

Bedford High School Alumni Association announces 2013 Hall of Fame inductees

The Bedford High School Alumni Association is proud to announce this year's selections for the 2013 BHS Hall of Fame.

Edd Bankowski is a 1966 graduate of BHS. While a good athlete and wrestler in his own right, Bankowski's nomination is for the impact he had on Bedford students as a coach and his post high school accomplishments.

As a Junior High School coach, Bankowski was the first wrestling coach for many of Bedford's superstar wrestlers. His teachings gave those students a head start over many at the high school level.

His career at Bedford spanned over 30 years, and the awards he has won in his field bring a great deal of pride to BHS.

A 1953 graduate of BHS, Tom Estes was nominated as an outstanding athlete. Estes played baseball for three years and football, track and basketball all four years of high school.

Estes was captain of the 1955 football team and set school records in both football and basketball.

Eugene Holey is a 1949 graduate of BHS and was nominated as an outstanding athlete. He earned 12 varsity letters while at Bedford in four different sports and in the 40's it was not unusual for a great athlete to compete in a variety of sports since the school was much smaller then.

He was voted MVP in 1948 as well as being captain of the football team that year. In addition Holey was named All Raisin Valley Athletic Conference in 1948 and 1949.

He batted over .400 in baseball in 1949, which was a huge baseball accomplishment.

Nominated as an outstanding athlete, Jeff Holly is a 1979 graduate of BHS. He was a quarterback from 1977-1979 and broke five school records in 1978. He was named All GLL in 1979 and Monroe County Offensive Player of the Year.

Holly also played Varsity Baseball and Basketball for Bedford, but his football skills are what earned him a full scholarship to WMU.

Bob Lambert is a 1990 graduate of BHS and is nominated as an outstanding athlete. He played Varsity Baseball for four years and Football for three years.

In his junior year he set the school record for single season tackles with 167. He was voted 1st Team GLL both his junior and senior years as well as team MVP. His senior year he was team captain and was voted Monroe County Defensive Player of the Year in football and was voted 1st Team GLL, Team MVP and team captain in baseball as well.

A 1977 graduate of BHS, Bill Salisbury is nominated as an outstanding athlete. As a football player Salisbury was team captain 1976-1977 and an all-league linebacker. As a full back his junior year, he rushed for over 1,000 yards.

Salisbury was part of the 1976 and 1977 state championship wrestling teams and was an individual state champion in 1977 at 40-0 as well as the team captain and has the third highest winning percentage of all Bedford wrestlers.

A multi-sport athlete, Kevin Taylor is a 1970 BHS graduate. He played football, basketball and baseball. Taylor was a member of both the 1970 District Championship Basketball Team and the 1970 League Championship Baseball Team. In football he was all conference his junior and senior years and went on to play three years at BGSU.

Taylor was the Varsity Football Coach at Kalkaska High School for 15 years and has been a registered MHSAA Official for 26 years.

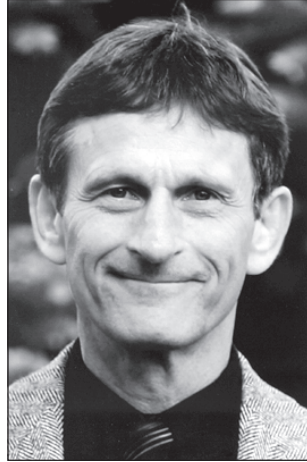
Bill Zgorzelski is a 1971 graduate of BHS and was "Mr. Baseball" in his days at Bedford. He posted a record for highest career batting average, averaging .429 over his high school career. He led Monroe County in his junior year at .479 and set a record for most home runs in a game with three in 1970.

Zgorzelski was named to the GLL All Star Team his junior and senior years. He went on to play college ball at St. Clair Community College and helped his team to a number two ranking in the nation.

Zgorzelski is already a member of the BHS Baseball Hall of Fame and has served as a coach in the community for over 35 years.

In addition to being state champions, the 2001 State Championship Volleyball Team's record for the season was 82-1. They won 72 straight matches, nine tournament championships and had five all state players on the squad.

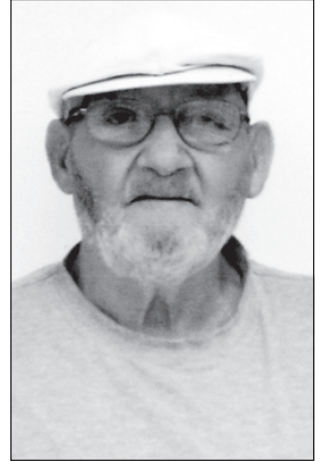
The members were: Lindi Bankowski, Jill Blanton, Amy Czupich, Shawna Jan, Katie Jefferson, Erica Kaczorowski, Julia Kirkwood, Melissa Mein-



Edd Bankowski



Tom Estes



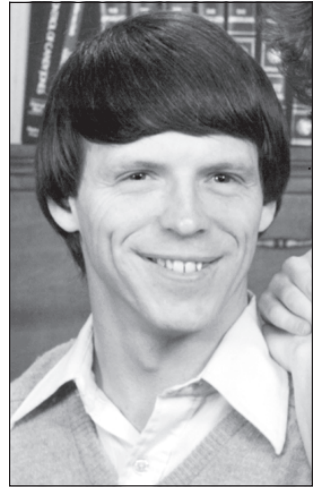
Eugene Holey



Jeff Holly



Bob Lambert



Bill Zgorzelski

Not pictured: Bill Salisbury, Kevin Taylor, 2001 BHS Volleyball Team

hart, Cassandra Mohrbach, Melissa Mohrbach, Rachael Pelhank, Abbie Riddle and Jennifer Sulewski. The team's head coach was Jodi Manore, assisted by Denise Wiczynski.

The 2013 BHS Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at the BHS Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, October 19 at the BHS

cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and the ceremony immediately following.

For ticket information, call Lisa Pickard at BHS at (734) 850-6106.

Additional information concerning the Hall of Fame and the Bedford High School Alumni Association can be

found at the following web pages: <http://www.bedfordyes.com/BedfordAlumniAssocHallofFame.htm> or www.bedford.k12.mi.us/alumni_assoc.html.

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