



## The Bedford High School

# Alumni Bulletin

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### THE BEDFORD FIGHT SONG



"Cheer, cheer  
for  
ol' Bedford  
High,  
For it's the  
best  
school under  
the sky!

Sing it's  
praises  
far and wide,  
We honor,  
we love it,  
it is our pride!

On the road  
to victory,  
we will pledge  
our loyalty,  
Onward,  
always to  
the end,  
For dear ol'  
Bedford  
High!"

### 2004-2005 Fifth Annual Bedford High School Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

The Bedford High School Hall of Fame began in the year 2000 to honor and enshrine those who have made a major contribution to the pride and tradition of Bedford High School. The Hall of Fame currently has 27 members, and we have 3 quality additions to make this year. Our Inductees for 2004 are:

#### **Buffy (Williams) Ruddy**

Buffy is a 1989 graduate, and now resides in Petersburg Michigan. She is a Pediatric Physical Therapist at the Toledo Children's Hospital. Buffy was an outstanding volleyball player during her high school days, being named to the All State First Team in both 1988 and 1989. The Monroe Evening News called her "the greatest setter in region history" and was a unanimous selection for The Evening News Player of the Year in 88-89. Buffy was also named the Monroe County Region Volleyball Player of the Decade for the 1980's. She left Bedford on a full ride to Michigan State University with school records for most assists in a match (46), season (989), her career (2729), and most career points served (1020). Her favorite high school memory was playing in the state volleyball finals, and her favorite faculty member was Diana VanReybrock, who she says was always a woman of her word and a great class advisor. Buffy is married to K.C. Ruddy, they have a son Ty, age 10 months, and another child on the way that is due in January. She is the daughter and 5<sup>th</sup> of 10 children born to Kay and Tom Williams of Temperance. Buffy feels that being selected for the Hall of Fame is a great honor. She feels that athletes are only as good as the players who surround them, and she credits all of her teammates for this honor as well. *Welcome Buffy, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.*

#### **David Simpson**

David is a 1985 graduate of Bedford High School and he now resides in Marysville Ohio. He is the National Sales Manager for Sumitomo Electric Company, and is very active in showing and breeding Clydesdale horses. David was a very talented multi-sport athlete in High School, and received the Mudge Spencer Scholarship award upon graduation. David was an outstanding football player, and received a football scholarship from Michigan State University. He threw the shot put on the Bedford track team, but David is probably most remembered in Bedford history for wrestling. He was the 1985 Heavyweight State Champion, and was an important part of Bedford's sixth state wrestling *continued on inside back cover*

### Dues Collection Returns

Yes, it is true. This will be the last issue of the Alumni Bulletin that you will receive unless you renew your membership as a dues paying member.

We spent hours and hours of soul searching on this issue and decided that this had to be done. We were encountering people who would join the association that had no purpose for doing so at all, people who lived far away and had no ties to Bedford what so ever. They were just filling out the form because it was free. We could not allow this practice to continue any longer.

You have two options as a member of the association. You can remain an annual dues payer at \$10.00 per year, or you can become a lifetime member of the association for \$200.00 and have an 8X8 brick installed in the "lifetime members area" with your name, class year (if applicable), and Lifetime Member stated on the brick. This will happen in the area around the "Victory Bell", just inside the sidewalk area at the Bedford Community Stadium. If you choose to renew your membership, you will be sent a membership card (paper if you are an annual payer or plastic if you are a lifetime member) and you will continue to receive information from the association on a regular basis.

We are asking everyone to fill out the form below, and return it with whatever form of payment that you choose before January 1, 2005. Since we operate on the school fiscal year (July 1-June 30), an annual dues payer who pays before January 1 will be current until June 30 2006. We will not be mailing dues notices, this is the only notice you will receive. Please respond in a positive manner, the association works hard for everyone and we want very much for you to continue to "be a part of it".



# President's Corner

It is with anticipation of some new things that await me, yet it is also with a degree of sadness that I sit down to write this column one last time. At the end of this year I will have completed the fifth year of my one year term as your President, and it is long past time for someone new to take the reigns of the Alumni Association. It has been a wonderful experience for me to serve as your President, and I am truly grateful that I was given this opportunity.

It is extremely important to recognize that in this world no one really ever accomplishes much alone. It has been my good fortune as President of this organization to be surrounded by some of the finest people you will ever meet, and it has been a pleasure for me to get to know these people better.

Gene Stock and Steve Lennex have been solidly behind this organization since it was merely an idea, and I don't think that either one of them have missed more than a couple of meetings in the past 5 years. They have demonstrated their support in every way possible, they put our meetings ahead of almost everything, they have been unselfish of their time in organizing and helping with almost every event, and last but not least I could not have had two better mentors in doing this job. Thank you Gene and Steve for all of your support, and I would also like to thank Linda Stock and Sylvia Lennex for everything they have done as well. Coach Bill Regnier is another guy who has very rarely missed a meeting, and has proven to me beyond a doubt that he believes wholeheartedly in what we do. Thanks Coach for all your support.

Neither Paul Ramirez nor Kevin Wexler are Bedford High School graduates, yet both of these people have given of themselves time after time for our cause. Kevin and Paul have been wonderful members and have helped us in almost everything since they have become involved. Thank you both for all of your help.

Over the years we have had some great officers, and I would like to thank those who have served along with me over the past 5 years. I have been fortunate enough to have had 3 great secretaries, Jan Swy, Pam Krell, and our current secretary Berta Miser. Each of them has worked tirelessly for the cause. Denny Steinman served 6 years as our treasurer, and Linda Stock has taken the responsibility since. Both of these folks have kept terrific records, every penny has always been accounted for, and it is no easy task. We should thank them both for doing such a wonderful job. Gene Stock has served as both Vice President and Stadium Committee Chairman, and has been instrumental in EVERYTHING that we have accomplished. My sincerest thanks go out to everyone who has stepped up in positions of leadership to further our cause and to better the association. Our President Elect, Dustin Cress (class of 2001) has done likewise by taking my position effective January 1st, and I wish him all the best in continuing the leadership of our organization.

Jeremy Snyder is one of the finest young men I believe I have ever met, and he is the Director of Communications for Bedford Public Schools. Jeremy is basically our "go to guy" at the Administration Building, and he has gone so far above and beyond the call of duty on our behalf that there are truly not enough kind words to thank him properly for all his efforts.

This newsletter, our event programs, our flyers and other printed materials are all taken care of by Jeremy. Our pages on the web site, the posting of reunion information, and the maintenance of the Alumni Database all fall into his extremely capable hands. When I met Jeremy shortly after he came to Bedford, he found out about our organization and joined one week later. He has been a true friend to the association ever since. Many times he takes our work home with him because he simply cannot get to it during the day, and whenever he promises something will be ready, it always is. Thank you Jeremy for everything you do, both for us and for Bedford Public Schools.

It has been my good fortune to be able to interact with many Bedford Public Schools employees over the past 5 years. I have been welcomed warmly to every building in our district, and the employees of Bedford Public Schools as a whole do everything that they can to support our efforts. When Gene put on the Basketball Game last year with TV-13, our employees responded both with their talents on the court and their support in the stands. Our building principles all came out with their school mascots to show the pride that is so very obvious everywhere you look in Bedford Public Schools. The Teachers who participated in the game did so because they just wanted to have a little fun and support the cause. We have Teachers, Secretaries and Administrators who have donated to the stadium project through payroll deductions, and when people are willing to do that you have to know how much they care. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome and for everything that you do to help.

Interaction with the Students of Bedford High School has been one of the most rewarding experiences I could have ever had, and whether anyone believes it or not, the kids are grateful when you do something nice for them. The Senior Cookout has always been an enjoyable day to spend with the kids, and the vast majority of them always thank us for our efforts. **continued on next page**

**President's Corner continued** When safety issues put the future of the traditional "Big Ball Game" in jeopardy, Steve and Sylvia Lennex brought this problem to the attention of our organization. We were able to sit down with the administration to discuss the problems, and by working together, we were able to avoid the loss of a traditional junior-senior girls contest that has been a part of homecoming week for as long as I can remember.

There are many more people that I would like to thank for their help, and if I try to name them individually I will most certainly miss someone. The people that I am talking about here are the folks who volunteer their time in helping at our events. We may not have 50 people at our meetings, but when we need help with an event, all I have had to do is to make a few phone calls and we generally have all the help that we need. There are people who almost never attend a meeting that have helped at our reverse raffle every year since it began. My sincerest thanks to all of those who will help when needed. You are all an extremely important part of making the association a successful one.

Denny Caldwell and the staff at the High School have all gone miles out of their way to help our organization in any way they possibly can. They have been extremely kind to me personally, and as a general rule I have had access to most anything that needed at any time for the benefit of the association. I believe that Denny does a GREAT job at Bedford High School, and I would like to thank him and the staff for their help and their cooperation with our association.

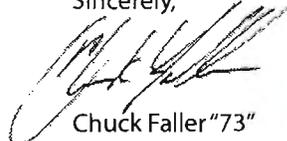
Over the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to work with 3 Superintendents of Bedford Public Schools. All 3 have treated me extremely well, and have been as helpful as they could be. I believe however that we finally have the right man steering the ship in the person of Jon White, and I hope that it doesn't take our Board of Education very long to remove the "acting" from his title, and make him the permanent Superintendent of Education. We have over 36 years of history with Jon White, where he started here as a teacher and made the transition to an administrator in a manner that everyone should admire. Jon has the ability to look at a situation from all sides, and make a decision that is in the best interest of the students of Bedford Public Schools, and that ladies and gentlemen is exactly as it should be. The kids should come first, and with Jon White at the wheel they always will.

People have asked me many times over the years, "Why do you keep doing this"; in referring to the number of years I have spent as the president of this organization. The answer is really simple; I have enjoyed it, and because I could give something back. The motivation for doing it might surprise you. During my high school days I could have easily become a drop out had it not been for the love and guidance of my parents (who incidentally were two of the finest people that God ever put on this earth), and the encouragement of the folks at Bedford High School. People like Dorothy Hartsell, John Stafford, Norm Hinshaw, and Jim Gasiorowski were

very caring about their students, and went farther out of their way to help me than anyone ever had the right to expect. I was smart enough, I just needed some motivation, and the people I mention here and others made that happen for me. There are many people like myself in this world who did not have the opportunity for higher education, and for people like us, a high school diploma is all we have to operate on. I believe that my Bedford High School education has served me just fine, and I feel inferior to no one in this world for my lack of higher education. Self respect is also something that you learn at Bedford High School.

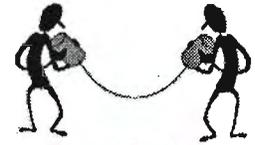
Thanks again for the great experience, and I hope that in the future I can continue to be of service to Bedford Public Schools.

Sincerely,



Chuck Faller "73"

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## Fifth Annual Hall of Fame Banquet

**November 5, 2004**

**\$25.00 per Ticket Includes**

**Dinner & Beverages**

*Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.*

*Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

*Ceremony to follow dinner.*

**Memories Banquet Hall**

7332 Lewis Avenue  
Temperance, MI 48182

To purchase your tickets please call Chuck Faller at 734.847.8339 or stop by the High School Office or Administration Building.



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### Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Class of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse of Alumni

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent of Student or Graduate

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend

I would like to be involved in the following:

\_\_\_ Membership                      \_\_\_ Fund Raising

\_\_\_ Alumni Relations                \_\_\_ Other:

Please enclose a check for \$10.00 for annual dues. Make checks payable to: "Bedford High School Alumni Association". Membership runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30 of the following year.

A Life-Time membership is also available for \$200, which includes an 8"x8" brick with your name and words "Life-Time Member". These bricks will be placed in the area around the victory bell at the Bedford Community Stadium.

(Please mail application and your check to the address listed above.)

### What is the Bedford High School Alumni Association?

The Alumni Association is a group of Bedford High School graduates and community members who are interested in promoting Bedford High School.

### Why was the Alumni Association formed?

The Association was formed:

To encourage camaraderie between Bedford graduates and others who are interested in the well being of Bedford High School.

To provide assistance for current students.

To keep members informed about what is happening at Bedford High School and with other members.

To undertake special school related projects.

### What will The Alumni Association do for its members?

The Association will plan special events for its members, such as Homecoming activities, hall of fame activities, golf outings and alumni nights at school sporting events.

The Association will also be available to assist others with independent school related activities, such as locating alumni of class reunions.

The Association will publish a Newsletter listing current school events and information that is of interest to alumni.

### How do I get more information on the Alumni Association?

For more information on the Association or whom you can contact for more information, you may go to the following web site:

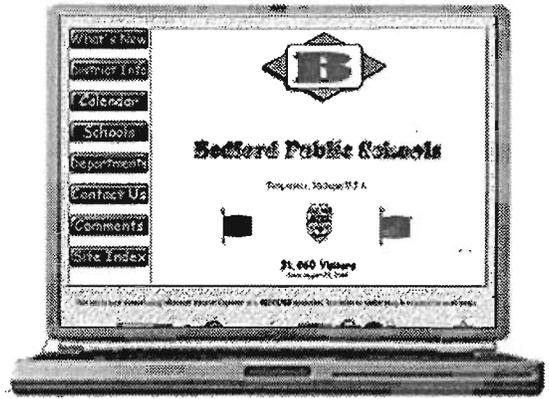
[www.bedford.k12.mi.us](http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us) Or call: 734-850-6000

**(A current list of Alumni officers and contact persons will be listed on the web site. By calling 850-6000 you will be directed to whom you may call for more information.)**

## Bedford High School Reunion Information On-Line!

Attention all Bedford High School graduates... If you have information regarding an upcoming class reunion or event, e-mail it to [snyderj@bedford.k12.mi.us](mailto:snyderj@bedford.k12.mi.us). A link for your class will be created and added to the Alumni Association's home page. Be sure to include the class year, date, time and place of the event, and one or two contacts complete with name, address, phone number, and an e-mail address. Also, if you're having trouble locating members of your class, just e-mail us the names of the people you are looking for and we'll add them to your class' link, as well.

**-Jeremy Snyder**



**Hall of Fame continued** title. He has too many great high school memories to pick a single one, but high school sports are certainly among them. David is honored to be selected to the Hall of Fame, and says that it is great to be recognized for accomplishments in one of the greatest times of his life. His favorite faculty member was Bill Regnier, for his guidance, his ethics, and having a heart of gold. David is single and has three children, Waylen (10), Riley (9), and Trey (4). He is the son of Carol and the late Harry Simpson of Largo, Florida. *Welcome David, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.*

### **James Kindle**

Jim Kindle is a 1970 graduate, and after being gone for 26 years has recently returned to make his home here in Temperance. Jim is the Regional Sales Manager for Gren Automotive. Jim was nominated this year because he is arguably the finest basketball player in Bedford High School history. The 1969-70 team that he played on was the only Bedford team in history to win a District Title, and Jim's leadership on the floor played a huge part in that championship according to Coach Gary Duhaime. Jim left Bedford High School with several school records, some of which still stand today. Most points in a game, assists, and field goal percentage for a game (100%) when one evening he went 11 for 11 from the floor. Jim was the teams leading scorer in his high school career, and then went on to have a successful college basketball career with both Bowling Green and the University of Toledo. During Jim's junior and senior years at the University of Toledo the basketball team went 36-18, and Coach Bob Nichols credits Jim as being a very valuable member of those teams and a big part of the reason they were successful. Jim's favorite faculty members were Med Barr, who made his class interesting and took an interest in each individual, and Gary Duhaime, who inspired Jim to perform to the best of his ability. Jimmy summed up his favorite high school memory for us in one word, graduating. Jim is single and has two daughters, Allison age 20, and Lauren age 14. He is the son of the late William and Marion Kindle of Temperance Michigan. *Welcome Jim, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.*

### **The remaining Hall of Fame members by year of their induction are:**

**2000** - Gerald Kish, Richard Trychel Sr., Jon Whitman, William Early, Bob Andrews, Richard Oswald, Reid Stout, Dr. Warren Tolly, Chester and Lottie Karpanty, John Stafford.

**2001** - Etta Mae Chapman, Arthur Maschke, Christopher McMacken, Karen Sapp-Crowe, Jennifer Shrader-Williams

**2002** - Ron Boehme, Jerry Wing, Oyce Whitesell, James McHugh, Paul Swy

**2003** - Charlie Holmes, Bill Alexander, Paul Whitman, Fred Lowe, Dennis Kinney

The 2004 Bedford High School Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 5th at Memories Banquet Hall on Lewis Avenue in Temperance Michigan. For tickets or more information, please contact Chuck Faller at (734) 847-8339.

## **Events Calendar**

Sept. 15 - *First Meeting\**

Oct. 1 - *Hall of Fame Game*

Oct. 20 - *Alumni Meeting\**

Nov. 5 - *Hall of Fame Banquet*

Nov. 17 - *Alumni Meeting\**

Dec. 13 - *Christmas Party*

*A great opportunity to meet  
Dustin Cress, our new President Elect*

Jan. 19 - *Alumni Meeting\**

Feb. 16 - *Alumni Meeting\**

Mar. 13&14 - *BBA Trade Fair*

Mar. 16 - *Alumni Meeting\**

*Mar. 19 - Reverse Raffle*

*Dusseau's Reception Center*

Apr. 20 - *Alumni Meeting\**

May 18 - *Alumni Meeting\**

**\*Alumni Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. in the front conference room at the Administration building, located at 1623 West Sterns Road.**

## **Monthly Meeting Notifications and Alumni Association Updates**

The Bedford High School Alumni Association regularly e-mails it's members meeting reminders, updates, and notices about special upcoming events. If you would like to begin receiving these notifications or if your e-mail address has changed, please send a message to [chuckfaller@buckeye-express.com](mailto:chuckfaller@buckeye-express.com) indicating that you would like to be added to the e-mail group.

**-Chuck Faller**



..... Bedford Community Stadium Up-Date • Fall 2004 .....

We need your help and support! Your Bedford Community Stadium continues to be a point of pride for the Bedford Community, but it is not paid for yet!

The fundraising for the Bedford Community Stadium began in 1996. We are still raising funds to complete the payments on our loan for Phase I of the project. The current balance on the \$1,000,000 note is approximately \$340,000. As many of you know this is the first special project of the Bedford High School Alumni Association. Our fundraising theme is "Be A Part Of It". The Bedford Community Stadium benefits the entire community. Many of you use it every week. Our goal is to get enough money pledged in the next two years to retire the debt completely in five years. Listed below are some ways that you can "Be A Part Of It":

**Join our Million Dollar Club:** \$1,000 pledged over 5 years at \$200 per year. Your name will be included on a plaque on the "Recognition Wall of Fame" (located at the east end of the stadium).

**Recognition Bricks:** For each \$100 donation, a 4x8 brick may be inscribed. A larger 8x8 brick may be purchased for \$200. You can have your brick inscribed with your own personal message. Bricks will be placed along the walkways at each end of the stadium walls. These bricks make great presents and memorials.

**Attend One Of Our Annual Fundraisers:** Bedford All-Stars vs. TV-13 All-Stars Basketball Game in the winter or our Reverse Raffle in the spring.

Donation forms for The Million Dollar Club and Recognition Bricks are available online at [http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us/Be\\_A\\_Part\\_Of\\_It.html](http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us/Be_A_Part_Of_It.html). Any additional fundraising ideas would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Gene Stock at 847-6358.

The Bedford High School Alumni Association has continued to make improvements to the stadium. During the past year we have completed the new "Information Center", which is dedicated in memory of long time Bedford supporter Dick Oswald. Thanks again to Kayo Lumber for the generous donation of materials and to Mike and Gwen Cannon who donated the labor to construct the center. This fall we will also start adding the limestone panels on the east wall to recognize our major donors and supporters.

Thanks again to all of you who have made a donation or attended one of our fundraisers during the past year. Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Gene Stock at 847-6358 or by eMail at [stocksportsinc@yahoo.com](mailto:stocksportsinc@yahoo.com). Thanks again for being part of it!

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Financial Contributions from our Alumni and BHS supporters are the only way we can continue the work that we do. A contribution to our association as a 501(C3) recognized charity is completely tax deductible if you itemize.

Please send us a little information about yourself along with your contribution so we can share that with our fellow alumni in the next newsletter.

**You can decide where your contribution goes!**

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| <b>Alumni Association General Fund ( )*</b>        | <b>Alumni Relations ( )</b> |
| <b>Athletic Department ( )</b>                     | <b>Robotics ( )</b>         |
| <b>Media Center ( )</b>                            | <b>Math Department ( )</b>  |
| <b>Career &amp; Technical (Vocational) Ed. ( )</b> | <b>Scholarships ( )</b>     |
| <b>Other _____ ( )</b>                             |                             |

\* Alumni Association general fund monies are used for many things. Our newsletter, making a stadium payment, the costs of the Senior Cookout, etc., are all paid from the general fund.