

Hall of Fame nominees unveiled

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The Bedford High School Alumni Association will induct seven athletes into its Hall of Fame in February.

The induction banquet will take place at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at Bedford High School, 8285 Jackman Rd.

The inductees will be introduced at half time the night before during the girls' basketball game with Saline.

This year's inductees are Joe Caruso, Mary Linzie, Kellie Nowak, Kevin Vogel, Michelle (Andrews) King, Terry Banks and Jennifer (Bringman) West.

Tickets to the banquet are \$25 each and may be purchased through the Bedford High School office or by mail, with checks made payable to the Bedford High School Alumni Association, to Lisa Packard, Bedford High School, 8285 Jackman Rd., Temperance, MI 48182.

The last day to purchase tickets that will guarantee a meal is Feb. 25. For more information about tickets, call Ms. Pickard at 850-6105.

Again this year, the alumni association will offer sponsorship and advertising opportunities for local businesses and individuals. Sponsorship is \$200 and donors will be recognized in the Hall of Fame program and will receive an 8-inch-square brick, which identifies the donor as a sponsor. The bricks will be placed permanently in the Alumni Plaza adjacent to the Victory Bell at the Bedford Community Stadium.

Additional information about the Hall of Fame and the alumni association can be found at the Web site www.bedford.k12.mi.us/alumni_assoc.html.

TERRY BANKS (posthumous)

Terry Banks, a 1979 graduate, was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Edd Bankowski, one of his former teachers.

He was a three-year starter on the varsity basketball team, serving as co-captain in 1979. That same year, Mr. Banks led Monroe County with a 19.9 points per game average. He was named to the GLL first team and the All-Monroe County basketball team.

Mr. Banks ran track his freshman and senior years, setting a school record in the 330-meter low hurdles.

During his senior year, in football, Mr. Banks led Monroe County in pass receiving with 32 catches, 595 yards and seven touchdowns. In 1978-1979, Mr. Banks was selected to the All-GLL first team, the All-Monroe County team, and the Michigan All-State second team. He set records for the longest kickoff return, 98 yards, and most receptions in a season, 32.

Mr. Banks received a football scholarship to Wayne State University, but was killed in an automobile accident shortly after high school graduation.

JOE CARUSO

Mr. Caruso, nominated by Chuck Faller, is a 1972 graduate.

Mr. Caruso was the Amateur Athletic Union state champion



TERRY BANKS



JOE CARUSO



KELLIE NOWAK



KEVIN VOGEL

in track for the 2-mile event in 1970. In 1971, he was the International Freedom Festival 10-mile champion in the junior division. Mr. Caruso still holds Bedford's 2-mile, or 3,200 meter, record of 9:18, set in 1971. He ran the fastest 10,000 meters — 31 minutes, 5 seconds — among high school athletes in 1972. Mr. Caruso was All-State in cross country his senior year.

After high school, Mr. Caruso ran cross country at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti on a full-athletic scholarship. In 1976, he was the Mid-American Conference cross country champion and also became an All-American in that sport in the same year.

His love for running con-



MICHELLE (ANDREWS) KING



JENNIFER (BRINGMAN) WEST



MARY LINZIE

tinued after college, and placed first in many events in the Toledo area. In 2002, Mr. Caruso ran the fastest 10,000 meters in the United States in the 45-49 age category.

In 1991, Mr. Caruso returned to BHS as a teacher; he teaches drafting and design technology.

"I came back to Bedford where my life started, to teach and make a difference in the lives of young people in the same way Bedford made a difference in my life," Mr. Caruso said.

Along with his wife, Susan, Mr. Caruso has two children, Tiffany and Marshall.

MICHELLE (ANDREWS) KING

A 1983 graduate, Michelle Andrews King lettered in

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volleyball, softball and basketball. She was nominated by Matt Andrews.

She was a member of the All-Region volleyball team for three years and was named player of the year in 1983. Mrs. King received All-State recognition for volleyball.

During her senior year, she was named to the All-Region basketball team.

As a short stop in softball, Mrs. King received All-Region honors during her junior and senior years.

Mrs. King received a nursing degree from Lourdes College in Sylvania, Ohio. She is an emergency room nurse at Toledo Hospital.

Along with her husband, Kevin, Mrs. King has four children, Brittany, JC, Madisyn and Koryn.

MARY LINZIE

Mary Linzie, a 1989 graduate, was nominated by her former coach and teacher, Kathy Bankowski.

While on the basketball team, she was named to the Monroe Evening News All-Region team in her junior and senior years. She was named team captain her senior year and was selected the Bedford Athletic Boosters MVP in her junior and senior years.

In softball, Ms. Linzie made the first team All-Great Lakes League and the News' All-Region team in her senior year.

Ms. Linzie was a member of the varsity volleyball team during her sophomore through senior years. She was selected to the Michigan Class A All-District and All-Region teams in her junior and senior years as well as the News' All-Region team.

Ms. Linzie holds the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state records for aces in a season with 135 in 1989, blocks in a career with 352 in 1987-1989, and blocks in a season with 192 in 1988-1989.

After graduating, Ms. Linzie received a volleyball scholarship to Grand Valley State University, where she started four years and served as a team captain her senior year.

Ms. Linzie is a deputy for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and patrols Bedford Township.

KELLIE NOWAK

A 1996 graduate, Kellie

Nowak was nominated by Ms. Bankowski.

Ms. Nowak was a three-year starter in basketball, captain during her senior year and named to the News' All-Region team in her junior and senior years.

In volleyball, Ms. Nowak started all four years. During her sophomore through senior years, Ms. Nowak was named to the Michigan Class A All-District and All-Region teams. She was named to the Michigan Class A All-State second team during her sophomore year. She was a team captain and named to the Michigan Class A All-State first team during her junior and senior years.

Ms. Nowak earned a volleyball scholarship to Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, where she started all four years and ranks in the top 10 in several team records.

Ms. Nowak is a teacher at Adrian High School, where she is the varsity volleyball coach.

KEVIN VOGEL

Mr. Vogel, a 1987 graduate, was nominated by Lee LaVoy.

Mr. Vogel was a two-time GLL, district, regional and state champion. He was selected team captain during his senior year and was a member of the 1985 and 1986 state championship wrestling team.

In 1987, Mr. Vogel was selected to the High School Honorable Mention All-American Team. He still holds the Bedford single season win record of 52-0. During his junior year, Mr. Vogel set a record for pinning through the state tournament.

Mr. Vogel wrestled at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where he was a four-year starter and three-year captain. He was a three-time MAC champion and two-time MAC tournament outstanding wrestler. He also was named MVP three times during college. Mr. Vogel still holds the CMU record for career pins at 69.

Mr. Vogel also wrestled on the international level, competing as a member of Team USA. During that time, he was a two-time Greco-Roman University National Championship finalist, 1990 University Champion in Greco-Roman, 1993 Olympic Festival champion, a five-time member of Team USA, a 1996 and 2000 Olympic trial qualifier and a 1996 World Cup champion.

Mr. Vogel was a volunteer

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coach at the University of Michigan from 1999 to 2007.

He is a residential contractor in Michigan and Ohio. Along with his wife, Jessica, Mr. Vogel has two children, Juliana and Nadya.

JENNIFER (BRINGMAN) WEST

A 1992 graduate, Jennifer (Bringman) West was nominated by Dennis Caldwell, former Bedford High School principal.

Mrs. West was selected team captain in softball, basketball and volleyball during her senior year.

In softball, she started for three years and received All-Region and All-State honors. She holds school records in hitting for a season, including runs scored, 58; hits, 70; doubles, 13; home runs, 6, and batting average, .614.

As a member of the volleyball team for three years, Mrs. West was named All-Region first team in her junior and senior years. She was named to the All-State Class A second team her senior year and Monroe County Co-Player of the year by The Monroe Evening News.

Mrs. West attended Wright State University in Dayton,

Following are the inductees to Bedford High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame from inception through last year.

2000

Bob Andrews
William Early
Chester and Lottie Karpanty
Gerald Kish
Dick Oswald
John Stafford
Reid Stout
Dr. Warren Tolly
Richard Trychel
Jon Whitman

2001

Etta Mae Chapman
Chris McMacken
Art Maschke
Karen (Sapp) Crowe

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Jennifer (Shrader) Williams

2002

Ron Boehme
Tom Gannon
James McHugh
Paul Swy
Oyce Whitesell
Jerry Wing

2003

Bill Alexander
Charlie Holmes
Dennis Kinney
Fred Lowe
Chuck Rimmer
Paul Whitman

2004

James Kindle
David Simpson
Buffy (Williams) Ruddy

2005

Robert Boehme
Dennis Brighton

Gary Duhaime
Lew Horn
Liz (Renius) Smith
Gene Stock

2006

Richard Boehme
Walter Chany
Eleanor Gordon
Shane Hears
Leslie Keane
Carol Emptage-Kwiatkowski
David Long
Ken Moyer
Lynn Parachek
Edward Rudd
Kara (Walcher) Shavo

2007

Lowell Cauffiel
Douglas Dove
John Hittler
Brett Holey
Todd Lezon
C. David Parker
Edward Tutelian

Ohio, on a full athletic scholarship for volleyball.

While in college, Mrs. West was a four-year starter and served as team captain in her senior year. She earned all-league first honors her senior year and still ranks in the top 10 in several Wright

team records.

Mrs. West is an intervention specialist for Incarnation School in Centerville, Ohio.

Along with the husband, Jeremy, Mrs. West has two children, Micah and Shae.