

REFLECTIONS

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ALUMNI WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, July 18

7:30 AM-5:30 PM

Golf Tournament, Sidney Golf & Country

Club \$260 per team –

email jinnes68@stny.rr.com

6:00 PM-8:PM

**Wall of Fame Reception (by invitation),
Club 55, 55 Union St.**

25th & 50th reunion classes, Wall of Fame
members & honorees,
SCSAA directors, all class representatives
See P. 5 for complete registration details

8:00 PM-midnight

**Friday Night Social, Elks Lodge, 104 River
St.**

Band: Triple Cities Sound Machine, \$5 per
person

Saturday, July 19

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

**Pancake Breakfast, Sidney Community
Cultural Center**

Hosted by the D'Imperio family, \$10 per
person

9:30AM-10:30AM

Field hockey game, Alumni Field

11:00 AM-11:15

**Lineup for March of the Classes on Main
Street, Sidney Community Cultural
Center**

11:15-noon

**March of the Classes on Main Street with
Grand Marshal Ray Taylor, '55**

Led by 2025 Wall of Fame nominees &
current members, with emcee Bob
D'Imperio

Noon-6:00PM

**Open House, Amphenol
Corporation**

1:00PM-4:00PM

**Open House, Sidney Alumni Association
Room in the former Hospital**

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

**Cornhole Tournament, Elks Lodge, 104
River St. \$20 per team**

8:00 PM-midnight

**Saturday Night Social, American Legion,
22 Union St.**

DJ: Noel Goodspeed, \$5/person cover

Sunday, July 20

10:00 AM-10:45AM

**Alumni Memorial Service, Sidney
Veterans Memorial Park**

*In case of rain: Landers Funeral Home, 21
Main St.*

11:00 AM-noon

**Wall of Fame Luncheon Buffet, Club 55,
55 Union St.**

\$15 per person – email:

reservations@sidneyalumni.org

Noon-2:00 PM

**Wall of Fame Induction, Club 55, 55
Union St.**

William Martin, '75; Gerald Washington,
'75; Craig DuMond, '85; Mike & Tammy
Barnes, '79; Dennis Laraway, '80; Kristen
Aiken, '00

See P. 6 for complete registration details

To all Sidney High Alumni,

The Sidney Central School Alumni Association was but a dream in 1988, when a handful of class representatives began promoting the idea of an annual all-class reunion. Ten years later, the Alumni Association was established formally, with a board of directors and an official charter and bylaws.

For more than 25 years, dedicated volunteer alumni have worked to build an increasingly dynamic Alumni Association in support of Sidney's pride and legacy. Named Sidney's "2023 Nonprofit of the Year," we proudly continue providing leadership and involvement in support of the association's mission: To serve alumni, school and community.

SCSAA stands out nationally as the only high school alumni association with a 501(c)(3) non-profit registration and annual three-day, all-class alumni reunion - every July for the past 27 years! Our activities include: four annual Reflections newsletters, delivered online, via e-blast and US mail; the annual Sidney Sports Hall of Fame and Wall of Fame events; and Alumni Basketball.

We give academic and athletic scholarships, support for teen leadership opportunities to the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Future Farmers of America (FFA) national conferences, organize an annual Career Day for grades seven through 12, and have recently appointed seven junior and senior high school students as leadership fellows to the SCSAA Board of Directors.

Our community efforts have included matching grants to the library, the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park, Community Cultural Center and the Sidney Center Improvement Group, toward restoration of its flood-destroyed children's park. We are also a proud sponsor of the Southern Tier Music Festival. Your continued support through membership and donations has made all that we do possible.

As we go forward, please consider making an annual or one-time gift in shared commitment to the association's vision and mission. Your gift will be tax-deductible if made out to Sidney Central School Alumni Association.

Join our *Spirit of Sidney Campaign* to give back to our community, and our roots.

Mail contributions to:

SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, NY 13838.

Thank you sincerely,

Sidney Central School Alumni Association Board of Directors

SCSAA Expands Board, Names New Directors

The Alumni Association has recently voted to increase the size of its board of directors from 21 to 25, and is happy to announce the election of four new board members.

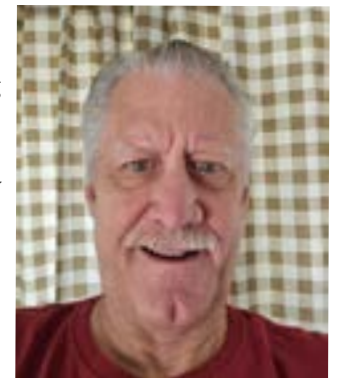
Mary Elizabeth Todd, '95: Mary resides in Nineveh, New York as a Human Resource Generalist for SFCU. She is also a pastor's wife for a small church in Harpursville. She writes, "My husband and I celebrated 28 years of marriage this year and are the proud parents of five amazing children. We have always tried to demonstrate the importance of community service and have had the pleasure of participating in many ways. I have taken part in community clean-ups, presented financial education and career opportunities in various schools, partnered with BOCES for internships and career days, and been involved in food distribution through our local food bank. As a family in ministry, we are always looking for ways to serve our community. We organize the Operation Christmas boxes every year as well as food boxes for our local families in need. I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this new capacity with the Alumni Association, bringing people together, back 'home,' where we hold many fond memories."



Ryan G. Erbe, '99: Ryan is living in Highland Falls, New York and is assistant professor of character and psychology at the US Military Academy in West Point, where he trains officers to build cohesive teams to accomplish their mission. Ryan, as class representative, has organized four reunions, including his last year's 25th. Ryan believes his skills in listening, empathy and communication have served him well in education and church work, and he looks forward to contributing back home.

Douglas J. Barnard, '77: Doug joined the Navy in 1985, serving until retirement in 2008. At that time, he served the Department of Housing and Urban Development through 2021. Returning to Sidney, he quickly took leadership roles as president of the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park Association and facilities manager of the

Sidney Community Cultural Center. He now wishes to join SCSAA as liaison with local veterans.



Megan Lewis, '24: Megan is a freshman at SUNY Binghamton, making her the youngest person to ever join the SCSAA board. She is one of Sidney High's most celebrated student-athletes, having graduated as the Class of 2024 valedictorian, and is an outstanding example of the value of the Alumni Association's Leadership Fellows Program, bringing student leaders into adult board-room contact and nonprofit civic-project involvement. In her time at Sidney, Megan served as student council president, Tri-M president and was a member of the National Honor Society and overall devoted member of the community. She has consistently delivered new and valuable ideas to the board and continues now as a full-fledged member, dedicated to the organization and providing her services however they are needed. Megan said, "It is my ultimate goal to serve the community that has fostered my physical and intellectual growth for so many years. Though I was not born in Sidney, since joining the community in elementary school, I have been supported and surrounded by people who wish for the success of Sidney as a whole, which I hope to continue to foster. I am excited to start fulfilling my role as a board member."

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Ray Taylor, '55 to Receive Alumni Association Volunteer Appreciation Award, Named March of Classes Grand Marshal



The Wall of Fame Committee is proud to announce that Ray Taylor, '55, is the recipient of the SCSAA 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Award. Ray will also serve as grand marshal and lead the March of Classes on Main Street, Saturday, July 19.

Ray has dedicated many years to the important role of webmaster of the alumni association website. We all appreciate getting valuable information and seeing alumni weekend photos that Ray has spent hours posting for us to enjoy.

Ray grew up on a farm, which kept him busy and left little time for extra school activities. Ray and his wife, Elma Daniels Taylor, are graduates of Sidney schools. They have two sons who also graduated from Sidney schools. Ray and Elma, high school sweethearts, just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Ray developed interests and excelled in a wide variety of activities. He rides motorcycles and was director of the Hudson

Highland Retreads for 16 years. He is an avid model railroad enthusiast, with a large moving outdoor railroad in his back yard. Ray has called modern western square dancing for more than 50 years, and has experience teaching their new classes. He hosted 50 to 75 square dancers on cruises and called square dances when ships were at sea. Ray has recorded 10 square dance records. Ray and Elma have enjoyed 13 cruises, including to Hawaii, Alaska and the Caribbean.

Ray began working on our SCSAA website in 2008, doing most of the work himself. He spent hours determining how to include meaningful and important info for all alumni. The most challenging time of year was in the days following alumni weekends, as he worked tirelessly to get the many pictures uploaded quickly. Be sure to visit sidneyalumni.org and see all he has done.

Thank you, Ray, for the many years dedicated to the alumni association.

Nathan Gifford Joins Sidney Alumni Association

Nathan Gifford, an alumnus of Herkimer County College, (2008), in Graphic Design, and Morrisville State College, in Computer Science (2009), has joined SCSAA as a consultant to update our website, database and membership process.

Nathan resides in Bainbridge though is from Norwich. He has served as an internet technology consultant for several area organizations. In 2018 he formed his own company, **Metatronics**, specializing in computer repair, IT support, web design, data recovery, networking, server installation, security protocols and maintenance.

Nathan joins SCSAA **webmaster Ray Taylor, '55**, who has been the architect and manager of our online existence. Ray will celebrate his 70th reunion in July and will serve as Grand Marshall of the July 19 Alumni Association March on Main Street.



SCSAA Recognition Reception

6 to 8 p.m., Friday, July 18, Club 55, by invitation

All Class Representatives, 2025 Wall of Fame inductees, Wall of Fame members, alumni board members, and 25th and 50th class reunion members:

We invite you to gather for a relaxed time to meet, travel down the lanes of nostalgia, and exchange ideas to strengthen our Alumni Association. The reception buffet will offer free hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Cash bar. Casual attire. Invitees may bring a plus one. Send all reservation info to: reservations@sidneyalumni.org. Please include your name, class year and group, for seating purposes.

Make Friday **RESERVATIONS** Online at:

<https://secure.sidneyalumni.org/eventReg.jsp?event=26&>

This link is also provided on our website: <https://www.sidneyalumni.org>

Or email this information to: reservations@sidneyalumni.org, Anne M. Mott 607-316-2716

Event: Friday Reception

Name_____ Class Year _____ Phone_____

Email_____ Table Group_____

Guest Name_____

Wall of Fame Luncheon & Awards Program

11:00 to 2:00 Sunday, July 20 at Club 55, \$15/person

11:00 Buffet luncheon (open seating), doors open at 10:45

12:00 Awards program – reserved tables for honorees, family, classes

To be inducted:

Dr. William Martin, ‘75 Gerald Washington, ‘75
Michael Barnes, ‘78 & Tammy Radley Barnes, ‘79
Dennis Laraway, ‘80 Craig DuMond, ‘85,
Kristen Aiken, ‘00

Join us to honor our Class of 2025 Wall of Fame inductees and hear their inspiring stories.

Accomplished in the fields of medicine, healthcare, agriculture, law enforcement, journalism and even rodeos and youth services, these Sidney Central School alumni demonstrate success, achievement, outreach and community service at the highest level. They prove that you can graduate from Sidney schools, go anywhere or stay nearby, and accomplish and contribute great things! Time and time again, our honorees express their gratitude and appreciation for the culture, education and the “Spirit of Sidney.”

REGISTER and PAY ONLINE: Final day for Reservations is July 13, 2025

https://secure.sidneyalumni.org/eventReg.jsp? event=21&

Link also available on our website https://www.sidneyalumni.org

Or email this information to: reservations@sidneyalumni.org, Anne M. Mott 607-316-2716

To pay by mail: please fill out this form and mail to SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, NY 13838

Name_____

Phone No._____

E-Mail:_____

(One check may be written for both the Reception RSVP and Membership dues. See details in Reflections)

Name of Attendees: Class Year

Office Use	
Luncheon # of Tickets	_____
@ \$15 per person = Total \$	_____

Awards Ceremony Reserved Table Group

Dr. William Martin___ Gerald Washington___

Michael Barnes & Tammy Radley Barnes___

Dennis Laraway ___ Craig DuMond___

Kristen Allen___ Ray Taylor___

Class 1975___ Class 1980___ Class 1985___

Class 2000___ Other Class Year _____

Class Notes

1960: Pete Parker and Sandy live in Prescott, Arizona. He’s retired from a career in law enforcement.

1961: Linc Blaisdell lives in Clarence, New York. He’s a retired high school English teacher, who enjoys reading, bicycling and travel. He recently visited northeastern Spain. He and Millie have two sons, Aaron and Ben, and three grandchildren.

1964: Pat Plankenhorn Neish lives in Chittenango, New York. Eric passed away in 2025. Pat spends winters in her Florida home. She enjoys crafts, golf and especially watching her grandchildren’s activities. She has a son, Eric, and daughter, Michelle, and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1966: Bill and Lee Ellen Coy Palmer recently returned from a three-week cruise of South America. They sailed from Buenos Aires to Valparaiso, Chile. Due to bad weather, they missed the Falklands but they said Cape Horn was incredibly beautiful. Worth all the rough seas!! They have more cruises planned. Their oldest daughter and husband have moved to Portugal. Two other daughters live nearby. They have two baseball-playing grandsons and a 10-year-old granddaughter who they think is pretty special.

1968: Randy Goulette lives in Mount Vision, New York and spends winters in Florida. He is retired from UPS. He and Ilene have two sons – Patrick (deceased) and Christopher – and four grandchildren.

1973: Sharon Lambrecht Gilbert lives in Otego, New York. She worked for 35 years at Amphenol. In retirement, she likes gardening, sewing, camping and hiking and she helps elderly family members. She recently vacationed in Maine. Sharon and Dale have two daughters, Heidi and Brandy.

Southern Tier Music Festival Returns

The third annual Southern Tier Music Festival will be held at the Sidney Municipal Airport Saturday, July 5. This year’s headliner is Uncle Kracker. The lineup includes Celebrating Queen, a Queen tribute band; Halfway to Hell, an AC/DC tribute band; Alyssa Crosby from The Voice; and local favorites, the 911 band.

The event runs from 2p.m. to 10p.m., with food, beer, wine and a full day of entertainment.

Tickets are on sale at southerntiermusicfest.com. VIP tickets are \$175 and include front-row standing room for the entertainment, open bar, complimentary food, free parking and covered seating. Limited VIP tickets are available and 50% sold out at the time of this edition, so don’t wait. General admission is \$60.



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- ALYSSA CROSBY
- HALFWAY TO HELL
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Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame 2025

The Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces the Class of 2025 inductees. The event’s weekend will feature the same cherished traditions as in previous years. This includes a Friday evening halftime introduction of our inductees at Alumni Field, followed by an all-alumni Sports Hall of Fame post-game social at the VFW. Induction Day will begin at 4 p.m., Saturday, at the Sidney Elks Lodge, 104 River St., Sidney. Please note the dates are Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27.

Note: These are the shortened bios. Full biographies showcasing inductees’ full achievements will be available at the event.



Tom Hager, ‘65 Tom was an exceptional four-sport athlete, excelling in football, basketball, track, and baseball, for a combined total of 10 letters. His leadership extended beyond athletics, participating in Student Council and Varsity Club and serving as class vice president. In football, Tom distinguished himself as a first-string, all-league player, contributing to the team’s success by helping Coach Zegler secure his first league championship. Tom was known for being a prolific punter. Tom played for the Oneonta Indians, a semi-professional football team in the Empire Football League, and attended Parsons College, where he contributed to the football team’s success.

Tom’s true legacy lies in coaching. Over several decades, he became an extraordinary coach, leading the 1995 baseball team to a historic achievement as the first and only team to reach the New York State finals. He has coached multiple sports, leaving a mark on the lives of Sidney’s athletes.



Lonnie Warner, ‘65 Lonnie was an outstanding wrestler, earning four letters in the sport. He started on the varsity team as a freshman and became the champion in several major tournaments, including the Sus League (three titles), Center State (two titles), Sidney Invitational (two titles), and the Windsor Christmas Tournament. He served as captain of the best wrestling team in Sidney’s history. In 1965, they won every tournament and clinched the Section IV crown, taking the top prize from Ithaca, which had held it for 19 years.

In addition to wrestling, Lonnie was active in the Varsity Club, serving as vice president and secretary. He was also involved in Student Council, served as class vice president, participated in the Future Farmers of America, and was named Senior Prom Prince.

After high school, Lonnie dedicated 33 years to teaching. He was inducted into the Jordan-Elbridge Sports Hall of Fame and was designated Coach of the Year in 1975.



Mindy Lamb Doyle, ‘84 Mindy was an accomplished student-athlete and dedicated leader during her high school years. She was a proud member of the Lydia C. Metz Chapter of the National Honor Society, a Scholar Athlete, and a member of Student Council. She excelled in three varsity sports: field hockey, basketball, and softball, and shared the title of co-captain in field hockey and basketball. She started modified field hockey in sixth grade and was a three-sport varsity athlete by her sophomore year.

In Mindy’s senior year, all three girls’ sports teams won the Sectional IV championships! Most notable is the success of the 1983 field hockey team. Sidney advanced to the regional playoffs, beating Norwich 1-0 in the Sectional final, with Mindy scoring the lone goal on a penalty stroke. The team went on to win the regional semi-finals and finals, which allowed them to play in the inaugural NY Field Hockey State Championship at Manhattanville College. After graduation, Mindy held the all-time scoring record for the sport for nearly a decade.

While attending SUNY Cobleskill, she earned collegiate All-American honors for the position of left-inner, an award typically reserved for attendees of that year’s National Competition. Her team earned the right to compete at Nationals, though was unable to go due to a paperwork/registration error. Regardless, the National Committee awarded her the honor based on her reputation and the knowledge of her season’s performance.

Her legacy continues to inspire others.



Marc Cerbone, ‘92 Marc was an exceptional three-sport athlete who also participated in the ski club and the Greenhorn Juniors bowling league. He showcased remarkable talent, especially in baseball. During his senior year, he pitched a perfect game against his rival, Walton.

He was the Daily Star’s Co-Athlete of the Year in 1992. After graduating, Marc attended Blauvelt College in Blauvelt, NY, where he earned All-American status after his senior year. He played professionally from 1996 to 2006 at many levels of minor-league baseball in America and several countries worldwide. One notable achievement was winning in relief against host country, Australia. His jersey is part of the Cooperstown Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. As a professional playing in Italy, his dual-citizenship status allowed him to be part of the Italian Olympic team in the 2000 Sydney Summer Games. Marc earned a victory in relief against the host team of Australia.

Marc works as a highway patrol state trooper in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Legacy Team: 1995 Baseball Team



Front row: James Thomas, Andrew Capello, Jason Berkeley, Luis Vega, Aza Hoyt, Jeremy Roof, Jason Teale; top row: Jamie Wilson, Travis Smith, Shawn Clark, Christopher Medlar, Tim Hawley, Barrett Howland, Gary Thomas, Jeremy Mohler, Scott Wickham, and Coach Tom Hager

In 1995, Sidney fielded one of the finest baseball teams in the school’s history, narrowly missing out on a state championship. The boys faced a tough battle against Valley Stream, ultimately falling short. Special gratitude goes to the seniors for their leadership and determination throughout the season. Their pride was built on teamwork, a commitment to improving their skills, and fostering cohesion among teammates. The friendly competition for each position contributed to the strength of the team.

The team achieved significant victories, winning against BGA to become Sus League Champions and claiming the Section IV title championship. Although they faced a disappointing loss in the state championship game, the players showed great class and determination.

Coach Hager expressed thanks to all the players and coaches who contributed over the past 13 years. This dedication highlighted the hard work that led to the team’s success. Over several decades, he became an extraordinary coach, leading the 1995 baseball team to a historic achievement as the first and only team to reach the New York State finals. He devoted countless hours to coaching multiple sports, leaving a mark on the lives of Sidney’s athletes.

In Memoriam

Class of 1952, Stark Smith

Class of 1955, Sheila Gerig Smith

Class of 1966, Ray Ballard, d. Dec. 4, 2024

Class of 1966, Mary Jane Collins Hartwell, d. March

10, 2025

Class of 1966, Joan Wright Light, d. Feb. 27, 2024

Class of 1966, Dianne Miller Robillard, d. Jan. 19, 2024

Class of 1970, Gerald “Jerry” Dewey, d. March 12, 2025

Faculty, Ronald E. Yager, d. March 1, 2025

Class Rep Directory

First Name	Last Name	Class Year	Email
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Joan	Barber	1954	barber3@frontiernet.net
Peggy	Stilson	1954	mstilson@stny.rr.com
Sylvia	Mugglin	1957	
Russell	Olsen	1958	russolsen1@aol.com
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Loretta	Gorton	1959	
Louis	Palumbo	1959	
William	Teetz	1960	teetz.bill@gmail.com
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Dolores	Breunig	1962	fbreunig@stny.rr.com
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Sidney Alumni Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, April 12 marked the fourth annual Sidney Alumni Volleyball Tournament. Organizer Victoria Fusco, ‘07, said there were 10 teams this year. Team captains included Sierra Boice, ‘05, Aceleinn Brainard, ‘23, Travis Fusco, ‘08, Courtney Grimes, ‘06, Erica Howard, ‘10, Brandy O’Connor, ‘07, Hunter Sowersby, ‘13, Misty Steffen, ‘06, Tiffany Thomas, ‘03, and Fusco.

While Victoria Fusco’s team went undefeated through the round-robin play, it fell to Hunter Sowersby’s eventual first-place team in the finals. But the efforts of Fusco’s team were good enough to clinch second.

Sowersby’s winning team included Cameron Banks, ‘14, Kortnee Matzura, ‘15, Kyle McMillian, ‘15, and non-alumni Alyssa Hovey and Tim Reese.

Fusco’s second-place team consisted of Jeffrey Lowe, ‘04, Michaela Lowe, ‘12, Courtney Williams, ‘12, Jared Wood, ‘94, and non-alum, Xavier Cherniak.

The third-place team, captained by Travis Fusco, included Lindsay Aparicio, ‘10, Ashley Mahlmeister, ‘09, Glenn

Rogers, ‘20, Travis White, ‘04, and non-alum, Jordan Weir.

Next year’s tournament, the organization’s fifth, is TBD. The annual tournament fundraises for the Sidney Alumni Volleyball scholarship, totaling \$500. Players interested in participating next year can join the group’s Facebook page, “Sidney Alumni Volleyball.”



Members of the first-place team are pictured.

Class Reunion Info

Class of 1959

The Class of 1959 is planning an informal get-together at Club 55, 55 Union St., Sidney, from 12:30 to 3:30p.m., Saturday, July 19 during Alumni Weekend. Classmates attending can order from the menu. We will celebrate 66 years of memories of our days at Sidney schools. Let our reunion committee know if you will be attending by contacting Bonnie Provenzon Curtis, 607-563-1547; Loretta Babcock Gorton, 607-331-3620; Lou Palombo, 607-639-1490; or Anna Aldrich Crosby, 607-655-1243.

Class of 1966

Sat. 9:00 Meet at the Alumni Breakfast
Sat. 11:00 Meet at March of Classes
Sat. 1:00 Attend together Amphenol open house for Scintilla 100th anniversary
Contact Class Rep Cathy Lentz Barnhart at Cbarn48val@yahoo.com and let her know you're coming.
Let's begin planning our 60th Reunion for 2026!

Class of 1968

Class of '68 will be celebrating 75 years on this earth on July 19!

Come celebrate our 75th birthday on July 19 at the River Club in Afton. Festivities start at 4, with hors d'oeuvres, then a buffet of ham, haddock, rice pilaf, mac 'n' cheese, rolls and dessert around 5:30. John Dudak will be taking a group picture and then some candid shots throughout the night. He has a website and will upload the pictures for ordering and printouts. More information will be forthcoming. We are not getting any younger, and the committee hopes that many of you will be able to attend. There may not be many more opportunities for us to get together!

Any questions, contact Barb Eckerson Felter at bdfelter@live.com. Your committee is: Joanne Nordberg Darling, Jim Nordberg, Ginni Mirabito Brandt, Peg Payne Phelps, Barb Eckerson Felter and Deb Woytek Puffer.

Class of 1975

For **Class of '75**, all three days will be held at Club 55, a somewhat new restaurant in the old Masonic Temple building on 55 Union St., Sidney.

On Friday, the 2025 Wall of Fame inductees will be introduced at a special reception at 6p.m. at Club 55. This will also serve as a kickoff gathering for the weekend. We have two of our class members being inducted on Sunday: Gerald Washington and William "Bill" P. Martin MD.

On Saturday, we will gather at Club 55 at 4 p.m. for our 50th celebration main event. There will be a special segment designed to be fun and interactive. Please consider topics, such as who traveled the farthest, who has the most grandchildren, whether we have any great-grandchildren, favorite teachers, and memorable events (like our time in Ireland).

We will also have a brief remembrance segment to honor classmates who have passed away and recognize our veterans.

The cost for Saturday's event will be \$40 per person.

On Sunday, we will honor classmate William Peter "Bill" Martin, M.D. FHM, and Gerald Washington.

On Sunday, a luncheon will begin at 11a.m., followed by the Wall of Fame awards ceremony at Club 55 (\$10/person); doors open at 10:45. Please attend to support our two Wall of Fame inductees.

Contact Larry Halbert, (607)-237-4762 or larryhalbert7@gmail.com, for more information.

Class of 1995

The Class of 1995 will mark 30 years with a celebration from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday, July 19 at Muddy River Farm Brewery in Unadilla.

Class of 2000

The Class of 2000's 25th Reunion will be Saturday, July 19 at the Sidney Golf & Country Club from 5-7pm. Buffet dinner, cost TBD. Contact Erica Brazee Granger at erica.brazee@gmail.com or 607 267 5054 for more info.

SHA Presents Scintilla Anniversary Event

The Sidney Historical Association presented the 100th anniversary of Scintilla on Saturday, March 22 at the historical Community Cultural Center, formerly the Congregational Church. Special thanks to CCC board member Doug Barnard and the entire CCC staff.

SHA President Larry Halbert introduced Amphenol's Director of Marketing Communications, Chris Cappello. Chris is in the final stages of completing a new book about Scintilla's 100th anniversary: "Connecting History—From Scintilla to Amphenol: 100 Years of Enabling Technology in Sidney, New York." He also spoke about the Scintilla/Amphenol-Aerospace relationship with the community, the current state of Amphenol, and its 140 locations worldwide. It is the world's largest connector manufacturer. Chris noted that the Sidney location remains the most popular, well-known, and respected in the military-aerospace industry and that Sidney should be very proud of this. The resilience of Sidney residents in overcoming significant challenges—beginning with WWII, followed by economic hardships and two devastating floods—truly embodies the spirit of Sidney.

On July 19, there will be an open house for the public to formally celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scintilla.

From the SHA Program: After World War II, Sidney was on a prosperous path, mainly due to the Scintilla/Bendix Corporation. The G.I. Bill promised education and home loans, allowing many veterans to buy houses and start families as the ideal of the American Dream.

As the 1950s arrived, Sidney underwent significant physical and social transformations. During this decade, new businesses, diners, and drive-ins—such as the Unadilla Drive-In, established in 1956—were built, and televisions became a household item. These changes profoundly impacted daily life. Families gathered around their new televisions to watch programs and news broadcasts, which helped bring them closer together.

Community events and activities at venues like the Recreation Center, Sidney Pool, and local baseball fields became staples in our charming little village. Sidney thrived, with a bustling Main Street. It was a safe, beautiful, and educationally enriching place that prepared kids for their future. We owe this to our parents, friends, educators, and neighbors. It felt like everyone knew someone who worked at Scintilla Bendix. By 1960, Sidney's population had grown to over 7,000. There was no better time for families—kids and parents—to experience the Village of Sidney!

Dave Plummer: After high school, Dave had aspirations to become a doctor through Cornell University Medical College, but a lack of funding proved an obstacle. Dave worked in the Manufacturing Engineering Department of



Bendix Scintilla, now Amphenol, from April 1959 until his retirement in March 1997. He advanced to Supervisor of Process Engineering for nine years. Dave and his wife Mary Jane have lived and worked in Sidney for over 65 years. A significant milestone: Dave celebrated his 90th birthday Feb. 6.

Dave presented the program in three parts: The Beginning from Switzerland, The War Years – its effect on Sidney, and The Connector Evolution, which includes remarks about the Amphenol acquisition and Space Station Connectors.

Sidney's business growth began with the establishment of a Swiss company, Brown-Boveri, which acquired the Hatfield building to produce Scintilla magnetos used in aircraft engines. The new Scintilla Magneto Co. in America broke away from Brown-Boveri because the military insisted that all magneto components must be manufactured in the United States. In 1925, the entire operation was moved to Sidney, New York. In 1929, the Bendix Aviation Corporation purchased Scintilla, adding this Division to their group operations. By the time of World War II, the company employed 8,600 people and had established a world-class reputation for manufacturing airplane parts. By 1960, the population of Sidney had surged to 7,110. The company, which became Amphenol Aerospace Corporation by 2003, is the largest employer in Delaware County.

You can watch the program on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/live/rNB3SVBaE-g?si=wdVH31kXDMx-0r80X> or stop by the Sidney Historical Association at 44 Grand St. for a DVD.



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Would you like to help out or serve on a committee?
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_____ Sports Hall of Fame _____ *Reflections*
_____ Wall of Fame Other: _____

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Are you (or were you) a SCS faculty member?

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the level, and the year(?)** _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Vocation: _____

Retired? If yes, what year? _____

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Volunteer Activities: _____

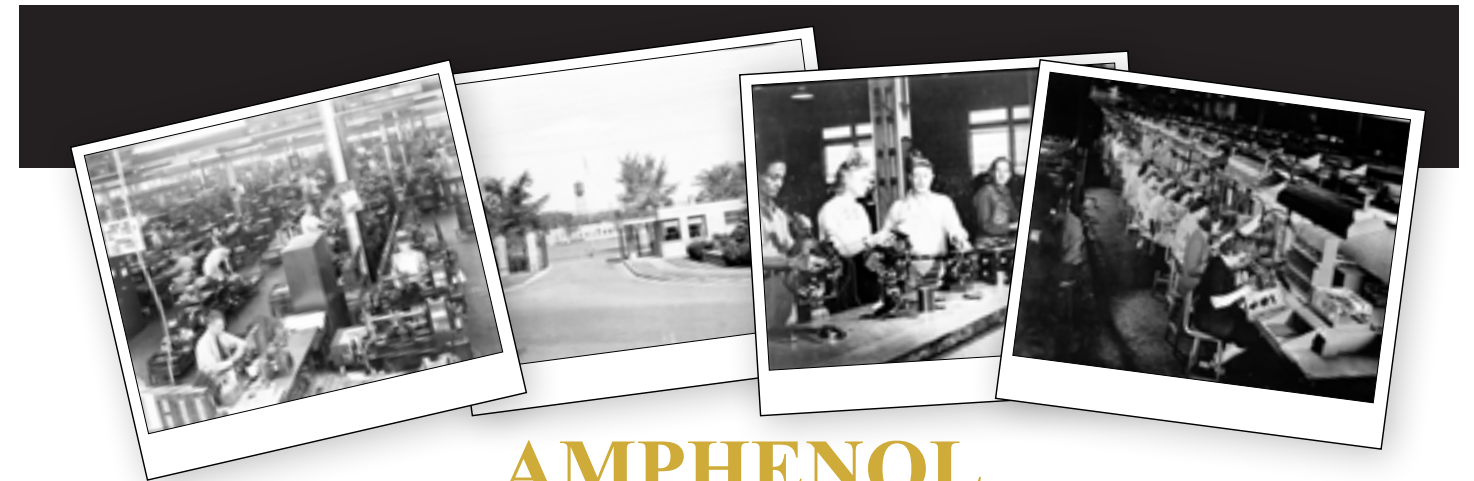
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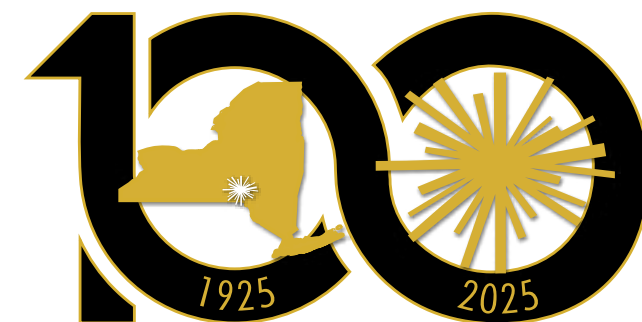
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Amphenol Aerospace is celebrating its
100th Anniversary in Sidney, New York on **July 19.**



Saturday, July 19:

Open House for the general public, employees, families, and
friends from 12:00 to 6:00 PM. activities to include:

- Factory tours
- Museum exhibits
- 100 years of Engineering Technology
- Customer and Distributor Exhibits
- Raffle Baskets
- Fun Kid Events
- Food and Drinks
- Amphenol giveaways and items for purchase
- New Book documenting the 100-year history of Amphenol in Sidney
- And more...

**We look forward to seeing everyone as
we celebrate this incredible milestone.**

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