

# REFLECTIONS

## of Sidney Central School Alumni Association

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### SCSAA's Wall of Fame Committee Announces Class of 2012 Inductees

Douglas Sheldon, '59, Chairman of the Wall of Fame Nominating Committee, announced today that, after many months of research and deliberation the committee has selected five inductees for the Wall of Fame Class of 2012.

The Committee's recommendations were presented to the SCSAA Board of Directors where unanimous support was given.

The individuals will be inducted at the Sidney Central School Alumni Association All Class Reunion Luncheon, July 15, 2012.

Mr. Sheldon praised his committee for their hard work. This year's members are Roberta August, '43, Chris Ossant, '66, Tony Zeino, '71, Terry Dermody, '65, Dennis Porter, '66, Pat Greene, '53, Dick Germond, '63, Nancy Sue Burns, '56, Betty Spinelli, '65, Paul Beames, '63, Chuck D'Imperio, '67, Jim McIntyre, '60, and Bill Davidson, retired faculty.

#### The Inductees for the Wall of Fame Class of 2012 are:

##### Bill Davis, Class of 1943



Bill is a unique individual who has risen to the greatest heights possible in his home region of Oneonta in Otsego County and yet has never forgotten his early hardscrabble days as a Sidney native in Delaware County. Bill worked hard for every thing he ever achieved, served his country proudly in World War II, and was an early and dynamic proponent of growth in the future of Sidney. Bill established himself as an automobile dealer in the heady days when America was on the move, and he never looked back. Perhaps a crowning achievement was his being named "Automobile Dealer of the Year" by Time Magazine.

A longtime resident of Oneonta, Bill has been a founding and guiding member of a whole host of organizations, has been a benevolent and charitable neighbor to dozens of not-for-profit agencies, and has been the recipient of virtually every humanitarian honor and award in existence in Otsego and Delaware Counties. Even today in his mid-eighties, Bill Davis continues to inspire those who know him to strive for higher goals and loftier ideals.

He leads an active lifestyle and remains an important presence in his business enterprises. On a local level, Bill has helmed everything from the Sidney Village Board of Trustees and the Sidney Chamber of Commerce to the Oneonta Rotary Club and the Future of Oneonta Foundation. His involvement with Hartwick College,

both with his sage advice and his generous contributions, has been, in the words of the president of the college, "invaluable." Bill's legacy as a force for good is testified by the fact that every single living mayor of the City of Oneonta was eager and honored to write an encomium on his behalf. The phrase most often uttered when referring to Bill Davis is "he is a prince of a guy." That echo speaks volumes. In the words of Senator James Seward: "A hall of fame is only as special as its members, and the SCSAA Wall of Fame will be that much more exceptional with the inclusion of Bill Davis."

##### Wayne King, Class of 1952

Wayne King was born in Sidney, and has spent most of his life in the Tri Town area. He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia with a Bachelors Degree in advertising. Following college, Wayne went on to excel in business as the owner of Kings Clothing with stores first in Bainbridge, and then in Sidney, spanning over 39 years as a successful businessman.. As stated by the current Village of Sidney Mayor, Andy Matviak, Wayne's success as a businessman helped the area to grow and to prosper.



In March 1982, Wayne began volunteering as a Director of the Sidney Federal Credit Union. In 1985 he was elected as Vice Chair of the Board and continues to serve in that position today. As stated by James Doig, President and CEO of the Sidney Federal Credit Union, Wayne has volunteered

his time and his talent for 30 years to help shape the direction and policies of the Sidney Federal Credit Union, and is committed to protect and enhance the interests of its members. In addition to serving locally, Wayne also served during the 1990's with a sub-committee of the National Association of Credit Unions.

For 50 years, Wayne King has served the Tri Town area. It was in 1962 that Wayne joined a committee of volunteers and helped to organize what would become the General Clinton Canoe Regatta, a now world famous flat water canoeing event. Wayne was inducted into the inaugural General Clinton Canoe Regatta Hall of Fame as a member of the "Pit Crew" during the 2012 regatta weekend. For many years Wayne served the Tri Town area as a Rotarian with Rotary International. He is a current board member and past treasurer of the Sidney Community Foundation, and an active member and past treasurer of the Sidney United Methodist Church. Wayne has served with the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, and is a past secretary for the Otschodela Council, Boy Scouts of America annual first aid meets.

For over 10 years, Wayne has served on the Sidney Central School Alumni Association Board of Directors, once again providing his exceptional expertise as treasurer, this time in service to his alma mater. In recognition of his many years of unselfish community service, Wayne King has been honored twice as the Citizen of the Year; once in the village of Bainbridge, and once in the village of Sidney. His unselfish commitment to community is reflected by his life of unwavering service.

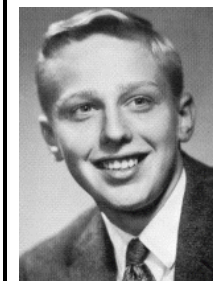
##### Michael DiPretoro, Class of 1962

Michael DiPretoro, moved to Sidney in his sophomore year when his father, the Rev. J Alan DiPretoro was assigned as pastor to the St Paul Episcopal Church.

Following his graduation, Michael earned a BA Degree from Syracuse University in 1966 and a Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School.

He joined the FBI where he enjoyed a distinguished and illustrious career spanning over 30 years. His achievements with the FBI were impressive, earning top awards and top positions of extreme importance in the areas of national and international security.

While at the Bureau, Michael served in a number of senior positions retiring as the Deputy Assistant Director in charge of International operations. He received the prestigious Directors Sustained Distinguished Service Award for initiating the FBI's relationship with the Peoples Republic of China Ministry of Public Security and



### IMPORTANT NOTICE Membership Dues to Increase

The SCSAA Board of Directors approved an increase in the membership dues at their March 31st Board Meeting.

All membership classes will be affected by this increase. The new dues level for each class is stated below:

- **General Membership:** \$15
- **Seniors over 65** \$10
- **Associate Membership:** \$20

The increase will take effect immediately for new members and with your next dues payment for renewals. If you are unclear when your membership renews just check the renewal date indicated on the mailing label of this issue of *Reflections*. Any questions regarding the dues increase can be directed to:

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Deb Puffer at [dwpuffer@frontiernet.net](mailto:dwpuffer@frontiernet.net).

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That being said, I can hear it now "INCREASE IN DUES... NOT WORTH IT... I DON'T SEE THE VALUE IN MEMBERSHIP!"

What exactly is the value of SCSAA membership? This is a response that I found the most challenging to address because the value of the Association is so clear to me that I found it hard to comprehend that it was not clear to every alumnus.

A young child with light brown hair is sitting in a patterned armchair, reading a book. The child is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, khaki pants, and blue sneakers with white socks. The book is open, showing a red cover with a yellow illustration of a person. The room is a library or reading area with bookshelves filled with books in the background. A small table with toys is visible to the right.

*Michael River Jastremski age 2, grandson of Karen and Terry Dermody and current resident of Sidney, looks quite comfortable reading at the Sidney Memorial Library.*

So there **is** a benefit to your membership even though you choose not to directly participate at this time and this applies to any alumnus who shares your view. You benefit from the positive impact the Association makes to the vitality of the Community and School but more importantly your membership contributes to the financial health of the Association to assure that it will be around for you in the future.

Of course, you do not have to wait for the future to become involved. We welcome your participation and suggestions now. The Board of Directors is committed to making a stronger effort to appeal to the interests of all generations of Alumni.

Alumni Weekend is almost upon us. The Committee is working non-stop with very few people to make sure Alumni Weekend 2012 measures up to the high standards of previous years and appeals to the broad spectrum of Alumni. We could use additional help - so if you are tired of sitting in front of the computer and would like a creative challenge— join us in our efforts to create something very special. \_\_\_\_\_

## Help Needed During Alumni Weekend

Here are some of the areas we need volunteers for Alumni Weekend:

1. Sell raffle tickets at all venues during the weekend
2. Work at the SCSAA Information / Membership Tables at various venues
3. Collect Cover Charge at Friday and Saturday Night Socials
4. Move Display items from venue to venue.

If you can help with any of these—please contact Terry Dermody at [derm65@verizon.net](mailto:derm65@verizon.net) or Deb Puffer at [dwpuffer@frontiernet.net](mailto:dwpuffer@frontiernet.net)

## Board of Directors Update

Doug Sheldon and Wayne King were both elected to new three year terms on the Board in January.

Sean and Amber Wilson Fogerty were appointed to one year terms on the board and will be eligible to run for a three year term at the end of this year.

If you are from a long distance and can not make the meetings but could help out during Alumni Weekend let me know. Check the website for meeting times and place or just e-mail me at [derm65@verizon.net](mailto:derm65@verizon.net).

For those who are unable to participate in the planning of the weekend, support the SCSAA with your membership and your participation at the weekend festivities. You will be glad you did.

A full schedule of events for Alumni Weekend 2012 is posted on our website. Come join us and realize the benefits of membership. Reservations for the Sunday Luncheon are now available by contacting Deb Puffer at [dwpuffer@frontiernet.net](mailto:dwpuffer@frontiernet.net) or 607-967-8480 or by going to the Alumni Website at [www.sidneyalumni.org](http://www.sidneyalumni.org) and using PayPal. The cost is \$15.50.

Finally, I want to welcome the newest members to our Board of Directors, Amber Wilson Fogarty and Sean Fogarty. Both are members of the SCHS Class of 1993 and yes they are husband and wife. Amber is retired USAF and currently a Project Administrator with Raymond Corporation in Greene. Sean is a 1997 graduate of SUNY Brockport and currently is Vice President of Finance at the Sidney Federal Credit Union. Based on what I have seen so far, I expect both Amber and Sean to be a tremendous asset to the future of the Association.

By the way this is not the first husband and wife team that served on the SCSAA Board together. Any ideas who they were?

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**We are searching for someone to produce and edit the newsletter Reflections. Please let us know if you are interested at [derm65@verizon.net](mailto:derm65@verizon.net).**



# Alumni Update

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**1940 Lucy Ann (Harris) Barnhart** celebrated her 90th birthday on 18 March 2012 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, **Sharon (Barnhart) and Joe Hager**, in Comal County, Texas. Lucy and her husband, Harry Barnhart (deceased 1970), had three children: Sharon (Class of 1961); **Jerad (Jerry)** who now lives with his wife and their son in Israel; and **Paul**, who died in November, 2003. Neighbors and dance-group friends attended the gathering and helped Lucy celebrate her birthday.

**1943 Shirley Turtur Curtis** lives in Masonville with her husband, **Milton '49**, and enjoys walking and trips to CA to visit family. Milton is a fireman and a BOCES sub. Their two children, Pam & Jeff and have 4 children, Brian, Jason, Jessica and Michael and the Curtis have one great granddaughter, Amelia.

**1945 Carolyn Stevens Carter** lives in Stewart Manor, NY and is a retired teacher. She enjoys bridge and volunteers in her church. She has a daughter Kristin and two grandsons, Steven and Andrew.

**Elizabeth Davis Crandall** resides with her son in the beautiful hill country of Kerrville, TX. Her son is the head of the music department at Schreiner University.

**1946 Bette Phillips and Ted Davies** live in Oxford, NY and are both retired. They enjoy traveling and their family gets together every Christmas on some lovely island rather than exchanging gifts. They have one child and two grandchildren, Rhys and O'Hara. They enjoy receiving the Reflections.

**Marion Fisk Stead** says hi to everyone and would love to hear from any classmates and says it is the pitts getting older. She lives in Dansville, NY and has 3 children, Richard, David and Julie and 3 grandchildren, Sarah, Allison and Fille.

**1947 Hazel Mills Charles** retired in 2006 from accounting and lives in Sidney. Her children are Judith, Wayne, Kathryn, Nancy, David and she has 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

**Jerry Northup** lives in Unadilla and enjoys woodworking.



*Barbara Tacea Smith, '52 with new great grandson, Noah. Barb and husband Bob Smith, '51 will be in Sidney this summer to celebrate Barb's 60th class reunion.*

**1953 Helma Bremser Chartier** lives in CT and enjoys swimming, reading and knitting and volunteering for her church. She retired from teaching and now owns her own business (Bremser Technologies). She has 2 grandchildren, Adam and Amanda from her 3 sons, Donald, Peter and Eric.

**1954 Susan Smith Guinan** retired in 1998 from teaching for the Dept. of Defense Dependent Schools abroad. She lives in Oneonta but loves to travel, read and artwork. She volunteers for the Lord's Table, participates in a garden club and a



*Sharon Barnhart Hager, '61 helped her mom, Lucy Harris Barnhart, '40 celebrate her 90th birthday in March.*

book club. She has 2 daughters, Kara and Kate and 3 grandchildren, Abby, Evan and Jake.

**Joyce Kirkland Vining** lives in Rock Hill, NY and retired in 1990. She lives in AZ from Dec to April and her hobby is her children and grandchildren. She has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She loves the Reflections and all the SCHS news and thanks us.



*On the occasion of her 70th birthday, Joann Yenson Schmidt, '59 was joined by several family members. Front: Evelyn Yenson Day, '68, Joann, Bernie Schmidt. Back: Charles Yenson, '70, Chris Schmidt.*

**Joan MacDonald Barber** is the recipient of the Beta Sigma Phi First Lady Award for 2012. Joan has been an extremely active volunteer in her community with various organizations including the United Way, American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. She is also volunteers with her church and in addition to her community service, she is a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and a good neighbor. Joan will be honored on May 19, 2012 at Sacred Heart Church in Sidney.

**1956 Patrick Simpson** has written 4 books and his website is [www.booksbypatricksimpson.com](http://www.booksbypatricksimpson.com) (check it out). His first wife passed away in 2006 and he remarried in 2008. Two of his 4 children passed away and he enjoys his church, writing and travelling. He volunteers at a school for disabled children.

**Rolf Qvenild** "The Viking from Norway is still at full speed – teaching and living in Kongsberg. My time is divided between my customers i.e. students studying TQM and Strategy at the University College and my family with 3 cottages – one by the sea and two in the mountains where we enjoy cross country skiing and hunting. I have not been to the US for almost 5 years – but I may show up one day. Till then – take care – and shine in use. That is my motto! “

**1961 Joe and Sharon (Barnhart) Hager** "We have lived in Texas since arriving here on reassignment with the United States Army from Germany in

the summer of 1979. Our three children, Matthew, and twins CathyAnn and Christine graduated from James A. Madison High School in San Antonio, Texas. Sharon taught school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, Selma, Texas for 22 years, and retired in 2004. Joe retired from the US Army in 1984; and retired in 1999 after teaching for fifteen years at Thomas Jefferson High School, San Antonio, Texas. Of their children, Matthew and his family (wife and three children) live in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he is employed within the state's health department; CathyAnn (Hager) McGee and family (husband and four children) live in Eagle River, Alaska, while her husband, Andy, has command of a C-130 Tactical Air Support Squadron on Elmendorf AFB; and Christine lives in Cibolo, Texas, while working for Fidelity Information Systems Global in San Antonio, Texas." Sharon and Joe spend their time with church and community service groups, some traveling, dancing, reading, carpentry, and landscaping on their "homestead".

**1962 Carol Thompson Keeney** lives in Sunrise, FL and is a retired bank teller. She enjoys reading and visiting family and friends in NY. She has 9 children and 2 stepchildren and 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

**Marcia Donaldson** of Hollis NH says, "The Donaldson family moved to Sidney in 1950. Dad worked as an elec. engineer at Scintilla. Mom was a homemaker. My two older brothers - Ken and Dwight - graduated from SCHS in 1952 and 1957 respectively. Both have passed but had good and full lives. I treasure growing up in Sidney!"

**Diane Olds Timm** lives in Plattsburgh, NY and retired in 2008 from NBT Bank. She has a daughter, Melissa and two grandsons, Matthew and Michael who live nearby.

**Sandra Gray Witherel** retired to KY in 2009 and loves the slow pace of country living and spending time with her daughter and grandchildren. She is learning quilting and enjoys different needle craft project. She says that life is good.

**1963 Jim Hawkins** "I joined the Navy in 1965 after graduating from Broome Tech. Met my wife at Purdue in 1969, completed my education at Southern Illinois University and George Washington. Raised two sons in Virginia. Retired from the Navy in 1986. Worked in Hospitals in Virginia, Nevada, New York, Texas and Arizona. My wife says I can't keep a job. I retired from St. Lukes in Phoenix, AZ as Director of Facility Services in 2009. Sheryl my "child bride, trophy-wife", and I have been married 41 years. After a 40 year career as a Math teacher and department chair in two high schools in Newport News, VA and colleges and universities in Ohio, Nevada and Texas she just retired as a Math lecturer at Arizona State University. My two sons graduated from the University of Virginia. Jeff, my oldest, lives in California and works for a large law firm. Chris, my youngest, lives in Alexandria, VA and works for the Nature Conservancy. I am the unofficial president of the SCHS class of '63 with 5 members and spouses living in Arizona. I keep up with the hometown news with Reflections (thank you Karen) and the Tri-town News (present from my brother) along with e-mails from Dick Germond. well know golfer and river rat. Keep up the good work. All of us who are pre-baby boomers know we got the best start in Sidney and Masonville. It was a great place to grow up."

**1965 Carol Roof Hulbert** lives in Walton, NY and has 3 children.

**1966 Chris Schaeffer Ossont** "Our family has grown to include 12 wonderful Grandchildren, ages 15, 13 and 10 under 10. 10 live nearby in New Hartford and 2 are near New York City. We love going to soccer, ballet, swimming, football, baseball and



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more. My Dad, Walt Schaeffer, is 94 and lives 5 min away in his home with Jannett Belcher. My in-laws live here also, and are 94 and 95. We are truly blessed to have family nearby. I am still a Realtor with Prudential Carucci Real Estate and work way too much. Jack and I loved our Mediterranean Cruise this year. Thanks to all for our amazing Alumni Weekend. You do a great job and are appreciated!"

**Jean McIntyre Siwicki** retired in 2009 as a conference and event planner for Accenture and lives in Park Ridge, IL. She enjoys reading, dancing, walking, travelling and spending time with family and friends. She has 2 children, Tera, and Michael and 1 granddaughter, Kaitlyn.

**1968 Pete Diffenderfer** is a college professor and lives in La Grande, OR. He loves all outdoor activities, sports, adventure and study. He has 5 children, Sarah, John, Caden, Alsea and Maxwell.

**Deborah Woytek Puffer** and **Blair Puffer, '70** took up golf a couple of years ago and really enjoy it. They celebrate their 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this year and for the past couple of years have gotten together with other '68 classmates at Fred Shaw's house in FL for a golf outing and just a fun weekend. They have 3 granddaughters whom they love to spend time with and in September of this year will be going to Hawaii to see their daughter, who is stationed there.

**1969 Dave Gill** retired from the US Post Office and moved from NJ to Methuen, MA but spends his winters in Venice, FL.

**Jerry Smith** is the owner and President of Laurel Mountain Homes in McMurray, PA. He enjoys golf, ping pong, kayaking and fishing. He loves to keep busy and to travel also. He would love to hear from fellow 69 classmates. He has 4 sons and 6 grandchildren.

**1970 Helen Oglesby Russ** moved to VA 8 years ago



*The Felter Family!*

*Beth, '01, Adam, '04, Barb Eckerson Felter '68, Ralph, '72 and Kyle, '00.*

from Mt. Upton. Together her and her husband have 6 grown children, the youngest being 21. They still have family in the area and love to get back when they can.

**1971 Stephen Merritt** lives in Lebanon, CT and enjoys travel, auto racing and gardening. His wife volunteers at the Lebanon Senior Center. He has 2 sons, John and Stephen and one grandson, Ethan.

**Geoffrey and Linda (Aylesworth, '73) Valentine** live in Binghamton. Geoffrey is retired. They have three children and three grandchildren.

**1973 Charles Wright.** Charley and wife, Wendy moved last year from Maine to their new home in Kanab, Utah where they run a pet supply store - The Critter Corner Pet Supplies; [www.crittercornerpetsupply.com](http://www.crittercornerpetsupply.com). They are also active in their community with Charley becoming involved with the United Church of Kanab and Fredonia, even offering a sermon along with singing regularly in the church choir. He is also active in the local chorale group.

**1980 Diane Philpott** is a co-owner of Talbotts Outlet and lives in Plymouth, MA. She enjoys babysitting her granddaughter, Aubrey and watching her step grandson, Brett grow. She has one daughter, Jennifer. She was disappointed that she could not make last year's alumni weekend because she really enjoys connecting with old friends and hopefully this year she will be there.



*Braeden Andrew White*

**Douglas Terry** is a Postmaster and lives in Hancock, ME with his wife **Deborah Sherman, '82**. He retired from the US Navy in 2000 and enjoys fishing and hunting and a yearly golf trip to Sebring, FL.

**1981 Lesley Elliott Allen** lives in Westerly, RI and says that life doesn't get any better than living at the ocean. Her motto is: "If you're not barefoot, you are overdressed." She is a special education teacher and loves boating and just hanging out at the beach. She has 3 children all in college: Phillip at URI, Lindsey at Coker College and Thomas at the US Air Force Academy.

**1996 Dorene Ireland** works for Middle TN Anime Convention and is head of the Personnel Department and absolutely loves her job. She is also pursuing her 2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor's degree. She says, "All in all life is amazingly good and I've never been happier... although I miss Sidney terribly."

**2000 Dan Bailey** "I completed my PhD in physics on September 1, 2011 at the SUNY at Buffalo. I will walk in commencement on May 11, 2012. I am currently the medical physics resident at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, doing research in radiation medicine."

**2002 Michael Barber** is engaged to be married in June. He is currently serving as an Aviation Maintenance Technician, Second Class in the United States Coast Guard stationed at Air Station Detroit, Michigan. His fiancée, Sarah Wyne graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in government and served 11 years in the US Coast Guard and currently attends Wayne State University. The couple will live in Detroit after being married in Indianapolis.

**2003 Meghan Hager White.** "Sean (White, '02) returned home safely from what ended up being a six month deployment to Afghanistan. He arrived at the airport in Syracuse on Thanksgiving Day, almost two weeks before the birth of our son Braeden Andrew. Braeden was born on December 7th at 7:01 am in Watertown, New York and weighed 7 lbs 14 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Sean did not have to return to Afghanistan to finish his deployment, as he was selected to become a Warrant Officer in the Army. We moved to Fort Rucker in Alabama at the end of January and Sean is currently in Warrant Officer Candidate School and will continue on with more schooling to become a helicopter pilot. We are all very excited for him and extremely proud!"

**2004 Steve Axtell** was recently named SUNY Cortland men's soccer interim head coach. Steve served as an assistant coach at Cortland the past two seasons. He was also a volunteer student assistant coach during the 2007 season. A goalie for the Red Dragons for three seasons (2006, 2008-09), Steve earned All SUNY AC honors in 2008 and appeared in 39 career games with nine shutouts. He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2008 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in exercise science.

### Alumni Veterans Memorial

Progress continues regarding the SCS Alumni Association's Alumni Veterans Memorial. The Alumni Veterans Memorial Committee has submitted three Alumni Veterans Memorial (AVM) design descriptions to the Alumni Association's Board for consideration.

The three AVM design descriptions included were: one of a traditional multiple-tiered stone monument; one of a bifurcated statue of a graduate (in cap and gown) and military uniformed figure standing on a monument stone; and one of a large "floating" blue stone monument suspended approximately two feet above the ground.

All of the AVM designs could incorporate such features as the SCSAA's logo (a profile of the "Warrior Chieftain"); the name of the memorial ("Alumni Veterans Memorial, Sidney Central School Alumni Association"; other suitable engravings; and a fitting inscription (not yet finalized) commemorating the service and sacrifices of the SCS alumni who have served our nation and those alumni who gave their lives in defending our freedoms.

The AVM Committee is in the process of obtaining refined sketches of the AVM designs with more detail; and will submit the refined sketches to the Alumni Association's Board.

The success of developing an Alumni Veterans Memorial depends on the support of SCS Alumni, family and friends of alumni, and alumni supporters. Folks desiring to donate financially may send their donations for the Alumni Veterans Memorial to the SCS Alumni Association, PO Box 2186, Sidney, NY 13838 - Checks should be made payable to the SCS Alumni Association or SCSAA, with "Alumni Veterans Memorial" or "AVM" entered on the "FOR" or "MEMO" line.

The names of SCS alumni veterans are being compiled at the "Sidney Alumni Veterans Memorial Page", linked to from the SCSAA website ([www.sidneyalumni.org](http://www.sidneyalumni.org)) - Click on "Veterans Memorial Page".

SCS alumni, and friends or family of alumni, are encouraged to visit the "Sidney Alumni Veterans Memorial Page" where they can view the list of SCS alumni veterans by class year, and submit additions and/or corrections to the list of SCS alumni veterans names.

Sufficient space will not be available to include the names of all SCS alumni veterans since the first graduating class of 1889 and the names from future classes, on the Alumni Veterans Memorial, which will to be a dimensioned component or element of the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park.

Any SCS alumni interested in learning more about the Alumni Veterans Memorial may access the Alumni Veterans Memorial's Facebook page, "SCS Alumni Veterans Memorial"; or contact an AVM Committee member.

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“Grandma” Kathy Harris Laws ‘64 with twins Gavin and Sophia Dominici



The Volt Family gathered in Grand Junction, Colorado, last October 29th to celebrate Mom, Dortha’s 82nd birthday. All four of her kids were there and “had a blast picking on Mom.” (l-r) Gail Volt, ‘76, David Volt, ‘78, Dortha, ‘47, John Volt, ‘70 and Mark Volt, ‘74



(Left) Mary and Jim Leonard hosted a St. Augustine Sidney Alumni Class of '54 gathering at their home. Mary Moran Tacea, '75, Ted Tacea, '54. Dale Young, '55, behind her, Jack Young, '54, Jim (Chip) McElroy, '55, Doug Begeal, ' Bob Palmer, Hugh Doyle, 54, Jeanette Doyle, Gladys Begeal Palmer, '54, Mary Chiletti Leonard, '54.

The D’Imperio Boys Annual Brothers Trip.

“Since we all three live in different areas of the country, 12 years ago we decided that we do a Brothers Trip one weekend a year. This was our 13<sup>th</sup> year. We started in 1999 in Kansas City. Over the years our trips have taken us to: Pittsburgh, Nashville, St Louis, Cleveland, Baltimore, Raleigh, Charlotte, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago.”

Jim, Chuck and Bob D’Imperio are joined by nephew and SHS alum Pat Simonds.



McIntyre Sibs.  
Bill, ‘63, Jim, ‘60, Jean, ‘66, Paul, ‘59



It is never too early to start perfecting your golf game. Class of ‘63 guys at the 19th hole of the Conklin Players Club in Binghamton very recently. Al Murray, Dick Germond, John Ferrara, Bill McIntyre.

## We Remember...

Willard “Hummy” Halbert  
1945

James Morrow  
1944

James Fisher  
1955

Eliot Pritchard  
1954

Myron Schoener, Jr  
1949

Ruth Van Valkenburg Stoutenberg  
1941

Betty Lou Jones Riggs  
1948

Kenneth Tucky  
1963

Fred Cook  
1965

Carol Raynsford  
1968

Christine Peck Harris  
1984

Carl Osterwald  
1943

Lorraine Soules Cole  
1953

Helen DeMott Palmer  
1947

Harold DuMond  
1940

Wilson “Turk” Olmstead  
1935

Myrtle Barnes Dixon  
1933

Ryan Simmons  
1999

Irmgard Beyen Parsons  
1948

Waneta Bowermaster Belcher  
1935

Sarah Angel Salander  
1946

Virginia VanValkenberg Zurn  
1946

Charles “Doc” Brooks  
1935

Kenneth Donaldson  
1952

Bruce Wilhelm  
1977

Charles L. Cook  
1974

Clark Hilsinger  
1959

Grant Campbell  
1944

Richard Snyder  
1956

Jean Topping Booth  
1942

Shirley Wright Bortell  
1932

Dayle Elwood Schmidt  
1962

**Faculty**  
Robert Rowlands

Ruth Peckham

David Pysnik

Gracia Grover

John “Jack” Jones



### Creative Sidney Alum Designs and Builds Miniature Buildings from Legos

From the colorful, intricate church cathedral with its 46 crosses (including 15 diamond and cross cut-out windows and pulpit, furniture, pews and cleverly designed pipe-organ) to the 50 some colorful buildings representing countries like China, Thailand, and India to the extensive and fanciful Winnie - the Pooh Amusement Park (of about 4000 duplos), the creative talents of the artist are evident.

The artist in this case is **Karen Stoddard '68**, and her medium is Legos and other family members including larger sized Duplos and Mega-Blocks and also tiny sized Modules (made in Denmark by Lego in the 1960s) but mostly won or purchased from one seller in the Netherlands, whose father used his large Modulex collection for his design work among other architects.

The Dutchman has become Karen's penpal, and he often credits her purchases as having helped him fund his projects, which involve the purchase and restoration of famous landmark buildings Lego created for each country in the 1960s, including England's "Big Ben", and Germany's "The Schloss" - both of which the Dutchman repairs with 1960s bricks that are in mint condition.

With the exception of the piece she is presently hoping to complete, the complicated Taj Mahal (which uses square Legos to make its rounded domes), Karen has designed each of her buildings without the help of any diagrams. She says the more unusual colors are often available in only one or a few sizes and shapes, thereby lending themselves more readily to a particular type of building.



Karen's interest in building stems from her childhood when, as a very little girl her brother, **David '60**, would let her help him when he was building with American Plastic Bricks (made by Elto-two men's names abbreviated together, in Chicago). These bricks, for many years, came in only red and white, interlocked easily, and had many types of windows and doors. One could look through booklets, with pictures of houses and public buildings and construct any real building imaginable. While Karen's early adult life, pursuing a college education at Syracuse University and an earlier career in music, did not leave much time to pursue her hobby, she never lost interest in the challenge of creating with bricks.

Since 1974, Karen has taught piano, organ and flute lessons and was organist in many different denominations of area churches, and played over 200 weddings and funerals. She also was the wandering flutist-minstral at the Afton Craft Fair for several years.

For 16 years, Karen played bells with the Buckingham Singers in Oneonta and Bronzissimos in Endicott. She also played with both choirs and played solos on 37 bells (3 octaves) at many colleges, for regional and national festivals. She presently plays in the Sidney United Methodist Church Bell Choir and sings soprano in the Chancel Choir. It's not surprising that her artistic talents easily spilled over into another creation.

Four rooms in Karen's house display about 55 of the places she has created. Her 8 foot "Rainbow Tower" of Mega-Blocks ranges from purples and lavenders at the bottom, through mixed patterns of the rainbow spec-

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trum, to pink at the top. Karen had to stand on a ladder to complete it.

Then there is the 7-plus foot "Disney Princess Castle", patterned in Karen's favorite bold tropical pastels, and lighter pastels.

One room houses Karen's expansive "Winnie - the Pooh Amusement Park" of about 4000 duplos. This features houses becoming each character, a playground, an elevated clown-house, a helicopter rescue of Piglet from a giant gym set, and a front to back elevated roller coaster for the passengers and a station house.

Karen has names for most of her structures: a black and gold Chinese temple, pastel towers and playground, parade float, a Las Vegas Wedding Chapel of gaudy pink, a Swiss chalet, an Egyptian Circus, a Muslim Mosque and monuments to name a few.

After Sidney's 2006 flood, a neighboring house acquired a new owner, who found and gave to Karen, several hundred Duplos and Mega Blocks both from the house and the previously burned garage. She spent many hours washing them!

Karen has gotten material from many of our 50 states and several foreign countries. Her first batch of Legos came from California in 3 giant Fed-Ex boxes - 86 pounds costing \$100 to ship!

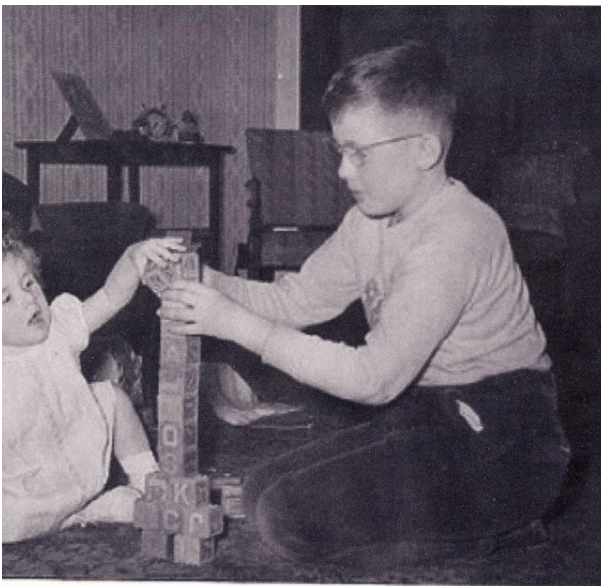
All had to be sorted by colors and sizes and shapes to be easily found in various plastic containers. While health issues have greatly limited her activities (no more ladders!), Karen's creativity only becomes stronger and she continues to add to her extensive collection.



*Retired English teacher, Linc Blaisdell, '61 has completed his goal of "Fifty states, Fifty Centuries". Linc rode his bike or 100 miles in all of the fifty states of the country. Congratulations Linc!*



*Class of '68 got together over the winter in Florida for some golf and good times. Back: Jeff Whitaker, Craig DeMuth, Deb Woytek Puffer, Donna Johnston Keesler, Peg Payne Phelps, Front: Colin Kelly, Jim Provenzon, Fred Shaw.*



*Karen Stoddard and her brother David Stoddard*



*A long ago birthday party. Dianne Gregory, Sally McCauley, Sandy McCauley, Patricia Romano, Karen Cycon, Lynette Dalrymple, Nancy Linkromn, Barbara Elliott, Nancy Cycon*

### Remembering Charles "Doc" Brooks

*By Larry Halbert, '75*

Charles "Doc" Brooks has written several articles for the Reflections Alumni paper and a few years ago he wrote a series of articles for the Tri Town News describing his life in Sidney. "Doc" Brooks was a Sidney graduate class of '35. He passed away at the age of 94, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. He was buried March 19<sup>th</sup> with military honors at the DFW National Cemetery in Texas.

In speaking with his daughter Karen Brooks Anderson, she told me that she has never known a person that spoke so passionately about our home town of Sidney. He absolutely loved the town of Sidney and was so proud in having been taught and raised here. Many of us can certainly relate to that. I used to correspond with this man via e-mail though I never actually met him in person. I was fascinated with his stories and his desire to still connect with people in Sidney about Sidney. A sample of his writing:

To the Alumni Association: "Continue to have the courage to do what you are doing so that we all may enjoy! Mt. Moses salutes you!"

For me, school was not my strong point but funny thing, the good always smothered the bad. Remember how tickled to death you were to get up and head to school! Ya had done all your homework and there was nothing the teachers could throw at you that you couldn't master. You would soon be seeing all your friends, no enemies, as though it was the first time. And they would be just as happy to see you. You were school bound and ya loved it.

#### The Ultimate Memory – My Education

I've done my griping about my twelve years but in this memory paper, it has finally reached home, where in HELL would I be with out it. I wouldn't be able to read, write or do 'rithmetic, I'd be a fool. Sounds awfully simplistic but it's true. Here and now I confess, I am totally grateful for the education I received in the Sidney School system. It made me what I am and I am extremely proud of it. It was done in a small town where basic values abounded and which are still the cornerstones of my life today.

Charles "Doc" Brooks, '35  
The Caregiver



# Reunion News

## Class of 1948

Sixty four years ago we graduated from Sidney Central High School and went on with the rest of our lives, but somehow we have managed to remember and stay in touch with many of the rest of our graduating class.

Once again Dick Dickson has found us a place to gather and enjoy a meal with any and all who can plan on being in Sidney on the weekend of the Alumni Celebrations. We will be having our class luncheon on Friday July 13th around noon at the Trackside Diner on Main St. in Sidney where we met last July. We will be ordering from the regular menu.

As in so many years past, Dick and Helen have invited us to visit at there home at 13 Pleasant Street after the luncheon for further conversation and fun. If you can, let us know ahead of time that you'll be coming. We would appreciate it. Call Dick at 607-563-1206 or Norma at 607-563-3430.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Class of 1952

Our 60th year anniversary is coming this summer!! While we hopefully remember our names let's get together for another rousing weekend and disband early enough to make our 9 PM bedtimes.

Helen has been very busy doing homework on where and when and as usual we again have some very good answers. The weekend of the All Class Sidney Reunion will be July 13th thru 15<sup>th</sup>, and as usual that is the weekend we will gather for our reunion parties.

Friday evening we will gather at Vincent's in Afton at 5 PM. We are counting on everyone being there!! Saturday we will go to The Old Mill at 5 PM. We need to know as soon as possible if you are coming.

Everyone in the class should get a letter either by email or snail mail with a lot more details included, if you don't, contact one of us and we will correct that.

Remember it is very difficult to find a place to stay in the Sidney area. Don't wait too long to make your arrangements.

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Bainbridge , NY

## Class of 1957 Plans Its Celebration

The class of '57 will have their class dinner at The Old Mill on sat evening. have sent only mailing, if we missed anyone, pleases contact me at 5 Gilbert St, Sidney -- Pat Bargher 607- 563- 1421

## Class of 1962 Celebrates 50th!

.Our plans include participating in alumni events and having a dinner at The Cream of the Crop at the Old Red Barn between Sidney and Bainbridge on Saturday, July 14, 2012. We will have a disc jockey playing oldies and hope that since it is our 50<sup>th</sup> we have a good turnout.

We sent out invitations at the end of March, but would appreciate it if anyone who did not get an invitation contact Dolores at [fbreunig@stny.rr.com](mailto:fbreunig@stny.rr.com), 607-563-2311 with a current address.

## Class of '65 Celebrates 65th Birthday

The Sidney High School class of 1965 will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday with a get- together on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>. The class has reserved the tent at the Sidney Country Club from 1:30pm until 4:00pm for laughter and conversation.

Several classmates have expressed an interest in possible available activities. Therefore, Ron Mills will be master of any weird ceremonies. Bob Stevens will be in charge of activities for those who have not yet turned 65. I expect that he will organize age appropriate games of Pin the Tail on the Donkey and London Bridge Is Falling Down; any injuries will be ignored. Ginny Fust and Merritt St John will be in charge of games for the older class members. I'm thinking Spin the Bottle and Ouija Board for these folks. We all might discover some amazing information if Ouija behaves the way it used to. Dan Wade and Dave Riker will be captains for kick ball with Betty Spinelli as umpire. Terry Dermody and Bill Pitcher will be in charge of basketball, using a trash can for the bucket since no one can jump anymore.

Dick Woytek will referee and make up the rules as the game progresses. Linn Collins and Tera Overgaard will lead the hopscotch competition using a hockey puck instead of stones because it is so hard to see all the way to the ground. Bill Cawley and Randy McLaughlin will oversee the catch and release contest at the goldfish bowl. Diane Hendee and Carolyn Lewellyn will hold knitting lessons for those who prefer to hide in a corner and observe the games. Sketch may come wrapped up in birthday paper as a surprise to all of us. Paula McLean will entertain with cheers in that Aussie lingo.

Dick Derrick will be watching to see who blows the biggest Bazooka bubble. Delores Dart and Patti Girard will lead a scavenger hunt to see where Anne Bernstein and Cheryl Eaton have been hiding. Dave & Ginny Wormuth will lead the Conga Line down Main St and Tom Osterwald will be the starter for the 100 yard Fun Run. Music will be provided by a Purple People Eater and anyone who leaves chewing gum on a chair will answer to big bad Tom Hager followed by punishment decreed by Denny Martin and Gary Wickham.

Anyone else who does not volunteer for duty may be assigned similar tasks to those above. Beware. You are welcome to bring comfortable lawn chairs but there will be plenty of folding chairs and tables available. The Clubhouse will be open to purchase all types of liquid refreshment, even though Tom Price has been placed in charge of Kool-Aid. Feel free to bring snack food (chips, dips etc.) to share although it is not required. Please, no "wacky tob-backy" or mushrooms!

The class albums will be available to look at and discuss those long ago events from our years in school. If you have any pictures or memorabilia to share please bring it. Ask friends from other classes to stop by and say hello.

Girls, don't forget the special activity to which the guys are definitely not invited. I posted the time wrong in my email it will be at 12:00pm rather than 12:30. I hope to see many of you in Sidney that afternoon and throughout the weekend activities. Please come.

## Class of 1967

The class of '67 will celebrate its 45th high school reunion at this year's regularly scheduled Alumni Reunion. Our special event will be held at the Angus & Ale (the former Toddies) on Saturday, July 14. It will be from 4 - 8 PM. Dress is casual. Our reunion will be sandwiched between the bands scheduled for both Friday and Saturday nights so that we can enjoy these, too.

We have a classmate e-mail list and some addresses, but please get the word out to everyone with whom

you have contact. If you have ideas for the celebration or if you would like to personally participate that night, please let us know. Dinner coordinators are Sue Learn Bennett ([slbennett49@gmail.com](mailto:slbennett49@gmail.com)), Amy Miketta Fitzgerald ([amy49@stny.rr.com](mailto:amy49@stny.rr.com)), and Gail Ziegler ([enigmates81@yahoo.com](mailto:enigmates81@yahoo.com)). Contact any of us with your ideas and to let us know that you plan to attend.

As the event draws closer, we will supply you with specific details regarding price, menu, etc. Mark your calendar now so that we can all get together not only to reminisce about those days of 45 years ago but also to share what we've been doing since.

## 1968 to Celebrate 45th Reunion in 2013

The class of 1968 will celebrate their 45th reunion during alumni weekend, July 19-21, 2013. Details will follow sometime late fall, early winter. Any questions, please contact Deb Woytek Puffer, [dwpuffer@frontiernet.net](mailto:dwpuffer@frontiernet.net), 607-967-8480. If any addresses have changed please let Deb know as well as e-mail addresses.

## Class of '70 Turns 60!

How can 60 be so bad when the 60's were so much fun? The Class of 1970 will be celebrating this big milestone during Alumni Weekend, July 13-15. Our very own birthday party day, July 114 at the Sidney Golf and Country Club, West Main Street, from 12:30 to 4:30pm. We will have a luncheon and birthday cake, and more importantly, we will have time to celebrate with our good friends. Plan to join with your classmates throughout the weekend, but especially Saturday at the the morning March of the Classes and then at the Country Club. More detailed information will be coming later by mail. Feel free to contact Vicki Miller Kulze, (607-563-3384 or [dkulze@stny.rr.com](mailto:dkulze@stny.rr.com) if you have any question

## Class of 1972

The Class of '72 will meet during Alumni Weekend to celebrate their 40th reunion. Friday we will gather at the Elks Lodge for the icebreaker/social. On Saturday we will have our dinner at the Sidney Golf/ Country Club. Cocktail hour will be from 5:30-6:30 with dinner at 6:30. We then can join the all class reunion event at the American Legion in Sidney for entertainment. On Sunday we will have a picnic starting at noon at the camp of Howard Finch at East Masonville Pond. Please bring a lawn chair and beverage. Send checks for dinner in amt of \$25.00/ person to Becky/Dave Leidy 23 Seneca St. Sidney, NY no later than July 1st.

## Class of 1977

Class of '77 is planning a family cookout on Saturday July 14th from 12 noon until 4pm for the Classes of 77 and 76. They have reserved the pavilion at Keith Clark Park and plan to have games for kids along with burgers and hot dogs. They also will be having a 9 hole golf outing. Classmates have been notified but if you haven't gotten an email please contact Terry Dundon at [tdundon@charter.net](mailto:tdundon@charter.net). The class will participate in the activities planned by the Alumni Association throughout the weekend.

## Class of 1978

Cindi Barnes Northrup and Rusty Northrup ('77), Teri Bargher Kissel and her husband Dale, Bob Dunn, and Jackie Allen Lingner & John Lingner got together March 17 at Jackie & John's home in Palm Bay, FL. Fun was had by all and talk is underway for the 35<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Class of '78 in 2013 . Please e-mail Jackie at [jlingner@fit.edu](mailto:jlingner@fit.edu) with current addresses. Jackie also met up with Teri, Dale, Bob Dunn and his wife Janine, and Mark Alford ('77) and his wife Jennifer at the end of February while she was at a conference in Boca Raton, FL.

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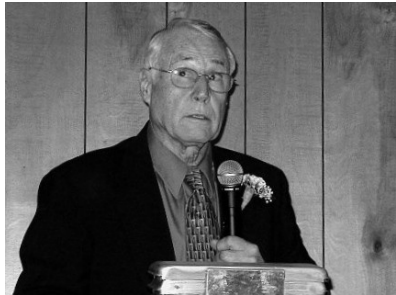


**Coach Redmond and Coach Fessenden  
SHS Athletic Icons**

By Kay Greene DeMott, '56



Having gone to the internet to find out about Fran Redmond, I was dismayed to find that you would find his entries in the “advancement of” or “in the honor of” others. What about him? Always coaching and encouraging someone else? Many graduates left SCHS, feeling that Coach Redmond was one of the true influences in their school days' life. Coach, as I have always called him, is truly one of the legendary people in SCHS, and we will focus on him in this issue of *Reflections*.



In the same article, we will weave another coach into the story, one whom I always seem to connect with Coach Redmond and that is Coach Doug Fessenden. I caught up with Fess, one morning last week, in his hangout (having coffee with friends) at the Treats and Eats Diner on Main St., Sidney. He took the time to reflect on some of his Sidney school days.

Getting ready to do this article on Coach Redmond, I contacted his daughter in law, Sherry (wife of Tom) and asked her - what did she think? Is he up to talking with me and would he be willing to have us do a story about what Sidney School Athletics meant to him? She said she would check into this. After a bit, I got the news that, yes, he would be very willing to do this. Thanks, Sherry for being our advance person !!

As a high school junior in 1954-55; and a student in Secretarial Practice with Anna Heimer, I was able to take a “job” with one of the teachers. I became Coach Redmond's secretary. Not that Coach had a lot for me to do, but it was fun – being in his office and watching the happenings around the gym and the gym office. Did I mention that this was in the old high school; now the Civic Center (and I think Coach's office was right next door to the boiler room). I recall he was a big man, a loud man and a fair man.

Then, I get another mention from a SCHS grad, Pam Wood Perry ('73), who also worked for Redmond and was the recipient of his usual kindness.

“I did some secretarial work for Coach Redmond during my senior year as part of my Secretarial Practice class. At first, I was somewhat intimidated, but soon found that he was very easy to be around as long as you did your job. When I was ready to graduate, he asked me what I wanted to do and I told him I wanted to work at Keith Clark (now Mead Westvaco) in a secretarial-type position. He made a phone call and landed me an interview almost immediately. Two weeks after graduation, I was among the working class!!! I have never forgotten how he went above and beyond to help me out.” Pam is still working for this company.

Redmond came to Sidney in 1948. I asked him during our interview, “why did you come to Sidney? ... he said “A JOB” ! Now, why didn't I know this !

His prior sports history started in Walton, NY, where he was a star Walton High School athlete. I can recall my brother in law, Everett “Skeet” Dow (married to Marjorie DeMott Dow, '43) telling the stories of playing ball with “Red” and what an ath-

lete he was. From Walton, he went on to Cortland State for a degree in Physical Education and landed in Sidney after. He and his wife Bertha have a nice family of kids; all Sidney graduates.

With this story I want to tie in another Athletics Dept. character, who came to student coach at Sidney from Cortland State in 1954, while I was the secretary in Coach's office. Doug Fessenden was pretty young and ready to teach us why athletics, competitive sports and health was necessary and worthwhile. After I graduated in 1956, Fess came back to become a teacher in the SCHS. He and his wife Dottie, also raised a family, all of whom graduated from SCHS, and they have been married well over 55 yrs.

Their tales are probably similar about the Athletic Department, the Sidney Schools and Sidney. Both men still reside in or near Sidney. The commitment to a town is parallel to their commitment to their school and its students.

Fess surely seemed committed to the Sidney school system, as he taught and coached in every school in the district at some time during his tenure: Sidney Center, Masonville, Junior High, Pleasant St. School, Elementary School, Middle School and High School. Was there another coach who could claim this distinction ?

When I asked Coach Redmond what he liked best about the coaching staff he worked with through the years and he said, “always the best working staff in a school”. When asking about this feeling on Fessenden, Coach said “he wanted to be a winner”... and was!

I am not sure that Redmond thought Fess was a winner during one incident when three of his coaches Zeigler, Robertson and Fessenden had the privilege of showering in Redmond's office; until the day that those three took Redmond's sports sweatshirt, soaked it in water and stretched it out as far as it would go. After that time, the three were showering in the laundry room!

This reminds us that Fessenden was named Section IV Coach of the Year for his 1987 winning girls' basketball team. Super job that year with only seven players. Let's see who can recall who was on that '87 girls' team. Email us at demottbk@frontiernet.net and we will update this in the next issue.

About Mr. Fessenden, Bruce Wilhelm ('77) remembered “in baseball one year that Mr. Fessenden told the players that they were going to get in shape that year. He gave them various drills to complete, including timed base-running. He stood by home plate with a stop watch as each player ran the circuit. On Bruce's turn, he rounded third and could see Mr. Fessenden waiting for him. He wasn't holding a stopwatch, however. As Bruce neared home, he could see that Mr. Fessenden was holding a pocket calendar. He took his glasses off, looked up at Bruce, and said, ‘Wilhelm, what day did you leave?’ That was the last attempt at conditioning for the year !”

Fess noted that Bruce Wilhelm played first base on the baseball team he coached and usually had a running and witty dialogue with any ump, working at first base !

The following are exchanges between Coach Redmond and me:

“Coach, what were some of the outstanding efforts from Sidney athletes”? He immediately stated: “the recent State Football Championship (“*Sidney Warriors celebrated the end of the 2005 season on the Syracuse University Carrier Dome floor as New York State Class C champions*)”. -quoted from: *Coaching Management*) ('05) Morenus, Simonds, Umbra, Jones, Warner, Peck: we know these names and the entire team and coaches.

And the State Basketball Championship, under the leadership of Mike Brazee ('76)”.Sidney Warriors - 2006-07 Class C State Champions

“Coach, other than your size, what do you think helped discipline your students”? “I believe I was always fair”.

“Coach, you were good friends with Ward Herrmann and Charlie Albert, former SCHS teachers – what was that connection?” “Well, we all came to Sidney about the same time. We started having a coffee klatch in the locker room; then we got talking fishing...and that is how it started” - Coach Redmond. I asked if Ward got him interested in carving and art. “Oh, yes”, he noted. He seemed sad that Ward Herrmann is now gone and wondered if I knew that Charlie Albert was “still around”.

Although Coach Redmond and his wife, Bertha have grown older, they both still have a spirit that is to be admired yet today. Coach Fessenden and wife, Dottie, enjoy living at their 'camp' in Newark Valley each summer and he continues to enjoy golf and hunting.

As we end the stories about these two coaches, anyone who would like to add their comments, please forward them to demottbk@frontiernet.net, and we will include them in a future issue, named: Redmond and Fessenden, con't.

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*Here are the comments I received:*

“I remember when I came from the Sidney Center school to Sidney, Coach Redmond said 'Another Walker'?" *Joan Walker Clapperton ('58)*

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“I was on the wrestling team – and I remember one match very vividly. Coach Redmond had put me into the unlimited heavyweight class since the place in the heavyweight class was taken by a better wrestler. (*Joe Wlasiuk*)

At this match – it may have been in Oneonta – I met a much bigger guy than me – some 50 pounds maybe. I said to myself – Rolf you have to use your head and use his weight against him. I succeeded and won the match as he fell backwards on the mat and was unable to move just because of his weight. If I had been under him I would have been crushed. He also broke his leg in falling – and I got the nickname “The bonecrusher”. In business I have applied the same strategy – outmanouvering much bigger opponents using their size and slow reactions against them. The last example was Cameron Iron Works in Houston which we at Kongsberg beat in developing sub sea production systems – where we now are the worlds largest supplier. --*Rolf Qvenild foreign exchange student '56)*

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I remember that Mr. Redmond would tell us to come to attention before gym...because "it won't be long now boys"(Referring to the Army draft). -*Bill Shofkom ('68)*

I do remember that the last day of PE class every year, Mr. Redmond would tell us, "This is the BEST gym class I have ever had." Hope this is some help...I know I put both of them through hell, having moved to Sidney from New York City, where I had NO prior Music, Art, OR Phys. Ed. classes!!! Odd that I have nothing remarkable for Mr. Fessenden, seeing as how he and his family used to live just around the corner from us on Union Street, and I used to babysit for them frequently. ---*John Freleigh '68*

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Coach (Fessenden) was my elementary gym teacher at Pearl Street. I had the biggest crush on him and was so shy. He was teaching us a dance and came over to hold my hand and I almost fainted!



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was the recipient of the FBI Director's Second Tier Award for Excellence which was read into the Congressional record.

During his FBI career he was involved in a variety of assignments basically involving espionage, organized crime and international terrorism investigations.

Michael had the honor of being chosen to open and serve as the first FBI Legal Attache assigned to the US Embassy in Moscow where he developed liaison relationships with the Russian Law enforcement office. In his book The Threat Matrix (The FBI at War in the Age of Global Terror), author Garret Graff commented on Michael being assigned to the US Embassy in Russia by stating "In a way the appointment made sense,.....(he) spoke Russian fluently ...but it was an odd turnabout for the counter intelligence agent to sit across conference tables from his old KGB adversaries."

In 1998 Michael was mentioned in an article in US News & World report about how he and some honest Moscow cops broke up a ring that was looting tons of gold and gems from the Russian national treasury. In response to a request for a testimonial on Michael, author Graff described him as "a very influential agent in shaping the FBI's post Cold War evolution."

Following his Bureau career Michael worked in London for Goldman Sachs Investment Bank as its regional security director covering Europe, Africa and Middle East. Using his extensive experience in counter terrorism he initiated new security programs and measures for the firm's personnel in high risk locations.

In 2004, Michael joined IPSA International a leading investigative and consulting firm, as Vice President and Managing Director of the San Francisco Area where he currently works. He is responsible for the US operations and a broad range of risk mitigation and corporate investigation projects. Over the last several years Michel has traveled widely in the US facilitating workshops for U.S. mayors and senior local officials on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorism incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

Michael lives with his wife Elizabeth in Lafayette, Ca. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Michael is a member of the International Association Chiefs of Police, the World Association of Detectives, the American Society of Industrial Security and the Society of Former Agents of the FBI. He is also a member and contributor to various charitable organizations in California.

There is Sidney connection to Michael's famed career. It was a Career Day in high school that aroused Michael's interest in the FBI. A member of the FBI made a presentation on joining the Bureau and Michael then realized that this was the career he wanted to pursue. The rest is history. In addition he also said that he felt studying Latin in high school gave him a strong foundation for learning the Russian language and becoming so proficient in it. In completing a questionnaire on the occasion of his 20th class reunion, he described himself as a Russian Linguist with the side notation "if only Mrs. Ruland, my Latin teacher could see me now." Those solid Sidney roots came through in Michael DiPreto.

Michael has made a difference by dedicating his entire professional life to the security of our nation and to those under his jurisdiction.

### Sheryl Smith Mott, Class of 1962

Sherry Smith Mott graduated from Sidney Senior High in 1962 with a Regents Degree in Business. She started her career in business with the First National Bank in Sidney and later worked for Whitaker & Son until 1966 when she started her career with Keith Clark Inc which has grown to become Mead Westvaco, a Fortune 500 company.



In 1966 Sherry joined Keith Clark Inc as a Retail Order Secretary and then became Order Processing Supervisor until she was promoted to Executive Secretary to Jim O'Neil, Chairman of the Board of Keith Clark. In 1970 Sherry was promoted to Customer Service Support Supervisor and in 1976, to Credit Manager. In 1991 she rose to Director of Credit Services where she was responsible for overall management of the company's credit exposure and timely collections for a company that has evolved from a local calendar company to a major division of the MeadWestvaco Corporation.



The Mead Westvaco Business News article at the time of her retirement stated that "Sherry's multiple contributions to the business world and continued success will be sorely missed." Also noted was that "Sherry truly has been a pillar of the industry and the support she has given to her co-workers and credit affiliations will never be matched."

Along with stellar work career, she spent her free time working to better her community. Sherry is a Past Matron, Past District Officer of the Order of the Eastern Star, Sidney N.Y. She spent countless hours as a leader of the Order of Rainbow for Girls where she was a leader and mentor for young girls. She has been extremely active in the Unadilla Methodist Church where she has been a leader, organizer, cook, teacher and computer "whiz" for the church.

In 1985 she was selected as "First Lady of the Year" recognition by Beta Sigma Phi for her contributions to her community. In this award it is stated that Sherry "is a very dedicated, loyal and conscientious person and is always willing to help in any way." She was selected for her "contributions to the Eastern Star and to her community."

Brian Hutzley, Vice President for Business and Finance, State University of New York-Delhi, Rose Wambolt, Past Matron for the Order of the Eastern Star and Karla West, Past Rainbow Girl, all stressed that Sherry is a leader and mentor. Jeff Pilarchik, Corporate Credit Manager for Mirabito Energy Division also noted in his testimonial that Sherry has truly reached outside the boundaries of Sidney, New York with her professional career and at the same time helped grow and form a regional credit association that has benefited from her professionalism.

Sherry Mott exemplifies that hard work, a desire to succeed and service to others in her community has led to much success in her life. She has proved that one can start at the bottom and with perseverance and hard work achieve the honor of reaching the top of her profession. Along the way she has cared for people around her as a mentor, helper and leader and has been recognized for her caring. These are the characteristics that we all look to develop in our young people today and we believe Sherry Mott has all the qualities that set her apart. To achieve in business is not an easy task but Sherry balanced her profession, family and community service to the highest level of achievement possible.

Sherry and her husband, Ron, a 1960 graduate of SHS, share that their most proud accomplishment is their family. Dwight, a SUNY Graduate has shared his love of education with students

from Bainbridge Guilford to Johannesburg South Africa, to Bogota, Columbia and is presently Director of the International School of Lesotho in Africa. Tammi, a Syracuse University graduate, and former Peace Core Volunteer to the Congo, has helped victims from the Rwandan genocide in reunification with their families through Food for the Hungry She has worked for Church World Service and is currently Program Officer with Episcopal Relief and Development working on rebuilding economies in Southern Africa.

The Motts are also proud of their "adopted" family of four from Rwanda who have been brought to America, become United States citizens and graduated or are currently attending schools of higher learning.

### Cheryl Stevens, Class of 1970

Cherie moved to Schoharie County shortly following her younger Sidney years. She found a home at State University of New York at Cobleskill where she served for a lengthy time as Director of Community Outreach and Director of Student Activities. Her years at the college were spent nurturing young people along their path in life as well as directly being a "hands on" administrator. A phrase that constantly came up during the research for her nomination was that Cherie was a "veritable engine of energy."



Cherie was a founder of the Schoharie County Marathon for a Better Life, a countywide event which has raised tens of thousands of dollars to aid in cancer research and support. Cherie became intensely involved with the Arts community at the college and directed an astounding fifty musicals over her career. She served her campus community as a theatre director for more than a quarter of a century. Today Cheri continues on as the counties unofficial "Goodwill Ambassador."



Nominated six times as a Schoharie County "Star" by the area's newspaper, Cherie was lauded for her "efforts to help the hungry, senior citizens, the mentally challenged, kids, soldiers serving overseas and cancer victims." Wherever hardship or hard times appear, you can bet that Cherie Stevens is not far behind.

A supreme challenge for the county was the devastation following in the wake of the recent floods. As a board member of the Schoharie County Community Action Program, Cherie spearheaded fundraisers to help out her fellow county residents in the aftermath of this historic event. With limited resources Cherie and her organization magically "encouraged" more than a quarter of a million dollars out of hard hit residents of her region to help in flood relief. It was an astounding achievement recognized on a statewide level.

Even four decades after her high school graduation, and now retired from SUNY Cobleskill, Cherie still sits as Chairman of the Schoharie County Flood Relief Committee. It is no wonder that this young girl from the Class of 1970, a child of Sidney's Bridge Street neighborhood, was named *once* as Schoharie County's "Notable Woman of the Year," and *twice* to the "Outstanding Young Women in America."

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service and entertainment.**



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Coach Redmond called my sister "Riverside Rat" and I was his "Riverside Dolly". I always looked up to him and his authority. I was in study hall in the cafeteria and he came in and said "Dolly - in my office". I went knowing something was wrong - he took me into the boys locker room and then he showed me a list of ineligible athletes for the week and pointed out my name. I was so embarrassed! It was my French class and I had to improve or I was not allowed to cheer. He told me that I was the first girl ever to make such a list! Naturally I improved and begged my French teacher to help so I could cheer and clear my name.  
*Michelle Parent Carrillo Class of 1968*

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I was skipping school one day and my Dad caught me walking on Main Street. He told me to get into the car and he took me up to the school and asked to see Mr. Redmond. Mr. Redmond came to the office and my Dad told him that I was skipping school and to do what he wanted with him. Let's just say, I would have rather faced my Dad than Mr. Redmond. When I visit Fran now we laugh about those days  
*Blair Puffer, class of 70*

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I remember when the "Red Dogger" (as we lovingly referred to Mr Redmond, although *never* when he was within earshot) would decide you needed a little attitude adjustment from time to time. He would stand you straight up, your back against the wall, and nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. And he would punctuate his delivery with his index finger, which was like a 2 X 4, against your sternum. I think his fingerprint might still be there. And I want to say "Thanks, Coach," thanks for caring enough about me to do that. You were the best. With love and great respect. -- *Steve Manwarren '68*

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Coach Fran Redmond was in the early years of his coaching and teaching career when I was a student at Sidney Central School. He was the boss but he also seemed like a good friend. I'm sure he had a very positive effect on all of the students he came in contact with over the years. As for coaching, the fact that he is a member of the Section IV Hall of Fame tells the story.  
If I remember correctly Coach Doug Fessenden

things, teacher, coach, and confidant.

*Larry Halbert Class of '75*

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Mr. Fessenden; (excepts from the letter Bob Hamilton wrote when Coach Fess was being honored)  
You touched my life and what you said to me as a coach, that changed my life forever. 30 years later, I remember Mr. Fessenden walking to the mound to shake my hand and you said “ Ham You were throwing drop balls, risers, curves and fastballs and if I knew what you could do with that ball underhanded, I would have loved to see what you could do with it over handed, I’m sorry I didn’t let you pitch in High School.

Mr. Fessenden at that moment the gift you gave me, those kind words, the confidence boost I needed to succeed in softball and to go out and play for teams that were Nationally ranked in Conn., Florida and California and then came back to set strike out records in Sidney, Oneonta and Norwich and beat the King and his Court not once but twice – I know you might not think what you said was that important, but to me..... It is who I am today! You gave me a gift 30 years ago, a kid that needed to hear some kind words and a boost of confidence that I carry with me every day.  
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As a 10 year old, I remember the Sidney football team carrying Coach Redmond down to the river for a dunking after they won the 1960 league championship. Of course the field was down by the river. When I was probably 12, I was shooting baskets (for flinging the ball from too great a distance from the basket at the new High School and Coach Fessenden came out on the court and moved me up close to the basket. He told me that I should practice until I could make every close shot, then gradually move back. His encouragement had a very positive effect on me.

While both of these men impacted my life directly, I had far more experience with Coach Fessenden. Most were of the “everyday” variety, but still very important in contributing to my success in high school and beyond.  
*Pete Diffenderfer, '68*

When my father used to drop me off at school and I had 1st period with Coach Redmond, my Dad would say to him,"look don't call me If he screws up, you deal with him". So Coach Redmond would put me up against the office wall and proceed to talk to me pounding his finger on my sternum and said," look Knapp, if anything goes wrong in this school, I don't care if a light bulb goes out, I'm coming to you. I had a callus on my chest when I graduated. I'm so glad I turned out to be a perfect angel.

Coach Fessenden: Getting a concussion on my 18th birthday, playing baseball, intensive care for 3 days. I always gave it my all. Thanks Coach Fessenden, *A Z Knapp ('70)*  
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At the end of our interview, Coach said to me, “it was nice doing business with you, Kay.” So...in closing, “Coach Redmond, it was nice doing business with you, also.”

**Cub Scout Samuel Bagley Receives National Catholic Award**

On February 5, 2012 Samuel Bagley (Class of 2022) received the Light of Christ Religious Emblem during Sacred Heart Catholic Church’s celebration of Boy Scout Sunday. Samuel is the son of Jeffrey Bagley (Class of 1989) and Brenda ‘Bargher’ Bagley (Class of 1993).

One of the first things a Cub Scout learns is the Cub Scout Promise. It is as follows; “I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack.”

The words “duty to God” express the importance that the Boy Scouts of America places upon faith for the development and advancement of young scouts. To recognize this importance, The National Catholic Committee on Scouting created four Religious Recognition Programs; Pope Pius XII and Ad Altare Dei for Boy Scouts and Parvuli Dei and Light of Christ for Cub Scouts.

The Light of Christ program is designed for first or second graders registered as Tiger or Wolf Cub Scouts. The purpose of Light of Christ is to help the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus and to highlight the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. Upon completing the requirements for the Light of Christ Religious Recognition Program, the scout receives a religious square knot patch and an emblem to be worn on his uniform. The emblem is a bar pin bearing the inscription “Light of Christ” with a medal attached, depicting the Easter candle and a young scout.

Samuel’s father and Wolf Den Leader, Jeffrey Bagley, proudly began the impressive recognition ceremony by speaking about the program. Paul Bargher (Class of 1958), Chairman of the Albany Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting, was delighted to have the tremendous honor of presenting his grandson, Samuel, with the award. Fr. Gordon Polenz concluded the ceremony by blessing the emblem.

It was a special day for Samuel and his family who extend their appreciation to Fr. Gordon for his support and Sacred Heart Parish for the continued sponsorship of Pack and Troop 88.



*From left to right: Jeffrey Bagley ('89) looks on as proud Cub Scout Samuel Bagley ('22) receives a National Catholic Award from his grandfather Paul Bargher ('58).*

**Got Motivation? Got Inspiration? Need to Celebrate?**

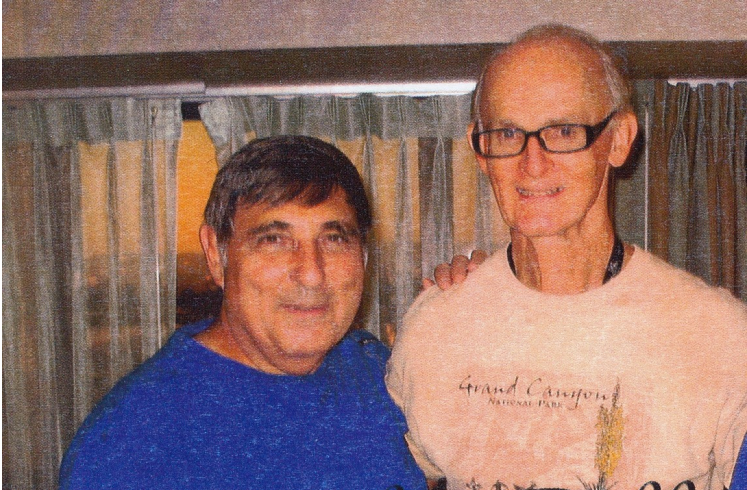
**Find it all at our Sidney Alumni Wall of Fame Luncheon. As we all know, Sidney was a great place to grow up and it fostered many meaningful and successful careers. Come to the luncheon to celebrate and honor some of our outstanding Sidney Alumni. Hear their stories. Learn about their achievements. Mingle with them. Be sure to join us for this exceptional event!**

**July 15, 2012 11:45 AM**





Susan Ferraro and Teresa Ferraro



“Wild Bill” Cable, '63, couldn't make the induction ceremony but was a member of the '63 Baseball Team. He is shown here with BFF Paul “Posse” Possemato '63 at a recent get together.



Loren “Moby” Collins and John Collins



Jon DeTemple and Chuck Bishop

SCSAA Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner  
November, 2011

For more pictures and profiles of inductees  
please visit our website:  
[www.sidneyalumni.org](http://www.sidneyalumni.org)



Legacy Team Award Recipients—1963-64 Baseball Team  
Front row: Mrs. Dorothy Drake (widow of head coach Alan Drake), Mrs. Jane Robertson (widow of Assistant Coach Tom Robertson) Back row: Pete Drotar, Dan “Moose” Mancini, Don Barnhart, Tom Hager, Steve McMullan, Greg Wyss, George Weed, Rick Gray



Sean Kobia and Noel Kobia



Sidney Girl Scout Troop #14 1957  
Karen Merritt, Donna Skinner, Mary Besser, Sharon Sharp, Sandy Mott. Row2: Mary Lou Dann, Sherry Dermody, Nancy Elliott, Marie Stark, Caroline Germond. Back row: Lois Getman, Carol Lord, ?, Vi Sharp



Lawrence F. “Bunker” Halbert on Main Street in Sidney circa 1939



Mrs. LaRue Elliott’s Autobiography

By Joeline Wood Cole

How much do you know about your ancestors? The descendants of LaRue Haynie Elliott are fortunate that she wrote a book titled My Life’s Journey of Joys and Tears. Copies of her self-published autobiography were given to family members as well as the Sidney Public Library and the Sidney Historical Museum by her husband, Dr. Ted Elliott. Mrs. Elliott was a Sidney resident for over sixty years before she passed away in 2009.

Many people will remember that Mrs. Elliott worked in all the schools in Sidney as an aide and school nurse teacher. However, some people may not know that she was a Lieutenant Army Nurse during World War II.

In fact, LaRue met Ted at the 81<sup>st</sup> Field Hospital at Camp Lee, Virginia. They also served together in England and Germany. After their discharges they married and moved to Sidney, Ted’s hometown. They raised two children. Ted, Nancy, and Bob all graduated from Sidney High School.

Mrs. Elliott’s story is written chronologically. It begins with background information about her parents along with her birth in her Haynie grandparents’ home in Manassa, Colorado. There are chapters about LaRue’s upbringing as a Mormon, her early school years, high school, college, nursing school, World War II, and living in Sidney. She is very frank in writing about her feelings and experiences regarding family, friends, school, work, religion, social and community activities. Pictures and captions are included of events like dances, parties, graduations, and weddings. It’s fun to see how clothing styles have changed over the years.

If you want to know more about your own ancestors you may be able to find out information by using our Sidney Historical Association museum resources. We have newspapers on microfilm, an obituary file, and history books to aid in genealogy research. There is a charge of \$1.00 per printed sheet for copies. Please e-mail us at [sidneyhistorical@stny.rr.com](mailto:sidneyhistorical@stny.rr.com) or stop in room 218 of the Civic Center during our open hours 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays and 9-11:30 a.m. Thursdays for assistance.

MacDonald Hose Co #2 is 100

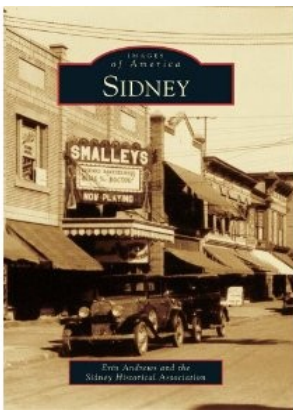
Mac Donald Hose Co#2 will be celebrating twice this year as it is our 100th Anniversary of the Volunteer Fire Company's service and dedication to this town and the 50th Anniversary of the Company making the best BBQ Chicken around!

To mark our 100th Anniversary we will be compiling pictures, stories, data etc to use in our 100th Anniversary booklet. We would greatly appreciate any stories, memorabilia, pictures of fires, fireman's last ride on the truck before being laid to rest, parades, gatherings, conventions, the Mac Hose Bowling team, BBQ's and any personal memories you may have like running to the station when the alarm went off.

This is a huge milestone that we take great pride in and would love to be able to have in print so that our history is documented and can be shared with generations to come.

Anyone having anything that they would like to share or donate may send it to MacDonald Hose Co#2, East Main Street, Sidney, NY 13838 Attn: Bill S./Alana B. 100th Anniversary Committee. or post it to the Sidney Fire Dept. site on Facebook. Document your name and address on anything that you would like returned as well as any information we will need to identify people in the pictures, dates and places etc. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to a very successful celebration.

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Sidney Historical Association Hours

The Sidney Historical Association invites the public to take advantage of additional open hours at our Museum during Alumni Weekend. Come to room 218 in the Civic Center from 1- 3 p.m. July 13 and 12 – 3:30 p.m. July 14.

This is an opportunity for both current and former residents to see exhibits about businesses like Cortland Cart and Carriage Company, Scintilla, and Cooley’s. Artifacts that belonged to Captain Fox, Dr. Loomis, and Ward Hermann are displayed. There are pictures, postcard albums, and more to view. Volunteers are available to chat or answer questions.

If you don’t have your copy of our Images of America “Sidney” book you can buy it at the museum or contact Bonnie Curtis at 607-563-1547 to order one. We have other local history books, Scintillators, year-books, reproduction postcards, notecards, Bicentennial items, and mugs decorated with pictures of Sidney’s three high schools for sale too. You can also become a member. All proceeds support our projects and programs.

For more information about our organization visit our website at [www.sidneyonline.com/sha.htm](http://www.sidneyonline.com/sha.htm) or on Facebook. Questions may be e-mailed to [sidneyhistorical@stny.rr.com](mailto:sidneyhistorical@stny.rr.com).

Earlier this year we hosted a presentation by Dave Plummer, Betty Gilbert, and Judy Ogden about the Bendix /Amphenol Memory Lane Exhibit. Judy is designing the exhibit for the new plant. She mentioned that she has a lot of magnetos but is looking for other parts, more pictures, and giveaway items with the company name on them. If you have items to donate please call her at 607-563-5378 or e-mail her at [jogden@amphenol-aao.com](mailto:jogden@amphenol-aao.com).

Truair E Halbert

By Lawrence M. and Lawrence F. Halbert

Truair E Halbert was a Sidney High School alumnus of the class of 1932 and was my uncle and the brother of my father, Lawrence F. “Bunker” Halbert. Truair (also nicknamed “Bunker”) was killed in action during World War II, on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1943.



Truair E. Halbert

This happened while on a bombing raid over Kessel, Germany. Truair was a tail gunner on a B-17 aircraft. His function was to defend the aircraft against enemy fighter attacks from the rear, or "tail" of a B-17 bomber. The tail gunner operated a pair of flexible 50 caliber machine guns. The tail of a B-17 was considered to be one of the most vulnerable positions on the aircraft because the enemy fighters knew if they could damage this area of the aircraft it could not fly. The chances of survival were certainly not in the tail gunner’s favor.

Truair E. Halbert served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Forces with the 524th Bomber Squadron of the 379th Bomber Group. He is buried at Plot B Row 35 Grave 39, Ardennes American Cemetery, Neupre, Belgium. Besides his other campaign medals Truair was also awarded the Purple Heart.

In July 2011 the Halbert family was contacted by a gentleman named Richard Lewis, who is from Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He is a private researcher who gathers information about his father’s old outfit, which incidentally was the same as Truair’s. In fact, Mr. Lewis’ father was also a tail gunner.

Mr. Lewis assists many individuals, groups and organizations with his research. One of his favorite projects is to assist with the adoption of American Veterans graves by Dutch and Belgian civilians. These organizations enlist his services in finding out about the veteran so that the adopting parents can record the veterans legacy for future generations. He also tries to contact the families of these Veterans that were killed in action during WWII. He then connects the family to the adoptive parents of the veterans grave in Belgium or Holland.

Richard Lewis writes: “As for me I am elated to have had a hand in this because there is now another serviceman who, instead of just having a white cross in an open field in Flanders, can now have a story attached to it, that transcends time”.

Truair’s adoptive parents are Pol, his wife and their granddaughter. They are very dedicated and proud to have volunteered to adopt these fine young airmen. They are working very hard to preserve their memories as an expression of gratitude for giving their all to save their country.

The caretaker Pol from Belgium writes: “I received your mail-address from Mr. Richard Lewis ([swampfire1944@gmail.com](mailto:swampfire1944@gmail.com)). He said you are the son of Truair Earl Halbert brother! In relation with my adoption of your Uncle at September 22nd. “

The Halbert family is so grateful to have been connected with both Richard Lewis and Pol and his family who are now caretakers of Truair E Halbert’s gravesite.

If you or your family would like more information on military veterans during WWII airmen see these websites: <http://sites.google.com/site/swampfiresite/home> or <https://sites.google.com/site/379thbgnoseart/>



Pol, the gentleman from Belgium who, along with his family adopted the grave of Truair E. Halbert. Pol is standing in the Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupre, Belgium.

Sidney Alumni Veterans Memorial Page

The Sidney Alumni website, [sidneyalumni.org](http://sidneyalumni.org), now has a Veterans Memorial Page: 'Alumni Veterans List by Graduation Year" - to Honor all Alumni Veterans both alive and deceased. We realize that this list is far from being complete. And, we apologize if the name of a SCS Alumni Veteran has been omitted from the list. If you would like your name added to the list, or you know of a name which should be added to the list, please contact us.

Please Contact Larry Halbert via e-mail:

[larryhalbert7@gmail.com](mailto:larryhalbert7@gmail.com)

OR mail me the names:

Larry M. Halbert  
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Sidney, NY 13838  
(607)-237-4762

This is to attempt at getting as a complete a list as possible. Military Veterans deserve the best and I think we should recognize those from our Sidney area. This is to memorialize and recognize the military service and sacrifices of all of our military veterans -- past, present, and future.



Annual All Class Reunion Luncheon  
Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators Induction Ceremony  
Registration Form  
July 15, 2012

Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.50/person = \_\_\_\_\_ Total  
Sidney Fire Department Training Center, River Street  
11.00 AM Social Hour    11:45 Program/ Luncheon  
Please list all names and class year (if alumni) of Luncheon Attendees  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail Registration and Fees to:  
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Sidney, New York 13838  
Please take a moment to fill out the membership application on the back of this form.  
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Alumni Weekend  
Schedule of Events

**Friday July 13**  
**Open House Sidney Historical Association**  
**1-3pm**  
  
**Annual Alumni Golf Tournament**  
**7:30 AM and 12:30 PM Flights**  
**Sidney Golf and Country Club**  
**Barbecue and Awards Ceremony 5:30PM**  
  
**Social/Icebreaker**  
**Sidney Elks Lodge 8pm**  
**Featuring the band Splash!**  
**\$5 cover charge**

**Saturday July 14**  
**Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sidney VFW 8-11AM \$6.50/person (at the door)**  
  
**Annual March of the Classes**  
**Alumni Field - High School**  
**Line up 11:00AM**  
**March 11:30AM**  
  
**Open Houses**  
**Sidney Historical Association**  
**12-3:30 pm**  
  
**Sidney High School**  
**1pm– 3pm**  
  
**Saturday Evening Social**  
**American Legion 8pm**  
**Featuring the band Brotherhood**  
**9-1AM**  
**\$5 cover charge**

**Sunday July 15**  
**Annual Alumni Memorial Service**  
**Ed Roelle Nature Trail**  
**10:30 AM**  
  
**Annual All Class Reunion Luncheon**  
**Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Faculty Induction Ceremony**  
  
**Sidney Firemen’s Facility**  
**River Street**  
**Social Hour 11AM**  
**Program and Luncheon 11:45 AM**  
  
**Tickets \$15.50/person**  
**Reservations Required (registration above)**

Be sure to check  
[www.sidneyalumni.org](http://www.sidneyalumni.org)  
for updates to the schedule and for class reunion plans

“Sidney Rocks” Benefit Raises \$7200 to Help with area Flood Relief

Close to 100 caring volunteers joined together Sunday October 11, 2011 to bring about a successful fundraiser to help those in the Sidney area affected by last September's devastating flood. The event, held at the Hillcrest Roller Rink in Sidney raised \$7200. The money raised went to the United Way of Sidney for the flood relief fund.

Some 18 bands and soloists provided a variety of music both inside the rink and in a tent outside. Everyone volunteered their time to both entertain and raise funds to help their community members still reeling from the effects of the second flood in five years.

Greg Davie served as master of ceremonies for the event and Hillcrest Rink owner, Tracey Chapman served as host. Each of the four organizers of Sidney Rocks - Vesna Hoblitz, Greg Davie, Tracey Chapman and Tom Thomson, had family or friends impacted by the flood. The event served to provide assistance to those affected and also gave everyone an opportunity to do their part to help their friends and neighbors.



(left) Some organizers and participants of Sidney Rocks pose with the check presented to the Sidney United Way to aide in Flood Relief.

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Class Representatives

In order to keep this list current—we urge you to contact us with any changes.  
Due to a lack of space, only one contact person per class is listed.

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1941  
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

1943  
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1944  
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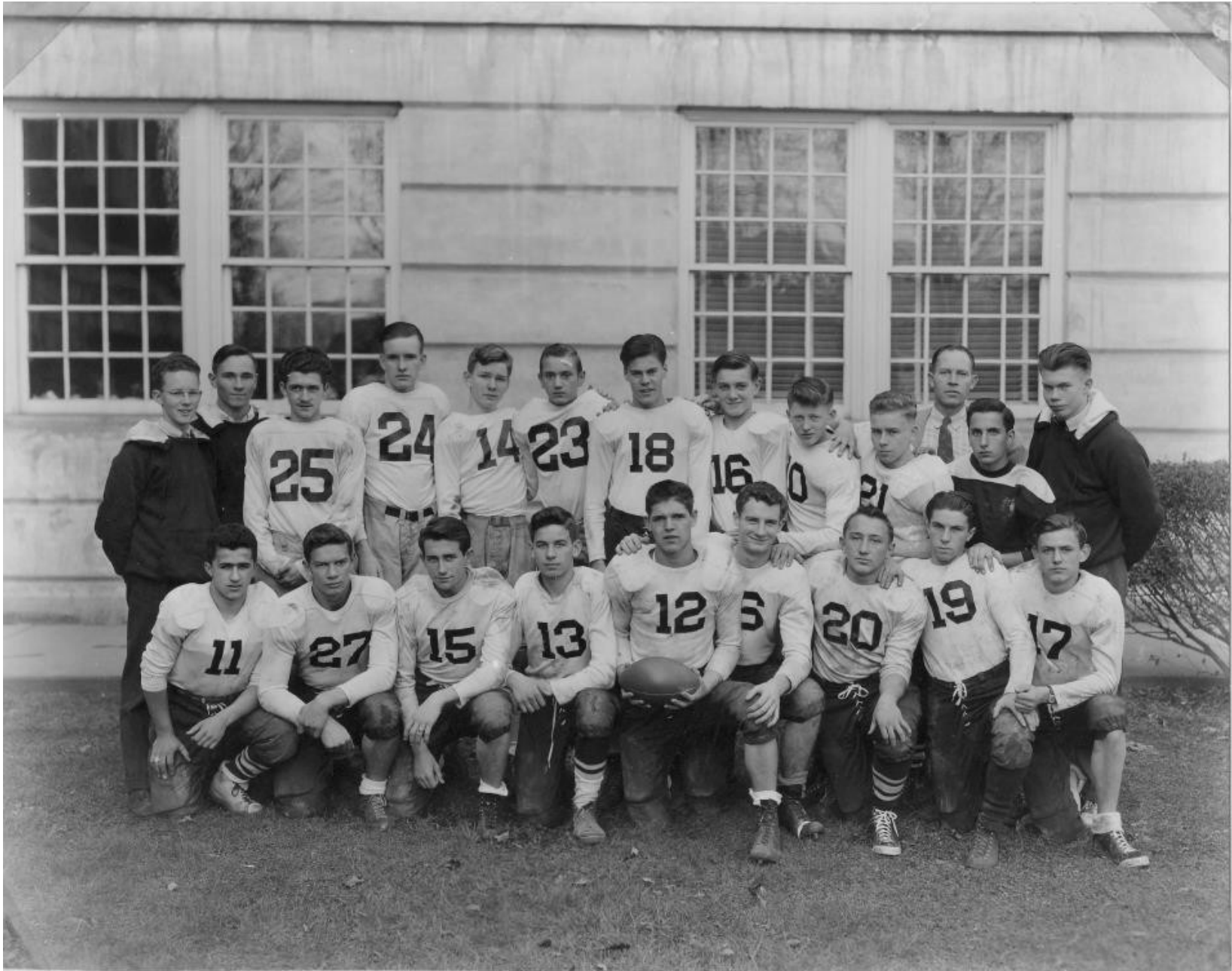
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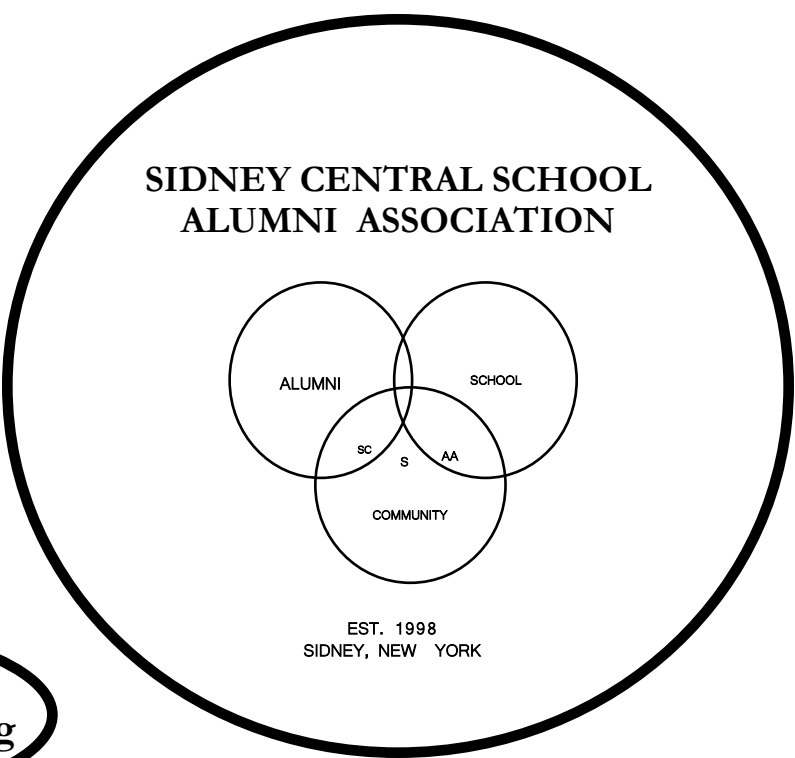
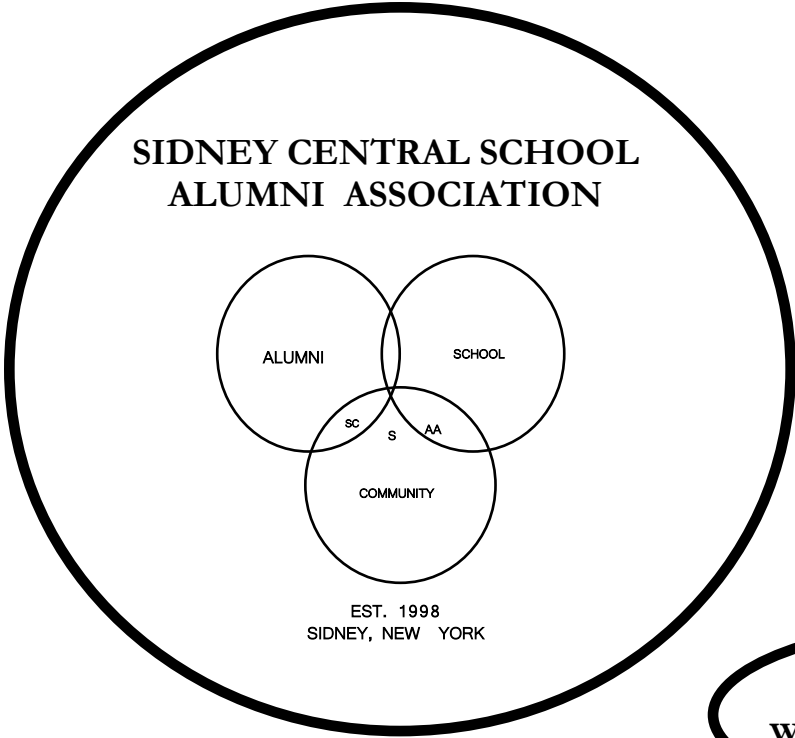


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