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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am happy to report that the Alumni Association had a most exciting and successful year, including a return to a face-to-face reunion, well attended and full of spirit, friendship, and nostalgia. As we officially announce our Reunion 2023 program and as we begin our Annual Spring Membership Campaign, I would like to highlight some of the programs, projects, and events that have been and are made possible by the leadership of our directors and the active support of members like you.

The purchase of caps, gowns, and tassels for Sidney High School students who can't afford to buy their own.

The purchase of yearbooks for Sidney High School students who cannot afford them.

Scholarships for seven graduating Sidney High School students.

Conference scholarships for five Sidney High School students to attend the Students Against Destructive Decisions conference.

Annual 'Career Day' program, tailored for grades 7, 8, 9 and 10, 11, 12.

Our matching grant programs have made possible:

Sidney Veterans Memorial Park
Reconstruction of Sidney Center Children's Park
Digital records of the 100 years of Sidney Record Enterprise
Sidney Public Library projects
Sidney Emergency Squad support

And the Alumni Association also hosts:

Sports Hall of Fame Dinner
Wall of Fame Luncheon
A three-day annual July Reunion weekend with 10 alumni events
An Alumni Volleyball Tournament
An Alumni Basketball Tournament
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to celebrate their 25th reunion weekend together with Wall of Fame members and this year's inductees.

The 2022 March of the Classes on Main Street was such a success last year that we will do it again this year and will honor two retiring board officers as grand marshals: Debby Puffer, '68, Jon Jay DeTemple, '61. Each has served on the SCSAA Board for more than two decades.

Finally, as we face an increasingly online and electronic world and as printing and mailing costs rise, the board has raised the question "to mail or not to mail?" Are you pleased to receive several issues online in full color, or do you prefer to have Reflections mailed to you? Currently we do both: provide Reflections online and mail to paid members whose addresses we have. Please let us know your thoughts about online Reflections.

Doug Sheldon, '59

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For Reunion 2023, the Alumni Association will host a reception Friday, July 14 for the members of the Class of 1998

ALUMNI WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Dear Alumni,

We are getting ready for another amazing All-Alumni Weekend and look forward to alumni from across the country coming home. Festivities will take place July 14-16. Below is a list of activities, as well as details for signing up for certain events.

The below schedule can be found at <https://sidneyalumni.org/schedule.html>. Online registration is available for the Wall of Fame Reception on Sunday. See the website link for access.

We look forward to seeing everyone in July!

Friday, July 14 7:30AM-5:30PM	Golf Tournament at Sidney Golf & Country Club \$260 / team - pre-registration required grab 'n' go lunch after morning shotgun, before afternoon shotgun. Prizes given out following the afternoon shotgun.
Friday, July 14 8:00PM-12:30AM	Friday Night Social at Elks with Sundown performing; \$5/person
Saturday, July 15 9:00AM - 11:00AM	Pancake Breakfast at the Sidney Community Cultural Center \$10/person, children under 5 free The D'Imperio Family will again cook and serve (formerly the Congregational Church, 1 Bridge St.)
Saturday, July 15 9:30AM - 11:00AM	Events at Sidney Alumni Field Field Hockey, organized by Tiffany Mott Thomas
Saturday, July 15 11:15AM-12:30PM	March of the Classes on Main Street Lineup in front of Community Cultural Center March of the Classes: Main Street to Division Street Grand Marshalls: Deb Puffer & Jon Jay DeTemple, with emcees Bob D'Imperio & Greg Davie
Saturday, July 15 1:00PM-4:00PM	Corn Hole Tourney inside at Awestruck Ciders Two-person teams, at least one alumnus per team. \$25 / team, prizes for top four places Pre-register with Greg Davie, 607-643-5728 Awestruck Cider - 8 Winkler Road in the Sidney Industrial Park.
Saturday, July 15 12:30PM-4:00PM	Pitch Tourney at Sidney Community Cultural Center Organized by Janette Wagner Hafele, Class of 1956 Two-person teams, at least one alumnus per team, \$20/team, with prizes. Pre-register by sending \$20 with names of players to SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, NY, 13838. Registration begins at noon, tournament starts at 12:30p.m.
Saturday, July 15 8:00PM-12:30AM	Saturday Night Social at VFW DJ to Spin - \$2 cover charge
Sunday, July 16 10:00AM-10:45AM	Memorial Service at Veterans Memorial Park corner of River Street and Route 8 at 10a.m. Bring a lawn chair In the event of bad weather, service will move to CH Landers Funeral Home, Main Street
Sunday, July 16 11:00AM-2:00PM	Alumni Reception / Buffet Hour at Club 55 Restaurant \$10/person for buffet (light fare) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wall of Fame Awards Ceremony starts at noon in meeting room Ceremony includes cost of buffet

Individual Class Events & Reunions:

Class of 1956 is donating funds from its account to the alumni.

Class of 1958 will celebrate its 65th reunion with a luncheon at 1 p.m., July 15 at Club 55 in Sidney, 55 Union, St. Menu and pricing will be announced via private correspondence. Questions, call 607-563-1978.

Class of 1963 has reserved the Old Mill Restaurant in Mount Upton for its 60th reunion dinner, Friday, July 14. It's the only formally organized activity, though we plan to make the breakfast and March of Classes on Saturday. For details on reserving your dinner seat, contact class rep Becky (Smith) Holley, ffolley@frontiernet.net or 607-369-5348. Any classmates without email access can contact Kathy Tilley Hoyle for event and Alumni Weekend information at 607-433-1554.

Class of 1966: 75th birthday celebration weekend! Plan to enjoy all weekend activities together. Our birthday dinner will take place at 5 p.m. at The Old Mill on Saturday night. Sunday, we have reserved tables at Club 55 at 11 for the buffet (\$10) and WOF program. Email Chris Ossont, chris.ossont23@gmail.com, for reservations or questions. Can't wait to see you all!

Class of 1968 55th reunion at the Sidney Elks Lodge at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 15. There will be a pavilion reserved on the side. More details to come. Hope many classmates can make it! Pete Diffenderfer will be inducted into the Wall of Fame Sunday, July 16.

Class of 1973 50th Reunion: As well as having a dinner get-together at the Sidney American Legion on Saturday, classmates will be participating in other alumni-planned events. Bob Davie will emcee the dinner. Members will attend the Wall of Fame induction to support classmate and inductee, Dr. Dave Richards.

Class of 1983 40th Reunion: We are asking as many classmates as possible to attend the March of Classes on Saturday morning, July 15. Later, we have reserved the side room at Club 55 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with appetizer platters provided and drinks on your own at the bar. This will be a casual gathering so everyone can move around and visit with as many people as possible. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the appetizers; roughly \$10 per person. The timing will enable classmates to join in on the big event where all alumni will be later in the evening. We are also encouraging classmates to attend the Wall of Fame ceremony the next day at Club 55 to help honor classmate, Andrew MacDonald, who is being inducted for his outstanding military career.

We do not have a good email contact for all classmates. If you are a 1983 graduate and have not received an email from Carol (Palmer) Petersen, please reach out to her at tpetersen001@nycap.rr.com. We would like to be in touch with as many classmates as possible so we can have a good turnout!

Class of 1998 25th Reunion: Saturday, July 15 at 12:30 p.m., Better Daze Winery/Forged Brewing Co., 1732 State Hwy 41 Bainbridge, NY. Children are welcome; there will be a food truck (pay as you go) and band; token for one free drink or half off wine tastings, additional drinks pay as you go. No RSVP required or fees before the event.

Join "Sidney High School Class of 1998" on Facebook for updates. Questions, contact: Rhiannon Morley Pysnik, 315-371-5405, rpysnik@gmail.com or "Rhiannon Mae" on Facebook.

CLASS OF 1978



SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

45th YEAR REUNION

JULY 14 - 16, 2023

7-14-23 **GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Sidney Golf & Country Club
7:30 AM – 5:30 PM

7-14-23 **ICE BREAKER**
CLASS OF 1978
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Club 55
55 Union Street
Sidney, NY 13838
Menu to be determined.

7-14-23 ****ICE BREAKER**
ALL ALUMNI
Elks Lodge
104 River Street
Sidney, NY 13838
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM
\$5.00 Cover Charge

7-15-23 ****BREAKFAST**
ALL ALUMNI
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Community Cultural Center
1 Bridge Street
Sidney, NY 13838
\$10.00

7-15-23 ****MARCH OF CLASSES**
11:00 AM LINE UP AT
TRAFFIC LIGHT

7-15-23 **PICNIC**
CLASS OF 1978
1:00 PM – open ended
The Flood Zone
1290 County Route 39
Bainbridge, NY 13733

7-15-23 **PICNIC continued**
Barbeque and sides.
BYOB
Donations are encouraged.
Enjoy good conversations
and get your game on!
Foosball, corn hole, & more!
RSVP by June 15, 2023
Classmate + _____
Facebook event invite or
terikissel@aol.com

7-15-23 ****SATURDAY NIGHT**
SOCIAL - ALL ALUMNI
VFW
133 W. Main Street
Sidney, NY 13838
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM
Let's continue our fun at the
All Alumni Social!
\$2.00 Cover Charge

7-16-23 ****MEMORIAL**
Sidney Veterans Memorial
Park
10:00 AM
Seating is limited. You may
bring chairs.

7-16-23 ****WALL OF FAME**
LUNCHEON
Social Hour
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
\$10.00 (finger foods)
Ceremony
Begins at 12:00 PM
Club 55
55 Union Street
Sidney, NY 13838

CLASS of 1991 Turns 50!



SHS All- Alumni Weekend

Check out www.sidneyalumni.org for events- Golf, Band/cover, Pancakes, Hockey, March of classes, Corn-hole, Pitch, DJ, Memorial Service, Wall of Fame Luncheon

July 14,15 & 16

**If you are interested in a Birthday celebration on Saturday
with '91 classmates...Contact Jessica Wheeler**

jesswheeler31@gmail.com or 607-437-6898

I'll provide the location and we can talk details with interest.

**If you can't make it, but want to give us an update
on what you've been doing for 30+ years- send info to Jessica via email**

In Memoriam:

Class of 1951, Mary Schmidt Potter
Class of 1958, Byron Morris
Class of 1958, Lucy Brown Morris
Class of 1958, Marilynn Laidlaw Hughes
Class of 1960, Patricia McGill Ryon
Class of 1967, William R. Burdick
Class of 1968, James Miller
Class of 1968, Sharon Bargher Delello

Class of 1969, JoAnn Launt
Class of 1969, Tom Houck
Class of 1970, Thomas Redmond
Class of 1972, John Henchey
Class of 1972, Kenneth M. Rude
Class of 1983, Dorothy Labour Herbert
Class of 1985, Rodney Wagner

SCSAA Wall of Fame Reception & Awards Program

You're Invited!

The SCSAA Wall of Fame Committee invites you to attend the festive Alumni Buffet Reception and Awards Program, Sunday, July 16 at Club 55 on Union Street, Sidney. The buffet with seating begins at 11:00. The awards program will be held in the banquet room from noon to 2. Cost is \$10.00. Tables of eight or 10 may be reserved. Encourage your classmates to join together to support Sidney alumni!

Class of 2023 Honorees are:

Brig. General (Ret.) Andrew MacDonald, '83

Dr. David Richards, '73

Christine Schaeffer Ossont, '66

Dr. Peter Diffenderfer, '68

Richard T. Hendee, '66

Everyone is encouraged to support this important part of Alumni Weekend.

This program proves that you can graduate from Sidney Central School and go anywhere (or stay nearby), and do anything.

Past honorees have included a NASA expert, West Point doctor, music industry executive, college president, professional dancer, banking executive, business entrepreneur, educators, military general, corporate leader, philanthropist, small business owner, travel journalist and many more. Visit sidneyalumni.org for the complete list.

We will also be honoring Jon Jay DeTemple and Deb Woytek Puffer for their many years of dedicated service to the Sidney Central School Alumni Association. They have made extraordinary contributions and been integral in maintaining the association. Come support and honor your fellow classmates and Sidney alumni. See the reservation page for information.



Got NEWS?

Please send class or personal news to chris.ossont23@gmail.com.

We love to see Sidney alum pictures!

Got DUES?

We appreciate your dues. Many members, understandably, did not pay dues during COVID. Please check your membership status and update your dues to show support. Check the website, sidneyalumni.org, and find "Membership" for the "Paid Members List." We need more proud SCSAA members!

for Distinguished Alumni and Educators

11:00 am, Social Hour & Hors d'oeuvres

12 Noon, Wall of Fame Program

At Club 55, Union Street, Sidney, New York

Class Year

\$

Sports Hall of Fame to Celebrate 20th Induction

This one will be very special!

What started as a “radical idea” in 2002 has become an impressive autumn tradition. The 20th Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Induction Weekend will take place Oct. 13-14.

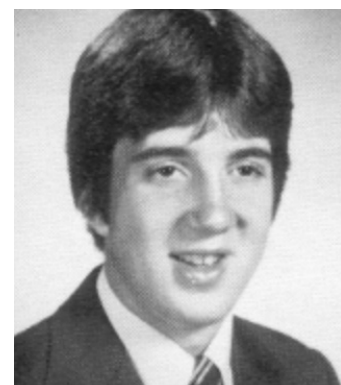
The 2023 edition will keep some traditions and establish a new one. Friday night’s varsity football game versus Schuylers starts the weekend, with halftime recognition followed by the VFW social. Saturday, in addition to the usual induction and 16th Legacy Team – actually teams – for this year, we voted in a quintet of older alumni designated “Legends.”

Let’s meet the **Class of 2023 inductees:**



Steve McMullen, ‘65 – Baseball was his only sport, but he was one of the all-time best. Recorded 10-plus pitching victories in two varsity seasons, then enjoyed a Hall of Fame career at Oneonta State – going 14-7 with a no-hitter and a pair of four-hit shutouts in the league championships of 1967 and 1969. Posted 3-1 record pitching professionally for Oneonta Yankees in 1969.

Has made a major impact as head and assistant coach in many sports at Sidney, including football, boys’ and girls’ basketball, bowling, and baseball.



Don Pierce Jr., ‘84 – Three-sport standout (football quarterback, basketball point guard and baseball shortstop), culminating as Ralph Pyle recipient as most outstanding male athlete. Played hoops at Herkimer Community Col-



Liz Eaton Ferenzi, ‘00 – Three-year varsity career in soccer, basketball, and softball. Soccer sweeper for state-ranked Warriors. Leading rebounder in basketball, earned All-Metro as a senior. Best resume came as softball pitcher, highlighted by eight no-hitters (two perfect games) and Player of the Year honors in 2000. Chosen as Redmond and Morrison award winner as graduating senior.

Josh DuMond, ‘02 – Excelled in football, basketball, and track. In football, the Section IV all-star scored four TD four ways versus eventual state champ at Delhi.

Rugged defender and rebounder in basketball. Track honors featured two state titles in 100-meter hurdles. Still holds school record in multiple individual and relay events. Won national championship in 110 hurdles and 1600 relay, named Division II All-American at SUNY Delhi.



Ashley Mahlmeister, ‘09 – One of the most decorated track athletes at Sidney, she was a Section IV Hall of Fame selection earlier this spring. In soccer and volleyball, she was twice named second team all-NYS. Volleyball team was unbeaten in 2008 and ‘09 seasons. Indoor and outdoor track. Eleven Sectional titles, two NYS championships and many Top 5 finishes. Still holds five school records and Section IV long jump record. Ran and jumped as scholarship athlete at University of Albany.



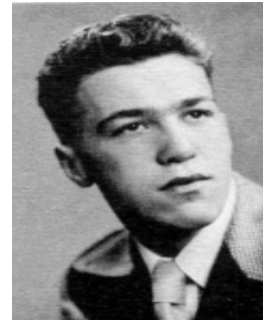
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LEGACY: 1983-'84-'85 Golf – Coached by Bob Finnegan. A total of 16 letter winners combined for an amazing 60-4-1 cumulative record in the highly competitive Susquenango Association. These boys won the league tournament all three seasons.

As the years have rolled on, the odds of older alumni getting the votes to be inducted have greatly diminished. That's why in this 20th anniversary the committee held a "Legends" election. We had 10 nominees and voted in the following five inductees:



Ralph "Barney" Barnard, '47 – Played three varsity seasons in football, basketball, and baseball. Left senior year to enlist in USMC. Later played travel baseball and football with Sidney Cardinals.



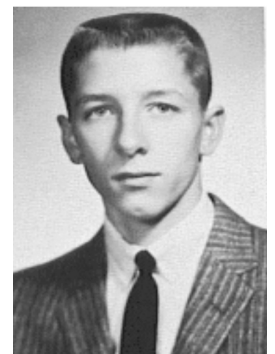
Don Doyle, '52 – A baseball all-star, but best known as a lifelong contributor to Sidney football (chain gang) and wrestling (scorer/timer).

Bill Ray, '54 – Spent his entire adult life supporting Sidney athletics, including chain gang in football and scorer and timer for wrestling, Little League and recreational softball coach and coordinator for decades.



Andrew DuMond, Sr., '55 – Classic three-sport leader of Warrior baseball, basketball, and football. Led football team as captain and two-way starter as running back and linebacker.

Jim Axtell, '59 – Outstanding in four varsity sports – football, basketball, baseball, and track. Second high scorer in hoops. Won league titles in broad jump (unbeaten) and 100-yard dash. Jumped in college at Penn State.



The Elks Lodge will again host the induction dinner, Saturday, Oct. 14. Tickets will be available shortly after Alumni Weekend.

Remember, our induction event raises money for the annual Sports HOF Scholarship, in its third year. Please consider being part of this special anniversary event, the largest single annual fundraising effort of SCSAA.

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Any corrections or changes to the class rep list, including new class reps, should be sent to scsaa@sidneyalumni.org.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

We need photographers to take casual photos during the weekend, and to take honoree pictures for the Sunday WOF program. Email Bryan Innes, bryan@avenuewest.com if you can take some or all.



Class Rep Corner

Hello, Class Reps!

It's the exciting time of year for you! It's time to touch base with classmates and organize Alumni Weekend get-togethers. Join together in the fun of so many activities. The activities are already planned and organized. Just show up!

1. Update your classmates' info on sidneyalumni.org.
2. Remind them to pay dues and send in membership info for Class Notes.
3. Meet for the Saturday breakfast and March of Classes.
4. Enjoy activities Saturday afternoon and Friday and Saturday night.
5. Attend the meaningful memorial service Sunday morning.
6. Make reservations for the WOF reception (cost – \$10.00), followed by the awesome awards program - grand finale of an exciting Alumni Weekend!

*** Please send digital pictures of your classmates to Allison, Reflections editor, at alliedcollins@frontier.com You may see them online and in Reflections! ***

If you have questions, suggestions or ideas, contact us. Enjoy the weekend!

Chris Ossont, chris.ossont23@gmail.com

The Alumni Association invites each class rep to a special complimentary event, recognizing and honoring them for their contributions to their classmates and the association, Friday, July 14, 6 to 8 p.m. at Club 55. (Class reps-free; guests-\$10). Please RSVP to chris.ossont23@gmail.com.

Class Notes

Mary 'Schmidt' Potter passed away, and her family wrote, "She enjoyed getting your newsletters in the mail. She would read them over and over."

Tom Hamilton, **Class of 1957**, wrote, "Thanks for the good work!"

Gerrie Stone, **Class of 1964**, was in law enforcement for 28 years and retired in 2004. He has two daughters and three granddaughters.

Anne Marie Corrigan, **Class of 1965**, sent in a donation with her dues for wherever it was most needed. She also said, "Thanks for being a wonderful association to belong to." ¹

Chris Jayne's hobbies include kayaking and travel. He says, "Sidney was the best place to grow up!" **Class of 1967**.

Sudie Mills, **Class of 1968**, wrote "Alumni dues and contribution. Good work!"

Linda Hall, **Class of 1970**, retired 25 years ago. Her hobbies are travel, photography, painting and teaching workshops. She's recently been to Greece and Ireland. Her children are Shane and Tammy. She has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ron Burnham, **Class of 1971**, has lots of hobbies and volunteers, working with youth. He has four children: twins, Derrick and Dana, Patrick and Laura, and two grandchildren. He would love to be on Alumni Connect.

Joe Orlando, **Class of 1975**, retired in 2022. He has three children, Mike, Jake, and Frankie, and one grandchild.

Mary 'Moran' Tacea, **Class of 1975**, was a middle school health teacher from 1980 to 1984. She is married to Ted Tacea, **Class of 1954**.

Niels Gloeckler, **Class of 1984**, was a union sheet metal worker. His son's name is Zachary, and he has two grandchildren.

Joel Osborne, **Class of 1987**, known as Ozzie, is an accountant. He would love to be on Alumni Connect. He says, "My apology for not joining sooner."

Dr. Nick Nuciforo, Sr., superintendent of Sidney School, retired in 2006. His hobbies are music and art. His volunteer activities are at the St. Paul C.C. Food Pantry.

Col. John Halloran Receives Hazelton Award from the Order of St. Lazarus

The highest honor a member of the Order of St. Lazarus, Grand Priory of America, can receive is the Alan Weaver Hazelton Award for meritorious service to the order and to humanity. Only one person annually may be so recognized, and, at the Grand Prioral Conference late last year, that person was H.E. Col. (Ret.) John J. Halloran, Jr., Knight Grand Cross, Class of '72. It was presented to him by H.E. RADM (Ret.) Kenneth Moritsugu, Knight Grand Cross and former U.S. Surgeon General. John was overwhelmed by this singular honor.

The Order of St. Lazarus is an ecumenical Christian order dating to the Crusades. The objectives of the order include promoting organ, tissue and cornea donation awareness and registration and continuing the fight against leprosy (Hansen's Disease).



Remembering Steven Schaeffer, 1951-2022

A Celebration of Life will be held for Steve Schaeffer, Class of 1969, Sunday, July 16, at 3:00 at the Community Cultural Center (formerly Sidney Congregational Church). Reception to follow in church hall. All are welcome. Please RSVP names and number attending, for planning purposes, to Chris Schaeffer Ossont, chris.ossont23@gmail.com.

Alumni Fun Fact:

The Lentz twins, Candy Isberner and Cathy Barnhart, Class of '66, have added their own "event" each year during Alumni Weekend. They spend time at local businesses to support them. Many owners are alumni. They encourage others to do the same as a thank-you to those who continue to support the community where they grew up!



Sidney Fun Opportunities

If you have a passion for Sidney High and like having fun, please contact Tom Rettberg, retts409@gmail.com or 207-233-3372. We are recruiting volunteers for the SCSAA Board of Directors.

Community News

The inaugural Southern Tier Music Fest will take place July 1 at the Sidney Municipal Airport, highlighting country talent, national and regional performers, and local food, drink and merchandise vendors. Gates open at 1 p.m. for the one-day festival, and tickets can be purchased at brownpapertickets.com. The festival is being presented by Four Towns Forward, a nonprofit organization representing Sidney, Afton, Bainbridge and Unadilla. For more information, find "Southern Tier Music Fest" on Facebook or visit southerntiermusicfest.com. Also, contact organizer Teri Schunk at 4townsforward@gmail.com.



SOUTHERN TIER MUSIC FEST

Maddie and Tae

Jason Wicks

Sundown

Devon Lawton & the In-Laws

Rylee Lum

and More!

Volleyball Holds Successful Encore

To some, May 6 was just a lazy Saturday; to about 45 Sidney alumni and 75 spectators, it was the second annual alumni volleyball tournament, held at the high school gym.

Founder and chairman of the event, Victoria Maggio Fusco, '07, made a few changes from the 2022 maiden voyage, introducing a super-efficient format for the eight co-ed teams. All teams played a round-robin schedule of seven games to 15 points (or 10 minutes, which only happened once).

While four teams played on the two courts, idle teams volunteered as net and line judges and scorekeepers. Volunteers also included announcer and stat keeper, Greg Davie, '76, along with members of the varsity volleyball team. A concession stand brought in more than \$300 toward the fundraising efforts.

Some terrific volleyball skills were on display throughout the tournament. The defending champs from Team Muddy River looked unstoppable, posting a 7-0 record. However, top player, Jared Wood, '94, incurred an injury, taking him out of action and opening the door for the second-seeded team, captained by Paige Redmond, '14.

In the championship gold medal round, it was Redmond's team taking the gold medal with a 21-11 victory. Muddy River earned their silver medal. The “battle for the bronze” was taken by the Misty Cotten Steffen, '06, team, with a 15-8 score over the Tiffany Mott Thomas, '03, team.

Special shout-out to the “hard luck” team of the day, captained by Sierra Boice, '05. They not only had the best team name, “How I Set Your Mother,” but their deceiving 1-6 record still netted the third most points scored. They kept a positive attitude all day. And the “Good Sport” of the event was definitely the “Do it for Trinity” team; despite not winning a game, they never lost their enthusiasm – a great display of sportsmanship.

The best news? The annual \$500 scholarship starts in June for a graduating senior volleyball player. Well done to all!



Champs – From left, Cameron Banks, '14, Kyle McMillan, '15, Hunter Sowersby, '13, Brynn Davie Havens, '13, and Paige Redmond.



Second-place winners (above): Courtney Williams Rivera, '12, Steven Gazzetti, '99, Michaela Lewis Lowe, '12, Jeff Lowe, '04, and tournament founder, Victoria Maggio Fusco, '07; (missing Jared Wood, '94).

Third-place winners: Front, Misty Cotten Steffen, '06, and Travis Fusco, '08. Back, Megan Walker Malia, '06, Nicole Rowe Jenkins, '09, Dwayne Spaulding, '86, and Justin Jedik, '03.



SIDNEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

44 Grand Street, Sidney, NY

We will be having an open house for Alumni Weekend, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. Please visit us.

We enjoy sharing good news happening at the Sidney Historical Association. Thanks to local donors, we now have a brand-new computer system. We will be working on updating our Facebook and SHA website with the skill of members Chris Smith and Andrew Kantor. This will enhance our presentation, better serving those looking for photos and information from us. The recent Facebook posts by our new secretary, Alana “Lonnie” Grays-Bailey, I know, are appreciated by so many in our Sidney-area audience and SHA membership.

We are planning several programs this year. Sidney alumnus Pat McElligott will present a program on local boxing history. During the Recreation Center years in the '60 and '70s, Sidney produced several accomplished pugilists. This program will take place at 10 a.m., June 10, at the Sidney Memorial Public Library. Other programs, dates to be determined, include Sidney alumnus and 2023 Alumni Wall of Fame inductee Dr. David S Richards presenting a program based on his doctorate thesis; Terry McMaster, descendant of Sidney founder Reverend William Johnston; Dave Plummer, presenting on Scintilla; Dale and Tina Utter, on headstone/gravestone etiquette and care; Mary Dexter on the lives of the carvers she named “Coffin Man,” “Open Urn” and “Eclectic Man” and their unusual form of folk art; and more.

This excerpt is from Richards' 2011 dissertation: “In 1939, the U.S. was enduring the 10th year of the worst depression in the nation's history. Among the hardest hit by the Depression were the working classes. In a few months though, the nation would begin to waken its sleeping industrial might, and by the time the United States entered the Second World War, the economy was well on the road to recovery. Within four years, unemployment evaporated. While the cost of living increased by 30 percent between 1941 and 1945, real wages rose by 50 percent. The greatest gains were made by families at the bottom of the socio-economic strata. By the end of the war, millions of workers had joined the ranks of the middle-class. Women's wartime experiences were of critical importance in determining the role of women. In many previously male-dominated occupations, females ably did ‘man's work’ and, in many cases, did it better than a man. During the war, public perception of gender roles was altered, although this proved problematic, as Ruth Milkman and others have noted. Although many women left paid employment after the war ended, a considerable number did not.

By early 1940, Scintilla had more than doubled its workforce from the preceding year and was anticipating a need for 200 employees each month to fulfill government contracts. Local unemployment in the Sidney area was still a problem, and with more than 1,000 applications on file from all over the country, Scintilla appeared to have no shortage of workers at this stage of the defense effort. In many ways, by 1940, Sidney had become something of a ‘company town.’ The community's wellbeing was closely tied to that of Scintilla. More than 60 percent of the village's labor force worked at the plant and most area small businesses depended on Scintilla worker's money. By 1945, almost 70 percent of all employed village residents worked at Scintilla, and the community had experienced the most prosperous era in its history.”

- Submitted by Larry Halbert, Sidney Historical Association President

School News: Sidney Students, Businesses Rally for AK

On Feb. 15, Sidney Central School District eighth-grader Anielle McEwan-Lomnicki, better known as “AK,” was struck by an allegedly drunk driver while walking home from school in the village. Following a stay at Syracuse’s Golisano Children’s Hospital, AK, an avid athlete, returned home in mid-April and is working on recovery. In the intervening weeks, though, Sidney students and businesses showed strong support for the young Warrior.

In late March, the district’s roughly 1,100 students donned red (AK’s favorite color) “AK Strong” T-shirts for “AK Strong Day,” with many area businesses posting similar messages and signs in windows and on walls.

In a March 24 “Binghamton Homepage” article, Sidney health teacher Jon Yurka praised AK’s determination. “She is someone who always perseveres,” he said. “She’s a team leader. Just a very gentle, warm-hearted individual.”

SCSAA student-fellow and Sidney Students Against Destructive Decisions officer, Megan Lewis, said the event resonated with students throughout the district. “We were all heartbroken to a certain extent, no matter if we knew her or not, because any student being risked like that is sad,” she said in the article. “It’s horrible to hear about. But, as a school, we definitely did stand up and do all we could to support her.”

“We live in a small town, and we didn’t really expect for this sort of thing to happen,” Lewis continued. “The next thing we know, AK is just walking home, and she’s hit by a car and she’s in the hospital. So, it brought a realism to the world. This can happen. This can happen to anyone, at anytime.”

AK Strong Day, the article notes, grew from a SSADD-specific gesture to a district-wide show of support, with students in grades K through 12 participating. An area of the school, the article states, was also designated “AK Alley.”

Yurka, too, said the incident’s impact was far-reaching. Yurka is adviser to the SSADD club.

“It can happen to anyone at any place,” he echoed.

“And with our students, we’re really just pushing for, listen, choices are very important; they can impact many people, not just yourself, and with those actions, there are consequences.”

Photos of AK Strong Day were reproduced and displayed in AK’s hospital room after the event so that, Yurka noted, when she woke from the medically induced coma, she would “know how much she is loved and missed.”



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How Alumni Giving Makes a Big Impact

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I can only give a small amount to SCSAA and it won't make a difference.

Every dollar helps us to do more for the school, community and alumni.

MYTH

My information isn't important to the association.

Out of 7,768 names in our database, we have 3,360 for which we have addresses, and some of them are not correct.

MYTH

My dues will not make a big impact.

Out of those 3,360 addresses, only around 850 are paid members. Dues are our only guaranteed income to help us accomplish our goals.



Here are some of the impacts our association has had on different organizations and incentives:

1. Our alumni association and alumni were able to give over \$50,000 to the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park
2. We buy six yearbooks every year for students who cannot afford to buy one
3. We gave \$2,500 to the library to digitize all the Tri-Town News newspapers
4. We give five scholarships to graduating seniors, two academic awards and one sports scholarships every year
5. We have a Career Day at the high school
6. We send a student to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program
7. We helped United Way financially during the 2006 and 2011 floods to help businesses stay afloat
8. We gave over \$12,000 to the Sidney Center Revitalization Project
9. We gave \$10,000 to United Way to help businesses during COVID
10. We pay for the Christmas music that is played over the downtown speakers every year
11. We give four Teen Institute scholarships every year (SADD)

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