

Sandusky Home Town News

June 2022

Sandusky High School Alumni Association

Message from the SHSAA President:

Another school year is in the books. That means another class of alumni. I hope to see all of the graduating seniors on the list of new members! As for us current alumni, stay tuned.

We hope to have more sales of merchandise, a presence at the July 4th Celebration in downtown Sandusky, as well as a website that will have some really great features.

As always, GO BLUE!!

Trevor M. Hayberger, Class of 1994

SHSAA Scholarship Awardees – 2022

Did you know that your membership fees support annual scholarships which are awarded to graduating SHS seniors?

We are pleased to announce this year's Sandusky High School Alumni Association's scholarship awardees are **Julianna Cutcher and Easton Retzke**. (below left)

The Ralph B. and Helen C. Seitz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to: **Madeline Milas**. (right)



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Have News to Share?

Planning a Reunion?

Let Us Know!

The deadline for articles for the next issue of the newsletter is December 15, 2022.

Send articles to:

SanduskyAlumni@gmail.com

or

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Treasurer's Report – 1st Quarter 2022

Checking Account Balance	\$238.14
Savings Account Balance	\$2,464.24
Shirt Sales Account Balance	\$1,190.74
All Class Reunion Account Balance	\$971.60
Main Alumni Scholarship Fund at Erie County Community Foundation	\$107,615.08
Seitz Scholarship Fund at Erie County Community Foundation	\$23,500.49

Alumni Donations

The SHSAA is grateful for the following donations:

Donations:

Date	From	Class
January 2022	Scott Wilkins	1967
January 2022	Susan Karbler	1978

Memorials:

For	Class	From	Class
Jack Cheetham	1968	John Heminger	1968
John O'Reilly	1962	Sue Ellen Adcock	1962
Claud Dent	1968	John Heminger	1968
Daniel Yost	1968	John Heminger	1968
Theresa Ciresi Butcher	1968	John Heminger	1968
Virginis Cammalleri Trueman	1968	John Heminger	1968

Welcome New Members!

New Members:

		Year
January 2022	Susan Karbler	1978
February 2022	Robert M. Mayer, Jr.	1975
February 2022	Babe R. Sidoti-Palmer	1995

Life Members:

		Year
February 2022	Laura H. Factor	1983

Meet Your Officers:

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See you at the July 4th
Community Celebration!



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Office of the Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent

Eugene T.W. Sanders, Ph.D.

May 22, 2022

Dear Blue Streak Alumni,

As we close out the 2021-2022 school year, we reminisce on the great memories and achievements of our district. This year, we opened the final building of the \$70 million Building Better Dreams Facilities Project. With a successful transition in January 2022, our Preschool and Kindergarten students have been enjoying the Sandusky Early Learning Academy since then. The Sandusky Early Learning Academy, Sandusky Primary School, and Sandusky Intermediate School have been an important asset to the district and we cannot express our gratitude enough to everyone who helped make this project possible.

In addition to the completion of the Building Better Dreams Facilities Project, the Sandusky Aquatic Center project is well underway. The district, the Sandusky Education Foundation, and ThenDesign Architecture have been meeting regularly to confirm the details of the project and set timelines for completion. The Sandusky Aquatic Center will feature a shallow warm-water teaching pool, a competitive swimming pool, additional spectator seating, a new entrance, and much more. The Sandusky Aquatic Center is set to open in the Fall of 2024. This project would not be possible without the generous donations of those who believe in the benefits of aquatic education and programs and in improving our community with this new facility.

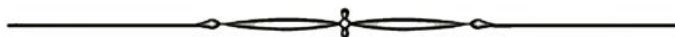
Along with improvements to our facilities, Sandusky City Schools has continued to focus on the academic growth of all of our students. We recently celebrated our student achievement during our annual State of the Schools Address. During this event, we recognized over 22 district achievements from the last decade, including the Sandusky High School 94% graduation rate, recognized over 80 students for academic or athletic success, and highlighted the Blue Streak University Top 10. This year, we have 6 students who will receive an Associate's Degree, one being a Junior. Also, this year, we recognized Mr. Gene Kidwell and Pastor Herman Robinson as the Lifetime Achievement Award Winners for 2022 for their lifetime of dedication to the **Pride. Tradition. and Excellence** of Sandusky City Schools. In addition to the State of the Schools Address, we provided an Envision 2030 mid-year update to the community in April. Envision 2030: Building Capacity and Strengthening innovation is the district's 10-year strategic plan that continues to guide our decision-making for our future. You can view the entire update at <https://www.scs-k12.net/Transformation.aspx>.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of our Blue Streak Alumni to become involved and engaged with all of the unique opportunities our district offers. I invite each of you to follow us on social media and visit our district website at www.scs-k12.net for the latest news and updates. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at askdrsanders@scs-k12.net or 419.984.1000.

Go Blue Streaks,



Eugene T.W. Sanders, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent
Blue Streak Class of 1976



The SHS Alumni Association would like to offer our best wishes to Doctor Eugene Sanders on his retirement. Dr. Sanders served as the Sandusky Superintendent for 10 years, and spearheaded the "Building Better Dreams" project, which was completed this past January with three new elementary buildings and updates to Sandusky High School. In addition, he also ushered in many new and transformational ways of delivering education in Sandusky City Schools.

Sandusky City Schools' Board of Education selected Mr. Dan Rambler as the district's next CEO and Superintendent. Mr. Rambler has experience as the Director of Student Services with Akron Public Schools where he oversaw a 6 million dollar budget for his department; he brings experience as a former teacher and an assistant principal in a large urban district.

The district looks forward to Mr. Rambler and his family relocating to Sandusky. Mr. Rambler stated, "I am looking forward to serving the students, families, and staff of the Sandusky community. My family and I are excited to become part of the Sandusky Blue Streak Family and create relationships within the city and school district to continue to create dynamic opportunities for our students."



Health Careers Update 2022



– Elizabeth Moots

As we have all learned through the Covid-19 pandemic, healthcare workers are an essential component to our community. The need for health care workers continues to rise. At the Sandusky Career Center, we are now offering the following health career programs: State Tested Nurse's Aide, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy, Licensed Practical Nurse, and a LPN to RN Diploma program.

These programs allow for a seamless transition into different healthcare careers. Upon completion of the RN program, students are able to apply for a RN to Bachelors of Science (BSN) program. The Sandusky Career Center has agreements with Bowling Green State University, Muskingum University, Chamberlain University, and Grand Canyon University.

As part of the Sandusky City Schools "Building Better Dreams" and "Envision 2030" initiatives, the Sandusky Career Center relocated to the previous Venice Heights Elementary School at 4501 Venice Heights Blvd. This new location allows for expansion of program offerings and a true adult-learning environment. The nursing programs were able to expand the skills lab and purchase a new life-like simulation mannequin.

Throughout these programs, students complete a rigorous curriculum with a combination of clinical, lab, and theory experiences. The clinicals take place in a variety of settings, including Firelands Regional Medical Center and Fisher-Titus Medical Center. The students also have a number of opportunities in the community setting. Students also get simulation experience in the skills lab setting.

Currently, we have 19 students enrolled in the LPN program, all of whom are Sandusky High School Alumni. The LPN to RN Diploma Program has three Sandusky High School alumni in the program and three serving as faculty members.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2023 classes. Please call 419-984-1100 for additional information!



Coach Larry Cook - 1942-2022

Billy Graham wrote, "A coach will impact more young people in a year than the average person does in a lifetime," which perfectly describes former SHS coach, Larry Cook. Coach Cook passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Firelands Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.



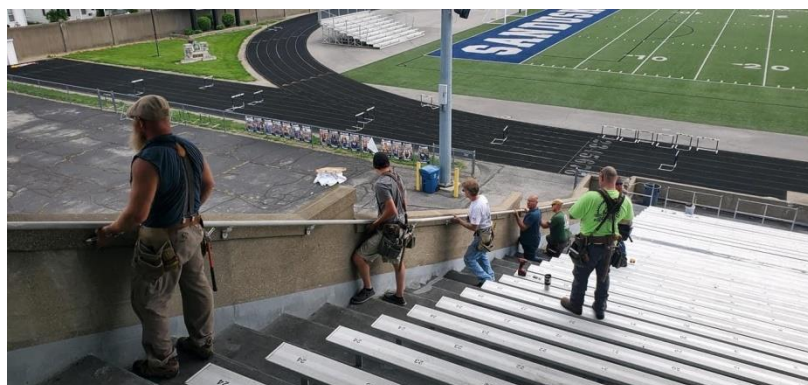
Larry came to Sandusky High School in 1984 as a teacher and head football coach for 17 years, and was athletic director for 10 years. He has the most wins in the history of Circleville High School football (81-36-3) and Sandusky High School football (111-66-0). Larry coached two Sandusky High School teams to a perfect 10-0 regular seasons in 1988 and 1990, and his 1987 team won the school's first playoff game in the school's history and advanced to the state semifinals.

He was a passionate and successful teacher and coach who loved working with young people in hopes of helping them turn into young adults. Larry was widely respected and loved by his former coaches, students, and players, many of whom have stayed in contact over the years.

Stadium Handrails a Welcomed Addition



Thanks to Mr. Jeff Krabill, the Sandusky Booster Club, and Carpenter's Local#744 who donated their time, handrails were installed at Strobel Field. Mr. Krabill shared that his donation was made to honor his late wife, Lauralee Krabill, a life-long Blue Streak fan who was unable to climb the stairs.



Lauralee reestablishing the very successful Sandusky School of Practical Nursing. Jeff served many years as a member of the Sandusky Board of Education.

32nd Annual SHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

On May 14, 2022, three teams and eight individuals were inducted into the SHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Full descriptions of their outstanding contributions to SHS athletics can be read in the program posted on the association’s website: shsalumni.org.2022



Inductees and Presenters



FOOTBALL TEAM

Bottom Row: Robert Harple, George Edwards, Vernon Ohlemacher, John Weis, August Corso, Frank Lavine, Fred Luipold
 Middle Row: Coach Robert Whittaker, Jack Wallace, J.P. White, Blaine Miller, London Gant, William Stern, Assistant Coach Wallace Glenwright
 Top Row: Bernard Erckman, Christ Therkelson, Leroy Maag, Manager Paul Baker, Lester Parker, Howard Ziemke, Wesley Meinerding

1931 Football Team - Represented by Tim Ziemke



Phillip Amerine -by David Amerine
 Class of 1967 - Cross Country, Wrestling, Track – 11 Varsity Letters



Mark A. Blevins - by Mike Delk
 Class of 1989 - Football Coach 30 Years

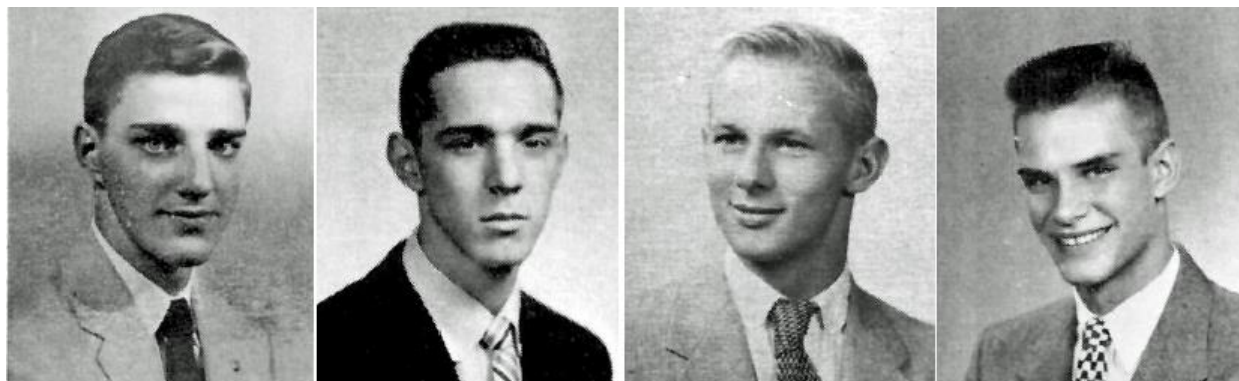


John H. Cornwell -by Karen Cornwell & Deona Powell
 35+ Years - Teacher, Coach



Zukeya Graves Lawshe - by Lance Lawshe
 Class of 1998 – Volleyball & Track – 6 Varsity Letters

Hall of Fame Inductees (Continued)



200 Yard Relay Team – Swimming -by Charles Lehrer
Class of 1956 - Gerald C. Dewey; Henry “Hank” Lehrer; Paul Murchel; John W. Refhuss



JaMarcus Hampton - by Darvio McDaniel
Class of 1998 – Basketball – 3 Varsity Letters



Michael D. Kaufman by James Bollenbacher
Class of 1989 – Football, Swimming – 5 Varsity Letters



Eric Speer - by Darrell Charlton & Tracy Shoemo
Class of 2003 – Cross Country & Track -- 3 Varsity Letters



Tom Whaley - by Mark Fogg
TW Productions - 1989



SHS Girls Basketball 1988 - 1989
Front Row: Tara Jones, Michelle Butler, Dionne Graves, Dana Butler, Heather Ball,
Back Row: Coach Kowaleski, Char Dubois, Camilla Huston, Lisa McDonald, Trina Aaron, Tracy Davis, Andrea Coleman, Tracy Redding
Not Pictured: Natalie Baaske, Varsity Assistant Coach Gary Lill
- by Tom Kowaleski

Class Reunions

Class of 1976 – Reunion (held prior to publication)

April 30; Sandusky Yacht Club
Future reunions, contact:
sanduskyhsclassof1976@gmail.com



Class of 1997 – 25th Reunion

June 10 – Bowling; Cedar Lanes; 7:00-9:00; \$25
June 11; Goodtime Cruise to Kelleys Island; 7:00-11:00; \$50
June 12; Picnic at Lions Park Picnic and Kickball; 2:00-6:00; \$20
Register and details available: 97bluestreaks@gmail.com

Class of 1965 – 75th Birthday and Great Balls of Fire Reunion (2020)

Friday, July 22; Chet and Matt's
Saturday, July 23; Explore Hometown & Combo Celebration; Sandusky Yacht Club
Register by June 30 & questions: classof.blue65@gmail.com

Class of 1952 – 70th Reunion

Friday, August 19; 4:00-8:00; Sandusky Yacht Club
Saturday, August 20; 6:00-10:00; Erie County Fair Grounds; Multi Class Reunion; \$10

Class of 1972 – 50th Class Reunion

Friday, September 9; Sandusky Yacht Club, Deck A
Saturday, September 10, Bait House Brewery
Contact Cathy Nestor Pifer for details: catpif72@gmail.com

SHS Musical - Don't Miss It!

“Shrek The Musical”

Where: SHS Auditorium

When:

Friday, July 8 – 7:00 PM
Saturday, July 9 - 7:00 PM
Sunday, July 10 - 2:00 PM



A Sixth Grade Memory – Joe Hayberger, Retired 6th Gd. Teacher

“Mr. Hayberger, is this boat safe?” asked a nervous student.

“Yes, it is quite safe,” I replied.

Practically all 6th graders, although living near the Bay and Lake Erie, have never had the experience of taking a boat ride in either the Bay or Lake Erie.

For over 20 plus years, 6th graders at Mills Elementary would take an overnight trip to Put-In-Bay and Gibraltar Island. Gibraltar Island is owned by Ohio State University. The OSU students used the island for science related activities. Working in rotating shifts, the 6th grade students would visit the Put-In-Bay’s highlights, while another group would be on Gibraltar Island.



One memory I will never forget was the first trip to Gibraltar Island. On the north side of Gibraltar Island is Jay Cooke’s castle. It is not the kind of castle that you think of from medieval times. The castle was two stories and it was very impressive. The boys would sleep 2-3 students. Each room had a thick rope that had knots every 12 inches. The rope was anchored to the floor. That was the fire escape.

The other adult chaperone and myself would make the rounds to make sure all were set for going to sleep. As I entered a room, one boy asked why there was a door with a padlock on it. In front of the door were 2 wooden steps. Those steps led to the padlocked door. Since I really did not know the answer, I made up an answer.

I replied, “Jay Cooke’s wife had a terrible accident and she is in the attic.” I assumed it was a door to the attic. Looking around the room I noticed a wooden rocker. I added to my story, “See that rocker? That was her favorite chair and sometimes she would just come down from the attic and rock away.”

The next morning the other adult and I had the task to wake up the boys. When I entered the room with the locked door, I immediately noticed the boys were not in the room. Thinking to myself I wondered where they were. I caught up with the other adult and asked if he had seen them. “No,” he answered. Frantically, I searched all the other bedrooms with no results.

Scurrying to the first floor, I entered the library. The library had a vaulted ceiling and empty bookshelves. There on the floor I found the boys. They were sleeping on the floor in their sleeping bags. Waking up one of the boys I asked him, “Why are you sleeping on the floor in this room?” He answered, “Mr. Hayberger, do you remember the rocking chair? It moved.” I still laugh thinking about that moment.

Yes, the 6th grade students of Mills School will have an assortment of memories: sampling grape juice at the winery, soaking in the view atop Perry’s Monument, dissecting fish in the Stone Lab, and taking samples of the bottom while riding in the Bio-Lab boat, and so much more. However, a certain group of boys will long remember the rocking chair moving.

2022 SHS Alumni Memorials

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| 1942 Jean (Buchanan) Holzaepfel 2-18-22 | 1967 Arthur Keller, Sr. 3-10-22 |
| 1942 June (Bauer) Downs 5-10-22 | 1967 Donna May (Lentz) Chudy 5-9-22 |
| 1943 Emma Marinello 5-17-22 | 1968 Virginia 'Ginny' Ann (Cammalleri) Trueman
4-25-22 |
| 1944 Richard Speir 2-19-22 | 1968 Theodore 'Ted' Gysan 2-17-22 |
| 1945 Marilyn (Kuemmel) Cummings 2-28-22 | 1968 Daniel 'Dan' Yontz 2-2-22 |
| 1945 Robert Schneider 1-4-22 | 1969 Diane (Cooper) Riesterer 1-17-22 |
| 1946 Ruth Phyllis (Gerold) Merrill 5-23-22 | 1969 Michael L. 'Mike' Yost 4-12-22 |
| 1947 Anne (Cronenberger) Baumgartner 1-10-
22 | 1971 Susan D. (Wahl) Schramm 2-25-22 |
| 1947 Frederick D Waldock 2-27-22 | 1972 Freda L. Beese 1-23-22 |
| 1948 Rosemarie 'Tucky' Elfers 4-12-22 | 1973 Susan M. Aaron-Brown 3-27-22 |
| 1948 Marilyn J. (Mesenberg) Clay 3-20-22 | 1973 Debbie L. (Cullen) Crum 3-17-22 |
| 1948 Joyce Ellen (Westcott) Beese 5-2-22 | 1974 Jules R. Bahnsen 5-23-22 |
| 1949 Janis A. (Buckingham) Goodsite 3-5-22 | 1975 Edward Andres Jr. 1-1-22 |
| 1949 Wilson 'Ted' Kastor 2-5-22 | 1975 Cheryl A. Hendrickson 4-16-22 |
| 1950 Shirley (Barkan) Harris 5-10-22 | 1978 Theresa (Ciresi) Butcher 3-21-22 |
| 1950 Thomas C. McGory 2-27-22 | 1978 Theron Crayton 1-13-22 |
| 1951 Jeanne L. (Baatz) Ryan 1-23-22 | 1978 Dr. Nena (Thames) Dorsey 2-19-22 |
| 1951 Robert Stanley 1-7-22 | 1979 Nancy (Fuhr) Botbyl 1-9-22 |
| 1952 Oran Sherer 2-22-22 | 1979 Laura J. Gillingham 3-27-22 |
| 1953 Glenn A. 'Buzz' Brennan Sr. 5-21-22 | 1981 Virginia 'Ginger' (McKillips) 3-3-22 |
| 1953 Shirley J. (Hanville) Fackler 4-8-22 | 1982 Cozetta North 2-9-22 |
| 1954 Lois F. (Augustus) Pettis 3-8-22 | 1983 Gayle Jackson 3-17-22 |
| 1954 Maralyn J. (Mettert) Long 3-31-22 | 1983 James Steven King 1-2-22 |
| 1954 Larry Showalter 4-23-22 | 1984 Steven E. Bush 2-22-22 |
| 1954 Gary D. Strohm 1-13-22 | 1984 Richard D. Seitz 1-17-22 |
| 1955 Virginia (Dahs) Bertsch 3-16-22 | 1985 Alvin L. Lockett 3-30-22 |
| 1955 Charles P. Hedberg 1-16-22 | 1986 Melissa Norris 2-27-22 |
| 1956 John 'Tater' Fenton 3-10-22 | 1988 Lamar D. Cole Sr. 1-30-22 |
| 1956 William F. Proy 3-11-22 | 1989 Shawn E. Willis 1-15-22 |
| 1958 Alice J. (Truman) Waldecker 3-2-22 | 1995 Mario Stowers 2-3-22 |
| 1959 Dorothy (Fodge) Winters 1-14-22 | 1996 Janis (McMonigal) Tarring 2-4-22 |
| 1959 Duane 'Pete' Allen Meyer 1-10-22 | 1999 Shienette Turner 1-2-22 |
| 1959 William Dennis Ordway 1-1-22 | 1999 Christopher Kurtz 1-25-22 |
| 1960 Tonya Rae (Sherer) Myers 3-30-22 | 2000 Norman Lee 'Thump' Gessner 1-26-22 |
| 1961 Linda (Biechele) Mitchell 5-19-22 | 2003 Charles 'Chuck' L. Eberhardt 1-24-22 |
| 1962 Timothy Rogers 5-12-22 | 2015 Harry Foley 5-24-22 |
| 1962 Judith (Schwab) McMahon 5-14-22 | 2015 Trinity Jones 1-5-22 |
| 1963 Barbara Ellen (Everson) Leto 5-16-22 | |
| 1963 Daniel M. Hill 1-13-22 | |
| 1965 Nancy J. (Harp) Lemmon 4-22-22 | |
| 1965 Victoria (Matter) Simpkins 4-2-22 | |
| 1966 Stanley 'Stan' R. Gilbert 2-10-22 | |
| 1966 Thomas J. Smith, Jr. 2-19-22 | |

This list was compiled by Julie A. Sehlmeier Dendinger and is posted on the SHSAA Facebook page.



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Marital Status: Married Widowed
 Divorced/Separated Single

Activities: A Cappella Choir Band

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

New Membership Renewal

Single: Annual \$10.00 Life \$ 75.00
 Couple: Annual \$15.00 Life \$100.00

OTHER:

Email Directory (\$5.00) \$ _____
 Scholarship Donation \$ _____
 Memorial Contribution* \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Memorial Name and Class Year