

PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL WALL OF FAME

Inducted September 26, 2009

Albert Butcher, Class of 1944: “Ab” was the South Dayton Chief of Police for 12 years, served as Head of Security at JN Adam Developmental Center for 28½ years and is a South Dayton Volunteer Firefighter (lifetime member). He is the former president of the JN Adam Chapter of AFSCME and former Grand Master of Odd Fellows. He has volunteered for many organizations/events over the years including: South Dayton sewer system installation, registrar for antique tractor pulls for SD Fire Dept. (10 years), coach for PV Pee Wee/Midget football and South Dayton Babe Ruth baseball and on the “chain gang” at PV football games.

Ronald Chase, Class of 1963: Ron has devoted 26 years to the Pine Valley Board of Education -- from 1975 to 1995 and from 2003 to present serving as president from 1982-1995 and from 2005-2009 and as vice president from 2003-05. He has been the owner and operator of Karon Farms since 1976. Ron has served as a delegate to Upstate Milk Cooperative for 10 years, is a member of the Conewango Watershed Committee and has been a proud supporter of the Pine Valley FFA and member of the Ag Advisory committee.

Jeanne (Kendall) Matteson, Class of 1976: Jeanne has worked for Cattaraugus County for 32 years -- 20 years in the Personnel Office and the past 12 as secretary to the Cattaraugus County Attorney, a position she currently holds. She has been active for many years in the Town of Dayton and is currently the Deputy Superintendent on the Dayton Town Board. She is a member of the Dayton Historical Society and volunteers her time at the South Dayton United Methodist Church dinners.

Herbert Nobles, Class of 1955: Herb operates a 2,500 acre farm in the Township of Cherry Creek. He has been a member of the Upstate Milk Cooperative and its predecessors since 1964. He has been an Upstate Delegate since 1978; a Director since 1981; Treasurer from 1986-1999 and again from 2005 until the present. He was Vice President of the Board of Directors from 1999-2005. Herb has served on the O-AT-KA Board of Directors for the past 23 years serving two years as Secretary, four years as Vice President and the past 11 years as President. He is a Farm Bureau member, has served on the Conewango Watershed Commission for 31 years and the Chautauqua County Extension Ag Board for 10 years and is a member of the Pine Valley Ag Advisory committee. The Nobles’ Farm has been a Dairy of Distinction Farm since 1984.

Sylvia (Bergey) Reynolds, Class of 1969: Sylvia held a myriad of teaching/administrative positions over her career including: high school physical education/health teacher for 13 years, assistant principal/athletic activities director for four years, elementary principal for four years, high school principal for seven years and adjunct professor at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks for three years. She has taught and coached gymnastics, dance, basketball, volleyball and weight training and conditioning at high school and community college levels in Alaska, California, New York, Oregon and Pennsylvania. She even included dog-mushing in her curriculum. She was appointed to Alaska’s State Board of Education for six years. Honors include being named Alaska’s Teacher of the Year, Regional Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year for Secondary Education. Now retired, she has been doing educational consulting for the state of Alaska. She has been active in the PTA, American Red Cross and American Association for Health. Sylvia has written a children’s book on Greek Mythology and is active in Nome, Alaska recreation activities including having competed in triathlons, biathlons and 10km runs.

Genevieve (Earle Moffit) Rowland, Class of 1932: Genevieve was valedictorian of her graduating class from South Dayton High School and went on to become an educator for many years. She was a substitute teacher in area schools (including one-room schools) from 1934-1963 and a second grade teacher at Pine Valley from 1963-1973. She is a founding/charter member of the Leon Historical Society and has served on the board of trustees and as vice president and treasurer. She is founding/charter member of the Salamanca Rail Museum and has served on the board of trustees and as secretary and treasurer. She was also a member of the East Randolph chapter of Women of the Moose. Genevieve has written lyrics to songs and many poems, with some having been published e.g. "To Jennifer," East of Sunrise, National Library of Poetry.

Albert "Willie" Sheldon, Class of 1957: Albert is a retired U.S. Marine Major who was on active duty for 26 years. He entered the service as an enlisted man and worked his way up to be commissioned as a major – which is very rare. During his career he was deployed to Europe, the Far East and spent 23 months in Viet Nam where he was decorated for bravery and achievement. Since his retirement in 1983 he has been a store manager for an auto parts store, a warehouse manager for another auto parts store and currently is in inventory control and drives truck for a floral supply company. He is a life member of the VFW and American Legion and is on the American Red Cross Service to Military Families Committee. He has coached youth basketball and softball.

Larry Waite, Class of 1964: Larry has a long and distinguished career in music education having taught at Pine Valley for a few years and retiring from a Long Island school in 2002 after having taught there for 33 years. He is active with music in his community and has returned for many years to lead the Pine Valley Alumni Band in the annual Cherry Creek parades.



2009 Wall of Fame Inductees

**front l-r: Jeanne (Kendall) Matteson, Genevieve (Earle Moffit) Rowland, Sylvia (Bergey) Reynolds
back l-r: Albert "Ab" Butcher, Albert "Willie" Sheldon, Ronald Chase,
Herbert Nobles and Larry Waite**