots at five in the morning so teachers and students would have a clean lot for snow days? Who unclogged the stopped up plumbing or repaired the broken drinking fountains in a timely manner? Who kept twenty year old boilers operating on the coldest days? Who crawled down into heating tunnels and discovered Gerald Bursiel's moldy ham sandwich obstructing the dopweiler on the thermogrif and undid the thing?

Tom's whole crew of successors will continue to do a yeoman's job of actually running the schools in Huron. Meanwhile, enjoy life on the farm now, Tom. You have earned it!



Gathered to help honor Tom at his retirement party is a century and a quarter of experience as Huron's finest maintenance personnel: Ed Steyns, Tom Crapsey, Bob Croll, and JohnTurinski.

Kim Auer Nash Addresses Student Body

Think of the worst possible personal tragedy that could befall yourself, and go no further than losing both parents, a brother, and grandparent in the same accident. This all befell Kim Auer Nash, '82, on January 2, 1989, when the family plane crashed, costing four of the dearest lives in her immediate family. Kim herself had been slated to be on board the flight of the private plane but opted out at the last moment. Then, only a month later she was mugged and pulled from her car in a parking lot by a murder suspect. How does one recover from such wounds or similar assaults, not just on one's sanity but one's physical well being?

That was the question that Kim brought to the student body this fall as she returned to her alma mater with her motivational speech. Her message was simple but complex: You think you have it bad? You probably do, but anything is survivable, given the proper focus.

Her well received message directed them how to persevere with a positive attitude and remain adaptable to all the changes that life will throw at them. Can one remain happy through adversity, she asked. One look at Kim and her upbeat demeanor and attitude conveyed the obvious answer. The students sensed a genuineness and authenticity about her, which helped drive her message home: go for your dreams, let nothing interfere, and be steadfast in your pursuits.

Kim is currently living in Fredericksburg, Texas, happily raising her two daughters, Danielle and Payton. Her husband Bill is a Texas Country song writer and singer, and Kim often does gigs with him. Kim is also engaged in writing a novel featuring her experiences and traveling the country spreading her inspirational message. Her vision remains the same: one day at a time, one message at a time, one life turned around at a time equals success.

You can google Kim and learn how you too can book her as a speaker for your group or school. All levels will benefit from sharing her message.



Kim and her classmate, Frank Gioffre, had a chance to chat before Kim's presentation.



Nann Weisenberger stitched together some of her photos of her classmates to produce this panoramic view of those who had returned for the Class of '60 reunion over the weekend of August 13-15. Starting at the top of the stairs and winding down are:

Jim McKelvey, Doyle Beilstein, Marta Knott Richards, Stan Peters, Dottie Allinson Presutto, Diane Lieb Wilson, Dennis Wyckoff, Kaye Burkhardt McMillen, Duane Church, Karen Harris Grande, Karen Craig Parker, Lynn Boden, Chuck Wright, Linda Ramsey Herchek, Roy Gadd, Joan Traband Hall,

Class of 1960

Marge Billman sent us this dispatch from the 50th anniversary reunion of the Class of 1960

They came from the east coast (Mick Comstock and Nann Weisenberger from MA and Denny Wyckoff from SC); from the west coast (John Doyle and Karen Harris Grande from CA). Many states were represented including IN, MI, TX, TN, FL, ID, AZ, PA, NC, and of course OH.

On Friday evening 34 class members and their guests gathered at Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek Golf Club and spent time renewing friendships and talking to some of their former teachers: Mrs. Wright, Chris Ford, Mr. Sutton, and Mr. Hill. At the Huron Yacht Club the following evening there was a cocktail hour with a buffet dinner. Jess Hagy happened to be at the HYC with family and also joined in for a while. The class officers, football co-captains, homecoming queen, head majorette, and valedictorian were honored. A slide show produced by Nann Weisenberger brought about both laughter and tears. Each class paying member received a surprise gift purchased from the Huron Chamber - a Huron Christmas ornament. Someone also stole black-eyed susans from Cliff Berg's yard for table decorations. Sunday morning found classmates at the Presbyterian Church to hear Rev. Mick Comstock speak on "Growing up in Huron." Then off to Berardi's for coffee and a late breakfast. It was hard to say good bye and we hope to see everyone again in 5 years.

Mirabile dictu - word is that Bob Bowers behaved!