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Scholarships

Listed are our 2023 Scholarship Recipients who received awards from the Perkins Alumni and Friends Association

Layla Giardina

Accepted to the University of Cincinnati
Plans a career as a nurse practitioner or physician assistant
Father – **Dominic Giardina '03**
Mother – **Trisha Pusateri Giardina '01**
Grandfather – **John Giardina '73**

Greta Gross

Accepted to The Ohio State University
Plans to study finance. She has been accepted to the Fisher Business School
Father – **Mark Gross '85**
Mother – **Pamela Moffitt Gross '90**

Ty Klepper

Accepted to Hiram College
Guaranteed acceptance to Case Dental School
Mother – **Jackie Dixon '90**

Katie Kubitz

Accepted to the University of Cincinnati
Plans to study Allied Health Sciences for a career in Medical Imaging Technology
Mother – **Michelle Pahl Kubitz**
Grandmother – **Kay Pahl Knight**

Kennedy Schnittker

Accepted to Eastern Michigan University
Plans to study nursing and psychology
Father - **Michael Schnittker '99**

Katelyn Showalter

Accepted to Kent State University
Plans a career in Studio Art/Exploratory program

Leanne Sumner

Accepted to Bowling Green State University
Plans to study social work
Mother – **Kelley Brough Sumner '88**

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE – Interviews via Zoom

Chairperson **Deb Faber Cailor '73**, Marblehead, Ohio
Amy Arndt Grant '73, Sandusky, Ohio
Patti Ramm Natalino '73, Atlanta, Georgia
Duane Rohrbacher '05, Orange County, California
Ellen Gerhart Schumacher '73, Chicago, Illinois

If you are interested in serving on the Scholarship Selection Committee, contact the alumni association at venbucc@toast2.net.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

DEAN'S LIST

Bowling Green State University

1995 – Dorian Towner

1998 – Amber Canino

2001 – Erin Castello

2009 – Luke Schaefer

2012 – Tyler Reyes

2017 – Olivia Clayton

2017 – Jay Reiman

2017 – Grace Windau

2018 – Angela Dzwonczyk

2018 – Samantha Smith

2018 – Joshua Warren

2019 – Rachel Wenzinger

2020 – Ava Johnston

2020 – Janice Buehrer

2020 – Ava Johnston

2020 – Ryleigh Keller

2020 – Brock Whyde

2021 – Sapphire

Hackathorn

2021 – Kyle Knapke

2021 – Jaron White

2022 – Kelley Baker

2022 – Lauren Eakes

2022 – Faith Fultz

2022 – Nathan Gast

2022 – Noah Grimmer

2022 – Cole Hupp

2022 – Lauren Laser

2022 – Isabella Lesch

2022 – Sophia Matthews

2022 – Reed Nash

2022 – Savannah Willis

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Capital University

2019 – Drew McVeigh

DEAN'S LIST

Cedarville University

2019 – Wesley Gray

2020 – Grace Nielsen

DEAN'S LIST

The Ohio State University

2019 – Nancy Siegel

2019 – Claire Stefano

2019 – Olivia Weatherly

2020 – Emma Canino

2020 – Vivien Holop

2020 – Leah Kenne

2020 – Karlie Kinn

2020 – Spencer Klein

2021 – Seton Buehrer

HONOR ROLL

McPherson College (Kansas)

2021 – Oliver Stout

DEAN'S LIST

Western Carolina University

2019 – Margaret Wessels

DEAN'S DISTINCTIVE AWARD

BGSU-Firelands

2018 – Angela Dzwonczyk

2021 – Gabriel Maldonado

GRADUATES

Ohio State University

1995 – Kelly Cantiberry
Wilhelm

2019 – Nancy Siegel

2019 – Claire Stefano

2019 – Olivia Weatherly

2020 – Nathan Gast

2020 – Spencer Klein

Ohio Northern University

2019 – Kaitlyn Arquette

SCHOLARSHIPS

BGSU

2023 – Peighton Corso

2023 – Madalyn Thayer

2023 – Frank Whipple

Eastern Michigan Univ.

2023 – Kennedy Schnittker

General American Univ.

2023 – Will Werling

John Carroll University

2023 – Emma Manley

Kent State University

2023 – Jasmine King

Mt. Vernon Nazarene Univ.

2023 – Kaden Canfield

Ohio State University

2023 – Greta Gross

2023 – Ahlivia Hackenberry

2023 – Ashritha Kota

2023 – Emily Mitchell

Otterbein University

2020 – Olivia Schnittker

University of Toledo

2020 – Katie Porter

University of Cincinnati

2021 – Julia Stanfield

DID YOU KNOW?

RETIREMENT

Barb Christiansen retired at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. She was a cook/cashier with the Perkins Schools.

CLASS BANNERS

Several years ago, Class Banners/Sheets were offered for use at class reunions. Large sheets with the Perkins logo allowed alumni to sign their names as a class remembrance. Those banners/sheets have been stored at the alumni building. The Alumni Association Board of Trustees requests that class reunion planners or class members arrange to pick up your class banner for safekeeping, storage, and convenience. The following classes may arrange to pick up their sheet by emailing the alumni association at venbucc@toast2.net.

1961, 1962, 1963, 1969, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1994, 2000-2015

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Twenty years ago, on October 26, 2003, our alumni building opened! Located at the corner of Taylor Rd. and Columbus Ave., it has been our association's home to display memorabilia and host meetings and reunion planning.

HALL of FAME INDUCTIONS

The 2024 Perkins Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on January 14, 2024, at Mesenburg Plaza Place in Huron, Ohio. Look for more information at www.perkinsschools.org-alumni.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1. Check your mailing label for membership expiration. Use the form at the end of this newsletter to renew your membership. You're important to us! We don't want to lose you.
2. Nominate someone for the Hall of Fame. Nomination forms are available on the alumni link of the school website...www.perkinsschools.org/perkins-alumni. Look for the Hall of Fame link.
3. Reunion planners, share your reunion details for publication in the newsletter and on the school website. Contact venbucc@toast2.net. We can also provide class lists to help you locate classmates.
4. **Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!** From small jobs to larger projects, we can find a way to use your interests and skills to help with association work. We have "growing pains" and welcome more volunteers to our alumni association. You don't necessarily have to reside in the Perkins/Sandusky area to help. Contact the association at venbucc@toast2.net

C'mon people now, Smile on your brother, Everybody get together, Try to love one another, Right Now.

The song was written by Chet Powers in 1963 and popularized by the group The Youngbloods.

CLASS of 1963 – August 25, 2023 – Norwalk Eagles

Back row L. to R.: Arthur "Skip" Woodson, Russ Camp, Gary Harple, Dave Deehr

*Middle Row: Joan Nims Gibbins, Sandy Davis Ferry, Jean Nims Herb, Gerry Maschari Buza,
Karen Balconi, Karen Rice, Cheryl Miranda*

*Front Row: Diane Creston Kaiser, Donna Sidoti Biehl, Gus Corso,
Mary Ellen Gioffredo Hammersmith*



60th Reunion



Mini-reunion



CLASS OF 1969 – August 29, 2023 – Manny's in Sandusky

L. to R.: Ken Tunnel, Bill Weichel, Willie Slaughter, Paula Zimmerman Bowie, Liz Davlin Cassidy, John Schlessman, Ken Wolters, Ruth Lindsley Strohl, Libbie Stacey Romigh, Darlene Geiger Fey, Kathy Shepherd Varner, Tom Fey (Darlene's husband), Randy Koch



BABY PIRATES

2005 - Cole Galloway and his wife, Megan - boy

2011 - Kayla Haer and Matthew Mulkey - boy

2014 - Kevin Jaycox and Sarah Pojman - girl

2020 - Robert Blevins and **Paige Stearns '21** - girl

2020 - Taylor Fox and Brenton Stallard - boy

TRIVIA

1. What year was the first female student admitted to vocational agriculture classes?

- A. 1963
- B. 1968
- C. 1973
- D. 1975

2. Which of these groups began in 1983?

- A. Library Aids
- B. Mat Maids
- C. Pirates for Peers
- D. Flag Corps

The answers are on page eight.

Furry Chorus In Operetta Friday Evening At 7:30

The operetta, "Tom Sawyer," published by Raymond A. Hoffman, is to be given in the Perkins S. Campbell-st school auditorium on Friday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It is to be presented by the fourth and fifth grade chorus of the Perkins Furry elementary school under the direction of Miss Phyllis Liebeck.

Characters in the production are as follows:

Aunt Polly, Mary Stevens; Tom Sawyer, Rex Pendleton; Joe Harper, Charles Leitzke; Amy Lawrance, Mary Zeck; Beck Thatcher, Cindy Young; Huck Finn, Terry Mees; Injun Joe, Gary Knerr; Widow Douglas, Linda Jamison.

Other members of the cast include Gary Suratt, Joyce May, Judith Lutz, Richard Alexander, David Zorn, Walter Ziegler, Diane Sullivan, David Held, Donna Gatell, Emanuel Thomas, Charles Stevenson, Linda Rickard, Jerry Matthews, Richard Dickman, Janet Lindsley, Stephen Parker, Beth Leser, Judy Grathwel, June Camp, Betty Stamm, Jane Palmer, Bill Summy, Allen Eckhoff and Sharon Galloway.

Miss Liebeck, director, is elementary music teacher for the Perkins public schools.

65 YEARS AGO



BOTH ARTICLES
Sandusky Register
MAY 23, 1958

Perkins Parents Attend Classes; Step Up Program

Parents of Perkins school pupils are attending meetings in preparation for the coming academic year, with a stepped-up program of education for the more accomplished students.

A meeting held recently was for parents of students who will be selected to enroll for algebra in the eighth grade next year.

Eighth graders in 1958-1959 graduated in the Class of 1963.

WHERE ALUMNI ARE NOW

1961 - Wilene Marshall Brown
Columbus, Ohio

1966 - Gary Howman
Otto, North Carolina

1972 - Jenny Bertsch Patch
Sandusky, Ohio

1978 - William Lublow
Perrysburg, Ohio

1983 - Larry Roman
Carleton, Michigan

1989 - Julie Slusher
Sandusky, Ohio

1992 - Todd Garbe
Huron, Ohio

1998 - Amanda Fresch
Tiffin, Ohio

2004 - Amy Armbrrecht Mareco
Sandusky, Ohio

2010 - Drake Smith
Bellevue, Ohio

2016 - Marcus Yates
Monroeville, Ohio

2021 - Kamryn Ohly
Attending Harvard University



60 YEARS AGO

1963

From the school newspaper,
The Log,
September 27, 1963

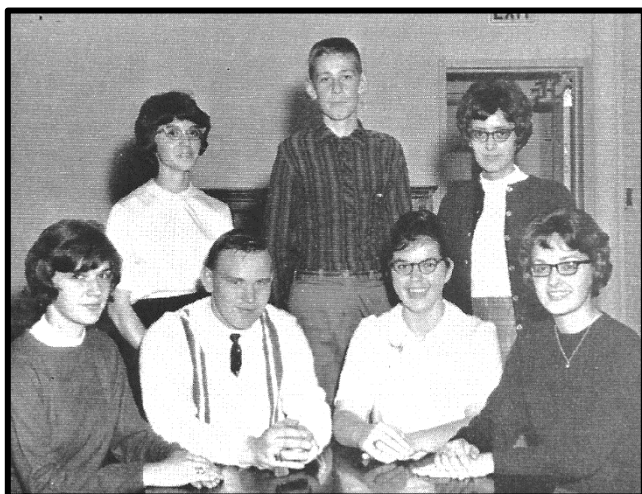
STUDENT COUNCIL

The main project of the Student Council the past few weeks was making the arrangements for the 1963 Homecoming. This event is sponsored annually by the Student Council.

This year the Student Council's new advisor is Mr. Puderbaugh. The officers are Gail Young, president; Judy Myers, vice-president; Dinah Sprow, secretary; and Joyce Schlessman, treasurer. The other members are freshmen, Margie Woell and Terry Kaufman; sophomores, Gayle Binting, Marsha Fosco, and Sue Printy; Juniors, Pam Wedsworth, and seniors, Helen Fantozzi and Gary Nissen.

1964

Band Officers



Seated L. to R.: Dianna Mauk '65, uniforms; Gerald Anderson '65, Vice-President; Irene Moore '64, President; Emily Hotchkiss '64, Secretary-Treasurer
Standing: Librarians, Carol Greer '64, Dave Freyberg '67, Marie Pavia '65



Send your news, pictures, suggestions, or corrections to Ruth at venbucc@toast2.net.

50 YEARS AGO

1973

Spanish classes to four museum

The Spanish I, II, and III classes, will tour the Toledo Museum of Art, Friday, Nov. 9, to study the Roman, Spanish, and Latin American exhibition.

After that they will have dinner and cocktails at the Loma Linda (pretty hill) restaurant.

The charge for the dinner is \$5, and parents are invited to accompany the group.

From the school newspaper,
The Log,
November 2, 1973

1976

Boys Tennis Team



Kneeling L. to R.: Tom Baum '78, Kirk Buder '79, Steve Bruno '78, Robin Grathwol '79, Robert Shiff '79, Coach Joe Taylor
Back Row: Jonn Geisler '79, Bill Widdoes '79, David Fitzhum '78, Jeff Skaggs '76, Bob Widdoes '76, John Quinn '76

1989

CBBS Officers



Larry Sparks '89, President (not pictured),
L. to R.: Djenne Parker '90, Vice-President, Anthony Keys '90, Historian, Rod Sterling '89, Treasurer, Bonquita Schell '90, Secretary

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA

1. **1968** was the first year female students were allowed to take vocational agriculture classes. Becky Stanley '71 was the first to participate.

2. **Flag Corps** – The group participated in half-time shows and marched along with the band.

1997

Civil War Re-Enactment



L.: Stefanie Parsons '99

R.: Jacque Cwiklinski '99

1998

25 YEARS AGO

Sandusky Register
September 17, 1998
Board of Education Actions

Supplemental contracts:

The board awarded supplemental contracts for the 1998-99 school year to: Donna Andaraus, ninth-grade cheerleading advisor; Robert Gentry, middle school girls' track coach; and Charlene Schuman, extra period of teaching.

New buses: The board authorized treasurer Bill Haggerty to advertise for bids for up to two 71-passenger diesel buses for 1999-2000.

2004

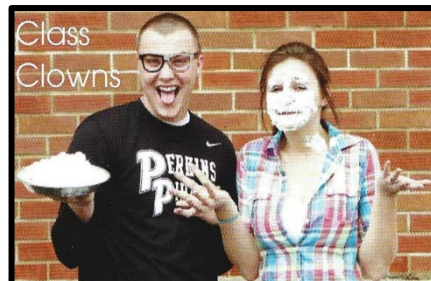
L. to R.:
Liz Frankel '06
Nikki Roesch '06
Megan McPeck '05



2011

Class Clowns

Zak Dees '11
Mindy Knott '11



10 YEARS AGO

Sandusky Register
November 9, 2013

2013

PERKINS TWP.

Clothes-dryer fire triggers Perkins High evacuation

A fire inside a Perkins High School clothes dryer forced students, parents and staff from the building for about 45 minutes Friday as they prepared for the night's football playoff game. **11-9-13**

Perkins firefighters arrived at the building just after 5 p.m., after materials inside a freshly cleaned dryer caught on fire, according to Perkins firefighters. An employee doused the blaze with a fire extinguisher and stamped out most of the flames before firefighters arrived. Still, it took almost 45 minutes before crews could clear the building of smoke, a firefighter said.

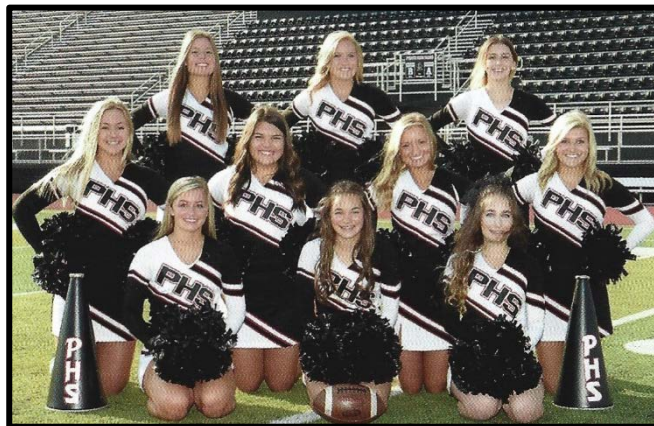
The dryer is located in the school's southeast corner, inside a maintenance garage. It's believed several mop heads and other materials overheated and began smoldering, the firefighter said.

Students and adults were allowed back inside the building at about 6 p.m.

2013
PHS
Fire

2020

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



Top Row L. to R.: Nelia Nolan '22, Grace Diederick '22, Caitlin McQuillen '22; Middle Row: Olivia Ebert '21, Isabella Lesch '22, Ashlyn Legando '22, Ireland Weatherly '22; Bottom Row: Isabella Lewis '22, Quinn Ulery '22, Vivien Holop '20

VIEWS & NEWS



1974 – Deborah Blakely retired after 50 years as a cashier at Kroger in Sandusky.

1975 – Rick Souter won the Mills Creek Super Senior Open Golf Tournament.



1976 – Karen Doerner Harris started a transportation business in Sandusky called Reserve a Ride. She previously worked at Ventra and decided to start her business to assist others. She is a former driver for Uber and Lyft.

1977 – Brian Goff recorded a hole-in-one on No. 11 at Thunderbird Hills North. It was his second career hole-in-one. He used a 7-iron to ace the 111-yard hole.



1983 – Todd Kreimes works at Chemetall BASF, the largest chemical company in the world, and earned its highest honor, The Epic Award. The company district manager said Todd has worked in the chemical industry all his life and deserved this award for his outstanding efforts.

1989 – Kevin Kieffer is a newly elected member of the Firelands Health board of directors. He is a certified public accountant and owner at Payne, Nickles & Co. He is a board member and treasurer of the Erie County Chamber of Commerce, board member and treasurer of the Nasa Armstrong Advocacy Coalition. He has served on nonprofit boards, including the Boys and Girls Club, United Way of Erie County, and the Sandusky State Theater.



1996 – Ted Sturzinger resigned as the Perkins Schools' Athletic Director to accept an administrative position at Vanguard Sentinel Career School in Fremont. He had been the Perkins Athletic Director since 2020.



2002 – Jim Greenham, Erie County Sheriff Chief Deputy, recently graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College.



2004 – Jeff Grenier is President of Firelands IT Services. Founded in 2007 and located at 2215 Cleveland Rd. near the Cedar Point Sports Center, the company was named one of the world's premier providers of information technology solutions. The company provides world-class IT and cybersecurity services to small and medium businesses in Ohio.

2005 – Derek Callin is a graduate of the 2022-2023 Class of Leadership Erie County, a nonprofit that fosters community leaders.



2005 – Evan Estep, a sergeant with the Sandusky Police Department, graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College, a three-week intensive executive law enforcement leadership training program administered by the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation.

2005 – Emily Kimball is the children's services manager for the Sandusky Library.



**All the statistics in the world
can't measure a smile.
Chris Hart**

With Deepest Sympathy



2005 – Nathan Spaulding and his wife, Aimee, own The Honey Hole. It opened its newest location in Avery Commerce Plaza near EHOVE Career Center. The business offers discounts on name-brand and high-quality appliances, furniture, and household items, and more.

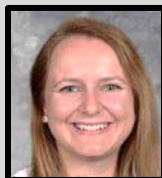


2006 – Joshua Bender is the Pastor of South Amherst First United Methodist Church. He is a U.S. Navy veteran.

2009 – Jennifer Kustec-Barringer helped spearhead a commissioned piece of music to honor her father's years as the Perkins High School Band director. **John Kustec**



retired in 2015 after 31 years at Perkins. Friends, family, and Perkins band supporters raised close to \$10,000 to pay for David Holsinger, a favorite composer of Mr. Kustec, to compose a piece in honor of her father. The music was scheduled to be performed at a 2020 North Coast Concert Band performance but was canceled, and the band shut down for two years due to COVID-19. The band resumed performing, and the 7-minute piece composed by Holsinger was performed on May 7, 2023, by the North Coast Concert Band, directed by John Kustec. Jennifer Kustec-Barringer is the middle school band director and the assistant high school band director for the Port Clinton Schools.



2014 – Kevin Jaycox Jr. is the track promoter at Sandusky Speedway, owned by his father, Kevin Jaycox Sr.



A good head and a good heart is always a formidable combination.
Nelson Mandela

LAURA JEAN GONGOS

Died April 14, 2023

Class of 1976



Laura passed away peacefully in her Vermilion home after a lengthy illness. She graduated in 1980 from Ohio University with a degree in journalism and public relations.

She had a career as an intern with Burson-Marsteller Public Relations (BCW Global) in Pittsburgh, retiring in 2008 as Managing Director. She was one of three people selected in Pittsburgh to chair a commission responsible for finding an architect to design the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Laura married Roland van Rijn in 2012, made Vermilion her primary home, and enjoyed another home in Vancouver, British Columbia. They traveled extensively around the world. She was active in Vermilion and led a volunteer advisory board to introduce the Postcard Project, which won the "2011 Project of the Year Award" from Heritage, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Roland; mother, JoAnn Simanton Gongos; brother, James Albert Gongos (Laura); sister-in-law, Ann Gongos. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Steven Gongos, in 1972, and brother, John Steven Gongos '78, in 2012.

MICHAEL "Steve" CROSS

July 3, 1943 – April 17, 2023

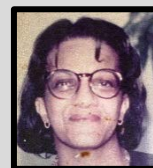
Class of 1961

Steve died at his Norwalk home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy (1962 -1966), reaching the rank of captain. He was an assistant manager at Comet Cleaners for nearly 25 years and did carpet cleaning for Hill's Interiors in Norwalk for 33 years.

JANE V. PALMER

December 13, 1946 – May 1, 2023

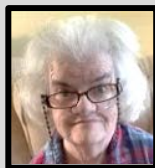
Class of 1965



Jane passed away unexpectedly at her home in Manhattan, New York. She earned her wings and diploma from Trans World Airlines Training Academy "TWA." She traveled extensively and created a catalog detailing her decades of travel and living in New York City. She is survived by her siblings; Emily Jean Palmer, Kenneth (Midge) Palmer '61, Cleveland Danny (Jeanne) Palmer, Janice Green '68, Karen (James) Churchwell '68, Dennis (Donna) Palmer, Ingred Sherry Palmer '81, all of Sandusky, and Teresa Palmer-Ross '81, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Tamara Ann Jackson '72, and brother, Milton Dale Palmer '74.

DONNA BAILEY ERCKMAN
 October 21, 1943 – May 13, 2023
 Class of 1961

Donna passed away at Providence Care Center after a brief illness. She retired from Firelands Regional Medical Center after years of service as a general care nurse. She is survived by her sons, Glenn L. Erckman III, William J. Erckman, both of Sandusky, and Scott C. Erckman of Orlando, Florida; one grandson, Logan Erckman of Brunswick, Ohio; one brother, Richard "Rick" (Mary) Warren of Sandusky. She was preceded in death by her parents, George W. Bailey (former Perkins bus driver) and Mabel (McManus) Bailey; her husband Glen L. Erckman Jr. in 2002; and one son, Matthew, in infancy.



TROY "TJ" LEVON AARON JR.
 June 29, 1996 – May 21, 2023
 Class of 2014

TJ passed away at the Cleveland Clinic. He played drums in the high school marching band. He attended Akron University, where he studied nursing to become an anesthesiologist. He is survived by his parents, Gladys (Jermal) Hood-Robinson of Bedford, Hts., Ohio; Danny Aaron Sr. '64, Brunell Aaron and Lorenzo Jr. (Sandra) Hood, all of Sandusky; "Auntie" Lori (Marvin) Reed of Twinsburg, Ohio; Uncles Danny Jr. (Dr. Shanita) Aaron of Royersford, Pennsylvania, and Damon Aaron or Toledo, Ohio; cousins, Jasmine (Chris) Pope '07, Morgan Aaron '14, Dashun Ferrell, D'Hani Aaron '18, and Demi Aaron '22. He was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Aaron.



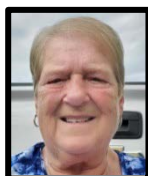
DAVID CULLEN
 October 6, 1947 - May 28, 2023
 Class of 1965

Residing in Amherst, Ohio, David passed away at the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus following a sudden illness. He was married to his wife, Donna, on June 20, 1970, and settled in Lorain, Ohio, where they lived for 42 years raising two daughters. He worked as a store manager in the grocery business. Later, he was self-employed as an independent snack distributor until his retirement when they moved to Amherst. He is survived by his wife of thirty-two years, Donna Mead Cullen; two children, Jennifer (Justin) Werling of Waterville, Ohio, and Wendy (Andrew) Steinbrunner of Amherst; his sister, Sally (Stephen) Cutnaw '68 of Lorain; brother, Gary (Samia) Cullen of Pal Alto, California, and four grandchildren.



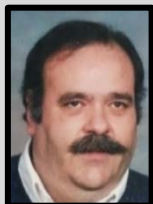
SUE ANN KOAN DRESS
 July 24, 1952 – May 18, 2023
 Class of '71

Sue Ann passed away unexpectedly at her home in Marblehead, Ohio. She was a homemaker and enjoyed wintering in Kissimmee, Florida. She previously worked as a dispatcher for the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department. She is survived by her husband, Larry, whom she married September 18, 1976; daughter, Melissa (Billy) Minton of Clyde; step-daughter, Danna McClanahan of Oak Harbor; grandson, Christopher McClanahan; three step-grandchildren; sister, Dawn (Glenn) McCoy of Bristol, Virginia, and brother, Russell Koan '88 of California. She was preceded in death by her son, Larry Lee Dress Jr., and parents.



THOMAS D. "Cal" McALLISTER
 February 16, 1948 – May 18, 2023
 Class of 1966

Tom passed away unexpectedly at his home. He attended Northwood Institute in Midland, Michigan. Most recently, he was employed as a baker at The Donut House and Smith's Bakery, but also worked at the POST Houston and resorts in New England early in his life. He was proud of his American Indian heritage and was a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. He is survived by his brother, Charles (Diana) McAllister Jr. '64 of Cape Coral, Florida; sister, Margaret "Peggy" (Howard) Reinbolt '70 of Sandusky; and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Sr. and Mary (Schaeffer) McAllister (former nurse at Perkins.)



WILLIAM "Bill" HAGGERTY
 April 28, 1940 – June 7, 2023
 Treasurer, Perkins Schools

Bill Haggerty passed away at The Willows of Bellevue after a brief illness. He graduated from Huron High School and attended Ohio University. He served in the Ohio National Guard. He enjoyed bowling and won the Bonanza at Cedar Lanes in 1983. He served as treasurer of the Perkins Schools for 33 years. In retirement, he co-owned the Karmelcorn Shoppe along with CarmCo and helped manage his wife's family business, the New Sandusky Fish Company. He is survived by his wife, Penny (Spino) Haggerty, whom he married on March 6, 1965; daughter, Kellie (Joe) Rico, Macedonia, Ohio; son, Billy (Jaime) Haggerty of Bellevue; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; sisters, Carol Schell of Huron, Ohio, and Alice Ramsdell of Sandusky; and sister-in-law Elaine Haggerty. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, James Haggerty, and two brothers-in-law.



RAYMONA D. COOPER ANDERSON

March 12, 1938 – June 8, 2023

Perkins teacher and administrator



Residing in Sandusky, Mrs. Anderson passed away at Parkvue Health Care Center after a brief illness. She was a 1956 graduate of Fremont Ross High School. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1960 with a B.S. degree, and with a master's degree in 1975. She taught elementary grades in Clyde, Ohio, and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, then retired to Ohio to teach in the Perkins Schools at Briar, Furry, and Perkins High School, where she was the Dean of Students. She served as Principal at Furry School from 1982 until her retirement in 1994. She was a descendant of the War of 1812 and a member of Children of the American Revolution. She is survived by her daughter, Stacey C. (Mark) Dickman '81, of Louisville, Kentucky, Amy L. (Bruce) Wasem '83, Anthony Wasem '09 of Huron, Ohio; son, Brian P. (Tamara) Anderson of Sandusky, Ohio; eight grandchildren including Christopher Dickman '04, Aaron Dickman '07, Anthony Wasem '09; six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Paul S. Anderson Jr., in 2021.

**Although it's difficult today
to see beyond the sorrow,
may looking back in memory
help comfort you tomorrow.**

Author Unknown

DONALD C. "Big Don" BINTING

October 5, 1950 – June 9, 2023

Class of 1969



Don was a realtor for 33 years and a past member of the National, State, and Local Board of Realtors and Firelands Association of Realtors since 1978. He was an associate with IRW Realty, Dan Schiefley Real Estate, and Bill Lewis Realty. He also worked for 23 years at Central News Company until the company downsized in 1996. He worked for a short time with San Bay Company. He loved drag racing and, in the 1970s, won 1st place Top Eliminator in a national event at Dragway 42 at West Salem, Ohio, driving his 1966 Chevelle Super Sport, named "Moody Blue." He is survived by his wife, Patricia A. (Wise) Binting, whom he married July 21, 2000, and sister, Gayle L. (Jay) Jones '66, of Scottsdale, Arizona. Don was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; sisters, Diane K. "DeeDee" Hoelzer '65, and Barbara A. Young '72.



EDMUND "Ted" DEAN SCHWANGER

October 19, 1934 – June 23, 2023

Perkins teacher and football coach



Coach Schwanger, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, passed away peacefully. He graduated from Sandusky High School in 1952, where he was a four-year letter winner in three sports and was later inducted into the Sandusky High School Hall of Fame. He played college football for the Tennessee Volunteers and played in the Cotton Bowl. Ted was drafted in the early days of the NFL by the Baltimore Colts. He started teaching junior high physical education at Perkins in 1957 and coached the Perkins High School football team for 14 years. He designed letterman jackets for the school. In later years, he spent time as a car salesman in Pinehurst, North Carolina. He is survived by three daughters, Terry '75 (Rick), Tammy (Paul), and Tricia (Barry); 14 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane, to whom he was married for 60 years; two brothers, Rollin and Donald, and his son, Toby Schwanger '76.

Paul Christian Schaefer

October 4, 1956 – June 22, 2023

Class of 1975



Paul passed away unexpectedly in Seymour, Tennessee, where he lived. He was an avid race fan starting when he worked several jobs at Sandusky Speedway. His dream job was at NASCAR in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he lived and worked for over 30 years. He relocated to Seymour, Tennessee, where he worked for Sevier County Parks & Recreation. He was passionate about hiking and spending time in the Great Smoky Mountains. He is survived by his partner, Alan Gaughan of Seymour; his brother Scott (Cindy) Schaefer '78 of Sandusky; three nephews, Luke Schaefer '09, John (Victoria) Schaefer, and David Schaefer '09, both of Sandusky. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

STEVEN D. SIDOTI

December 2, 1949 – June 27, 2023

Class of 1968

Steve passed away after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. At Perkins, he set the school's long jump record of 22 feet and 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches – a record that stood for 54 years. His high school basketball career concluded as the school's all-time leading scorer. He continued track at the University of Akron, graduating in 1973. He taught physical education at Perkins until he took a position with the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked for 35 years. He was a long-time youth little league coach and Ohio Veteran's Home softball player. He participated in the Ohio Olympic Games and had a passion for all athletics. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Betti (Sosa) Sidoti; children, Daniel (Kim) Steele, Tina (Brian) Gilbert, Babe (Andrew) Palmer, and A.J. Sidoti; siblings, David (Sherri) Sidoti '76, and Silvia Sidoti; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Tony Sidoti '63, and grandson, Michael Maschari.

Editor's note: Steve Sidoti was inducted into the Perkins Hall of Fame in 2020.



FRANCISO "Junior" GUEVARA

September 17, 1950 – July 3, 2023

Attended Perkins High School



Franciso passed away at Hospice House of Schiawassee County, Michigan, after a well-fought battle with cancer. He was one of 11 children and one of four born with a genetic abnormality that causes blindness when the retina deteriorates.

He married Janet Lee Cross in September 1994, enjoying 28 years together, with the last nine spent in Owosso, Michigan. In 1999, at the age of 48, he was a Special Olympics Competitor in the World Games Power Lifting competition and achieved three gold medals for the United States. He earned trophies in martial arts. Frank earned his GED at the age of 58. He is survived by his wife; brothers, Fredrico Guevara and Daniel (Rose) Guevara '72; sisters, Margareta (Roger) Ousley '73 and Maria Guevara, all in the Sandusky area. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Samuel, Angelo, David, Edward, Felipe, and Joseph.

EDWARD W. "Ed" or "E3" RHODE III

December 28, 1950 – July 3, 2023

Class of 1969

Ed passed away unexpectedly from a cardiac emergency at Firelands Regional Medical Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and certified by the United States Army Medical Field Service School as an EENT Specialist. He graduated from The Ohio State University and Capital University Law School, attending school while he was a single dad raising his daughters. He opened his own practice, Rhode Law Offices, specializing in personal injury and criminal law, and served the Sandusky community for 43 years. He is survived by his daughters, Christine E. Rhode-Parsons and Elizabeth E. "Liz" (W. Jeffrey) Rhode Barrett; his three grandchildren and five siblings. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Rhode, and his parents.



KATHLEEN ELIZABETH RUDIGER

March 25, 1932 – July 8, 2023

Perkins Teacher



Miss Rudiger was a 1950 graduate of Sandusky High School. She obtained her bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree from the University of Toledo. She was an elementary teacher in the Perkins Schools from 1959 to 1992. She enjoyed crafts and spoiling her seven nieces and nephews. She was a busy volunteer in the community. Kathleen was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Union Corners and made quilts through the Women of the Church group for Lutheran World Relief. She was a member of the Church Scholarship Committee for 27 years. She is survived by nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Kent, John, and Joyce.

**"If ever there is a tomorrow and
we're not together...there is
something you must always
remember. You are braver than
you believe, stronger than you
seem, and smarter than you think,
but the most important thing is,
even if we're apart,
I'll always be with you."**

Attributed to A.A. Milne

JAY HARRIS STROHL

December 24, 1934 – July 3, 2023
Perkins teacher and choral director



Mr. Strohl passed away at home from heart failure. He was a 1953 graduate of Fremont Ross High School. He earned his B.S. in education from Bowling Green State University in 1962. Jay was hired as the Perkins High School choir director in 1963. The choir grew to a robust group of more than 100 voices, making up the Varsity Choir, Concert Choir, Girls' Chorus, and various smaller men's and women's ensembles. In 1967, his Varsity Choir and Girls' Chorus were the first large choral groups in the school's history to earn superior ratings at the state-level competition of the Ohio Music Education Association. The award was repeated in 1968 for the Girls' Chorus. Jay was the musical director of the 1968 Miss Ohio pageant at Cedar Point. He played trombone in jazz/Dixieland groups throughout Ohio, Michigan, and Florida. He completed a master's degree in educational administration from BGSU in 1968 and moved to Lansing, Michigan, to assume the position of Director of Music at Lansing Eastern High School. His high school men's ensemble was named best in the State of Michigan at the 1972 Michigan Music Educators Conference. He earned a master's degree in music from Michigan State University and directed the MSU Men's Glee Club. In 1975, after completing an Educational Specialist degree, he became a principal with the Jackson Public Schools in Jackson, Michigan. He served as President of the Jackson County Administrators Association. In 1973, he formed his own business, Educational Tours, Inc., a student group travel company. He retired in 1990, spending winters with his wife at their Florida home. While there, he volunteered with the Braden River High School choral program. Jay was inducted into the Fremont Ross High School Music Hall of Fame in 1999. He formed the Perkins Alumni Choir in 2001, which sang at Perkins Hall of Fame banquets for fourteen years. He volunteered to edit the music and narrate the DVD developed for the Perkins 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2010, an event attended by over 600 alumni and friends to recognize the Perkins 50th anniversary of being a K-12 school district. Jay is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ruth Lindsley Strohl '69, whom he married on September 25, 1976; his son, Daniel Strohl '72 and daughter, Susan; brothers, Don Wolf and John Wolf, his brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Peg Lindsley Kingsley '61, and brother-in-law, David Hime '64, all of Huron, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Mark, sisters, JoAnne Wolf Johnston and Pat Strohl Bowling; his daughter-in-law, Pat Boss Strohl; and sisters-in-law, Linda Spears Wolf, Linda Liska Wolf and Jan Lindsley Hime '65.

Editor's note: Jay Harris Strohl was inducted into the Perkins Hall of Fame in 2015.



JO ANN STANELY SELLER

December 14, 1952 – July 6, 2023
Class of 1972

A resident of Norwalk, Ohio, Jo Ann peacefully passed away at Twilight Gardens. She was an EHOVE student. She retired from the *Norwalk Reflector* newspaper. She is survived by her son, William "Billy" Sheller of Florida; sisters, Linda (Dave) Smith and Rose (Jeff) Martin, both of Sandusky; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; step-sons, William "Bean" (Sondra) Warner III and Michael Cook; and daughter-in-law, Justine Fields. Her parents preceded her death, husband Gerald Sheller, daughter Valerie Sheller, and companion William Warner Jr.



JOHNNIE "PEARL" JONES STOVALL

March 17, 1945 – July 16, 2023
Attended Perkins High School



Pearl passed away in her Sandusky home. She was employed at Cedar Fair, Victorian Manor, Firelands Hospital, and retired from General Motors in the early 1990s. She is survived by her four daughters, Rachon Stovall of Richton Park, Illinois, Monique Stovall and Katrice Stovall, both of Sandusky. Brooke Stovall of Louisville, Kentucky; one son, Thomas Stovall Jr. of Sandusky; ten grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Jessie Gordon, Demetriss "Ann" Jones, both of Sandusky, Nettie (Ronald) Ellis of Huron, Ohio, Dorothy (Butch) Jackson of Sheffield, Ohio, and Shirley Jones, Waynesboro, Mississippi; brothers, Lemon (Carolyn) Jones '69, William (Rebecca) Jones, Ray Grant, Anthony Jones Sr, '80 and her friend and father of her children, Thomas Stovall Jr, all of Sandusky, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Ruth Jones, Ruteal Staten, Edna Jones, Mary Wright, and Nancy Jones; brothers Jerry Jones, Roosevelt Cole, Jimmie Jones, and David Jones '75.



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NEWS about HOME from the Sandusky Register

- 1. Home Goods will come to Perkins Township to fill the space Bed Bath & Beyond left vacant.**
- 2. An estimated \$50 million project to build a hotel in downtown Sandusky received approval from the city government.** Plans call for redevelopment at Jackson Street's parking lot beside the Sandusky State Theatre and include a 10-story Hampton by Hilton hotel with 76 rooms, a rooftop bar and restaurant, street-level event space/conference center between 5,000-10,000 sq. ft., and a parking garage with 400 spaces. The expected debut is by 2026.
- 3. Toft Dairy revealed new containers for its ice cream.** The packaging manufacturer discontinued the old 64-ounce containers. The ice cream parlor switched to the 48-ounce style. The first flavor making the switch is strawberry ice cream. The second flavor is the signature Cedar Point Salty Caramel Fudge Truffle Ice Cream crafted for the Valraven roller coaster.
- 4. Perkins Township officials approved work to connect the Searsville neighborhood with Strickfaden Park via a new sidewalk.** It will stretch from King Avenue to the northeast entrance to the park, adding approximately 1500 feet of new sidewalk.
- 5. WLEC's home is for sale.** The familiar Quonset hut building at 1640 Cleveland Rd. was constructed in 1947-1948. BAS Broadcasting, owners of WLEC, hopes to relocate in Sandusky.