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SCSAA's Susquehanna Boat Float Sees Success

The inaugural Susquehanna River Kayak & Canoe Nature Float, one of two new events at Alumni Weekend, was an absolutely huge success! The 18-paddler flotilla was co-led by Dick Germond, '63, Jeff Conover, '80, and Dave Pickwick, '70. Participants put in at the Unadilla DEC Fishing Access point and enjoyed a glorious, easy 2.5-hour paddle down the Susquehanna River to the Sidney bridge take-out point.

Being on this beautiful stretch of the river with old and new friends enjoying the quiet scenery and occasional eagle passing overhead made for a rejuvenating respite from the otherwise busy Alumni Weekend.

Safety was a priority and, after previously scouting the course

several times, Jeff led the way. He kept everyone in the best water, clear of any potential problem areas.

While safety was a focus, there was also time for plain, old-fashioned fun, including gentle rapids, a few water cannon surprises and an opportunity to test one's nerve jumping from the railroad trestle into the river. Fearless Janet Trettner was the hands-down winner in form!

It was an outstanding event; just ask anyone who participated.



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Organizers hope you'll join in on the fun next year and double the number of paddlers for SCSAA's second annual Kayak & Canoe Nature Float on the Susquehanna!

Inaugural SCSAA Cornhole Event Hits the Mark

Not even high heat and humidity could ruin the inaugural Sidney Alumni Weekend Cornhole Tournament, held Saturday, July 21 at Awestruck Ciders.

Twenty-four two-person teams vied for the win, with at least one alumnus or former staff member required per team. Thanks goes out to Jeff and Shelly Pendorf, both Class of '82, for organizing the board set-ups and double-elimination brackets. Tom and Teri D'Imperio Schunk, '84, assisted.

Chairman Greg Davie, '76, promoted the event by recruiting the talents of Kate Philpott, '12. Kate and her partner designed and built custom cornhole boards featuring the Sidney Alumni logo with matching maroon and white bags. A set was raffled off during the competition.

The first bag was tossed by the oldest competitor, coach Doug Fessenden. Games went quickly in the early rounds, as the better teams worked their way

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Doug Fessenden launches the first cornhole bag to start the tournament.

through the field.

In the end, it was an undefeated run for Mike Boyce, '84, and Rick Beardslee, '02, out-doing father-son duo Ken and Hunter Sowersby, '85 and '13, in the finals. Their prize was 25 percent of the total entry fee collected, or \$120. Second- through fourth-place winners also won cash. Half the total raised, or \$240, went to SCSAA.

There was plenty of water for the “throwers” and Awestruck served as excellent hosts. Organizers met immediately afterward to assess the event and make suggestions for next year’s Sidney Alumni Weekend Cornhole Tournament.



Above: Champions Rick Beardslee, '02, and Mike Boyce, '84; top right: second-place winners Kevin, '85, and Hunter, '13, Sowersby



Custom cornhole boards featuring the Sidney Alumni logo designed and built by Kate Philpott, '12.

Warriors Help Kids in Need

Submitted by Jill Cutrtis Brazee

This summer at our 40th reunion, the Class of '79 collected school supplies to donate to the elementary school. I have always been proud to be a Sidney Warrior, but as I sorted through all the items my classmates contributed, I was filled with Warrior Pride!

Items collected included: 193 folders, 14 bottles of glue, five three-ring binders, 95 pens, two lunch pails, eight Trapper Keepers, two boxes of tissues, 63 spiral notebooks, 828 pencils, 18 highlighters, 15 pencil boxes/cases, two packages of index cards, six boxes of markers, 43 backpacks, 21 packages of filler paper, 14 rulers, 90 glue sticks, 15 composition notebooks, 62 boxes of crayons, 30 boxes of colored pencils, six pair of scissors and more!

We would like to put out a challenge to classes holding reunions in the future to do something similar. It could be collecting items for the local food banks, the animal shelter, etc.—whatever hits closest to your hearts!



Students, Alumni Collaborate for Second Annual SCSAA Workshops

Twenty-eight student council members in grades seven through 12 discussed, practiced and honed public-speaking skills on Sept. 21 during the second annual SCSAA Student Workshop, led by Bob Daugherty '73 and Doug Sheldon '59.

Organizer and SCSAA Presi-

dent Douglas Sheldon, '59, said the event is an offshoot of Sidney's Career Day, begun in 2016, and a chance for alumni to deepen connections with current students. The workshops, he noted, were conceptualized by Sidney student council adviser and SCSAA board member Lori DePauw and student Leadership Fellows elected to the SCSAA board in April 2018.

Following morning sessions led by Bob and Doug, radio personality, New York State historian and author, "Big Chuck" D'Imperio, '67, joined for an on-stage afternoon session with lights and microphone.

Though the 2018 workshop paired expert alumni with student council officers, in sessions on Meeting Management and Public Speaking, the decision to focus this year's workshop exclusively on public speaking was driven by student leaders' initiative. At the request of the students, a February 2020 workshop on life- and stress-management skills is in development.

"The idea is to get alumni with these skills and expertise," Sheldon said, "but it's demand-driven by students (based on) what they feel they need to cover and ... kids



Meghan Worden, center, Megan Youngs and Savanna Baldwin discuss public-speaking techniques with Doug Sheldon.

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Golf, Food & Fun Highlight Alumni Weekend Activities

Reunion Weekend 2019 was another great success.

Alumni, friends and family from all over the world came to celebrate with classmates and enjoy the wonderful activities provided by the SCSAA.

The weekend kicked off with the annual golf tournament, held at the Sidney Golf and Country Club. Beautiful weather helped make the day even more enjoyable, especially for the winning team of Craig Dawson, Brian Birdsall, Keith Theobald and Earl Halaquist, with an impressive -20!

Delicious food and good times were had at the banquet immediately following the event, also held at the country club, with food provided by Jeanette and Ericka.

People cut loose on Friday evening at the icebreaker event at the American Legion in Sidney, with music provided by The Roundhouse Rockers.

After an incredibly hot day on Saturday, alumni showed up that evening for an event at the Elks Lodge, where everyone enjoyed some music from our DJ and socializing.



Names are read during the in memoriam portion of Sunday's Alumni Weekend events at the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park on River Street.



Members of the Class of '56 enjoy a picnic during Alumni Weekend 2019.



Members of the Class of '69, celebrating their 50th reunion, process in the March of Classes at Alumni Weekend 2019.

17th Annual Sidney Alumni Sports HOF Induction Brings Great Time

The 17th Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Induction dinner and ceremony was held at the Elks Lodge on Saturday, Oct. 5, with a smaller-than-usual but enthusiastic crowd of 125.

Slight changes in ambiance and the order of events were only noticed by those who attend annually. Most notably, a simple approach to decorating, executed by committee member Shirley Pierce '79, was well received, as was the return of the "Shop Local, Keep it Local" raffle. Shirley also took charge of that aspect of the event, where local businesses donated products and services.

The official "Alumni Store to Go" also returned, with Jim, '75, and Jerri (Davis), '79, Shupperd offering a nice selection of Sports HOF memorabilia and a variety of alumni clothing and collectible products.

As usual, the evening's program was guided by emcee and SHOF co-founder and chairman Greg Davie, '76. As Greg said, "lots of emotions and memories" dominated the night, with enough laughter and feel-good moments to make it entertaining, as well.

The Class of 2019 featured a quartet of talented athletes, while the Legacy Team—1967-'68 wrestlers—shared the spotlight in one of the shortest ceremonies on record.

One of the treasured items displayed by the inductees was the original Ralph Pyle trophy from 1958. Its first recipient, the late Bill Burdick, '58, was the inaugural inductee. It should be noted that Bill is also the first inductee honored posthumously. A three-generation contingent of family members was grateful to speak on Bill's behalf. Daughter Barb Burdick Freyer, '81, set the tone, then gave the floor to nephew Kyle Burdick, who read the touching passage written in Bill's senior yearbook by his football coach, Hall of Famer Fran Redmond. Accepting the induction plaque

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The Legacy Lineup pauses for a picture during this year's SHOF induction ceremony.



The original, 1958 Ralph Pyle trophy is displayed at this year's SHOF dinner and induction ceremony.



Former basketball coach Karen Clark, right, stands with inductee Erin Stanton-Silva, '98.

Be Part of SCSAA's Efforts to Enhance School, Community and Alumni...

The SCSAA board of directors greatly appreciate our members' support, which enables us to continue our program of seven annual scholarships and donations to help various school and community causes.



If you are interested in learning about the value of your membership, please see Reflections Winter 2019 issue, on our website.

Membership Options

\$15 per year for a Regular-Annual;

\$70 for a Regular-5 year;

\$10 for a Seniors-Annual (age 65 and older);

\$45 for a Senior-5 year.

An invoice postcard is mailed each year in June. To become a member, please fill out the Membership Form on page 12 and follow the mailing instructions.

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We Remember

Frances Long Cooke, '36
Eileen Wilson Atkinson, '42
Ernest Bartz, '45
Harvey Phillips, '45
Ted Davies, '46
Margaret Patrick Landers, '46
Dortha Bidwell Volt, '47
Marjorie Wicks Dean, '51
Benjamin Gloeckler, '52
Martha Getman Zanker, '53
Milton Barnes, '54

Warren Doolittle, '54
Faye Knapp Platt, '54
Mary Davis Barnes, '57
Jerry Curtis, '59
Linda Mazzarella Panaro, '65
Chuck Blanchard, '66
Timothy McLaughlin, '73
David Cole, '74
Debbie Finch, '76
Crystal Martindale Hartwell, '80
Kela Anderson Charles, '83

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have reacted to it in an incredibly positive way.”

Students were sectioned into small groups for morning sessions, each presenting a three-minute speech and then the 28 students combined into one large group in the afternoon for on-stage presentation and critiquing of four- to five-minute speeches developed throughout the day.

DePauw said, given that many of the participating upperclassmen are focused on college and careers, a public-speaking workshop was beneficial.

“(Students) felt this would be the thing to best prepare them for the next stage of life,” she said. “It’s a real-life skill that they recognize is going to help them in the future.”

“Public speaking is very difficult for most people and it is a skill that you need for your entire life,” student Kaitlin Bookhout said in a written statement.

“There aren’t as many opportunities in school for public speaking, so this workshop provides a specific day devoted to acquiring and perfecting this skill.”

“The different sessions that took place and the groups that the students were split into resulted in the entire day running smoothly,” Bookhout said.

“Having the students split into different groups based on grade level and experience was a good decision, (because) this caused the upperclassmen to step into leadership roles ... and underclassmen were able to look toward their older counterparts for guidance and, in the process, gain more confidence. Everyone gave each other continuous support and no matter how uncomfortable one was with public

speaking, all students were sympathetic and accepting of one another, leading to active participation from all. I think it was an amazing opportunity for the students who had the honor of attending.”

“It was incredibly impactful having the alumni come in and help (students) build on a skill that will carry them into life beyond high school,” echoed senior and SCSAA Leadership Fellow Sarah Bessett. “The young ones responded so well and it was exciting to see them truly engaged and willing to push themselves in the morning and afternoon sessions, as well as the upperclassmen being so supportive and encouraging.”



Featured workshop speaker Bob Daugherty, '73, leads student participants in a discussion on public speaking in the Sidney High School Auditorium.

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Faculty: Robert Finnegan taught in the elementary school and coached golf, basketball and cross-country. He retired in 2008 and enjoys golf, landscaping and philately. He is also on the alumni Sports Hall of Fame Committee. In 2018, he took a Bermuda cruise. He has three daughters, **Jennifer, '90, Ker, '91, and Kristen, '93**, as well as four grandchildren.

1943 Shirley Turtur Curtis lives in Masonville and is adjusting to single life after her husband's death. She enjoys gardening and volunteering at her church. She has two children, **Jeffrey, '74, and Pamela, '78**. She has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and really enjoys getting the paper to see what people have been doing.

1948 Beverly Preston Gregory retired in 1975 from office work and enjoys resting and church activities. She has two children, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

1950 Ramona Travis Peterson is a widow living in Unadilla. She has two married daughters, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

1951 Evelyn Brush Thayer is her class rep and keeps in contact with many classmates. She passed along information about Dick Holloway being in an assisted living facility and noted that Gladys Bowker Jaques lost her husband.

1952 Joan Misner Crandall retired in 1997 from Bendix and working at the Social Security Office. She enjoys sewing, reading and line dancing. She volunteers in the Hospice store in Oneonta. She has seven children, 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She says part of her heart is still in Sidney.

Erma Scott-MacDonald lives in New Jersey and retired in 1999. She volunteers for her church and various charities. She has two children and two grandchildren.

1953 Patricia Greene enjoys reading, after 38 years as principal clerk for the NYS Troopers, Troop C. She volunteers for her church, Elks Lodge, DAR and GFWC. She has two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and was inducted into the Sidney Alumni Wall of Fame.

Phyllis Betts Place was a secretary and still does some accounting in her home. She is the financial secretary for the Maywood Historical Group of Sidney Center. She has three children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, 3 through 20.

Joyce Kirkland Vining retired in 1990 from Victory Markets as a meat wrapper and now enjoys crossword puzzles. She recently vacationed in Arizona. She has four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She loves Reflections.

1954 Walter Bruetsch lives in Stuart, Florida and retired in 1999. He enjoys tennis and genealogy, for which he volunteers.

Betty Marriott Winchester enjoys flowers and feeding the birds. She has three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1955 Richard Kuebler retired in 1998 and enjoys golf and woodworking. He is a past member of the Hudson River Community CU Board of Directors and a member of the Corinth CS School Board. He has a home in Panama City, Florida. He has three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. At 81, he is still going

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She is the Eucharistic minister at her church, and she tutors. Her most recent trips have been to Martha's Vineyard and Ocean City. She has a daughter, Lori, and twin grandsons.

Nancy DuMond Setford lives in Apollo Beach, Florida and has two children, Troy and Tonya, and five grandchildren.

Tom Rettberg is in real estate sales and lives in Maine. He enjoys traveling, reading and writing. He volunteers for Locker Project Food for Disadvantaged Families. He recently took a three-week safari in South Africa. He has two daughters and three grandchildren. He was recently inducted into SCSAA Wall of Fame.

Jinx Anderson Williams retired in 2012 and lives in Sherburne, NY. She volunteers for the Rolling Antiquers Car Club and goes to Florida yearly. She has three children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1965 Keith Hayes is retired and enjoys bowling and Nascar. He is an inactive life member of Hopewell, Virginia's emergency crew. His most recent trips were to Wisconsin and Michigan. He has three children and four grandchildren.

Carol Roof Hulbert enjoys trips to North Carolina and Colorado to visit family. She has three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Linda Mazzarella worked in an office and in retail but is now disabled. She enjoys crochet, puzzles and reading. She volunteers for the Sacred Heart and Methodist churches.

1966 Chris Schaeffer Ossont lives in New Hartford, NY. She was named "Realtor of the Year" for New York State and still loves working. She has 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all living close by. She has travelled to 43 states and 28 countries. She thanks the many dedicated members who plan alumni weekend and keep us in touch.

Carol Johnson Wilber lives in Unadilla and has three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She works for the Unatego Central School District and has been married for 53 years.

Greg Wyss retired in 2015 after the wireless communications company that he co-founded was purchased by a competitor. His first novel, "When Life was Like a Cucumber," was published earlier this year. He lives in Houston with his wife Barbara and enjoys traveling as much as possible.

1968 Wayne Charles recently traveled to Ocean City and is semi-retired and enjoys golf. He has three children, **Wayne, '88, Tasha, '96, and Ericka, '03**. He also has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He says that life is beautiful.

Deborah Woytek Puffer will be celebrating 50 years of marriage next May to her husband, **Blair, '70**. Their daughter, Carrie, will be retiring from the U.S. Navy next year as a Commander and their son, Chad, is the Director of Security for SAAB Defense. Their oldest granddaughter, Katie, is a freshman at St. John Fisher College and Emma is an eighth-grader and Olivia a fifth-grader at Cazenovia School. Deb and Blair took up golf in their retirement years and enjoy wintering in Florida.

Theresia Kraus Van Campen lives in California and is the mother of five children and has four grandchildren. She loves binge-watching TV and is a member care adviser for SGI-USA.

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and hopes to be cancer-free from neck cancer.

1956 Carl Karlson is married to **Norma Turtur, '58**, and they live in California. He retired in 2003 as a civil engineer and enjoys woodworking. He volunteers for the Lions Club and trail cleaning in the Sierra Nevadas. Together they have two children and five grandchildren.

1958 Judy Bouvier Austin retired as a math teacher in 1995 and enjoys reading, swimming and genealogy. She volunteers a little at local schools. Her oldest granddaughter graduated from college and her twin sister, who has Downs Syndrome, lives with Judy. Her two youngest grandchildren are in college.

Paul Scofield is married to **Kathleen Hennessey, '60**, and together they have two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They really enjoy the newsletter.

1959 Rich and Sue Gloeckler Alcott live in Binghamton and retired in 2006 and 2005. Rich enjoys guitar, camping, kayaking and reading. Sue enjoys knitting and reading and they both volunteer at church. They attend yearly reunions of the USS Springfield. They have three children and three grandchildren. They also enjoy Reflections

1960 Linda Landers Burke is the owner of Horse Show Management Services, Inc. in Horseheads, NY. She volunteers for the historical society and had a recent trip to St. John. She has two sons and five grandchildren.

June Haynes Elsemore retired in 2006 and enjoys reading and crocheting. She volunteers at a school library. She has a daughter, Lisa, and two grandchildren.

Roger Terry is married to **Sharon Ellis, '63**, and they live in Calabash, North Carolina. He enjoys golf and travel and volunteers at church. He has vacationed in Aruba, Panama Canal, Costa Rica and Columbia.

1962 Dolores Hayes Breuning lives in Sidney and has two children, **Michael, '87**, and **Tina, '89**. She has four grandchildren.

Patricia Gray Tancredi enjoys travel, golf and reading. She has travelled to Jordan, Egypt, Israel, India, Portugal and Spain. She has two daughters, Heather and Beth, and four grandchildren. She lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

1963 Marion Jipson Luce retired in 2002 as an administrative assistant for the National Education Association. She enjoys tennis, biking, golf and gardening. She recently enjoyed a riverboat cruise from Paris to Normandy. She has a daughter, Tina, and four grandchildren.

Jim Sergio retired in 2004 as an industrial arts teacher at Norwich High School. He enjoys hunting, fishing and golf. He volunteers for First Robotics.

1964 Gloria Schmitt Cocoran lives in Baldwinsville, NY and taught school for 37 years. She enjoys reading, travel, attending plays, and socializing with friends and family. She also enjoys helping with her seven grandchildren. She enjoys cruising with her friends and has gone to five in Europe, Australia/New Zealand, Alaska and two in the Caribbean. She has four children, two in California and two in Baldwinsville. She always looks at the glass as half full and says to enjoy life.

Susan Dermody Kuehn is semi-retired as a high school English teacher. She is the supervisor of student teachers at Union College and College at Saint Rose. She enjoys reading, walking, gardening and traveling.

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1969 Mary Payne Giuliani retired in 2017 and has five grandchildren. Mary lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Linda Haynes Lee enjoys camping, reading and kayaking in retirement. She lives in South Carolina and makes hats for cancer patients in her spare time. She recently traveled to Tennessee. She has two stepchildren and two grandchildren.

James Maltese is an accountant and living in California.

Valerie Anderson Wittkamper is a teacher living in Maryland. She has two daughters, Karen and Julia.

1970 Joelene Wood Cole retired in 2007 from teaching and enjoys reading, yoga and dancing. She volunteers for the Sidney Historical Association.

1968 John Freleigh lives in Utica NY and just got a new job as the strings/orchestra director at Holland Patent School. He works with students in third through 12th grade. He teaches string instruments and directs a middle school and high school orchestra. He is very excited about this new job.

Wesley Steele lives in Norwich and retired in 2009. He enjoys Nascar, building 1/25 scale models and travel. He has recently traveled to Tennessee and North Carolina. He has three children, Christopher, '95, Jennifer, '96, and Shawn. He also enjoys 11 grandchildren.

1972 Col. (Retired) John Halloran, Jr. retired in 2008 from the U.S. Army. He lives in LA and volunteers for many organizations. He recently enjoyed Disney and Universal in Orlando. He has three children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wendy Mertz McGrady is a retired registered respiratory therapist and enjoys reading. She volunteers in assisting the elderly and lives in Alaska. She has three daughters and five grandchildren, four boys and one girl.

1973 Debra Mott Sickler lives in Afton and retired in 2010. She has four children and nine grandchildren.

1974 Tim Francis retired from the U.S. Navy and is a math teacher in Florida. He has five children.

1976 Jeff Kirby is CEO of New York Farm Bureau in Ballston Lake, NY. He enjoys golf, hunting, fishing and boating. He has two children, Kaelin and Alexandra.

1977 Brenda Walker Gerow is a home health aide and enjoys gardening. She volunteers at her church and recently travelled to Virginia Beach. She has two daughters, Jessica and Charlotte, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pam Fessenden Hall is a quality assurance senior representative living in Georgia. She enjoys gardening, golf and fishing. She was in New York recently to celebrate her parents' (Doug and Dot Fessenden) 65th wedding anniversary. She has three children and two grandchildren. She always enjoys coming back and visiting the friends with whom she grew up.

1979 Karen Knight Bidwell is a grandmother to four and enjoys reading and gardening. Her husband works for the railroad.

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Your Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Your Nickname: _____

Your maiden name, if applicable: _____

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Your Significant Other's SCS Class Year: _____

Are you (or were you) a SCS faculty member? () Yes () No. If yes, which subject(s) and which grades do you or did you teach? _____

Did you coach any sports teams? If yes, which sports, the level, and the year (?) _____

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Vocation: _____

Are you retired? If yes, what year? _____

Hobbies: _____

Volunteer Activities: _____

Recent Vacations: _____

Children's First Names (& SCS graduation yr.) _____

Number of Grandchildren: _____

Number of Great Grandchildren: _____

Your Personal Statement: _____

Are you interested in taking part in the Alumni Sharing Knowledge Network (ASK)?
() YES () NO

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Meet the Editor

Allison Collins is the former managing editor of Tri-Town News and an 18-year resident of Unadilla. She worked for the Sidney-area paper for roughly three years, until its December 2018 closure.

Allison grew up in Salem, New Hampshire, relocating to upstate New York in 2001.

After graduating from Franklin Central School in 2004, she pursued a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Hartwick College. While at college, Allison studied abroad in England, France, Italy, Spain and India.

Following college, Allison worked briefly as a dance instructor and a preschool teacher. She is a longtime freelance writer with The Daily Star and Upstate Life Magazine and, more recently, The Reporter (formerly Walton Reporter). Her fiction has appeared in various online and traditional publications.

Allison was appointed to a one-year term as editor at the Oct. 5 SCSAA Board meeting.

Allison lives in Unadilla with her husband John, a physics teacher in the Unatego Central School District, and their three daughters. She enjoys reading, cooking, chocolate, ballet, cats and yoga.

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To submit a brief paragraph for the "Alumni News" column, or change or add an address, fill out a form on: update@sidneyalumni.org or go directly to the alumni website: sidneyalumni.org, click on "Updates" in the lefthand column, fill out the form, and submit.

To submit an article or photo with a caption, email an article in Word format and JPG photos to:

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Call or text questions to 603.401.5377

Web Tech Still Needed

I'm Ray Taylor, the Web Master for the Sidney Alumni Website.

The site has come a long way over the years and is very large. This is a plea for help.

I hope someone can help me run this program and also maybe move it to the next level. As of now, it does not display well on iPhones.

Hopefully with some help, we could do that. Mostly it just needs to be kept up to date, which is a big project in itself. If you understand the HTML code, I'm sure we could make a difference.

Ray Taylor,
Web Master, Sidney Alumni Website.

Phone: (607) 563-2083, email: retaylor@sidneyalumni.org

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The Alumni Association has received numerous requests over the last few years asking us to offer Alumni gear to show off Sidney pride. Well, we heard you and we have made it happen! The Alumni Association has partnered with Tim Shupperd - Class of 2004 - to bring you an online store of Sidney Alumni Gear. Check out our selection of hoodies, t-shirts, hats, mugs and more! And, you can also customize anything! It doesn't matter where you live, your gear will be shipped directly to you. If there's something you want to see in our store, let us know!

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***If you have an interest in helping on any of these committees, we are always looking for dedicated volunteers, please contact us!**



NOTICE:

The SCSAA Board of Directors Annual Meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18 in the Alumni Room at the Pearl Street School. All alumni are invited to attend.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALUMNI AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

The Class Roster and Class Rep list are essential to ensure communications about the Alumni Association reach you. The SCSAA has a class roster on the website, www.sidneyalumni.org, containing the names of all Sidney alumni. Your contact information is only as current as your membership. When you join or renew and send your contact information, it is entered in the roster, unless you indicate you do not want it posted.

The future of Reflections depends upon alumni maintaining their official membership.

Is your class in need of a class rep? Would you like to volunteer? Submit your name and contact information to: update@sidneyalumni.org Be sure to write "New Class Rep" on the form.

To keep this list current, please contact us with any changes by filling out a form at: update@sidneyalumni.org.

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was Bill's widow, Sandy Bryden Burdick, '59.

Larry Halbert, '75, served as an introductory speaker for the second year. This time, for his cousin Colin Kelly, '68. A lot of joking about (lack of) size kept the air light and cheery. Colin's ability to laugh at himself while demonstrating his appreciation will long be remembered. He, too, was proud his family made the ceremony.

Former basketball coach Karen Clark followed, introducing her extra-special, multi-sport standout Erin Stanton-Silva, '98. The closeness shared by these two, even after 20 years, was genuine and true. A teacher in Virginia, Erin nixed the alumni rostrum for a stand-up acceptance speech, full of pride and tears.

In the funniest introductory speech of the night, Jeff Wood, '01, told the story of playing Legos as a youngster with classmate and best friend Chad Smith, '01. Jeff expertly wove his way toward a heartfelt introduction for Chad, who reminisced about his dad teaching him a lot of the skills which led to his stellar high school career.

Next came the Legacy gentlemen, whose captains Dane Woytek, '68, and Rick Cole, '68, accepted their honor on behalf of those wrestlers who returned to Sidney to represent a nearly unstoppable unit on the mat. Before that, Larry Halbert made a wonderful presentation of remembrance toward HOF coach Tom Robertson, including a bouquet of flowers and a letter of thanks signed by many in attendance.

Keeping with tradition when wrestlers are honored, Greg Davie and Tom's wife Jane Robertson led the crowd in a rousing rendition of Tom's favorite cheer, "Give Me an S!", spelling out "SIDNEY" to the delight of all.

The Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame thanks all sponsors, donors and all those associated with making the night a tremendous success. Emcee Greg Davie updated the audience with news that the long-awaited digital touchscreen display has become a reality at the Sidney High School. This system will allow students, alumni and the community to learn more about the Alumni Association as well as search all yearbooks and access career help, awards and accomplishments, such as Wall of Fame and Sports Hall of Fame honorees.

Induction Weekend began the previous night



Emcee Greg Davie and Jane Robertson, wife of late HOF coach Tom Robertson, lead the crowd in a cheer honoring Tom.



with a halftime ceremony at the Sidney versus Windsor football game, followed by the annual social at the VFW, sponsored by ACCO Brands. The experience is always fun, with inductees relaxing at the start of their weekend, before emotions take hold.

Work will begin in early 2020 for the 18th annual induction class!

Career Day is Coming!

The fourth annual SCSAA Career Day is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26, with alumni presenters still needed.

The event takes place from 8 a.m. to noon, with lunch following, and features a small-group format.

According to SCSAA social media, organizers are “looking for table leaders to come and speak with students about their career path, how you got to where you are, words of wisdom you can pass along and to answer any questions from students that they might have about your career.” In a 2017 interview, organizer Teresa Schunk said, Career Day began as a way to showcase alumni while fostering connections to members of the current student body. Though last year’s event was cancelled because of snow, she noted, previous Career Days have included Sidney students in grades seven through 12, with about 20 alumni presenters. Past presenters discussed careers in medicine, law enforcement, cosmetology, graphic design, law, psychology, photography, writing and broadcast journalism, engineering and more.

“This is to show (students) that you can graduate from a small town like Sidney, go away, come back and really be something,” Schunk said. “It gets the association more involved with the school ... and brings value to the school. They love it.”

Sidney counselors conduct two rounds of interest surveys before Career Day, Schunk said, to determine and narrow down the list of presenters. Guidance counselor and Career Day organizer Jody Gravelin said the day has previously been especially popular with younger students.

“Overall, it’s been very positive, but especially in the younger grade levels,” she said. “They really don’t know what’s out there and this gets them exploring and thinking about what they might want to do.” She estimated that roughly 450 students participated in the 2017 Career Day.

Presenting for the third time at the 2017 event, writer, historian and radio personality Chuck



Above: Students hear from author and radio personality Chuck D during the 2017 Career Day.

Below: Upperclassmen learn about the law from presenter and Binghamton-area lawyer Shane (Eaton) Armstrong, '96, during the third annual Career Day.



D’Imperio, ’67, said he appreciates what Career Day provides.

“I didn’t have a clue what I wanted to do when I got out of school and we did not have Career Day,” he said, “so it’s wonderful to come back here with ... kids who are getting ready to jump off that platform into life. It’s a wonderful, wonderful opportunity for two different generations to come together and think about the future.”

Anyone interested in presenting at this year’s Career Day should contact Schunk at:

Teresa.schunk@nbtinsurance.com.

Beth Scott is an occupational therapist, coach and speaker. She enjoys reading, writing, running and singing. She volunteers at her church and has three children. She is a believer in human potential and a keeper of the flame.

1984 Ward Jenkins lives in Spring Hill, Florida and hopes to retire in 2021. He enjoys working hard and camping with the family. He has three children and three granddaughters. He says to live every day to the fullest.

Michelle Dann Stewart is married to **David, '83**, and they live in Indiana. She is a registered nurse and enjoys flower gardening, cooking, baking and walking in her spare time. Together they have two sons, Andrew, 24, and Jeff, 21.

1987 Helen Harris was inducted into the SCSAA Sports Hall of Fame in 2018 and is married to Karen Clark. She is an alpaca farmer and lives in Harpursville, NY.

1990 Carin Bishop is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta. She lived in Colorado for 12 years and returned to Delaware County in 2008. She works at Friesland Camping as a microbiological lab technician.

1997 Kerri Insinga Green lives in Sidney with her husband, **Blake, '94**. In August, she started as president and CEO of Commerce Chenango.

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Sidney Center Park Project Receives Help from Sidney Students

The Sidney Center Park & Playground is undergoing a much-needed facelift. The project includes improving existing features and creating new elements for residents young and old to enjoy.

Following a flood mitigation project, which effectively cut the park in half and removed several features including the baseball field, concerned citizens rallied to restore the park for its community. This is where the Sidney Center Improvement Group (SCIG) stepped in.

Beginning in 2017, SCIG initiated a fundraising effort to get the project off the ground. Since then, the project has received substantial funding from the dedicated volunteers of SCIG, support and generosity of the community and beyond and assistance from the Sidney United Way and Sidney Alumni Association.

The most recent improvements to the park include repainting the swings, repaving the basketball court, purchasing new basketball posts and installing a message center for posting announcements. There are plans for additional playground equipment, a reading garden and a pavilion. Picnic tables and benches have also been constructed for the park by Sidney High School students.

Sidney High School teacher and FAA advisor Jay Waltz has been working with SCIG and his students to identify ways to make the park more comfortable and usable for varied age groups. "Sidney students put their knowledge and skills to work by building and donating two picnic tables and benches for the Sidney Center Playground Project," Waltz said. "Students in the agri-science class had to design and develop the picnic table and bench plans in small groups before they could start construction.

"The agriculture students hope that visitors of the Sidney Center Park will be able to enjoy a picnic or watch their children play while relaxing on the new benches and picnic tables," Waltz continued. "FFA members are hoping to support the devel-



The repaved basketball court is one of several recent improvements at the Sidney Center Park & Playground.

opment of future projects at the Sidney Center Playground."

SCIG members want to extend tremendous gratitude to all Sidney alumni who so generously gave to see this effort realized. This is truly a collaborative effort and SCIG will continue to leverage its partnerships, ultimately making this volunteer effort a success for all in the community and future generations.

Follow the group's progress or learn how to contribute by visiting "Sidney Center Improvement Group, Inc. (SCIG)" on Facebook.



Picnic tables built by Sidney High School Students for the Sidney Center Park & Playground