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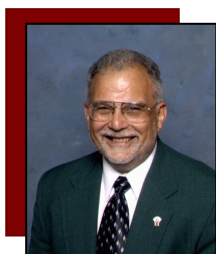
SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Spring 2015

Six Inducted to the SCSAA Wall of Fame

SCSAA Chair of the Wall of Fame Committee, Dennis Porter, '66, announced that six outstanding alumni will be inducted to the Alumni Wall of Fame at the annual SCSAA All-Class Luncheon, Sunday, July 19, 2015, at 11 a.m., in the Fire Hall on River Street in Sidney.

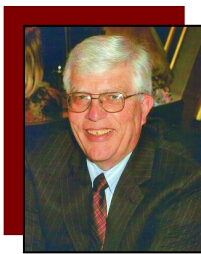
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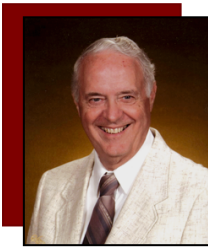
*Gary Cole
Class of 1969*



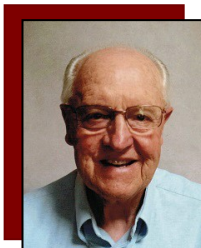
*Terry Dermody
Class of 1965*



*Betty Gilbert
Class of 1950*



*Paul Hamilton, Sr.
Class of 1955*



*Lewis Whitney
Class of 1953*

Sidney Alumni Veterans' Memorial Fund Update

By Shane Eaton Armstrong

In the Fall 2014 issue of *Reflections*, we wrote an article asking for support of the Sidney Alumni Veterans Memorial, which will be a component of a larger Veterans' Memorial Park already being constructed. The Veterans' Memorial Park generously included a prominent location to be earmarked in order to honor the Sidney alumni veterans.

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All-Alumni Reunion of Sidney Central School

July 17—19, 2015

**Schedule of
Weekend Events,
Class Reunions and
Celebrations
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*Friends, Family & Neighbors
are Invited to Attend Events*



Workin' the Crowd — Sue Howe Miner '83 (Left) and Karen Howe Wilson '72 are 'working' the Membership table, signing up new members and renewals, at the Sat. Night Social, 2014. See why people *love* to volunteer, page 11.

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Remembering Ken Paden, Publisher, Tri -Town News

By Karen Cycon

I was very sad to hear that Sidney and the world had lost Ken Paden. I know that there are many who can remember his life more completely than I, but I felt compelled to share my thoughts about him and it seemed especially appropriate to do so in this newsletter.

In the late 1990s, the small group of people who were working hard to create the Alumni Association included Tom Rettberg, Bob Chantler, Terry Dermody and myself. Bob Chantler had been sending a newsletter to as many people as he could and we were compiling names and addresses as fast as possible. Bob let me work with him on a couple of issues and then stepped aside and asked me to edit the newsletter.

We had decided at that point to do as much business in Sidney as possible and so we took our very rough publication to Sidney and ultimately to Ken Paden at the Tri-Town News. Ken proved to be a good mentor to me and a wonderful friend to the Association. He shared his time, his expertise and above all, his patience with my many mistakes, and helped us to create a first class publication.

Without him, I imagine it could have been done, but with his help and guidance, it was so much easier. He often met us at his office on Saturday mornings to accommodate the fact that none of us lived in Sidney and travelled there on weekends. He talked with me frequently on the phone if I needed to ask questions. I learned so much and I will always cherish the email that Ken sent me after I announced that I would not be editing *Reflections* any longer. His praise for my work was priceless. He will most certainly be missed.

***Reflections* Newsletter Mailed to Members**

By majority vote, the SCSAA Board has decided the *Reflections* newsletter will be mailed or e-mailed to members who have paid their annual dues, which began with the Fall 2014 issue.

Membership dues per year are \$15/person; \$10 for seniors age 65 and older. An invoice postcard will be mailed each year in June. For questions or concerns, please contact Doug Sheldon, SCSAA President at rdouglassheldon@yahoo.com. The SCSAA members greatly appreciate your support which enables us to continue our program of seven annual scholarships and donations to help various school and community causes.

Newsletter Submissions

The deadline to submit articles and photos for the Fall 2015 newsletter is Sept 1. Please submit photos in .jpg format; those that need to be scanned will be returned. **E-mail to:** anne@sidneyalumni.org **OR mail to:** Anne Winnick, PO Box 96, Richmondville, NY 12149

Board of Directors SCSAA

January '15 – January '16

The SCSAA Board of Directors and their appointments are the result of the alumni member vote in the Fall of 2014.

Doug Sheldon '59
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Dick Germond '63

Kerri Insinga Green '97*

Vicki Miller Kulze '70

Dennis Porter '66

Teri D'Imperio Schunk '84

Ray Taylor '55

*School Board Designate**

Memorial Fund (con't from pg. 1)

Our goal at that time was to raise \$10,000.00 and capitalize on the generous \$10,000.00 matching grant challenge presented by the Sidney Central School Alumni Association (SCSAA).

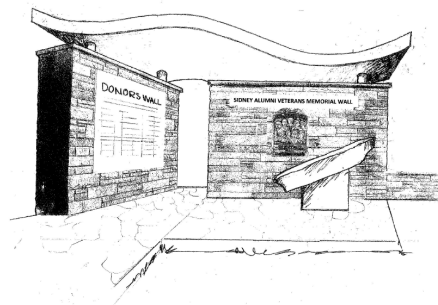
The Sidney Alumni Veterans' Memorial Committee is happy to say we met our goal, and exceeded it by raising in excess of \$22,000.00! Thank you for your support thus far!

Our initial fundraising goal considered the cost of Sidney Alumni Veterans' Memorial Wall (located on half of the flag house entrance) plus the cost of a free-standing monument. With the dollars raised, coupled with the dollars received from the SCSAA, we have set a new goal to provide funding for the entire flag house entrance of the park for which we remain approximately **\$5,000.00 short of the total** needed and look for your continued support.

We are asking you to make a donation. Your contribution will help honor those who have served our nation with integrity for the freedoms we enjoy, love and defend so dearly. The Sidney Alumni and the SCSAA have made this endeavor a reality with completion of the flag house anticipated in the fall of 2015.

Please make checks payable to:
SCSAA or Sidney Central School
Alumni Association.

Mail your check to:
SCSAA, P.O. Box 2186
Sidney, NY 13838
Memo: SAVM (Sidney Alumni
Veterans' Memorial)



Follow our progress on:
the Sidney Alumni Web Page: www.sidneyalumni.org
or Facebook Page: *SCS Alumni Veterans' Memorial*.

For questions contact: Dane Woytek at dwoytek@gmail.com

SCSAA Board of Directors Election Results

The results of the 2014 Election of Board Members are as follows: Serving a 1-year term are R. Douglas Sheldon and Jon Jay DeTemple; serving a 2-year term are Terry Dermody, Deb Puffer, Vicki Kulze, Dick Germond, and Wayne King; and serving a 3-year term are Anne Mott, Teri Schunk, Dennis Porter, Jim McIntyre, Ray Taylor and Bryan Innes.

Kerri Green is appointed by the school board to hold a 1-year term as the school board's representative to the SCSAA Board of Directors. Amber Fogarty, Sean Fogarty and Greg Davie are currently entering the final year of a 3-year term.

New Ideas

The SCSAA Board of Directors is always interested in hearing new ideas from alumni regarding the work of the association. Please send any new ideas to: Teri Schunk by emailing her at: Teri.schunk@yahoo.com

Sidney Central School Alumni Association 'Wall of Fame'

Dr. Perry Berkowitz

Exemplary Leadership in Education & Volunteerism

A lifetime educator, Perry Berkowitz started teaching in 1965 after earning a BS degree from SUNY/ Cortland.



In 1972 he moved from the classroom to administrative offices when he became acting principal at Charlton High School in Charlton, Massachusetts, earning a Master's Degree in Education Leadership from Harvard University at the same time. Soon thereafter, he earned a doctorate in Education Leadership from the University of Massachusetts. In 1975 he became principal of Sidney High School, and two years later was promoted to assistant superintendent of schools. In 1984 he was named superintendent, a capacity in which he served until 1991. John Mirabito, who worked for Perry in 1976, indicated that "he not only set an example of volunteerism through his community activities, but also encouraged me and many others to follow his example. His enthusiasm was contagious, his commitment steadfast, and anything he was involved in was ultimately successful." Many remember Perry for his eternal optimism about the future of his students and today's youth in general.

While in Sidney, Perry was very active in Rotary, serving as co-founder and former chair of the District 7170 Rotary Youth leadership program -- still one of the major youth programs offered today. Perry was very active in Rotary at both the club and district levels and, as District Governor in the 2003-2004 Rotary year, supervised 43 clubs and 2,000 Rotarians. Perry also helped organize the Sidney Community Band with the support of the Chamber of Commerce; he started Dollars for Scholars in Sidney; and served on the Tri-Town Theater Board and acted in many of their productions.

Perry left Sidney in 1991 to become the Superintendent of Nyack Schools, and in 1996 became Superintendent of the Vestal school system, where he served until 2001, when he retired from public education.

Dr. Berkowitz has remained in the field of education, and is currently Associate Professor of Education Leadership and Administration at the College of Saint Rose, in Albany, NY. He also runs an organizational development consulting firm, PLB Consulting, with his wife, Lonalee.

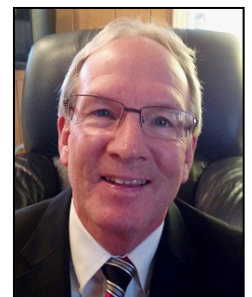
Perry has been deeply involved in numerous educational activities and organizations, and has served on several state and national panels and commissions. Most recently he was chair for the National Committee on Women in Administration, and a member of the prestigious New York State Blue Ribbon Panel on Education Leadership. He served on the New York State Assessments Advisory Committee for the School District Leader Certificate Program, which developed the New York State School Building Leader and the School District Leaders examinations, in use since 2007.

Perry's credentials, accomplishments, and standing in the field of education as well as his personal character and community commitment mark this man's life and leadership in community service.

Gary S. Cole '69

Excellence in Community Service & Leadership

Gary S. Cole, SHS Class of 1969, has had a long and honored career in education, school administration and public service. Gary is a graduate of Orange County Community College, Southern Connecticut State University and achieved his Master's Degree at Indiana University. Following his graduation he accepted a position at Indiana Tech as head basketball coach. Basketball would remain an integral part of his life for more than three decades.



In 1980 Gary was hired as a full time Assistant Professor in Physical Education at the State University of New York at Delhi. He later served as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid and then finished his

Wall of Fame—Cole continued...

career returning as an Assistant Professor. During his tenure at SUNY Delhi, Coach Cole was responsible for bringing the prestigious National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Men's basketball tournament to Delhi which was the tournament's home for the first 20 years of its existence. No small feat for such a small college.

"Gary's influence in the NJCAA is significant," said Mary Ellen Leicht, Executive Director. "His tenure as coach, administrator and national representative has had a positive and lasting impact on countless individuals. As a testament to his national contributions, Gary was named recipient of the 2006 National NJCAA Service Award. To this day, the Coach of the Tournament Award for the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship bears his name."

Candace Vancko, President of SUNY Delhi, said of Gary Cole, "His awards and accolades are many and they attest to his commitment to SUNY Delhi and our students. Gary's 26-year career at our college is a monument to his passion and commitment to the students he recruited, the students he coached and the students he taught in and out of the classroom. He will be remembered at SUNY Delhi as a caring mentor and a role model for his students."

Gary has also been involved with many charitable efforts over his many years in education. His love and passion was always focused on the betterment of his students. Rosalie Higgins, Dean/Professor Emeritus at SUNY Delhi and the President of the Oneonta, NY Rotary Club recalled Gary as untiring and passionate. "He earned the respect among his students and his colleagues. He always put the students and the college first. He was encouraging, supportive and known as a leader. His pursuit of excellence in everything he undertook was his hallmark."

Longtime Sidney educator and administrator Gary Scavo summed up Gary Cole's life and career this way: "I've known Gary Cole for more than 50 years. You simply cannot find a better representative from the Sidney Alumni to be awarded this honor. He is a true "Sidney Warrior" in every sense of the word."

Terrence M. Dermody '65

*Exemplary Service to the Alumni,
Community and School*

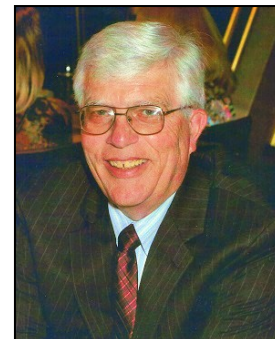
Terry Dermody graduated from Sidney High School in 1965 and continued his education at Saint Bonaventure University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree.

After college, Terry entered the insurance business as a customer service representative for Reid & Carr Inc., of New York City. In 1973, he

moved to Rollins, Burdick & Hunter in New York, as Assistant Vice President/Personal Lines Account Executive and remained with the company until 1984, rising to the position of Vice President, Manager of the Property Casualty Unit. In 1984 Terry joined ISU/Gervasio & Seeger of Hamilton, New Jersey, as Vice President, Agency Manager.

From 1987 to 1995 Terry worked in New York City managing and expanding major property/casualty commercial accounts, first at FJ Wilkes & Co. (1987-88); next with KSH Group (1988-1995); and then, from 1995 to 1996, with the Liner Insurance Company, as Vice President and Director of Insurance Operations. Beginning in 1996 until he retired in 2013, he served as the Vice President of Major Accounts for NIP Group/Business & Governmental Insurance Agency in Woodbridge, New Jersey, where he was responsible for all agency operations. Terry's broad skills in management and operations as an insurance professional are well documented.

In addition to his successful business career, Terry Dermody has been one of the driving forces behind the Sidney Central School Alumni Association (SCSAA), which has become a model for other alumni groups. His tireless efforts took an annual barbeque and turned it into an entire weekend of reunion activities. He attracted talented and dedicated people to the organization, and developed a strong Board of Directors. Under his leadership an all-class reunion weekend was created that now includes a very successful golf tournament, a march of the classes, two social gatherings, a memorial service and an all-class luncheon. One of Terry's pet projects was



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the sponsorship of the alumni scoreboard, and the dedication of the athletic fields to the alumni.

The drive for SCSAA to have a Sports Hall of Fame and a Wall of Fame was initiated by Terry Dermody. His vision of service to school, community and alumni has been achieved with forward-looking planning that included the SCSAA's strong commitment to scholarships, the Veterans' Memorial Park, the alumni website, alumni directory and newsletter, the alumni scoreboard and athletic fields. It is not overstated to say that for fourteen years the irresistible force of the Alumni Association was Terry Dermody. Yes, many directors and volunteers contributed in a large and continuous measure to the growth and strength of SCSAA, but the leadership that brought those people, their talents and all those ideas together was his. Terry's credentials and accomplishments are exemplary and his leadership has impacted and touched the lives of alumni, community members, businesses, school administrators, coaches, teachers and students and resulted in a high school alumni association that is a model for thousands of other communities.

Betty Graham Gilbert '50

Excellence in Business & Community Leadership

Betty Gilbert graduated from Sidney Senior High in 1950. After earning her Associate in Arts and Science degree from SUNY Delhi and her Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Syracuse University, she began a career at Bendix in Sidney, New York as a Stenographer. Open to every challenge and opportunity Betty moved up continuously from Secretary to Executive Secretary to Supervisor of Engineering Records, to Supervisor of Drafting, Checking and Engineering Records. For the last 10 years of her career Betty Gilbert was the Engineering Manager of Technical Services supervising 87 employees.

Ted Wilklow, former Director of Engineering, said that Betty had been exceptionally positive, energetic, skillful and professional in every position she held in the Engineering Department



and her talents were rewarded as she was frequently promoted to positions with increased responsibilities, breaking the glass ceiling in business, at a time when women in management were rare exceptions.

Betty served as a director of United Way of Sidney for over 20 years during which time she served also as President and Treasurer and Campaign Manager. She was responsible for replacing door-to-door canvassing with a "mail-out letter" and implemented the in-house campaign at both Bendix (Amphenol) and Keith Clark (ACCO). She submitted letters of recommendations for local volunteers to carry the Olympic Torch in 1984 and four were selected.

Believing that the unfolding history of the Bendix Corporation should be preserved she wrote several chapters and helped edit the book about Bendix entitled "The Spark in The Dark". She also worked tirelessly to develop the first museum at Bendix called Bendix Memory Lane by researching and planning the layout of the new Amphenol museum.

Betty has been continuously involved with the Community Foundation of Unadilla, Town & Country Garden Club, Engineer's Club and the Sidney Hospital Guild and has held leadership positions in each of these organizations. Now in her early 80's you may find her on a bus trip, cruise or still at home managing publicity and registration for the Annual Antique Car Show which she has served for over 20 years.

Betty Gilbert - a pioneer for women striving for career advancement in business as well as a powerful force in giving back to her community through many and varied community service activities.

Paul Hamilton, Sr. '55

Exemplary Community Service & Leadership

Paul Hamilton, Sr. worked his way up from "printer's devil" to publisher of his community's weekly newspaper. Paul started working at the Record-Enterprise in Sidney, the forerunner of the Tri-Town News, on a part-time basis while still



Wall of Fame—Hamilton continued...

in high school. Following his graduation from the Sidney Central School in 1955 he went to work at the newspaper full time.

Paul worked with Ken Paden at the Tri-Town News for several years before forming a partnership with him to purchase Sidney Favorite Printing. The two businesses became one corporation, with Paul serving as president. During this time Paul was also a very active member of the Sidney Fire Department. His volunteer service with the fire department meant there were days when he would come to work with little or no sleep because he had been at a fire scene most of the night. However, Paul's efforts in making sure the newspaper served local needs never wavered.

Paul's 58 active years with the fire department started in 1957. He holds the highest honor ever bestowed on a Sidney fireman, life membership in both the MacDonald Hose Company and the Sidney Fire Department. He has held every office in the fire company, including that of captain twice, and worked his way up through the ranks to fire chief. Paul has also served as Fire Marshal and Delaware Co. Fire Investigator and has chaired numerous committees in both the company and department.

Paul's service to his community also included providing leadership for the village's recreation program. He would often put on a mask and chest protector to umpire, making sure the youngsters got to play baseball. He loved playing softball and basketball and bowling. Even after Lyme disease slowed him down he continued to play basketball with other fire department members. His interest in the young people also included his serving as Boy Scout leader for many years, even after his sons were no longer scouts.

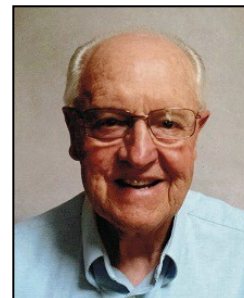
A concern for the welfare of the community influenced Paul to first accept a position on the Town of Sidney Planning Board and then to serve as Town of Sidney Councilman during an especially difficult time when the town board was dealing with the closing of The Hospital. A concerned businessman, Paul was also a member of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and served a term as chamber president.

A debilitating stroke resulted in Paul's selling his interest in the print shop and retiring in 2006. While he has had to curtail some of his activities, today Paul is active at the Senior Meal site at the Sidney Civic Center. Always with the continued support of his wife, Patricia, Paul's interest in and concern for his hometown remains rock solid.

Lewis Dale Whitney '53

Excellence in Community Service & Leadership

Lewis Dale Whitney, although born in Bainbridge, graduated from Sidney High School in 1953. Following a stint as a US Marine, he operated his own Barber Shop in Bainbridge and worked in Bendix Corporation while attending Broome County Community College from which he graduated with a degree in Environmental Engineering.



He then was appointed Superintendent of Public Works for Bainbridge and a short time later, Senior Environmental Specialist for NYS Electric & Gas. Although changing careers some twenty years later to Real Estate and Appraisal, the one constant in his life was his love for his home town and community service.

During his twenty-year Presidency of the Development Corporation, he led the establishment and the development of the Bainbridge Business Park and Nature Walk. He was a member of the founding committee of the General Clinton Park and General Chairman, Grounds and Judging of the General Clinton Canoe Regatta Committee which he helped plan and implement. In fact he took a trial run down the Susquehanna from Cooperstown to Bainbridge prior to the first scheduled race.

Lewis Whitney was part of the fund drive to construct the Village parking lot, chairman of the Bainbridge "Will Do" Committee, a joint committee of village and town leaders to develop a feasibility study for the consolidation of services, and chair of the Board of Assessment Review.

He has served Bainbridge as a member of the Fire Department, Rotary Club, Sportsman Club, Treasurer and Trustee of the First Baptist Church, Treasurer of the Council of Churches and as Second Vice Chairman of the American Legion.

Most appropriately the road in the Bainbridge Business Park is named Whitney Way and Lewis is a member of the General Clinton Canoe Regatta Hall of Fame as well as the proud holder of the title Bainbridge 2004 Citizen of the Year.

Lewis and Beverly Whitney have four daughters, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

~ SCSAA All-ALUMNI REUNION ~

Class of 1948 ~ Luncheon

The Class of 1948 will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. for social hour with lunch to follow at Cream of the Crop on Fri. July 17. For further information contact Dick Dickson 563-1206, or Norma Palmer 563-3430.

Class of 1955 ~ 60th Reunion

The Class of 1955 will hold a 55th Class Reunion dinner at the Silo Restaurant on Sat., July 18 p.m. beginning at 6:00 PM. Please contact Jim Clum for details. 5631 Longford Terr., #203, Fircburg, WI 53711 (608-347-1767), or, jaclum@wisc.edu

**50/50 RAFFLES
ALL WEEKEND!**

Class of 1957 ~ Informal Gathering

On Sat., July 18, at 6:30 p.m. there will be an informal gathering at the home of Sylvia and Alan Mugglin, 9 River St., Bainbridge. Snacks, finger foods and soft drinks will be provided. For information, call: Sylvia at (607) 967-8581.

Class of 1960 ~ 55th Reunion

The Class of 1960 will celebrate its 55th Class Reunion with a dinner on Sat., July 18, at the Sidney Golf and Country Club; cocktails at 6 p.m.; dinner at 6:30. An Apr. 4, email was mailed and several have responded about attending. If you didn't get that email, please let Jim McIntyre know as soon as possible if you plan to attend: (607) 563-9700 or jimgolfhat1@gmail.com

Sidney Central School All-Alumni Reunion

Weekend Events July 17 - 19, 2015

Friday, July 17

Golf Tournament—pre-registration required. Sponsored by



Ice Breaker—American Legion, 8 pm – 1 am; \$2 cover; Sponsored by



Saturday, July 18

Pancake Breakfast – VFW, 8 – 11 am, Cost \$7; Sponsored by



Soccer Tournament – Alumni Field, 9:30 am

March of the Classes – Alumni Field, Lineup at 11 am. Sponsored by



Noon

Field Hockey Game – Alumni Field,

Sidney High School Open House – 1 - 3 pm

Social – Elks Lodge, 8 pm to 1 am, featuring “Splash”, \$5 cover. Sponsored by **RICHARD W. WAKEMAN, INC.**

Sunday, July 19

Memorial Service – Keith Clark Park Pavilion, 10 am

All-Class Luncheon and 11th Annual Wall of Fame

Induction Program – Fire Hall, 11:30 am, Cost \$15, (RSVP form, page 26). Sponsored by



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
call Debby Woytek Puffer, 607-967-8480**

~ JULY 17, 18, 19 ~

Class of 1963 ~ 70th Birthday

The Class of 1963 will celebrate turning 70 on Sat. evening July 18, at the Sundown Golf and Country Club in Guilford. For information, contact: Rebecca (Becky) Smith Holley at: fhholley@frontiernet.net

Class of 1965 ~ 50th Reunion

The great SCHS Class of 1965 will hold it's 50th class reunion on the evening of July 18th at the Moose Club in Sidney. For more info., please contact Anne (Rock) Corrigan: anne_corrigan@outlook.com

Class of 1970 ~ 45th Reunion

The Class of 1970 will be celebrating their 45th Reunion this year! Our main event will be on Sat., July 18, from 2 to 8 p.m. at The Ponderosa (Finch's) on East Masonville Pond. There are also several other all-class events during the weekend where we can be together. It's a fun weekend.

Classmates will receive more information by mail, e-mail, and via our class Facebook group. Please update address and e-mail changes with Vicki Miller Kulze, dkulze@stny.rr.com.

Class of 1973 ~ 60th Birthday

The Class of '73 will celebrate turning 60 on Sat., July 18, at 2 pm at the home of Terry Woytek Hawley. Stop by for cake, bring your bathing suit, and take a dip in the pool! Bring a lawn chair and stay for a while. For details or directions, message or call Terry at 607-441-8952.

Class of 1968 ~ 65th Birthday

The Class of 1968 will celebrate turning 65th with a birthday bash on Sat., July 18, at the home of Dane Woytek and his wife Donna, at 583 Moran Road in Oxford, NY 13830. **Directions to his home are:** take Route 206 N out of Bainbridge towards Greene. At the Silo Restaurant sign turn right onto Moran Road. His house is approximately 2 miles past the Silo on the left. It is a cedar home with a Golden Retriever picture painted on the mail box.

Bring a dish to pass and whatever you would like to drink. Wine, beer and soda will be on hand in limited quantities. Dane will be cooking up chicken speedies. A birthday cake with plates, cups and utensils will be provided. Please **RSVP** by July 1 to: ginnibrandt@hotmail.com, or, 607-563-2483. You can also call Dane at 607- 843-8574. Let's make this a great time to celebrate both our 65 years of existence as well as our unity as the Sidney Central School Class of 1968!!

Class of 1975 ~ 40th Reunion

The class of 1975 is celebrating their 40th reunion, Sat., July 18, at 1 p.m. at Brian and Mark Champlin's property, Neff Hill in Bainbridge. If anyone has questions, please call Larry Halbert at (607) 237-4762 or email him at: larryhalbert7@gmail.com. All classes are invited. We say, "the more, the merrier!"

Class of 1980 ~ 35th Reunion

Our weekend plans are: Friday night, ice breaker at East Main Lanes Bowling Lanes; Sat., at the Sidney Elks Lodge dinner—cocktail hour at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5. We are finalizing other events and hope to send the additional information to you. Questions? call Barb Wakeman

Class of 1985 ~ 30th Reunion

The Class of 1985 will be meeting Fri. of alumni weekend at the country club on the porch for drinks at 6:30 p.m., then going to the American Legion; Sat. morning for the march of classes; Sat. night for dinner at Cream of the Crop, then going to the Elk's Club. A rep will be at the memorial service on Sunday to honor Eric Barnes and Luann Wormsley.

Class of 2000 ~ 15th Reunion

Our 15-year reunion will be held on Saturday July 18 at Highway 7 Bar & Grill. We have reserved the back room from 7 p.m. until the party stops! There will be appetizers and a cash bar. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact Erica Brazee Granger with questions on Facebook at erica.brazee@gmail.com or (607) 267-5054. Hope to see you there!
Erica Brazee Granger, Rep, Class of 2000

In Remembrance...

Alice 'Sally' Acenath Provenzon

September 12, 1920 - January 27, 2015

The Sidney Central School alumni community lost a dear friend and founding member of the Sidney Central School Alumni Association, this past year. Alice 'Sally' Acenath Provenzon, 94, passed away Jan. 27, 2015. She was born and raised in Unadilla, graduated and married Frank Provenzon of Sidney, Class of 1937. They shared 62 years of happiness before Frank predeceased her on Dec. 8, 2009.



Even though she graduated from Unadilla High School in 1938, Sidney was always her home, and considered by many as an "alumnus by marriage". Sally, as she was called, along with Blanche Hunter, Velma Riggs, Betty Rowe and Bernadine Boardman were the founding members for the first All-Class Reunion held in 1988.

In 1987, the Class of '37 held their 50th class reunion with a dinner dance at the Elk's Lodge in Sidney on a Saturday evening, followed by a barbecue catered by Brooks Barbecue and held at the park in Cope's Corners. This was so successful that the suggestion was made to conduct an annual affair and open it up to all SCS classes.

In 1988, the reunion, including other classes, was held again at Cope's Corners. In 1989, it was held at the Fireman's Pavilion, again catered by Brook's Barbecue. In 1990 and 1991, it was moved to the General Clinton Park in Bainbridge and the Sidney Firemen catered the affair. And moved to the Fireman's Training Center in 1992.

In the beginning, the group sat around Bernadine's kitchen table, exchanging ideas, making lists of past students and "to do" lists. Locating the alumni who had left the area took time and effort. There were no computers in those days. It was a very enjoyable time for all of the group and many close friendships were renewed.

Sally was a longtime employee of Amphenol Corp. in Sidney until her retirement in June 1980. She was a dedicated member of the Sidney United Methodist Church and sang in the choir for many years. She was a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Sidney, served a term as State Chaplain, and a member of the Elks Auxiliary. She was a devoted member of the Sidney Fire Dept. Auxiliary for over 50 years.

Sally and Frank's children are all graduates of Sidney: Bonnie '59, Patti Jo '66, Jim '68 and Anne '71. Five of her eight grandchildren also graduated from Sidney: Jill Curtis Brazee '79, Jim Curtis '82, and Juli Curtis Howland '88, Mike Doi '95 and Chris Doi '97. Four great grandchildren graduated from Sidney also: Erica Brazee Granger '00, Ashley Brazee '02, Taylor George '10, and Riley Howland '15.

"Once Upon A Time or How It All Began". *Sidney Central School Alumni Association*.. Web. 10 May 2015.

"Alice Provenzon". *Daily Star*. 31 Jan. 2015. Web. 10 May 2015.



Memorial Service Musicians at Keith Clark Park 2014 — Top to bottom: Jeff Doyle '78 (Left), Matt Fischer '13, and Greg Davie '76; Teri Knight Dundon '77 on the keyboard.



Reading the Names of Classmates who are deceased— Pat Dilley DuMond '64 and Pat Greene '53.

*Happiness is...
Giving to Others!*

VOLUNTEERS... THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION... THEY MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN!

When some of the volunteers were asked why they volunteer their time and talent to the Alumni Association, this is what they had to say:

"The Alumni Association does so much to make the Alumni weekend a success, I feel it's the least I can do to volunteer. I'm so thankful and proud that we have such a vibrant alumni and I often talk up our alumni with friends and neighbors and they comment back to me that they wish they had an alumni association. I challenge all who can to get involved in any way. Let's not take this thing for granted!" **Bob D'Imperio, Class of '76**

"I volunteer every year. Last year I signed up to assist the Golf Tournament. Volunteers were designated at each tee to direct golfers where to stand to tee off for the "closest to the pin" contest. I had a blast! I saw 100 or more people at the tee than I would have seen anywhere else all weekend. It was so much fun!" **Dennis Porter, Class of '66**

"I volunteer with the SCS alumni because it gives me a chance to give back to a community of parents, teachers and coaches who I am most grateful to. I especially enjoy seeing the older classes of alumni at the breakfast and their friendships that last a lifetime." **Shane Eaton Armstrong, Class of '98**

"I enjoy volunteering on Alumni Weekend because it keeps me in touch with a lot of people that I don't see otherwise. I especially like checking in fellow Alumni for the luncheon on Sunday. However, as time goes by it is getting harder sometimes to bring a person's name to mind, but most just graciously give me their name when they realize I am 'reaching'. My sincere thanks to all those who work all year to make Alumni Weekend great!!" **Ginny Miner, Class of '53**

"The Sidney Central School Alumni Association does such a valuable service to all alumni through the alumni weekend, web-site, *Reflections* and its various committees, that I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as a volunteer. I spent 33 years away from Sidney. During many of those years the Alumni Association helped me to connect with classmates and to keep informed about our school alumni. Now that I am living back in the Sidney area, I truly enjoy helping first-hand with the Alumni Association's successes." **Paul Beames, Class of '63**



Collecting the cover charge— Jon Jay DeTemple '61 and Patricia 'Fuller' Archambault '65, Sat. night at the Legion.



Collecting money for Sat. a.m. Pancake Breakfast — Anne Mott '83, is also selling SCS memorabilia.



Tour Guides — Mike Wood '69 and Joelene Wood Cole '70 at the Sidney Historical Society, Museum and Gift Shop.



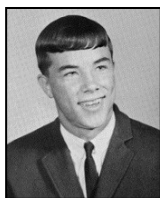
Wall of Fame Chefs — Each year, volunteers from the Sidney Fire Dept. prepare a delicious meal for the All-Alumni Luncheon & Wall of Fame Awards Ceremony.



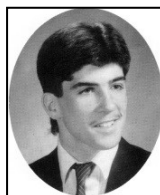
Collecting the Cover Charge— Left: Dave Reynolds, Michelle Leichty Reynolds '75, Barb Wakeman '80 and Teri D'Imperio Schunk '84 charge at the Legion on Sat.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS OF 2015

The Sports Hall of Fame Committee is proud to present its Induction Class of 2015:



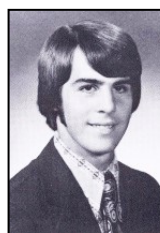
Rick Cole ('68): 1967 NYS Wrestling Champion; member of two Legacy award winners (1964-65 Wrestling and 1966-67/67-68 Cross Country). Collegiate athlete (soccer, cross country and wrestling) at Orange County CC and Campbell College; nationally-accredited wrestling official at high school and college levels.



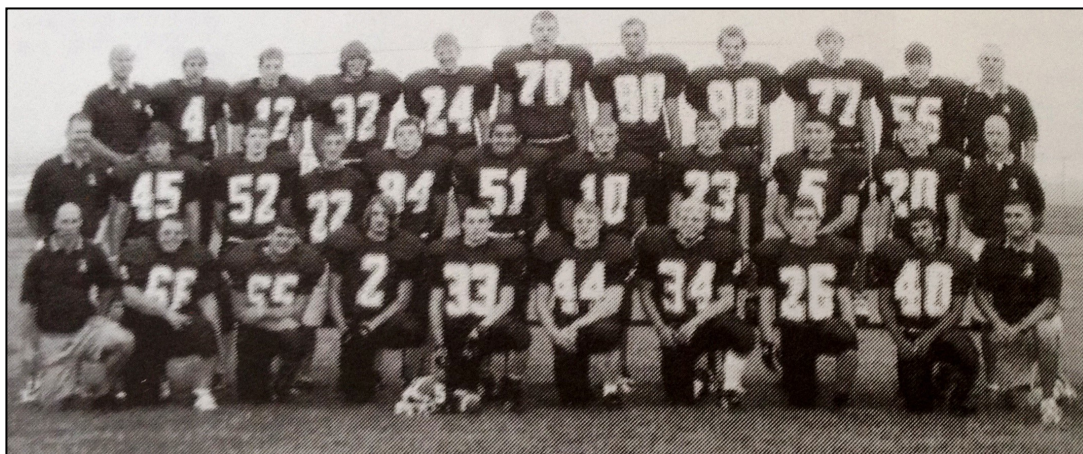
Tony Ferrara ('88): Two-time NYS Wrestling champion (1987-88) matching Randy Payne's school record; two-year starter as nose guard in football; Region III Champion (Alfred State) and 3rd overall in 1990 Division III Nationals; long-time area youth and scholastic wrestling coach; inducted into Region III Northeast District Wrestling Hall of Fame Feb 2011.



Elizabeth "Liz" Wagner ('93): All-Star in volleyball, field hockey (member of three Section IV championship teams including the 1991-92 NYS champs) and softball (nationally recognized as pitcher), leading 1993 Lady Warriors to Section IV title; Scholar-athlete at U-Mass, highlighted by two seasons among top eight Division I schools in the country. Achieved All-American status.



Steve Fessenden ('76): Section IV Athletic HOF Inductee in March 2015; Ten Varsity letters earned in football (2-year starting quarterback); basketball (member of 1974-75 Section IV & Central Region); and baseball (4-year starting catcher, 1976 CNY All-Star). Catcher for outstanding Broome CC teams of late 1970s.



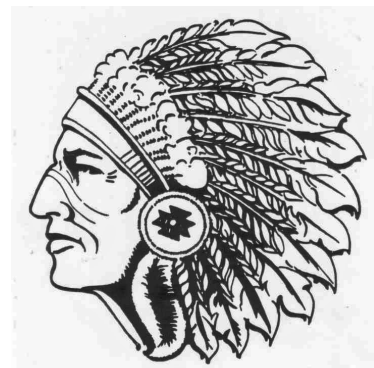
The 9th Annual Legacy Award: The 2005 NYS Class C Champion football team under Coach Jeff Matthews went 12-1 and set numerous school records. The slogan "Pride in the Tribe" echoed through the valley and into the Carrier Dome that November!

Sports Hall of Fame News

The Sports Hall of Fame Banquet ticket information and updates, will be announced on the alumni website when it becomes available, shortly after Reunion Weekend. You can also look for information on the Sidney Alumni Facebook page.

In other Sports Hall of Fame (HOF) news, the committee said hello to one of its own, as Coach

Roxy Olmstead Birdsall ('71 / HOF '14) agreed to coming on board. Roxy's three decades of coaching lend a great deal to the selection process when reviewing potential nominees. She replaces Coach **Doug Quinney (HOF '04)**, who passed away unexpectedly on the day of our last induction. Original member **Dennis Porter ('66/ Legacy '09)** has stepped down. Dennis was a valuable team member and we'll miss his input.



Great Football Begins in the Driveway

By Dave Hoskins '78

My brother, Tom, Sidney High School Class of 1982, lives in the house where we grew up, when we were younger, we threw the football to each other along the driveway that cuts through the back yard.

I always wanted to play football but wasn't good enough. When I played catch with others, I dropped more passes than I caught. But when Tom and I played along that driveway, it was different. He knew just the right touch to apply to the ball, and whatever he threw to me, I could catch. We would run imaginary pass plays from the time we finished our homework until our mother called us in for dinner.

Later, we played high school football after I left for college and I often wondered what it would have been like, had there not been a difference in age and in skill, to have played as brothers on the same football team.

During one particular game last Fall, Tom's two oldest sons, Tommy ('15) and Alex ('17), did just that, as starting quarterback and receiver. I was unable to

make it to the games, but listened to the local radio station's play-by-play over the Internet while in Chicago. I marveled while listening at how well Tommy and Alex seemed to play together. Although constantly under pressure and close to being sacked, Tommy always seemed to get the pass off in time to find Alex wide open for a completion and good gain.

Their team lost that night, but not before Tommy set a new school record for passes attempted. Alex caught 8 of those passes for 80 yards; one reception short of another school record.

Alex played both offense and defense, then late in the third quarter he was slow getting up from the turf after blocking a pass thrown into the end zone. I would learn later that Alex injured his kidney during that play and would spend the next several days recovering from surgery in the hospital. He is fine now and expected to make a full recovery but was not expected to play football again last season.

I am now typing this, while seated at the kitchen table in the house where I grew up. Tommy has already left and in a little while Alex and I will make our way to the field and watch this year's Homecoming game from the stands. And while I regret that I never got to see Alex and Tommy play together, I know that Tommy will play his heart out tonight, that Alex has many great games ahead of him and that they will always have the driveway.



Alex Hoskins '17

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Teacher, Lola VanWoert lives in FL and taught 2nd grade and 4th grade in Sidney and retired in 1979. She has 2 daughters, **Shari, '65** and **Juli, '67** and 3 grandchildren, Jessica, Nathan and Alexis, and one great granddaughter, Joyce.

Jim Innes, father of Bryan Innes, '01, lives in Unadilla and graduated in 1968 from Unatego. He enjoys helping Bryan coordinate the alumni golf tournament.

1944 Clara "Connie" Sisson Douglas moved to Alabama in Oct and is wondering why they left sunny FL to move to the cold! She also has 3 great, great grandsons.

1945 Al Bagnall and his wife celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Feb. 10 and they live in MD.

Carolyn Stevens Carter says this year will be her 70th high school reunion. She is hoping that her daughter Kristin will be able to drive up with her as her nephew, **Bob Stevens, '65** will be celebrating his 50th reunion. She missed the last 2 years because her travelling companion was too ill to travel. She retired from teaching in 1992 and enjoys bridge and volunteers at her church and with the Girl Scouts. She also has 2 grandsons, Steven and Andrew.

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1947 Joyce MacDonald Alexander still lives in Sidney with her husband Bruce. They have 3 children, **Sue, '74, Donna, '77 & Ralph, '78**. They have 4 grandsons, Andrew, Geoff, Greg and Austin and 3 great grandchildren, Ryan, Glenn and Coraline.

1948 Anethma Cole Ireland retired in 1995 as a cook at BG school as a stock clerk at Carol Ann Specialties in Norwich. She enjoys farming, and travelling; volunteers with the 4-H, and has foster children. In her travels she lacks going to 2 states, Maine and Alaska.

1951 Landon "Frosty" Forrest is a retired journalist and an open government lobbyist. He has 2 children, Jeff and Tracy and 3 grandchildren, Mason, Maggie and Emma.

1952 Joy Juckette Chuma retired in 1995 as a manager of Bell South, she enjoys flower gardening, interior decorating and piano. She helps in the local garden club and her elderly neighbors. She has 3 children, Susan, Linda & Rick; 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandsons!

Lawrence "Larrie" Sheldon lives in Hyde Park, NY and retired in 1992 from industrial security. He has many step children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He says that 20 offspring plus 6 spouses makes a family gathering near insanity but fun!!

1954 Margaret Ellis Aubrey retired in 1965 from teaching elementary school. She spends winter months in FL & summer months in NY. She has 3 daughters, Jennifer, Amy & Beth and 6 grandchildren.



Class of 1950 – met at the home of Don and Irene (Brush) Ingalls, July 19, 2014. (L to R): Bill Walker, Ginny (Wagner) Compton, Bob Searles, Betty (Graham) Gilbert, Alice (Rosa) Madison Clark, Monie (Travis) Peterson, Joyce Sanford Hall, Irene MacLachlan, Margie (Charles) Peterson, Bev (Boyce) Pierce.

We are fortunate all our class members have stayed in touch. We have a new address for Jannett (Tuckey) Belcher who recently moved to the Carolina's and quickly decided she preferred New York State. She bravely drove all alone about 900 miles to reach New York Mills. Her address: Country Club Court, 10 Pulaski Street, Apt B202, New York Mills, NY 13417.



Class of '54 & Spouses Met in St. Augustine, FL - (L to R) Dale (Mugglin) Young; Jack Young; Jeannette Doyle; Hugh Doyle; Ted Tacea; Bob Palmer; Gladys (Beagal) Palmer. Missing from photo: Mary (Moran) Tacea; Jim and Mary (Chilletti) Leonard.

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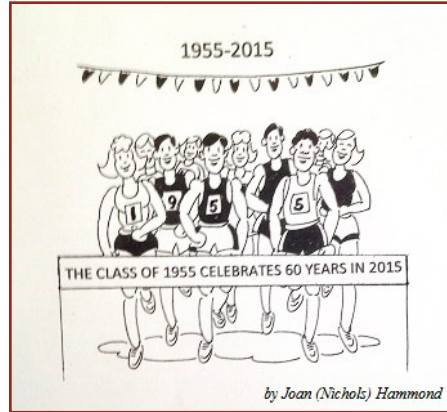
1954 Demaris Kellerman Kooker thanks the class of '54 for including her in the class. She spent her last 2 years of high school in PA and she missed her classmates in Sidney. She and her husband returned to Sidney when he was appointed to the United Methodist Church. Their daughter was born in Sidney and they started the nursery school at the church so their daughter would have somewhere to go. She still considers Sidney her hometown. Her sister, Lynne, married **Bruce Laraway, '54**.

1957 Tom Hamilton says he misses Sidney except for the winter weather and that it was a great town to grow up in. He lives in CA.

The Class of 1954 will celebrate it's 80th Birthday in July 2016. If any classmates have party ideas, please send them to Peggy Stilson at mstilson0@gmail.com.

1960 Joe Stanek married Betty Spinelli, class of '65. He is currently retired and living in Diamond Point on Lake George.

1962 Martha Burdick Benson is a hairdresser in New Berlin and enjoys snowshoeing, kayaking, hiking and reading. She volunteers for the Spirit of Christmas for youth and families in New Berlin. She has 2 sons, 2 step-children & 7 grand-children. She enjoys reading the *Reflections*—everyone is doing a great job.



Class of 1955 Reunion, see pg. 8.

1964 Marjorie Roff Bunch lives in CA and enjoys antiques cars and quilting. She volunteers for a Quilt Guild, D.A.R., Sunrunners Car Club and Pioneer Hospital Guild. She has 2 children, Jarett and Johnna and 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Maxwell Peck, Jr. has retired 3 different times and enjoys cross stitch, reading and his wife! He volunteers as a LPN. He has 5 children and 8 grandchildren and sometimes thinks that youth is wasted on the young!



The Class of '59 celebrate 55th Reunion — The Class of 1959 celebrated their 55th class reunion at the Sidney Golf and Country Club 2014. Names in photo are: Row 1 (L to R) Bob Merrill, Everett Wood, Dan Hager ak-Jack Skinner; Row 2, Sonny Cole, Lou Palombo, Harold Scott, Betsy Rutenber Ryan, Bonnie Provenzon Curtis, Winnie Olmstead Wlasiuk, Evy Buker Avery, Gary Gray and Gordy Bronson; and Row 3, Keith Scott, Jack Snyder, Rich Alcott, Sue Gloeckler Alcott, Ken Hamilton, Doug Sheldon, Jerry Curtis, Mary Peck Paul, Jim Hamilton, Ron Philpott, Tony Kemp and Steve Roff.

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1965 Edward Decker retired in 2011 from accounting and now enjoys golf. He lives in Endicott.

Dave Hollister and his wife Edna live in Salisbury Maryland. He works as an insurance broker and is interested in jazz music.

1966 Bruce Learned is a motor equipment operator and has not retired yet. He volunteers for the Cedarville Fire Dept. as a firefighter and EMT. He has 5 children and 6 grandchildren.

Bertel "Bert" Anderson is a US Air Force Vet (1966-70) and then became a civilian contractor in Turkey in 1971 until 1973. He received his AAS in Industrial Technology from Erie CC and then his BS from Buffalo State in 1976. He took an early retirement from the Industrial field after 31 years and became a Missionary to Haiti from 2007-2015. He is now home in NY but who knows till when.


1968 Debby and Blair Puffer celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on May 2; also celebrating going on Medicare in August.

Sharon Bargher Delello has 1 son, James, and 2 granddaughters, Courtney and Abbey. She lives in Bainbridge and is semi-retired. She enjoys golf and golfs in the alumni tourney every year with her fellow classmates. She shares her granddaughters with classmates, **John Holden, '68** & **Joanne Nordberg Darling, '68** whose daughter, Shelly was married to James.




The Class of 1964, 50th Reunion — (Front Row) Ann Wasiuk Lane, Rosemary Spinelli Bezosky, Karene Allen Hendee, Alice Wagner Schmidt, Pat Smith Parizzi, Nancy Dumond Setford, Pat Kerquoz Ferrara, Terri Boardman Hager, Pat Dilley Dumond, Rick Matthewson, George Smith, Susan Wadsworth Slawson; (2nd Row) Dave Lane, Gordy Fitzgerald, Ken Lord, Kris Johnson Chambers, Pauline Blackman Deforest, Paul Drotar, Sharon Silengo Waugh, Bill Sisson, Tom Champion, Avery Dumond, Craig Carlson, Richard Parsons, Bob Day, Chuck Curley; (Back Row) Beverly Gifford Jenkins, Gilbert Jenkins, Merikay McKinney Harper, Rick Gray, Richard Day, Judy Kean-Maines, Maureen Ihrle Verplanck, Bob Pomeroy, Pete Riker, John Pardee.


Sidney Central School Class of '65
50th Reunion Celebration




Left Chest
Embroidery



Right Chest
Embroidery



Left Sleeve
Embroidery



Terry Dermody, Class of '65, sporting a 50th Reunion T-shirt — Custom T-shirt can be purchased in time for reunion weekend. An order form and details are available by contacting Terry Dermody: tmd65@optimum.net or Anne Corrigan: anne.corrigan@yahoo.com

Return to our Roots... Reminisce... Reunite... and Celebrate!

Birthday Bash for Class of '67

By Pam Lown Gilbert

The Class of '67 certainly knows how to enjoy ourselves! It was Reunion Weekend 2014 in Sidney, and our class could hardly wait to celebrate our very own 65th birthday party! Special thanks to Amy Miketta Fitzgerald, Diane Graney Holbert, Sue Learn Bennett, Judy Warren Myers, and Pam Lown Gilbert for making this happen.

We started Thursday evening off in Amy Fitzgerald's backyard, sharing an array of snacks, finger foods, beverages of all kinds, and making lots of new memories. Classmates came with huge smiles and shared hugs. Some traveled all the way from California! Stories flowed as we reconnected with each other.

Friday night brought even more of our buddies to the VFW for the mixer. Saturday morning March of the Classes was next, and then.....

Amy and Diane worked together to make our 65th Birthday Bash at the Cream of the Crop on Saturday afternoon the best time ever! Among those that joined in were Loren Thompson, Peggy (Heidrich) Logue and hubby, Melinda (Felter) Barrows, Chris Davis, Ed Green and his wife, Sue (Vandervort) Seylor, Cheryl (Diflippo) Jones, plus the original group from Thursday. Chy Hendee couldn't make it, so we attached her "face on a stick", sat her in a chair, and sent her a "Miss You, Chy" video from our entire group! She was with our class in spirit the entire weekend. Picture this: Larry, Ron, Dave,

and Chris in one huddle catching up; Melinda, Marion, Dawn at a table chatting; Amy, Pam, Diane, Cheryl and Sue making sure everyone was having a great time, a few of the guys sat at the bar, and photos being taken of each

After having a luncheon buffet, we sat on the deck out back, and continued swapping stories. The sun shining on us as we gathered for our group picture set the tone for the warmth of friendship we carried away from the day.



Summer Reunion Adventures for the Class of '67— Celebrating their 65th birthday at the Cream of the Crop in Bainbridge. *Top row (L to R)* Leslie Shorling, Sue Vandevort, Judy Warren, Pam Lown, Dawn Hess, Peggy Heidrich, Melinda Felter, Cheryl DeFlippo, Marion Bargher, Diane Graney, Gail Horth, Amy Miketta; *Bottom row:* Chris Davis, Larry Wyss, Ray Stark, Ed Green, Tom Ruff, George Hollister, Loren Thompson, Dave Williams, Sam Hager, Ron Henderson, Ray Closs.

other. Gail and her partner were talking with Ray Closs, and looking over a photo book of the time they spent in CA with Ray at the Railroad Museum where he works.

Diane raffled off four of her drawings, made placemats and maroon and white rubber bracelets for us. Everyone got a goody bag to take home with them.

We all met up once again at the Saturday night event at the American Legion. What a great time we had finding friends of other graduating classes, and feeling like class had just let out!

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1969 Jerry Smith is the owner of Laurel Mt Homes, Rt. 21 Homes and Jefferson Estates in PA. He has 4 children and 6 grandchildren. He enjoys golf, kayaking, ping pong, cycling and gardening. He enjoys reading and hearing about the Sidney area and would love to hear from more classmates.

Bob VanVoorhis -- an update, eh? been retired more or less since 2007, spent years prior acquiring enough books, music and movies to keep me entertained at home, and has a fairly popular page on Facebook that has old and newer friends and some celebrities reading regularly. Health not perfect, but I get by on my own.



Neighborhood Pals — Norman Craft (L) and Bob Van Voorhis, class of '69, in front of the Craft home on Overlook Drive, Sidney.

1971 Gregory Peck is married to **Nancy Alger Peck**, '82 and together they have 4 children: Mike and Tammy Honeycutt and Casey and Caitlyn in FL; **Greg, Jr.** '06 and wife Kayla and son Spencer in Sidney; **Nadine** '08 and **Geoffrey** '13 both in Sidney.

Marjorie Johnson Phillips is married to Jim Johnson, a pilot for Flight Options. Their son, Chuck, is married to Wendy and has two daughters. Daughter, Michelle, married to Ryan with boy and girl twins. We love spending time with our family and grandkids! Looking forward to traveling next year after retirement.

1973 H. Stan Smith is disabled and enjoys genealogy. He was in an auto accident in 1972 which has made life difficult but not impossible. He lives in Chiefland, FL.

Jack Doyle is married to Cindy (Stringer) '75, and celebrate their 40th anniversary in Nov. and hopes to retire from the US postal service in Nov. They have 4 grandchildren. He is still very active in local music and theatre.

1975 Douglas Sanford lives in Haverhill, MA. Enlisted in the USAF 1976 through 1980, honorably discharged Sgt. Worked for Western Electric/AT&T/Lucent/Alcatel-Lucent 1980 through 2008 and retired; United States Postal Service 2008 through present and will fully retire July 2019. Two sons Eric 33, Mech Engineer and Nathan, 31, high school teacher. His wife, Carol, is retired.

1975 David VanValkenburg is the pharmacy manager at Tri Town Regional Hospital in Sidney and was the former owner of Fairbanks Pharmacy.

The Class of '75 is looking for the following people:

Henry Finnegan, Cathy Halloran, Valerie Salton Cole, Elnora Vermilyea, Sheryl Scott Cook, Harry Sundal, Diane Reynolds, Jean Reding Belokur, Rodney Popple, Susan Duncan, Tim Mertz, Kevin Cumm, Jim Jacobs, Robert Stork, Sherry Gray, Karen VanCamp, Wendy Sue Baker, Gary Elliott, Ralph H. Meyer, Peter J DeSalvo, Angelet Kelly, and Laura Walker.

Please contact me if you know of a way to contact these classmates.

Larry Halbert, 20 Ritton St., Sidney, NY 13838, OR, larryhalbert7@gmail.com

1977 Lorna DeMott Wilhelm is a physical therapist and together with her late husband Bruce has 2 children. Her daughter, Kristin is married and has 2 children ages 7 & 5 and her son Brett will be getting married this summer. She loves to golf and spend time on Otsego Lake (she purchased her camp from her Jr. high school band director Mr. Robertson).

Jeffrey Hathaway has 3 children - Meghan, age 28 in D.C., Valene age 25 in NYC, and Tyler, age 23 in Chicago. He lives in Syracuse and is a partner in several Physical Therapy and related businesses. He is a SU basketball season ticket holder, avid average golfer, and enjoys many sports and outdoor activities along with travel.

Volunteers Needed Alumni Weekend July 17 - 19

**If interested, please call
Debby Woytek Puffer,
(607) 967-8480.**

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Weekend Getaway —

Friends from the Class of '76 get together annually for a weekend at the Otesaga in Cooperstown, and would like other classmates to join them next year.

(Seated, R to L) is Kathy Dombrowski Donadio, Sheri Emerson Kinsella and Terri Northrop DeBottis; and (Standing) Mary Dingman House and Carole Redmond Stanbro.



1980 Denise Stevens and husband, Dale from Andes NY, met at SUNY Cobleskill. They live in Peachland, NC, where she teaches business courses. They have 3 children: Jamie, 25, an accountant in Charlotte, NC. Doug, 22, a senior at Chapel Hill studying Sports Management. Brian, 19, a Sophomore at Appalachian State studying Accounting.

1982 Elaine Lambrecht DeVost is married to Scott DeVost, lives in Sidney and has her own business as a Professional Appointment Setter to set up appointments and accounts in advertising/marketing for an online shopping company. Her mission

statement: Enhancing lives by helping others reach their goals. Elaine is loving life, family, friends and meeting new people. Husband, Scott DeVost is a chef at Angus & Ale Restaurant in Sidney. They have several children who have attended SCS. Her interests: Meet and greet, Secretarial, Networking.

1984 Mindy Lamb Doyle lives in Bainbridge with husband, **Tim**, '79. They 5 children: **Stephanie**, 2004, **Christopher**, 2006, **Lauren**, 2006, **Derrick**, 2008 and **Darcie**, 2008, and 2 grandchildren: Tatum Preschool at SCS (2014) and little brother Carson.

Soccer Madness 2014 — Class of '89s Kelly "Felske" Hanson, Vin Luca and Tina Breunig Woodyshek kick up some school spirit during the Alumni soccer game at Keith Clark Park.



We Remember ...

Martha Hall Dann '32
 Lucy Harris Barnhart '40
 John Bickos '45
 Janet Moore Caswell '45
 James Weeden '45
 Paul Whitney '46
 John Downin '50
 Donald Mott '51
 Doris Olsen Jones '52
 Nicholas Danforth, Jr. '53
 Donald Logan '53
 Harry French '54
 Dorothy Reynolds Menzel '55
 Kermit Marble '55
 Valerie Sheldon Stankavage '55
 Richard Zurn '55
 Linda Brenneis Killmeier '57
 Bill Sines '57
 John Allen '57
 Patricia Peck Underwood '58
 Joe McCauley '59
 Phillip Livingston '60
 Ann Petrosky Philpott '61
 Paul Schobert '62
 Ralph Shaw '63
 Dale Williams '63
 Ron Cutting '64
 Floyd Howard '65
 Deb Mertz McGee '68
 Douglas Elliott '69
 Gary Vaughn '72
 Ron Egli '73
 Kim Finch '75
 Jacqueline Thomas Gibson '83



Alumni Give New Life to an Old Neighborhood

By Anne Plummer Winnick '73

The Scintilla Magneto Company was brought to Sidney in 1925 on the heels of two failing manufacturing businesses with the hope that it would sustain the local economy. It began, as a small manufacturing factory in a wooden building by the tracks making magnetos for aircraft. By the 1940s and the onset of World War II, manufacturing gained momentum to fill the demand for aircraft parts, and Scintilla became world renown for its superior products, specifically what had become a revolutionary new type of aircraft magneto. (Crandall 15)

It soon became evident there was a need to provide greater comfort for workers, increase productivity and continue to develop a superior product, which led to building a new factory on Delaware Ave. At this time, more than 9,000 people were employed. They came to work from neighboring towns and cities in droves; by the busload, or by train on the D&H and O&W Railroads. (18)

People began to move to Sidney from all over the state, and some from different parts of the world, to work at Scintilla and raise families in this small, fast-growing industrial town located in the heart of farming country. (18)

Upon graduation from Hartwick College, a young man named Charles Gardner brought his growing family from Cooperstown to begin his new career in Scintilla. With this sudden influx of new workers on a grand scale, came the pressing need for housing. Charles and his family would make their home in the "large, Federal Housing Project known as Sherwood Heights, named after Winfield Sherwood, the businessman responsible for heading the committee that brought Scintilla to Sidney". (18)

For nearly 70 years, countless alumni have lived in the Sherwood Heights neighborhood at one time or another. Some made it their permanent residence; others stayed only until they purchased a home in another part of town. A 1949 map of Johnston Circle, Bird Ave. and Beale Blvd. shows 200 apartment houses, noting the last name of the family who occupied each one. Seneca and Cayuga Streets, and A and B Drives, show an additional 80 units of temporary housing called Quonset Huts.

In the late 40's, the war ended and the need for aircraft parts and magnetos dwindled. The factory downsized and people moved on to find work elsewhere. The pace in this community slowed down, and people went about the business of living to a peaceful, unhurried cadence.



A family affair — Andy '16 (left), Toni and Kirk Gardner '79, shown at their Sidney residence, are no strangers to home refurbishing and hard work.

Today, only a few of the original homes remain; some have been refurbished. One such home at 266-268 Johnston Circle, has been completely transformed by Charles Gardner's son and Sidney alumnus, Kirk Gardner, class of 1979. As owner of his business, Superior Heating and Air Conditioning, he became familiar with the old homes in the neighborhood. A few years ago, Kirk was interested in leasing a garage for storing supplies and equipment, and upon further inquiry, the owner suggested Kirk make an offer to purchase the house.

Kirk and his wife, Toni (Afton class of '86), purchased the 2-unit, 1940's home for a song. "The house was in very rough shape; it was a major



266-268 Johnston Circle, owned and refurbished by Kirk and Toni Gardner.

project!" Kirk exclaimed. "With the help of my son, Andy, (SCS Class of 2016), the house was gutted. The floors were falling in and some of the floor joists needed to be replaced. All the walls were taken out, re-studded, insulated and newly wired. The chimney was re-moved and new electric heat was installed. We put on a new roof and back porch, then painted the house inside and out."

New Life ... *(continued)*

Instead of dividing the floor space in half and creating two apartments of equal size, as in the old days, Kirk and Toni created a 24' x 40' apartment with two-thirds of the space, replaced the plumbing in a new bathroom, laundry, and kitchen, using second-hand cabinets given to him by his sister, Beth. "The cabinets are beautiful! They looked like new, and fit perfectly when I installed them," Kirk said, with well-deserved pride. The last third of the floor plan is refurbished for Kirk's business office. Supplies and equipment are stored in the garage; Kirk's original goal.

Kirk and Toni, agreed, "We are very happy with the way the house turned out and we couldn't have asked for better tenants. We did some landscaping out back so they could enjoy privacy in the back yard. This project was well worth the time and money we put into it, and it has added something positive to the neighborhood."

Taking a drive around this neighborhood reveals what's left of a few of the worn, torn homes and apartment houses of a lifetime ago. Vacant lots remain where the original homes once stood and one can now only imagine what life was like in the 40's in this 280-unit development, once brimming with the activity of family life. By funding through the (New York) NY Works for Business Homes and Community Renewal, vacant lots have become rejuvenated with a modern duplex or townhouse-style home. And with them, they bring renewed vitality, the hope of prosperity, and, as it was in the 40's... a good place to live.

Kirk and Toni reside in Sidney and have three children, Amber '07, Ashley '11, and Andy '16.

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New housing in Sherwood Heights on Bird Ave. and Landing Drive.



Memories of The Project

By Dolores Hayes Breunig '62

After my father, Gerald Hayes '39 was discharged from the Army-Air Force in 1945, we moved back to Sidney into a two-bedroom apartment located at 190 Johnston



Circle. My father, (holding Dolores below); mother, Harriette, and I lived there for about three years before settling into our home at 109 West Main Street when I was four years old.

I still have a few vivid memories living in the Sherwood Heights Subdivision. I remember looking into the baby carriage to see my new baby brother, Keith, who was born in February of 1947. The layout of the apartment is still with me. On the wall of the bedroom



where I slept was a large Bugs Bunny picture that my father had drawn. In addition, are the recollections of going to kindergarten in the Quonset Hut in the project and making many friends that continued through out high school and beyond.

Back then I believe there was more constructive playtime. A sandbox, toys to play with and seemed lots of outdoor activities come to mind. Another memory is Art Weed bragging to me that he could count to ten. A very special friendship was with Kathy MacDonald Ryan. I can still remember the first day we met in kindergarten. We remained friends and kept in touch until she passed away July 16, 1998.

So many of us from our generation lived in the Sherwood Heights Subdivision, affectionately called "The Project" at one time or another, and because of that, we have still another connection to share as classmates.

Remembering our Roots... Working Toward the Future!

Growing Up on 'The Project'

By Harry Bouvier '63

I remember back when we lived in the Sherwood Heights neighborhood at 234 Bird Avenue, also called, 'The Project'. My mother had her favorite porcelain figure of a Dutch Woman. It was an antique handed down to her from Gramma (her mom). It was white with cobalt blue accent markings; and it was the one possession she really loved. She would tell my brother Joel and me that she always knew when we were bad because the Dutch Woman would tell her.

I was only four or five years old at the time, and Joel of course was a year younger. She always kept it on the window sill above the kitchen sink facing inside, so to keep an eye on us boys.

When she wanted to go to the next door neighbors (a couple doors up were the Sheldons and a few doors down were the Hagers) for something she needed she'd tell us to play nice until she gets back. And she'd always remind us that she would know if we were bad because the Dutch Woman would tell.

I thought I was smart because every time I wanted to get into something that my mom didn't want me to get into; I'd pull over the chair to the sink and climb up to turn that rotten tattle-tale figurine to face out the window. I figured that way she wouldn't be able to see me. But, you know what; that damn Dutch Woman seemed to always know when I did something I wasn't supposed to. I never figured out why. Boy, was I a stupid kid or what?

One time I accidentally dropped it and it smashed into a thousand pieces. I was in big trouble, even though I tried to blame it on Joel.

You know mom, if you're listening to me up there in Heaven, I'm so sorry.



Photos: (top to bottom) 40s view from the top of the hill, down Bird Ave.; 1950s photo of Vicki Miller Kulze '70 (left), and sister, Brenda Miller DeMatteo '67 outside their apartment building; a hot summer day in '59... (L to R) Deb Nolan '71, Sue Nolan Dietrich '73, David Plummer Jr. '75 and Anne Plummer Winnick '73; and Dolores Hayes Breunig '62 outside her apartment.



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Growing Up in Sidney in the 80's

By Tim Colburn



Growing up in Sidney was great fun and holds many memories for me. I lived on 8 Railroad Avenue West in Sidney (behind Bendix before it changed its name). I was the boy who sounded like a firetruck when I rode my bike around the neighborhood.

Even though my family moved to another town when I finished 8th grade, I will always call Sidney my home town and I will always remember the teachers and staff at Sidney Central School District who gave me my education from 1st through 8th grade (1977 to 1986). In my heart, I will be a Sidney Warrior, who often visits Sidney and enjoys giving back to this community by helping out wherever there is a need.

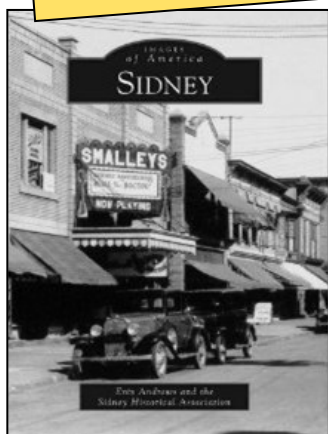
I remember ...

- ... walking home from school, going up and down different streets all over town.
- ... playing basketball and baseball with my friends at Keith Clark Park on River Street.
- ... racing and playing bike tag with my friends in the neighborhood; riding all over town.
- ... swimming with friends and family at the Sidney pool and East Sidney Dam.
- ... trips with my classmates to Golden Valley where we swam and hiked the trails.

- ... spending a lot of time at the Sidney Fire Co. on River St. with my Dad; helping them set up for events, playing in the fire trucks and helping the men wash them.
- ... the turkey raffle and winning prizes at the Sidney Fire Co.
- ... watching the canoe races during the General Clinton Canoe Regatta and watching the fireworks with my parents and brothers.
- ... roller skating with my middle school classmates at Hillcrest Roller Skating Rink.
- ... school field trips with my classmates, to purchase a Christmas tree every year.
- ... end-of-year class picnics.
- ... one of my favorite classes, gym class, where my best friends and I played dodge ball, basketball, wrestling, and many other sports.
- ... going to the movie theater on Main Street.
- ... snow days; playing outdoors and having snowball fights with my friends.
- ... spending time and having fun with my family and best friends during Thanksgiving and winter break.



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Sidney Historical Association Museum & Gift Shop

The Sidney Historical Association invites the public to take advantage of additional open hours during Alumni Weekend, July 19. The Museum is located in the Civic Center, Room 218, on Liberty Street, and will be open from 1- 3 p.m. Signs will be posted with directions to the elevator and room 218.

Browse 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, scrapbooks, maps and more to view. Volunteers will be available to chat or answer questions. Images of America Sidney book can be purchased at the museum, or order a copy by contacting Joeline Cole at 607-563-1425. The price is \$22 plus \$5 for shipping and handling. Other items for sale include Scintillators, yearbooks, reproduction postcards, notecards, mugs, Bicentennial memorabilia.

Become a member or renew your membership! All proceeds support our projects and programs. For more info about the Sidney Historical Association, visit our website at www.sidneyonline.com/sha.htm or on Facebook. Questions may be e-mailed to sidneyhistorical@stny.rr.com.

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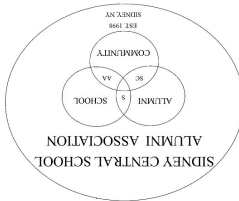
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