

# Five to join Hall of Fame

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An outstanding athlete, two teachers, an academic standout and a Broadway actress.

A variety of talents were chosen when the Bedford Hall of Fame committee voted for the top five contributors to Bedford Township.

Township residents were encouraged to nominate anyone who made some type of outstanding contribution, but did not have to be a Bedford High School graduate. A total of 14 nominees were voted on before making the final cut of five.

The five who were chosen were John Christian

McMacken, Art Maschke, Etta Mae (Huff) Chapman, Karen (Sapp) Crowe and Jennifer Shrader.

The five hall of famers will be introduced at halftime during the Oct. 5 varsity football game. Also, a hall of fame banquet will be held on Oct. 26, where they will receive plaques commemorating the event.

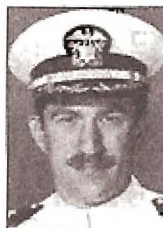
The Bedford High School Alumni Association formed the Bedford Hall of Fame last year, when 10 people were chosen.

The following is a breakdown of each inductee:

**John Christian McMacken:** Better known as Chris, McMacken was a 1967 graduate of Bedford High School. He also was a

1971 graduate of the Naval Academy. He became a captain of a nuclear submarine. He also was a good athlete in high school football and basketball. On Oct. 15, 1997, he died at age 48 after battling an illness.

"He accomplished more at 48 than most people do in a lifetime," said Karen Adamski of Temperance, McMacken's sister. "I nominated my brother not just because he was a good academic student or a good



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athlete, but because he was a well-rounded person. He was a role model to many people."

McMacken moved to Washington state due to his career as a Navy captain. Because of his determination to succeed in school, sports and his career, his sister was not surprised that he was voted to become a hall of fame inductee.

"I was really happy to hear that he was one of the five chosen," she said. "I wasn't surprised so much as happy. Chris was very deserving and he always worked hard for what he accomplished."

McMacken is survived by his wife, Eileen, and three children, Sarah, 18, Hannah, 14, and Zachary, 11.

Since his family still lives in Washington, McMacken's sisters, Adamski and Ellen Bacon, and their mother, Phyllis Maschke, will attend the halftime festivities at the Oct. 5 varsity football game and the hall of fame banquet.

**Karen (Sapp) Crowe:** Most people remember Crowe for her dominating presence on the volleyball court, on the basketball court and on the track. She was an outstanding athlete in each sport and was a recipient of many awards, such as all-state honors in track and volleyball.



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Etta Mae Chapman is the recipient of the "Hall of Fame Award" in Bedford County. Chapman is a retired teacher from Bedford High School.

After graduating from Bedford High School in 1983, she chose to attend University of Notre Dame on a volleyball scholarship.

She was nominated by Jerry Kish.

"I was surprised that I was nominated and chosen ... it's a big honor," she said during a phone interview from her



KAREN (SAPP) CROWE

Illinois home.

The 36-year-old is now a freelance writer, focusing on children's books. She married Andrew Crowe and together, the couple has a 2-year-old son, Patrick.

Crowe's highlights in high school sports include a state shotput record of 45-7 in 1983 that stood for more than 10 years. It remains a Monroe County record to this day.

"I liked playing all three sports and every coach I had was very inspirational to me," she said. "Sports set me up for

the rest of my life; the athletic program instilled discipline, team work ... things you need in life to succeed."

Crowe plans to attend both hall of fame ceremonies in October with her family.

**Art Maschke:** For nearly 40 years of employment at Bedford Public Schools, Maschke has seen his share of changes at the school.

"I first started working at the old Temperance High School which eventually burned down," he said. "I've definitely seen a lot of things at the school and met a lot of great people."

Maschke served many duties at the school, where he worked from 1942 to 1982. During his

career, he was a teacher, a coach, a principal and an administrator.

At age 81, he lives in Blissfield with his wife, Phyllis. He was nominated by Karen Adamski of Temperance.

"I keep in touch with some Bedford people and I will still go to a Bedford (football) game," he said. "I plan on being at the (hall of fame) football game and banquet in October. It will be nice seeing everyone again."



ketball, cross-country.

**Gordon:** An educator for forty years, Mrs. Gordon was the first administrator in the district in 1970 when named Pupil Personnel Curriculum Coordinator. She carried the title of Superintendent for Adult and Student Services. Mrs. Gordon's career began in 1953 as a teacher and later as a leading advisor at Bedford High School. She is the high school's counselor before moving to her administrative position. Mrs. Gordon led in each school's annual accreditation and the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. She initiated the processes of special services inclusion, election and more. She lives in Toledo with her husband of 53 years.

**Shane:** A 1994 graduate of Bedford High School, Shane was an all-around athlete who participated in soccer, wrestling, basketball — but baseball was the highlight of his career. As a junior, he was a starter on the All-District Team and made it to the Great Lakes League as well as the Monroe County Team. By the senior year, Shane was on the All-GLL as well as being the Monroe County "M" Player of the Year. After high school, he was drafted by the Cleveland Indians. For eleven years, he played professional baseball as an outfielder and a pitcher, part of the Class AAA with the Colorado Rockies, and the Class A All-Star Teams. He was selected to the USA Olympic team where he and his teammates won the gold medal in Sydney, Australia. He is married, has two children, and lives in Laramie, Wyoming. He participates in the Baseball Academy and is a manager.

**Shane:** A 1996 graduate of Bedford High School, Shane earned five varsity letters in his senior year: cross-country,

volleyball, track and softball. Coined an "outstanding all-around athlete" by her

coaches and peers, she was named softball's Most Outstanding Player by the Bedford

Athletic Boosters, made the

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## Fame, (cont.)

**Great Lakes League First Team, the All District Class A First Team, All Region Class A Second Team, and both the Monroe Evening News All Region First and All-Star Teams.** During her college years at Siena Heights University, Leslie majored in criminal justice and completed four record-setting seasons of softball. Currently, Leslie is a school resource officer in Adrian, and a defensive back in the Women's Professional Football League. Leslie received the Most Valuable Player Award for the Toledo Reign Women's Football Organization in 2005, and was featured in "Sports Illustrated for Kids" in 2006.

**Carol Emptage Kwiatkowski:** "Mrs. K" began her teaching career at Bedford High School in 1962 and retired in 2000 after 20 years of directing and producing the high school's musicals and plays. She was also involved in The Village Players, The Toledo Repertoire Theatre and The Bedford Community Players, where she donated her time and talents to direct, produce, usher, house manage, tend to concessions, stage manage, and act. She died in 2005.



**David Long:** A 1967 graduate of Bedford High School, Mr. Long's career in football and wrestling has made him one of Bedford High School's best-remembered athletes. As a senior, David was named "Most Valuable Player" after leading the Mules to Bedford's first Great Lakes League Football championship title. He won all GLL honors as a fullback and was an outstanding linebacker. He scored 15 touchdowns and a total of 102 points. For his three varsity years, he scored 27 touchdowns and was responsible for 187 points. That same school year, David won the Michigan Class A state wrestling championship at 165 pounds, completing his

final year of wrestling with a 22-2 record. He died in 2005; his wife Cathleen is currently an English teacher at Bedford High School.

**Ken Moyer:** A member of Bedford High School's class of 1984, Ken Moyer graduated in the top ten with successful seasons in both tennis and football. Following high school, he attended the University of Toledo where he played football, earned four varsity letters, and was named Team Captain in 1988. He played professional football with the Cincinnati Bengals from 1989-1994 and the Philadelphia Eagles during part of 1995, where he started 56 regular and post-season games at guard, center, or tackle. Mr. Moyer received the NFL Alumni "Caring for Kids" Award in 1991 and served as National Director of Pro Ministry from 2003-2005. Mr. Moyer has been team chaplain for the Cincinnati Bengals since 1996 and lives in Mason, Ohio, where he is married and has four children.

**Lynn Parachek:** A mathematics teacher at Bedford High School for 34 years, Mr. Parachek was the varsity football coach from 1975 to 1983. Lynn spent long hours at BHS, often staying into the late afternoon to help and tutor students. He was an educator that all students remember for being kind, spirited, warm, understanding, tolerant, and knowledgeable. He easily drew adults and young people to himself through his easygoing personality where he could find humor and opportunity within challenging situations. He died in 2002. His wife, Rebecca, lives in Temperance and teaches at Douglas Road Elementary.

**Edward Rudd:** An advocate of the Bedford High School band program, Mr. Rudd was the president of the Band Boosters from 1978-1988. The Bedford bands suffered severe financial losses during these

years due to state funding woes; money to keep the program going came largely from resources attributed to fund-raising. During Mr. Rudd's time as president, \$175,000 was raised through events such as weekly bingo and concession stand management at all sporting events, replenished the dwindling music accounts. Mr. Rudd also received the Michigan Minuteman Award from Bedford Township, a community tribute from the Michigan Legislature, and the Band Boosters Award for his years of dedication and hours of service to the Bedford High School Band Boosters. He currently lives in Temperance.

**Kara Walcher Shavo:** A 1983 top 10 graduate of Bedford High School, Ms. Walcher Shavo was an outstanding athlete in cross country and track and field. She led her teammates to a state cross country championship in the fall of her senior year, earning the Monroe County Region Girls Cross Country Runner of the

Year honors twice in three seasons. She also had been named Cross Country All State and Bedford's Most Valuable Player in both her sophomore and junior years. That spring, Kara broke eight school track and

field records and held records in the 1,600 meter (5:12) and the 3,200 meter (11:18) races, and a 3-mile course record of 18:03. Currently, Kara resides in South Carolina with her husband and four daughters.

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