

Reid Stout

Reid's career at Bedford began as a teacher, then principal at the Junior High School. He later served as Transportation Director. Reid put Bedford "on the map" with an invention that has no doubt saved many lives, namely the school bus safety crossing mirror. This mirror enables a bus driver to see the area in front of the nose of the bus in case a child stopped to pick up something or had fallen down. They are still in use today. He started the Safety Cross Mirror Company and the story is on display at the Olde Schoolhouse Commons. In the summer of 1999, nationally known news commentator Paul Harvey featured this story on his radio program. Welcome Reid, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Chester and Lottie Karpanty

Chet and Lottie did almost everything in life together. That is why they are being honored here as one inductee. They were among the original Bedford Athletic Boosters, and served as Treasurer for nine years. Whether it was taking tickets, selling programs, preparing food, or helping at a fund-raiser, Chet and Lottie worked tirelessly for Bedford Athletics. The Spencer-Karpanty award is a scholar-athlete scholarship awarded annually in their honor. Welcome Chet and Lottie, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Note: Coach Bill Early could not be at our banquet this evening, but in a conversation we had with him, here are some quotes about several of our inductees.

- Jerry Kish**- "Jerry was a great kid, a super athlete, and did you know that he played with a heart condition?"
- Dick Trychel**- "You know, he was really good at every sport he played."
- Dick Oswald**- "Dick was without a doubt the best high school shortstop I have ever seen to this day."
- Warren Tolly**- "Warren was the best pure hitter I ever coached. It didn't matter who the pitcher was, Warren could hit against anyone."

2000 Inductees

Gerald Kish

Jerry is a 1951 graduate of Bedford High School. In his Freshman and Sophomore years, Jerry played several positions on the football team. Kicker, punter, kick off receiver, and offensive back. In his Sophomore year he led his team in scoring, and helped them to win the RVAA Championship. While he could not play his Junior year because of doctor's orders, he came back his Senior year to once again lead the team in scoring. He played basketball, baseball, and ran track as well. He was on Student Council and an honor student. Later in life, he became Director of Maintenance for a large trucking firm. Welcome Jerry, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Robert Andrews

Bob Andrews was president of the Bedford Athletic Boosters from 1975-1986. Three of those years were at a time when operating money was tight and the school board was having to consider curtailing extra curricular and sports activities. During those three years, under Bob's leadership the Boosters pledged and paid \$210,000 to make sure that sports were very much alive at Bedford High School. Bob never took credit for any of this accomplishment alone, but always praised the athletes, parents, and coaches who worked so hard to raise these funds. While Bob was never one to take the credit for these things, the fact that he was re-elected for nine terms as president seems to speak for itself. Welcome Bob, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Jon Whitman

Jon Whitman is a 1973 graduate of Bedford High School. During his High School career he set several records for scoring. What makes this accomplishment even more amazing is that this was at a time when your Freshman year was still in the Junior High School, and there were no three point shots. Most points in a game 45, most points in a season 525, and most career points 1180, and this was with a 16 game schedule. He made 26 consecutive free throws in the in the 1972-73 season. Jon attended Wheaton College where he also played basketball for four years, and is now a businessman in our area as the General Manager of Whitman Ford. Welcome Jon, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Richard Trychel Sr.

Dick is a 1953 graduate of Bedford High School. His family has been lifelong residents of Bedford Township. He was an outstanding athlete in four sports during his high school career. In later life, Dick worked his way up from an hourly worker to become the head of production for the St. Regis Paper Company. He became the plant manager in Toledo, and later headed up the entire package division for the world wide affiliate. Dick exemplifies what a good high school education, along with a good work ethic and dedication can accomplish. Welcome Dick, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

William Early

Bill Early was one of Bedford High School's greatest coaches, and a great motivator of young athletes. He coached Bedford's first Championship football team, winning the Raisin Valley Athletic Association championship in 1948. Bill's football teams during his coaching career had 35 wins, 11 losses, and 2 ties. His teams scored 990 points against his opponents 260. He was a successful track coach as well, winning the vast majority of his meets. Bill then went on to become a school administrator and later a college professor at a Texas University. Welcome Bill, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Inducted Posthumously

Richard Oswald

Dick was a 1952 Bedford High School Graduate. He was a multi-sport athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball. Co-Captain of both the football and basketball teams, Dick was also his Junior Class President and the President of the FFA. He was a great supporter of our community and a major contributor to the Bedford Community Stadium. Welcome Dick, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Dr. Warren Tolly

Warren was a 1949 Bedford High School graduate. He was a multi-sport athlete, playing football, baseball, and running track. In his senior year he was Class President, and Captain of the baseball team. He was voted most valuable player that year and carried the highest batting average on the team. Later in life, he went on to become an acclaimed physician. Welcome Warren, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

John H. Stafford

John began his career with Bedford Public Schools as Transportation Director in 1960 and then taught business from 1964 until his untimely death from cancer in 1974, at age 39. He was class advisor in 1968 and 1974, advisor to the "Youth for Christ" group, and coached JV basketball from 1964-1969. He was not only a great teacher but a mentor to many as well. He not only gave you the tools to succeed, but the desire to be a good person too. "Don't compromise your principles for the sake of being popular" was a quote that a lot of our kids should hear today. Welcome John, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.