

The Alumni Link

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Almost Home Banquet Center is site of brunch April 23

The 2022 brunch has been set for Saturday, April 23 at the Almost Home Banquet Center, formerly known as Heritage Oaks, on 12th Street in Sebring. The doors will open at 10 for socializing, and brunch will be served at 11. Brunch will be followed by a business meeting and recognition of our new Distinguished Alumni.

The cost of the brunch is \$20 per person. The menu consists of egg strata, cheese omelettes, country potatoes, sausage, bacon, biscuits and sausage gravy, French toast bake, pancakes, fruit salad, soup, and tossed garden salad.

To attend, simply fill in the form at the end of this newsletter, and send, along with payment, to the Sebring McKinley High School Alumni Association, P.O. 141, Sebring OH 44672-0141. Hope to see you there!

Paula Elsass Wayt '64 and Craig Andrews '70 named 2022 Distinguished Alumni

Paula Elsass Wayt '64 and **Donald Craig Andrews '70** have been selected as Distinguished Alumni for 2022. They will be honored at the April 23 brunch. Committee chair **Beth Fahnert Seavy '70** announced the pair earlier this month.

Paula was a valuable member of the Sebring Local Board of Education from 1986-2013. She spent many years focusing on Sebring's children and the staff in the schools. She and her husband Don raised their three children Molly, Mike, and Matt in Sebring and attended events in the schools for many years. Paula, who taught high school English at United Local and was a speech pathologist before retiring, also helps with Sebring's kindergarten screening. In addition, she has privately helped many young children from the Sebring area with speech issues, and she also works with the Alliance Pregnancy Center to teach language development to expectant parents.

Craig has degrees in civil and environmental engineering and has spent his life's work easing the access to clean, safe water to people all over the world. He began his career in water and wastewater engineering and administration in a town of 50,000 in New Mexico. After 10 years, he decided to try consulting, which has taken him to Cairo, Istanbul, Ho Chi Minh City, and Tashkent, as well as several cities in China. He helped these cities supply safe, uncontaminated water to their residents. Craig is retired and lives with his wife Konnie in Northern New Mexico.

Complete biographies for Paula and Craig will appear in the next issue of the *Alumni Link*.

Richard Harp, Bryan Snyder honored as 2021 Distinguished Alumni

Richard Harp '67 and **Bryan Snyder '86** were the most recent Distinguished Alumni inductees at the brunch held Oct. 16 at the Sebring American Legion.

Richard "Dick" had a stellar career in law enforcement. He served as a dedicated security professional and implemented security initiatives that have included physical facilities with major population centers. Furthermore, he has taught criminal justice at the college level.

Dick received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ohio Dominican College, a master of science degree in human resource management from Franklin University, and a master of arts degree in business and organizational security from Webster University in St. Louis. In addition, he studied criminal justice in the doctoral program at North Central University in Phoenix. Dick also holds certifications from Ohio Peace Officers and Ohio Peace Officers Training, the Ohio Highway Patrol Academy, and the Police Executive Leadership College from The Ohio State University. Assigned as a file reviewer for investigative purposes, Dick served as a fingerprint examiner for the FBI in Washington during the years he was getting his bachelor's degree. He also conducted guided tours for the FBI. He then went on to Kent State University, where he served as a police officer in the Detective Bureau.

For 20 years Dick served as the Deputy Chief of Police at The Ohio State University. His duties included administration, crime prevention, fleet maintenance, special events, evidence control, court liaison, and special contingency teams. He also was in charge of fiscal management and budget preparation, labor negotiations, and policy and procedure development and implementation.

In 1992 he became the vice president and director of security for Huntington Banks in Columbus where he managed employees in budget training, resource allocation, and procedure implementation. He was responsible for all security aspects of the banking operations of Huntington. In addition, he was responsible for managing all internal and external fraud investigations. From 2010-2012 he was a contact investigator for Keypoint Government Solutions in Loveland, Colorado, where he conducted national security backgrounds under contract with the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Throughout his career, Dick has served as both a deputy and an instructor for criminal justice and investigative techniques. In the past he has been a deputy for the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department, and he is currently a special deputy for both Franklin County and Perry County. Previously he served as an instructor at Columbus State Community College, and Central Ohio Technical College in Newark. In 2008 he served as a guest lecturer at North Central Community College in Mansfield. He also currently serves as a substitute teacher in the Johnstown and Reynoldsburg school districts.

Since 1996 he has served as a full-time faculty professor at Hocking College in Nelsonville where he instructs on all topics in the criminal justice program. He also develops new programs, advises students, and recruits. While doing that, in 2010, he established Harp and Associates Investigative Services in Pickerington, a licensed private investigating service for private sector clients.

Dick resides with his wife Ann in Pickerington. They are the parents of two children Matthew Harp and Jennifer Harp Yanka.

Bryan was recognized for his outstanding military career as a United States Army pilot. During his 28 years in the Army, he flew numerous missions and saved countless lives.

Bryan enrolled in the Aerospace Flight Technology Program at Kent State University. While attending Kent State, he enlisted in the Army Reserves. Bryan graduated from Kent State in 1994 and was subsequently accepted into the Military's Warrant Officer Flight Training Program where he graduated with honors. His military education also includes a UH-60 Instructor Pilot course; the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) course; Warrant Officer Advanced course; and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Leadership course. Bryan's life truly changed when he stepped into his first Blackhawk helicopter. During Bryan's 28 years in the military, his assignments included Kentucky, Texas,

Pennsylvania, and Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan, among others, and most recently had been stationed in Tennessee.

After 9/11 Bryan flew with the 571st MEDEVAC Company, logging over 400 combat missions during his first two tours to Iraq, managing to save countless lives while encountering enemy fire. In 2004 Bryan assessed for and was accepted into the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) as a Chinook pilot. He served as a pilot the 160th Night Stalkers from 2006-2019. The 160th bears the name Night Stalkers because of its capability to strike undetected during the hours of darkness. Night Stalkers are revered as the quiet professionals that support America's elite military units that include the 75th Ranger Regiment, seven Special Forces groups, eight Seal teams, and various classified national assets.

Bryan participated in 25 combat employments culminating over six years. He visited over 30 countries and flew over 1000 combat missions. Bryan has also piloted some of the most high profile classified combat missions in military history. Furthermore, he has been awarded numerous medals, awards, and citations. The most notable of these are the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Purple Heart, and numerous Air Medals with Valor. He also received the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. In addition, he was awarded the Kosovo and Afghanistan campaign medals, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation, an Air Force Meritorious Unit Award, and the Master Aviator Badge. He has copious other awards for his service.

After retiring as a CW5 in 2019, Bryan has continued to fly the Chinook as a government contractor for Lockheed Martin in support of the 160th Special Operations Training Battalion. Bryan is a lifetime member of the Army Aviation Association of America, the Night Stalker Association, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is married to the former **Dawn Knipp '84**. They currently live in Cedar Hill, Tennessee with their children Seth and Natalie.

Steve Woolf '76 and 1974 baseball team inducted into Athletic HOF

The Sebring Athletic Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremony at SHS on Dec. 17.

Steve Woolf '76 was inducted for football and track. He earned three varsity letters in track and field while also becoming the Mahoning County high hurdles champion in Class A his senior year. He took second place in the low hurdles in the county and second place in high hurdles for the Tri-County League. He was also second in the high hurdles for the sectional meet. He took high point honors his junior and senior years and was a co-captain. Steve was also a co-captain of the football team. Earning two letters in football, Woolf received the Most Improved Player award as a junior and Best Offensive Back as a senior. That year he was named to the All-Ohio third team and to the first teams for All Northeast-Ohio, TCL, and All-Review Area.

The Hall of Fame committee also voted to induct the 1974 baseball team, coached by the late Ken Penrose and the late Ken Brooks. This team went further than any other Sebring team in Class A tournament play as they fell to Ashtabula St. John in the regional final by a score of 10-6. Finishing with a 20-6 record, they knocked off Southern Local by 17-0 and Dalton by 4-1 in the sectionals. In district play they defeated Northwestern 12-7 and Parma Byzantine 2-1. The Trojans squeaked out a 1-0 regional win over Jewett-Scio to advance to the regional finals.

Those from the class of 1974 on the team were Doug Casto, Bob Hively, Bill Ritter, and the late Jeff Warren. From 1975 were Terry Applegate, Clay Bryant, Dave Dearth, Chuck Drennen, Shane Kleinman, the late Dick Lee, and the late Bob Schreckengost. Class of 1976 players included Mark Edwards, Scott Gibbons, Eric Kleinman, and Jeff Peterson while 1977 was represented by the late Andy Harvey, Ed Householder, and the late Scott Wilson. Tim Hetrick '77 was the team's manager, Kirby Iler '76 was the trainer, and John Domino '75, Janis Fahnert Ritter '74, and Chris Wise Paul '75 were the statisticians.

You listened. You contributed. You made it happen.

In our June issue of *The Alumni Link*, we shared our concern about being able to fund two \$1,000 scholarships to worthy graduating seniors. With donations declining, we were faced with the option of awarding only one scholarship.

Thanks to alumni and alumnae donors, we have the money to move forward granting both scholarships.

But our need will not be going away.

Our responsibility of Trojans helping Trojans is ongoing. We want our Sebring students to feel the support of their Alumni Association, a group they themselves will join in the future.

We need your help.

If you haven't donated in a while, or never donated, now is a good time to turn that around. The form for your donation follows this message. Every \$10 or \$20 helps.

You may earmark your money for the scholarship fund, outstanding elementary student awards, or general expenses. (While we're a volunteer organization, we still have expenses, such as printing, postage, and every once-in-a-while, we are asked to help seniors who can't afford a yearbook, students who win a state award and need travel money to accept the honor, and students who wish to play an instrument and join the band to purchase a good, used trombone.)

As a committee, we promise to be excellent stewards of your money. And, don't forget: Your donation is tax deductible! Yes, your donation will aid your bottom line as well as enhance the Alumni Association's ability to provide support and encouragement to our Sebring students to reach their academic and life goals.

So, how about it?

Write a check or money order and send it in. Use Venmo, PayPal, or CashApp. (All instructions are on the form that follows.)

Thank you! The Sebring High School Alumni Association's existence and its ability to serve would not be possible without you. *Sincerely, Your Alumni Committee Leadership Team*

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Trojans Helping Trojans Donation Form

Name _____ Graduation Year _____

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(Providing your contact information allows us to acknowledge receipt of your donation and gives us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you!)

Here's my donation of \$ _____ made payable to SHS ALUMNI ASSN.

Please use my donation for _____.

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Thank you to Mullett and Wuthrick Families

The Alumni Association would like to thank the families of the late Len Mullett '46 and the late Martha Cardinal Wuthrick '48 for establishing the Alumni Association as a recipient of memorial gifts for their loved ones. As a result of the generosity of the donations for their loved ones, the association has received enough money to fund one and a half of the two senior scholarships it will award in May.

Thank you for supporting our Super Bowl Board

Thanks to all the alumni and friends who bought squares on our Super Bowl Board to raise scholarship funds. A special thanks to **Trista Bates '04**, who ran the fundraiser. We usually retain 50% of the profits and pay out the other 50%. **Tyler Jones '08** won the second and fourth quarters and donated his money back to the association in memory of his uncle **Jeff Warren '74** so we made \$800 instead of \$500. **June Mills Court '59** and **JoAnn Jones '72** won the other two quarters.

Donations from June, 2021 to January, 2022

William "Bill" Baker '54
Mary Borton Virden '54 and Cliff Virden
Ron Neafie '51
Paul '60 and Sharon '62 Hobe
John '50 and Jean '51 Chambers
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Kathleen Kapalko IMO her husband Dennis Kapalko '67
Kim Kovach '73 IMO SHS teacher Betty Edwards

Donations in memory of Martha Cardinal Wuthrick '48

Terri and Keith Stimpert
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Donations in memory of Jeff Warren '74

Judy Warren Howard '60
JoAnn Warren Jones '72
Joyce Warren Covert '81
Jan Warren Fugate '78
Tyler Jones '08

Donations in memory of Len Mullett '46

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Students receive alumni awards

Congratulations to the following students who received monetary awards from the association for the 2020-21 school year:

\$1000 scholarships: Skye Sommerville and Thomas Warrick, III

\$25 awards for Outstanding Eighth Graders: Kiera Weekly and Dustin Harvey

\$25 awards for Outstanding Fifth Graders: Hunter Matea and Brittney Nagy

\$25 award for Outstanding Fifth Grade Art Student: Taylor Johnson

BRUNCH RESERVATION FORM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

ALMOST HOME BANQUET CENTER

CORNER 12TH STREET AND GEORGIA AVENUE

(FORMERLY HERITAGE OAKS)

DOORS OPEN 10 A.M. BRUNCH AT 11 A.M.

NAME(S) AND YEAR(S) OF GRADUATION _____

TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER, A TEXT NUMBER, OR EMAIL ADDRESS HERE: _____

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