

# NEWS

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HURON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Visit the Huron High School gymnasium to marvel at this larger-than-life tabby, a mural painted this past summer on the west wall of the gymnasium.

## Huron Educational Foundation Formed

The Huron City School District has struck out on its own to form a Foundation that will greatly benefit the Huron educational community for decades to come. Just what is this new kid on the block and why was it formed?

Back in January of 2011, the school board, Superintendent Fred Fox, and Treasurer Mike Weis decided to study the possibility of Huron's forming its own educational foundation. They investigated the advantages, then contracted with the district's legal counsel in Columbus to draw up the necessary paperwork. With glacial speed, the process ground down the mountains of paperwork required by the IRS until the final approval letter was sent to the treasurer in mid-September. Nine months of gestation had produced this new baby, and it is already up and ready to run. Just turn the page and read about this newest program, how it operates, and how you can help.

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## Huron Schools Rated *Excellent* - Again

In its annual review of student progress throughout the state, the Ohio Education Department has once again published the results of last school year's testing programs. Over one thousand "districts" now exist in Ohio, thanks to all the charter schools and on-line educational opportunities that have arisen in recent years. Of these, Huron's students score near the top ten percent with its Excellent rating. In Erie County alone they rank number two - second only to those scholars on Put-in-Bay.

How does Huron consistently rank so high? Several reasons exist. First is the tradition of excellence laid down decades ago by thousands of families in Huron. Most of you reading this know that tradition - you either helped establish it or maintained it - or knew why when grade reporting time arrived and you faced your folks. Huron has enjoyed the highest level of parental involvement and support of any town its size in the state. To back up their demands for excellence, Huronites have always financially supported their schools and encouraged innovation. To be sure, there were scraps along the way, but when the dust settled, Huron's kids always benefitted and thus appreciated that support. They are still aware of that tradition and willing to work hard to continue the record. Excellent job, all you future alumns, and we hope to see you climb a few points in next year's report!

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## Seasons of Alumni Action

The summer of 2011 will rank as a memorable one in the annals of Huron Alumni history. More than the usual number of reunions occurred, bringing back hundreds of grads to their roots. From the Class of '43 to '06 they came, visited a while, dined and drank together, laughed a lot and cried some, made plans to stay in touch, and then went their separate ways again. It's an annual ritual played out with as much certainty as that of the swallows and buzzards. Inside you can find the reunion reports and a few of the many pictures documenting the fun. Do make plans to attend your class's doings next season. Remember also that next fall at Homecoming we will be celebrating with another All-School Reunion. Save the dates of September 26 through 29, 2012. Start encouraging your classmates and friends from all classes near yours to attend. Details will be forthcoming.

## More Huron Educational Foundation Details

The name on the IRS issued birth certificate is the Huron Educational Foundation. However, this entity does not belong solely to the school district but to all who would advance educational opportunities for Huron's students. It will be controlled by a board of at least nine members, each of whom will represent entities in the area interested in the betterment of education. So, for example, the Band Boosters, the Athletic Boosters, the local churches, fraternal and civic organizations, historical society, arts council, - yes, even the Browns Backers - may eventually have a seat at the table. All these and more have demonstrated in the past their commitment to promoting Huron's students and district programs. It goes without saying that your Alumni Association will also be represented as well.

At present a Board of Trustees is being formed. These people will establish the Foundation's investment policy and solicit bids for a fund manager. The Board of Trustees itself is not responsible for raising funds for the Foundation. Rather, any individual may contribute to a specific fund within the Foundation, begin a scholarship or memorial endowment, or help fund any other entity with funds on deposit within the Foundation. Any organization may also contribute to any scholarship program being held as part of the endowment. Other granting foundations may wish to contribute also.

What is a foundation anyway, and why create this new one at the present time? A foundation for charitable purposes is a tax exempt organization created to benefit some public purpose. In Huron's case, the express purpose of the foundation is to solicit, invest, and distribute funds that will in any way benefit Huron's youth. Why was this specific foundation necessary? The answers are several.

First, the district felt it could gain more flexibility in funding projects with its own foundation and overseeing the grants at the local level. This local control more properly guarantees that dollars donated to the Huron Educational Foundation, either directly or indirectly, will benefit our district's students.

Another benefit is that all donations to the foundation are tax exempt. At present, donations made to various scholarship programs or specific projects are not

necessarily tax exempt. By establishing a foundation to which designated contributions may be made, a vehicle has thus been created to encourage more deductible charitable giving. Giving can take place at any time through a variety of ways that will be spelled out later. At year's end, however, when folk are anticipating their annual wrestling match with the IRS, many need such a vehicle to which they can divert funds in order to reduce their personal tax liabilities. This new foundation provides just that sort of opportunity to individuals and businesses to help Huron's students and school district while keeping the dollars at home.

Then there is the power of size. At present, individual organizations with dollars to invest have to place those funds on deposit at local banks or in CD's. Everyone knows that today's returns on such investments are miniscule, less than one percent in today's markets. Under the new arrangement, dollars from many sources can be invested together in places earning much better rates.

How is this foundation to be managed? It will have four principle officers and a Board of Directors totaling at least nine voting members, possibly as many as twenty-two. This Board will establish investment policies and contract with a fund manager. Two ex-officio, non-voting members, the superintendent and treasurer of schools, may also attend the quarterly meetings. The intent is to have a zero-cost operation. No member will be compensated in any way. No expense accounts, no credit cards, debit cards, gas cards, health insurance plan, retirement plan - nothing, nada, zip. Only the negotiated investment fee taken from the earnings will represent an expense. All donated dollars will benefit students.

Who has already contributed to this foundation and what other groups are invited to participate in this venture? The initial contribution will come from the school district itself. This will be done by shifting the scholarship funds that it controls into the foundation. Your Alumni Association has also joined the group by gathering into one account the scholarship funds it had on deposit in various instruments at varying rates. We have three different accounts, depending upon the wishes of the donors at the time they make their contributions. The dollars will all be lumped for investment

purposes within the foundation, but our own separate bookkeeping system will keep track of where the earnings are allocated.

How will the invested dollars be controlled? The Huron Educational Foundation will not require contributing entities to irrevocably relinquish control of their funds to the foundation. Thus, within certain stipulations, a group is free to withdraw its entire principle for whatever purposes it may have. This "pass through" feature makes it easy for individual groups raising funds for larger projects to "park" their money and earn during fund raising, then withdraw what is needed to pay for the project. Immediately coming to mind are some of the projects in which the Huron Boosters have engaged.

What kinds of earnings can contributors expect? Without a track record, there can be no guaranteed percentage. Most other foundations, only after about twenty quarters of earnings, establish a payout guarantee. In Huron's case, for the first few years, the individual contributing organizations will have to decide whether to allow their part of earnings to roll over and possibly compound in the future, or withdraw all earnings for their immediate purposes. Other established foundations in the area guarantee four percent earnings per year. Any dollars earned over that are retained to compound or are given out through a grant application process for various educational needs within the district. The Board of Trustees will carefully oversee this process.

What does the Foundation mean for your Alumni Association? Many of you have been making annual contributions to the general scholarship fund or to the Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund for many years. We now feel that we can more quickly advance our goals.

So, whether you have year-end tax problems, are facing end-of-life decisions, wish to establish a memorial fund, or help kids in general, we now have a vehicle for you. A hallmark of the Huron tradition has always been its great community support for its kids. We hope this Educational Foundation will be just one more way that Huronites everywhere get behind the next generation and pass it forward. Climb aboard and enjoy the ride!

## All-School Reunion Number Three - 2012

Anyone see a pattern here? Beginning in 2006 and now every three years, we invite EVERYONE back for a grand reunion. Three is the only number that guarantees every class will eventually be able to celebrate its five-year reunion at the same time as an All-School get-together. Five year reunions are wonderful events, but All-School reunions give classes the opportunity to reunite with those ahead of and behind them with whom close friendships had been forged while in school. It could be team mates, classmates, or even the old flame that shows up to help bring back the memories and recharge the nostalgia ducts.

Therefore, next September 29 we will again be staging this grandest of any alumni association's events. Mark your new Christmas gift calendar right away and save that whole preceding week.

Wednesday night will feature the parade and bonfire at the stadium, the roasting of the enemy. Next year it will be Perkins who faces us at homecoming. Your Association will enter a float in the high school parade and we invite all out to cheer and support the team.

On Thursday evening, all are invited to attend the Induction ceremony for the

Athletic Hall of Fame. Nominate your classmates and then return to celebrate.

On Friday night, we will have a special version of the tail gate and skull session before the game. After the game, more festivities are being planned, so make sure you take your siesta that day.

Finally, on Saturday evening, if you are not too pooped to participate, we will have the grand banquet, definitely more than ham sandwiches. All plans will be in place by June and you will be informed a number of ways. Save the date, and get yourself on back!

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## Class of '62 and Their Amazing Exploits

Some classes are mighty, others are super, and then there were the over-the-top men of the Class of '62. Some peculiar circumstances of genetics, training, diet, or foreign substance in the water all conspired the fall of '61 and winter of '62 to create two of the greatest football and basketball teams in Huron sports history. One could always argue that there were some better, of course, but for their time and the nature of the games in the early '60's, there were no rivals.

The football team first. They began their season with a shutout and for the next seven games allowed zero points to be scored on them. Eight straight whitewashes before an opponent had the nerve to score in game nine, but the Tigers rebounded from the error and won big. Their final game was a shutout also until, with just a few seconds on the clock and with celebrations for an undefeated season beginning early on the sidelines, the men let their guard down and Lorain St. Marys scored on them. What an embarrassment, but they won the league and, in days before a playoff season settled the matter, were declared the sixteenth best team in the state. So what did number one accomplish? They must have all arisen early daily and practiced walking on water to top what Huron accomplished. An average of 36.4 points scored per game as opposed to 1.4 points yielded!

Paul Green was head coach that year

with able assistants in Jess Hagy and Ray Richards. The senior men that year have all moved on to successful careers, many locally, others out of state. One thing for sure, though, they are all still staunch Tiger rooters, many having watched their own sons star for Huron.

Then there was the basketball season. They, too, taking up the challenge laid down by the football team, began the season with victory after victory. Because it's about impossible to have a basketball shutout, nevertheless, the team allowed an average of only 49.2 points per game in amassing their 14 - 0 record up until the fourth last game.

Alas the day! With Huron leading, the unthinkable occurred - a referee collapsed of a heart attack and died right there on the floor. All players from both teams were shaken, and after a respectful interval, teams were given the option of continuing play or returning later. Opting to continue, the teams were faced with the problem of being one ref short. Lo, from out of the Willard stands there appeared a volunteer who was a certified high school ref. Pressed into service, he continued the game - the only one Huron lost that year. Say what you want, but it seems that only an act of God could halt Huron that year. That was also the last year that Huron played seventeen different teams and prevailed in all but that tained loss. They ended the season at 17-1.

Coach Ford's senior wrestlers did well that year also. They produced a state champion in Ted Wiley and two others who used their wrestling prowess to help bolster their Hall of Fame credentials: John Williamson and Jay Pressler.

During this next calendar year, since the class will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of graduation, festivities have been planned to honor both of these teams. The first will be a special recognition ceremony at the last regular season home game, on February 17th. All former basketball players will be invited to return and together celebrate their great accomplishment. All fans are invited to be in the gymnasium that night to carry on with them.

For the football team there will be a comparable ceremony next fall about the time when the class gathers for its 50th reunion. When all those details are worked out, all will be notified in the June issue of this *Newsletter*.

Whatever your taste, football or basketball or both, come on out and help celebrate and honor these local heroes. Heroism and myth are part of the social cement binding together all great cultures and small communities alike. Don't let these opportunities pass by to validate our past and help point the next generation to an even greater future.

## Class of '43

The Class of '43 held its annual reunion at the Huron Yacht Club at noon on September 10. Attendance was down just a bit this year due to unfortunate illnesses and a bad tumble taken by one regular attendee. However, great luncheon fare and drinks served up helped loosen everyone up and conversation flowed freely.

Major topics included much reminiscing about their time together in the old Williams Street School building and their move to the "new" McCormick building on Ohio Street. A glance out the window at the flour mill soon to be torn down also provoked memories of its construction and the many other building booms that occurred in Huron since their graduation. Their nostalgia for the old days, however, never overshadows their delight in how the community has transformed itself and improved over the decades. They seem satisfied that the town and school system are progressing and maintaining their small-town values and way of life.



Attendees this year included: Front, Wayne Knupke, Barbara Stein Boeckling, Allan Slyker, and Ellie Waite. Rear, Charles Malone whose wife Helen was a class member, and his daughter Norma Cook, Ruth Knupke and Al's son John "J.P." Jones.

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## Class of '51 Celebrates 60th

This spry bunch was herded together after considerable work by Barbara Voight Mitchell, aided by Tike Majoy, probably more by Aggie. They returned from far and wide, as from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Norwalk. Marconi's upper room was their gathering place for cocktails, dinner, and then conversation on September 24. Many had also gathered on Thursday evening that week to celebrate the induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame of classmate Bill Craig.

As the group dined, they caught up on five years' worth of grandkids and travels, of aches and a few sharper pains, of exploits and misdeeds past, of some of their dearly departed classmates. All in all the class seems to be faring well, with some talking of gathering more frequently and informally now, as long as they can still drive and it doesn't interfere with the deer hunting. They all hope to reconvene for their 65th, and while there may be an added cane or two, they anticipate a good showing.



Standing are: Martha McCormick Downing, Tike Majoy, Janet Davis Detrich, Larry Macioce, Carol Baltas, Katie Schenk Wagner, Ned Jeffery, Earl Detrich, Bill Craig, and Lee Rhinemiller. Seated in front are: Barbara Voight Mitchell, Florence Hart Poyer, Jane Feick Jones, Eleanor Enderle Flesher, Martha Stein Goff, and Sally Purvis Felton.





**Sue Jeffrey, Mary and Lee Rhinemiller, Ned Jeffrey, and Doris Macioce.**



**Carol Baltes, Jane Feick Jones, Martha McCormick Downing, Sally Purvis Felton, Martha Stein Goff, and Eleanor Enderle Flesher**



**Florence Hart Poyer, Katie Schenk Wagner, Barbara Voight Mitchell, Bill and Sandy Craig, Aggie and Tike Majoy**



**Doris and Larry Macioce, Earl and Janet Detrick, and Sue Jeffrey.**



## Class of '56 Reconvenes

The Class of 1956 got together for their 55th Class Reunion, September 24th at the Club House at Plumbrook Estates, with twenty-two classmates attending.

Their cocktail party began promptly at 5 PM and saw Carol Lescher and Judy Mize as greeters. (Marv Mize was a good sport and came along to greet the "out-laws" who attended.) They all endured

an interruption to their merry making to have their picture snapped, then returned to their visiting. At the appointed time, a beautifully catered buffet was served and all were duly satisfied. Sharing of stories continued until the parting time.

Next up is their diamond jubilee; while some dread that number, most seemed

resolved to be there again.

Classmates who traveled the farthest were Bill Harmon, Orlando, FL, Rollie Jackson, E. Hampton, CT, Delight Lewis Immonen, ME, Joyce Underkofler Boos, New Wilmington, PA, and Peggy Prewitt Parks, Challis, ID.

Provided by Carol Lescher



Seated in front: Marsha Majoy Klein, Yvonne Klein Spencer, Peggy Prewitt Park, Beverly Lippus Bellamy, Nancy Rhodes Harmon, Judy Connors Mize, Carol Haggerty Schell, and Joyce Underkofler Boos  
Rear: Bill Harmon, Carol Sprankle Lescher, Ray Lescher, Miriam "Mim" Steinmetz Olmstead, Virginia Griggs Bush, Jean Heimrich Dircks, Linda Fisk Warham, Leroy Brownell, Rolland Jackson, Ann Bostater Hart, Bob Keefe, Alan Meyers, Delight Lewis Immonen.



The Brothers Jeffery both celebrated reunions the same evening. (Left) Ned and Sue held forth at the Class of '51 gathering while Sam Jeffery and Nancy Harmon enjoyed the Class of '56 affair.

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## Class of '59

After celebrating their half-century reunion two summers ago, the Class of '59 vowed to continue meeting annually in the summer. That's in addition to their monthly Sunday night meetings at a local pizza eatery and not counting the weekly "breakfast" club at the Donut Shop. They gradually assembled at the club house at Solberg's marina on a lazy June Sunday evening and lugged in the coolers and hampers. A beautiful potluck supper was laid out, heartily tackled and savored by all. Get the idea that these guys like to party? They came, they ate, they laughed, they joked, they vowed to do it all over again next year. Can't wait, gang! And if you missed it this year, watch for the invitation next year. The distance prize was held by Paul Navarre from Fort Collins, Colorado and Gail Wallick Allen from Phoenix, Arizona. The eating prize was won by . . . . . drum roll, please! Well, you'll just have to guess. We don't do fat jokes any more around certain people!



The patio overlooking the river was a favorite place for folks just to loll and chat after a fine potluck supper. Dave Boos, Mary Ellen Dute McConkey, Gary Dunn, and Lynn Meyers relaxed as Gail Wallick Allen, all the way in from Arizona, and Gail Green Kurtz caught up on the past year's events.

This chorus line is always "on" whenever the class gathers: Jim Landoll, Jim Chubak, Ed "Duke" Lagando, and Judy Hartley Ishmael. What's a nice girl like this doing here?



Paul Navarre came all the way in from Colorado for this gathering to explain to "Beefo" Bickley one more time exactly where Colorado and Wyoming are located.



Speak no evil, see no evil, hear no evil chaperones Dick Warren, Tom Hartley, '53, and Bob Boos, '57, could report nothing evil about this party.





## Class of '61 Celebrates 50

On a beautiful early October weekend, the fifty year anniversary Class of '61 gathered to celebrate its latest milestone. The planning committee, headed up by Rose Illonardo Gerber and Barb Carn and their minions, had devised a whole plateful of options for the weekend enjoyment of their classmates.

Many gathered on Friday evening to attend the football game, for some the first Tiger victory they had witnessed since Coach Paul Green's teams of the late 50's and early 60's. They marveled at the Huron Memorial Stadium complex and Kalahari Field. Some from communities much larger than Huron remarked that their own hometown facilities could not begin to match what Huron has accomplished. Then after the sweet victory over Oak Harbor, most of the fans joined their classmates already holding forth at the Bar North at Thunderbird Hills North to begin a long weekend of reminiscing. At last report, no one had to be bailed out of jail to attend the events planned for Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon, about twenty-five of the group reconvened at their old stomping grounds at the high school for a tour of what they thought would be familiar haunts. Their "disorientation" began as they entered the north library entrance and found themselves in a wing of the building that had not existed when they had graduated. They marveled at the computer facilities, but then further surprises awaited them as they began to parade through the new science and home ec wing all the way to the new digs for the band – their old shop area where Dutch Laub had presided over many of their misdeeds. Along the way, between the oohs and aahs, pleasant memories – for most – were evoked of teachers long departed who had given them the tools to compete once they had graduated. One of particularly faulty memory, however, who claims she had spent most of her time in the office – and not as office aide either – was somehow confused as to the exact layout of the building and insisted that certain walls had been sneaked into the floor plan after they had left. Early onset something or other?

As the class continued its tour through the hallway to the cafeteria and then into the eatery itself, they searched the walls excitedly for their class's composite picture. Alas, it was nowhere to be found! Of course, that sparked a debate as to its whereabouts, but to no avail. (If anyone knows of the disposition and present location or storage of any of those pre-1965 composites, we would like to hear from you.) Their lamentations grew more upbeat as the members then entered the gymnasium and witnessed the changes there. The floor had been set up for volleyball season, and for many it was their first opportunity to see, let alone actually stand on, a padded floor of such quality. Of course, the newly painted tiger mural on the west wall absolutely fascinated the more esthetically inclined.

Further eye candy awaited them as they snaked through the recently refurbished boys' locker room to the weight room. At first it was stunned silence followed by "Oh my God" as they realized the immensity of what they were witnessing. Many a small college would envy these high school facilities, such a concentrated collection of iron in one spot that it has to mess up compasses and gravity for miles around. As some tested the machinery, others shared their experiences of standing in line decades ago in someone's garage on a Saturday afternoon to take a turn at hefting a barbell a time or two before handing off to the next person. Such was the weight training regimen of yesteryear.

On balance the class enjoyed its tour and the consensus was that Huron High School of today does an excellent job of balancing its academic and athletic programs. Some live today in school districts considered sports powerhouses within the state and lament the lack of such balance within their own districts. Huron, they concluded, has it about right!

After the facilities tour, the group then rushed to their homes or motels to shower, change, and then beat it back to

the Huron Yacht Club for the fine dinner Graham had prepared for them. They washed down plates stacked with beef, Lake Erie perch and all the trimmings with plenty of beverages from the bar. Then followed a raffle of a lap quilt and wall hangings created by Rose Gerber. (Husband Mike claims none of his fingerprints will ever be found on any cloth other than what he wears.) For those living in the immediate Huron area – which by acclamation was extended from Castalia to Vermilion and as far south as Shinrock and Berlin Heights – an announcement was made of the formation of a monthly gathering called the Lunch Bunch. Folks are invited to meet at some area eatery, which will change monthly, to break bread and stay in closer touch, now that the shock and awe of making it to fifty has subsided. Word has it that in a couple years they also plan to reconvene to celebrate their seventieth birthdays together in one grand gathering and watch the candle wax melt atop some magnificent confectionery created for the occasion. (Did someone say Rosie is baking that, too!)



Kind of tough to lift the weights when someone funs you by pushing down! Barb Karn struggles against jokester Bob Crowell.





The class prepares to enter the high school's north library door for its building tour. Back row, starting with man in cowboy hat -- Tom Dunn, Suzi Lagando Groscost, Karen Solberg Leopold, Ron Krock, Sharon Warren, and Nelson Hardesty. Middle row: Bill Fisk, Bob Zimmerman, Rae Malee Nuhn Trout, Beth Jenkins Walker, Joanne Krock. Front row -- Judy Perrin Burk, Dianne Herman Henney, Kaye Klug Raia, Rosemary Iallonardo Gerber, Judy Henneman Hardesty, Anjean Fisher Crowell, Barb Parish Karn, Susie Brugeman Welsh; man in red shirt is Dave Puderbaugh, and Kay Billman Reeves. Kneeling in front is Stephanie Brummage Nelson.



Joanne Krock and Barb Parish Karn admire the latest addition to the Huron mural tradition.



Nelson and Judy Hardesty marvel at what God and iron hath wrought in the weight room, added decades after they had graduated. Kay Billman Reeves and Joanne Krock wonder about taking out memberships.



"Wow!" says Tom Dunn. "We never had such brightly lit classrooms as this!"



Suzi Lagando Groscost, Rae Malee Nuhn Trout, Diane Herman Henney, Stephanie Brummage Nelson prepare to toss a coin to see who goes first on the weight lifting machinery.



**Nonnie Peterson, Charles Thompson and wife, Bill Fisk and Debbie Cantrell, and in front, Jim Peterson**



**Diane Herman Henney, Ron Krock, Anjean Fisher Crowell, Nelson Hardesty, and Judy Henneman Hardesty check out the new weight lifting room.**

**Rose Illonardo Gerber and husband Mike.**



**In foreground are Steve and Mary Molnar and Sally Majoy. In rear are (hiding) Tom Dunn and his wife.**

**Tony the Tiger decorates the class's anniversary cake.**







**Sally and Ray Majoy reconnect with Anjean Fisher Crowell**



**Rev. Andy McComb prepares to lay a blessing upon the group and food.**



**Jerry Simon manages to get a word in edgewise on Suzi Lagando Groscost as Kaye Billman Reeves stands astonished.**



**Bob Wilson, Don Schmidt and Don's sister Marlene.**



**JoAnn Krock and Jim Peterson get set to toast - or sip.**



**Judy Peters Rogers, Carol Delahunt, and Mary Ann Doyon Robinson enjoy their get together**



**Chief whip wielder, Nelson Hardesty, was the ring master for the evening.**



**Rose Illonardo Gerber and Suzie Lagando Groscost always hustle, here pushing the 50:50 tickets.**



**Bill Fisk and Debby Cantrell listen intently as speakers share their stories.**



**Charlie and Angela Myers found their return to be an enjoyable experience.**





**Charlie and Angela Myers, Judy Peters Rogers and husband Jerry.**



**Gary and Sharon Frey**



**Jerry Simon, Kay Billman Reeves, and Suzi Lagando Gros-cost**

**Below left are Kay Klug Raia, Charles Thompson**

**Below are Ken Strayer, Ron Krock and Sharon White Warren**



**Sandy (Keating) and Wayne Larsen**

**Sue Armstrong Lavelle and Stephanie Brumage Nelson**





## Class of 71 Reunion

From the far flung corners of the country they came – from Texas, Maryland, Michigan and the suburbs of Shinrock – all with three things in mind – to meet fellow classmates, re-live the good times, and create more good time memories. And that they did, from the cocktail hour, through Graham's buffet line, to the final dance. They squealed their delight at seeing one another again, chattered and hugged, ate, drank, and danced to the old rock and roll, disco, and line dance pieces, shook a little more in some places, reached a little further to get their arms around each other, and in general had an excellent time of it. They vowed all to do it again, sooner rather than later, and recruit more classmates, especially the "townies." Hear that, all you guys and gals?



A couple of state championship "rasslers" ham it up one more time for the folks, each slightly out of his original weight class. Drew Gundlach and Wayne McCarty "grin-mace," but Drew claims unfair advantage as there's no hair to grab and he can't wrap his hands around anything!



They're all here for your viewing enjoyment, but names simply can't be put to all the faces. A catherd could not have coaxed this bunch into straight lines! But that's the way this group always was - true products of their times and not keen about following directions. Yet they have all turned out amazingly well in their careers, raised great families, and are now enjoying grandkids. Too bad we couldn't keep them all in Huron, but then in them there's a little piece of Huron's values spread all across this country. Well done, group, and now as you round the pole and head for the home stretch, remember how old you will be when next you gather. That's all right, though. Some of YOUR folks met earlier in the summer and look forward to many more of their gatherings. You should do no less.



Looks like the line-up from their freshman English 101 class back in '68: (Rear, L. to R.) Joe DeFazio, Kathy Bickley McGraw, Marcia Bacon Wilkinson, and Linda Jensen Geretz. (Front) Julie Hetrick Sowecke, Suzette Ritter Coburn, and Linda Sewell Gorman.



Linda Fox, Richard Lutz, Denise Elms Cucaro, Randy Bledsoe, Bob and Diana Croll, Tom Cucaro, Vicki Clifton Lutz, and Bob Hoffman enjoyed their time together.



Doug and Sharon Blinder Hill enjoyed their return and chance to catch up with Mary Ann Harmon Comotto and Ronald Buchan.



Ken and Deb Hahn Stevens enjoy the corner view overlooking the river with Kathy and Wayne McCarty.







**Craig Fowler and Cindy Hastings DeFazio, '68**



**Dan Pisano and Judy Gerold**



**Ken and Deb (Tracht '72) Dechant, Chuck Willis, Deb Dahmen, and Bruce Fogerty**

**Denise Elms Cucaro, Joanne Kaman Duncan and Mary Ann Harmon Comotto**



**John and Deb Geretz**

**Deb Dingus McDowell and Dave still show the sparks.**





# DANCING WITH THE STARS OF '71



**Above: Diana Miller Croll and husband Bob**

**Right: Deb Dingus McDowell and Dave**

After all these years, these couples and many other folks that evening could still shake it. Next morning, though? Hmmmm.



**JoEllen Butler Moneck and husband Bob**



**Sharon Blinder Hill and Doug**



**Drew and Sue Gundlach trip the Light Fantastic.**



## Class of '81

The intrepid class of '81 held its quinquennial gathering at i'5's on Friday evening over RiverFest Weekend. The meeting was spearheaded by Paula Perdue and Kirk Adler who had worked over FaceBook to organize the affair. The well attended event saw members return from as far away as California, Arizona, Georgia and Berlin Heights. The weather had cooperated beautifully, cooling down to make a comfortable evening around the tables outdoors at the Basin. There the banter, hugs, and ribbing continued until the closing bell. The coordinators had also arranged to have a fireworks show staged at 10:30 so that all agreed they had gotten their money's worth. An ascending gibbous moon looked down and nodded her approval. When the festival closed up for the night, most folks went home, some found other venues to continue their chatter, and a few took to their boats at the Basin to sleep it off. All had a great time, some even making it to breakfast the next morning, and most vowed to return again in five – if not sooner - to celebrate the Big 50 - their birthdays this time, not their graduation.



Mike Ineson, Libby Ilg Hovenec, and Todd Hart



Bob Zoellner and Greg Franklin



Julie McCormick, Scott Vorhees, Tom Catri



Mike Gnidovec and Paula Jeffrey Perdue



Terri Jones, Chris Palmer, and Mary Everett Langhals



Rick Langhals, Dick Reese, '84, Robin Wexler, Nan Reese Csarny, '79, Lee Marshall McKenzie, '79, and Greg Thaxton



Dan Reese and Matt Auble



## Class of 1985 Celebrates

The Class of 1985 gathered on July 1 and 2 for their reunion. True to their nature, they were celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary a year late, just like their term papers, lab reports, and speeches always came in late. Why change now, right?

On Friday, they held a beach party, family swim and cookout at Beachwood Cove Beach. Those who attended that affair had a great time. Even if the water was a tad on the choppy side that afternoon and evening, the kids, nevertheless, enjoyed their sand castles and wading. Then on Saturday, they all met at Huron Lagoons Marina for a pool party. Except that no one swam, even flashed a bikini or threatened to don a Speedo. A light luncheon of catered hors d'oeuvres and sandwiches more than adequately fed all, and coolers of beer around the hall kept everyone well lubricated and talking freely. That is, until the power went out – for the second week in a row – and chased all outside where it was cooler. There on the banks of the Huron River, high above the bustle of everyday life, they were able to leisurely sit in the shade and catch up on the previous six years. No one even suggested skinny dipping or TPing anyone. Sure sign the group, like fine wine, is mellowing well with age.

All agreed to try harder next time to stay on the five-year rotation and encourage more to attend.



Carrie Bingham, Heather Iverson Hardy, Karen Geiger, Liz Patterson, and Liz Woods Eytchison

Joe Enderle, Jeff White and friend Tammy Kisner shared laughs.



Are these two happy to see each other or what? Andrea Stewart Figgins and Janet Basilone Welsh get into the spirit of reuniting.



Suzanne Ross Reitz, '87, attending with her husband Pat, found it easy to mingle with "older folks" like Sandy Hartley Schuh and her husband Bob, '81.





**Dan Wright, Teresa Ricci Leedy, Julie Esposito Dewey and her husband Matt, Liz Patterson in front, Karen Geiger, Carrie Bingham, Mary Gilhuly Wright and Ed Prestilio relaxed and cooled off outdoors.**



**Amy Harkelroad Claus and husband Mark, Chuck and Leslie Horvath Dieter relax poolside to catch up.**

**Tim Lehrer, Diane Billman Clements and Karen Deer Sutton certainly enjoyed their time together.**



**Doug Wood, Jody Halter Mast, Jeff Fortune, Terry Graham, and Cindy Hanley Wysocki showed up, some with kids in tow, ready to party early.**



**Shawn Morris looks as if he took time out from the Browns' training camp to attend!**



## Class of 1996

The Class of '96 celebrated with a family picnic get-together on Saturday, July 9, at their old stomping grounds, Nickel Plate Park. There the kids could play in the sand, romp with their pet hermit crabs, or race their matchbox cars across the cement. 'Tis good also to have someone in the class affiliated with Subway, as there were plenty of sandwiches and fruit-kabobs to go around. Many swam and ovrked up an appetite to enjoy the delicious spread.

Down and distance award went to John Lindsey (and his wife Alison Reno '99 Lindsey) who together jetted in from Intel in Seattle to spend time with his classmates.

The class members were interested in sharing news of their accomplishments now that they are ten years into their careers (and 2.3 kids as well). They are well on their way to making their marks in the world and looking for more to return in five.



Some of the group not enjoying the lake were: Eve Limbach, Andrea Burre Meyer, Chrissy Tann Foster, Sarah Resley Leimkuehler, Jon Lindsley, Molly Melching Sherman, Amanda Catlett Hasenmeier, Emma Von Thron, Stacy Chubak Hinners, Meredith Miller.



Hollywood characters John Lindsley and Brooks Postham it up for the group.



## Class of 2006

An impromptu gathering of members of the Class of '06 saw this quintet arrive early at Danny Boy's for lunch. Some of the class are already finished with school, most still looking at a mountain of student debt, and others looking for work. Hopefully when their tenth rolls around, most can scrape enough together to return to Huron - or cross the street if still living at home. Hopefully the economy will pick up before then.

Lindsay Bettcher, Alex Swain, Jessica Dempsey, Kristen Kurtz, and Amanda Chicotel





## Retired Faculty Emerge from Hibernation

On September 21, two dozen former Huron High School faculty members attended a potluck supper at Osborn Park. Distance prizes went to both Barb Wolfert, in from Idaho, and Lynn and Dawn Studer (with Muffie) from South Carolina. Great eats, excellent attendance, better visits, and resolve to gather again this winter.



Three graces from three different departments: Judy Horchler, social studies, Paula Kenne, foreign language, and Jackie Warren, English.



Former home ec teacher and her husband, Karen and John McMillion



The two people who actually ran the high school building from the days of Principals Rockie Larizza and Lynn Studer: Ada Woods and Nancy Freitas!

Former counseling department Judy Pflieger and Jack Busam.



Coach Tony Munafò had recently undergone eye surgery and needed to be within a nose-length to see Kathy Kirby, former home ec teacher. Kathy did not lose her eye!



Three former basketball greats pose: Bob Bowers at Wilmington College, Jess Hagy at the University of VA, and Bob Adler at some college/university in Eastern Ohio.



Former principal Lynn Studer chats with Mr. Z, Larry Zimmer, while June Klein and Sue Shontz DuBray observe.

Bill and Joan Needham enjoyed their evening out.







**Kim and Bob Bowers share laughs with Tom Knechtges.**



**Dawn Studer and her favorite Muffie who has passed on since this picture was taken.**



**Formal Principal Lynn Studer and Science Department head Jim Seiple had a chance to chat of an afternoon in September when Lynn returned to Ohio.**



**The Donald, Lynn Studer, and Dino Caporini discuss retirement in South Carolina**



**Sue Shontz DuBray, her husband Bob, and Carol Adler enjoy the sun.**



**Tony Munafa explains one more time to Dick Klein how the game got away.**



**Bill Scott wows Lynn with tales of his exploits in this, his first year of retirement.**



**Ed Boose gazes out over Osborn's trees.**



**Marlene Boose and June Klein chat up before dinner.**



**Will Folger and Jess Hagy enjoy their time.**



**Judy Pflieger and Alea Dahnke compare notes -but in English or Spanish?**



# Homecoming Week 2011

Late September always magnetizes Huron, drawing grads from near and far back to their roots to celebrate Homecoming. This year was no exception, as a full slate of activities had been scheduled for the weekend of September 21 to 24.



The H-Team brat and burger crew - before the deluge hit: Craig Delapp, Steve Noftz, Gene Capizzi, Tony Mussel, Brenton Biddlecombe.

Festivities actually began mid-afternoon on Wednesday as retired teachers were set to gather at their usual water hole for a potluck. Except that the weatherman served up rain until near supper time. Plan B kicked in and moved the teachers and spouses down the road to an Osborn Park shelter. There forty-some folks reminisced most of the afternoon and evening. Former principal Lynn Studer and his wife Dawn cruised on by to spend time with their second family, Huron's retired teachers. Likewise, former Latin and French teacher, Barb Wolfert, flew in from Idaho to visit long time friends and visit familiar haunts.

Roughly speaking, we calculated that the room that evening contained over 1000 years of collective education experience - including Dick Klein's half century alone!

Festivities continued on Wednesday evening with the annual Homecoming parade. Except that a conspiracy formed by rain and road repairs almost spoiled this event. However, recent retiree, Bill Scott, as parade Grand Marshal lead his noisy retinue along its newly appointed route and all declared the evening a success.

Thursday evening found a steady stream of former and present coaches, athletes, family and friends of new inductees traipsing over to Mesenburg's Plaza Place for the annual induction ceremony of the Athletic Hall of Fame's newest members. Six newbies stood before the assembly and gave their acceptance speeches to a crowd stunned by the speed of the evening. The usual catalogue of thank-you's included family and friends, classmates, former coaches and teachers, and the entire community which supports all its student-athletes.

The most memorable part of the week occurred on Friday with all the activities revolving around The Game. Various H-Team and Booster members gathered on the edge of the practice field under the tents to prepare the tail gate supper for returning grads. True to form, rain struck just at the appointed serving



A nice crowd helped down all the food.

hour, and for twenty minutes deluged field and food alike. However, a smooth rescue movement saved the evening, and as soon as the precipitation ceased, the crowd came out of the woodwork and enjoyed a feast of burgers, brats, beans, and drinks. Then the team arrived and took to the stage (Huron Cement's boom truck) to exhort the crowd to support them and in turn pledged to play their best for the community. The band played their best and led the group to the field where the Homecoming Queen and her attendants had been introduced and the Queen crowned - Alysa Franklin, daughter of Rene and Greg Franklin '81.

The Game itself this year began ominously with St. Mary's outscoring Hu-

ron in the first quarter, two touchdowns to one. But that's as far as the Panthers would go for the evening as the Tigers found their offense and the defense stiffened to yield no more scores. The final score, 38 - 12, hardly reflected how close the game was!

After the game, many of the alumns repaired to Mulligan's Pub out at Sawmill Creek to continue the celebration and enjoy one another's company once again. Many of the younger grads participated this year, hopefully beginning a trend that will continue in the future.

The whole week concluded on Saturday, almost Sunday, in fact. The Class of '56 celebrated its 55th anniversary at the Plum Brook Estate club house with a nice crowd in attendance. At the same time, the Class of '51 was gathering at Marconi's Restaurant to reminisce about their past 60 years as friends and classmates.

Finally, the youngest group, the Class of '01, held its first-ever reunion at Mulligan's Pub. Sixteen had arrived to break the ice and challenge their non-attending classmates to return for the next one.

At the end of the week, Homecoming 2011 could be called a definite success with everyone looking forward to next year's. Mark your calendars for the week of September 22 - 29 when Homecoming Week will revolve around another All School Reunion. Preliminary details for that event are in a later article in this issue, and full details will be released by the June, 2012 issue so that all have time to arrange for their return.



It takes a heap of sideliners for a game - assistant coaches, equipment managers, and a doc.

## Let's Eat!



Denise Sholette Knight, '68, and husband Chuck, '68

Rich Durflinger, Chuck Ingram and the Mrs. and the middle line-backer for the 2028 Tiger championship team.



## Skull Session



Drill team and band members looked sharp this year, especially for Homecoming.



Team captains assured alumni of a hard fought game and victory.



Allen Tittle and his significant other, Fred Adkins, and Matt Meyer share old times.

Great help for any party - Barb Everett Slattery, '79, Kim Samstag, '78, Sue Everett Rader, '75, Joan Everett Saunders, '78 Jacque Weir, '09, and Patty Newsome Bollenbacher, '74.



## Game and Mulligan's Pub Post Game Debriefing



Sandy Roderick Gordon, '54, Jess Hagy, Katie Kaiser McGraw, '76, and Lee Hagy Simon, '76 enjoy the post-game festivities.

Many members of the 2001 team returned for the game and festivities.







Cross country team, our future grads, pitched the dining tent. They don't do their thing and NOOOBODY? eats! (Look at the approaching storm clouds.) Thanks, kids!

Jake Majoy feeds the sea gulls who moved into the site as the rains fell. No reflection upon our cooks, mind you!



If sea gulls come, can vultures be far behind?



Break them in young!



Chief booster Steve Brown and his chauffeur John Springer attend the tail gate session and skull session.



Head football coach Tony Legando addresses the alumni and friends gathered before the assembled team.





**For a winning season, it takes a heap of folks - and fair weather - to put on good game after good game.**



**Touchdown heave! Enough of these and we'll get a win.**



**You need a band as large as the team to spur on the players.**



**A well prepared coach walks the sidelines, shouting encouragement to his players.**

**Somebody is needed to hold up the fences, usually older guys with bad knees who can't climb the stands.**

**Half time clearing**



**Enough of these volunteers and folks will have a half-time feed.**



**Some of Coach Tony's classmates have his back to guarantee a win**





**To stage a proper debriefing session, all that is required is plenty of people who actually watched the game, especially from different angles or time zones, then some spirited debate, all mixed with some good spirits. We had all at Mulligan's Pub.**









## Operation Tiger

This fall one of our grads, Joel Hagy, '83, left Huron on another tour to Afghanistan, his third tour of duty in the Mideast. As a Lt. Col now, Joel is in charge of a 300 – 400 person contingent guarding an air base there. Several of his classmates got together to concoct a plan to support not only Joel while there but also those under his command. How would this be done?

The idea is to launch a movement among Huron's Alumni to reach out to the men and women serving in Joel's unit. The name of this effort will be Operation Tiger. Many folks, near the Christmas holidays especially, feel motivated to participate in movements such as this. You see it all across the country at churches, malls, town squares, even the local Bob Evans restaurant – all with their brightly marked boxes asking for donations of clothing or toys, of money for everything from soup kitchens to personal needs items. Hometown newspapers run names and APO addresses of service men and women so that school children, grandmothers, complete strangers can send encouraging words across the miles. And everyone feels good for a while - and then promptly forgets the cause once their own Christmas turkey carcass is dumped. So what about the other eleven months? Operation Tiger would step in to help fill that void.

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## Teen Leadership Corps

Community service – the educational buzz word for the past ten years. Teach students to commit to their community by requiring that they give back time and talent to the betterment of the common good. Actually, Huron City Schools were leaders in the area when years ago the Board of Education changed graduation requirements. They established a new type of diploma, the Diploma of Distinction, for students who maintained a high GPA, took certain required accelerated courses, and put in many hours of documented community service. Some extracurricular organizations even included service requirements for membership. The theory is that students need to be encouraged to be more altruistic in their behaviors – showing more outward concern for others than just for themselves. Why? They are too self-indulged.

As an antidote to this all-pervasive attitude of selfishness, many schools are providing all sorts of public service opportunities for students. You see this especially at this time of year. Enter any school in America and be careful that you don't trip over boxes lining the hallways: Toys for Tots, Coats for Kids - Gloves, Hats, Boots - name the garment and there is probably a box somewhere. Begun way down at the elementary level, these types of activities help instill in children a concern for others, a feeling of sharing the burden.

Advancing to the high school level, students find various clubs offered to give them opportunities to explore interests more in depth. So, for instance, a foreign language club used to be planning Spanish meals, learning how to cook them and then celebrating some ethnic festival. Or a debate club would teach individuals how to argue – seemingly a prerequisite for

This support system could take many forms: care packages, pen pal letters, assistance to families stateside in all forms, supplying personal needs, or whatever other methods folks can devise to help maintain morale, abroad and at home.

Does this sound like something you would be interested in supporting in some way? If so, we urge you to contact the following who are spearheading the movement:

Paul Ward 111 Pittsburgh Ave in Huron or by phone at 440-670-3575 or email at [coachward@yahoo.com](mailto:coachward@yahoo.com).

Ken Muth 10665 Turcotte Ct in Union KY 41091 or by phone at 859-384-8888 or by email at [kmuth@insightbb.com](mailto:kmuth@insightbb.com).

Or go up on Facebook to the page of either of these two or to Joel Hagy's page for up to the minute information.

We thank you, Joel and his troops thank you, as do the families of those serving. Make us all proud, Tigers!

any student planning a law career. But recently, students in such organizations have been engaged in community service activities as well. They might visit nursing homes or senior centers, work after school with at-risk elementary kids, help tutor students facing academic difficulties. They are encouraged to volunteer for whatever needs arise where extra bodies are needed to help community building activities succeed.

In a formal effort to spread this philosophy, enter the Teen Leadership Corps, an organization begun by former Huron teacher Mary Ann Creamer. The idea is to introduce a formal curriculum into schools to teach the skills necessary to face future challenges requiring organizational and leadership skills. To date 24 schools have committed to the program, supplying in-school class time, a teacher, and supplies to service 420 students directly and thousands indirectly through mentorship and tutoring programs. Several former Huron teachers and many Huron grads from back in the days of Peer Class serve on the board of this organization. It's a cause about which they should know something – having participated in a similar program during their high school careers at Huron and now, as grads, seeing the benefits first hand in the many communities where they live and work today.

Recently the program has begun to gain more recognition and traction. If you think that this is a program from which your children and school could benefit, wherever you are now living, you or a representative from your local board of education are urged to contact Mary Ann at [inspiredbyyou@bex.net](mailto:inspiredbyyou@bex.net). She will be glad to explain the program and help you introduce the program. You won't regret the move.

## Whatever Happened to Dennis Coughlan?

Dennis Coughlan prowled the chemistry and physics labs at Huron High back in the late 60's and early 70's. His students were taught to think, not memorize, in trying to solve problems. A novel approach to a task, even though arriving at a wrong solution, could thus merit praise in his classes. As a result, many of his charges went on to higher degrees in the sciences and successful careers after that.

Students were always encouraged - made - to work by Denny. Nothing should come easily seemed to be his motto, kind of in imitation of his mentor Tom Edison from just down the road. Many might even remember his truck loaded with pumpkins roaming up and down streets as students tried to raise money for science trips to museums in Chicago or Columbus. Or the side trips to Old Town. Or the lab sessions spent scratching heads when not putting out fires. And for sure, as some of his faculty confreres learned, never leave out a plateful of cookies. Some of our

children even renamed him the genuine Cookie Monster - they had nothing but crumbs on their plates to prove it!



Nancy and Denny pose for their golden anniversary celebration.

While at Huron, in the early days of educators organizing to obtain bargaining rights and better working conditions, Denny led the charge in Huron. In the mid 70's, then, it was no surprise when he took his considerable bargaining skills to a higher level, leaving Huron to work with the Ohio Education Association. For them he set out to organize much of the western part of the state and did quite well. Meanwhile, with his wife Nancy, Bill Knight's daughter, they raised their children in a small town much like Huron, though a lot drier, with Nancy serving as a director of a nursing home there.

These days Denny and Nancy reside in Florida where Dennis is heavily involved with his church work while Nancy continues looking after elder folks. Their children and grandchildren are scattered now, but all managed to return to Huron this summer to help Mom and Dad celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at the Presbyterian Church. Many more, you two!

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## National Honor Society Society Induction



(Bottom to Top) Kyle Williams, Dominic Maschari, Asia Hammond, Kristen Koschutnik, Karlee Varney, Caitlin Foley, Laura Hahn, Austin Maddox, Jacob Ernst, Emilie Daigle and Zach Jones. (Alexandra Wischart was absent.)

The National Honor Society increased its membership this fall by twelve students in a rare moment. Normally this ceremony occurs in the spring, at a time of year when many seniors are tapped for the honor. One problem - by May they have already been accepted into the colleges of their choice, and the NHS insignia on their transcripts does little good. By advancing the ceremony to the fall, the NHS honor will be included on all transcripts and letters of recommendation that are sent out during the college selection process in the fall.

You will notice that this year's class is small in number. That's to be expected in a transition such as this; however, next fall the numbers will be back where they normally are.

We congratulate this year's inductees and wish them well in their futures as they advance in their studies, mature in their character formation, and devote more to public service.



Social Studies teacher Heather Merckins addressed the NHS this year.



## Barbara Wolfert's Return Visit

From out of the woods of Northern Idaho to the North Shore of Lake Erie is a far piece, but in late September, Barb Wolfert made the flight. The occasion was the annual Huron High School Retired Teachers gathering. Barb had indicated way last spring that her heart was set upon reuniting once again with the folks with who she had spent a good deal of her life. Once the date was set, she had her ticket firmly in hand and began the countdown.

Many of you will remember Barb from conjugating verbs or translating in your Latin and French classes or from her guided tours to Italy and France. Others will remember her kindly manner in the classroom and her unassuming ways as she and Senora Dahnke helped make Huron's Foreign Language department the premier one in the area for two-plus decades.

These days she does not let her skills languish. Seems she has grandchildren now in school in the Coeur d'Alene area and spends much volunteer time working with the kids there on their French skills. That's when she is not helping to lead groups of elders on trips abroad. Like the grizzlies and elk of her adopted state, she winters in the lowlands now, in Coeur d'Alene, and summers up on the heights, in her version of God's Country up on the mountain in the home she and Dave built after their retirements in Ohio. Dave is gone now, the house is up for sale, but her love for the mountain endures. It will probably be a while before the house sells in this market, but that's all right with Barb. She has the best of all worlds - bridge all winter in town with her friends and the company of her grandkids, then days of restive solitude in the forests with occasional forays into town all summer.

Before she departed Huron to visit her son in Cincinnati, Barb toured the present high school. Her appraisal? Huron has it all together!

Ya'll come back any time, Barb. You will always have a place to stay here in Perkins' version of God's Country, and all your Huron and Perkins buddies will enjoy gathering to reminisce once again.

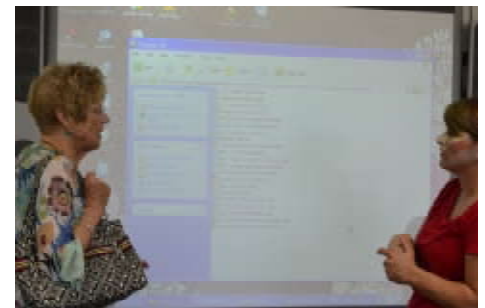
Barb poses in front of the school where she dedicated her working years to Huron's language students. Her walk through the memorial garden brought back many recollections of the happy students she served so well.



What's this! A Smart Board? How's a body to teach her Latin without a stylus and wax tablet - or at least chalk on slate? Computers teach language? Yes, assures chem teacher Jenn Tolenko. After a demonstration of the machine's capabilities, Barb gave her enthusiastic, if guarded, approval.



On the day Barb toured her old haunts. Senora Dahnke just happened to be in the building - what else? - volunteering. When not helping out, Senora, too, travels widely these days, usually tromping over the ruins of some Central American tribal area or enjoying Verdi or Mozart in some European opera house with husband Paul.



Barb paid a visit to the classroom of Huron High's art teacher, Patty Van barg. Seems that Patty is teaching these days because of the inspiration of and encouragement from Barb many years ago. But who's counting! Patty, too, is paying it forward by encouraging *her* students to follow the love of their heart and find careers in the arts.

## Our Most Senior Alumna

On July 13th, our most senior alumna celebrated her one hundredth birthday with a special fete given in her honor at the Erie County Care Facility. Ruth Gow Blough's family members, many friends, as well as other residents - but no classmates - joined in wishing her the best on reaching this milestone. All spiffed up with a beautiful dress and sweater, sporting a fresh hair set, and surrounded by and wearing flowers, Ruth was truly beaming on her day.

Ruth's ready wit and charming ways have endeared her to the staff and all who visit her. She graciously welcomes all visitors into her comfortable room, assumes her rightful spot in her chair, and presides over the conversation. While her hearing may not be as sharp today, she readily follows the conversation and catches all the wit. She is still as much at home talking about the present as well as her growing up years in old Huron. And what a time it was.

Ruth was born in Lorain in July of 1911, before the family migrated westward. Mr. Ford's first T was only a little over two years old, and the paint had hardly dried on the Wright Brothers' third Flyer. Her father, "Bud" Gow, was a fisherman on the lakes, headquartered in Huron. Bud built fishing tugs at the Huron Boatworks at his place between the bridges on the east side of the river. Later Ruth's husband fished with Harlon Scott and Mark Zimmerman. Ruth, though, did not clean fish!

When Ruth entered second grade at the Williams Street School, World War I was just winding down. When she graduated, the Great Depression was warming up. She recalls that while times were rough, Huron itself fared better than other communities as neighbors saw to it that folks didn't starve. She remembers walking across fields as a youngster to pick strawberries at Hahn's farm for a nickle per quart. At the end of WW II, she remembered the church bells and sirens sounding all over town to mark the end of that conflict. A sad memory she retains is that of the tearing down of the old Town Hall and Opera House during Urban Renewal days. She had played basketball upstairs and acted in plays there.

Ruth raised one daughter, Karen Blough Colon, '59, and today still follows her grand- and great-grandchildren's growing careers closely. She herself was a long time employee at the Wileswood Country Store until her retirement and still fondly recalls the Raggedy Ann and Andy there.

All and all, she says she's had a good life and loved it. And as healthy as she seems, we could be celebrating more birthdays with her.



Ruth enjoys opening and reading one of her many birthday cards and congratulatory notes. Her cake went FAST!!!

As Ruth opens her many cards, she chuckles to think that anyone even remembered her birthday. At this writing, she is already about half way to her next one.



Ruth, seated, enjoyed the company of her whole family. Daughter Karen is on the far right. Directly behind Ruth stands her great-niece, and her mother is on the left and an aunt on her right. Behind stand the women's respective husbands.



## Classnotes

**Dr. David Fuller**, '73, is a Certified Industrial Hygienist with the American Board of Industrial Hygiene. He is the Chair of the Non-ionizing Radiation Committee of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). He is also the Infection Control Project Team Leader on the AIHA Health Care Working Group and a member of the IH Value Added Business Strategy Team. Tom's research interests focus on occupational and environmental exposure to electromagnetic radiation. He is also interested in healthcare worker exposures to infectious agents and hazardous medications.



**Emma Minton Kuntz** and **Kathie Motley**, both '72, reconnected in Ohio in mid-September at Kathie's daughter's wedding. These buds since fifth grade make a point to stay connected, though Emma resides in California now. They are looking forward to seeing all their classmates at next year's reunion.

Emily Johnson, daughter of **Andy Johnson**, '75, and granddaughter of **Teresa Johnson**, '48, was recently chosen as Homecoming Queen at the Mansfield (OH) branch of The Ohio State University. She represented the school at the exciting Buckeye's victory over Wisconsin on October 29. **Erin Mischler**, '08, daughter of Greg, '88 and Mary and granddaughter of Ron and Sherry Enderle ('63) Mischler, was also an attendant in the court of the OSU Homecoming Queen on main campus. Congratulations to both young ladies.



**Nick Shamhart**, '98, is another of Huron's smart, young authors, having recently published his first on-line novel *Grey*. Those interested in horror or paranormal powers should check out Nick's site at [www.nickshamhart.com](http://www.nickshamhart.com). More novels are planned in a series of at least eight. *Raven* is supposed to be ready by mid-2012.

**Katie Harkelroad**, '97, left NYC after nine years in banking and recently graduated from John Carroll University with her degree in education. She is now teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade at the Village Prep Charter School in Cleveland Ohio, and lives right there in the Ohio City neighborhood of West Side Cleveland. Look her up if you ever visit the West Side Market!

**Mary Hendricks Vandette**, '71, and **Patty Hendricks Ziegler**, '73, were both spotted wearing shoes as they returned home from Southern Ohio to their roots in early November for a weekend of visiting with former schoolmates and seeking out the old haunts from yesteryear. They both reported their pleasure at seeing Huron preserving its small town charms.

## Engagements

**Morgan Jensen**, '06 and **Corey Aldridge**, '06 announced their engagement on June 19. Morgan is a 2010 graduate of OSU with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and is currently working on her Masters Degree in Psychology at the University of Dayton. Corey attends Wright State University where he is working on his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. The couple plans a January 7, 2012 wedding.

**Adam Link**, '04, and Ann Elizabeth Bolla of Erie PA announced their engagement on June 19. Adam graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Forensic Chemistry and will now attend the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is employed by Millcreek Hospital in Fairview PA. Ann graduated from Villa Maria Academy in Erie and Beacon College in Leesburg FL with a bachelor's degree in social work. She is employed by Penn State Behrend College in Erie PA. The couple wed on July 23. Send your congratulations to the couple at 6011 Marble Lane Fairview PA 16415-3257.

**Heather Mikolay**, '04 and Michael Pollack announced their engagement on July 17. Heather graduated from BGSU with her Bachelor's in Communication Disorders and then received a Master's Degree in Speech and Language Pathology from Cleveland State University. Michael, of Willowick OH, graduated from the Cleveland Fire Academy, the Cleveland Heights Police Academy, and the National Fire Academy. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. The couple was wed on September 16.

**Rachel Holtzaepfel**, '02, and Nick Wang announced their engagement on August 28. Rachel graduated from Grove City College with her Bachelor's Degree in English and then earned her Library and Information Science Master's Degree from Kent State University in 2007. She is currently employed by STACK Media in Cleveland. Nick, a graduate of Lexington High School, did his Bachelor's Degree at Cornell University in Material Science and Engineering. He is presently completing his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University where he is also employed. The couple wed on November 19.

**Kate Bickley**, '09, and Ryan Hammock of Monroe LA announced their engagement on October 29. Kate attended Bowling Green State University before taking a position with JP Morgan Chase in Monroe LA. Ryan graduated from Sterlington High School before attending the University of Louisiana. He then served in the U.S. Coast Guard as Machinery Technician before taking a position with Graphic Packaging in West Monroe LA. The couple will wed on May 26, 2012.

**John Marshall**, '06, and Kerri McEwen of Liberty Center OH announced their engagement on November 20. Todd is a 2010 graduate of the University of Toledo where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree and is now employed at GEM, Inc, Toledo as a Project Manager. Kerri is attending the University of Toledo working on her degree in social work while working as an intern at the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter in Toledo. The couple will wed on January 7, 2012.

**Mary Megan Templeton**, '03, and David Alvarado of Westville OH announced their engagement December 11. Mary works as a customer service/accounts receivable person for a medical distribution company called Medical Technology Resources. Dave works for Max & Erma's in Dublin OH as an assistant manager. The couple will wed on August 4, 2012 in Columbus OH.

**Tyler Templeton**, '08, Tyler, and Alicia Trumbull announced their engagement on December 11. Tyler will be working on his Masters in Psychology at the University of Toledo and is working now as a vendor for Best Buy. Alicia works for Heartland Healthcare, as she continues working toward her degree as a physician's assistant. The couple will wed on January 13, 2012.

## Weddings

**Thomas Janka**, '86, and Brenda Groves of Casar NC were wed on June 17 at St Paul Lutheran Church in Sandusky. Tom is a veteran of the United States Navy and is employed by Back Office Associates. Brenda, a Perkins High School graduate, is a homemaker.

**Theresa Jones**, '97, and John Dunigan, from Detroit were wed on July 16 at St. Peter Church, Huron. Theresa graduated from the University of Dayton, then spent a year with Americore in Philadelphia with the Holy Redeemer nuns where she worked as Pastoral Assistant in their hospital. She then attended the Medical College of Ohio, where she graduated as a PA. She is currently working in the Trauma Unit at Toledo Hospital. John owns his own business as a Graphics Designer. Ford Motor Co., as well as other large corporations, are just some of his clients. He travels all over the world doing presentations for them.

**Amy Elizabeth Roth**, '85 and Christopher Sandrolini were wed on July 26 at the Episcopal Diocese's Bosque Center in Albuquerque NM. Christopher is from Oswego IL.

**Kyle Wright**, '03, and **Jessica Keeton**, '05, were wed on September 22. Jessica graduated from Bowling Green State University with her Bachelors Degree in Visual Communication Technology and is employed as a graphic artist at N2Y, Inc. in Huron. Kyle graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelors Degree in Integrated Social Studies. He then took his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and is now practicing with Dolyk and Zeiher Co., L. P. A. in Sandusky.

**Jennifer Lehrer**, '05, and William Klinger IV were wed on May 7 at the Huron United Methodist Church. Jennifer graduated from The Bowling Green State University and is now employed by Just Like Home Childcare and Learning Center in Huron. William, an Edison High School graduate, also graduated from BGSU and is employed by Madison Motor Services in Fremont. The couple now lives in Huron.

**Alisa Paulsen**, '88, and James Van De Ryt, Jr. of Cincinnati were wed on October 8. After graduating from Northwestern University with her Bachelors in Psychology and Masters in Counseling Psychology, Alisa then did her Ph. D. work in Counseling Psychology at The Ohio State University. She now directs the undergraduate programs in the Department of Psychology at OSU. James graduated from La Salle High School and the University of Cincinnati with his Bachelors Degree in Sociology and then his Masters in Labor and Employment Relations. He is now Senior Security Engineer at Imperva Inc. in Columbus.

**Jim Everett**, '84, and Marcie Morris were wed in Denver on November 11. Jim took his B.S. and B.A. degrees from BGSU in Marketing and his MBA from Regis University in Finance and Accounting; he works for the Arrow Electronics in Denver. Marcie is social marketing director for Red Robin.

**Jeffrey Kendall**, '01 and Lindsey Baldwin of Cincinnati were married on July 30 at the Center for Wooden Boats, Lake Union in Seattle WA. Jeff graduated from the University of Dayton in 2005 with his Bachelors of Psychology. He is now employed by D.E.S.C. as case manager pact program. Lindsey also graduated from UD and then went on to take her MFA from the University of Massachusetts in 2009. She is employed at Odd Fellows Café in Seattle where the couple now lives.



## Mystery Solved

In our last issue we published this picture that was sent in to us without identifying the "artist," and we asked for help identifying the culprit. Of course, most of you will recognize the subject matter, former shop instructor and golf coach, Melvin "Dutch" Laub. So who was the miscreant?

At the Class of '51 reunion this fall, the identity was finally revealed. After much finger pointing, many denials, and shouting, from out of the shadows in a quiet corner of the restaurant emerged the Cheshire smile plastered across the face of one Larry Macioce. It seems Larry was very good at sketching caricatures and produced this on a particularly slow class day. It captures Dutch in every respect, from his reserved smile to his thirty year old bow tie, to the rusty caliper in his shirt pocket. We suspect that if the paint were ever removed from some more rooms around the back of McCormick school, other such murals might be found from "back in the day."



## Notable Milestones

**Thomas Heckelman**, former Huron High mathematics teacher of twenty-five years, and his wife Nancy celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this summer with a family party hosted by their children.

**Frank and Marilyn Halley** celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on November 26. They are both retired educators, Frank with Huron City Schools.

## Obituaries

**Doris Forthofer Ruffing**, '51, age 77, of Norwalk, passed away on February 8, 2010, at Fisher Titus Medical Center in Norwalk OH. Doris enjoyed sewing, baking, cooking, arts and crafts.

**Jeff Collinsworth II**, '05, age 23, of Huron, passed away on June 9, 2011.

**Eva Mae Ritzenthaler White**, '41, age 88, of Huron, passed away on June 12. Eva had worked at Modern Cleaners in Huron for many years.

**Juliette (Julie) Royal**, age 78, of Huron, passed away at the Stein Hospice on June 21. Julie moved to Huron from Connecticut back in 1967 and worked in the high school cafeterias for 17 years before retiring in 1993.

**JoAnne Chubak Saunders**, '55, age 73, of Huron, passed away on June 26 at Admirals Pointe Rehab and Nursing Center after a long battle with cancer. JoAnne had been active in the Huron Boosters and enjoyed following athletics, gardening, and her grandchildren.

**David White**, '66, age 63, of Huron, passed away on June 30 at his residence of natural causes. Dave had worked for several automobile dealers in the area.

**David Michel**, '82, age 51, of Norwalk, passed away July 28 at Twilight Gardens in Norwalk after a long battle with cancer. David was an avid bowling and sports enthusiast.

**Richard "Junk" Jenkins**, '75, age 55, of Huron, passed away on August 12 as a result of a pickup-motorcycle accident. A former U.S. Marine, Rick had been employed by Battery Park Marina for five years and prior to that owned and operated Rich's Auto Repair.

**Phillip Landoll**, '62, age 67, of Huron, passed away on August 9 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Phil loved computers and owned and operated Landoll Computer Service of Sandusky for many years.

**Georgeanna Scott**, age 95, of Huron, passed away on August 9 at her home. Many of you may remember having Georgeanna as your first grade teacher in Huron Schools, if you began school back in 1938, or anytime thereafter for the next 27 years.

**James Coble**, '66, age 65, passed away unexpectedly at his Sandusky home on July 6. Jim had worked for Lorain Ford and retired from the Kentucky Truck plant.

**Frank Glann**, age 75, husband of former speech and drama teacher Jann Glann, passed away on July 18 from complications from pancreatic cancer. Frank and Jann have been active in the summer stock program of the Huron Playhouse for decades. Frank taught speech and drama at Firelands College and had a hand in the development of a good many of you who starred in local theatre productions, with many going on to successful careers in the business.

Frank was an Associate Professor Emeritus of Humanities at Bowling Green State University, having retired May 31 after 41 years of service to the university. During his tenure at BGSU Firelands, he received several Dean's Recognitions Awards for service as well the Outstanding Full-Time Teacher Award. At BGSU Firelands, he was to continue as Director of Theatre and as a member of the Caryl Crane Children's Theatre Board, as well as Scenic Designer for the theater program and faculty sponsor to the Student Theatre-Activities Organization. He held prior teaching and theatre positions at BGSU's main campus and at Southeast Missouri State University. He earned BA, BS, MA and PhD degrees from BGSU.

Frank also served 45 seasons with The Huron Playhouse in a variety of capacities, most recently as Associate Managing Director,

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**The Class of '73's impromptu off-year gathering at Mulligan's Pub deck on a September Sunday afternoon found these chums: Ted and Cathy Mar-kin Wunderle and Carol and Bill Scott. Standing are John Paul Jones and Jim Dudenhofer, father of Eric, '86, and Kristen, '88. J. P. annually makes the trek back to Ohio accompanying his dad, Al Slyker, to his Class of '43 reunion and while home, manages to collect a few folks from his time to catch up on the latest doings about town.**

**Send us your pictures of such gatherings so we may encourage others to do the same.**



Alumni Coordinator, and Scenic Designer. He compiled the souvenir album "Fifty Years at The Huron Playhouse" and the video documentary "Summer Seasons, The Huron Playhouse Story."

**James Hartley**, '56, age 72, of Huron, passed away on August 3 at Stein Hospice in Sandusky. Jim had retired from Lorain Ford after 32 years.

**Vickie Jennings Moore**, '76, age 53, of Sandusky, passed away unexpectedly on August 12 at FRMC. A great lover of animals, Vicki was a bus driver for the Sandusky City schools for many years.

**Robert "Rob" McKinney**, '87, age 42, of Huron, passed away on August 23 at the Cleveland Clinic after an extended illness.

**Lisa Karas**, '78, age 51, of Columbus, passed away on August 26 in Columbus. Lisa had been a highly successful law enforcement officer.

**Michael Naderer**, '71, age 58, of Sandusky, passed away on August 30 in Sun City AZ after a long battle with cancer.

**Donna Bender Hamer**, age 104, died on September 8 at home, six weeks short of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. "Miss Bender," as she was known to her students, was our oldest living retired teacher, a lady who had dedicated her professional life to Huron's students, beginning with her arrival in 1927 as a teacher in the system. Her career ended as an administrator at the Ohio Street School where she assumed the principalship in 1943. Many of you will remember her as your fourth grade teacher. She is remembered as a stern but fair teacher, engaging her students with her passion for teaching. How far we have come: when Donna began teaching, female teachers were not permitted to marry, so her courtship had to be secret for many years. Only after WWII could she marry and still retain her position.

**George Muehlhauser III**, '48, age 81, passed away peacefully at his home in Huron on September 9 after a lengthy illness. An Army veteran, George practiced law in Sandusky from 1957 until most recently. He helped consolidate all Sandusky's hospitals into one entity, served on and chaired the board of FRMC, served on numerous foundation and scholarship boards, and rendered sage advice to the Alumni Association over the years. His great love was theatre and music, having been a member of the Caryl Crane Children's Theater board, a frequent actor at the Huron Playhouse, the Harlequins Theatre, and Firelands BGSU Theater, and a singer for his church choir and the Firelands Chorus. He was truly devoted to his faith, his family and friends, and his community.

**Karen Larizza Wander**, '60, age 68, passed away in Birmingham Al on September 21. The daughter of Rockie and Mary Larizza, Karen loved trips to Rome and visits with her many neighbors and friends.

**Wanda Seiple**, age 89, of Huron, passed away on September 26 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky. Wanda's husband of 66 years, Jim Seiple, was the former biology teacher at Huron High School until his retirement thirty years ago. Wanda probably patched up your playground knee bruises anytime between the years 1963 and 1979 when she was secretary at Shawnee School.

**Charles Washburn**, '38, age 93, of Huron, passed away on October 19 at home. A high school track and basketball star, Chuck farmed the family homestead where he and his sons provided milk for Wechter's Huron Dairy. He retired in 1983 as Superintendent of Erie County State highways.

**Joyce Bailey Schircavage**, '42, age 87, of Sandusky, passed away on October 15 in Lutheran Memorial Home in Sandusky after a long illness. A nature lover, Joyce enjoyed horses, gardening and crafting as well as oil painting.

**Nellie Jane Ackerman Bursiel**, '48, age 81 of Huron Township, passed away on October 23 in Erie County Care Facility after an extended illness. A dedicated homemaker, Nellie was an avid traveler, enjoying genealogy and time with family.

**Stu Eastman**, who spent many years in the Huron system before graduating from Edison in '75, passed away on October 30 at his home in Huron at the age of 54. Stu was a finishing carpenter in the area for the past 35 years.

**Charles Glaser**, age 79, of Bellevue OH, passed away on November 7 at his residence. A retired Air Force captain, Charlie taught social studies at McCormick Middle School from 1962 until 1984. Many of you may remember his Queen Elizabeth picture.

**Pierre Toomey**, '38, age 91, recently of Ft. Lauderdale FL, passed away on November 11. Pierre was a veteran of WW II.

**Linda Paddock**, wife of former school treasurer Russell Paddock, passed away on Nov. 22. Linda served as a secretary for Huron City Schools from 1979 to 1985 and for Pisano and Pisano Law Offices until her retirement in 2002.

**Daniel Klonk**, '73, age 56, of Huron, passed away at his residence on November 23 after a 3 1/2 year battle with cancer. Dan worked for many years as an Ohio Master Plumber for many area plumbing concerns and operated his own company, Waterworks Plumbing of Huron.

## Membership Rolls

The membership rolls grew slightly over this past summer and fall. As you know, membership dues annually come due now in December, with most folks sending in around the first of the year. We appreciate your cooperation and support at this time, as it allows us to set the budget for the year early enough for planning purposes.

Thank you for supporting the Association, its various scholarship funds, and activities. Without your help, none of what we do could be accomplished.

Howard Stamm	'48	Castalia	OH
Bill Kaiser	'48	Sagle	ID
Richard Dowell	'49	Sandusky	OH
George Smith	'53	Huron	OH
Sandra Roderick Gordon	'54	Van Wert	OH
William Lucht	'55	Huron	OH
Sharon Legando Harkelroad	'60	Huron	OH
John Harkelroad			
Susan Legando Groscost	'61	Sandusky	OH
Rolland Jackson	'61	East Hampton	CT
Della Zimmerman Brown	'65	Huron	OH
Grace Towne Cerniak	'65	Joliet	IL
Tim Sowecke	'70	Huron	OH
Julie Sowecke			
Bruce Beatty	'71	Huron	OH
Robert Hastings	'72	Burlington	KY
Patti Davey Hastings	'72		

Emma Markovich Kazarian and Tim and Julie Sowecke also contributed to the scholarship funds.



## IN REMEMBRANCE OF DONNA HAMER

On Thursday, September 8, 2011 Mrs. Donna Hamer passed from this life to the next grade level of life eternal. I was asked to write a remembrance of Donna (It took me awhile to go from Miss Bender - to Mrs. Hamer - to Donna.) Hamer for the Alumni Newsletter. What could I say? How to say it? Would anything I wrote be able to reflect the life of this dynamic woman, educator and neighbor?

What follows is a series of e-mail letters that I sent to fellow class members (HHS, 1955) and other graduates, family and friends. The responses of some of these folks along with my original notice of her death will be a living remembrance and tribute to Donna Hamer.

Dear Fellow Class Members,

Today, our 4th grade teacher, Donna Hamer left the neighborhood to be with the Lord. She was 104. (She would have been 105 October 24). She was a firm teacher, my Mother's neighbor and friend and our quiet, gentle and loving neighbor for 6 years when we moved back to Adams Avenue. God bless her and keep her. I am thankful for her presence in my life. God be with you all. Bill

Response from a few Huron High Graduates:

Lois Taylor Lindsey: I did not have her (as a teacher), because I arrived in sixth grade; but she was my first principal and a fantastic educator.

Jim Boos: We are all in debt to our teachers.

Joan Bardshar Tracht: Mrs. Hamer was my 4th grade teacher also. She was an excellent teacher. That was the year I learned I needed glasses. She had me in the last seat in my row. She always wrote the math problems on the board for us to do. I couldn't see the numbers and asked Gerry Ontal what they were, and Mrs. Hamer, of course, thought I was copying. I remember coming home in the car wearing my glasses, and I read every sign I saw.

Barb Taylor Jones: We all have so many memories of the part she played in our lives. She certainly earned the respect of hundreds of Huron students through the years. She will be missed. When Bob (our son who is married to Mrs. Hamer's niece) called me yesterday (the day she died), he shared that she asked for chocolate pudding for breakfast and followed it up with ice cream; then quietly left us. She always was a class act, and she "did it her way"!!!

To our children

Today, Dad's 4th grade teacher (Aunt Esther's too), Grandma Lucht's friend and neighbor, and our neighbor for 6 years, Donna Hamer, left the neighborhood to be with the Lord. She was 104. As I (Dad) watched the van from the funeral home drive off from her home and down Adams Avenue, I sang a few bars from "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven (Hymn: "Joyful, joyful we adore Thee") Now there is a steady but gentle rain falling on the neighborhood. All our Love, Dad and Mom

Response from our children:

Linda: I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT Donna. She did live a long blessed life! You and Mom are in our prayers

Becky: Thank you for letting us know. Were you there when she passed? (My response: No but her niece Janet left me a phone message that Donna had eaten her lunch. The caregiver had gone out of the room. When she came back Donna gave two big sighs and passed from this form of life to the next. It is my opinion that such sighing is when the human spirit leaves the body.

Laura: Now she and Grandma are having a good time together. They are probably neighbors in Heaven.

Steve: What a sad but joyous day now that she is home. She was such a blessing to Grandma (Erma Lucht). I'm sure you will miss her quietness. The squirrels will miss her too. (She liked to watch the squirrels feed in her back yard.)

We thank God for her life among us. The Lord bless her and keep her.

Rev. Bill Lucht, '55



Rev. Bill Lucht, '55, Donna's neighbor, and Esther Lucht Svoboda, '54 visit Donna.

## Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Newest Members

The newest class of student-athletes was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame over Homecoming weekend. Six members were welcomed into this elite group, from the Class of 1951 up to 2001. The ceremony was filled with the usual good natured ribbing, tall tales, and occasional tears and concluded in record time. Class members with a five-year reunion coming up in 2012 are encouraged to look over their rosters to see if there is someone who has been overlooked over the years for this honor and then fill out the nomination papers. (A copy is printed a few pages back in this issue.) Then help organize your class's reunion around Homecoming Weekend and draw more members back for both the induction ceremony and your reunion. Remember also that next year's Homecoming Week will feature the All-School Reunion, so it's a very good time to connect with grads ahead of and behind your own class. Plan early and get everyone on the same page.



### Jim Jenkins, '83

Jim Jenkins graduated in 1983 as a one-sport scoring machine - Huron's Mr. Basketball.

Jim never saw himself during his early high school career as excelling in any sporting activity. At the prodding of some of his classmates who looked up at his height, Jim went out for basketball for his last two years. His agility on the court, deft touch and keen eye saw him in a short career set several local records, including single game scoring and most points in a season.

In his junior year, Jim made 2nd team SBC but the following year improved to first team SBC, and also 1st team District and All-Ohio.

Today Jim lives and works in Burbank OH, out in God's country between Wooster and Elyria.

### Morgan Landes, '01

Morgan Landes excelled on the tennis courts and in track.

As the third of the Landes girls, she had tough championship tennis shoes to fill but didn't flinch. From her freshman year on, she lettered in tennis. She made 1st team SBC from the git-go and was SBC champion three straight years. She was a four time Sectional champ, 3 time District champ, and 4 time State Qualifier where she earned 2nd and 3rd place finishes.

For fun and giggles, Morgan also lettered four years in track, setting school records in the 4X800, the 4X100, 200, and 400.

Boston College recruited Morgan to play tennis for them from 2001 - 2005. After graduation, she taught tennis in Hawaii, then moved back to New York City where she taught tennis while working in finance and advertising. She then moved back to Hawaii where she took courses and applied to nursing school. She was accepted, then for her second year she moved back to the Boston area and is finishing her degree at Regis College. Exams for nursing tests kept her from attending the induction ceremony. Her good friend, Shawnee School Principal Tanny VonThron, accepted on her behalf and she regaled the audience with tales of the many exploits from Morgan's formative years.







## Greg Cobb, '99

**Greg Cobb, Class of '99, excelled in both football, and basketball.**

**Greg lettered for three years in football as the team quarterback. In 1997 he was the Northwestern Ohio Co-player of the year, 1st Team All- SBC, and 2nd team all-Ohio quarterback. The following year, Greg moved up to 1st team All-SBC and 1st team all-Ohio as well as NW co-player of the year and SBC first team. He sparked the undefeated team that year and took them to the Regional Championship. Both the Lorain Journal and the Toledo Blade sportswriters named him 1st team Ohio and Offensive Player of the Year,**

**In basketball, Greg lettered three years as a master playmaker and scoring machine. He was part of the 1998-99 District Championship team and Regional Runner-up 2nd team SBC. The U. S. Marine Corps presented him with the Distinguished Athlete Award.**

**Greg graduated from The Ohio State University in 2005 and is now living and working near Dublin OH.**

## Cori Lively Dike, '01

**Cori Lively Dike, Class of 2001, lettered in basketball, volleyball, and track during her high school career.**

**In basketball, Cori earned four letters and ended her career with 1001 total points. As a sophomore she made only Honorable Mention SBC but after that went on a rampage. In her junior year she made 1st team SBC, 2nd team District and was on the Morning Journal All-Star team. She hit her stride in her senior year, making 1st team everything - SBC, District Six, Northwest District, Special Mention All-Ohio, and Wendy's and the Morning Journal All-Star teams.**

**Cori also lettered three years in Volleyball, making 2nd team SBC and District as a junior and also was a member of the state championship team. By her senior year she moved up to 1st team everything again - SBC, District, All Star games everywhere and was a member of the state champion runner-up team.**

**Finally, in track she lettered three times. She was a state qualifier in the 4 X 200 and set school records in the 4 X 200 and the 4 X 100.**

**What was next for Cori? She and her husband, Joe Dike, '94, own and operate The Gym on the East Side, next to Berardi's. And a word to the wise - be on the lookout if walking in town lest you be run over by Cori pushing a pram with a baby or two in it as she continues to work out and stay fit. Don't worry, though. You won't see Joe running along with them.**





## Ryan Klaus, '01

Ryan Klaus, Class of 2001, made his mark in the pool, except that we have no high school pool, so he was constantly on the move between any large bodies of water he could find to ply his art.

In 2000, Ryan was runner up on the Northwest District 100 Butterfly event and was a State Qualifier in the same event. Then in 2001 he was District Champion and finished tenth at state in the 100 Butterfly and finished by making the Division 1 men's All-Ohio team. On the way he became the Huron High School men's school record holder in the 100 Butterfly, the 200 free style, the 500 Freestyle, the 200 Medley Relay, and was part of the 200 and 400 Freestyle Relay record holding teams.

Colleges recruited him for their programs, and he settled in at Toledo from 2001 to 2003. At UT he was a Mid-American Conference finalist in the 100 and 200 Butterfly. He then went to Cleveland State University from 2003 - 2005 and excelled further. In 2004 he was a Finalist Horizon League 50 Freestyle, 100 and 200 Butterfly. He did as well the next two years, eventually becoming a CSU record holder in the 200 Medley Relay. He graduated from CSU with a BA in Marketing in 2005.

Ryan then went to Ashland University to work on his MBA and was their graduate assistant swim coach from 2005 - 2007. He graduated in 2007, married the former Jessica Fox, '02, and they are now living near Wooster OH.

## Bill Craig, '51

Bill Craig, the Class of 1951, earned twelve letters during his career! Tennis, track, baseball, basketball, and football were his loves, but he earned scholastic honors as well.

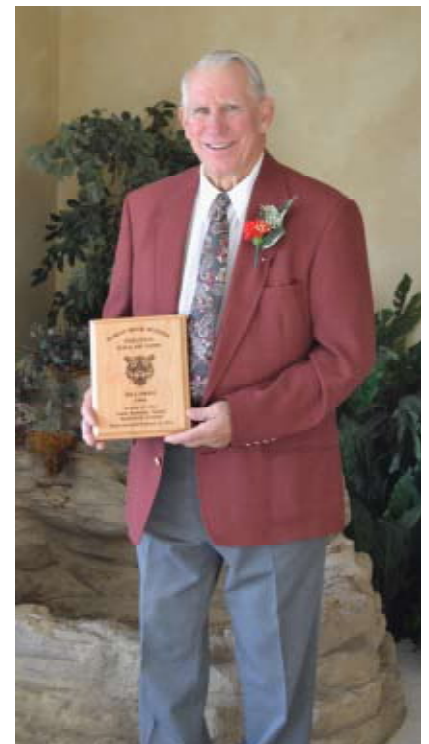
Of course, when Bill was playing, there was only conference play, and the season ended early each season. Everyone went home after the last game or race. But on the way to his five different sports letters, Bill racked up some remarkable numbers for his time.

In football, he was a two way starter for three years, playing linebacker and fullback/tailback. In 1950 he led the team in scoring with eight - count them - eight touchdowns and two extra points. He was truly Coach Frank Sowecke's darling workhorse.

In basketball, Bill started three years and led the team in scoring his senior year with 274 points - Wilt Chamberlin types of numbers back then. Along the way, Bill also lettered twice in baseball and twice in tennis.

Bill was also his senior class president. After graduating, he attended The Ohio State University on partial scholarship but went to work for the Ohio State Treasurer's Office, finally graduating in 1955. He then went into the insurance industry for a while before finishing up as an award winning manufacturer's rep in the sporting goods industry. Do you think he knew something about the business?

Today Bill is a Razorback, living in Mountain Home AR.





Some of the coaches who today are helping Huron's young men and women develop their skills, poise, and confidence, many of whom will be inducted in the future: seated, John Zadell, Sam Hohler, '90, Tim Sowecke, '70, Tom Legando, '76, and Joe Harkelroad, '94. Standing are Tony Legando, '69, and Jim Bollenbacher, '71.



Bill Craig, '51, celebrated his induction with his sister, Karen Craig Parker, '60, and brother Tom Craig, '62, as well as several other classmates.

A few of Huron's former basketball coaches: Jess Hagy, center, coached Bob Bowers, '60, right, and Dino Caporini, '66, left.



Cori Lively Dike, '01, brought along her two biggest supporters, husband Joe, '99, and son Nixon, Class of 2025, who wonders what all the commotion is about. With luck, he will have inherited his MOM'S good genes and will himself be inducted and find out!

**HURON HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and Address of closest relative of nominee (if nominee is deceased)  
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Circle the category for which the person is nominated:

**ATHLETE                      COACH                      SCHOOL OFFICIAL                      COMMUNITY MEMBER**

Did the nominee graduate from Huron High School? \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, explain why and list the year that his/her class graduated. \_\_\_\_\_

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Sports the nominee lettered in and number of letters: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Honors and achievements (may include post high school career) May use back of sheet:  
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Current Vocation of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Ye Olden Days

We have had requests for more pictures from some of the athletic teams of the olden days. (We will let you folks determine what "old" means.) We have two sources for such pictures: past yearbooks or original copies submitted by you.

Unfortunately, yearbook pictures, when scanned and reprinted appear REALLY bad. All the original pixilation from the old fashioned printing press systems is magnified and everyone's mug shot turns out blurry. Even the Post Office would reject them.

So we are asking you folks, if you have original black and white or color photos that you would like to share, send them in so we can scan and return them undamaged. Or if you have digital pictures, just email us the files. We will use them as space provides. Just be sure that you put a name to any identifiable faces shown. Some of us may have forgotten how good your grandparents were!



# Fall Sports Records

## Soccer

Girls: W-L 8 - 3 - 7      Coach Justin Kijowski  
Boys: W-L 10 - 7      Coach Matt Asher

Amanda Vacca      All-SBC first team, first team Northwest District  
Allie Carroll      All SBC second team  
Kaitlyn Stradtman      All SBC second team  
Andrea Wischart      All SBC second team as a freshman

Program notched its first ever tournament win, set record for most wins in a season, and fewest goals allowed.

## Football

W-L: 9 - 1 in regular schedule; 6 -1 in SBC; lost playoff game to Genoa      Coach Tony Legando

Kyle Pisano      All-SBC first team QB; 2nd team All-District  
Cody Thompson      All-SBC first team receiver; 1st team All-District  
Ryan McNulty      All-SBC tackle; 1st team All-District  
Troy Delamatre      All-SBC and All-District linebacker; running back 2nd team All-SBC  
Dillon Sampson      All-SBC guard 2nd team  
Nino Majoy      All-SBC tackle 2nd team  
John Dusza      All-SBC kicker; 2nd team All-District  
Austin Maddox      All-SBC defensive line  
Dom Ruta      All-SBC defensive back  
Nathan Schaefer      All-SBC defense 2nd team  
Honorable Mention SBC      Billy Porter, Nyle Olds, Derek Daigle, Drew Enderle, Logan Parkinson

## Golf

Boys - Finished 3rd in SBC and 1st in SBC tournament      Coach Tom Bollenbacher  
Keegan Bollenbacher and Bo Pettegrew qualified for District shooting a 78 and 82 respectively  
Both qualified for District Tournament and shot 81 and 82 respectively. Top five shooters this year were two  
fresh and three sophomores, so the future looks good!

Girls - finished SBC at 4 - 6 and overall at 5 - 7; they shot third in the SBC tourney and 2nd in sectionals  
Rafaella Gioffre was 1st team in the SBC with a 40.75 average  
Hannah Critelli was 2nd team in the SBC with a 46.75 average  
Casey Minton was Honorable Mention in the SBC with a 48.25 average

## Volleyball

W-L : 14 - 10 and 11 - 3 in SBC, after the toughest non-conference schedule in history      Coach Don Wood

Kat Ferrell      All-SBC, 1st Team District Six, 2nd Team All Ohio  
Katlyn Sommer      2nd Team SBC, 2nd Team District Six  
Samantha Wechter      2nd Team SBC, Honorable Mention District Six  
Alyssa Franklin      Honorable Mention SBC, Hon Mention District Six  
Sydney Grendow, Sydney Bragg      Honorable Mention SBC

## Cross Country

Girls - finished 5th in SBC, 9th at Districts      Coach Diedre Bejaramo  
Morgan Mize, as a junior, ran a 20:26 to place 7th on the school record list  
Boys - finished 5th in SBC and 15th at Districts  
Kevin Tomczyk, as a sophomore, placed 16th at Districts and 50th at Regional; now 3rd on soph. record list at HHS

## Girls' Tennis

W-L: 10-2 in SBC; 13-3 overall      Coach Jeff Skaggs  
Brittany Mayer - 1st team SBC, and District qualifier; Erin Black, 2nd Team SBC  
Carolyn Stierhoff and Caitlyn Foley, 2nd team SBC in doubles

## Stadium Maintenance Chores

Anyone who has ever attended a sporting event at Huron Memorial Stadium has stood in awe at the sheer beauty of the facility and the manner in which it is meticulously maintained.

Most of the grunt work is done by volunteers - student players themselves, coaches, teachers, dads, boosters - anyone with a pulse who shows up on the appointed days - anyone who makes the mistake of even walking a dog along Jim Campbell Boulevard on cleanup day - is pressed into service. Bushes are trimmed, beds mulched, granite tombstones - sorry, memorial plaques - polished, grass mowed, whatever needs to be done.

And the results are so appreciated on game night, especially on a warm, late August evening when families turn out early, just to socialize, maybe grab a sandwich at the concession stand, find a good vantage point from which to watch the game, then sit back and enjoy the scenery. All part of small town America at its best! And brought to you by a team of men and women whose best playing days may be far behind them, but who are still dedicated to seeing that Huron's kids have the best.

We thank you the community thanks you, returning alumni from all over the country thank you. From wherever they return, the one thing in common that they report is that Huron's facilities rival any they have seen anywhere. And that includes some of the largest high school sports facilities in the country. Well done, all of you!



Drew Long gives the bushes a going over in front of the stadium's entrance sign while Steve Noftz supervises and does weeding detail. The back of the sign has been reserved for memorial plaques. Details can be obtained from the Board of Education offices.



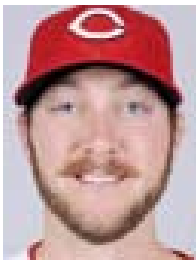
This summer the Boosters and H-Team acquired a piece of equipment that helps maintain the artificial turf surface. Rotating brushes fluff up the turf and even lift up and re-deposit some of the black rubber underlayment to help smooth out the playing area. Behind the brushes

trails a huge bar magnet that will pick up any ferrous metals from the field to help prevent injury to players. Here Joe Fantozzi and Ted Temper inspect and fine tune the machinery before their first spin. Results? A nice surface and a bucketful of band members' bobby pins (yes, they're back!) and broken cleats. Good job, guys.

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## Matt Maloney Watch

Matt Maloney, '02, had one of these seasons this summer with the Cincinnati Reds that all major league pitchers go through, the one that, at the end of a career, if you throw out, makes the entire career numbers shine. So, with that said, here are the numbers:



W - L	0 - 3
IP	18 in 8 games
K - W	13 - 4
ERA	9.16

Matt had only two starts and then toiled out of the pen for the rest of the time.

The greatest lesson Matt learned this season is NOT to try to stifle a sneeze. He did and cracked a rib which sidelined him for two months and cost him a year's worth of progress.

Next season (Sound like the Indians fans' motto?) there should be a change. It's already begun with the Minnesota Twins claiming Matt off waivers on October 31. It may be a little colder up north, but here's hoping that in about six weeks when spring training camp starts, Matt can heat it up again, get back to better form, and we can watch him pitch in Cleveland. That big park up there should help keep down the HR total and make him a good back of the rotation starter. Go get'em, Tiger!



## Huron Football Golf Outing

For the thirteenth straight year, Huron's golfing Tigers dodged the rain bullet and concluded an afternoon of golf dry – literally. Kids on the course, of course. The scramble was topped off by a hearty meal whipped up by the H-Team boys – assisted and supervised by Jake Majoy, designated chauffeur.

This annual event is not a fundraiser. Rather, the boys, together with their coaches, dads, sometimes their siblings, former football players, Tiger supporters, H-Team members, groundskeepers – you name it – all bond into the Tiger Football Family.

Common football wisdom used to hold that games were won on the field – the actual game field or practice field. Then the maxim changed to include the weight room. Now we know that even before lifting begins, there must be a sense of common brotherhood formed among the players, their coaches, their families, a shared sense of purpose and commitment to a common goal of playing to their best, supporting one another, and perhaps winning. The golf outing was a perfect example of such bonding.

About one hundred and ten players turned out for the late afternoon event, with each team containing

at least one adult. This dad or coach or team supporter played right along with the boys, offering encouragement and advice, following errant balls or, in some cases, being themselves schooled by kids who evidently knew their way around a course or two. All in all it was a fun-filled afternoon. Only the fall gridiron season would determine whether this essential phase of team building had been successful.

With the final season record at 9 – 1, and only a second loss in the playoffs against Genoa, something must have worked that day. The magic lasted from July right up to November and will continue for years to come.



Green-side frivolity seems to help the bonding process.



Jess Hagy tries to reach the green from a far piece off under the watchful eyes of coaches Tony Legando, '69, John Zadell and H-Team member, Ken Lee.



Frank Gioffre, '82 and his daughter Rafaella share a little father-daughter time on the links. Rafaella stars on the girls' golf team for Huron High.

Some guys just don't seem built for this game, but Paul Ward, '83, prepares to give his ball a ride off the fairway- if he could just see it.





## Football Golfers



**Chris Wechter prepares to launch.**



**The Timmer takes a whack.**



**Home run! Oops, wrong game.**



**Chaperone, Principal John Ruf**



**Don Lindsley gives it a ride.**



**Rafaella Gioffre shows dad how to drop one. Paul Ward can only watch and admire.**



## Foss-Saunders Scramble a Huge Success

The annual Foss-Saunders golf scramble held at Thunderbird South Golf Course took place on July 23. This event has always been played under sunny skies with at most a brief shower or heavy dew, but this year did throw a scare into the assembled duffers. Rain had threatened the entire previous night and by morning made up its mind. As lightning approached, nerves frayed, but the first volley went around the course and festivities commenced. An hour later, lightning resumed its onslaught once again, and a break in action took place. Time was not wasted, of course, as most had built up powerful thirsts on the first three holes, thirsts that needed slaking. They were, and action soon resumed.

Awards were handed out for the morning's golfers and then round two began. Most of the younger grads had chosen to play the afternoon round – probably a night-life thing - and their attention paid to decorating their golf carts exceeded only that given their clothing. “Rosco P. Coltrane” was bent upon finding the Duke Boys and pulled over many a cart with siren blaring. The “Wine B%&ches” took second place for looks, and some real losers, dressed as Cleveland Indians, showed up also. But the afternoon was spent having fun in the sun - when not searching for balls in the bean field or woods – and that was

the whole spirit behind the event.

This tenth anniversary scramble was declared a success by all who participated, and in memory of the two ladies – Ryan Foss, '00, and Michelle Saunders, '01– another \$8,000 was raised and added to the endowment. Next May a scholarship award will be made to a grad who intends to pursue a career in education. The families wish to thank once again the volunteers, hole sponsors, and all who participated in honoring the two girls. Everyone looks forward to next year – and seeing who shows up with the zaniest outfits and cart themes.



Tough duty, spotting at the hole-in-one hole, but somebody has to do it! Abby McCoy, Marni, Kristi Bollenbacher, and Dorry Rimboch are the volunteers for this hazardous duty.



A picture perfect day after a wet start.

Sherrif Rosco and Enos:



Dig them Duke Boys!



Wine gals: Tina Kreager, Jill Martin's mother, Heike Daigle, and Jill Martin





Registration

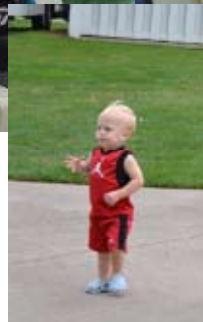


Preparing for break time

Laugh now, for you won't be laughing at your final scores.



Me too, mommy?!?!?



Traffic jam. Is this why they call it a scramble?



**Foss Saunders Scramble:  
Morning Session**





# Foss Saunders Scramble: Chow Time





**Foss Saunders Scramble:  
Afternoon Session**





## The Donut Shop's Open Classic

On Saturday, July 16, with the sun barely perched atop the trees and the mist rising off the creek, thirty-three fellows seeking the camaraderie that comes only in one place, on a golf course over donuts, met at Mills Creek Golf Course in Sandusky and participated in the annual Donut Shop Open. There are no scholarships funded from this affair, no trophies handed out, no skins, strings, gimmies or hole stretchers - just a bunch of funny dressing old duffers playing their hearts out for bragging rights and the wearing of the brown jacket.

So esteemed has this event become that one person, in order to be assured of making it on time, stayed overnight at

the YMCA next door. Others arrived with the donuts. Sherri Pajak Finton, '84, chief whip wielder at the Donut Shop, had organized the affair and laid out a spread of her finest victuals for breakfast: pounds of cream stix, crullers, donuts of every size and length, instant fat for the masses of vultures who descended upon them that morning. After swilling it all down with gallons of coffee, all then took to their carts for some swinging, doffing, chipping, swearing, and searching.

The only mistake of the day was pairing the past three champions together as a team. Of course, when you read this in

mid-December, their shaved strokes and numeracy illiteracy will not make one iota of difference. Why? Because new champions have been crowned. The team of Greg Finton, '79, Gary Gibson and Tim Weyer, '94, won this year's event. Their score? Don't ask, because you'll hear of their feat every time you stop by for a donut. Just don't sit next to any brown jacket (FYI - no one forgot to hand in his team's scorecard either, unlike a certain participant in another scramble with some heavy bread at stake.).

All the rest of you who missed the event and wished you had not? Adopt Cleveland's motto: "Wait till next year!"

The "College of Knowledge" teams in full regalia, prepared to do battle, vying for the privilege of wearing the brown jacket. They look different without a stool to prop them up, don't they! Nice legs, guys!



Bruce Dunkle wore the red suspenders and fancy trouser outfit long worn by Dick Goehring of blessed memory. Of course, he could not bend over to tee up, so permission was granted to change.

Sticks Gioffre, Dan Pisano, dapper Mike Ryan, and Tom Bollenbacher keep an eye on Dan's putt. Bo DID remember to turn in the score card, contrary to popular rumors. Must be some confusion with another scramble?



# Donut Shop Open Highlights



**Fearsome Foursome**



**Bruce, sewn into his costume, sang with the sopranos next day.**



**Orie protests Jack's "Gimmie Shoe."**



**He probably hunches at marbles, too!**



**Former co-champ lacks confidence?**



**Sherry's best donut customers.**



**Frankie gives it a ride. It's GONE.**

## Membership Sign Up<sup>1211</sup>

**HHS Alumni Association Membership Form** (Membership renewals are due in December of each year. New accepted any time.)

HHS Graduate \_\_\_ \$10 per year    You and Spouse Graduate \_\_\_ \$15    Social/Associate Membership \_\_\_ \$15

5-year membership \_\_\_ \$45    Life Membership \_\_\_ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name, if female grad \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "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

### Scholarship Funds

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Huron Historical Society Materials Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Two volume set of Huron's History by Judy Ryan and Kathy Muehlhauser Moore**

**Cost: \$20 per book or \$37.50 for the set of two**

**Quantity \_\_\_\_\_**

**Huron: My Hometown**

**Cost: \$30 per five disc set, by local residents**

**Quantity \_\_\_\_\_**

**Downtown Interrupted: Huron's Urban Renewal Experience**

**Cost: \$20 per set**

**Quantity \_\_\_\_\_**

**Legacy of the Docks - a history of the Huron docks by those who actually toiled there.**

**Cost: \$25    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make check payable to the Huron Historical Society.**

**We will notify you when your DVD set is available for pick-up/shipping.**

**Thanks for your support!**

**Mail to:            Huron Historical Society**

**333 Williams Street**

**Huron, Ohio 44839**

## Stocking Stuffers from the Huron Chamber

The Huron Chamber of Commerce is reducing its inventory of collectible Christmas tree ornaments. From 1990 onwards, the late Bob Hilty created the images of these ornaments from local landmarks. Originally priced at \$10, they are now available at half price at the Chamber office at 509 Huron St. If you are out of town, email Sheila at [www.huronchamber.com](http://www.huronchamber.com) to make arrangements.

## Year Books 4 Sale

We have many copies of Year Books from the years 2000 to 2010 that are being sold for the amazingly low price of only \$20 (plus \$5 shipping, if you live out of the immediate area and we need to mail them.) Email us for the year you need and an address. This offer good while supplies last for each year available. All proceeds will be deposited in the scholarship fund.



## EMAIL and Membership Reminders

Did you hear? Postage rates are inching up again the first of the year, and that probably will not be the last time in 2012 that rates increase. It is, therefore, imperative that we cut costs further to keep this *Newsletter* afloat. If we can convince more and more folks to read this *Newsletter* in the in-line version, we could trim costs considerably. We know that many of you who are holding this paper version in your hands right now are also very adept with your computers or iPads or iPods or fancy phones and could and would just as soon read it on line. Except that we do not have an email address for you through which we can notify you when we publish. If you are willing to make the change, would you PLEASE email us so we can move you over to the electronic version and save a few dollars per year per change made? The advantages to the on-line version are that it is eco-friendly - no more landfill litter (unless, of course, some of you need it for kitty litter or mulch), no more blurry, ugly black and white photos (the on-line version is entirely in color), and many extra pages of reunion and event pictures.

Also, a reminder that all annual membership dues are up at the end of December each year. Those who have not yet considered a membership, this would be a good time. The enrollment form is inside the back cover of this issue. If you wish to consider supporting our scholarship programs, information is also there for you to do that. We also make it possible for those who wish to support Huron athletics from afar to do so on the same form by choosing an option for the Booster Club membership. One check for everything is all it takes, not separate ones.

We thank you for your past support and hope to be able to continue and even improve our record of service to alumns.



## Take a Last Look

By the time the next issue of this *Newsletter* appears early next summer, the buildings you see here should be dust - literally. The City of Huron has entered into contracts for demolition of these structures sometime this winter with the materials to be removed. The metals, of course, will be salvaged and recycled, and the stone and brick are scheduled to be crushed and recycled also. When the demolition date is announced, the locals will probably be lining up with cameras ready to capture the moment. Those grads who live well outside the dust fall-out area will have to wait until June to see pictures of the implosions. Many will feel that the waterfront then will look like a beautiful but gat-toothed second grader smiling through two missing front teeth. But the area is slated to be turned into a useful, scenic waterfront, tax producing entity. No one knows just yet what that will be, but the theory is that if we destroy this, they will come. We'll keep you posted.

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