

# NEWS

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HURON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## 125 Years of Graduates

On May 27th of 1887, the first graduating class from Huron High School walked across the stage to accept their diplomas, sheepskins suitable for framing, about twice the size of today's diplomas. Both girls, Bertha Keifer and Carrie Peterson, had successfully completed the requirements for graduation and were happy to be named valedictorian and salutatorian respectfully.

The following year, twelve more grads made the trek on a warm May evening, and that fall the two classes joined forces to create the first Huron High Alumni Association. It was easy - they all lived in town.

Coincidentally, the graduating class this year numbered 125, including three honorary foreign exchange student grads. This class raised the total number of

grads over the decades to about 8,889. Approximately three quarters of these graduates are still living.

The curious will wonder why this year's Baccalaureate booklet listed this class as only the 123rd to have graduated. Fair enough. A little investigation shows that in the late 1890's the district hired a new superintendent who believed that Huron's curriculum was not rigorous enough to meet the challenges of the new century. Accordingly, he revised the school's offerings, and the changes were accepted by the school board. Thus, for two years, 1899 and 1900, no students met these new requirements, so no graduation ceremony was held.

Principal John Ruf delivers his final valedictory message at his last Commencement for Huron. John is moving on to other challenges at the Erie County Board of Education level. (Story inside)

This year your Association celebrates that first graduation by staging another All-School Reunion over Homecoming Week, the last week in September. Read inside of what we have planned for you, and do join us in the celebrations.

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## All-School Reunion: 2012 Edition

Every three years your Association celebrates an All-School, All-Class Reunion with a grand, week long series of events that bring hundreds of our grads back home to their roots. This year mark your calendar for the last week in September, Homecoming Week, and plan to make it the highlight of your fall season.

A planning committee has been working since late last year to make sure that a whole summer and fall season of events occurs to help reconnect our alumni. You

will find details given inside as well as a form to sign up to join us. We encourage you to send in your form early to help ease the logistics.

Several highlights will make this a memorable reunion. It all begins over River-Fest Weekend with our float in the annual parade. Cheer us on from the roadside. Then your Association will again be represented under the tent over the entire weekend where we encourage you to join us and reconnect with one another.

During Homecoming Week we will be entering a float in the high school parade and whooping it up at the bonfire. Friday evening will feature a huge tail gate party, the game against Perkins, and the after-game party at Mulligan's Pub. Then the granddaddy of all parties will be held at Mesenburg's on Saturday evening. Join us for all the fun!

Details are inside as well as a form for you to contact us. See you at the tent and hall.

## Graduation Day at Last



In a pre-Memorial Day ceremony, Huron High School graduated another 125 seniors. The overwhelming majority are college bound, with several entering the military and others entering the world of work. This 125<sup>th</sup> graduating class had set for itself lofty goals, and from the tenor of the Commencement speeches, they felt they had accomplished all and then some. They excelled in the classroom as well as in athletics. They were accomplished in the arts, donated thousands of hours of volunteer work to the community, and for the most part kept their noses clean. They seem to have demonstrated that old Latin adage of *mens sana in corpore sana*. Loosely translated: they all left Huron High sane and with good looking bodies.

The Baccalaureate ceremony was held at St. Peter's Church and featured the customary speeches and litanies, parade of memorabilia to the altar area, and a final song from the choir. Guest speaker this year was principal John Ruf, addressing his final graduating class. In a short humorous talk, John urged the grads to be true to themselves, loyal to friends and family, and courageous in following their convictions. His remarks were greeted with a standing ovation as he leaves Huron with this class for another position with the Erie County system.

Shortly after the Baccalaureate ceremony, students and families met one last time

as a class in the high school gymnasium for the Commencement exercises. Only a good lake breeze kept the place manageable on what turned out to be one of the nicest days in May. As the band began the familiar Elgar piece, *Pomp and Circumstances*, board members, faculty and grads paraded into the gym. In short order there followed the salutatorian and valedictorian speeches, then what all had come for – the distribution of the hard earned diplomas. The crowd this year was remarkable for the respect they showed to all the grads by applauding each person who received a diploma, without the screaming and hollering and air horns that have marked so many such ceremonies over the years. When it was over, the grads flipped their tassels and joyously sent their mortar boards to the rafters. Band Director Adam Ladd then intoned the Huron *Alma Mater*, his last stint as Huron band leader, as he is moving on to graduate work at Kansas State. One hour and five minutes in all and it was finished for another year.

We welcome the newest members of our Alumni Association and wish them well, not only in the immediate years of continued studies but in their careers far out into the future. They join a long line of highly motivated and successful

Salutatorian Alyssa Franklin smiles as she addresses her classmates.



“I made it, Grandma!” cries Nino Ma-joy with grandma Sally, a scene repeated throughout the gym after the 125th Commencement at Huron High.

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alumni. And if the old song is true that the best is yet to come, we can look forward to class reunions decades down the road where they will not only surprise us with their accomplishments but also recount with joy tales from the years spent at their alma mater. Visit us often, grads, and keep current with your contact information.







*Anyway*, recited by Rilea Lombardy and Kayla Koehler, summarizes much of the deepest wisdom that life experiences can bring. Hopefully the class takes it all forward with them.



Senior Girls' Chorale leads all in the *National Anthem*.

More gifts are brought down in solemn procession, remembrances of achievements of all sorts throughout their high school careers. Mitchel Hagstrom, Nathan Schaefer, and Michael Post



## Baccalaureate and Commencement Pictures

Gift bearers process to the altar during the Baccalaureate ceremony - but a banana in church?

Valedictorian Angela Barbour



Band Director Adam Ladd in his last public Huron performance.



## Too Pretty to Sit On

To help defray part of the expenses of staging the All-School Reunion, several of our alumnae volunteered to decorate adirondack chairs to be used for a raffle. Each chair will have a color coded raffle ticket assigned to it so that folks can try to win their favorite chair. These works of art can be examined at various places of business throughout the summer and tickets purchased there. On a regular basis, the chairs will be rotated around town until their final appearance at the Homecoming festivities. Then on the evening of September 29, at the All-School Reunion dinner-dance, the winning tickets will be pulled and the chairs sent home with their lucky winners. Don't even think of plopping your tush on these beauties!

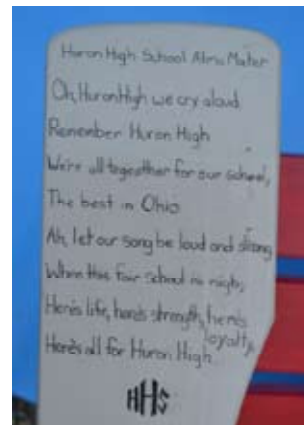
### A TIME TO REMEMBER

Bernice Taylor Hamler, '58, in her studio/garage out on Scheid Road, created this memory piece. Every building that has served as Huron High School is depicted across the back, and every school club or sport is immortalized on the arms. Sit here and dream!



### GENERATIONS

Deborah Smith Gauthier, '73, focused on Huron's many generations of excellence for her piece. These felines will look great on your front porch. And to help you stay in the spirit as you sip your julep, Deb has included the words to Huron's *Alma Mater*.





## EYE OF THE TIGER

Diane Preu Chevalier, '78, created this mesmerizing piece. Place this on your porch and hypnotize all passers-by with its power.



## CHAIR-LEADER

Janice Green Hassinger, '97, focuses on cheerleading in her masterpiece called Chair-Leader. Squint a little bit, put your own face behind the top rail, and you will be dressed and ready for "Rah-Rah! Go Tigers!"



Watch for these chairs and purchase tickets at any of the following establishments: The Huron Chamber office, Cornell's Foods, ACE Hardware, The Huron Market, State Farm Insurance offices.

# All-School Reunion and 125th Anniversary Plans

An alumni association can always find something to celebrate if it waits long enough. This year your Association is celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the very first Huron High School graduating class by staging another All-School Reunion. Many activities have been planned for your enjoyment, beginning with the RiverFest weekend and extending to Homecoming Week at the end of September. Be part of the fun and reconnect with your roots.

## RiverFest – July 13 – 15

The RiverFest festivities will see the return of your Association to a presence under a tent near the beer garden. Friday night should rock there, with several classes in town celebrating their five-year reunions and then the big fireworks show later in the evening. Stop by the tent either before or after your class gatherings.

Saturday morning then will find your Association participating in the parade once again. Cheer on all the floats from the sidelines, especially the Alumni's float, and bring the kids to collect their treats. (Big kids can filch a piece or two also, Brad.) After the parade, we will be at our post under the tent and displaying a set of decorated Adirondack chairs to commemorate our anniversary. So stop by for a visit and take a chance.

This chair display will mark the debut of our own version of the Adirondack Chair project that was held during Huron's Bicentennial celebration a few years back. We have commissioned four of our alumnae to paint and decorate Adirondack chairs with Huron High School related themes. The results are spectacular! However, instead of holding an auction for the chairs, an event at which only a few people would have the opportunity to walk away with one of these prizes, we will hold a summer-long raffle. This will be a different kind of raffle, though. Instead of throwing all the tickets into a single hopper and then someone winning a chair that he or she may not particularly care for, we will color code the raffle tickets to the chairs. That way folks will buy tickets only on

the chair or chairs which they would like to own. Then at the banquet dinner at the All-School Reunion on September 29, there will be four separate drawings, one for each chair.

This method has the advantage of acting like an auction, in that each ticket purchased is equivalent to a "bid" on a specific chair. One needs not be present to win. Wherever these works of art eventually are proudly displayed and used, we know that anyone who sees them will definitely know that Huron exists and has an extremely proud history.

## All-School Celebration Week = September 25 – 29

The last week in September this year will be Homecoming Week. Our foe for this year's football game will be the Perkins Pirates. But before game night, there will be an entire week of events.

On Monday evening, September 24, Huron Tiger football will be on the schedule at the Huron Public Library where folks will have an opportunity to spend an evening with an author. Dave Brown has written the first of two volumes on Huron's long legacy of football. Fans who attend the event, starting at 7 PM, will be treated to a slide show of images from the earliest times of Huron's six man football era to the eleven-man era. Some of the heroes from each decade will form a panel and discuss and reminisce about Huron's historic place in Northern Ohio's football history. Dave himself will talk about the process of putting this volume together and about the second volume which will cover the teams from 1980 through the 2012 season. After the presentation, folks will have an opportunity to purchase the book and have it signed by Dave.

On Wednesday evening, September 26, shortly after sundown the big Homecoming Parade kicks off. This beautifully choreographed affair features the Tiger band, Corvettes all decked out with former kings and queens, queen wannabes and a whole court of beauties, individual class floats, and even an Alumni float! The football

team will fill up the Huron Cement Company truck once again and lead the student body and Tiger supporters of all ages down Cleveland Road and through town onto the Stadium parking lot for more music and cheering. And – if the gods grant favorable winds and no rains, a bonfire will consume a Pirate in effigy. It's a Tiger tradition, repeated all across the land in communities like ours, but nowhere as masterfully as in Huron. Be part of the excitement that night and get psyched up for the rest of the week.

On Thursday evening, September 27, the annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be staged at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. Tickets for the affair will be available at the high school office. If you choose to attend, you will be treated to a beautiful meal followed by an entertaining series of introductions and then acceptance speeches by heroes from every sport from Huron's storied past. If you ever rooted for these men and women in the past, turn out that evening to support them one more time.

Friday, September 28, football frenzy breaks out again in "The Game." Get in the mood by attending a tail gate party to end all such parties. An excellent meal will be provided once again, with a free will offering accepted. Then join the band as it marches onto the field. Honor our flag and country there before filing up into a special seating area for returning grads. Bring your signs so your class can be recognized throughout the game. And cheer your lungs out.

But save some for the after-game party to be held as soon as all can arrive at Mulligan's Pub at Sawmill Creek. Meet there with your friends once again, this time over a few brewskies, and rehash the game – any game from your past – until they throw you out. If you have not yet picked up a copy of *Huron Football*, you will have one more opportunity there to chat with Dave Brown and obtain a signed copy.

Don't wear yourself out on Friday, though. Saturday will see even more opportunities to gather and reconnect.

Spend Saturday morning golfing with your classmates by signing up for a tee time. Get your foursome together and have one person call Tom Bollenbacher at 567-219-9899 or email him at [TBollenbacher@Huron-City.k12.oh.us](mailto:TBollenbacher@Huron-City.k12.oh.us). If you don't have a group, call Tom and he will get you paired with others who just want to play and have some fun.

Saturday evening will be the huge All-School Reunion and 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration held at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. Doors will open at 5:00 PM for a cocktail hour when you may reconnect with not only your own classmates but also friends from ahead of and behind your class. The menu will feature a four course prime rib buffet with chicken and salmon sides and all the trimmings, followed by a delicious dessert surprise. A program will follow dinner and then several hours of dancing to music from all the decades attending. No *Dancing with the Stars* acts planned, but who knows? If you have a request for music that evening, email us and we can see that your pieces are placed on the list.

As a nice takeaway from this party, we have teamed with one of our local grads who owns an area winery. Dick Cawrse, '72, owner of the Paper Moon Vineyards in Vermilion, will be teaming with Rick Mesenburg to provide grads attending the party the opportunity to purchase specially bottled and labeled bottles of five different wines at minimum prices. Labels are being designed to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For those purchasing four or more bottles, we have arranged to provide a beautiful carrying bag printed with your Association's logo and celebratory message. You will want this keepsake, especially if you are a oenophile.

We have several classes committed to gathering together for their five-year reunion that evening. But you don't need to be in a five year class to gather your buddies and reserve tables for the dinner and dance. (We understand that already some couples are practicing their dancing and dipping routines so that no ladies are unceremoniously dropped on the floor again.)

On the inside back cover you will find a registration form. Make sure you include your graduation year so we can seat you all together. And do help us out with ordering enough wine by indicating those varieties that you would likely purchase and the amounts. We don't need your wine money until that evening.

Be sure to register as soon as you can. We have limited seating for this banquet. Unpredictable as the weather is at that time of year, we could possibly erect a tent outside but won't. So we will go by postmarks and check dates to determine where the cut off line will have to be drawn. Please don't be disappointed.

We thank the planning committee that has been working diligently since last year to prepare this party for you. Attention to the most minute details has been the hallmark of their meetings – sometimes VERY long meetings – but it's all for YOU. Come now and share in the fun.



This past spring the Investment Committee of the Huron Education Foundation has been meeting. Their charge has been, first, to lay out a clear policy for hiring the best possible investment portfolio manager. Part of that responsibility is then to determine the correct relationship between conservative and more aggressive investment strategies in order to obtain the best yield on the dollars entrusted to its care, but with the greatest amount of safety. The process is not without its challenges, though, as this is a new experience for several on the committee. However, under the guidance of Eric Muehlhauser, '77, who has had many years of overseeing foundations together with his father George Muehlhauser, the committee feels confident that when the process is put into place, it will yield a fruitful harvest in the future to the benefit of generations of Huron students.

On a recent spring afternoon, these members of the Investment Committee met in the offices of Jim Springer at the Industrial Nut Corporation in Sandusky to map strategy: (L. to R.) Eric Muehlhauser, '81, Don Ritzenthaler, '52, Jim Springer, '89, Chuck Norton, and Mike Heydinger.

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# Huron Education Foundation Organized

After nine months of groaning and pushing, the Huron Education Foundaton has finally been born. Its Certificate of Live Birth has been granted by the IRS and State of Ohio. There remained the little matter of selecting a Board of Driectors and of naming the new baby. Both tasks were accomplished this spring, and we can confidently announce that the Foundation is learning to take its first baby steps.

Why a foundation and what purpose will Huron's serve?

Foundations are generally created to carry on some charitable work that individuals usually cannot accomplish alone. The government, in order to encourage charitable giving, has carved out generous tax deductions for those willing to help further the goals of any foundation. Contributions to the Huron Education Foundation now qualify for this deduction.

The purpose of Huron's Foundation is to gather in one place the charitable dollars that are currently being used to benefit Huron students, see that they are invested wisely for long and short turn benefits, and then distribute the earnings in the form of scholarships and educational grants. Many dozens of groups currently are involved in fundraising to provide scholarship grants to graduating seniors, and the Foundation does not want to interfere with any of those activities.

Rather, the Foundaton now provides any organization or individual an opportunity to leverage any dollars raised by gathering them into one fund which can then be invested for gains greater than those currently provided by any other savings instruments.

Therefore, organizations now have an additional opportunity to aid students. Instead of giving out in the form of scholarships all of the money raised in any one year, some may want to retain part of the funds raised and invest them. The Education Foundation will serve as a useful vehicle for that purpose. The



A few of the Foundation Board members representing nearly all organizations with some interest in the Huron Schools are: Front (L. to R.) Marcy Cappo, Nancy Bulea, Kelly Ramey, Andrea Arambula, Donna Green, Dr. Andrew Kurtz and Sheila Erhardt. Rear: Mike Heydinger, Mike Thatcher, Eric Muehlhauser, Kevin Asher, Tanny Von-Thron, Rev. Wanda Ray, Fred Fox, Daniel Slife, Chuck Norton, Don Ritzenthaler, Jennifer Kilbury, and Christine Crawford.

original dollars thus grow, and greater disbursements can be made over longer periods of time.

Policies are being developed so that earnings of the invested dollars will annually approximate what most similar foundations earn. That number is usually in the area of between four and seven percent per year. In a very good economy that number can even approximate double digits. Several years into the future, once the Foundation has established a track record, we will be able to average out earnings and establish a figure that we could comfrotably guarantee as a return to each organization investing with the Foundation. That number will be several times higher than what banks or other savings institutions can offer.

What will happen to funds earned in excess of those disbursed to the organizations for scholarships?

The Foundation's board is developing policies and guidelines to establish an application process whereby grants for educational projects could be submitted for approval. The key is that all such projects must benefit Huron's students. Details on this process will be available by fall, and our next issue will present them.

Even as you read this, different subcom-

mittees are working to give life to the Foundation.

An investment committee has been working to establish an investment policy and refine the search for an investment manager to oversee the portfolio and direct the earnings.

A publicity committee is creating a website and various publications to help spread the word about the Foundation and how organizations and individuals can benefit by contributing.

A disbursement committee is developing policies and procedures so qualifying individuals may apply for scholarships and also funding for education projects.

By the one year anniversary of this Foundation, it will be fully functional. If you are part of an organization with an interest in advancing any kind of educational project to benefit Huron students at any level, or if you wish to begin a memorial scholarship fund to honor an individual or family, do contact us for more information.

It has been fun watching the organization take its first steps. As it matures and eventually begins to run, we predict it will be one of the most beneficial things to happen to the Huron Schools in many a decade. Plan to be part of it!



## Three Generations of Huron Grads

Nothing says community more than families with roots extending back several generations into an area's past. Each new addition to the family hears recounted the lore handed down to it from older members of the family, whether by glow of fireplace, coal oil lamp, or flicker of TV in living rooms across the country. The bonds of families are cemented ever closer each time the tales are retold. These extensive families, in turn, keep alive for others not so lucky as be native sons and daughters the strong ethos of the community that stamps it as unique and forever makes one proud to hale from such and such a city.

Huron is no exception. Some lucky students in Huron High School are now the fourth and fifth generation of Huronites to have earned a Huron diploma. We present here annually in these pages images of as many grads, their parents, and living grandparents as we can to help keep alive that spirit of Old Huron at the same time we trumpet the successes of the present generation. We all need to be reminded from time to time that we stand on the shoulders of some pretty tall forbearers. It keeps us humble when we think we have done it alone, it makes us proud to know of our place in history, it helps us face the future with new determination to uphold Huron's proud traditions, even as the latest generation moves on to carve new paths in new wildernesses.



*Photo by Allison Schlessman*

What would we be without the farm folk? The tradition continues at the Schlessman farms with Rolland, '57, Alex, '12, and Dale, '77, posing with their latest member of the Deere family. Allison, '07, also helps out on the farms with her business manager and accounting degrees.

The John West family celebrates the graduation of Nicole at, where else, the Pizza Box. Dad John, '74, and sister Jennifer, '09, stand behind Nicole, '12, mom Karen Macioce West, '78, and grandpa Larry Macioce, '51.



The DeLamatre's graduate another ball player. Grandma Fern Bartlett Delamatre, '51, gives a little hug to Troy, '12, along with dad Ty DeLamatre, '79. We refused to crop out a Berlin Heights Huron wannabe, grandpa Ward Delamatre, '48.



Dennis, '81, and Danielle, '14, Wechter rejoice with Samantha at the scholarship assembly as Grandpa Charlie Wechter, '55, also beams.



Holly Richardson, '12, poses proudly with her mom, Barb Schenk Richardson, '78, and grandmother, Mary Klein Schenk, '58.

There are Catri's and Esposito's in here again as the Carroll family celebrates at the Baccalaureate exercises. Rear are Ron, '50, and Gloria Esposito Catri, '52, Tom Carroll, '82, flanked by Jessica and Sarah, '15, then graduate Alexandria, '12, and mom, Lisa, '82. Matthew is looking forward to his big day, maybe around 2020.







**Sharon Boos Enderle, '79, and her mother, Linda Uther Boos, '59, congratulate Drew Enderle who won beaucoup scholarship bucks at the Scholarship Awards evening. Dad Joe Enderle, '85, and his wallet also smile.**

**Drew was a winner of the Campbell Scholarship this year, together with Jessica Hoff.**

**Some heavyweights here - Nino Majoy, finalist in the state heavy-weight wrestling tourney this year, is congratulated by his dad, Rob Majoy, '82, and his grandparents, Sally Shunk Majoy, '62, and Ray, '61.**



**Chris Mischler, '83, joins in wishing his daughter Kirsten good luck, as do grandparents Ron and Sherry Enderle Mischler, '63.**



## Scholarship Awards Assembly

Each spring Huron seniors reap the benefits of their many years of hard work. This year was no exception as they put up numbers not seen before. They garnered scholarships from local organizations and clubs, many of which spend considerable time throughout the year in fundraising activities. More dollars came from memorial funds, usually set up in memory of individuals or families, some of which go back almost fifty years. And, of course, considerable help comes from colleges, both in and out of state, who recognize the potential of Huron students and are eager to take a chance in furthering their educations.

This year's grand total exceeded \$1,800,000, with more possibly trickling in before fall arrives. We laud all the students who graduated, but especially those who rose above the mediocrity that is so prevalent in society today to excel in not just academics but at whatever they tried their hands.



Kyle Wright, '03, an earlier recipient of the Campbell Scholarship, and now a practicing attorney, returned to share thoughts with this year's scholarship recipients.



Renee St. Clair receives her Alumni Association Scholarship from Dr. Cynthia Miglietti, '72, Associate Professor of Accounting at Firelands Campus BGSU.



Winners of the Shontz Scholarship pose with Mrs. Sue Shontz DuBray: Angela Barbour and Emily King

## Reunion Season 2012

The five-year reunion season is about to begin. Listed here are the classes for which we have received information to date. Keep in mind also that the grand All-School Reunion dinner will be held on Saturday, September 29, at Mesenburg's. Even if you attended your class's five-year reunion, you will not want to miss the opportunity to meet again and visit with folks ahead of and behind your class who will be attending this gala affair. Get your table together and make sure to reserve it in advance. (See the back page of this publication for details.)

Year	Date(s)	Place(s)	Contact Person
1943	Sept. 8	HYC noon	Ellie Waite 440-572-2465
1952	July 20	Marconi's	Aggie Majoy      tikemajoy@buckeye-express.com
1957	Sept. 29	All-School Reunion Mesenburg's	Sue Boldman 419-433-4299 Lucy Stout 419-433-2596
1962	Aug. 3 Aug. 4	Mulligans Pub Bob and Sharon Barnes residence	Sharon Barnes      slbarnes@barnesnursery.com
1967	Sept. 29	All-School Reunion Mesenburg's	Sandi Brugler Rosenberg      Purple349@AOL.com
1969	Sept. 29	All-School Reunion Mesenburg's	Tim Wallick      tleigh@bex.net
1972	Sept. 28 Sept. 29	Paper Moon Vineyards All-School Reunion Mesenburgs	Dick Cawrse      rickcawrse@gmail.com Barb Speir      BSW3015@aol.com Diane Timple      wexmom@aol.com Dave Asher      dlaasherbrothers@aol.com Doug Parthemore      klee21@bex.net Chris Harlan      cdh@neo.rr.com
1977	July 14	Brass Pelican	Deb Gadd Shacher      djoz325@yahoo.com 419-357-2469
1982	July 12 July 13 July 14	Brass Pelican 7 PM UAW Sandusky Dinner Dance 6 PM Lakefront Park Picnic after parade	Tracy Samstag Summerland 419-433-4260 Doug Preston on FB
1987	July 14	Kalahari	Kathy Szekely Frederick katherinejfrederick@hotmail.com
1992	July 21	Brass Pelican	Adam Votino orthoboy@verizon.net Kristen Sweet klsweet@gmail.com

# Schedule Your Summer in Huron

Enjoy Huron, A Great Lake Place this summer. We have listed fun events for those of you returning for a day or a weekend.

## June

24	Inspiration Run	Fabens Park	7 AM reg/8 AM run
26 - 30	Bye Bye Birdie "Elvis" Wannabe sent off to the army	Huron Playhouse	8 PM

## July

3 - 7	The Fox on the Fairway	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
13 - 15	River Fest Fireworks Parade and family fun Fun continues on Sunday afternoon. Ends with the Great	Boat Basin area High School River Duck Race	Friday Night 10:15 PM Saturday 10 AM 5 PM
10 - 14	The Drowsy Chaperone	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
17 - 21	Greater Tuna	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
21	Saunders-Foss Golf Benefit	T-Bird South	7:30 AM
22	M2B2 Swinging Big Band	Basin Amphitheater	7 PM
24 - 28	Carousel	Huron Playhouse	8 PM
29	Blue Streak Chamber Music Ensemble	Basin Amphitheater	7 PM

## August

5	OSU Erie County Alumni Band	Basin Area	7:00 PM
12	Huron Rotary Festival - Ribs, Blues, Arts	Basin Area	10 AM-4 PM
19	Dave Brown Book Signing	MEsenburgs	1 - 3 PM
24	Huron Tigers 2012 Football season begins	Huron Memorial Stadium	7 PM
25	Firelands Symphony Orchestra	McBride Arboretum	6 PM free event
	Irish Fest - Canceled for this year	BGSU Firelands Campus	

## September

7 - 9	Melon Festival	Milan Square	day-long activities
25-29	Homecoming festivities		
	Thursday the 27th Athletic Hall of Fame Induction	Mesenburg's Plaza Place	6 PM
	Friday the 28th Tail Gate party	West Parking Lot	5 PM
	Game against Perkins Pirates	Huron Memorial Stadium	7 PM
	Post Game Celebration	Mulligan's Pub Sawmill Creek	9:30 PM - ????
	Saturday the 29th		
	Golfing at Thunderbird	Call Tom Bollenbacher for tee time	
	All-School Reunion Dinner Dance	Mesenburg's - 5 PM cocktail hour starts	
		6:30 PM Dinner	
		8:00 PM Short program	
		8:30 PM Dancing until 11 PM	

## Huron Band Boosters Breakfast

"It ain't Bob Evans but it's darn close," is what past participants in the annual Huron Band Boosters pancake breakfast have said. You can judge for yourself on the Sunday morning of RiverFest at the Huron Boat Basin, July 15. There the spread will be laid out for you and at less than half the cost of that other red brick place down the road. The band parents and marching band members will be preparing and serving their generous helpings of cakes and sausage or bacon, fruit and juice, coffee or tea all for just five bucks a plate. The little dudes five and under can eat free.

Come out and support this effort any time between 8 AM and 12 PM. The funds raised go toward scholarships for Huron band students heading off to college in the fall.



## Dave Brown Recounts Huron Football History

Ever since he was a kid in knickers hanging around playgrounds shooting hoops or shagging fly balls in some pasture lot, Dave Brown has lived and breathed Huron sports. He played about every one offered at school, coached just as many, oversaw their successes as Huron High's Athletic Director, and helped reward excellence on court, course, and field by starting Huron's Athletic Hall of Fame.

So who better to tackle the job of documenting for the ages the great success

completed the ground work.

During the course of his research, he interviewed hundreds of former players, coaches, administrators, media personalities, even opposing coaches, spent countless hours squinting before microfilm readers, paging through innumerable yearbooks, sneezing over dusty tomes in library basements, all to extract the arcana from the past 75 years of Huron's eleven man football history, record it in boxes of legal pads, then sift and preserve it in one place. The



Dave and Loree took a few weeks off from writing to trek through the wilds of Africa. Dave found no Tigers there.

story of Huron's football program?

The idea had been burning inside Dave for years, but always something called a job interfered. He taught social studies and served as administrator at Huron for decades, then left us to work in the Berlin-Milan schools and in the Sandusky system. When he moved east of Cleveland to Sagamore Hills, he continued to substitute for districts in that area, even as temporary athletic director at one. That all came to a halt last fall when retirement struck for good. Then he started listening to the hallway clock just tick away the minutes and hours and decided to start a second life as an author. With the blessing of his wife Laurie, he began researching in December and in one hundred days had

result will eventually be a two volume set of Huron's football history from the earliest days of Huron High to the end of the 2012 season.

The first volume is now being printed even as you read this article. The second will be put to bed after the completion of one more success story this coming fall, then published next spring. And what will one find between the covers of these volumes?

Plenty. The book is more than an accumulation of stale facts and figures, though there are plenty of those. It is filled with the personal observations of those still living who remember the glorious battles fought for the honor of Huron High – and the admiration

of cheerleaders and girlfriends alike. Interspersed with the accounts of every single game played since 1948, when eleven-man ball returned to Huron, are the humanizing comments of coaches, players, and foes alike who helped establish the Huron football tradition that continues today. A reader will find plenty of ammo to settle bets as memories fade and arguments are waged over too many beers and pretzel sticks at local watering holes. Pictures abound as well, as could best be gleaned from numerous sources, and while many may have forgotten some of the personalities who built this tradition, their mug shots and those of team mates, coaches, cheerleaders, band people and just about anyone else connected with the program will tweak the memories and bring back pleasant thoughts of those days of yore.

Not totally neglected but more difficult to research are the stories of the Huron players who played before the modern eleven man era began in 1948. The end of the Great Depression era saw most schools adopt six man football teams and begin competing in loosely formed conferences. Huron joined the fray in 1939, and a few of those players from the six man era are still with us today. They are remembered in the book as well as Huron's Four Horsemen of Gebelle, Campbell, Meno, and Tata. Here you can read of the very first year Huron competed, on a home field without even benches for players to sit let alone seats for fans, before crowds of mere dozens at first, growing to thousands who witnessed a first night game at Strobel Field in Sandusky. You can follow the story of that first team's eventual state championship and the eight succeeding seasons until rosters were expanded and different rules adopted for eleven man teams.

But even before the 1939 team's story there was a still earlier Huron football era to be memorialized. Yes, for a short time before World War I, Huron High was large enough to field an eleven man team – fourteen counting subs. A few pictures from that era have also surfaced and sketchy reports were discovered as well and included in the book. The era

is given short shrift in the book, though, because, frankly, we stunk - as in all over the county. You'll actually have to read the book to learn the greatest margin of defeat ever suffered by a Huron team - would you believe triple digits? But your grandfathers and great-grand uncles didn't care. They enjoyed this new fangled game and carried the torch for Huron until the last game in autumn of 1919. Thereafter not enough males attended school in four years of high school to be able to field a team, so the sport was dropped, replaced by enough events called track and field. But that's another book by another former coach.

A book signing for Huron Football has been scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, August 19 at Mesenburg's Plaza Place from 1 - 3 PM. There, in a leisurely atmosphere, Dave is hoping fans from decades past will gather to reminisce and get their copy of this first of a valuable set of books. You can find the book after

August 19 at many outlets in town. On the far west side, Anytime Fitness will have copies; in the near west side The Huron Market and State Auto Insurance will carry the book. In the central area folks could stop by the Chamber offices, The Donut Shop, Jim's Pizza Box or Huron Cement. On the east side, ACE Hardware and The Gym are just a few of the places where the book will be on sale.

Other book signings are planned for each of the home games, the All-School Reunion Dinner, and a special Evening with the Author to be announced for the Huron Public Library in September.

If you live out of town, you don't have to miss out. Arrangements have been made to mail copies anywhere in the country for the low postage and handling charge of only \$3.25 extra. There will be a limited number of copies printed, so to insure your reservation, just fill out the order blank inside the back cover of this

*Newsletter* and mail it with your check to Dave.

This book has been a labor of love on Dave's part. You, too, will love to read it and revive once again memories of Huron's glorious gridiron past. Whether you actually played the game, or coached, or cheered on the sidelines, taped ankles, carried water bottles, or tooted your big brass horn in support of the team, you will enjoy this trip back down memory lane. And if you merely sat in the stands and hollered at your son or brother and sang the fight songs, if you just followed the team in Saturday morning's Register or the following week's Huron Reporter, you too will enjoy revisiting your younger days. For the book is as much a history of the town, seen through its passion for football, as it is of the teams themselves.

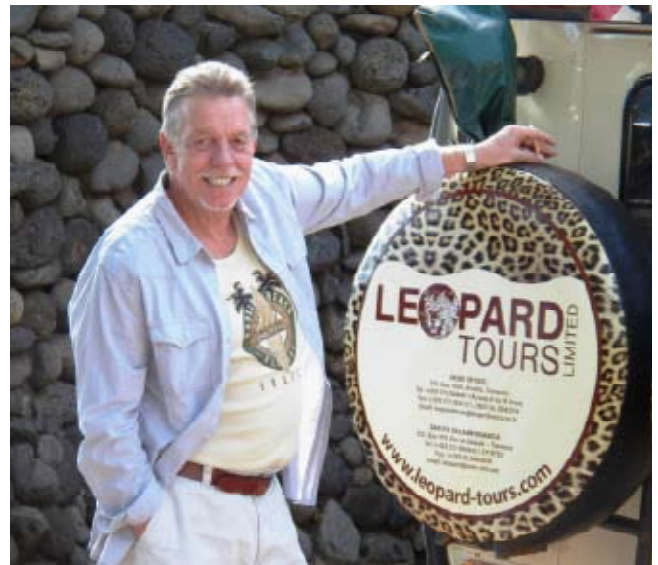
And don't forget to order extra copies for your siblings or children or as stocking stuffers for Christmas. Get extra large socks, though, as this is one heavy volume.

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## Out of Africa

*In the midst of trying to crank out his book, in February Dave accompanied Loree on a safari to Africa - a camera expedition only, though. Dave reported the following upon his return:*

Loree and I were fortunate enough to go on an African safari February 8-24, 2012 to Kenya and Tanzania. Dick Klein, who has been in 93 countries, told me his African trip was the best trip he ever took, and I couldn't agree more. Words do not do the trip justice. We went to five different national parks, each with a different type of topography. We stayed in six top-notch lodges and we saw all of the animals. We had lions, cheetahs, and elephants close enough to our tour jeep that we could touch them. We saw a male lion eating a wart hog. We saw a baby zebra that had been hauled up into a tree by a leopard. We even got stuck in a creek bed in our jeep with nine lions about 50 feet away. We learned much about the people and the land, especially the Masai tribe when we visited one of their schools and one of their villages. It was the best trip of our lives and something for everyone to experience in their life.



Dave poses with a sign of the company running the safari tours, in case anyone wants to sign up. Just google it.

# Principal John Ruf Moves On

This July sometime, Principal John Ruf will be leaving Huron High School for a position with North Point Educational Services, a division of the Erie County School system. John has served as our high school principal for the past ten years. Previously he had taught social studies in the Berlin-Milan District. He then came to Huron where he first served two years as assistant high school principal under Dr. Will Folger before assuming full leadership at the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year.

John hails from “Meechigan,” and over the years, come every fall and “The Game,” he has good naturedly endured, as well as given out, his share

John helped guide the faculty during this sometimes trying period and the results have been excellent – ten straight years of Huron High being rated as Excellent or Excellent with Distinction. He also saw the entire first floor of the high school building completely ripped up and renovated into a new science wing several summers back, as well as the football field being torn up and replaced with artificial turf and other improvements. The student body also responded well to his style of leadership and continues to excel in academics, the arts, and in athletics. John also wisely permitted the guidance staff to work with the faculty to implement many improvements in the way students conduct themselves, the

leaving the building.

In short, John’s tenure has been one of seeing Huron High progressively improve in all respects to lead the entire area. His greatest joy has been in seeing students who thought they could not succeed or excel push themselves to greater heights and then walk out the doors, diplomas in hand, filled with pride and confidence as they faced uncertain futures served up to them by the economy this past decade.

John’s future in education will begin at North Coast Educational Services where he will administer programs over a four county area, working with teachers of special education. As districts consolidate and budgets shrink, schools have teamed up through the county to serve those students whose education can only be described as challenging and costly. Districts thus share special needs students, housing them in classrooms across several counties to gain an economy of services that no one district alone could afford. Teachers are provided by the county, housed far and wide in rural and city districts, with all their help provided through the county offices. That will be John’s job to oversee these services. In the process he will be putting many miles on that beater of a truck he drives.



John cleaning up last minute affairs in June to make ready for his replacement. Hope he remembers to take that “M” from the back wall.

of barbs over that accident of his birth. He graduated from Clawson High School, in a suburb of Detroit, then did his undergraduate work at Eastern Michigan University before finally being receiving a real education at Bowling Green State University here in Ohio at the master’s level.

John led Huron High through one of its biggest leaps forward during this past decade. The state had mandated certain reforms and curriculum alignments as part of the No Child Left Behind Act.

latest being Rachel’s Challenge, an anti-bullying program instituted system-wide but led from the high school.

Another major improvement has been the addition of Honors classes in four departments. Next fall will see the addition of a forensics class in chemistry and more art technology courses. Finally, there have been post secondary option courses added both inside and outside the high school. Students avail themselves of Firelands College and Findlay College courses without even

We wish John well in his new endeavors and thank him for turning out about 1,200 well-prepared of your fellow alumni members these past ten years. We also thank John for the tremendous cooperation he has afforded your Association over the years as we struggled to begin and then started to run with some of our programs. He and Karen will continue to reside in Huron, and we expect to see him at many of our functions in the future. We also hope that somewhere down the road he recovers from that accident that afflicted him at birth, Meechigitis, and more fully adapts to his new environs. Good luck working on that, North Point!



# EHOVE Graduation

They don't call it graduation. Rather, EHOVE Career Center calls its annual late spring ceremony the Senior Recognition Ceremony, an affair that fills the Sandusky State Theater to overflowing. The seniors receive their certification for whatever field they have majored in and also their career passport book to be used to obtain their first jobs. (Many, however, don't need it as they are already gainfully employed in the trade for which they studied.) After the event, students then return to their home schools to officially graduate with the rest of their classmates.

This year's class was so large with so many programs represented that the school decided to split the shifts and present awards in two sessions in eleven and twelve programs areas respectively. Huron was well represented with students in fifteen of the program areas, ranging from auto technology, forensic science, green science technology, marketing sales

and service, to the teacher academy. A second round found them in construction and electrical technology programs, as well health careers and technology, to interactive media technology and visual communication design, among others.

Sound like a far cry from when you were in school? It should. As the world becomes more complicated, earlier and more specialized training is required in order to succeed in the world of work. EHOVE constantly evolves to meet the changing needs of the workplace and thus helps keep our economy moving forward. Her graduates earn good salaries in their specialties, enabling them to raise good families and enjoy the middle class life style.

EHOVE's students leave school well prepared for their futures. Many opt for continued education in two and four year programs. Dozens of colleges, both in and out of state, were recognized as

offering scholarships to the EHOVE students. In fact, it was not uncommon to hear amounts in the thirty to fifty thousand dollar ranges awarded to deserving students. Other students choose to serve in the military first as a way to earn future college tuition, with all five military branches represented again at this year's ceremony. Still others have already entered the work force, hired while still in school and serving virtual "apprenticeships" while learning and earning credits and a paycheck. Others will shop their career passports around for employment opportunities, with most being hired by summer's end.

We congratulate those EHOVE students from Huron who received their awards at the State Theater and then their diploma from Huron High School. At future reunions they will share with us their experiences and prove to be a very successful 44<sup>th</sup> class of EHOVE grads.



Shane Brandal is congratulated for his work in Auto Technology.



Corrine Engel majored in Marketing Sales and Services.

# ConAgra Bites the Dust



One last sunrise on the mill.

We have prepared you for the upcoming change to the skyline of Huron in our last two issues. We showed photos of the initial phases of the removal of the Con Agra complex that was collectively referred to as “the mill” on the east bank of the river. Over the decades, it’s been called everything but beautiful or Kelloggs: Miller Milling, Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Harvest State Mills, ConAgra Foods. Soon it will be no more.

On January 8 the “Big Boom” occurred when the building housing the milling operations was imploded. TV crews from all over the North Central part of the country covered the event which took place during a remarkable January warm spell. A near circus atmosphere prevailed in town, at the boat basin, along the river banks and rooftops, as a well-choreographed series of charges was detonated and the huge complex was brought to its knees. Crews spent weeks finishing her off with giant claws that tore at the masonry and crushed it to dust.

Then there remained the huge concrete and steel grain silos that have defined the Huron skyline since World War II, whether approaching town by water or by land. A demolition crew first had them weakened by clawing at their underbellies, until each steel cylinder stood with gaping black holes torn into its sides, from the ground to as high as the claws could reach. For safety’s sake, only a slim column supported each. On the appointed day, crowds again gathered to watch the behemoths tumble as the props

were carefully removed one by one. Not to be. The half destroyed silos defied gravity and stood there without support. Seems someone forgot to account for the massive amount of steel rebar that the structures contained. These babies were built to withstand any kind of grain explosion and so protect the community. So, back to the drawing board.

In puzzlement, the demolition crew decided that any further blasting would cause what remained of the silos to tumble into the ore boat slip immediately



Down comes the front.

to the east. Can’t foul the river and close shipping commerce for who knows how long! So suggestions galore circulated through town: chain them to an ore boat and pull them down. Soak the ground on one side and let gravity pull them down. Take aim at them with a few rounds from an M1 Abrams tank and blast them down. For weeks throughout the spring, the towers mocked the town and the crews.

Then common sense took over. A crane was brought in, and, towering over the silos, by turns pummeled their sides with a steel ball or dropped heavy

steel beams on them from above, literally pulverizing them. Oh, the dust! But slowly, after days of pounding, the silos were brought to their knees, leaning forward at first, the tons of rebar tendons reluctantly exposed now and giving way, then guillotined from the back with massive steel beams hacking at their heads. Few were there to cheer when masses of concrete and steel were torn off the bodies and each slab thundered to the ground, there to be ground ignominiously into rubble, the steel innards ripped out and piled to the side for salvage, the concrete ground to bits to be reused on projects elsewhere. Dust she was and unto dust she returned.

The rest of the summer will see the final stages of cleanup take place. Huge steel claws will grasp the chunks of concrete and steel, crushing them to bits. Piles of steel will gradually be hauled to the salvage yards, mountains of crushed stone hauled out to other sites for disposal or reuse. And then the town, hopefully by fall, will have a leveled area ready for a rebirth, a renaissance of shops or condos or recreational spaces. Who knows at this point? But gradually plans will be brought forward, dissected by the community, voted upon by the city fathers, with final approval officially given by the Donut Shop crew. There will be a new Huron rising from that site, defining for the rest of the century what she shall look like. For then, only photos of her past or images etched into the collective memory of Huronites everywhere will remain of this once glorious phase of Huron history.



Skirted and ready for the countdown





**Many blasts, more dust, top goes**



**More blasts, knees buckle, tower leans**



**Down for the count, ready for the clean-up**



**Winter clean-up continues**



**Machinery gnaws away every day on the pile.**



**Huron's Ground Zero**





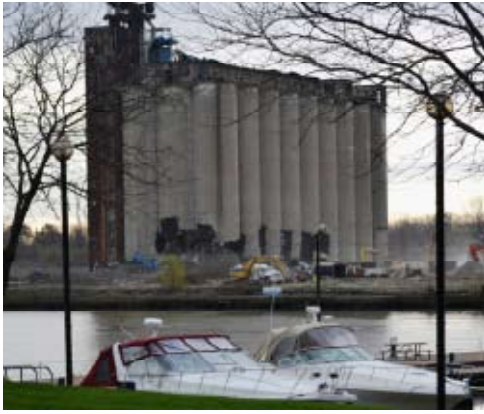
**Where is Ed Asher? All the rest of his family posed for the graduation day picture, but looks like Ed beat the traffic rush. Zach, '10, Matt, '02, Nick, '01, Kevin, '74, John Dusza, '12, and his mother Debra Dusza, '83, and Monica Asher Mansor, '99, are all proud this graduation day.**



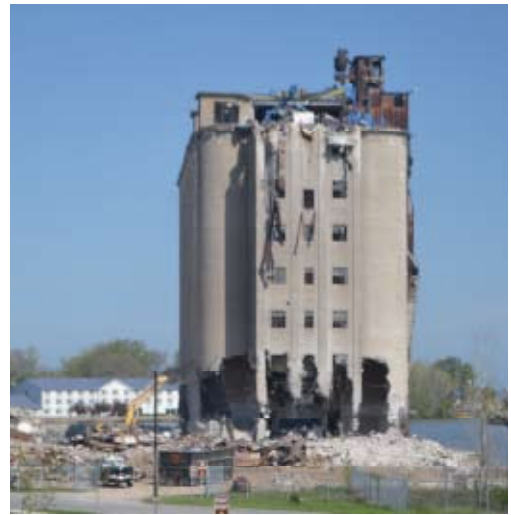
**The Savage crew - Gary, '62, Tracey Ward, '88, and daughter Sierra, '12, pose before a display of Sierra's work at the Spring Arts Festival.**



**The First Friday of the Month Crew from the Class of '48 at a gathering this spring. They have been meeting monthly for years at Berardi's Restaurant for breakfast and conversation. This month Bob Fritz, Joe Catri, Fran Ringlein, Millie Borgelt, Norma Batch, Pat Basilone, Taylor, '49, and Jeanne Gundlach, and Fred Hammond broke bagels together.**



**Nibble away enough and down she'll come, right? Not! Too much rebar.**



**Pull one more prop and she'll fall, right? Not!**



**Attacked from all sides and still she stands**



**She's a fighter, won't go down for the count.**

**A mid-June view of the concrete towers being battered by a wrecking ball. It is also being chiseled by a five ton iron beam repeatedly being raised and dropped on the walls to carve them away.**

**The whole procedure has to progress slowly, otherwise waste will fall into the slip just east of the silos. That's an EPA no-no!**





## Meet Huron High's New Principal



Sleeves rolled up, Scott is ready to go on his first day.

Huron High School will have a new principal beginning this July 1. Newly hired Scott Matheny is looking forward to starting his duties with enthusiasm.

Scott comes to us from the Sandusky City School system where he had served several years first at the junior high level, and then when Adams Jr. High closed, at the high school level. For the past three years he has managed the junior and seniors there as well as their special ed programs at that level.

Originally from Wauseon OH, a small community in northwestern Ohio, Scott has that small town background that will serve Huron well. After graduating from the local high school in 1980, he did his undergraduate work at BGSU in elementary education and took his first job in Arcadia OH. From there he went to Findlay OH where he served three years in their middle school as an assistant principal and athletic director. By 1997 he started the move east, to Sandusky, where he was principal for

twelve years at Jackson Junior High. Because of declining enrollment, Jackson was closed and the students combined with Adams Junior High. Scott then moved to the high school where, for the past three years, he has worked with the juniors and seniors and with the special education program. All of which now brings Scott and that experience to Huron where he is eager to begin.

Looking forward, Scott feels his work over the years with the students on IEP's will help him tackle the problem of how to improve Huron's overall passing rates on the OGT. All but 7% of our students pass that test at first, so there is room for improvement there. As he gets into the process and learns more about the district, he will probably find another area or two that can use his expertise. Other than that, he wants to learn as fast as possible the names of all the students, meet with as many as he can and their families, and in general become acquainted with the "Huron way" of doing things.

We welcome Scott Matheny to our district and wish him a long and successful tenure as high school principal. We welcome him to all of our alumni functions where he will obviously become more ingrained with Huron traditions.

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## Wilma Daugherty Turns 100



Look who's 100! Wilma Daugherty celebrated her 100th birthday this spring with her family. She had taught in Huron for many decades.

Arrayed with her are four generations of Daughterty's: (back row) Riley Figgins, Mike Daugherty, '67, Jacob Figgins, '10, Zak Figgins, and Josh Marshall, '10.

Kneeling: Mark Figgins, Andrea Stewart Figgins, '85, holding Nicolas Stewart, Matt Stewart, '88, Wilma Daugherty, Eileen Daugherty Stewart, '62, and Hannah Figgins, '11.

Congratulations, Wilma. And many more!



## Jo Spitler Leaving Shawnee Elementary

“Breaking up is hard to do,” or at least Neil Sedaka says so.

But not Jo Spitler. A regular fixture in the Huron schools since 1987, Jo has decided to change paths and so spent her last day in a classroom on May 25th. With absolutely no regrets and a bright smile on her face, she walked out of Shawnee Elementary, her course merely changed now, to spend more time traveling with her husband Steve, among other things.

Jo began by doing long-term substituting in the district for various teachers. She had come to us from her home town of Port Clinton with special education training. Early on she had spent two years in Canton and then another six in Sandusky working with hearing impaired children. Her greatest glory then was to see many of those children walk across a stage, diploma in hand, and smiling back

at her. Watching kids with such impairments learn how to talk sometimes, and then go off to succeed in college and later careers has proven most rewarding to Jo.

The past few years she has managed kindergarteners and first graders, glad-



Jo sits beaming among her first graders.

ly taking in those with difficult backgrounds and giving them their initial boost to success.

In between all her work, Jo and her husband managed to raise two daughters, Ashley and Pat, who graduated from Huron High and are now well on their own paths to success, but not following in mom’s footsteps. Ashley, now married and living in the Columbus area, works for a division of Victoria’s Secret while Pat works for Nationwide Insurance, also in the same area. One suspects that when grandkids begin to follow, there will be a well-beaten path between Huron and Columbus.

In the meantime, expect to receive a postcard or two from maybe Hawaii, or somewhere in the Carib, or even deep in the West or California mountains – any place where there are no yellow buses.

With a smile in her heart and a lilt in her step, Jo leaves us, but her thoughts will never be far from the smiling faces of her little knee biters. Huron and a whole generation of now grown up children thank you, Jo, for a job well done. Visit us soon and often, because this was one

break up that was not hard to do.

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## 2012 Football Schedule

Folks who haven’t been around town much for a Friday night game have been inquiring about game start times. Seems some are arriving early, but it’s already nearly half time! Non-conference games begin at the time you are used to - 7:30 PM. Several years ago, however, the SBC principals voted to move the time up one half hour for conference games. Hence, the 7 PM start time for those contests.

We print this fall’s schedule here for clarity. See you at the Stadium!

Friday, August 24 Elyria Catholic: 7:30

Friday, August 31 Holy Name: 7:30

Saturday, September 8 @ Norwalk St. Paul: 7:30

Friday, September 14 @ Clyde: 7:00

Saturday, September 22 @ Sandusky St. Mary’s: 7:00

Friday, September 28 Perkins: 7:00 HOMECOMING

Friday, October 5 @Oak Harbor: 7:00

Friday, October 12 Margaretta: 7:00

Friday, October 19 @ Port Clinton: 7:00

## Student Volunteers at Work Again

Many folks complain that today's students are a selfish lot, that between their i-phones and social media sites, their dating lives and night life, their part-time jobs and athletics, they could care less about needs of others and any obligations to society at large. To which we say bull hockey! Not so Huron's students!

Volunteerism is an integral part of the curriculum at Huron High these days. Almost every extra-curricular activity has students involved in more than just the content related fun and learning activities. Students engage in all sorts of helpful outreaches, from tutoring their peers to serving seniors, from working with elementary and middle school children to working in senior centers, from planting trees to cutting them down, from cleaning up beaches to serving as race-day aides. If any organization in town needs able bodies for any sort of task, Huron's students respond.

Following are some examples of the quality of good works done by Huron's students.



Richard Hartley, '58, chats it up with one of the many student volunteers who helped direct traffic at the McBride Arboretum during the annual Huron Light-house Run in May.

## McBride Arboretum Volunteers

Several groups of high school students volunteered their time early this spring helping to beautify one of Erie County's best kept secrets, the McBride Arboretum adjacent to Firelands Campus BGSU.

In early April, during an unusually warm spell here on the North Coast, members of the National Honor Society and the French and Spanish clubs gave up a Saturday morning to trek on out to the arb with shovels, saws, pruners and loppers in hand - no machetes, though - to do battle with the dense undergrowth along the edges of some of the woodlands. Literally, one could not see the forest for the brush. No you can!

Three days later, the last of the brush piles were hauled out to the Barnes Composting Facility. Several hundred yards of the area had been cleared right flush to the ground. And only reluctantly did the group stay on to clean up the pizzas provided them. They were off to the next tasks that day.

Many thanks, students, from the Arboretum Board and future visitors who will better enjoy the sight!

A few weeks later, another Saturday morning found members of the football team at the McBride Arboretum. Their task this time involved a little heavier lifting - whole tree trunks. The team members that day did not have to report to the weight room for their work out. Hefting tree trunks sufficed.



Earlier in the week, work crews from the ErieMetroparks had felled dozens of ash trees that had succumbed to the fatal emerald ash borers and bucked the trunks into manageable lengths for hauling out. There they had stood for two years gradually dying, and now fully dead, presenting a hazard to trail walkers in case of high winds. Trees were everywhere, blocking trails and obscuring views. Not for long. The boys tore into them, hauling the branches and trunks hundreds of feet to the awaiting truck. With almost assembly line precision,

they tugged and lugged, and a few times talked to themselves, as they untangled the sprawling mess and piled the brush higher and higher atop the awaiting dump truck.

At the end of the morning, the area had been cleared and raked and rendered safe once again. And as they drove out of sight, the team actually thanked the officials for allowing them to come out and do the work. Now that's quality kids!



## Conner Wechter Tackles Trees

On a picture perfect Saturday morning in mid-May, Conner Wechter, '13, his dad Chris, '74, and a host of assistants tackled the task of planting fifty-seven trees around the new baseball and softball fields behind Woodlands School. If you haven't seen the newest Huron Stadium, you really need to stop out and inspect it if you are in the area.

Conner had chosen this project in partial fulfillment of his requirements for the Eagle Scout ranking with the Boy Scouts. He had been required first to raise the funds and then procure the trees. Along the way, he learned how to negotiate with the powers that be in order to obtain the proper permissions and then how to approach folks for private donations to the cause. His powers of diplomacy were also tested in persuading his classmates and friends to give up a whole Saturday to muscle some pretty good sized trees into position and then stake them up. But all this the young man accomplished and more. In all, he raised about \$6,000 to purchase the trees which, when fully grown, will provide a beautiful background and enclosing wall-like appearance for the ball fields. A home run on the baseball diamond, however, may someday be hung up in a spruce tree when they all fill out.

Working closely with Conner were Sharon Barnes of Barnes Nursery and Kevin Dircks, '82, and a couple more of her crew who assisted with choosing the proper species and sizes and then helping to site

and space each tree. Expertly operating the heavy augur to hog out the holes for each tree was Chris Wechter. Many of Conner's buddies also showed up, shovels in hand, to help finish the holes to the proper depth for each tree and then roll the balls into the holes. A water truck followed to help settle in each tree. It was heavy work, but the boys found a good rhythm and made short work of it. A bountiful supply of dogs and shakes from – where else? – the Pied Piper kept everyone working until the final tree was staked and fastened.

This project on the part of Conner perfectly complements both what the Boosters accomplished several summers ago in laying out and constructing the fields and then what the Akzo Nobel Paint Company did this spring with their donation of scoreboards. Huron, for many years to come, has set the standard for high school diamonds. All should be proud of what teamwork and volunteerism can accomplish for a small community. And don't be surprised sometime down the line if you spot an eagle perched in one of these trees when they mature. So fitting for an Eagle Scout!



On the edge of the bean field, Conner consults with project engineer and dad, Chris "Jungle Larry" Wechter, '74.



Chris Wechter augurs out the holes and then the students finish them out with shovels and drop in the trees.



The scoreboard areas will eventually sport a nice green "walled" background



Just a tad to the left,



## Teen Leadership Cultivates Volunteerism

On the night when they could have been standing in line waiting to buy the winning ticket to a \$640 million dollar Mega Lottery Jackpot ticket, hundreds chose instead to congregate at Kasper Toyota of Sandusky for the annual Teen Leadership Corps celebration and fundraiser. Guest of honor at the affair was Eva Dolan, wife of Charles Dolan, owner of the Cleveland Indians with whom the Corps has a special relationship.

The event was touted as the main fundraising effort of the group, and judging by the success of both the live and silent auctions, the Corps will be able to maintain and even expand its education efforts for another year. In its fifteenth year of existence, TLC has expanded into fifteen schools and will adding another five districts this next school year.

What is the TLC, you ask. Simply put, its purpose is to provide students an opportunity to experience leadership opportunities while in high school and learn the essential characteristics of what it takes to work with others in conceiving, planning, and then executing all sorts of social activities. Students thus trained will become the future leaders in communities wherever they eventually settle after graduation. In addition to skills learned that will advance them in their professions, these students will also be the community leaders in heading up all sorts of social events: charitable events, cultural and artistic events, projects to promote the welfare of the community, church programs, even political events someday. And judging how smoothly

the annual event went off, the students trained in the past who put on this year's affair have learned well. They returned from all around the area to help lead and



Eva Dolan, wife of the Cleveland Indians owner, is introduced by Mary Ann Creamer, Evie told the crowd to expect more wins this year - and longer. Hmmmmm.

support the efforts of this year's crop of students.

The need for this sort of educational opportunity was recognized and then promoted fifteen years ago by former Huron High School guidance counselor, Judy Pflieger and teacher Mary Ann Creamer. These two spearheaded a movement that in its early days required students to arrive at school an hour early for classes in leadership training. Once school officials saw the potential of the program, it was moved into the regular school day curriculum and was known as Peer Class. When Mary Ann left Huron, she founded the TLC as a non-profit organization to spread the opportunities to other school districts in the area where the program has been a success wherever implemented. The TLC program, if implemented by a district, costs the district nothing. The teacher training is paid for by TLC, as are all the books and classroom curricular materials. The funding is provided by the annual fundraising auction and the generosity of countless benefactors who believe in the value of a program such as this. The organization has also formed partnerships with, in addition to the Cleveland Indians and Cavaliers,

companies like Pepperidge Farms, and health care providers such as NOMS, or Goodwill, and more.

If you or your group would also like to team with the group and promote its values, Mary Ann would like to hear from you. She can be reached at [inspiredbyyou@bex.net](mailto:inspiredbyyou@bex.net). The organization's website is <http://www.teenleadershipcorps.org>. Pay the site a visit, and if you think this is a program from which your district might benefit, contact Mary Ann. The Corps is now expanding into the Cleveland area to the east and as far as Indianapolis to our west. It is ready to go nationwide if you make the call.



Upon entry into Huron this winter, motorists would have been greeted with this sign touting the Teen Leadership Corps. Time to get it going.

Support for the TLC program continues to grow, especially among our younger grads. Among those attending the TLC auction party were Allen Tittle, '03, joining the West family: Brian, Steve and his wife Julie, and Steve Jr.



Diane Lieblein, '96, and Jennifer Furey Williamson, '02, enjoy the on-stage festivities.



The Fab Four of teachers were invited: Kathy Kirby, Judy Pflieger, Connie Bunn, and Mary McDuffie.



Greeters three: Stacy Chubak Hinners, '96, Patty Newsome Bollenbacher, '74, and Christie Bollenbacher, '04.



## Art Fest 2012

The annual May Spring Arts Festival was held at Huron High School on the evening of May 17 this year, and what a feast for eyes and ears it was!

Mrs. Patty VanBarg, the high school art teacher, had her students prepare the first part, a visual festival for the community. The doors opened promptly at 6 PM, and the hallways were packed with families and friends enjoying the main hallway gallery. Every available inch of wall space was plastered and papered over with student works, from the beginners to the graduates heading off to various art institutes.

Students had worked in various media this year. Bright oils and watercolors stared down from on high as usual, collages and charcoals peered out from between the lockers, and even computer generated art and graphic designs abounded. Some walls were decorated with beautiful photographs, shot as part of the digital photography course, sometimes enhanced by Photoshop techniques. Truly, these students are being prepared for a whole assortment of careers in both the “old fashioned” paper media but also for the newly emerged and still developing world of cyberspace on the internet. We wish all these students well as they continue to develop their artistic talents.

The music department displayed its talents a well with a wide ranging variety of selections.

The vocal music department, under the direction of Jeff Skaggs, had prepared a repertoire that included many pieces from America to Africa, from some familiar show tunes to beautifully rendered Latin pieces. The Chorale, which had earned a superior at state competition this year, sang two of the three mandatory selections that had garnered them the state recognition, Ubi Caritas and Cantate Domino, both very medieval sounding and well received by the audience. The combined choirs also performed a very difficult South African freedom song, Tshotsholoza, a piece sung by the miners as they were daily transported by train to their drudge work miles underground. Some fine percussion work accompanied them.

The Concert Band then followed with five pieces that displayed a full range of their talents. What concert would be complete without a Sousa piece, so the packed gym was treated to The High School Cadets. That was followed by the Rio Bravo Overture and Blue Ridge Saga. In between, the crowd was given an astounding piece by Benji Battiste performed on the xylophone, The Log Cabin Blues, for which he had been awarded a superior at state in the solo category. The judges there had urged him to take it further by putting drums and tuba with the piece, so for the show, Director Adam Ladd arranged that, together with a piano. Except that there was no music written for the tuba – not to worry, though, as Benji composed that as well! The ensemble

was given a standing ovation for their accomplishments. The final piece was composed by a mad musician, who plays no instrument himself but composes on computers alone, John Mackey. Called Foundry, the piece created the sounds of a working factory foundry, replete with very creative use of percussion to recreate the sounds. The selection was very well received, once the ringing in the ears subsided.

The concert was a bitter-sweet one for the high school community. Band Director Adam Ladd directed his last performance for the crowd – except for the usual Commencement ceremony that followed ten days later. Adam and his bride Julie are moving on to Manhattan, the Kansas one, to continue his studies in band directing while also working with the KSU marching band and several concert bands. Julie has obtained a position as Education Director with the zoo in Manhattan.

For the past four years Adam has helped form the talented Huron instrumental students into award winners. He will be missed, but he leaves knowing that so many students, whether they actually pursue music careers or not, will enrich whatever communities in which they choose to settle in the future with their very diverse musical talents. Hopefully some will remain in Huron and continue to bless their hometown – perhaps in the pit at McCormick School someday for the Spring Musical.



Would you agree - we have some serious artistic talent at Huron High? Many of our students go off to major arts schools across the country to pursue their dreams in the world of art. Some starve - as is the norm. Others make a career off their talents. But more often than not, many settle into other careers but then continue to enrich their surroundings by engaging in all sorts of volunteer projects. Whether starving or thriving, they create to satisfy themselves and to contribute to the esthetic life of their communities.







**The choral groups performed well and scored high at the district contest level.**



**Huron's fine band has prospered under the tutelage of Adam Ladd.**



**Huron's own Lionel Hampton, Benji Battiste, hammers away on his vibes.**



**Adam readies his baton for a final performance.**



## State of the Arts

A fine arts program is synonymous with Huron. Every year's production of the spring musical showcases the tremendous amount of singing, dancing, and acting talent bred into Huron students. Many begin their careers with the Caryl Crane Children's Theater in Sandusky, then participate in the Harlequins productions or with programs in Firelands College theater shows.

This year's high school musical was *Annie Get Your Gun* and featured the talents of dozens of cast members and behind-the-scenes workers as well. The skills learned by students during these months long, pressure cooker type projects are invaluable in later life. They are as necessary a part of education as the classroom or athletic programs. Long may they prosper.



They start them young at Huron. If the cast calls for youngsters, it seems there is a never ending supply of talented kids, eager to try the experience. They develop stage presence early and gradually become comfortable before crowds, building confidence in their abilities. The high school students delight in working with the youngsters and helping them along. After all, who helped them up the ladder?



Senior cast members of *Annie Get Your Gun* pose on set. The rooster was a nice touch, too.





The Spring Musical continues to attract the greatest number of student participants of the year. Over fifty stars filled this year's cast, with many more engaged behind the scenes in make up, costumes, stage crew, lighting, set construction, props, and in the pit. Many of the grads then go on to successful careers in music and theater, some on stage in New York, others on TV productions, and some even as part of the entertainment crew on cruise ships. A few are on the coasts engaged in script production also. Huron has always enjoyed this artistic tradition of excellent productions to complement the summer's Huron Playhouse. McCormick Middle School theater is well used!



Much energy abounds on stage, sometimes in rehearsals that last well into the night. But these participants are always dedicated to presenting the best possible production for the community. The wonder is that amid all the time spent on practice, they still manage to drag themselves out of bed again every morning and keep up their grades.

Student and parent volunteers always work diligently on set and costume creation to display their creative talents as well as those performing in front of their works.





## Scoreboards a Hit

Early this spring saw the arrival and installation of new scoreboards for the two new ball diamonds at Woodlands School. Both the boys' baseball and girls' softball programs sport huge scoreboards behind their respective center field fences.

Thanks to the largesse of Akzo Nobel Paints LLC, the former Glidden Corporation in Huron, the Tigers' ball field facilities are among the best in the state. The huge boards rise high over the fences and can easily be read from anywhere in the stands. No one needs sit atop them flipping numbers. The controls are wireless and require only that someone sit behind the home plate area close enough to the umpire to hear the balls and strikes. A tap on the hand held screen and the signs light up to record the calls, score, outs, and inning. Progressive Field we aren't, but we're gaining on them!

Many thanks to the Akzo officials who made this happen. And it looks as if soy beans and not corn will surround the outfield this year. Home runs should be easier to locate.

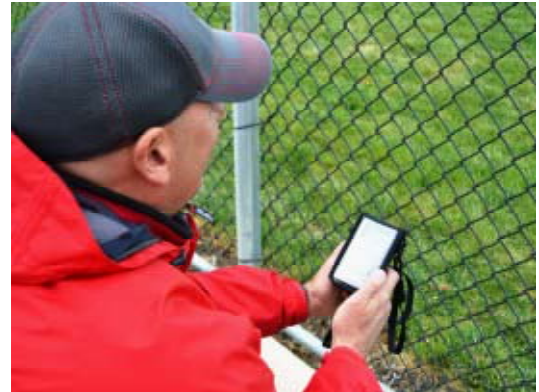


The girls' softball and boys' baseball teams pose here with school officials, their coaches, and representatives of Akzo Nobel Paints LLC to celebrate the dedication of the new scoreboards. Way in the distance in dead center field stands the board. After the ceremony and picture taking were completed, both Tiger teams teed off against the Norwalk St. Paul teams, lighting up the boards early and often, and handily defeating both Flyers' teams to complete a fine spring day.



Brady Signs prepares the score board for its ascent high atop the twin I-beam stanchions.

The remote scoreboard is so simple that even Trainer Bill Kovach can operate it.



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## Tiger Football Program Recognized for Academics

Congratulations to the 2011 Seniors and the entire Huron Tiger Football Team. The Ohio High School Football Coaches Association recognized the top six teams in the state as being Academic All-Ohio Football Teams. At their winter banquet and clinic, the OHSFCA presented the top six football teams with a plaque for the accomplishment. There are over 700 high schools in the state of Ohio, and the Tigers finished 2nd - we were, in fact, the highest rated public school in Ohio.

Over the years, everyone close to the program has worked hard to develop a solid academic culture in Huron football, and it is with great pride and conviction, I assure you, we are thankful to everyone who has shared in developing and maintaining our academic success.

To be recognized by the coaches of Ohio, and to be presented a plaque by former Ohio State Head Coach, Earl Bruce, and new Head Coach, Urban Myer, was quite an honor.

*Tiger Head Coach Tony Legando*

# CLASSNOTES

**Sara Sage's** game winning kill for the UCLA Bruins Volley Ball team helped the team win its fourth national women's NCAA VB championship. Sara played for Huron's program from 2004-2007, during which time Huron made one state appearance.

**Scott Hammond** recently received an award of exemplary service to the Firelands Regional Medical Center.

**Dave Horner**, '65, is now officially retired after thirty years at the water and wastewater treatment plants for the City of Norwalk.

**Anonymous**, '09, has recently completed Hell Week as part of his Navy Seal's training. If we tell you any more, we'd have to kill you all, but his grandmother does report that he is doing well and that Huron can be proud that one of her sons will be graduating from the program around Christmas time and then serving his country as a Seal.

**Dan Yohe** (Brother Paschal), '02, was ordained a deacon on June 2 at St. Paul Cathedral in Birmingham AL.

**Andrew Norton**, '02, will be ordained to the diaconate in October at the Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey in Hulbert OK.

## Moving On Down the Road

**Dr. Craig Johnson** has retired after 35 years of service within the Huron community. Besides his dental skills, he donated untold hours to Huron's original swimming program, serving as swim coach for 12 years. His teams set high standards for today's program. Congratulations, Dr. Craig.

## WEDDINGS

**Jessica Faller**, '97, and Thomas Schmidt, a Medina OH High School graduate, were wed on September 17, 2011 at Grange Audubon Center in Columbus OH. Jessica earned her B.B. Degree from The Ohio State University in journalism. She is now a project control analyst at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus. Thomas earned his B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Dayton and is now an engineer at American Electric Power Company in Columbus. The couple resides at 560 Milford Ave, Columbus OH 43202.

**Christopher Faller**, '01, and Jenessa DeLamater, an Edison High School graduate, were wed on October 22, 2011 at First Congregational Church in Berlin Heights. Chris graduated from the University of Toledo and is employed by the Ford Ohio Assembly Plant in Avon OH. Jenessa graduated from Northwood University with her Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing Management. She is employed at Pier One Imports in Sandusky. The couple resides at 8604 Main Road, Berlin Heights OH 44814.

**Morgan Jensen**, '06, and **Corey Aldridge**, '06, were wed on January 7 at Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky. Morgan earned her B.A. in Psychology in 2010 from The Ohio State University and then her M.S. in Education from the University of Dayton, specializing in School Psychology. She is also working there on her Education Specialist degree and as a graduate assistant. Corey is working at Wright State University on his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics while also working as an independent contractor and as a math tutor for two companies. The couple is living in West Carrollton OH.

**Kelly McQuillen**, '99, announced her engagement to Jeremy Coffey on March 4. Kelly earned her BA in Math Education from Ashland University, then did her MBA work at Walden University in Finance and Marketing. She is presently employed by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Cleveland. Jeremy, a grad of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, earned his undergraduate degree in Biology from Baldwin Wallace University, then earned his Doctorate of Chiropractor degree from Life University. He is now employed at Solon Spine and Wellness Center In Solon Ohio. The couple was wed on May 19.

**Tracey Cox**, '91, and David Baker II of Collins OH were wed on December 31, 2011. Tracey graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1998 and is presently employed by Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk OH. David, a Western Reserve High School graduate, also graduated from Lorain Community College. He is employed at Pavement Technologies of Westlake OH.

**Emily Cook**, '02, and Joseph Bordeaux of Durham NC announced their engagement on April 8. Emily graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She is a CPA and Assurance Manager at BDO, USA LLP in Raleigh NC. The couple wed on May 19.

**Melanie Slyker**, '94, and Andrew Stevens III of Canton announced their engagement May 6. Melanie is presently employed by Cedar Point. Andrew is a graduate of Sparrows Point High school. Their wedding occurred on June 5.

**Rachel Holzaepfel**, '02, and Nick Wang of Lexington were wed on November 19, 2011 at Lighthouse Assembly of God by the bride's father, the Rev. Thomas Holzaepfel. Rachel earned her undergraduate degree in English at Grove City College in 2006, then her Masters



Degree in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. She is presently employed by Stack Media in Cleveland. Nick, a Lexington High School graduate, earned his undergraduate degree from Cornell University in 2005 in Material Science and Engineering, then did his doctoral work in Biomedical Engineering at Case Western where he is presently employed. The couple lives at 1385 Riverside Drive, Lakewood, OH.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Brent Slisher**, '07 and Cherise McCully of Oberlin OH announced their engagement on January 8. Brent earned his Associate of Science degree from Bowling Green State University, then his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He is presently employed by N2Y Inc in Huron. Cherise is a full time student at Lorain County Community College. The couple was to wed on June 16.

**Whitny Ashely**, '02, and **Adam Steinmetz**, '00, both of Huron, announced their engagement on April 1. Ashley graduated earned her Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Toledo and is now employed by Amherst Exempted Village Schools in Amherst OH. Adam earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Bowling Green State University in 2007 and is employed with the Fremont City Schools in Fremont. The couple will wed on June 23.

**Erin Truner**, '05, and Nick Lublow of Sandusky announced their engagement on April 1. Erin graduated from the University of Dayton and is attending the University Toledo to earn her Bachelor of Science, Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Nick graduated from Bowling Green State University with his B.S. in Business Administration. He is now employed by Citizens Bank in Sandusky. The couple will wed on July 28.

**Kaitlin Riemann**, '07, and Nicholas Schwerer of Sandusky announced their engagement on March 25. Jamie earned her Bachelor of Radiology. Pre-med, from Indiana Wesley University before she attended the Ohio Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. Nicholas, a Sandusky St. Mary's grad, earned his BFA in Graphic Design from Bowling Green State University and is employed at Athens Messenger in Athens OH. The wedding will take place on June 30.

**Kevin McGraw**, '03, and Alicia Caprara of Norwalk announced their engagement on April 15. Kevin graduated from the EHOVE Paramedic Program and Columbus State. He is working toward his Fire Science Degree at Columbus State and is a fireman/paramedic in Sandusky. Alicia, a Norwalk High School graduate, earned an Associate Degree in Allied Health from Bowling Green State University and is now employed at Firelands Regional Medical Center as a Radiologic Technologist. The couple will wed on October 13.

## OBITUARIES

**Norm Rau**, '43, who passed away on Sept 9, 2011, was buried in Scott Cemetery on September 18.

**Mark "Bill" Hammond**, '78, age 51, of Huron, passed away on December 13 at home after a fight against brain cancer. Prior to moving back to Huron in 2009, Mark had managed the lead abatement program for the city of Memphis TN.

**Jack Fleming**, '48, age of Sandusky, passed away on December 20 at the Jack E. Fleming, 81, of Sandusky, passed away early Tuesday morning, Dec. 20, 2011, in Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky, after a lengthy illness. Jack was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during the Korean War. He was a tool and die maker at New Departure-Hyatt (Division of General Motors) for 40 years.

**Richard Chicotel**, '77, age 52, of San Francisco, passed away on January 10 in the city. Rich was the CFO of Shorenstein Properties, a firm active in major American cities in the ownership and operation of high-quality office properties.

**Shirley Brown Sheard**, '51, age 78, of Huron, passed away on January 18 at the Erie County Care Center. For many years, Shirley worked for you in the high school cafeteria, seeing that your afternoons went better with full stomachs. She retired from the former Firelands Community Bank (now First Merit) in 1993.

**William Hammond**, '57, age 73, passed away January 28 at the home where he was born in Huron. Bill was a carpenter for many years.

**James Zielski**, '43, age 86, of Sandusky, passed away peacefully at The Commons Memory Care Unit of Sandusky on January 31. Jim and his bride of 66 years, Murial, operated Miracle Acres produce farm for a quarter century before Jim began a demolition and excavation company. Jim and Murial, also deceased, were heavily involved in their church and in promoting Bible work for years.

**Samuel Pisano**, '47, age 83, of Huron, passed away on January 31 at the Firelands Regional Medical Center. An army veteran of the Korean conflict, Sam first operated the Ritz Theatre in Huron where many of you probably sneaked into Saturday afternoon movies. Sam then worked for the ore docks until moving on to selling insurance. An avid sports fan, Sam attended any event involving a ball, also umpired, sold tickets, served on the football chain crew for decades, and was himself inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Nancy Heckelman**, age 72, of Norwalk, passed away on February 1 at home after a long illness. Nancy was the wife of Thomas Heckelman, long time Huron High School math department chairperson. The couple celebrated its golden wedding anniversary last summer???? A former second grade teacher herself and then school secretary in Norwalk, Nancy retired after 38 years as treasurer of Dan-Mar Corp of Huron.

**Kathy Duncil Likes**, '80, age 51, of Huron, passed away unexpectedly at Firelands Regional Medical Center on February 2. Sherri was the long time head housekeeper at EconoLodge in Sandusky and loved all things country.

**John Barram**, '48, age 81, passed away in Lakeland FL on February 7 after battling pancreatic cancer. A retired USAF officer, John was heavily involved in his church's ministries, traveling with his wife to many foreign lands, helping in the missions and teaching missionaries' children.

**Irene Cassidy Silcox**, '40, age 90, of Norwalk, passed away on February 10 at Gaymont Nursing Center of Norwalk. A graduate of Sandusky Business College, Irene retired from New Departure-Hyatt in 1983.

**Michelle Berry**, age 40, wife of former Huron High band director Ed Berry, passed away on February 18. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Michelle was employed by Sawmill Creek from 1994 to 2008 when she became self employed as a meeting planner.

**Michael Schnaitter**, '79, age 50, of Ludlow KY, passed away suddenly February 29 in Tampa FL. A former Huron Police officer, Mike had been a pilot for Comair since 1987.

**Angeline Larizza Fortney**, '48, age 83, of Ashland OH, passed away on March 6 at her home surrounded by family after a long bout with cancer. A retired employee of Ashland Rubber Mat, Angeline was a devoted member of her church and its activities as well as involvement in numerous community councils and causes.

**Patricia Kelly**, age 87, of Huron, passed away on March 19. Many of you would remember having had Pat as your teacher in one of Huron's elementary schools, any time between 1967 and 1987.

**Sue Dahlhofer Hahn**, '50, age 79, of Huron, passed away on March 28 at Stein Hospice Center in Sandusky. Sue was a devout church goer and doting grandmother to her many grand- and great-grand children.

**Audrey Specker Davies**, '47, age 83, of Vermilion passed away on March 29 at Stein Hospice Care Center in Sandusky. Audrey had retired from ATT after many years of service.

**Thomas Wilson**, '89, age 41, of Huron, passed away at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland on April 2. Tom was a self employed mason contractor for TC Wilson Mason Contractor of Huron

**Thomas Anthony DuFresne**, '66, age 64, of Huron, died Friday, April 6, 2012, at his family home in Huron. As a care-giver, Tom worked for the State of Ohio as a patient liaison and retired as the program administrator in developmental health at Northwest Ohio Developmental Center, Toledo OH.

**James Raymond "Ray" Swanbeck**, '36, of Tallahassee FL passed away on April 12 after a brief illness. A graduate of the US Naval Academy in '42, Ray earned the Silver Star after serving in the submarine service until 1955 when he retired with rank of Commander. Ray was present at the U.S.S. Missouri when the U.S. accepted the surrender of the Japanese, and he also participated in the demilitarization of the Japanese submarine warfare capabilities. After that, he became an executive in the world of manufacturing, before raising cattle in Virginia, and then tree farming.

**Lucy (Vargo) Wargo**, '48, age 81, of Port Clinton, passed away on May 9 at Stein Hospice Care Center after a lengthy illness. Lucy had been employed for many years as a medical secretary and retired as director from the Erie County Senior Center.

**Karol Krumlauf**, '76, age 54, of Huron passed away May 13 at her home of natural causes. A life-long resident of Huron, Karol had previously worked for the Erie County Auditor' office.

**Randy Donovan Brokaw**, '72, age 57, of Huron, passed away on May 17 after a brief illness.

**Ruth Gow Blough**, '31, age 100, passed away on May 29 at Care Facility after a brief illness. One of our oldest grads, Ruth maintained an avid interest in Ohio sports teams to the end.

**Carolyn Zavitz Beatty**, '43, age 86, passed away peacefully at home on June 11 in Columbus. In her later years, Carolyn derived great pleasure from her volunteer work in the cardiac catheterization waiting room at Mt. Carmel West Hospital in Columbus with over 3,500 hours of volunteer work there. She was interred at Scott Cemetery in Huron.



## Membership Sign Ups: December 10, 2011 - June 15, 2012

Your Association is grateful to all who have made the commitment to help support our work by purchasing a paid membership in the organization. Because of you, we can continue to maintain our service and provide more programs to aid our members and keep them informed. We thank you, and we encourage others reading this, if you have not already done so, to consider a membership. We carefully control our expenses to be good stewards of your dollars. There are no paid positions, as all of our help is donated by volunteers. So please consider a membership and help grow your organization. Membership forms are found inside the back cover.

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Betty Webster Ruetenik	Montgomery	TX	'49	Judith Moore Zoliniak	Santa Cruz	CA	'60
Myrna Bickley Abel	Sandusky	OH	'50	Dr. William Towne	Rockford	IL	'60
Ron Catri	Huron	OH	'50	Marge Windnagle Billman	Huron	OH	'60
Barbara Voight Mitchell	Huron	OH	'51	Barbara Parish Karn	Alexandria	VA	'61
Dominic Majoy	Huron	OH	'51	Nelson Hardesty	New Albany	OH	'61
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Shirley Steibly Watrous	San Diego	CA	'52	David Horner	Norwalk	OH	'65
Gloria Esposito Catri	Huron	OH	'52	James Kiger	Bakersfield	CA	'66



Dan Marshall	Atlanta	GA	'67	Lynn Studer	Bluffton	SC	fac
John Zimmernan	Huron	OH	'67	Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH	fac
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Protzek	Huron	OH	'67	Don Pflieger	Sandusky	OH	fac
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Pamela Nasby							
Runner-Perkins	Huron	OH	'70				
Steve Fisher	Huron	OH	'70				
William O'Hara	Liberty Twshp	OH	'70				
Jeri Kendrick Houstoun	Austin	TX	'71				
Beth Legando Fisher	Huron	OH	'71				
Jody Boyes Caporini	Huron	OH	'71				
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Robert Hastings	Burlington	KY	'72	Jo Oller	Huron	OH	'46
Rebecca Hamer Sanders	Hilliard	OH	'73	Janice Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57
Gaetano Munafo	Huron	OH	'73	Dr. Barb Parish Karn	Alexandria	VA	'61
Patti Davey Hastings	Burlington	KY	'73	John Perrin	Shaker Hts.	OH	'65
David Shearer	Arroyo Grande	CA	'74	James Kiger	Bakersfield	CA	'66
Greg Yarmoluk	Howell	MI	'74	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	'69
Gary Majestic	Rome	GA	'74	Judy Pflieger	Sandusky	OH	
Laurel Junod Wolf	Stow	OH	'75				
Judy Connors Mize	Sandusky	OH	'75				
David Gillette	Golden	CO	'75				
Debra Hinton	St. Albans	UK	'75	Janice Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57
Sharon Caporini Aamoth	Solon	OH	'75	David Gillette	Golden	CO	'75
Susan Coleman Frankart	Huron	OH	'76	Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	'69
John JP Jones	Ormond B'ch	FL	'76	Bill Handley	Cape May	NJ	'53
Liz Hagy Swain	Columbus	OH	'76	Debra Hinton	St. Albans	UK	'75
Mary Reese Folger	Huron	OH	'76	Mary Folger	Huron	OH	'76
Debora Bihun				Jennifer Mountcastle Powell		OH	'93
and Gerhard Gross	Sandusky	OH	'76	Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	former faculty
Joan McCann Heinrich	Jupiter	FL	'80				
Dan Billman	Mars	PA	'82	Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH	former faculty
Bryce Butkus	Huron	OH	'85				
Diane Billman	Cleveland	OH	'85				
Linda Green Haley	Huron	OH	'86				
Michael Bork and Karen	Huron	OH	'90				
Jennifer Mingus Mountcastle	Powell	OH	'93				
Michael Peterson	Minneapolis	MN	'95				
Jason Foster	Columbus	OH	'99				
Brian Foster	Pittsburgh	PA	'04				
James Rod Swain	Columbus	OH	'05				
Alex Swain	Cleveland	OH	'06				

## Scholarship Gifts

Your Association continues to grant scholarships to applicants each spring. This year three were awarded, thanks to the generosity of many of our members. Please consider a gift of any size to this cause, and thereby help pay forward what has already been granted to you.

## General Scholarship Funds

Jo Oller	Huron	OH	'46
Janice Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57
Dr. Barb Parish Karn	Alexandria	VA	'61
John Perrin	Shaker Hts.	OH	'65
James Kiger	Bakersfield	CA	'66
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	'69
Judy Pflieger	Sandusky	OH	

## Ralph Thomas Shontz Scholarship

Janice Herrmann	Amherst	OH	'57
David Gillette	Golden	CO	'75
Roger France	Buena Vista	CO	'69
Bill Handley	Cape May	NJ	'53
Debra Hinton	St. Albans	UK	'75
Mary Folger	Huron	OH	'76
Jennifer Mountcastle Powell		OH	'93
Alea Dahnke	Huron	OH	former faculty
Kathy Kosan	Huron	OH	former faculty



## Golf Outings 2012 Season

**MICHELLE MARIE SAUNDERS/RYAN LEIGH FOSS  
MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE  
JULY 21, 2012  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Complete this form and return it to Paul Berlin: 902 Falcon Circle or Craig Saunders: 312 Canterbury Dr., Huron, OH 44839 or scan and email to pberlin@bex.net or to cmsaunders1@gmail.com  
A check for \$220 will reserve a spot for your team.

Return this form and money ASAP, no later than July 14, 2012

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 check(s) for \$220 to reserve a spot in Scramble.  
Make payable to: Saunders/Foss Scholarship Fund.

### SPONSOR FORM & DONATIONS

Return by July 10, 2012

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check for \$100 for a Hole Sponsorship  
\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check for a donation to the Scholarships

Any questions call Paul at 419-515-0132 or Craig at 419-602-7068. For T-Shirts contact Megan Klug

### INSPIRATION RUN 2012

Sunday, June 24th, Fabens Park

Registration 11:00 – 11:45 am; Run/Walk at 12:00 Noon

Inspiration Run 2012 honors the 10 year anniversary of the passing of Michelle Saunders and Ryan Foss; the original inspiration for the event. Michelle and Ryan's families and friends encourage everyone to come out to Fabens Park on Sunday, June 24th for a fun run/walk (non-competitive). All ages and abilities are welcome. Children age twelve years and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Participants can choose a 5K Run/Walk or 3/4-mile Fun Run/Walk.

# Membership Sign Up<sup>612</sup>

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

HHS Graduate \_\_\_ \$10 per year    You and Spouse Graduate \_\_\_ \$15    Social/Associate Membership \_\_\_ \$15  
5-year membership \_\_\_ \$45    Life Membership \_\_\_ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden name, if female grad \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

## Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_ "Super Tiger" \$300 (includes two passes to every high school sporting event)  
\_\_\_\_\_ "Tiger" \$125 (includes two home season tickets to sport of choice)  
(Circle one: Football    Soccer    Volleyball    Girls' Basketball    Boys' Basketball)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special "Gray" \$40    \_\_\_\_\_ Regular "Red" \$20

## Scholarship Funds

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

## Huron Historical Society 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**

## Pre-Publication Order Form for *Huron Football: Vol. I*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ copies of Dave Brown's book *Huron Football: Vol. I* at \$25, each, tax included.

To obtain my book(s) I would

like my book(s) shipped to me at the above address and I will include \$3.25 per copy for shipping and handling.

pick up my book(s) at the All-School Reunion on September 29

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ books @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_ plus \$3.25 per book shipping/handling if mailed.

**Mail to: Mr. Dave Brown**  
                  **8969 Southridge Ct**  
                  **Sagamore Hills, OH 44067**

**Your book(s) will**  
**be mailed shortly**  
**after August 19.**



# All School Reunion Registration

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

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

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

Spouse's name if attending \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year if a HHS alumn \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$28 for the September 29 dinner dance = total of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Make check payable to HHSAA and mail to HHSAA, Box 112, Huron OH 44839)

I would like to sit at a table with my classmates. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ of us at a table for the Class of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) plan on attending the Homecoming Game and tail gate party.  
 (Game tickets available at tail gate party tent at reduced rate. Tail gate party is freewill offering.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets reserved for the Hall of Fame Banquet, September 27, at \$25 each.  
 (Tickets will be held at the door and you may pay for them there.)

I would also like to reserve the following bottles of wine, specially labled for the reunion. (See p.3 for details of this special purchase.) I understand that the purchase of four or more bottles will include a free cloth carrying case with commemorative logo. Varieties may be mixed to achieve the four bottle minimum for the free carrying case. Mixed case prices will be the sum total of the individual bottles, less 10%.

Variety	@	bottle(s)	@	case
Chardonnay	\$9	_____	\$99	_____
Twilight	\$9	_____	\$99	_____
Harvest Blend	\$11	_____	\$125	_____
Reisling (semi sweet)	\$ 11	_____	\$125	_____
Cabernet Sauvignon	\$13	_____	\$145	_____

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