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HURON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Commencement 2011

Another year, another class, another group of grads to help swell our numbers. On June 5th, 113 proud graduates crossed the stage, received diplomas, flipped the tassels on their mortarboards, and thereby entered our organization. No raising the right hand, no pledge of allegiance, no entrance exam, no payment of dues – just hearty congratulations for a job well done and then automatic entry into our rolls. The total number of Huron grads is now approximately 8750. We realize that some schools process that number in less than a decade, but our modest size is what makes us great. These grads this year understand, as all of you reading this do, what family is and what makes Huron High such a great place to call Alma Mater.

The day's festivities began with a Baccalaureate ceremony held at St. Peter's Church in which the featured speaker was Bill Scott, '72, retiring math teacher and track coach. Bill's message was simple: choose your passion and

excel in it. Passion, he reminded the grads, is a result of a whole series of choices, never waited upon but achieved. And one's final success depends upon whether one has merely accepted conditions as they are or acted to change them. Those who choose to succeed usually do better than those who fail to choose. Sage advice surely.

The Commencement speakers continued this theme by urging their fellow classmates to act to change the world. Salutatorian Kaitlyn DeRan reminded all that no problem is too great if only one keeps working at it. The fact that some were actually graduating was proof positive of that statement! Valedictorian Andrea Gillespie addressed a whole floor full of future moms and dads, artists, musicians, professionals, and politicians,

We're OUTA HERE!

performers, laborers, teachers, healers – all those who will be shaping the world to come – if only they act. She thanked the community, family, and friends that had thus far shaped her and her classmates and provided the direction to challenge the future. She dared all her fellow dreamers to heed Eleanor Roosevelt's words: the world belongs to those believe in the beauty of their dreams.

From watching this class develop the past four years and absorb the values Huron has to offer, we're confident that these dreamers will succeed in a big way. You will be reading of their successes here, and in the not too distant future!

McCormick Building Certifiably Historic

Live long enough and sooner or later someone will honor you for something. Stand in one spot long enough and someone will slap a coat of paint on you. Look a little odd and gawkers will parade past you and point at your features. Do all three of these and you have McCormick Middle School.

Begun during WWII, the Ohio Street School saw her first students graduate with the Class of 1943. Late in that school year, the decision had been made

to parade each class one by one from the old Williams Street School to the new school where students took up residence for just a few weeks. The idea was to work the kinks out of the new building before school would open for good the following fall. Whether they worked out the kinks or gave the building a few is not recorded, but open it did for good in the fall of 1943, housing all twelve grades.

Before it housed a school, the property was a farm of sorts, if vineyards count.

The Krock family owned the property which held a house, barn, and acres of grapes. The board of education purchased the farm in the 1930's, at which time some changes were made. The original farm house remains, the first home north of the present school, and now owned by Gary and Anne Hinton. The house immediately north of that has an interesting history also. It was originally a barn that stood to the rear of the property but was moved forward more and converted to a home.



The original Krock farm house and barn on Ohio Street. Notice the sidewalk in the 1930's but no paved street or curbs yet - still too many horse drawn vehicles like ice and milk wagons.
photos courtesy of Ron Krock, '61.

Designed by famed Sandusky architect, Harold Parker, the building was the first poured concrete school building in the State of Ohio. With the war on and steel in short supply, concrete had to be the chosen medium. Some thinking was that in case of enemy attack, the building could also have been used as a bunker to shelter the entire village of Huron at that time. Probably just an urban legend, but thanks to the vigilance of Huron's North Coast Civilian Rooftop Spotters, the attack never came and the building was spared. And at a total cost of \$339,000, she was certainly a steal!

The style of the building is what attracts people to her as they pass down Ohio Street or attend a Huron Playhouse production during the summer season. The nation had been used to fore square public buildings, those boxy looking things with a multitude of windows in days of cheap energy, and certainly square corners and a gabled roof of some sort. The Ohio Street School displayed none of this. She was conceived in the then modern Arte Moderne style which immediately made her sound like a foreign import. Others more francophobic called her Art Deco.

Art Deco had been popularized in the 1920's and 30's as a reaction to the



Franklin Krock poses before his home sometime in the mid-30's

traditional architecture forms, as a style to reflect the future, not the past. So declared, and dictated, the *Exposition Internationale des Arts Decoratifs and Industriels Modernes* staged in Paris in 1925. They decreed that stacked brick or stone buildings, the fronts of which looked like remnants of ancient Greek temples, screamed out of the past and all her problems. What was needed was something new that bespoke a future of technology, machinery, sleekness,

speed, efficiency, something that shouted progress. Transported to America, Art Deco, as it was envisioned on the East Coast, followed New York's motto of *Excelsior*, "Ever Higher." A whole array of skyscrapers pierced the heavens with towers, pinnacles, and fancy gargoyles and futuristic rocket ship appearances. Everyone knows the Chrysler Building.

The late '30's and early 40's and their accompanying economic hardships saw the style tempered. Arte Moderne stressed a more horizontal look, retained the glass, but removed or significantly shortened the towers, usually placed front and center. (Hence the slightly higher elevation over McCormick's main entranceway.) She smoothed out the surfaces, rounded the corners, and used glass block for rigidity and diffused lighting. So there the Ohio Street School stood, plopped right down behind two blocks full of Victorian, three-story painted ladies, perched on the edge of a swamp where the Krock family farm had been located, and next to the Deyo pickle factory!

The town soon outgrew the Ohio Street School which had been constructed to house Huron's school age population for generations. An annex was built a few years later, then Shawnee School in the mid '50's and finally a new high school in the late '50's. (Must have been something in the water in those days.) In the 70's the Ohio Street School received a name change to McCormick School with slight variations ever since, depending upon the population housed there. Through it all she has endured, thanks to the care she has received over the decades. Her flat roof has always presented a problem, but leaks can be plugged, boilers replaced, and windows made more efficient. She has remained a point of pride for the community all these years, and is especially heavily trafficked during the summer when the Huron Playhouse takes her over.

Now, since she has stood so long and pretty, a committee of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board has voted to include the McCormick School on a list of historic sites in Ohio to be recommended for special status. The bottom line is that after further review, our school could eventually be placed upon the National Register of Historic Places through the National Park Service. If that occurs, we will report in the next issue on reactions from members of that first class to graduate from the

Baccalaureate and Commencement Scenes



Part of the Baccalaureate ceremony has become a procession of trophies and other symbols of success to lay before the altar. Here Taryn Graham, Erin O'Reilly, Hannah Figgins, and Justine Butler carry down the volley ball program's offerings.



"Rev." Bill Scott passes on some weighty words of wisdom to the graduates at their Baccalaureate ceremony.

The results are shown here.



Joe Bogden, Jordan Romick, Ethan Felton and Brian Bollenbacher escort up the football, jerseys, and helmet from a successful season.



Principal John Ruf congratulates a new grad as board member Scott Slocum looks on and Tony Munafò summons the next grad to the stage.

Three Generations of Grads

Community roots go deep in this year's graduating class. Ten families have at least three generations of living Huron High grads, one family has four, and dozens two generations. We managed to corral those on the following pages for your enjoyment. No matter when you graduated, you probably crossed paths with some of these people.



Bob Boos, '57, Linda Uther Boos, '59, Curt Boger, and Stacy Boos Boger, '89. Curt's dad, Eric Boger, is also an '89 grad, but somebody had to work that day.



The rose, Jessica Majoy, between the thorns: Grandfather Jake Majoy, '50, and father, "Skippy" Joe Majoy, '74.



Maria Johnson Pounds, '85, Teresa Larizza Johnson, '48, and Ben Wilson pose before the building where Teresa's brother Rockie had been principal for ten years.



Richard Hartley, '58, Devon Koenig, and Michelle Hartley Koenig, '87.

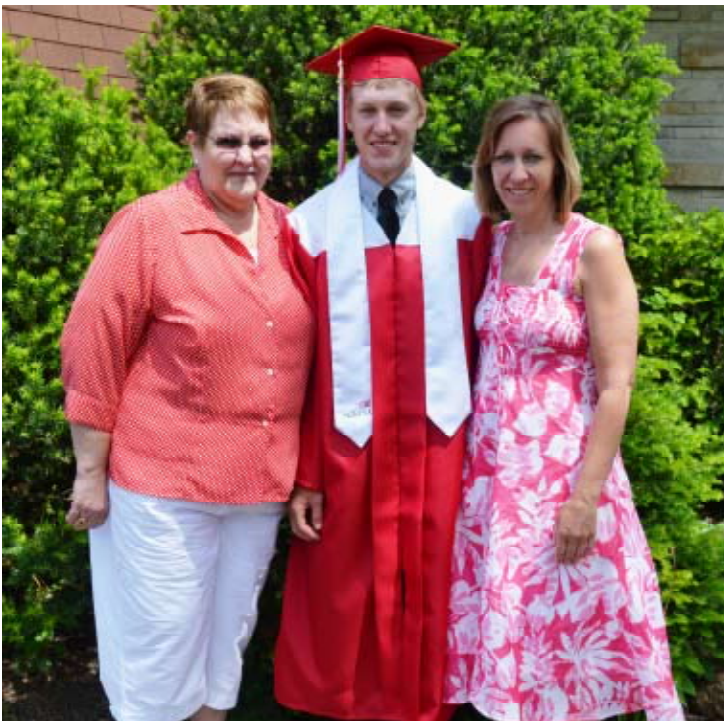
Four or More Generations

Here are some DEEP Huron roots, four generations in all. Tom Keyer, '11, stands with mom, Julie Jenkins Kyer, '87. In front are Eileen Knupke Jenkins, '65, and her father, Wayne Knupke, '43. But the line goes back even further. Wayne's father George, while not a Huron graduate, did serve on the school board for many years. In fact, his name can be found on a plaque honoring those administrators and board members serving when McCormick School was constructed.




The Washburn connection at Huron High began with Walter in 1912, followed by Chuck, '38 (center) and his son Karl, '76, and grandson, Benjamin, '11.

Nancy Wechter, '59, Cody Decker, and Lisa Pullano Decker, '83 represent a family with at least five generations in Huron. Nancy's father Carl was a 1933 graduate, and Carl's father Bill, while not a graduate, was associated with the Huron Dairy even earlier in the 20th century.



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Class Reunion Schedule for 2011

With nearly a full plate, this looks to be an excellent reunion season this year. With the exception of RiverFest weekend, most are spread out over summer and fall. The internet also seems to be the way contacts are being made, too, as the telephone falls out of favor. Many of the younger ones are using social networking sites to round up the class, especially Facebook. There they can establish a Class Reunion page with their school and year of graduation posted and everyone seems to check in who is interested in attending. That method also allows folks who are not “homies” to participate more in the planning.

In planning for next year, keep in mind that we will be staging another All-School Reunion the weekend of September 26 - 29, 2012. Many of you may want to plan your individual reunions around that time and also join in the general fun at the “Big One” where you meet those slightly ahead and behind your class.

Class	Date	Place	Contact Information
1943	Sept. 10	HYC noon	Ellie Waite
1947	Sept 15	HYC noon	Ida Hastings 433-4961
1951	Oct 1	HYC	Tike Majoy 433-5304 tikemajoy@buckeye-express.com
1961	Oct 8	HYC noon	Rose Gerber iallonardo@aol.com
1971	July 16	HYC 6 PM casual dress	Julie Sowecke 433-4644 Beth Fisher
433-5241		former teachers invited to attend	stevebeth@bex.net
1981	July 8 July 9	i-5's at 8 PM Sawmill Creek 6:30 PM	Paula Perdue pjp0127@aol.com
1985	July 1 July 2	family beach cookout 1 PM Beachwood Cove Beach Huron Lagoons Marina 6 PM pool party	1985hhs@gmail.com mailto:sutton.karen@sbcglobal.net
1991	Sept 23 - 24	Details coming Homecoming weekend	Contact Lisa McGraw Fisher lfisher@bgsu.edu to help on planning
1996	July 9 2-6 PM	Nickel Plate Park kids welcome picnic potluck	Sarah Leimkuehler sarahresley@yahoo.com by July 1 see Facebook also
2001	something stirring		Ara Bartemes ara.bartemes@gmail.com
2006	July 9 5 - 8 PM	Little Italy Ristorante former 800 Club in Sandusky reservations needed ASAP	Alex Swain aswain1@gmail.com

Recent Gatherings

Some classes seem to stick together better than velcro or flypaper. It seems that a Golden Jubilee celebration becomes the impetus for more regular gatherings than the usual quinquennials. A few classes such as those from '43 and '47 meet annually now. Others meet monthly. The Berardi Breakfast Bunch of '48 gathers on the first Friday of each month, no exceptions even for the sunbirds, while the rowdies of '59 prefer a pizza joint or some such place where they can do some serious damage to a buffet and belt down a few. With the dates thus set in cement, folks just know there is always an open invitation to attend. Most of the time it's the "homies" who frequent these gatherings, but because the time and place are well advertised, occasionally some from out of town or state drop by to catch up. The fixed date and place make it so convenient to schedule a trip!

Sometimes smaller groups within a class meet on a regular basis, too. In the old days, some would have called these cliques. Perhaps then, but so many years later alliances have changed and new ones formed for untold reasons. Maybe the guys all played a team sport together, or the gals raised their kids together and carpoled to soccer games. Others share professional interests of all types. Others, believe it or not, meet to discuss books! The point is that friends don't miss opportunities to check in once in a while.

Your class can begin a tradition such as these simply by declaring a time and place and then contacting all in the class. No one has any food prep, clean up, or work at all. (Unless reading a book counts as work.) No one has to dress up, make up, put on airs, or pretend any more. Everyone feels comfortable inside his or her own skin, just being ones' own self, warts and all now. The movement may begin with only a few attendees, but word will travel fast, and before long, such gatherings become part of everyone's routine. Look for the numbers to vary. That's part of what makes these happenings so much fun. Start a tradition and join the fun with your buddies.

Some '59ers

Dee Hartley, Val Constantino and his wife Alice (hiding), Barb and Bill Orshoski, and Karen Colon enjoy these get-togethers the second Sunday evening of each month.



Judy Ishmael, June and Brad Bickley, Porter and Claudia Wallace, and Gail Kurtz chat before the feeding frenzy.



A few members of the Class of '48 hang out on the first Friday of each month. Numbers may be down this time but Bob Fritz, George Muehlhauser, Millie Morey, Teresa Johnson, Norma Batch, and Fred Hammond still enjoy swapping stories and catching up.



California Happening

In December, four members of the class of 1984 met in San Diego for dinner at the restaurant of Bravo TV's Top Chef Brian Malarkey. Pictured (from left) are Jodi Sender Linden, Chef Brian Malarkey, Cathy Simon Rooney, Ken Wilford, and Karen Stein Nunez.



Schedule Your Summer in Huron

Have some fun, gain some culture, get some exercise, play for a good cause - so many choices! Huron has a fine reputation of being a Great Lake Place, mainly because of all these summer activities. Load up and enjoy your time in Huron.

June

18	Legends of Rock - Joplin Concert Experience	Huron Boat Basin	7:30 PM
20	Football Team Scramble	T-Bird South	4:30 PM
25	Inspiration Run	Fabens Park	7 AM reg/8 AM run
28 -July2	Beguiled Again Musical Revue of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart hits	Huron Playhouse	8 PM

July

5-9	Cheaper by the Dozen	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
8 - 10	River Fest Fireworks NOMS/Huron RiverFest 5K Run Parade and family fun Fun continues on Sunday afternoon. Ends with the Great	Boat Basin area	Friday Night Saturday regist. 7 AM Saturday 10 AM
12-16	A Little Night Music	Boat Basin High School	5 PM 8 PM
16	Eddie & the Edesls #1 Oldies Revue	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
17	Arts at the Basin w/ Vermilion Concert Band	Huron Boat Basin Basin Amphitheater	7:30 PM 7 - 8:30 PM
18-23	Don't Dress for Dinner	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
23	Saunders-Foss Golf Benefit	T-Bird South	7:30 AM
24	Arts at the Basin w/ Cathy Black	Basin Amphitheater	7 - 8:30 PM
27-31	The King and I	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
28	Family Fishing Tournament	McBride Arboretum	6 PM
31	Pantasia - Music for all occasions on steel drum	Basin Amphitheater	7 PM

August

7	OSU Alumni Band	Basin Area	7:00 PM
8	Huron Boosters Golf Scramble	Sawmill Creek Golf Club	Reg. @ 10 AM
13-14	Huron Rotary Festival - Ribs, Blues, Arts	Basin Area	10 AM-4 PM
26	Huron Tigers 2011 Football season begins	Vermilion for the Win Oar	
27	Firelands Symphony Orchestra	McBride Arboretum	6 PM free event
26-28	Irish Fest	BGSU Firelands Campus BasinArea	

September

3 - 5	Melon Festival	Milan Square	day-long activities
10	City Wide Garage Sale	Hur	
on Boat Basin	9 AM - 1 PM		
21-23	Homecoming festivitiesr Wednesday the 21st Retired High School Staff party Thursday the 22nd Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Friday the 24th Tail Gate party Game against St. Marys CC Post Game Celebration	Heydinger's place Mesenburg's Plaza Place West Parking Lot Huron Memorial Stadium Mulligan's Pub Sawmill Creek	3 PM - ??? 6 PM 5 PM 7 PM 9:30 PM - ????

October

15	Pumpkin Fest	Huron Boat Basin	12 - 6 PM
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EHOVE Graduates

Forty-three years ago the very first class to graduate from EHOVE's technical school crossed a stage and entered into history. Most of those early grads are now in or nearing retirement and are very thankful for the opportunities given them by their EHOVE education. It's the road definitely less traveled, but it has made all the difference for countless scores of Huron students – and for another twelve thousand total EHOVE grads.

This year's senior EHOVE Career Center class saw thirty-seven of Huron's seniors walk across the stage at the EHOVE Senior Recognition ceremony held at the state Theater in downtown Sandusky on May 27. Proud parents, grandparents, and siblings stood in line on a very chilly Sandusky waterfront waiting for the doors to open. Once inside, though, the theater warmed to the powerful emotions of swelling pride and joyful tears. (A few, though, were also in shock and awe that their child had actually made it through the course work!) In all more than three hundred and fifty families celebrated the passing that day of a milestone on life's course. EHOVE offers a very diverse curriculum for its students. Twenty-two different programs were represented at the ceremony, with Huron's grads involved in fifteen of them. The skills areas included auto body and auto technology programs,

career based intervention, cosmetology, health careers, and the technologies: construction, diesel truck, electrical, engineering, health, and manufacturing. Many others chose to study in the Public Safety Academy – in the criminal justice and EMT/Firefighter programs. The Teacher Academy and Early Childhood Education programs likewise attracted a large number of those wanting to become teachers. Computer tech programs rounded out the careers with fields such as visual communications design, computer networking technology and interactive media technology. The richness and diversity of the programs has certainly changed over the past forty-three years and undoubtedly will continue to do so to meet future employment challenges.

Most students also recognized that their studies have just begun in their chosen fields and are thus continuing their education in many ways. Students are planning on attending dozens of colleges, from local two-year community college programs to college branches such as BGSU Firelands Campus or OSU's Mansfield campus. Still others will seek four year degrees at major colleges and universities, mostly within Ohio, but a few located in "Meechegan." Every branch of the military, as well as the various National Guards, will also welcome EHOVE's grads.



Claire Woodburn, representing the Teacher Academy, delivers her address.

Many of the graduates have worked hard for two years and garnered much scholarship aide for continued studies. We congratulate Huron's EHOVE grads and look forward to seeing them at future reunions to learn how well their training has paid off. Literally.



Nicole Bruck accepts her diploma package and a hug from one of her instructors in the Criminal Justice Program. This program has the largest enrollment of those offered at EHOVE, probably the result of nightly back-to-back airings of NCIS or NCIS: Los Angeles, and CSI, CSI: Miami and CSI:ny. Everyone wants to be a Ducky, Abby, or a Catherine Willows. They wish!

Scholarship Assembly



Recipients this year of the Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship were Ellen Justus and Katie DeRan, shown with Sue Shontz Du-Bray. Tom was a long time science teacher at Huron High.

in their memory. Individual foundations, past athletic teams, alumni groups such as ours, and even individual families round out the lot of donors.

If you, your family, business, group or organization would like to become part of this program, the high school counselor would appreciate talking with you. Contact Jan Bogden Henning, '69, at 419-433-3171 or in care of the high school.



Kayla Riddle accepts her Alumni Association Scholarship from Dr. Cindy Miglietti, '72, professor in the business department at Firelands Campus BGSU.

Typical May evening in Ohio. The members of the 2011 Huron graduating class, their parents and friends all huddled together in bathrooms at the Cedar Point Center on Firelands Campus BGSU, waiting for the tornados to blow over - not once but twice. When the last all-clear allowed everyone to enter the center hall, these seniors surfed a tsunami of scholarship donors to reap the benefits of their hard work over so many years. They were recognized for their academic achievements, their athletic talents, their devotion to community, churches, family, and friends, the strength of their character. It was also truly a time to celebrate the community that had helped shape both their children's destinies and that of our country. One had to have a good feeling after seeing what Huron is contributing to our nation.

This class reaped the rewards for their efforts, Sixty-one students received \$220,000, representing 85 different scholarships from the community and area, an increase of twenty donors in just one year. From the colleges, five girls and two boys received full athletic rides, and twenty-five others received full or partial academic grants, so far, a total of \$1,090,000 in direct scholarship grants. This is a far cry from even thirty years ago when perhaps a handful of scholarships were awarded, and those few in number were announced at the annual commencement exercises.

However, as the number of students going on to college has risen and as economic times have made a college education difficult to afford, the community has stepped up to support its sons and daughters. Today it seems that every organization in town has as part of its mission the raising of scholarship money. Many businesses, banking institutions, school clubs, organizations, and unions, even local groups unaffiliated with schools such as the Fish Huron and the Browns Backers, have become part of the annual student support group. Not just these groups but also individual memorial funds honor lost loved ones by establishing scholarships

Rory Kaip and Katie DeRan were the recipients of this year's Vanessa Hart-Campbell Scholarship. The award was named for the mother of Jim Campbell, '42, former general manager and president of the Detroit Tigers. The scholarship award amounts this year to six thousand dollars per year for a total of four years, provided certain annual scholarship conditions are met.



NHS Going Strong

This year's class of National Honor Society members follows in the very august footsteps of countless predecessors of young Huron scholars. The Huron chapter began in 1937, and today's crop of inductees continues strong the Huron tradition of academic excellence.

More than a scholarship honor roll, however, the Society seeks to inculcate additional traits of leadership, character, and service in its members. Huron's chapter, for example, added as a requirement for continuing membership a total of eight hours of service per semester in addition to the hours required for receiving the Diploma of Distinction. Huron's students gladly exceed these numbers, though, in every respect. Under the able mentorship of counselor Jan Bogden Henning, '69, the members annually set high goals for community service, then blossom as their leadership skills emerge during the course of carrying out the goals. Past members should rest assured that this long tradition at Huron High continues to produce future leaders for Huron and the other lucky communities in which Huron's NHS members eventually will settle. Too bad we can't keep them all for ourselves!

Pictured from L. to R. front to back are:

Melinda Studans, Devon Dickirson, Courtney Hart, Leah Phipps, Jacob Wycoki, Carolyn Stierhoff, Erin Black, Gina Munafu, Emily Ineson, Megan McNulty, Matt King, Lauren Mueller, Brittany Mayer, Zach Claus, Chloe Greenawalt, Tessann Brewster, Nick Stelzer, Neesha Nainee, Sam Bunting, Jacob Ramey, Morgan Mize, Tyler Savage, Dan Steltzer, Ikki Tanaka, Alex Kidd, Jacob Kovach, Mason Prosser, Jacob Justus, Trae Graham, Taylor Prosser, Colin McCready, Josh Evers. Missing from the picture was Will Sams.



Huron's Other Memorial Garden

Over the years, many Huronites have contributed in so many ways to the success of Huron's educational and athletic programs. Appreciative classmates, teammate, family, and friends have honored the memory of these selfless folks in a variety of ways. The area surrounding the Stadium has traditionally been the site of many tree plantings and memorial plaques - so many that now that area has filled up. In not too many years a forest threatens to engulf the entire stadium area. That and the stone markers will make us Forest Lawn East. The Board of Education and the Huron Boosters decided to find another way to commemorate their supporters by erecting a Memorial Wall at the front entrance to the stadium. The wall was completed last year and has been beautifully landscaped.

The second phase of the stadium memorial program is now available for dedications. The new site is showcased on Jim Campbell Boulevard (south side of the stadium). The front-facing side of the wall is Jim Campbell's dedication, and the back of the wall is for the general public. When filled, it will resemble (in appearance) the Vietnam Wall. All dedications will be carved in matching black granite and affixed to the wall.

A minor engineering problem needs to be worked out before the plaques will be mounted. It seems that the granite is so heavy that a plaque will slide down the wall under its own weight. Part of the reason is that the cement blocks of the wall itself may not have fully dried out from the wet spring, which makes adhesion difficult. So when drier, warmer weather arrives, the process can commence and the "stickum" will work, hopefully.

The cost of a dedication plaque is \$150. If you have a family member, loved one, or classmate you would like to memorialize, please contact School Treasurer Mike Weis at mweis@huron-city.k12.oh.us.

McBride Arboretum Forest Receives Face Lift

"The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. . . ."

These lines are generally attributed to Mr. Socrates, living about 2,400 years ago in Athens, Greece. Too bad he didn't live long enough to know Huron students. They would have stood that old boy on his bald head on the morning of Saturday, April 9, at the McBride Arboretum. How so?

For years this arboretum's whereabouts has been a well kept secret, in part because much of the forested property maintained behind Firelands Campus BGSU is a near unsightly wilderness – a case of passers-by not being able to see the trees for the brush. A large part of that ended on that April Saturday when a group of ten Huron National Honor Society students, under the direction of their advisor, Mrs. Jan Henning, showed up shortly after breakfast ready to do battle.

Armed with shovels, loppers, and assorted handsaws and pruners, they received instructions for a few moments and then immediately set to work. They paired off and attacked separate sectors of the battlefield, mostly unsupervised by the adults there. With great purpose and resolve, they hacked, sawed, and lopped their way steadily down along the edge of woods, along the meadow atop the bluff along Sawmill Creek. They started at Boos Road and gradually worked their way south, eliminating what a couple decades of birds and squirrels had planted. There were clumps of wild roses snagging passers-by, invasives such as dogwoods, honeysuckles, hawthorns, and the dreaded mulberries growing everywhere. Some students even ventured down into the woods area to fell those lower canopy head-bangers and foot-grabbers that hikers and runners alike detest.

And the best part of the morning? They managed to accomplish their tasks without blaring radios in the background, Ipod buds dangling from their ears, constant cell phones ringing, or raising other racket. Slowly, methodically, and in full respect of nature's solitude, they worked their way along, with the loudest noises the occasional cars slowing down to gaze at the rare sight of students



From left to right in the front row: Zach Claus, Trae Graham, Courtney Hart, Paige Bragg, Devon Dickirson, Ikki Tanaka, Thomas Kyer, Elizabeth Slocum, Ben Washburn, Bryce Haase. Adults in the back row were Rich Schiltz, John Blakeman, Jan Bogden Henning, '69, and Ed Boose, '62.

actually out working on a free day. They survived, actually enjoyed their work, and at the end talked about returning another day.

The results?

Their goal was to clear the underbrush and render the forest visible to all, whether driving westward on Boos Road, standing on the college campus grounds, or even while out jogging along the forest brim. Now, from wherever one views the woods, vistas have been drastically improved. While ambling along the gentle pathways that have been sculpted throughout the meadow, visitors can now fully appreciate some of the oldest and most magnificent black oaks in the county, from crown to ground. Stately hickories and ash can now be scanned in their full glory, though folks had better snap their picture of the ash before they all go the way of the elms and chestnuts. Busy emerald ash borers are felling them fast in Erie County.

For the more hardy, a better treat awaits them in future springs at the base of

the stairway descending the hill to the bottom land along Sawmill Creek. The newly opened forest canopy will allow more light to reach the floor where a visual feast of spring wildflowers will spread before any who dare make the trip down. Work in future years will spread that blanket of color throughout the woods for generations to enjoy.

And all because a couple handfuls of lazy, luxury seeking, ill-mannered, insolent, disrespectful, constantly texting teens gave up part of their Saturday to benefit all who would visit the McBride Arboretum. Sorry, Socrates. Not in Huron. Erie County's best kept secret became more charming that Saturday. Thank you, Huron NHS students, until you're better paid. Do bring your own children and their grandparents out someday to enjoy the fruits of your labors.

Now that this group has, literally, blazed the trail, the word is that future groups want to participate to make this an annual ritual. We look forward to working with them.

Volunteerism: Alive and Well at HHS

About thirty years ago, Huron City Schools began a program that was innovative in the area at the time but also highly controversial. Today, though, it is highly copied. The Board of Education established a two-tiered diploma system. Students completing all their credit requirements, and having kept their noses clean for four years, received the traditional sheepskin. A second, more prestigious diploma, The Diploma of Distinction, required more academic rigor, more accelerated courses, more credits, and the most controversial requirement of all: 50 total hours of volunteer work in the community over the span of a high school career.

Un-American! Commie plot! Forced volunteerism! And these were some of the more complimentary – and printable – student reactions. Imagine that – being forced to help others in some way without receiving compensation. Totally anti-American!

That was then, at a time when early Generation Y kids were being raked for their utter fixation upon self, for their materialistic values centered in gadgets, mostly electronic, for their narcissistic, pleasure seeking ways.

Today, students sing a different tune. They cheerfully donate their time and talents to dozens of projects around the community to benefit others – and in the process learn a little about what has stitched our nation's social fabric together over the generations. We had

been losing the concept of looking out for others, of lending a hand in time of need, of basically showing care and concern for other less fortunate. Not in Huron any more. Over just the past year alone, our students have donated thousands of hours and raised a like amount of money to benefit others. How's that for a Commie, un-American plot!

A partial listing of their volunteer work fills pages. Students routinely have assisted seniors in projects at the local mall, sponsored drives to collect toys, clothing, and other personal items for area needy families. They have volunteered to wrap gifts for holiday shoppers at the mall, rung the bell at Christmas kettles around town, made up gift shoe boxes to ship gifts to children in need around the country. They have "gone Green" in some of their work also, making up bird feeders to help our feathered friends through the winter. A group of National Honor Society students even spent a Saturday morning at the local arboretum this spring, cleaning up brush and clearing woodland paths to make the return to nature easier for visitors. Projects for the local soup kitchen, for Care and Share, and children suffering from rare diseases were also included in the listing. And the greatest gift of themselves – literally – these students sponsored a blood drive and made most of the donations themselves!

A very special relationship has also been formed between the National Honor Society students and one of the local

nursing homes, Admiral's Pointe. The students have "adopted" the residents and have spent many happy hours there engaged in all sorts of projects. The highlight of their time has probably been the "Senior Prom" that they sponsored. Such a time was had – music and drinking (punch, of course), singing and dancing – seniors with seniors and students with seniors! Experiences such as these work both ways. The residents, of course, break the otherwise boring tedium of their daily routine with sparks of life that remind them that they are still alive. The students, in turn, in their quiet moments, sometimes long after their visits, are deeply imbued with realizations that of the two – giving and receiving – sometimes the question is not which of the two is greater, but how is it that both can sometimes be the same.

In short, the Huron community is a better place to live because her students are being taught the value of paying forward to their community, of not just stepping up when the call goes out for help but seeking opportunities to give. In the future, these young adults will become their own community leaders wherever they settle. Too bad we can't retain more of them for Huron. But then that would defeat the purpose of their training now, wouldn't it! Give it away, and Huron certainly teaches its own to do that.

If you have examples of how your own volunteer experiences at Huron have had long term effects upon you, contact us and we'll be happy to share them with our grads. It could be catching!

Teen Leadership Corps Celebrates

Leadership is no accident, despite what you may have heard about some being born with it, others having it thrust upon them. As a virtue, it is not hooked on to anyone's DNA, bestowed thus upon an individual who happened to choose the right set of parents – unless one counts physical height. Somehow we like our leaders tall, at least our male leaders.

Rather, leadership is one of those quirky traits that folks recognize in others, and if not blessed with an abundant amount themselves, they defer to what they see in those others. In that sense, then, there is a whole subset of skills that comprise leadership which, taken together, creates a formula for the successful leader. But the traits themselves need to be first

spotted and then developed over time in order to cultivate a new generation of leaders.

How early can leaders be discerned in a group of students? As early as kindergarten, it seems. Before that, in preschools and their diaper school precursors, we tend to call them bullies. But as students move through the lower elementary years to middle and junior high school, they receive more opportunities to practice their leadership skills. Teachers group students and assign various roles within the groups. School boards fund extracurricular activities and clubs in which slates of officers are elected and then set about maneuvering the membership into accomplishing

goals. Student Council organizations seem to attract and nurture the cream of the crop up through high school years, but only if blessed with successful adult role models as faculty advisors. Active student councils are no accident.

But inevitably, there are many more future leaders in classes than can be accommodated with Student Council roles. What to do for them? Especially in an era of tightening financial belts nationwide among the educational community, as funds grow more scarce, potential leadership training activities are cut from school budgets. The next generation of students then loses its opportunity to develop skills which society will sorely need. How do we

take care of these students and society's future needs?

Luckily, in the Huron and Erie County area, there is an organization that addresses these needs. The Teen Leadership Corp was founded by former Huron High School teacher Mary Ann Creamer as an outgrowth of work she had done while teaching in Huron. Her duties then included the Peer Class, begun in 1992, in which students were engaged in a whole variety of exercises to develop their leadership skills in conceiving, organizing, and executing projects to benefit the community. Dozens of students went through this class and are now serving their respective communities in ways unimaginable back in the day. Peer Class students were then, and TLC today are, busy planning activities at local nursing homes or senior centers, mentoring younger students, organizing benefits, running clothing drives, and a myriad other similar projects throughout their school years. It goes without saying that all TLC students receive character-based leadership training.

Today, all grownup, these same students are organizing community soup kitchens, conducting drives to build community and senior centers, fine arts centers and more. They lead their church groups, run their firm's charity arms, found scholarships, serve on hospital and

charity boards, preside over local non-profits, and even help organize class reunions! All because someone noticed and helped develop their leadership skills during their school years.

Each year this LTC organization hosts a fundraising auction to finance its activities. This year's fete was held in the dead of winter at the Chez Francois restaurant in Vermilion. The owner had made available his facilities for a Saturday evening event when he would normally have been closed in order to host a dedicated group of people and student leaders from all over a five county area. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails preceded the auctions when the bidding began in earnest. During the evening, several batons were passed. Student leadership roles were adjusted as departing senior members moved on. On the board side, Montez McDuffie surrendered his gavel to a successor after three years of filling the presidency position. (Something about preparing to spend time with grandchildren maybe?)

In all, the evening proved a very successful event, having raised about \$19,000. The board and students are very thankful to all who turned out to support their efforts. The evening was no accident. Its success was no accident. The good that all these

student participants will accomplish in the future will be no accident.

The TLC organization's board of directors and educators have worked to create a curriculum that a teacher in a participating school can follow to develop specific leadership skills in students. The host schools adopting the program agree to free up a certified teacher at least one period per day and give it one full academic credit. The course is based upon a curriculum devised by the TLC staff, board and educational consultants to teach a character based leadership curriculum. All supplies and books are provided by TLC as well as collaborative support for service-based leadership experiences. Benefits to the communities hosting this program are both immediate and long lasting.

If you wish to support this accident prevention organization, either individually or as a corporate sponsor, or if you wish to learn about starting the program in your local high school, here is the necessary contact information:

Phone: 419-621-5426
email: director@teenleadershipcorps.org
Donations: Teen Leadership Corps
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Sandusky OH 44870



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Outgoing president, Montez McDuffie, delivers his Farewell Address.



Director Marianne Creamer delivers her annual State of the Corps Address.

Our Man in Haiti

Earth quake hits Haitian capital, thousands killed, total devastation.

You all remember the headlines last year in January after the 7.0 magnitude quake rocked Port au Prince and the region on January 12. For months, heartbreaking scenes flooded the airwaves. The international response was immediate and overwhelming. Literally! So much aid poured into the capital that it created a logjam near the docks and the materials could not be moved inland to where they were needed.

Then other world events stole the spotlight, and the Haitian quake today seems almost minuscule compared with the nuclear disaster in Japan - or more distant memories, like New Orleans and her Katrina disaster or an oil spill in the Gulf. That's the way it usually goes - much up-front help and then the world's attention span diminishes or shifts to other concerns.

Some folks, however, belong to organizations worldwide that tend to stick with the story and continue rendering aid long after the initial disasters. In the past we have reported upon our grads involved in this kind of work. Another of those has surfaced recently whose story must be shared.

In 1995, Rob Cromley sat in class during his senior year wondering whether his life would ever make a difference in the future. He worked hard and kept his nose clean, graduating that May and then setting off to Ohio University in the fall. He graduated and then entered med school at Lincoln Memorial University - DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine or LMU-DCOM for short - located in Harrogate, TN. (On a clear day you can actually see Gobblers Knob from the campus.) Rob will graduate in May of 2012, God willing and the creeks don't rise too many times down there.

In his third year of training while in his clinical rotations, Rob decided to participate in a medical mission to Haiti. The program was a non-denominational mission of mercy, part of a regular outreach program offered through



Rob and one of his first patients

the school's CMDA Club (Christian Medical and Dental Association). Such missions had always been on Rob's bucket list, so he decided to make this life-altering trip - altering not so much the lives of his patients as his own life.

So in the middle of March, while many students were whooping it up on Florida or Texas beaches, Rob was winging down to the Dominican Republic to find a back way into Haiti in order to serve the medical needs of people living in small villages without access to adequate medical care. For safety's sake they hugged the border area and treated villagers there.

Rob journaled his stay there, and recounted the hardships and joys of his volunteer experience. Conditions in some cases were even pre-Spartan, but this Rob expected when coming to a poverty stricken land. One examination room he shared with another was a 10x6 foot "hallway" more than it was an actual room. Still another was a rather large warehouse, with all of one door and no windows. A little close by the end of the day! But the people were accustomed to poverty and expected no more; they accepted their conditions and were grateful. The children especially touched Rob, as they played and laughed, totally oblivious yet to their lot in life compared to that of others.

Evenings after clinic were spent in group sessions devoted to sharing the day's experiences with one another. Dur-

ing these times the students on the trip opened up, and the true value of such volunteer experiences became apparent. In one such session, Rob recounted how he been naïve prior to the trip about what to expect. Let him speak for himself about the impact of the trip:

"My hopes and aspirations revolved around helping people and improving the lives of people in Haiti. My thoughts of what to expect in Haiti were quite different than the reality. The biggest difference being that I received more than I gave. Each opportunity to talk to a Haitian or Dominican, to help relieve them of pain, anxiety or infection, was small compared to how much the experience moved me to want to do more. Seeing how happy the people were and how close their relationships were without all that we take for granted in the U.S. was something special. It made me question my own priorities and wonder where I could make changes in my own life to aspire to be a little more like them. . . . As I suspected, though our purpose was to serve the people of Haiti, the lives of the people within our group were enriched by the experience above and beyond the level of medicine we dispensed."

We suspect, too, that a successful medical career lies ahead for Rob. We also suspect that the fever of volunteer work that he caught back in high school will continue to burn within him, inspiring others to give more than they expect to receive. Without that attitude, can there be community?

The Old Mill

Better look quickly. Bring your cameras out for some final snaps. The old mill that graced the banks of the Huron River for decades is about to become history. Every day for the past year, weather permitting, crews have been nibbling away at what remains of the mill and storage facilities. Last year we reported the disappearance of the railroad loading sheds and the storage dome that had become a familiar backdrop to those peering across the river from the west side. And now, almost imperceptibly, masses of concrete and twisted rebar have been daily yanked from the remaining structures, with as much metal being salvaged as possible. Mounds of concrete have been reduced to manageable sizes and transported to the crushers. Yards of contaminated soil have been removed and properly disposed of. Now all that remain standing are the silos and main yellow brick mill building.

A contract was recently let for demolition of those structures, too, though there is some concern that the blasting needed to fell them could set off a minor quake at worst - or wipe out every window on the East Side. We are sure that when the date is announced, a crowd will gather and give a final salute to the behemoths that have watched over Huron's growth from sleepy little river village to a merely drowsy city. It will be good to see the entire area flattened and readied for a potential developer or developers to come in and rejuvenate that area into the next phase of Huron's history. Not too many folks are still alive who remember what it was before the concrete was poured long ago. Our Class of '43 annually



Huronites will miss this sight soon when the final demolition takes place. Since the early 1940's this site has gradually grown in size until it has towered over the lakefront and dodck areas. Once the source of many jobs, it may give way to a new project for other generations and, hopefully, provide quality jobs once again.

meets at the Huron Yacht Club. They reminisce how the mill was begun during their senior year and how some graduated high school into jobs there that long ago summer. Here's hoping another several generations of Huron grads can find gainful employment at whatever eventually is developed on the site.



Tech-Man, Gary Larizza, Moves On

In 1999, Gary Larizza graduated from Huron High and headed on down to Columbus to continue his technology education. However, once there, he endured the usual English speaking Spanish teachers, Russian speaking math professors, and a single computer course in three quarters. That did it! Gone and home to his local community college, Firelands Campus BGSU. There he immersed himself in just the computer and technology courses that he wanted toward his Computer Science Bachelors degree. Luckily for Gary, about that time Huron was looking for a computer tech person, and the job sort of just dropped into his lap, first as an intern, then full time Tech Director in 2003.

In a small district such as Huron, the position may sound like a sinecure. Since the early computer days, Huron had been aincreasing its technology every year. Huron prided itself on trying to stay abreast of innovations that could advance student learning. The results on test scores have generally borne out that strategy.

The problem is that about the time Gary came into the position, massive efforts across the nation were pushing all schools to integrate technology into every course from kindergarten to senior AP courses. Every student was expected to have immediate access to the internet. Thus, whole rooms filled with banks of computers had to be set up. New software applications had to be integrated into courses like art and music and business, and, yes, even English. Buildings had to be rewired, servers set up and maintained, and new applications constantly installed on all the appropriate machines. Then along came the single greatest educational technology innovation of the generation: Smart Boards. Teachers wanted them to keep their kids ahead of the curve, but training had to be first imparted to the staff. As one can see, Gary had to wear many hats during his eight years at the helm of technology in a very progressive district. Some days he ran, raced, or jumped from problem to problem trying to solve them all and stomp out small fires before they took down the system. Indeed, on those days he must have felt like a one legged man in a room full of midgets engaged in a butt-kicking contest. "Anybody seen Gary?" often rang out through hallways or offices as he

sometimes had to bi-locate to manage the tasks. After hours made no difference, as he often answered questions from home base up to and past the witching hour.

The new philosophy seems to be that every child needs a computer available in all classes every day in order to learn to the optimum level. Some districts have taken to providing laptops to all their students toward this end. However, the mere fact that an army of laptop holders is marching ever onward to higher levels of competency can be an illusion. Rather, Gary's philosophy has been students should have the skills necessary to bend the internet to their will in order to better understand all sorts of concepts in any field. Of course, that presupposes that kids can analyze, synthesize and make value judgments about what they are viewing. Luckily Huron's teachers have recognized this subtle difference and are working diligently to provide those prerequisites. Gary has been an advocate for this type of learning but has never dictated top-down to the staff. Rather, teachers have been the leaders with Gary providing the necessary infrastructure expertise for teachers to advance their pedagogical skills. And to bail out teacher screw-ups.

Now, however, Gary is moving on. He has taken a position with the Puppet Labs in Portland OR as Professional Services Engineer. Puppet has developed software to simultaneously upload material to an unlimited network of computers. Beats walking the new software to each machine – in Huron's schools, that could



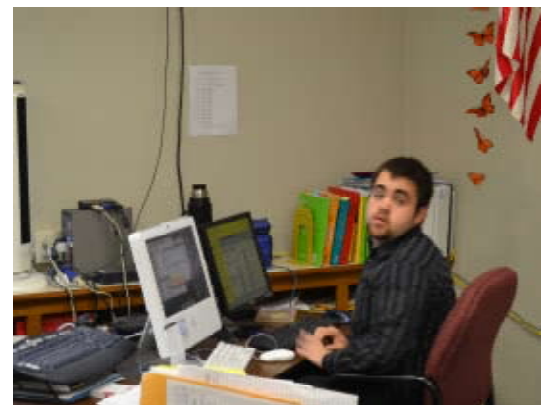
Gary, caught in one of those rare moments without a camera slug his shoulder or a laptop tucked under his arm.

take days for something as simple as installing a new software application. As a PS Engineer, his new job will entail conducting trainings on using Puppet effectively. He will conduct 2-day or 3-day trainings on-site for customers and will be traveling to all points around the globe. Needless to say, he will be maximizing his travel miles and wearing out the passport book.

We thank Gary for his service for the better part of a decade now and wish him well in his new endeavors out west. He has found a suitable replacement in one T.J. Houston, similarly trained and also a former school technology director. There should be a seamless transition into the next school year. Well done, Gary!

Tech Director Successor

T.J. Houston, who succeeds Gary as Tech Director in the district, is here caught troubleshooting at a teacher's desk in the district. As he adjusts to his new job, TJ will find that his office is the entire district. Welcome aboard, TJ, and here's hoping for a long relationship with Huron's schools as we continue deeper into Century 21 and more use of technology.



Tom Knechtges Retires

A Huron High School “lifer,” this Grafton OH native retired in early June after being a fixture in Huron’s hallways and classrooms for thirty-three years. As a student at Midview High School, Tom remembers playing football against the likes of Rick Gundlach on the rough and rocky field behind McCormick Middle School. Tom then graduated from Kent State University in 1972 with multiple degrees in comprehensive science, biology, comprehensive social studies, business and data processing. During his Huron tenure he taught in just about every one of those fields. His main hang out was in the high school science wing until 2006 when he left to do some science teaching at McCormick Junior High for four years, and then he returned this, his last year, to the high school teaching some business, personal finance, career accounting and world history. How’s that for touching all the bases?

While at Huron, Tom also coached as an assistant cross country and track coach – *waaaay* back in the day. He was building character teaching individual rather than team sports, not winning trophies in those days. Over the years, in good weather, Tom would ride his bike into school all the way from Milan. He himself still keeps fit by occasional running and also bike riding, and by packing lunches of greens and fruit.

Over his years in education, Tom has seen many changes. Still the most satisfying part of his career has been in working with students who never dreamed they could tackle something difficult and then



Tom surveys his domain, one last time!

succeeding. It’s that glint in their eye when “Caching!” something registers in their brain, and then a broad, slow smile unfurls from one corner of their mouth to the other. The two biggest changes Tom has observed during his career have

been the ever increasing grade inflation and the use of technology. Tom pleads not guilty to the first and very much into using the latest available technologies. His overall impression after teaching almost two generations is that today’s brightest are brighter than their forbearers, the middle students are about the same, and the lower ones make up a greater percentage of the population. Must be some Mendelian explanation for that, right, Tom?

Tom’s wife Marilyn is still teaching math at Firelands Campus BGSU, so there won’t be any long victory trips taken immediately. Instead, he’ll poke around, just waiting and seeing about his next moves. We know he won’t be spoiling grandchildren just yet. Son Zeke is working for an engineering firm in Cincinnati, enjoying his bachelorhood, while daughter Megan just finished her doctorate work in Physical Therapy. Her waiting now begins for that first job and a chance to pay back mom and dad. We suspect that as young and energetic as Tom is these days, he’ll find plenty of volunteering to do in Milan, stretching way past the Melon Festival. Happy retirement, Thomas!

Trish Meese Surrenders Woodlands Desk

Trish Meese has been a familiar fixture in all the school buildings over the past twenty-one years. A Perkins High School graduate, she is preparing to hang it up this summer after many years of service to Huron.

Trish began work in 1990 on the buses and then went to the McCormick building. Her last tenure has been served in the Woodlands building where she has worn many hats. Her desk sits right outside principal Mark Doughty’s door where she is an easy target for all sorts of requests. To the right of her desk is the doorway to the teachers’ work room, so guess who was had to be skilled in every sort of crisis management. Behind her desk is the door to the nurse’s office, so guess who is the school’s “first responder”? Her calm demeanor has comforted and assured many a little one until Nursie can be summoned. She gets her skills honestly as the mother of two Huron grads, Stephanie, ‘96 and Michael, ‘98.

All that changes come the first of July. Trish is rather vague about her plans, and that’s ok because we know she still will be looking for opportunities to help others, will thoroughly enjoy what she does with a big smile on her face for all whom she meets. The Huron Schools and all the kids whom you have helped over the years thank you, Trish!



Trish Meese is a Tiger through and through. We hope her replacement reminds the kids of where they are the way she has!

Jan Fortune Retires

Walk down the hallways of any elementary school and chances are you'll see the rogue's gallery of pictures plastered on anything that's not moving. Youngsters need to play out their view of the world in various art forms as they seek to create meaning from their experiences. Hence, elementary art teachers play an important role in the development of these little persons' minds.

Jan Hinde Fortune, '60, has been pulling ideas out of kids' brains for decades, but come next fall, she'll be doing something else. After leaving Huron High in 1960, Jan married Arnie Fortune in 1963 and then finished her college work at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea OH. She taught briefly in Berea, then returned to Shawnee School as a second grade teacher during the '64 – '65 school year. She did the "mommie" thing from '67 through '83 until returning as a sub and then becoming a full time third grade teacher in '86. In 1987 Superintendent Les Johnson recognized her art skills, and she has been full time art instructor at the elementary levels ever since. Thousands of students have benefitted from her talents as art instructor and have gone on to successful careers or enjoyable hobbies and pastimes in the arts.

Her classroom – when she was not doing 'Art on a Cart' – was usually filled with bubbling, noisy, and active kids armed with scissors, crayons, markers, and other materials that could be bent, stapled, folded, decorated, or mutilated in the name of art. Always Jan was present, offering encouragement and suggestions, maybe even condolences when something didn't turn out quite right. She loved her students, and they in turn showed their love for her and for art.

Her love for the kids will make it hard for Jan to move on, but she has some solace in her own grandchildren. They are spread around the country, but what better excuse for travel now?

Ed Steyns Makes Clean Break from Woodlands

Anyone who has graduated in the past 37 years will remember Ed Steyns. He's the one who cleaned up after kids in both Shawnee school and now Woodlands. Ed graduated from Huron High in 1972, then tried his hand at factory work. Too dull! Then he worked at the Shell service station on Main Street, back when service meant the driver never exited the car – gas pumped, oil checked, windshield washed, tire pressure checked, weather report delivered, Tribe score from last night given – all with a smile while you waited. On the side he drove school bus for the district from '74 – '76. In the summer of '77 he received a call from Jim Kopp, Assistant Superintendent, and was offered a position assisting Bob Croll, Sr. at the high school. Five years later he replaced Lou Molnar at Shawnee, until declining enrollment mothballed the building. Finally, a permanent position at Woodlands became his where he spent the past twenty-five years.

At Woodlands, Ed was responsible for keeping the building clean, shoveling snow all winter, performing routine electrical repairs, operating boilers and heating systems, and in general learning to be very patient with little people. He has ushered thousands of wee ones through doors, cleaned up their cafeteria messes, baked beans and all, and kept track of all their lost items – kind of everybody's "dad" in a job like that. And he loved every minute of it, too. Especially enjoyable was watching his son Brent grow up and move on to college where he is finishing up his second year at Baldwin-Wallace.

The future? His BOSS, Kim, says he will keep busy. Ed's thinking maybe about working part time but eventually starting his own business – that's the entrepreneurial spirit! He'd like to repair and restore classic motorcycles maybe, work on tractors and lawnmowers, or even do lawn care or handy man jobs. It's not as if he hasn't had experience!

We wish Ed well in whatever he does. We'd say "in retirement" but know it won't be in a rocking chair. Too much of a hands on person. But do take some time to hassle the fish, Ed.



Jan is surrounded by many of her charges, most of whom are children of Huron alumni.



Some days Ed may have felt as if he were in a zoo or jungle. Here he poses with both, in front of the student-inspired mural on the cafeteria wall at Woodlands. Beth Sage was the artist.



The annual Spring Arts Festival at the high school is always a visual treat for those attending. We see there a sampling of those talents showcased that will earn handsome sums for those who continue to major in art and hours of pleasure for those who simply enjoy expressing themselves in all sorts of media. Art is truly life-long, individual training.

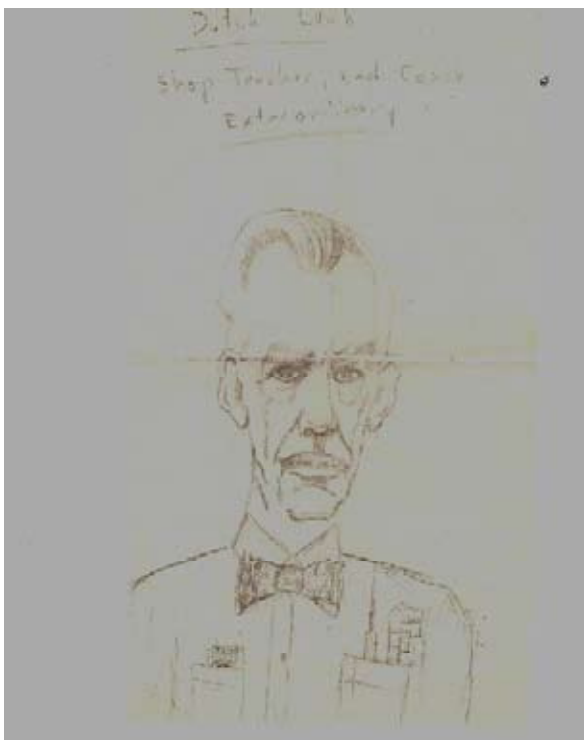
The colorful cast of *Once Upon a Mattress*, this year's spring musical. The cast and crew poses here in the throne room.





Some grads join the choir on stage at the Feast of Carols: Front Row - Patrick Moore, Jaime Machovina, Natalie Schaefer, Erin Turner, Meredith Skaggs, Maura Reese Giardina, and Colleen Allen-Clingan.

Further back on the left stands Joe Ramey and more to the right are Pam Johnston and Rachael Johnston.



Help!

Before there was a Spring Arts Festival, Huron's DaVinci's were at work. This winter we received this sketch from a member of the Class of '51. You will recognized the subject - Melvin "Dutch" Laub with his signature bow tie and pocket organizer.

What we don't know is who the artists was. Anyone want to take credit and give the story behind this work? Such information would obviously increase the sales value if we ever put the work up for auction!

If you'll step forward, we'd be happy to share the story. And don't worry. The statute of limitations has run out, so no shop grade changes can be retractorively made.

Marc Munafò Comes Home

How's a mid-life, all-American male with a great job, a California wife and two neat kids supposed to find happiness? Well, geez, if he has all that and still isn't happy, then maybe he'd better climb a mountain, nab a guru, hush upadaface, and listen. Or jump off on the way down. Or he could spring for a few bucks for a copy of *Enlightenment for Knuckleheads*, lock himself in the john for a few hours, and try to get it figured out. (No, there are no pictures nor even letters to the editor in this book.)

Most guys with any kind of hair left wouldn't think of reading a self help book – “chick lit” is for the wife, right? Except in this case, the definitive self help book for males frustrated with how the modern world is abusing them is Marc Munafò's first release, the *Knucklehead Book*. Unfortunate title, because now he will be forever known as Knucklehead Guy. Did anyone ever call fellow Key West writer Papa Hemingway the “Farewell Man” or the “Sunrise Man”? Or how about Faulkner as Yoknapatawpha Boy? Way to go, Marc!

For those dying to see what all the excitement is about, we offer a quick peek between the covers. Ladies, don't even think about going there because Marc is talking to men, real men, men with giant-sized egos stuffed inside a midget's self esteem, men at the peak of their careers feeling nothing but downhill ahead, men who graduated under rough and tough Ron Reagan but now are frustrated because a busted economy circumscribes their dreams and the go-go world of their past is looking more like Deadend Alley, and a blind one to boot. Whatever will they do when ENS hits (Empty Nest Syndrome, male equivalent of PMS, Post Menopausal Syndrome)? Maybe Marc's next book will treat that.

What Marc offers is a guide to a healthy mixture of Eastern and Western philosophy without all the psychobabble served up by the likes of a Dr. Phil or legions of Oprah wannabee's. Seeking help too threatening? Meditation too

effeminate? Afraid that conscious living will turn that six pack to flab or the brain to mush? If you answered yes to two out of these three, you need the book. Marc argues you into either taking the plunge toward a more enlightened approach to life or wallowing in piles of pills, rocking into oblivion. He minces no words as he, by turns, argues, cajoles, and even embarrasses the reader into at least trying a few techniques and stopping the whining. Chicks learned how to do this decades ago, he reasoned. Men just need to be shown, in language they can understand, that it's not effeminate to seek help for a more satisfying way of living. Marc guides them through the first painful steps. It's not a Twelve Step program either, nor is it backdoor

classes. The clue was in his senior year when he eschewed participation in the spring musical and instead humbly accepted the starring role in his class's production of *Beowulf*. A bust at the box office, he was not discouraged but instead aimed higher, applying for and being accepted into the Air Force Academy. He did well in his studies, better on the football field as a linebacker turned halfback, and probably best as a pilot. Throughout his college years he dabbled in art and kept journals full of poetry and essays stuffed under his mattress, among other belongings. Then he put his writing on the back burner and instead turned on the afterburners, flying tours during Operation Desert Storm and over Bosnia where he won the Air Medal for



Part of the clan: Marc, son Jack, Papa, Guy, mom Betty, and Tony Jr.

Christianity disguised as navel-peering, oom-chanting, sitting cross legged for hours under one's personal banyan tree. It's mostly common sense stuff, a self guide to self enlightenment.

And it can all be yours simply by going up on Amazon.com. Or googling it. Or running into mom – Betty has a trunkful of copies. You'll be glad you did. And so will Marc's dad who is so happy that his son can finally pay him back after sponging off him for the first eighteen years!

Whence comes all this wisdom? Back in high school few ever saw the serious side of Marc as he played football, wrestled, dated, and played all-American boy on Findlay Ave while occasionally taking

Valor for flight combat. Between flights he read and wrote, between beers for sustenance.

After the wars and twelve years of flying for Uncle Sam, he assumed a captain's seat with Delta Air. There he met and married his wife Jennifer, also a Delta pilot. They have two children, Alexandra age 10, a real soccer gal, and Jack, age six, who is too active to settle in on any one interest just yet.

Marc's future? Who knows? He's seriously working on another book. Maybe he'll go into coaching - not soccer, not Little League. Just Life Coach. Well, he could have chosen worse – football! We'll wait for the sequel and report on it here.

A Book Signing

Marc left the comfort of his Key West home and returned to Ohio- in February, too late for good ice fishing but just in time to experience the joys of winter time North Coast weather - and to sign a few books.

The setting was at Sawmill Creek Lodge where a beautiful reception had been arranged by family and friends. A small media campaign had preceded the event, but no one really knew how many to expect. After all, it was a winter evening, in backwater Huron, where the local high school English Department had always been more interested in teaching “good” literature than popular culture, so who could possibly be interested?

Amazing! The place was packed, a steady stream of relatives - aunts and uncles and cousins from Little Italy- former classmates, friends, neighbors, coaches, teachers, and total strangers, all forming a long line, waiting to congratulate Marc and snag an autographed copy of the Knucklehead Book. (Some folks whom we didn't even know were literate actually came out, too.) It was good to see how a small community continues to support its own, long after they have left their alma mater.

Hurry up and finish the next one, Marc. Wintertime around here can be pretty boring. We need more such cultural events!



This picture will probably cost us membership: Patty Bollenbacher congratulates Marc along with Jack.



Marc signs and usually personalizes a short message.



Some of these became literati for an evening: Can you believe there was a Joel Hagy, a Tim Sowecke, a Bill Needham, and a Sticks Gioffre in here!



One of Marc's former coaches, Dick Wennes, stopped by. Didn't know Dick could read!



Bag man Tony counts the cash while Marc works the crowd.

Class Notes June 2011

Debbie Emlinger Grosser, '69, reports from Thailand that she and her husband Ron have settled into retirement now, busier than ever. They are heavily into scripture study but also engaged with life on their farm. They had founded the House of Union to help care for orphans. They now have 22 children, ages 1 to 16 years old, and four adults. Many of the children's family members and visitors keep the place in a hubbub. They enjoy their work with the Thais and also their friendships with English speaking foreigners living in the Chiang Rai area. They belong to an expat group and a Hash House Harriers group. (It doesn't mean what you think it does – it's a group of monthly hikers!) To prepare, they work out at a local gym and take long bike hikes. A western style mall being built in Chiang Rai may eventually have English language movies. Until then, they are content to go up on Skype and stay in contact with family and friends back here – in English, of course. During the year 2010, both Deb and Ron did have opportunities to make trips to the US to visit family and the two grandbabies. Funny how kids have the power to draw people half way around the world.

Ron Parthemore, '69, president of Strategic Planning Solutions, was recently named to the Board of Directors at Bowling Green State University. Ron is also an adjunct instructor of business at Firelands College BGSU, serves as president of the Sandusky State Theater board, is a member of Erie County Department of Human Services planning committee and the Carousel Museum board.

Steven Myers, '72, contributed a couple pages to the recent Candy or Medicine anthology comic. Visit one of the featured sample pages at <http://www.etsy.com/listing/66120151/candy-or-medicine-volume-twelve-mini> and find ordering information there also.

Dennis Murray, '80, was selected as Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Farmers' Union. Fitting award since his grandfather, CharleNickel, had been directly involved with the truck farming business for fifty years.

Laura Miller Moehrman, '80, of Columbus was recently recognized as Director of the Year by the Columbus Chapter of the Association of Early Childhood Educators for her work in founding Hilltop Preschool in a Columbus inner-city neighborhood.

Susie Branski Weintraub, '86, recently surfaced in Seattle from where she contacted us. She has been in the Seattle area now about 12 years, is married with three sons (7, 4, and 1), and is working for a foodservice contract management company (Compass Group), now in her 17th year.

Stacy Chubak Hinners, '96, an attorney with Thomas & Hardin-Levine in Cleveland OH, was named a Rising Star in the Ohio Super Lawyers magazine. This is a peer nominated honor given for the top 2.5% of the attorneys in Ohio who are younger than 40 or have been practicing less than ten years. Stacy is an OSBA certified specialist in labor and employment law and was trial counsel in a 2010 federal lawsuit in which the jury awarded her client \$1.9 million in damages for wrongful termination. She has also argued successfully before the Ohio State Supreme Court.

Adam Carruthers, '99, recently returned from a stint in the Peace Corps. From 2008 until December of 2010, Adam served in La Sabaneta, Nicaragua, a Spanish speaking village of 800 souls. There he helped set up community banks, improve baking ovens, create family gardens, and helped local women market their craft wares.

Holly Amsel, '01, has worked as a nurse's aid for over 10 years and recently moved to Hagerstown MD with her fiancé John Broadway. The happy couple married in Virginia Beach this May at a beautiful beach wedding. Currently, Holly works at an elite care facility with adults who suffer from anything from multiple sclerosis to being mentally handicapped.

Patricia Shamhart, '01, graduated with her PhD in biomedical science from Kent State University and Northeastern Ohio University's College of Medicine and Pharmacy in late December, 2010. Patricia was then awarded a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institute of Health to do cardiac research at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Amanda Amsel, '03, a University of Cincinnati grad with her degree in journalism and communication, has worked as a full-time and freelance reporter for several newspapers since college and has covered several national news events including the funeral of Staff Sergeant Matt Maupin. She has also traveled around the world several times with stops in places like Paris, Switzerland, and Germany. She currently lives in Columbus OH and works for Pearson Education in the publishing industry.

Engagements

Christopher Faller, '01, and Jenessa Delamater of Berlin Heights, announced their engagement on December 19, 2010. Chris attended the University of Toledo and is now employed by Ford Motor Co. in Avon OH. Jenessa, an Edison High School grad, took her Bachelor of Business Administration in Market Management from Northwood University. She is now employed by Pier I Imports in Sandusky. The couple will wed in October of 2011.

Jessica Faller, '97, and Thomas Schmidt of Medina OH announced their engagement on December 19, 2010. Jessica graduated from The Ohio State University with her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. She is now a Project Control Analyst with the Batelle Memorial Institute in Columbus OH. Thomas, a Medina High School grad, took his Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Dayton. He is now an asset system planning engineer with American Electric Power in Columbus. The couple plans to wed in September of 2011.

Gregory Marsh, '00, and Rose Allensworth of Fredericksburg VA announced their engagement on January 16. Greg graduated from Ashland University with a BA in Middle Grades Science and Language Arts, then took more courses at Ohio University. He is an eighth grade teacher at Freedom Middle School with the Spotsylvania County Schools in Fredericksburg VA. Rose graduated from Chancellor High School, then took her BA from Elon University in Elementary Education and her Masters Degree in Educational Leadership. She is currently a third grade teacher at Courthouse Road Elementary School, also with Spotsylvania Schools. The couple has planned a June 25th wedding.

Kristen Adam, '08 and Bryce Henry of Vermilion announced their engagement on January 30. Kristen graduated from Huron High School and EHOVE, then attended Lorain Community College. She is now employed by Kingston Residence of Vermilion. Bryce, a 2007 graduate of Vermilion High School, is employed by Dr. Pepper Snapple Group of Twinsburg OH. They will wed on July 23.

Monica Asher, '99, will be married to Ian Mansor, Margareta class of '97, on June 23rd in Orlando, Florida. Both are graduates of Bowling Green State University; Monica received her B.S. from BGSU in 2005 and her M. Ed. in 2010. Currently Ian works for First Solar Energy in Perrysburg OH, and Monica is the Athletic Director at Huron High School.

Kelly Bozicevich, '04, and Kenneth Kniss announced their engagement on February 13. Kelly graduated from The Ohio State School of Nursing in 2008 and is employed as a registered nurse at the OSU Ross Heart Hospital in Columbus. Ken, a 2001 graduate of Westland High School in Galloway, took his bachelor's degree in psychology from Heidelberg College. He is a personal trainer at Lifetime Fitness in Dublin OH. The wedding date has not been set.

Dan Rosino, '97, and Priyanka Fernandes of Bangalore India announced their engagement on February 20. Dan is a graduate of Miami and Clemson Universities with a Master's of Education in counseling. He is employed with Anderson-Oconee Behavioral Health in Seneca SC. Priyanka graduated from Mallya Aditi International School, MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology and did her graduate work at Georgia Tech with a graduate school degree in industrial and systems engineering. She is now employed by Michelin Tires in Sandy Springs SC. The couple was wed on May 28.

Stephanie Gray, '98, and Michael Gradone of Brewster MA announced their engagement on March 20. Stephanie graduated from West Virginia University with her B.S. degree in Exercise Physiology and took her doctorate at Slippery Rock University in Physical Therapy. She is employed with Back on Track Physical Therapy in Boston. Michael graduated from Western New England College with his B.S. degree in Business and is now employed with Boston Ski and Sports Clubs. The couple is set to wed on June 25.

Patrick Collins, '02, and Janelle Oman of Dublin OH announced their engagement on March 20. Patrick took his Business Administration and Finance degree from Bowling Green State University and is now employed by McDonald's Corporation Columbus Accounting Center of Columbus. Janelle, a graduate of Dublin Coffman High School, took her B.S. degree from Ohio University in Community Health Services. She is now employed with SafeAuto Insurance Company in Columbus. The couple will wed in June of 2012.

Shannon Folger, '02, and **Jonathan Dominy**, '99, announced their engagement on March 20. Shannon is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace with a B.A. degree and of Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University with her Juris Doctorate. She is employed with the 16th Judicial Circuit Court in Geneva IL. Jonathan graduated from Miami University with his Bachelor of Business Administration. He is employed by Invesco in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. The couple wed on May 7.

Jordan Weber, '02, and Victoria Zgorzelski of Broadview Heights OH announced their engagement on April 17. Jordan graduated from the University of Toledo with his Bachelor's Degree in Communication. He is presently employed by Bank of America in Beachwood OH. Victoria, a North Royalton (OH) High School graduate, also took her Bachelor's Degree from Toledo University in Communication. She is employed by Crain Communications in Akron OH. The couple will wed in May 2012.

Dominic Fantozzi, '96, and Tiffany Payne of Norwalk announced their engagement on May 15. Dom attended BGSU and Franklin University and is now employed by Rexam Beverage Inc. in Fremont. Tiffany graduated from BGSU with her BS dDegree in Business Administration. She is pursuing her masters degree while she works as assistant branch manager at PNC Bank in Brunswick OH.

Weddings

Corrine Kucner, '00, and Stephen Burns of Taylor MI were wed on October 9, 2010. Corrine attends Owens Community College where she is studying dental hygiene. Stephen, a graduate of John Kennedy High School in Taylor, took his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University in Houghton MI. He is now regional sales manager for Fike Corp. The couple lives in Perrysburg OH

Leigh Ann Stillwell, '04, and Jasen Ferguson of Mount Pleasant OH were wed on January 20 by Huron Mayor, Marilyn Shearer. Leigh Ann is a homemaker while Jasen is employed by Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky.

Obituaries

Larry Howell, '71, age 57, passed away unexpectedly on December 23, 2010, at FRMC in Sandusky OH. Larry had operated Howell's Haven in Huron as well as Fearless Fred's Tavern before moving to California where he owned and operated Fiberlink Corporation from 2002 until present.

Joseph Andrew Hammond, '79, age 49, passed away on December 25.

Thomas Sheidler, '60, age 68, passed away on December 25 at home in Norwalk. A veteran of the USAF, Tom was a long time employee of the Ford Motor Company in Sandusky.

Harry Kentus, '34, age 94 passed away in Huron on December 31 after a short illness. Harry was a retired Scott Paper executive who had served the company in many capacities over a long career that took him to several states.

Karl "Zeke" Lynn, '47, age 82, of Sandusky, passed away on January 15 in the Stein Hospice Care Unit in Sandusky. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Karl was retired from Columbia Gas and was an avid sports fan of many local teams. He was also active in volunteering for the Ohio Veterans Home and Meals on Wheels.

Lois Kreck Walker, '43, age 85, passed away on January 15 at Admiral's Point in Huron. Lois was the niece of Beula Lindsay, the long time clerk of the Huron Board of Education.

Karen Legando Wilson, '62, age 65, of Sandusky, passed away at her home on January 23. Karen had been employed by Industrial Nut and Periodical Publishers of Sandusky.

Josephine "Chubby" Meno West, '49, age 80, of Huron passed away on January 24 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky after a brief illness. While Josephine may be gone, her legacy lives on at sons John and Jim's Pizza Box in her delicious recipes.

Thomas Millis, 52, of Huron, died January 28, in Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky. Tom had attended Huron High just for a short period.

Mary Lou Pedlow, age 82, of Huron, passed away on February 24, at Parkvue Healthcare Center of Sandusky OH. Mary Lou had taught third grade children in both Sandusky and Huron for 31 years, in addition to Native American children in Casa Grande AZ. Mary Lou had also traveled extensively throughout the world.

Trisha Lee O'Hara McCallister, '83, age 46 of Plano TX passed away Friday, March 4, 2011. As a CPA, Trish had been a director, financial planning and analysis for Lennox Industry's Residential Business Unit.

Ken Bruns, '57, age 71, of Huron, passed away March 12 at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky, after a brief illness. "Brunsie" owned and operated Ken's Body Shop in Huron, for more than 40 years and particularly enjoyed restoring antique tractors.

Katheryn Rhodes Ackerman, '39, age 89, of Huron, passed away Monday, March 14, 2011, in Parkvue Healthcare Center, Sandusky. A lifelong Huron resident, Katie served the Huron City Schools well for decades, first as the commercial teacher for many of you, then as clerk-treasurer for the Board of Education for 30 years. Her work ethic and exacting habits resulted in few, but minor, audit findings over those decades.

Theresa Gioffre Alten, '51, age 78, of Elyria OH, passed away on March 26 at the Cleveland Clinic after a brief illness. Theresa was employed at the office of the Huron Cement Company and was known as an avid Huron sports fan.

Gary Everett, '56, age 73, of Huron, passed away on April 11. Gary was a lifelong Huron resident and salesman for Sandusky Butter and Egg and Maple City Ice Co.

John Sonntag, age 38, of Honolulu HI, passed away unexpectedly on April 7. Many of you would remember John from his having attended Huron City Schools all through grade school before eventually graduating from Perkins High School. John was a mariner and world-wide traveler, having sailed the seven seas and fished commercially in Alaska.

Janet Castanien, age 90, formerly of Huron, passed away on April 17 at Wesleyan Village, Elyria OH. Many of you will remember being taught by Janet at McCormick Middle School.

Ellen Roberts Meyers, '77, age 50, passed away unexpectedly at the Firelands Regional Medical Center on April 19. Ellen was a partner in the family's business, North Harbor Marina in Huron.

Lillian Fisk Rodden, '51, age 77, of Morrow OH passed away on May 5. Lillian was an avid organic gardener and grower of African violets.

Jill Mingus Huston, '84, age 45, of Huron Township, passed away unexpectedly at home on May 14. Jill was a literacy specialist at Osborne Elementary School in Sandusky. She was an avid gardener, nature lover, and fitness enthusiast.

Mike Weingart, '79, passed away unexpectedly at home on June 3 in Fort Meyers FL

Michael Tracht, '03, age 26, of Huron died as a result of injuries suffered while riding his motorcycle on June 6. Mike worked for the family HVAC business.

Notable Milestones:

Donna Hamer, former Huron elementary teacher and then school principal, celebrated number 103 this spring. She is still living at home on Adams Street with care givers assisting now.

Ruth Gow Blough, '31, will celebrate 100 wonderful years on July 13, 2011. [Help her enjoy her big day with your congratulatory cards sent to her % The Erie County Care Facility, 3916 East Perkins Avenue, Huron OH 44839.](#)

Association Memberships

The annual membership campaign continues to allow us to exist! We encourage others to join those listed here to support the continued efforts of the Association to keep all members connected with their Alma Mater and with one another. See inside the back page for details of how to join.

Ruth Gow Blough	'31	Huron	OH	Charles Washburn	'38	Huron	OH
Marian Weigand Ryder	'33	Milan	OH	Eleanor Waite	'43	Strongsville	OH
Donald Klein	'36	Santee	CA	Carolyn Zavitz Beatty	'43	Columbus	OH
Marian Hammond Howland	'37	Huron	OH	Allan Slyker	'43	Lighthouse Pt	FL
Marjorie Henes Marshall	'37	Amherst	OH	Jack Hart	'44	Scottsdale	AZ

Ruth Bonnigson Deehr	'44	Berlin Hts	OH	Suzanne Matt	'67	Ft Myers	FL
Mary Waite	'45	Strongsville	OH	David Brown	'67	Northfield	OH
Anthony (Dempsey) Esposito	'45	Huron	OH	Dan Marshall	'67	Atlanta	GA
Carolyn Rau Claggett	'46	Newark	OH	Anna Wunder Bauman	'67	Huron	OH
Kenneth Betsh	'47	Reading	PA	Geri Roughton Protzek	'67	Huron	OH
Bill Kaiser	'48	Sagle	ID	Brad Beach	'67	Huron	OH
Robert Fritz	'48	Vermillion	OH	John Zimmerman	'67	Huron	OH
Patrician Altman Basilone	'48	Huron	OH	Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman	'67	Huron	OH
Joyce Klein Boyes	'49	Huron	OH	Pam Wentz Ebert	'68	Bay Village	OH
Dixie Thomas Andrews	'49	Huron	OH	John Caporini	'68	Huron	OH
Patricia Lyons Baker	'49	Elyria	OH	Cindy Hastings DeFazio	'68	Huron	OH
Robert Anderson	'49	Fountain Valley	CA	Tim Brugeman	'68	Findlay	OH
Donald Doty	'49	Huron	OH	Roger France	'69	Colorado Sp	CO
William Schell	'49	Huron	OH	Charles Gorman	'69	Colorado Sp	CO
Betty Webster Ruetenik	'49	Montgomery	TX	Timothy Wallick	'69	Huron	OH
Alfred Weingart	'49	Huron	OH	Scott Stipp	'69	Huron	OH
Sue Dahlhofer Hahn	'50	Huron	OH	Pam Nasby Runner-Perkins	'70	Huron	OH
Myrna Bickley Abel	'50	Sandusky	OH	Steve Fisher	'70	Huron	OH
Dominic Majoy	'51	Huron	OH	Gary Hinton	'70	Huron	OH
Dr. Carol Payne Smith	'51	Kalamazoo	Mi	Anne Hiatt Hinton	'70	Huron	OH
Lillian Fisk Rodden	'51	Morrow	OH	William O'Hara	'70	Liberty T'nship	OH
Agnes Doyle Majoy	'52	Huron	OH	Christina Bork Stipp	'70	Huron	OH
Shirley Steibly Watrous	'52	San Diego	CA	Patrick Sticks Gioffre	'70	Huron	OH
Judy Lacey Rielle	'53	Hyde Park	NY	Beth Legando Fisher	'71	Huron	OH
Donald Shrigley	'53	Sandusky	OH	Jody Boyes Caporini	'71	Huron	OH
Carol Morey Trautt	'53	Colorado City	CO	Joe DeFazio	'71	Huron	OH
Peggy Payne Zimmer	'53	Mayfield Hts	OH	Loren Rhoad	'72	Mattawan	MI
Joy Foley Stephens	'54	Pittsburgh	PA	John Pelehach	'72	OakRidge	NC
Victoria Esposito Doty	'54	Huron	OH	David Shearer	'74	Arroyo Grande	CA
Rolland Hart	'55	Sandusky	OH	Greg Yarmoluk	'74	Howell	MI
Laura Daniels Cramer	'55	Logan	OH	Gary Majestic	'74	Rome	GA
William C Handley	'56	Cape May		Dave Gioffre	'75	Fairview	NJ
		Ct House	NJ	Debra Hinton	'75	England	
Carol Sprankle Lescher	'56	Norwalk	OH	Sharon Caporini Aamoth	'75	Solon	OH
Ann Bostater Hart	'56	Sandusky	OH	Laurel Junod Wolf	'75	Stow	OH
Nancy Rhodes Harman	'56	Huron	OH	Mary Reese Folger	'76	Huron	OH
Byron Allman	'56	Tyrone	NM	Liz Hagy Swain	'76	Columbus	OH
Linda Fisk Wareham	'56	Fredericktown	OH	Debora Bihun Gross	'76	Sandusky	OH
Carol Haggerty Schell	'56	Huron	OH	Scott Sijan	'77	Lakeville	MN
Samuel Jeffery	'56	San Diego	CA	Kathy Smith Gorman	'78	Colorado Sp	CO
Barbara Batch Daniels	'56	Berea	OH	Kim Samstag	'78	Sandusky	OH
Carolyn Moore Spievak	'56	Saginaw	MI	Dayna Harpster	'80	Ft Myers	FL
Janice Rae Cook Herrmann	'57	Amherst	OH	Joan McCann Heinrich	'80	Jupiter	FL
Eileen Lamont Currie	'58	The Woodlands	TX	Tom Solberg	'81	Huron	OH
Grace Towne Cerniak	'58	Joliet	IL	Dan Billman	'82	Mars	PA
Joe Lewis	'59	Laguna Vista	TX	Kelly Carruthers Lowe	'82	Bellevue	FL
Karen Blough Colon	'59	Huron	OH	Karen Basilone Goya	'83	APO AE 09706	
Sara McCormick Caffrey	'59	La Mirada	CA	Diane Billman Clements	'85	Bay Village	OH
Marjorie Windnagle Billman	'60	Huron	OH	Bryce Butkus	'85	Huron	OH
Judith Moore Zoliniak	'60	Santa Cruz	CA	Lynn Andrews	'85	Keene	NH
John Doyle	'60	Los Alamitos	CA	Sarah McFee Solberg	'87	Huron	OH
George Ritzenthaler	'60	Sandusky	OH	David Shontz	'89	Greenwich	NY
Doyle Beilstein	'60	San Antonio	TX	Katherine Shontz Burnley	'92	Richland Center	WI
Dr. William Towne	'60	Rockford	IL	Jennifer Ineson Cowin	'92	Chicago	IL
William Spievak	'60	Saginaw	MI	Jennifer Mingus Mountcastle	'93	Powell	OH
Nelson Hardesty	'61	New Albany	OH	Patricia Shamhart	'01	San Antonio	TX
David Majoy	'62	Huron	OH	Kyle Wright, Esq	'03	Huron	OH
James Hamer	'62	Plain City	OH	Lynn Studer	former fac	Bluffton	SC
Anita Roswurm Parker	'62	Merced	CA	Alea Dahnke	former fac	Huron	OH
Kay Dahlhofer Wilson	'62	Chester	MD	Kathy Kosan	former fac	Huron	OH
Carolyn Rudy	'64	Sandusky	OH	Roberta Hartung	former fac	Huron	OH
John Perrin	'65	Shaker Heights	OH	Judy and Don Pflieger	former fac	Sandusky	OH
David Horner	'65	Norwalk	OH	Dr. Will Folger	social	Huron	OH
James Kiger	'66	Bakersfield	CA	Susan Shontz DuBray	social	Huron	OH
Alverta Modic Luma	'66	Castalia	OH				

Sports Shorts - Winter and Spring 2010 - 2011

The Tigers had many successes this winter and spring in their athletic endeavors. We'll let their coaches tell of them in their own words.

Huron Wrestling 2010-2011

The team finished with a 14-9 Dual meet record which included a 2nd place finish at The River Valley Bender Duals. We finished 7th in the SBC, led by Nino Majoy - Huron's first SBC Champ since 1995. Nino was also voted as the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. Huron once again hosted an OHSAA Division 3 Sectional tournament and qualified 6 to the District Tournament at Owens Community College. Spencer Maddox (9), Dominic Maschari (10), Jordan Romick (12), Rory Kaip (12), Matt King (12), and Nino Majoy (11) were qualifiers, and Mauricio Vazquez (10) was an alternate. For the second straight year Senior Matt King and Junior Nino Majoy qualified for the State Tournament at OSU. Matt was 1-2 at the State Tournament, and Nino Placed 3rd finishing a fine season with a 49-4 record. Both Matt and Nino also reached another milestone during their fine season - each recorded his 100th career victory.

Boys' Basketball 2010 -2011

The Varsity Boys Basketball team had an incredibly successful season this winter! They finished third in the conference and made an appearance in the District tournament for the second straight year. They were led by one senior, Brian Bollenbacher, who finished the year as first team all-conference and all-district selections. The team gained valuable experience and expects 9 letter winners to return next year. They are excited for the future and anticipate a successful run in the next couple of years. Head Coach Bobby James and his staff would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the kids and program. They will continue to work hard to make the community proud!

Girls' Basketball 2010 - 2011

The 2010-2011 season started with an alumni game the weekend of Thanksgiving, and ended at Fremont Ross in a close loss to the Woodmore Wildcats. The season saw the end of four girls' careers. Justine Butler, Devon Koenig, Gina Munafò and Lauren Volz all played four years for the Lady Tigers. The ladies finished with four wins this past year. The past few years have been highlighted by the career of Lauren Volz. She finished with 939 career points. She also broke the record of 3 pointers in a game with 7, and also has records for 3 pointers in a season with 56, career 3 pointers with 157. The program is looking to get over the hump and back to the proud history of girls' basketball. The junior varsity team won 9 games, while the 8th graders were SBC champions with a record of 15-3. Thank you to the many fans, boosters and community members for your continued support.

Tiger Baseball 2011

The Tigers baseball team improved a great deal this season. The team finished 10 and 11. We are 5-7 in conference play at this time. It has been an extremely cold and wet spring and thanks to the new field and its great drainage, we've been able to get most of our home games played.

The Huron Baseball Team also held its first Bidby Baseball Camp for youngsters in grades 2-8. We had over 65 players attend this successful endeavor. Thank you to all those who sent their young players. Look for this camp again next spring.

Lastly we'd like to send out our best wishes to our 4 graduating seniors. These four seniors have been a part of the baseball program all four years while in high school. Brian Bollenbacher is headed off to continue his studies at The Ohio State University. Jason Clevenger will be attending Bowling Green State University. Brandon Johnson will be matriculating at Cleveland State University. Ian McCready will further his education at Hocking College. These seniors were a large part of the big improvement this year. Thank you for all of your hard work and effort!

We look forward to an even better 2012 season with 10 letterman returning to the baseball team

Huron's student body gave a rousing Tiger send off before the state wrestling tournament to the two Tiger representatives, Nino Majoy and Matt King. Here we see the boys, some of their coaches, parents and siblings: Rear: Lynne King, Coach Wayne Hamrock, former wrestler Jim Swanbeck, '94, Nino Majoy, Coach Bill Needham, father and team coach Rob Majoy, '82, and mother Janet Majoy. Front row sister Emily King, '12, Matt King, sister Abby Majoy, '04 and little brother Augustino, "Tino." '19.



Softball Team 2011

The Lady Tigess the year were the 2011 Sectional Champions for the third time in the past five years. At the district they were eliminated by a score of 5 - 4 in a game played at the Norwalk District game against Clearfork who was 27-0 at the time.

2011 All-SBC Conference Players:

1ST TEAM: Second base junior Renee St. Clair and third base freshman Amanda Vacca

2ND TEAM: Catcher sophomore Morgan Asberry

2011 ALL-SBC HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Senior shortstop Lauren Voltz and senior pitcher Olivia Warren, Junior outfield Kelsey Koehler and Sophomore pitcher Karissa Shepherd.

Swimming Tigers 2011

The Huron High School Swim team sent 7 guys and girls to districts this year; last year only one swimmer advanced. We had 6 events that represented Huron at the district meet. This year the girls' team improved from 1-9 to 4-8. They got 5th at SBC's, an improvement of one place. They were led by district qualifier Sophomore Allison Slocum. The guys' team improved from 1-9 to 6-6 this year and got 6th place at SBC's. They were led by Juniors Matt Buckingham, Ikki Tanaka, Sophomores Jon Turner, Stephen Tomczyk, Ryan Brownell, and Freshman Kevin Tomczyk, all of whom made it to districts.

Overall the girl's team dropped 3 minutes 39 seconds off of improvement in times while the guy's dropped 2 minutes 48 seconds that were shed throughout the season. The hard work and dedication was shown throughout the year, and it paid off greatly in the end. Our girls' team was also led by Senior Captain Rachel Stelzer and sophomore Captain Morgan Mize. On the guy's side we did not have a senior so Juniors Matt Buckingham and Ikki Tanaka rose to the challenge to be the guy's captains.

Tiger Track Team 2011

The boys track team finished the season 4-1 and the girls 0-5 in dual meets this season. The boys won the Margareta Relays and the Huron Invite and were second at the SBC championships. The girls best finish was at the Margareta Relays where they finished fourth overall and they finished eighth in the SBC meet. The boys went on to finish fourth in the district and 33rd in the Regional meet and the girls were 14th in the district meet. Qualifying for the Regional meet for the boys were: Treyvon Matthews in the 110m hurdles; Treyvon Matthews, Ryan Biddlecombe, Sean Fantozz, and Mitch Hagstrom in the 400m and 800m relays; Ryan Biddlecombe, Nathan Schaefer, Jake Hillman, and Mitch Hagstrom in the 1600m relay; Ryan McNulty in the Shot Put; for the girls Kayla Hamilton qualified in the 100m hurdles. The boys 1600m relay team went on to finish fifth in the Regional meet. Also, congratulations to Junior, Ryan McNulty who broke the school record in the shot put this season with a toss of 52 feet 5 inches.

Huron's Progressive Fields

The Huron Boosters several years ago embarked upon an ambitious program to provide Huron's ball teams with top of the line ball diamonds. We are happy to report that the project is almost completed.

The baseball field needed a couple years for the infield and outfield to grow a thick carpet of turf. In about one more year it will be equal to any major league field. The field has been perfectly drained so that shortly after a downpour the field is playable. This spring's season of constant downpours tested that engineering perfectly. Dugouts have been completed and the backstop repaired - a January ice storm and gale force winds made pretzels of the netting, but all was in place for opening day. Yet to be completed is a larger building to house batting cages and concession stands.

On the girls' softball diamond, the story is equally positive. A perfectly graded infield means no more wild hops and ground ball errors. The outfield, too, is well groomed and a joy to roam, shagging fly balls without fear of turning an ankle or worse. Visiting teams love the facilities as well and seek to equal someday what Huron's players have.

Great job, Boosters, and best of luck in the fund raising to finish the last phase of the building. If you'd like to help them reach their goal, contact Scott Gardner at 419-433-8223 or 419 602-0845 with your offer of funds, materials, or labor!

Matt Maloney and the Reds

Former Huron High pitching standout, Matt Maloney, '02, has begun his third year in the majors with the Cincinnati Reds. Well, sort of. His role this year is to bolster the bullpen, and he has done just that. Manager Dusty Baker early on said that had been satisfied to date with Matt's efforts, despite a totally forgettable appearance in Arizona early in the season when a short meltdown

cost him seven runs. Matt bounced back immediately in the next game, throwing four shutout innings against Pittsburgh in a losing effort. But showing the extreme confidence that his manager has in him, Matt was even left in to bat in that effort.

Because of bats, Matt can now claim to be a genuine big leaguer. Earlier this season he was elated when a shipment of bats arrived at the Red's complex, and there was a handful of genuine Matt Maloney engraved sticks in the pile. Shouted Matt, "Yes, I've been waiting three years for this. My own bats! Now I don't have to borrow somebody else's."

The early season euphoria soon dimmed when the team called up from the injured reserve list Homer Bailey, a standout draft choice, and another spot

starter. That necessitated a trip back to the Louisville Bats for Matt. Could have been worse, though. At least Louisville is his off-season home town now. Matt surely must want more stability in his life, but ever the team player, he wants only what's best for the team.

But then, good news-bad news. The Reds' vaunted pitching staff melted down, so Matt was recalled once again. Seeing a pattern here? He didn't want what came next - a lousy sneeze! He broke a rib sneezing! No Herb Score line drive. No impalement with a splintered bat. No attack from a frenzied fan. A lousy sneeze put him on the sixty day DL, as of this writing in late May. Every player has his season from hell. Let's hope Matt is able to tough this one out, and - as they say in Cleveland - "Wait till next year!" We'll keep you posted.



Showing that sterling form that made the name Bill Scott such a fearsome competitor on the track back in the late '60's and early '70's, Bill takes to the blocks to begin his last run on the home track where he put up his hall of fame numbers. (He has run on this track in six decades now!) An artificial surface this time instead of the cinders of the past should help him improve his time - and reduce the scrapes if he falls. Lo, he even clutches the baton - after someone had to remind him to carry it! Actually, he had the most hair of all his teammates.



The girls feel as if they are always playing in the shade. To date, no foul balls have hit the tower.

Bill Scott Runs His Course

Thirty-five years is a long time to be on the run. Yet Bill Scott has been doing just that and this spring ran right into retirement. As a former math teacher, track and cross country coach, he knows something about In fact, at the last home track meet that he coached, he ran the first leg of a race against his heavyweights on the team. Two teams of coaches were challenged by the kids, and Bill and his assistants responded – and even a Port Clinton coach donned Huron colors to participate. For his team, Bill actually led for the first ten feet as he charged out of the blocks in lane six ahead of a shot putter who had never seen blocks, and had never bent over except to tie his shoes. After that initial burst, lane six seemed to head up hill and, as they say, a good time was had by all. (The anchor for one of the teams was Jackie “Mama” Collins who crossed the line in a photo finish, just before supper time, riding her powered scooter – something about cold weather affecting her batteries!)

Bill ran track throughout his high school career and held several records individually and as a team. He graduated in '72, then set off to Muskingum College (University now) and hung around till '76. He eventually earned a Masters degree from Ashland College. He married Carol Markin, '73, and began his teaching career at Monroeville OH where he remained for ten years teaching math and coaching track. Finally, in 1986 Bill and Carol returned to their roots where they settled and raised the girls who became quite the track bums over the years just from hanging around dad. In all, Bill did 28 years as cross country coach and 35 as track coach. Someplace in there he also assisted with football a couple years.

In the classroom, though, is where Bill made his mark with Huron. He has taught variously junior high math, general math, applied math, algebra 1 and 2, geometry, and precollege math and also served a stint as math department chairperson. His students have competed in and done very well at the Greater Toledo Council of Teachers of Mathematics tests, the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and on the OGT – the Big One that all students must pass in order to graduate. Through it all, Bill has seen all the latest fads and trends in the teaching of math, but it all comes down to the same thing – the content remains the same; the methodology and bells and whistles



change so someone else gets the credit!

Over Bill's career, he has seen the blackboards change to green and now the chalk go the way of the dinosaur with the coming of Smartboard technology in the classroom. Someone figured out how to wire a computer to a projector that shoots onto an interactive white board, so now a math teacher can stand in front of the class and move figures around on a board – without ever whitening the hand with chalk – and pretend he is a CNN reporter or weatherman. As a teaching tool, though, the boards are effective, says Bill, and they engage the students and make learning more fun. But it still takes about a year to master geometry.

As for the kids over the years, Bill says they don't change that much except that today's students seem needier. How so? They need to have more done FOR them instead of doing it themselves. They need to be constantly shepherded to do their work. They need to be reminded all the time of their responsibilities to do their work – or be fired in the future. (Sounds like they need a kick in the pants, but that's not PC these days.) All in all, though, there are many excellent math students who will have stellar careers.

Life after retirement? Carol is still

Four generations of Scotts who have, or will have, impacted Huron City Schools: front row sits Georgianna Scott who taught in Huron's elementary schools right out of college. She is surrounded by great grandchildren. Caleb 6, Katie is 8, Tyler 6 and Luke is 4, Rear: Bill, '72. Carol Markin Scott, '72, son-in-law Andy Marvin and his wife Emily, '97, daughter Amy Scott Jeremay, '95 holding Caleb, age three, and son-in-law Sam Jeremay, '96.

working, so long jaunts are out for a while. But their five grandkids are living in the immediate Huron area and are a source of constant joy. Bill intends to become more involved in their lives. For thirty-five years Bill has derived pleasure from watching students who thought they could never do math figure it out and be successful. Now his pleasures will come from assisting with coaching a little, maybe volunteering, and Carol may have a few ideas also. After 63 coaching seasons, she thinks there may be a few jobs around the house that need tending to.

From the thousands of students you worked with over the years, good luck in retirement, Bill!

National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Honors Huronites

Three of this year's successful Tiger Football team members were honored this winter at a banquet rewarding the best players from Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Seven hundred people attended to pay their respects to Midwest football.

Representing Huron were Jake Hillman, Joey Bogden, and Danny Nagy.

The Don King Courageous Award went to Danny Nagy who survived a series of family difficulties to make his contribution on the field. The young man presenting the award should know something about courage and survival - he was a survivor from the bus accident involving the Bluffton College baseball team. All 700 people were on their feet to acknowledge Danny as he received his award. Danny also received a \$1,500 scholarship; that should help as he goes off to study computer science at OU.



Congratulations to Jake Hillman, Danny Nagy, and Joey Bogden on their achievements on the field and in the classrooms.

Also, Jake Hillman and Joey Bogden were among 31 athletes from Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan to be recognized for their academic and athletic success. The average GPA of those honored was 3.89! It was a great night for Huron football!

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2011

In early June, the selection committee met to review the applications for this year's class of inductees into Huron's Athletic Hall of Fame. Six former standout Huron athletes were chosen to join this august group of members, three members of the Class of 2001 in their first year of eligibility. Full biographies, pictures, and lists of their accomplishments will run in the next issue as space permits.

You can help honor your classmates receiving this award by planning to attend the induction ceremony. The ceremonies will be held on Thursday evening, September 22, at Mesenburg's Plaza Place during Homecoming Week. Reservations may be made by calling the athletic director, Monica Asher Mansor, at 419-433-3171 at the high school. Don't be in a hurry, though, as she will be getting married about the time you first read this and will probably still be honeymooning.

Bill Craig, '51, lettered three years each in football and basketball in the late 40's and early 50's.

Jim Jenkins, '72, starred in basketball during his high school career. In fact, he still holds the school single season scoring record.

Greg Cobb, '94, was a three time letterman in both football and basketball during his stellar career at Huron High.

Morgan Landes, '01, was part of the Fab Three Landes sisters who helped Huron girls dominate the tennis courts. Morgan went to state four straight years and eventually took a second there. She also ran track for Huron's girls.

Ryan Klaus, '01, swam his way into Huron's record books. He held school records in the 100 Butterfly and 100, the 200, and the 500 Freestyles. Ryan also was a Sectional and District champion and made All-Ohio.

Cory Lively Dike, '01, starred for the girls' basketball teams during her high school career. She was First Team SBC and First Team District 6 during her senior year.

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

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

Name and Address of closest relative of nominee (if nominee is deceased)

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. _____

Sports the nominee lettered in and number of letters: _____

Honors and achievements (may include post high school career) May use back of sheet:

Current Vocation of Nominee _____

Signature of nominator _____ Date _____
Address and Phone Number _____

Applications of those not nominated in a given year are retained and reviewed for up to five years.

You, too, can nominate someone for induction into the Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Simply copy and then fill out the above form and submit it to the selection committee through the high school Athletic Director, Monica Asher Mansor.

If your class is planning a five-year reunion for next year, especially over Homecoming Week and for the All-School Reunion, you might consider combing through your yearbook for a classmate or two who is deserving of membership and then help advance that person's cause. Classmates returning to help honor an inductee might just stay over for a class reunion that same weekend. If you are unsure whether a person has already been nominated and is still in the "pool" of available names, contact the athletic director. It certainly does not hurt the cause if other nominations are submitted with fresh perspective.

Fine Arts Spring Festival

Once again the Huron High School students showed that the arts are prospering in Huron's schools. The annual Spring Arts Festival was held on May 17 and featured hallways festooned with pieces of art and then a music program staged later during the evening. What the community was treated to was the culmination of many years of training and creative expression nurtured by the system, from preschool classes through the seniors.

The first part of the show opened to the community at 5 PM. Parents and friends who entered found both sides of the main downstairs hallway plastered completely with evidence of student talents. Water colors and oils, charcoals and pencil drawings, photographs and assemblages – anything that could be taped or hung from anything stationary – created a sort of tunnel effect for the “museum” goes that evening. Popular themes this year seemed to be animals, as always, and sea creatures, especially jelly fish. There were the usual complement of portraits, cartoon characters, and phantasmagoric characters that only teens can conjure. One interesting variation was a series of oils done in the style of the Moulin Rouge posters popular at the turn of the 20th century in France. Bright they were and saucy, too, in keeping with their names sake.

Seniors featured in the show were Hannah Figgins who will be studying art at Toledo and Rachel Miller who will be studying art at BGSU main campus.

For the second part of the Festival, the gymnasium turned into a music hall for choral and instrumental presentations. To begin the program, the concert choir made a different sound with a South African hymn, *Siyahamba*, Zulu for “We are Walking,” a freedom song. The various choirs, choruses, and chorales then worked through their repertoires from spirituals like *Stand upon the Rock* and *Poor Man Lazarus* to more contemporary selections such as *The Music of the Night* from *The Phantom*. A couple James Taylor pieces also found their way in, with soloists Jon Clark and Jonathan Turner belting out their renditions of *Fire and Rain* and *Your Smiling Face*. The final piece left the delighted audience Zoom-zoom-zooming with that great Pennsylvania Dutch hit, *Johnny Schmoker*. How's that for versatility!

The audience appreciated the performance and showed its delight with numerous ovations. The choir showed why it had garnered a superior rating at the regional competition. Unfortunately the late timing of Easter and other commitments prevented their competing at state. Wait till next year!

The final performances of the evening were given by the concert band. *The Flight of the Thunderbird* began the set, followed by a Russian composer's piece, *Salvation is Created*. Then the audience could hear the battle cries, lamentations, and final celebrations in their rendition of *The King across the Water*. Their final selection, *Danse Bohemian*, was a visual as well as auditory treat with hands becoming a blur at times as percussionists flew through their parts. They truly showed why they had won the coveted superior at state competition – only the third time in school history and second year in a row – with such dazzling performances. On May 6, at Westlake High School they captured that coveted award with *Allied Honor March* and *Anthem for Winds and Percussion* in addition to *The King across the Water*. As band instructor Adam Ladd said at the concert, “Fifty years from now these kids will walk through that band room and see that plaque hanging there on the wall and will know that it belongs to them. They did that!”

Here's hoping that fifty years from now the arts programs at Huron High are just as strong as they are today.

Technology and the Butchershop

Time was when a farm woman snared a hen, lopped off its head, and then fetched up Sunday dinner. Or a man hoisted a hog's rear end up the oak limb in the side yard, there to butcher it. Ma rendered the lard, and the kids cleaned out what had to be cleaned out to make the sausage. Then citified ways came along and folks in town needed a close-by, steady source of meat stuffs. When home freezers came in, custom butchers like Eberts or Myers would do up a quarter or half for folks. Those with the early Servels or Amanas instead of iceboxes needed to shop less frequently then, but the corner butcher shops still accommodated them. Huron saw its share of those, the latest survivors being the Thomas and Hart markets before we lost our town.

Through it all, though, one local cutter has still survived, the Myers boys – Charlie, '61 and Tom, '63. Their dad went out on Bogart Road back in 1955, threw up a cement block building, and fenced in a holding pen. Voila! In business for himself there, and it's been in the family ever since. A few enlargements to the building and it still serves its purpose well today.

The boys, though, have modernized a bit over the years. Grandma's hatchet is gone. Motorized hoists lift the animals into working range. A huge shrink-wrap machine neatly packages ground chuck and hamburger. Electric saws replace the handsaws and meat cleavers of yesteryear. Mondays are usually



Huron Schools Begin Foundation

Over the years, the Huron School District has been entrusted to hold funds for many scholarships. These dollars are placed into conservative instruments to earn interest and grow the principle enough to produce a scholarship or two for each named fund. Unfortunately, the economic situation the past few years has crippled the growing power of these funds.

Thus, the Board of Education has decided to begin its own foundation to try to increase the earnings for these scholarship funds. Accordingly, school treasurer Michael Weis has been working with counsel to establish a 501 (c) 3 non-profit foundation for the district. The foundation's board of directors will be charged with maximizing the earnings potential of all the scholarship funds. Bank accounts these days are earning less than one percent in interest while other investment opportunities have garnered many times that. By aggregating all the funds and placing them in various types of investments other than the present bank savings accounts, the foundation thinks it can safely increase the amount of funds available for future student scholarship grants. The main advantage to the district's establishing its own foundation is that all funds deposited with it will remain in control of the district and earnings will work to benefit entirely the Huron education community.

While the main purpose of this foundation is to produce scholarship revenue, there are two other purposes for going solo. In the future, it may be possible for a donor to earmark funds to benefit the physical facilities of the district. A third goal is to provide dollars for improving education in the district by funding teacher grants for innovative projects and by funding various arts projects. Whatever the goals, control of dollars and how they are spent out of the fund will be entirely determined by the depositors of those individual funds within the foundation.

Some of you reading this may have been thinking about joining Huron's current great scholarship program. Individuals, families, businesses, or groups of any of the preceding may establish a scholarship. This could also include any class that would wish to establish an account in its own name or as a memorial to deceased classmates. The decision of how to fund the scholarship and establish eligibility requirements is entirely up to the individual or group. There is no requirement for a minimum initial deposit in this foundation, and additional deposits to a scholarship fund may be made at any time.

How will the aggregated funds be managed? Several possibilities exist: try to make wise investment decisions in-house, hire an outside manager to

minimize any risk, ask our alumns who have expertise in this area to assist, or throw darts and flip coins. Actually, the board of directors will make the decision after consulting others in the field, but whatever method is chosen, the first priority is to insure the safety of the deposits made but within a philosophy that is more aggressive than simply tucking the money into a bank account and hoping it grows. In its initial phase, a foundation such as this can expect to safely grow at a rate several times faster than a savings account, at least that's the goal. Over time, as deposits grow and market conditions improve, a longer term growth curve can usually be expected. The real winners then will be the many students in the future who will benefit from the wise decision at this time to begin this foundation.

If you or a group of you are interested in participating in this foundation, we urge you to contact us or the Treasurer of the Huron Board of Education, Mike Weis, for complete details. This is an exciting moment in the history of the Huron City Schools, and we urge you to get in on the ground floor. We don't have to tell you how great power of compounding is. And to the many who in any way are already participating in the present scholarship program, we thank you on behalf of all students who have benefitted from your generosity.

reserved as killing days, though, and the carcasses are then left to age in a huge cooler. The rest of the week a crew of four to five men breaks down the previous weeks' work for customers. Only the rush of deer season and county fair time breaks up this natural rhythm.

But now the boys have decided to go green. They are now the third party in Huron City and Township to take advantage of renewable energy sources. To the rear of their building, they have erected a huge wind generator, trying to get off the grid. At 33 KW it should handle all they can throw at it and then have some juice left over for the electric company to purchase. We think they got gypped on the deal, though – all that money and they have only two blades

instead of three on their generator. But they're loving it and windy days, too. And by the way, they don't do chickens any

Tom, Charlie, and Greg, '05, show off the only wrapping machine of its kind.



more. Now we just need more businesses to follow their lead to take advantage of what nature gives us free.

Huron Playhouse: The Show Goes On

At this time last year the fate of the Huron Playhouse was uncertain. After 62 years of providing top quality shows for area residents and training for young thespians, Ohio's longest continuously running summer theater faced the end. Bowling Green State University had decided to shift its drama priorities. So appeals went out across the area, and theater lovers everywhere responded. We can proudly announce that there WILL BE a 63rd season! Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a listing of this summer's performances and their play dates.

How did this come to pass? A group of concerned theatre lovers met and applied for non-profit status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. As part of the reorganization, a board of directors was formed. Mark Koch will serve as President, John O. Bacon as Vice-President

and Treasurer, Sue Cloak as its Secretary, and Jackie Mayer and Rob Smith as at-large Directors. Jann Glann will continue as Artistic and Managing Director and Frank Glann as Associate Director. Having received its approval letter from the IRS, the group can now accept tax exempt donations from both individuals and corporations.

Though this season has been secured, a long term problems still exists, however. To insure the continued operation of the Playhouse, beyond this season, constant financial assistance will be needed. Any individual who wishes to help insure the organization's future may help. No donation is considered too small.

Some opportunities exist for large contributions as well. Some may wish to consider sponsoring a whole show, either

totally or in partnership with other businesses or families or individuals. Still others may want to consider sponsoring a single company member, or just feeding the cast for a specified time period. In fact, several area restaurants have accepted that challenge in the past, but for this season individuals are encouraged to dine with the cast and then pick up the check for all.

However you think you may be able to assist in this effort, know that your participation will be most appreciated. Please contact any one of the board members or Jann Glann at The Huron Playhouse, Inc. PO Box 487, Huron OH 44839 or at 419-433-3503 or jglann@bgsu.edu. See how easy they have made it for you! And we hope to see you at one of the shows!

Anne Hinton Retires

Library: a place for books. Except that 23 years ago when she was appointed Huron's library director, Anne Hiatt Hinton, '70, set about to remake the definition of library. Anne returned to lead the remake of her hometown library, and we're not talking just about the building itself. Indeed, she did shepherd renovating the original building from twelve to thirty-six thousand square feet on three levels, the same library pioneered by a group of high school girls led by Marian Hammond Howland back in the late 1930's. But that kind of increase will occur in any institution in any village or city naturally growing in size.

Rather, in 1988 when she assumed her position as librarian-in-chief, the computer age was in its infancy and the Age of Books was about to receive a huge jolt. About that time, digital media and the internet were starting to meet paper and ink on the battlefield, leaving Waldenbooks, Barnes & Noble and Borders mortally wounded and Google Books, Kindles and their clones triumphant. During Anne's tenure a gradual transition was made away from printed media as the sole source of information to more varied electronic media sources.

As an example, in 1988, Huron's library

contained about 44,000 titles, and now nearly a quarter of a century later the number has grown by about a third to 57,000. However, that's not where the library has made its greatest impact.

During that same time at the library, the number of computers with internet access grew from four of the most ancient and slowest Model T green screens to twenty-seven terminals with instant access to the entire world of digital information. The real change occurred when Huron's library joined the Clevnet system, the huge interconnected chain of Cleveland area libraries. Patrons could now download from Clevnet recordings, music, photographs, books, periodicals, and films. Such technology spared the local expense of purchasing these materials, and granted speed of access. As a result of the decision to join, almost overnight, Huron's collection went from the fifty-seven thousand local titles to million of titles and sources of information.

But that's not all. Other electronic media also flooded into the library. Books on tape, movies, CD's, DVD's, and video's have all come and gone. Certainly, the books remain and probably will for a number of more years. However, with

the electronic books on the market and the myriad of reading devices flooding the stores, it won't be long before the word library will take on a new meaning. Even school text books will eventually go on line, doing away with those ten pound tomes bending student backs.

In addition to the printed revolution, Anne also insured that Huron had something it otherwise lacked – a community center. Located between Williams and Center Streets on the site of the old Victorian school house replaced in the 1940's, the building itself is centrally located and contains meeting rooms in constant use by community groups. School children flood the place after school. A large section in the basement now houses the Huron Historical Society's collections. Quite a remarkable transition, considering the one-room Huron Library begun in 1937.

Anne and husband Gary, also a 1970 Huron High grad, began her retirement earlier this year with a well deserved victory tour. Two granddaughters will undoubtedly see more of grandma in the future, that is, if she can be pried away from her glasswork projects and from teaching information technology courses. Well done, Anne!

Senior Citizens' Appreciation Dinner

Your Association once again helped stage an appreciation dinner for Huron's senior citizens. For decades Huron's seniors have supported the school district – sometimes sharing their talents, more often entrusting us with their children, always providing their financial support. The district turned out to thank them and to introduce them to what's new at the site of this year's festivities, Woodlands School.

All the fixings for the meal were donated by some of Huron's finest: Berardi's Restaurant, Jim's Pizza Box, Marconi's Restaurant, Chef's Garden, and Mesenburg's Catering Service. The fine Italian dinner was put together by many school cafeteria volunteers and then served up by a host of students from the high school foreign language clubs and their advisors. Beautiful table geraniums and a lovely hanging basket for a door prize were donated by Corso's Greenhouse on Hull Road. Attendees also delighted in desserts, those irresistible French delicacies called bonbons, confectioned by the French club members. Even the elementary students chipped in as the third grade students playfully decorated the placemats – grandmas and grandpas enjoyed plenty of flower and rainbow gifts from the children.

The keynote speaker for the evening was one of our own grads, Bryan Rathbun, '08, an employee of Sure Energy. His family donated the wind turbine that powers Woodlands School and in the off hours sells its excess production to Ohio Edison. Brian informed the audience of some of the operations of the generator and then fielded questions from the audience. All left with a greater idea of the long lasting benefits to the district from this renewable energy source.

Next year's dinner will be hosted in the Shawnee School, so for all you who have not been in that building since the '50's, come on out!



The Class of '59 was represented by seniors Lonnie and Judy Ishmael, Karen Colon, and Dee and Tom Hartley, '53. Another representative of the class, Brad Bickley, was given his own table with plenty of elbow and splash room. He did some serious damage to the meal!



June and Dick Klein were joined by Merle and Sue Boldman and Betty and Tony Munaf, Sr., all of whom pronounced the fare more than satisfactory.



Former board member Wilber Ramsey, '38, listens to the featured speaker, joined by Judi and Terry Graham.



Bill Schell, '49, and his wife Carol, '56, enjoyed dining in the Woodlands jungle with Ida Hastings, '47, and her husband Bob.

Golfing for a Cause

Several events are held as summer fund raisers each year. The Saunders-Foss Memorial Golf Scramble helps fund a scholarship program established in honor of two of our young ladies taken too early from us. The Huron Boosters' Scramble is part of a program that helps fund many of the Boosters' projects throughout the district. The Football Scramble will be held June 20 at Sawmill Creek. Your support of any or all of these events is much appreciated.

Finally, the Donut Shop Open is being held again July 16 at Mills Creek Golf Course, 8 AM sharp. However, most of you would not qualify for the field – very tough requirements. Entrants must be over 70, engage in daily two hours training sessions on a Donut Shop stool, have at least one artificial knee, hip, elbow or something else, walk with a gimp, have a seeing-eye dog caddy, and not know how to count. At stake is the honor of wearing the highly coveted Donut Shop Green Jacket while dining in.

**MICHELLE MARIE SAUNDERS/RYAN LEIGH FOSS
MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
JULY 23rd 2011
REGISTRATION FORM**

Print this form and return it to Paul Berlin: 902 Falcon Circle, Huron, OH 44839 or scan and email to pberlin@bex.net

A check for \$220 will reserve a spot for your team.

Return this form and money ASAP, no later than July 11, 2011

Team Captain Name: _____

Address: _____

Email (for confirmation): _____

Contact Phone Number _____

CHOOSE START TIME HERE: ___ 7:30 AM ___ 2 PM

List other team members (if undecided, put undecided)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

___ Enclosed is a check for \$220 to reserve a spot in Scramble
Make payable to: Saunders/Foss Memorial Scholarship Fund.

SPONSORS/DONATIONS

Return by July 11, 2011

Sponsor Name: _____
(as it will appear on the Tee-Box sign)

Email Address: _____

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

Saturday, July 23, 2011
Thunderbird South Golf Course
7:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 2 Shot Gun Starts
\$55 per person/\$220 per team
Includes Chicken BBQ Dinner, Drinks & Prizes!

Membership Sign Up⁶¹¹

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 DVD Order Form

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Huron: My Hometown

Cost: \$30 per set

Quantity _____

Downtown Interrupted: Huron's Urban Renewal Experience

Cost: \$15

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

13th Annual
Huron Football Golf Scramble
Monday, June 20, 2011
Thunderbird Hills South Course

Open to: Football players, coaches, H-Team members, and friends of the Huron Football Program. This is a 9 hole (shotgun start) scramble starting at 4:25 pm. Coach Legando will determine the pairings for the scramble teams. You must check in at the golf course between 3:45 and 4:15 pm. This year we are asking that your entry fee be paid with your completed entry form. The cost will be \$20.00 for football players and \$30.00 for the friends of the Huron Football Program. This cost includes your green fees and carts. Carts will be mandatory due to the shotgun start. Please make your checks payable to the Huron Athletic Booster Club. Power weenies and refreshments will be served by the H-Team starting at 6:30 pm. (Football players who are non-golfers are welcome to the power weenie session and are encouraged to attend.)

Contact Coach Legando for late entry - TLegando@Huron-City.k12.oh.us

Huron Boosters' Golf Scramble

August 8 at Sawmill Creek. Registration begins at 10 AM with tee time at noon. Contact Scott Gardner at 419-433-8223.

Email Changes

Effective this June 10th, 2011, the email address of your Association changed to Huron_Alumni@Huron-City.K12.OH.US. Our personal address will also change for those sending directly to the editor: MHeydinger@Huron-City.k12.OH.US. Please make the necessary changes in your address book.

Our thanks also go out to all those who have been faithfully sending in changes to their own email addresses. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep all of our members connected. We also know that many of you reading this in paper version have email addresses and *could be* receiving this Newsletter on line. We ask you to take just a moment and go to this site to register your email address with us. Also, some of you may be reading this on line at your place of business - that may be a big no-no. So if you have another home email address, please send us that and we'll help keep you legal.

All-School Reunion Time

2012 marks another one of those years divisible by the number three. That means it's time for another HUGE get-together, AKA, the All-School Reunion. The date has been set, so give your self an early Christmas present and buy a 2012 calendar. Mark this date: September 29.

Actually, that entire week will be filled with activities since it coincides with Homecoming Week at the high school.

On Wednesday night, September 26, there will be the annual parade and bonfire. Your Alumni Association will have a float in the parade. Then on Thursday night, September 27, the Athletic hall of Fame will be holding its induction ceremony at Mesenburg's Plaza Place, beginning with a 5:30 PM cocktail hour. The Homecoming football game will be held on Friday evening, September 28, against Perkins High School which is always a tough competitor. Before the game festivities will include a tail gate supper, then a skull session featuring the band and cheerleaders performing, then the coaches and team captains addressing the alumni assembled. After the game there will be a huge celebration and get together at Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek.

Finally, on Saturday night we will host the All-School get-together, bringing to one place all the classes for fine dining, dancing, and catching up. (No need to pack a ham sandwich either, Mr. Blue!)

This reunion will also mark another celebration, the 125th anniversary of the first graduating class from Huron High School. In 1887, two young ladies, Bertha Kiefer and Carrie Peterson, became the first two Huron High graduates of the nearly 8,800 grads and counting. Special events to commemorate this milestone are being planned and will be announced.

To make this the grandest reunion ever, we need your help. If you would like to participate in the planning of any part of the reunion, no matter how small you think your contribution may seem, please contact us and let us know your idea and how you can help. Committees are being formed to arrange the meal, line up the entertainment, decorate the hall, handle the publicity and ticket sales, provide take-away materials - in short, to make this a most memorable gala. Help make this All-School Reunion and 125th anniversary celebration the most successful to date by joining one of these committees.

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