

40TH ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET

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- Ron Myers
- Ivan Willams
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**GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME
40TH ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 40th Annual Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Selection Committee, it is my honor to congratulate each of you on your induction into this prestigious organization. Your hard work, dedication and success has brought pride to our community. You have contributed significantly to the rich sports history and tradition of excellence in the greater Flint area.

Our individual inductees being honored today are Mark Bauman, Julie Roberts-Decker, Herb Orvis, William Waters, Dianne Hackett, Ivan Williams and Geena Gall-Levoe. What an outstanding group of individuals! Receiving the Distinguished Service Award is most deserving Detroit Tigers Director of Florida Operations, Ron Myers. The highly successful teams inducted are the 1969 Flint St. Michael's Football Team, the 1974 Flint Northern Cross-Country Team and the 1995 Lake Fenton Softball Team. We are also honoring Powers Catholic Girls Golf Coach, Jim Snow as our Coach of the year, Chloe Idoni from Fenton High School as our Female Athlete of the Year and Ben Jacobs from Corunna High School as our Male Athlete of the Year.

Special thanks to Ben Roof and A-Frame Awards for their continued support of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Your service is greatly appreciated.

A heartfelt thanks to Genesys Conference and Banquet Center and the Ascension Genesys Athletic Club. You are an outstanding host for our event and a perfect fit as our permanent home for the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Class of 2019 – Today is your day! I hope it is enjoyable and memorable. Congratulations on an outstanding career!

Sincerely,

Kathy McGee, President

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GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



PURPOSE: The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame has been created to provide a medium whereby it is possible to honor Individuals and Teams for their outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics.

CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR NOMINATION:

1. All individuals and teams must have outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics from the greater Flint area.
2. Excellence far above the ordinary field of endeavor is required.
3. Individuals should have a minimum of five years involvement with the sport area.
4. All individuals and teams must have an official nomination form on file with the Executive Secretary prior to any consideration for possible induction.
5. Primary considerations for Individuals would include: All-Conference, All-State, All-American, college, professional, national, world, Olympic accomplishments. Team considerations might include: Conference, state, national championships or other significant accomplishments.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION:

All nominations on file (currently over 150) are reviewed and researched by two separate Board of Directors committees (Individuals and Teams) appointed by the President. The "Individuals" Committee, through a voting procedure, selects up to fourteen candidates to send to the independent nine member Selection Committee. The Selection Committee, after review, selects no more than six individuals, a majority of whom are living, for induction to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Team selections are made by the "Teams" Committee. Final process approval of the Board of Directors is required.

RULES:

1. Any individual or team who meets the aforementioned criteria may be nominated.
2. All nominations must be made on official Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame "Nomination Forms." These forms (individual, teams, distinguished service and Bd. Of Dir/Selection Committee) are available on the GFASHOF website-www.GFASHOF.org or they may be obtained at the Genesys Health and Fitness Center registration desk.
3. Professional athletes shall not be eligible for election to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame unless they have retired from professional participation for at least three years.
4. No individual inductee will be formally inducted without his/her or family approval.

Questions: Contact Mr. Bob Root, GFASHOF Executive Secretary
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REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 1ST EACH YEAR.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

SOCIAL HOUR AND CASH BAR 3:15 TO 4:15

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THE 2019 INDUCTEES

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- ★ JULIE ROBERTS-DECKER
- ★ 1974 FLINT NORTHERN CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
- ★ HERB ORVIS
- ★ WILLIAM WATERS
- ★ 1969 FLINT ST. MICHAEL'S FOOTBALL TEAM
- ★ DIANNE HACKETT
- ★ IVAN WILLIAMS
- ★ GEENA GALL-LEVOE
- ★ RON MYERS
- ★ 1995 LAKE FENTON SOFTBALL TEAM

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Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors 2019 Member Emeritus Recognition

Since 2011 the Board of Directors has honored fifteen former members for their meritorious service during their years with the Hall of Fame. The fifteen former members previously receiving EMERITUS recognition are **BILL BASILIUS, FRED BRIGGS, TOM COLE, DICK DALY, LEN JASINSKI, JOAN LEVEQUE, JIM MASSAR, GERALD MOORE, ERNIE MYERS, NICK PAPPADAKIS, PHIL PIERSON, JIM RUTHERFORD, CATHY SNYDER, JERRY TOPOLINSKI AND TOM YEOTIS.**



Bob Burek



Bill Trosko

EMERITUS status is granted to former members of the GFASHOF Board of Directors recognizing their active participation and contributions in the activities and leadership of the organization that **exceed** what may be considered normal and traditional.

This year the Board of Directors has voted to accord **EMERITUS** status to **BOB BUREK** and **BILL TROSKO**. These gentlemen provided extraordinary leadership over an extended period of time, in a variety of capacities that enabled the organization to successfully continue their mission of honoring individuals and teams for remarkable achievement in athletics.

BOB BUREK served loyally as a Board Member for 14 years (2005-2018). He served as Vice President for 2 years and President for 2 years. He also served on the Banquet Committee as well as the Constitution and By-laws and Ticket Committees.

DR. BUREK worked meticulously and diligently in many informal roles that are too numerous to list. He was always on call and willing to assist in any way that he could.

BILL TROSKO served faithfully as a Board Member for 30 years (1984-2013). Mr. Trosko served as Vice President for 4 years and President for 2 years. He also served in many Board capacities and committee assignments.

MR. TROSKO could always be called upon to assist in any capacity that was needed for the betterment of The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

All **EMERITUS** selections are permanently listed in the annual induction banquet souvenir booklet and on the GFASHOF website (www.GFASHOF.org).

2019 GREATER FLINT AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back Row (L to R): Kathy McGee, Steve Tunnicliff, Mike Vance, James Blakley Jr., Bill Haley Jr., Roger Foutch, Bob Root, Rick Daly, Marty Crane, Bill Troesken
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 (Not pictured: Jake Brisendine, Dean Howe,
 Virginia Hamilton-Riggs, Clifton Turner)

Hall of Fame Logo

One of the first activities of the Board of Directors was a contest to find a logo for the hall of fame. The winner of that contest was Robert Wolfe of Second Ave. in Flint, whose drawing won out of over several dozen entries.

In submitting his drawing, Wolfe explained the meaning:



Basis of Logo Design

Laurel Wreath: A symbol conferred as a mark of honor in ancient times upon heroes and victors in athletic contests.

Eternal Flame: Symbol of having a beginning but without interruption or end.

Five Stars: Symbol of five years of excellence in an athlete's chosen sport. A requirement for the Hall of Fame honor.

Arrow Head: Symbol of the Greater Flint Area.

Vertical Lines: Upstanding moral character, an example to follow.

By Bob Wolfe



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On behalf of the Crim Fitness Foundation and the thousands of people in the running and walking community whose lives he has touched, it is an honor and a great pleasure to congratulate Mark Bauman and his family on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Mark's influence, both as a fierce yet genial competitor and as a knowledgeable and ethical businessman, is incalculable. Mark has provided the entire community with leadership and vision and enthusiasm (not to mention shoes), and he is a source of pride and inspiration to all of us.

Mark is an unselfish mentor and friend, giving generously of his time and expertise. He supports every individual's ability to participate in physical activity, and has been an advocate for the running and walking community for more than fifty years. Mark's dedication and commitment to both a sport and a community serves as an example for all of us. He represents the best of athletic competition and perseverance.

From all of us here at the Crim -- thank you Mark, and may you continue to lace up your shoes and show us, not just how to run well, but how to live well!

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Sincerely,

Mark P. Yonan, Chairperson
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Class of 2019 INDUCTEE



Mark Bauman

Mark Bauman jokes that he wasn't missed at Flint Community College's next track and field meet.

"My leg speed's not that great," he said.

It's hard to imagine a coach encouraging one of his current runners to do a 26.2-mile race during the season, but Paul Griffin had no reservations about taking Bauman with him to the 1970 Boston Marathon.

In those days, one of the ways to gain entry into the world's most prestigious annual marathon was to have a letter from a coach.

As Bauman discovered, he was much better suited for running long distances than racing the mile on the track.

Bauman's love affair with the marathon and its most iconic race began that day. He's been back every year since then, putting together a streak of 50 consecutive Boston Marathon finishes that ranks second all-time to the active 52-year streak assembled by Ben Beach of Bethesda, Md.

These days, the goal for the 69-year-old Bauman is to reach the finish line in time to record an official finish. The standard is six hours after the final runner crosses the start line.

Back in 1975, Bauman ran his fastest marathon ever by covering the point-to-point course from Hopkinton to Boston in 2 hours, 30 minutes and 32 seconds.

"The three months before, I did over 400 miles a month and was running really well," Bauman said. "It was a great day. I was young at 25."

Bauman's marathon times were much faster, comparatively speaking, to his track times. The fastest he ran on the track was 4:52.9 for the mile and 10:26 for two miles. He ran at Murray State in Kentucky after his time at Flint Community College.

"It was my lack of speed for the shorter distances, so it was something I could enjoy doing and not struggle like I was doing in the shorter races," he said.

It's hard to find many people who have been running for 50 years, let alone who are healthy enough to run a marathon every year for a half century. In addition to Boston, Bauman has run every Detroit Free Press Marathon since it began in 1978. He also has run every Crim 10-mile and Volkslaufe 20-kilometer race.

Many of Bauman's contemporaries when he was in his prime are no longer running. Bauman hasn't been immune from injury or health issues over the years, but has always made his way to Boston to run the marathon.

"It's been a lot of luck, actually, to be able to keep something like that going," he said. "Everything's got to fall into place."

What is it about Boston that keeps him coming back?

"It's the crowd support," he said. "It's a cool event. It's a point-to-point course. You get the challenge of the hills in there. In the early years, there were a lot of people from the Flint area going out; it was a group thing. A bunch of us went out and for many years we all stayed in a bed and breakfast together. A lot of us trained together."

Bauman started running during his junior year at Flint Ainsworth High School.

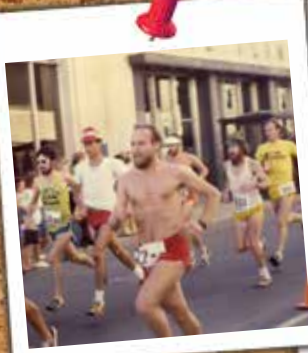
"My older brother, Doug, thought cross country would be a good sport for me to try out at Ainsworth," he said. "It was an enjoyable thing to do, being around other people doing the same thing. I made some friends and kept running through the summer with friends."

Bauman is a member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame's 40th class in large part because of his longevity at Boston, but he could arguably be inducted with a Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the Flint-area running and walking community.

In the 1970s, he helped start the Riverbend Striders, a running club that is still active. Bauman has been organizing races in the Flint area for more than 40 years, benefiting thousands of runners and walkers through the decades. He's been a group leader in the Crim Training Program since its inception in the mid-1990s.

He has also served the community as owner of Bauman's Running & Walking Shop since the early 1970s, getting his start by selling shoes out of the back of his truck.

"It's being involved with a lot of good people, people who are trying to make themselves a little better, do something to make themselves feel better," Bauman said. "The experience of being around people accomplishing goals, like in the Crim Training Program, maybe the first time somebody went five miles, maybe not in a race but in a training run, or helping them train for their first Crim or running with someone when they ran their personal record for some distance. Those are experiences I can't have anymore, but I can get some of it to rub off onto me when I'm around other people doing that."





December 7, 2019

To the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame,

There is no better way to describe the two University of Michigan student-athletes entering the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame than by using the definition of the word 'flint.' Merriam Webster describes it as 'a material used for producing a spark.' William Waters and Geena Gall both have that spark that propelled them to earn many extraordinary accomplishments.

At Flint Northern High school, Waters was a city wrestling champion three times, Saginaw Valley champion two times and state champion in 1983 (undefeated 54-0).

At the University of Michigan, Waters is still considered one of the greatest Wolverines to wrestle 118 pounds. He was a four-year letterman (1984, '85, '86 and '88) at U-M while qualifying three times for the NCAA Championship and earning All-Big Ten honors. He was the Big Ten runner-up in '85 and won the bronze medal in '84 at the World Espoir Trails Championship.

At Grand Blanc High School, Gall started at point guard led the team to a conference championship, but running was her passion. She was a four-time state and national champion in the 800 meters.

As a Wolverine, she was member of the Michigan Cross Country and Track and Field teams (2005, '06, '07, '08 and '09). During that time, she won back to back NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 800m in 2008 and 2009. She all set two collegiate records, three Big Ten records, and numerous U-M records while earning national acclaim as a 10-time NCAA All-American. After leaving U-M, Gall competed for the United States at the 2012 Olympic Games in London and 2009 World Championships in Athletics in Berlin.

Congratulations to all the inductees and a special shout out to our two inductees from U-M, William Waters and Geena Gall. They are outstanding representatives of the greater Flint area, the State of Michigan and the University of Michigan, and this recognition is well deserved.

Go Blue!

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Geena Gall-Levoe

Geena (Gall) Levoe cried at her first track and field meet.

She was only 6 years old running the 50-meter dash at a small summer event held at Grand Blanc High School.

Having never been to a meet, she was freaked out by the sound of the starter's pistol.

"I don't remember it myself, but my parents took video of it," she said. "I cried, apparently, after the gun shot, because it was so loud; it was frightening to me. I ran really fast, but afterward I was crying and scared, because I didn't expect that."

Levoe would eventually have much cooler stories to tell about her career on the track.

Levoe would eventually have much cooler stories to tell about her career on the track.

- Like how she won back-to-back state championships in the 800 meters in 2004 and 2005.
- Like how she won two NCAA championships in the 800 and made All-America 10 times at the University of Michigan.
- Like how the sport enabled her to travel the world after college, competing in national and international championship meets.
- Like how one of those trips was to London in 2012 as a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

Those are just the highlights of a resume that includes numerous other record-setting performances, podium finishes and all-conference honors.

At the age of 32, she is one of the youngest athletes inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame as a member of its 40th class.

And she might not be done competing.

She lives in Colorado, which gives her the opportunity to train at altitude if she gets back into track and field. Levoe has taken up trail running, winning one race and placing third in another.

"I just want to see if I still want to compete and if I'm still passionate about track and field," she said. "I've accomplished so much. It's not even about that anymore. It's about where I am, where I started with track and field and what made me fall in love with it in my early years and going back to that to compete for myself and because I love it and because it's fun."

Levoe hasn't raced on the track since the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials. In her bid to make a second straight Olympic team, she rolled her ankle while warming up and didn't make it out of prelims.

Four years earlier, it all came together in the U.S. Olympic Trials at venerable Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. She needed a strong kick in the 800 final to move into the top three and stamp her ticket to London. She placed second in 1:59.24 after taking seventh in the Trials four years earlier.

She immediately began searching for her family in the stands.

"It's just like relief and just so many years of training and ups and downs in your career and this dream you have in your head," she said. "A lot of people are supporting you, but a lot of people are doubting you at the same time. Lots of things go through your head. Just pure joy and bliss. Just everything you've worked for in your whole life led to that moment and all those emotions just come out. They just emotionally get released. It's the greatest feeling ever. That was the runner's high I felt, for sure."

Her hopes of reaching the finals in the Olympics were derailed when she injured her calf while competing in a Diamond League meet in Manchester, England, two weeks before the London Games.

With her calf taped, she made it through the first round in 2:03.85 before finishing last in the semifinals in 2:05.76.

"If I was never injured, I know I would've qualified for the final and done amazing," she said. "I was on pace to run under 1:59, for sure, which was my (personal record). It was just really unfortunate and bittersweet it happened. But, honestly, I was able to race twice in the Olympics and be a semifinalist. To me, I persevered through that injury and all of those frantic negative thoughts that go through your head."

Her results aside, it was an incredible Olympic experience.

"It was surreal, for sure," she said. "You have an idea of what an Olympic Village and Olympic Games and everything will be in your head when you see it on TV, but it's so much more than that once you get there. It blew my expectations out of the water, just being present in the Olympic stadium for the opening ceremony. Getting to do that was like I was in a movie."

"The feeling of pride was such an amazing experience. I really tried to take it all in when I was there. I was lucky I didn't compete until the end of the Olympics. I got to watch other events and cheer for Team USA at each of them and explore London a little bit more."

At Grand Blanc, Levoe first made a name for herself as a basketball player. She was the starting point guard as a freshman, sophomore and junior before switching to cross country her senior year in preparation for college running.

An injury kept her from running track and field as a freshman. She came into high school as a 100- and 200-meter sprinter, but Grand Blanc coach Carlos Benton saw potential in her as a metric half-miler.

"I looked at him like, 'You're crazy; there's no way,'" she said. "I never ran the 800, never ran distance. Like everyone who starts running, I was going to be a 100-meter sprinter. He obviously saw something in me that made him know that is what she's meant to do."

Levoe still holds the state record for the 800, a 2:05.05 set in the Nike Outdoor Nationals on June 18, 2005 in Greensboro, N.C. She even had success bumping up to the 1,600, setting the Flint-area record of 4:45.7 in the 2005 Holly regional, a record that still stands.



FORMER ST. MIKE'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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1969 Flint St. Michael's Football Team

By Dan Nilsen

Most of Flint St. Michael's 1969 football season is available for viewing on YouTube these days.

Check it out sometime. The films are a classic illustration that size doesn't always make the football team.

The grainy 8-mm movies show an undersized and overlooked Warriors team dominating some of their early opponents and winning three close games down the stretch in a 9-0 season. Along the way they captured the Flint Area Parochial Conference championship and ranked as high as No. 2 in the Class C state polls. The "Mikes," as they were nicknamed in the Flint Journal, were the only undefeated, untied team in Genesee County that year and outscored their opponents 230-34.

On this, the 50th anniversary of that championship season, the St. Michael team will be inducted as part of the 40th class in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. The 40th annual banquet will be held Dec. 7 at Genesys Conference & Banquet Center.

Few of the St. Michael players in 1969 went over 180 pounds and most were lighter. Yet they shut out five opponents, including a much larger Holy Redeemer team that had clobbered them five years in a row. In their Oct. 31 showdown for the FAPC Division I championship, the favored Flyers had four players over 215 pounds, including a 230-pound lineman and a 225-pound fullback.

"When you see the Holy Redeemer game, it looks like men against boys," said Gaspare Pavia, a 5-foot-7, 165-pound junior halfback and cornerback. "They would just run over everybody."

"We got pulverized a couple of times," said John "Biff" Snyder, a 155-pound senior safety and end, remembering the beatings the Mikes took in previous games against the Flyers. "I couldn't believe how big they were."

So when St. Michael beat the Flyers 6-0 on a rainy Halloween night and snapped their 22-game winning streak, it was a stunning upset to everyone but the Mikes. The Journal hailed it as "St. Michael's finest hour."

How did they do it?

The Mikes overcame the size disparity against Redeemer and other schools with quick-footed running backs in Pavia and 135-pound senior Len Kerperien. Instead of sending the little guys into the line, Coach Pat Fields and assistants Tom Duty, Warren Fain and Tom Smith ran an offense geared toward end sweeps, with an inside reverse mixed in to keep opposing defenses off-balance.

"If we had a dry field, we would just tear people up," said Snyder. "Those guys were so quick and shifty, and really good at cutbacks. We also had a great line that was good on assignments and maintaining their blocks."

Coached by Duty, the line featured all-conference picks Dave Valley, Kevin Rariden, Steve Fox, Art Fitzpatrick and Mike Fields, along with Tony Bol, Bob Hughes, Ramon Molina, Dave Lawrence, Adarian Thompson and Steve Doherty.

Most of them also played defense, again using their foot speed to disrupt opposing offenses.

"They were really quick off the ball," said Snyder. "We were in the other team's backfield sometimes before they got started."

Rariden especially was a beast on defense, earning All-State honors. Snyder and Pavia both called him the toughest kid they ever met.

"He'd knock the center into the quarterback," said Pavia.

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Kneeling L-R:

Captain Kevin Rariden, Jim Mogford, Jack Stephenson, Duane Moreau, Bill "Butch" Angst, Steve Jakubowski, Steve Doherty, Captain Len Kerperien, Dave Newbill, Mike Aube, Ramon Molina, Mike Winston

Second Row L-R:

Tim Crockett, Lee Todd, Fernando Molina, Lance Witte, Mike Connors, John "Biff" Snyder, Adarian Thompson, Art Fitzpatrick, Steve Fox, Mike Fields, Gaspare Pavia, Tom Turmell

Standing L-R:

Coach Pat Fields, Maurice Thompson, Mike Bundy, Tom Valley, T.J. Young, Captain Dave Valley, Tony Bol, Jim Theodoroff, Bob Hughes, Scott Brady, Dave Lawrence, Jay Geary, Coach Tom Smith





Dear Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame:

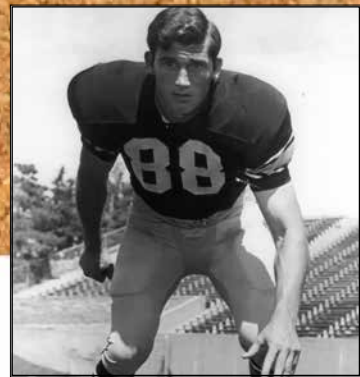
It is with great pride that we congratulate former Detroit Lion, Herb Orvis, on his induction into the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame. After spending his formative years at Flint Beecher High School, Herb was drafted into the Army as a senior in high school and left Beecher before graduating. After completing basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky he served our country for over two years in Berlin, Germany. It was there that he happened to meet the head football coach of the University of Colorado, Eddie Crowder and walked on to the freshman team after leaving the Army. Then as a sophomore, in 1969, he earned a full scholarship and was a starting defensive end for the Buffaloes.

His college career continued to flourish and was named to the First Team All-Big Eight Conference as both a junior and senior. Also as a senior, he led the Colorado defense to a 10 and 2 record which included road wins at LSU and Ohio State in the first three weeks of the season and the Buffaloes finished the year ranked number three in the nation. He was the recipient of the 1971 Dave Jones award as Colorado's most outstanding defensive lineman and finished his college career as the Buffalo's all-time sack leader and second in tackles for loss. He was later inducted into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 and the National College Football Hall of Fame in 2016.

Herb was the first-round pick by the Detroit Lions in the 1972 NFL Draft and selected 16th overall in the NFL. As a Lion, he played six seasons on a stellar Lions defensive line and was named a second-team All NFC performer at tackle in 1975. He then played four more years for the Baltimore Colts capping off an impressive ten-year run in the National Football League.

The Detroit Lions organization celebrates a lifetime of success for Herb Orvis and congratulate him on another well-deserved recognition of his outstanding achievements!

Class of 2019 INDUCTEE



Herb Orvis

By Dan Nilsen

Herb Orvis didn't take the usual route to the National Football League. While most guys go from high school to college to the pros, Orvis took a couple of detours -- to Fort Knox, Ky., for basic training and then to Berlin, Germany, for service in the U.S. Army.

But it was those detours that steered him toward All-American honors at the University of Colorado and a 10-year career in the NFL with the Detroit Lions and Baltimore Colts.

"It turned out to be the best thing in my life," said Orvis, who will be inducted into his third hall of fame when he joins the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame at the 40th annual banquet Dec. 7 at Genesys Conference & Banquet Center. He is already in CU's Athletic Hall of Fame (2014) and the College Football Hall of Fame (2016).

Orvis did play football for Beecher High under Russ Reynolds but was drafted into the army in 1965 and left school before graduating.

"Next thing I know, I'm on a bus with a bunch of guys and asking where Kentucky is," he said.

A few months and 4,000 miles later, he was manning a guard tower at Spandau Prison in Berlin, watching war criminal Rudolf Hess walk the grounds below.

But Orvis was also playing football on a military team, helping the Berlin Bears win the European championship. The 6-foot-5, 219-pound defensive tackle stood out and caught the eye of Colorado coach Eddie Crowder, who was on a government-sponsored coaching tour of Europe.

"He was looking for players and had me come in for an interview," Orvis said.

Orvis played at Colorado from 1968-71, although freshmen didn't play varsity then. He was the Big Eight Conference Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore in 1969 and first-team All-Big Eight his junior and senior years.

As a junior, he was National Lineman of the Week after Colorado beat Penn State 41-13, snapping the Nittany Lions' 31-game unbeaten streak. Orvis had 12 tackles, three for loss, and two sacks in the game.

"Beating Penn State really established Colorado as a good football team," he said at a press conference years later. "We stood in the shadow of Nebraska and Oklahoma for so long."

In his senior year the Buffaloes rose to a final ranking of No. 3 in the nation, and Orvis was a near-consensus All-American. He has since been selected to the Big Eight All-Decade team for the 1970s and CU's All-Century Team honoring the first 100 years of the sport at the school.

The Lions picked Orvis in the first round of the 1972 NFL Draft, 16th overall, the highest any CU player had been chosen to that point.

Jim Yarbrough, a fourth-year offensive lineman with the Lions at the time, remembers his first impression of Orvis.

"Full throttle, full speed all the time. Had an unbelievable motor; could run like a deer. I knew immediately when we drafted him, after a couple of practices, what a terrific player he'd be."

Orvis played 122 games in the NFL, 104 of them as a starter. He was a second-team All-NFC tackle in 1975, then was traded to Baltimore after the 1977 season.

But it didn't matter where Herb Orvis played football -- Beecher, Berlin, Boulder, Detroit, Baltimore.

"The thing I remember is how much fun he had playing the game," said Yarbrough. "He had a smile on his face from the start of practice to the end. It was a Cheshire cat type of grin, like, 'I'm going to whip up on somebody today.' He was very aggressive, which you need to be on defense."

Orvis remembers where he got that from.

"I learned football with some pretty tough people in Flint," he said. "It wasn't uncommon to get an elbow in your cheek, to let you know where you stood."

"That was probably the biggest part of being involved in sports. You had to assert yourself as often as possible."





Congratulations, "Jules", on your selection for induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. I was ecstatic to hear that your outstanding high school and college careers will be recognized and saluted in the Flint area where you matured as a person and an athlete. Multi-sport student-athletes who EXCEL at each sport are rare individuals. You truly number in an elite group.

To be inducted into the Central Michigan University Athletics Hall of Fame your first year eligible (10 years after graduation) is relegated to our very best female and male student-athletes. You clearly rank in that group of standouts!

Let me re-state to all in attendance or those reading this note that "coaching you was a joy". You did everything asked of you as a player, a teammate and as a person. Be it on or off the court, on team trips, in the classroom . . . and I'm quite certain in the residence halls . . . you could always be counted on to be a leader and the voice of reason (at least you had me convinced of that!)

Darby, your children and all who know and love you share this tremendous honor. Please know that your college volleyball coach numbers in that group.

I'm proud of you and love you.

Fire Up Chips!

Marcy Weston
Former Volleyball Coach, Executive Associate Director of Athletics
Central Michigan University

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Julie Roberts-Decker

Julie (Roberts) Decker had a health scare so serious during her senior year at Fenton High School that it hospitalized her for a month.

Decker's appendix ruptured in March 1977, but it was misdiagnosed as the flu and infected ovaries, so she returned to school, still not feeling well.

"I went back to school and they're like, 'You look like death,'" she said.

She went around for five days with a potentially life-threatening condition before she was admitted to the hospital.

Laying in a hospital bed didn't suit Decker, who starred in three sports at Fenton. She was more disappointed that she wouldn't accompany the volleyball team to regionals and an eventual state quarterfinal appearance. She was also disappointed that she wouldn't be in any condition in the spring to chase her goal of a sub-five-minute mile on the track and field team.

"It was really frustrating," she said. "When I graduated, I still earned the Ivan Williams Award, which is the best female athlete. That made me feel better. They still knew I was good, even though I didn't go out with a bang."

Decker got a new lease on her athletic life at Central Michigan University, making the volleyball, basketball and track teams as a walk-on.

"I did this in high school, so I could probably do it there, too," she said.

She dropped track after her first year and "only" competed in volleyball and basketball during her final three years as a Chippewa.

It was a different era in women's college athletics. Women were just beginning to receive athletic scholarships, and competing in a college sport wasn't a 12-month commitment. Decker, who had been offered a track and field scholarship to Eastern Michigan, was a walk-on athlete at CMU.

"In high school, I loved the sport I was doing, but when it was done you were ready to go to the next one and then go to the next one," she said. "Sometimes we're doing a disservice to our kids. When I taught school in Tawas, we had some really good athletes who said they just wanted to focus on one sport."

"I guess with AAU and all this other stuff, they're being recruited from that more than they are from high school. I've seen a change in that. I'm not a doctor, but it seems there are more injuries from kids doing that."

Staying busy in her various sports helped Decker in other aspects of her life, she said.

"I actually did better in school when I had a sport that I was playing," she said. "I guess I was more organized and focused and knew I had to get my work done. In the spring (in college), when I was traveling to see my boyfriend at the time (play college baseball), now my husband, it was a little bit harder. They didn't have the requirements they do now. In volleyball, they lift in the offseason and have sprint stuff. For us, it was kind of like high school. You played a sport, you were done and went on to the next one."

As an athlete, Decker was way ahead of her time.

Her school record of 11:40.6 in the two-mile run (now 3,200 meters) set in 1976 stood for 41 years until Alexa Keiser and Cambria Tiemann each eclipsed it in 2017.

A glance at the CMU basketball record book shows that Decker still ranks at or near the top of the Chippewas' rebounding records.

Her 449 rebounds in 1979-80 and 1,089 rebounds in her career are still school records. Her 16.6 rebounds per game are also a school record, and she holds three of the top six seasons in that category. She is tied for the single-game rebounding record with 24, accomplished twice in December 1979.

Her 120 steals in 1979-80 are a school record. Her 1,104 career points are 25th.

"Rebounds aren't usually the glory ones," Decker said. "Everybody asks, 'How many points did you score?' I always felt I had a knack to know where the ball was going. But, also, maybe we were terrible shots and I could rebound everything. At the time, I was 5-11; I was one of the bigger players. Now you have girls who are 6-2, 6-3; they're huge. It was always about positioning and knowing where the ball was going."

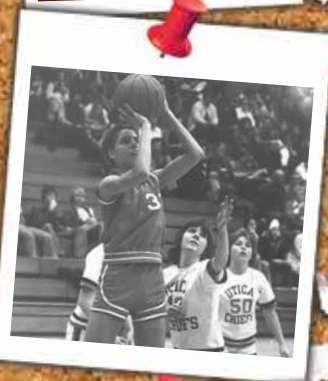
In volleyball, Decker was Mid-American Conference Player of the Year in 1980. Her 986 career blocks remain a school record.

She was a 1991 inductee into the CMU Hall of Fame.

Decker recently turned 60, but still plays volleyball. Her team finished second in the senior nationals in New Mexico this year. She's traveled as far as New Zealand to play volleyball.

"My mom said, 'God saved you for a purpose,'" she said. "Here I am at 60.

"I've always just moved. I ride my bike, I do P90X, I play volleyball. I just try to stay active and healthy."





December 7, 2019

To the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame,

There is no better way to describe the two University of Michigan student-athletes entering the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame than by using the definition of the word 'flint.' Merriam Webster describes it as 'a material used for producing a spark.' William Waters and Geena Gall both have that spark that propelled them to earn many extraordinary accomplishments.

At Flint Northern High school, Waters was a city wrestling champion three times, Saginaw Valley champion two times and state champion in 1983 (undefeated 54-0).

At the University of Michigan, Waters is still considered one of the greatest Wolverines to wrestle 118 pounds. He was a four-year letterman (1984, '85, '86 and '88) at U-M while qualifying three times for the NCAA Championship and earning All-Big Ten honors. He was the Big Ten runner-up in '85 and won the bronze medal in '84 at the World Espoir Trails Championship.

At Grand Blanc High School, Gall started at point guard led the team to a conference championship, but running was her passion. She was a four-time state and national champion in the 800 meters.

As a Wolverine, she was member of the Michigan Cross Country and Track and Field teams (2005, '06, '07, '08 and '09). During that time, she won back to back NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 800m in 2008 and 2009. She all set two collegiate records, three Big Ten records, and numerous U-M records while earning national acclaim as a 10-time NCAA All-American. After leaving U-M, Gall competed for the United States at the 2012 Olympic Games in London and 2009 World Championships in Athletics in Berlin.

Congratulations to all the inductees and a special shout out to our two inductees from U-M, William Waters and Geena Gall. They are outstanding representatives of the greater Flint area, the State of Michigan and the University of Michigan, and this recognition is well deserved.

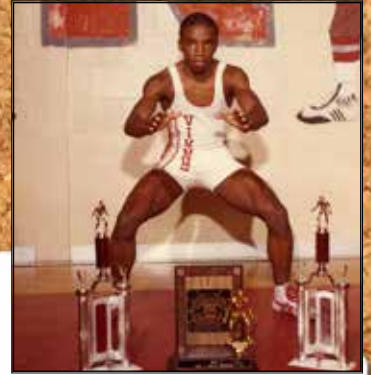
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William Waters

Johnnie Waters had no idea what the future held when he suggested that his cousin William try wrestling.

Johnnie, who was four years older, was a wrestler at Flint Northern High School while William was in seventh grade.

"He came over to my house one day and talked to me about it," William said. "I decided to come out and fell in love with the sport. I was at Holmes Junior High, and the coach there was Jerry Walters. He was a great disciplinarian, a no-nonsense guy, so I decided to come out for the team my eighth-grade year."

For an 80-pound kid who was beginning to realize he was too undersized to play football, wrestling seemed like the perfect fit.

"It was just something where I got a chance to compete against people my size, so it was a lot of fun," Waters said.

It took a couple of years for Waters to really immerse himself in the sport. He competed in 10 matches in eighth grade, then moved to a school in Arkansas that didn't have a team.

When he returned to Flint for 10th grade, he came out for the team at Northern. He had a solid season, going 24-17, but there were no signs of the greatness that lay right around the corner.

"Some of these younger kids have goals to be Olympic champs and all that kind of stuff," he said. "I had no goals set at all. I just wanted to come out for the team. I thought it was fun when I did it in eighth grade."

With only 51 lifetime matches through his sophomore year, Waters joined a wrestling club called the Black Cats, which was run by Northern coach Francis Bentley. Waters was transformed into a new wrestler after competing in about 40 matches in the spring and summer before his junior year.

He fashioned a 48-6 record as a junior, with three of those losses coming on tie-breaker criteria. He took second in the state Class A tournament at 105 pounds, losing 4-3 in the final to Ed Curtis of Temperance Bedford.

"I really picked up the sport fast, I would say," he said.

Waters branched out the following summer, wrestling on the national level. That prepared him for a senior year in which he went 54-0 and rolled through the state tournament, winning 16-6 over Steve Brown of Troy in the 1983 Class A 112-pound final.

"Once you start wrestling at tournaments throughout the country, the state meet is small," he said.

Waters' phenomenal senior season caught the attention of the University of Michigan, which offered him a full-ride scholarship.

At Michigan, Waters placed second at 118 in the 1985 Big Ten Conference tournament and took third each of the next two years.

"We had a really good team each year that I was there," Waters said. "I had great coaches and great teammates. It was a really great experience, because the Big Ten Conference is the toughest wrestling conference in the nation, so week in and week out you're going against some of the top guys in the country."

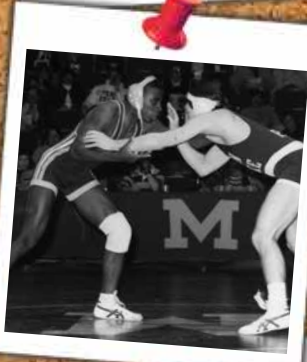
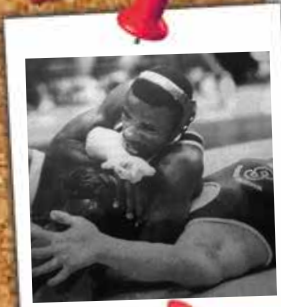
The 1988 Olympics were around the corner when Waters graduated from Michigan, but he didn't make an attempt to qualify. He began life after wrestling by getting married and using his degree to get a job.

"To train for the Olympics, I couldn't afford to because I had a wife," he said. "That was a decision I made to go that way. My high school teammate John Fisher, he went the other way. He became a two-time Olympic team alternate."

"Our paths were different. I love wrestling, but I really look at wrestling as my way to a better life. Getting my degree from the University of Michigan was my No. 1 priority; making the Olympic team wasn't."

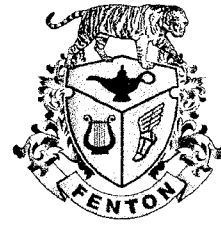
Waters returned to Northern from 1992-95, working as an assistant coach on the 1995 team that won the state Class A championship. He's been a physical education teacher at Bridgeport High School for 24 years.

"This year I'm going to help bring back our middle school program," Waters said. "I agreed to do that for the varsity coach, so I'm looking forward to doing that this year. Get little kids in the sport and make it fun for them. Maybe there's another kid that just grabs ahold of the sport and loves it and goes to the next level with it."



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September 23, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Fenton Area Public School community, I would like to congratulate the Ivan Williams family on his induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Williams graduated from Alma High School in 1927 and attended Western Michigan University winning letters in 1928, 1929 and 1930 as a guard on the football team. Before arriving in Fenton, Mr. Williams taught and coached at Hoover High School in Flint Township from 1934 to 1940. Ivan came to Fenton in 1940 and was the football coach until 1954. Coach Williams won 83 games and four league championships. In addition to coaching football, Mr. Williams won 134 games as the Fenton basketball coach.

Ivan Williams married his wife Erta and they had three children, Marilyn, Janet and Ron. Mr. Williams' time in Fenton was spent teaching children about integrity and working hard. The football field in Fenton was named Ivan Williams Field on September 12, 1983 to remember Ivan and to reflect the positive impact he had on so many people during his time in Fenton.

The Fenton Area Public School community is proud of the accomplishments of Ivan Williams and proud to have such a great individual represent our community with this honor.

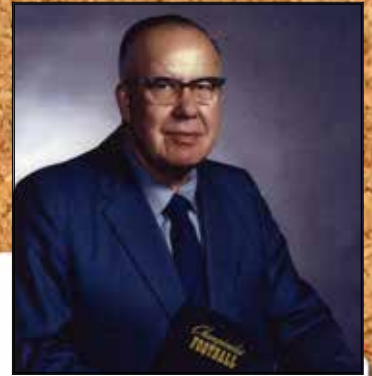
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Ivan Williams

By Dan Nilsen



For as long as anyone can remember, Fenton High School has had a strong athletic program. You can go back as far as the 1940s to find Fenton teams winning league, district and regional championships and sending athletes to state-level competition. The Tigers won a combined seven league titles in football and basketball in that decade. The 1945-46 basketball team played in the Class B state final. Starting the next decade, the 1950 football team outscored opponents 181-39 in a 9-0 season.

Not coincidentally, those were the years that Ivan Williams was coaching all four sports at Fenton -- football, basketball, baseball and track. It was the beginning of a long, successful career as coach, teacher and athletic director that ran from 1940 to 1971.

"He had a really good run, and he endeared himself to the Fenton community," said Ken Wensel, a later Fenton AD who worked with Williams in his last three years there. "If the winning traditions weren't entrenched before he got there, they certainly were by the time he was done."

Williams finished his 15-year coaching career at Fenton with records of 83-40-12 in football and 134-75 in basketball. He coached baseball for six years and track for five years, winning a regional track title and seeing two of his runners earn All-State honors. He became athletic director in 1955.

But it wasn't just the wins that earned Williams entry into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, which will induct him at its 40th annual banquet Dec. 7 at Genesys Conference and Banquet Center. It's the students he influenced, the programs he created and the extra mile he went to enrich the lives of all people through athletics.

"As an example," said Ron Williams, Ivan's son, "after World War II, he started and coached a semi-pro football team for players returning from the war. He wanted them to be a part of something. He did that until 1952."

As if scholastic sports and semi-pro ball weren't enough, Ivan also served 26 years as recreation director for the city. In the winter he ran an intramural basketball program for 70 Fenton juniors and seniors who didn't make the varsity or JV teams at school.

"In the summer he drove the bus to the lakes to go swimming," said Ron, a frequent passenger on those trips. "He just loved the programs and working with kids."

Meanwhile, the winning continued at Fenton High, even as Williams introduced wrestling, swimming, tennis, golf, cross country and girls softball, volleyball and track into the program.

That meant hiring more coaches, a task at which Williams excelled. Among his hires were Ken Wegner, who succeeded him as football coach and won eight straight league championships, and Duane Wohlfert (wrestling) and Leroy Decker (boys and girls basketball), both of whom are in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

For years after his retirement in 1971, Williams still attended Fenton games, up until a couple of years before his death in 1991 at age 82. But his work had long before been recognized and appreciated at Fenton.

In October 1969, the Fenton board of education declared "Ivan Williams Night" for the homecoming game, in concert with the city council, which had earlier declared it "Ivan Williams Day."

In 1979 an article in the Tri-County News dubbed him "Builder of Men."

A former student of his endowed the school with an Ivan Williams Award scholarship fund that is "still in operation today," said Ron Williams.

In 1983 the football field was dedicated in his name. An arch over the walkway into the stadium still bears the name "Ivan Williams Field."

"Some people coming in wonder who that was," Ron noted. "That," said Wensel, "is one reason I'm really pleased that he's going into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. It's going to help people, especially in Fenton, be reacquainted with who Ivan Williams was."

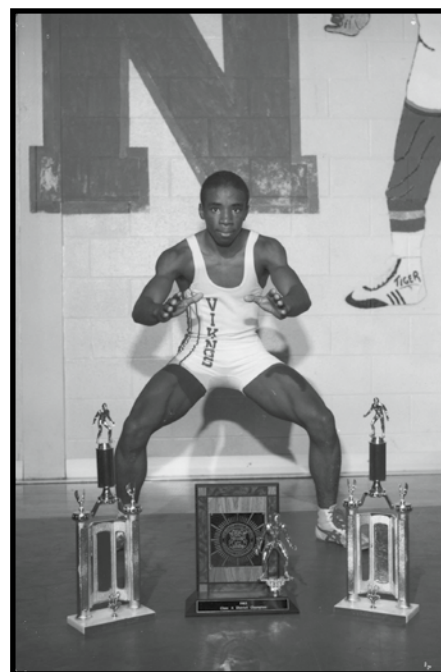
"Ivan was a humble guy who did not bring attention to himself. He just did a ton of good work for the Fenton schools and community. He did his best and happened to be very good at it."

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1974 Flint Northern Cross Country Team



William Waters
Northern



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1974 Flint Northern Cross Country Team

Keith Young wanted to be a basketball player, overlooking the fact he was 5-foot-9, 135 pounds at a high school renowned for producing major college talent and state championship teams.

Steve Branch felt his pain — he was also cut during basketball tryouts at Flint Northern.

Michael Bowen wanted to play football, but rarely got on the field as a junior varsity player in 10th grade. Ronald Whitner also got his start in football.

Cross country?

Racing for three miles didn't sound all that appealing.

Branch didn't come out for cross country until his senior year, but only "reluctantly. I ran track the year before. I was told if I wanted to run track the next year, I had to run cross country, so that's how I started with it."

They would soon learn to embrace this strange new sport under the guidance of famed Northern coach Norb Badar, who could guarantee them at least 15 minutes of playing time racing three miles for the Vikings.

This group of castoffs from other sports put Northern on the state cross country map, winning the 1974 state Class A championship one year after placing fourth in the state meet.

Forty-five years later, they are part of the 40th class of inductees in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Two members of the team were already in the Hall of Fame as individual inductees. Badar was inducted in 1986 and Young was enshrined in 2010.

"I felt a little guilty when I went in as an individual, because all of those workouts and all of those miles we put in, I didn't do it by myself," Young said. "It's nice to see those guys getting the recognition, because we all worked out. If not for them, I don't think I would've been in. What's special about this one is all those guys, all the hard work and blood, sweat and tears are finally getting recognized for that."

Young was the leader of the team, winning the individual state championship with a time of 14 minutes, 37.1 seconds.

But state championships in cross country aren't won by having the brightest star in the race. The strength of the Vikings' team was a four-man pack that finished within nine places and 11.5 seconds of one another to ensure a 74-104 victory over runner-up St. Joseph.

Ron Whitner was 15th out of 124 runners in the team race in 15:35, Bowen was 16th in 15:36, John Halford was 18th in 15:39 and Steve Branch was 24th in 15:46.5.

Also running in the state meet were Anthony Sullivan, who was 78th in 16:34.5, and Richard MacInnes, who was 84th in 16:37.2.

"We knew Keith would do well," Bowen said. "We didn't know we would come in in a group like we did. Jackson had three people up in the front, but their fourth and fifth man were way back. We came in as a group. I was just trying to do my best to come in where I could."

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Kneeling L-R:
Michael Bowen, Ronald Whitner Sr.,
Keith Young, John Halford

Standing L-R:
Richard MacInnes, Steve Branch,
Bruce Towar, Anthony Sullivan,
Coach Norbert Badar



USA Roller Sports, the recognized National Governing Body of Roller Sports in the United States, as awarded by the United States Olympic Committee, wishes to congratulate Dianne Hackett in her induction to the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2019. What a tremendous honor it is to be inducted to this honored institution. It has not only been earned but it is well deserved.

Dianne began her path to roller figure skating greatness at the age of 9 when she had been invited to be a guest of friend's birthday party at a local roller skating rink in the Flint area. It was then that her passion was born. She began taking lessons to develop her skills from, at that time a relatively new skating professional, Beverly Schien. Little did Dianne know that she was to be trained by what would become one of the most successful skating professionals in the World.

She began her competitive skating career in 1959 and retired from competition in 1966. During those years Dianne found success early, competing in numerous State, Regional and National Competitions earning Gold frequently and rarely ever placing below a 3rd place Bronze placement. In 1965 Dianne traveled to Las Vegas to compete in the invitation only Gold Skate Classic. Only the best of the best in the World were invited and competed for the top honors. In her debut performance, she placed 3rd followed by the coveted Gold Medal placement the following year in 1966 which elevated her position as the "best in the world". Her performance that year in Bakersfield, CA was so strong it was featured by Jim McKay on ABC Wide World of Sports. A sports writer once wrote about that performance "she came, she saw, she conquered". Skate Magazine, the resource of all skating news of the day, wrote of Dianne's performances in an article as , "the 4 D's, Dazzling, Dynamic, Daring, Dianne

Her success in roller figure skating was not because she was a naturally gifted athlete, it was her tenacity, her commitment to training and passion for her sport that created her success. It was estimated that Dianne spent over 10,000 hours training during her career to become a top roller sports athlete. These traits carried on into her professional life. As a former skater, a coach, a rink operator and friend, I am honored to have been able to witness the results of her work ethic, her professionalism and her commitment to perfect her skills in order to compete at the highest levels of our sport. In all that, her pride of being a member of the Flint community always rang true, rarely missing an opportunity to tell people "I'm from Flint Michigan".

Again, Congratulations to Dianne Hackett, a shining star in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Brown".

Danny Brown, Past President and current Board Member, USA Roller Sports



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Dianne Hackett

By Dan Nilsen

When she was just a teenager back in the 1960s, Dianne Hackett was on ABC's "Wide World of Sports." The Flint resident was one of the top artistic roller skaters in the nation, and ABC was covering the sport's first world-class competition, the Gold Skate Classic in Bakersfield, Calif.

As much as any athlete who appeared on "Wide World of Sports," Hackett knew all about "the thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat" -- that timeless, catchword phrase in the program's weekly intro.

Hackett's thrill came in the second Gold Skate Classic in January 1966, when she won the Senior Ladies Singles world title and finally defeated arch-rival Sylvia Haffke of New Britain, Conn.

Her agony had come in the three previous years, in three runner-up finishes to Haffke in the North American Championships, all by razor-thin margins.

"It was tragic," said Hackett. "She'd beat me by one point and make me go back and work another nine months, 5-6 hours a day, practicing to perfection, just so I could at least compete with her."

"Finally it happened, and thank heaven, because it was my last year that I was going to skate." Hackett retired from skating at age 19 to begin a 47-year career as a stewardess for American Airlines. But for the previous seven years, she soared with the best artistic roller skaters in the country, winning a North American championship as early as 1959 in the Junior Girls Singles in Boston.

In all, Hackett finished first, second or third 10 times in singles, figures or pairs at the national level. She was the novice champion in Ladies Figures in 1961 in Fort Worth, Texas, and first in Intermediate Pairs in 1962 at Lincoln, Neb.

Such a glittering resume has earned Hackett a spot in the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame as the Veterans Selection for the Class of 2019. She will be enshrined at the 40th annual banquet on Dec. 7 at Genesys Conference and Banquet Center.

Hackett's interest in roller skating started with an outing at Rollhaven Skating Center and blossomed when she watched four-time national champion Laurene Anselmi of Pontiac in a state meet.

That led to lessons at Rollhaven under Beverly Schien, who produced several national champions and earned a national teacher of the year award.

"She was fantastic, and very dedicated," Hackett said. "You needed someone who could keep you interested in learning jumps and spins, when all you did was keep falling. We wound up on the floor so many times we used to say we mopped it. We really worked hard for her."

Hackett virtually lived at Rollhaven, alternating skating with a job in the concession stand. A typical Saturday would see her practicing from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., making malteds from 2-4, back on the rink from 5-8, then closing the concession stand on the 8-11 shift.

That work ethic came from her parents. Lyle, a Mount Pleasant farmer who moved his family to Flint when his crop failed, worked three jobs, including delivering wooden barrels of Vernor's Ginger Ale. Leona sewed every one of Dianne's costumes, complete with sequins. When their car was broken into and the costumes stolen during a meet in Detroit, mom and family sewed five new ones.

"We were all on the floor sewing every night," said Dianne.

"Dad was my skate mechanic. I also needed him to watch me as I practiced figures, making sure I kept the line between the wheels."

"I could not have done skating without the support team of my mother and father."

Family genes didn't hurt either. Dianne was a graceful, attractive girl who grew to a statuesque 5-foot-9. SKATE magazine described her as "tall, stately, black-haired, hazel-eyed" and "striking."

John Deeding, a former national skating champion who taught at clubs around Michigan, saw potential in Hackett early on.

"After you've been teaching a while, you can pick one out in a few minutes, even in beginners," he said. "She had what I call soft knees, and her legs were very athletic. Her physical structure was strong. She knew what she could do and she worked hard to make it happen."

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There are 1,212 miles separating Lakeland, Florida and Flint, Michigan, but Ron Myers hometown is always just a thought away.

Born and raised in Flint, Myers – a product of Powers Catholic High School and Mott Community College – hasn't forgotten his roots. Through his support of Mott's baseball and softball teams to the Crim Festival of Races, Ron continues to give back to the community that molded him into the man he is today.

Pursuing his dream of a job in Major League Baseball, Ron went to work for the Lakeland Tigers after graduating with his bachelors in communications from Central Michigan University in 1980. By 1993, Ron had risen to Vice President and General Manager of the team. He left the Tigers to pioneer the first in-house marketing department for Minor League Baseball. He would go on to take positions in arena football, the PGA and the NBA before coming back to baseball as the Director of Corporate Sales for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He returned to the organization in 2003 as the Director of Florida Operations.

However Ron's love for his hometown has never waned.

"During the bad years, when there were few people we could turn to for help, Ron was there," said Roger Foutch, the executive director of Foutch's Strike Zone in Flint. Recently, improvements were needed at Whaley and Broome baseball parks for a Connie Mack regional tournament. It was Ron that was asked to line up a keynote speaker for the much-needed fundraiser.

Held Jan. 25, Hot Stove Night featuring former Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland brought in more than \$20,000. That money, in turn, helped pay to replace the backstops and irrigation lines, as well as upgrade the lighting. "He's never turned us down for anything," said Foutch.

Giving back to Flint via baseball is only fitting for Myers, an outfielder for the 1974 Flint Powers Catholic High School State Championship baseball team. Raised in baseball – both his father, John and uncle, Ernie, served as head baseball coach at Mott Community College – Ron played on both Flint's Connie Mack team and in the CANUSA Games. Today, the MVP for the North in the annual North Vs. South All-Star Game at Dow Diamond in Midland receives the Ron Myers Trophy.

Mott Community College baseball coach Shawn Brown said that over the span of five years, Myers' hard work had contributed well over \$100,000 for Flint area charities.

Another charity Ron has worked hard for is the Crim Festival of Races. According to former Michigan Speaker of the House and Crim Foundation founder Bobby Crim, Ron's assistance has been instrumental.

Ron has been affiliated with the Tigers Organization for over 29 years, he's a good friend and we're very proud of this honor he's receiving.

Sincerely,

Al Kaline HOF '80 – Detroit Tigers

Class of 2019 INDUCTEE



Ron Myers

By Dan Nilsen

Ron Myers has been a lot of places on the professional sports map -- baseball, basketball, arena football, golf. He's been a high-ranking front-office executive in each of those sports, including his current position with the Detroit Tigers.

But Myers never forgets where he came from and how his upbringing in Flint is the reason he's in those positions now.

Forty years after leaving Michigan for his career, Myers maintains strong ties to his hometown and generously supports athletic programs here, though not with money. As Director of Florida Operations for the Tigers in Lakeland, he sends Tiger memorabilia, autographs, travel packages and celebrity speakers to Flint fund-raisers that have raised thousands of dollars for area sports.

So, despite the fact that he hasn't lived here since 1980, Myers' long-distance support has earned him induction into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame as the Distinguished Service Award winner. He will be enshrined at the 40th annual GFASHOF induction banquet Dec. 7 at Genesys Conference & Banquet Center.

At the banquet, Myers likely will tell you that it all started in Flint's famed community education program pioneered by the Mott Foundation.

"I was there in the mecca in the 1960s, when every school had a community school director," said Myers, a Manley Village kid who attended Selby, Holmes Middle School and Northwestern High and graduated from Powers Catholic in 1974.

"My goal was to be one of them. All the jobs I had were in that program. I learned that if you have a building, you try to utilize it. It's part of your responsibility. Make sure you're always using that school building after five o'clock."

Myers also participated in those programs, learning how to swim at Mott Camp and playing baseball at Selby School. He became a good enough outfielder to play on Powers' state championship team in 1974 and then at Mott Community College in 1975-76.

His love of baseball and work ethic stem from his father. John Myers worked 30 years as an engineer for Grand Trunk Railroad and still found time to coach Mott baseball in the spring and his kids' youth teams in the summer.

"I was always around dad as a batboy at Mott," Myers said. "I understood that baseball is a 12-month job. I learned that if you want to be successful, it's what you do when nobody's watching."

Myers took those qualities with him when he graduated from Central Michigan University in 1980 with a degree in communications. A roommate who was starting a construction business in Lakeland hired Myers to work for him.

"I went to Tiger games every other day," he said. "One day I knocked on the door and asked if there was anything I could do. They asked me to go sell some ads."

Myers sold all the ads in two days. He was soon promoted to assistant general manager, then to general manager.

By 1993 he was vice president, and Minor League Baseball hired him to create the first in-house marketing department for the 217 member clubs in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Over the next 10 years, Myers worked for the Tampa Bay Storm of the Arena Football League, the Verizon Classic Senior PGA Tour event, the Mobile Revelers of the NBA Development League and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays -- all as president, VP, general manager or director of something. In 2003 he returned to Lakeland for his current position.

"No matter where we've been, I wasn't searching," Myers noted. "I was always happy in the job I had."

"Wherever we've been, I always wanted to do something for the community, the youth, the military. That's just my nature from growing up in Flint."

What he's done for Flint is extraordinary. Consider:

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LAKE FENTON HIGH SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC DEPT.

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1995 LAKE FENTON SOFTBALL TEAM



Class of 2019 INDUCTEE



1995 Lake Fenton Softball Team

By Dan Nilsen

By rights, Lake Fenton High should have won its first state softball championship a year earlier than it did.

The 1994 team was a steamroller that reeled off a Genesee County-record 39 consecutive wins and seemed destined for glory. "That was the year we were expected to win it all," said coach Jerry Cowan, who would go on to win 568 games in a 24-year career. "We had a senior-laden team and did very well."

But those Blue Devils were stopped two games short of the finish line in a controversial semifinal loss to eventual champion Ida. Instead, it was a roller-coaster ride by a young 1995 Lake Fenton team that culminated in a Class C title and a wild championship game against a team from its own league.

Lake Fenton beat Genesee Eight Conference rival Goodrich 10-6 in a messy, error-filled final at Bailey Park in Battle Creek that saw the Blue Devils rally from a 6-2 deficit and finish the season 31-5.

It's that Lake Fenton team that will be inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame at its 40th annual banquet Dec. 7 at Genesys Conference & Banquet Center.

"It was a strange year," said Cowan. "We lost five games during the season and almost didn't even win the league. But it all worked out in the end. You have to have talent to win a championship, but you also have to have a little luck on your side."

The 1995 Blue Devils did have talent, anchored by senior Amy Lukowski, a 6-foot fireballing right-hander who would win the Miss Softball Award for pitchers. Her long arms and long stride to the plate made her fastball virtually unhittable.

"In the state final some college coach had her on the gun at 64 (mph)," said Cowan. "That was from 40 feet. By the time she released, you didn't have a chance to get the bat around. That was phenomenal, especially in that time."

Peppy second baseman Kari Atkinson joined Lukowski on the All-State team, and first baseman Amber Russell received honorable mention. But those were the only three starting seniors left over from the 1994 juggernaut.

"That was our powerhouse team," said Lukowski, now Amy Blair. "We merced everybody. But we graduated so many seniors. I was really nervous going into my senior year."

Kathryn Nordin was a junior catcher who bonded well with Lukowski and went on to earn All-America honors at Alma College. Juniors Christie Moulton, Nicole Haggerty and Melissa Campbell, and sophomores Karrie Jones, Jackie Reddy and Nicole Hind completed the starting lineup. Cowan was assisted by Gerry Jones and John Moulton and also credited JV coaches Bob Flewelling and Danny Parker for preparing the team at that level.

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Kneeling L-R:
Jill Nutt, Amber Russell, Amy Lukowski, Kari Atkinson

Middle L-R: Kathryn Nordin, Melissa Campbell, Chennelle Miller, Nicole Hind, Christie Moulton, Karrie Jones

Standing L-R: Coach Jerry Cowan, Sara Anderson, Kelly Schnekenburger, Nicky Haggerty, Jennifer Orr, Coach John Moulton, Jacqueline Reddy, Coach Gerry Jones

Not pictured: Emme Guilbault, Beth Hnilica, Rachel Sharpe



The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Female High School Athlete of the Year (2018-2019)

Chloe Idoni - Fenton High School

Chloe Idoni of Fenton High School is the Female Athlete of the Year for 2019. A 4-year starter in both volleyball and basketball, Chloe led the Tigers to a number of championships in both sports while earning numerous individual honors as well.

A unanimous All Metro selection in volleyball three times and basketball four times, Idoni led Fenton to 3 league championships, 3 district championships, 2 regional championships and State Semi-final in volleyball. In basketball, Fenton won a Metro championship and two MHSAA District titles during Chloe's tenure. As a senior, the Tri-County Times, State Bank, and the Flint Kiwanis Club each honored Idoni as the Athlete of the Year.

Chloe has been named Academic All State in both volleyball and basketball sophomore through senior years. Excelling in the classroom, Chloe maintained a 3.9 GPA and graduated Summa cum laude from Fenton.

Selected to serve on the Michigan High School Athletic Association Student Advisory Council in both her junior and senior year, Chloe had the opportunity to work with top student-athletes across the state demonstrating her leadership. She was also an active member of her high school, participating in the Captain's Club and National Honor Society.

Chloe is the daughter of Matt and Marni Idoni. She will attend Ferris State University on a basketball scholarship and will major in Marketing and Business.

Varsity Volleyball

- 4 year varsity starter
- Junior and Senior year team captain
- All Conference: Honorable Mention Freshman year, Unanimous First Year Sophomore - Senior year
- All Region: Sophomore- Senior year
- All State: Honorable Mention Junior-Senior year
- School Record holder for kills in a game (32) Sophomore year, season kill record (687) junior year and career kill record (1817) Senior year
- MHSAA player of the week- Sophomore year
- 3 league championships, 3 district championships, 2 regional championships and State Semi-final
- Tri County player of the year- Junior and Senior year
- State Bank Athlete of the Week Freshman-Senior year
- All State Academic Team: Sophomore-Senior year



Varsity Basketball

- 4 year varsity starter
- Senior year team captain
- MVP: Freshman-Junior year
- All Conference: Unanimous First Year Freshman - Senior year
- All State: Honorable Mention Freshman-Junior year
- BCAM All State: Honorable Mention freshman-junior year
- Detroit Free Press All State- Third Team Sophomore year
- Flint Journal Dream team: First Team Junior year
- 2 district championships
- Tri County Player of the Year- Sophomore year
- School Record holder for most points in a game (36pts) Junior year
- Reached 1000 career points- Junior year
- Currently third place in school career points (6 points away)
- School record for career rebounds and free-throws - current year
- All State Academic Team: Sophomore-Junior year

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame
Male High School Athlete of the Year (2018-2019)

Ben Jacobs - Corunna High School

- 4 time All Conference in Cross Country
- Conference champion in Cross Country - Sr
- Regional champion in Cross Country - Sr
- 3 time All State in Cross Country
- 4 time Track and Field Conference Champion
- Ran the anchor leg on the school record 4x800 relay team
- 12 times All Regional in Track and Field
- 5 time Regional Champion in Track and Field
- 6 times All State in Track and Field
- State Champion in 1600m, 4x800m
- All-America in 4x1600m Relay
- Was named Academic All State in 5 different seasons
- Flint Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Year 2019



Ben Jacobs of Corunna High School is the Male Athlete of the Year for 2018-19. An outstanding athlete competing on both the Cross Country and Track and Field teams, Ben was named 9 separate times to All State teams during his high school career.

The state ranked runner, Jacobs, cross-country career highlights include three top ten finishes in the MHSAA State meets, four conference championships and a win in this year's Greater Lansing Championship. Ben led the Cavaliers to conference and Regional championships in all four years of high school.

Ben was 4-time MHSAA Regional Champion in cross-country, 5-time Regional Champion and 12-time All Region in track. Three times Ben earned a spot on the All State team in Cross-Country and was All State 6 times in track. Corunna's 4x800 relay team, anchored by Ben, was MHSAA state champions this past spring and he was the individual champion in the 1600M run.

Ben was honored by the Flint Kiwanis Club as the male High School Athlete of the Year this past May.

Excelling in the classroom, Ben compiled a 4.131 GPA and finished in the top 5 of his graduating class at Corunna. A five-time Academic All State award winner, Ben will attend the University of Michigan on a cross country and track scholarship. He will major in Applied Exercise Science in the school of Kinesiology. Ben is the proud son of Gary and Diane Jacobs.

The Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame High School Coach of the Year - 2018-2019

Jim Snow

Flint Powers High School - Varsity Girls Golf

Jim Snow is a proud graduate of Powers Catholic HS and played on the first three Powers Boys Varsity golf teams in '70, '71 and '72, coached by Bill Troesken. Jim got his start in coaching in 1995 by coaching the Powers boys team, a position he held from 1995-2013. He took over as the varsity girls' coach at Powers, coached by his wife Michelle in 2006 and continued that program's great success. In 14 seasons as the girls' varsity coach, Jim won 3 State Championships in '07, '08 and '18. He was a 2-time State Runner-Up (spring '07, '11), winning 9 Regional and 5 Conference championships. Jim's teams have finished in the top 5 in State Championships 11 of 14 years. Under his leadership, the Powers team has finished as Academic Team All-State 12 of 14 years. Jim has been named Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches' Association statewide Coach of the Year twice and Division Coach of the Year twice. The Michigan High School Coaches Association named Jim as their overall Coach of the Year in 2008.

Jim is in his 38th year as a State Farm Insurance agent in Flint. He lives in Flushing with his wife of 39 years, Michelle. They have one child, Madison, who is married and lives in Highland Heights, OH.



Coach Jim Snow Comments

"I have been very lucky to have coached at a great school, had fantastic players and parents to work with throughout my career. This past state championship season was no exception and I was extremely proud of our players. The weather was terrible and our players played their best golf of the season. We literally scored 15 strokes better than our team average. In the State Finals, we had 4 of our 5 players shoot their personal best rounds and each team member contributed a score. It was an amazing weekend, culminating in a 32-stroke state championship victory.

I am very honored to be named by the GFASHOF as Coach of the Year. I feel very fortunate, as there are many great coaches and great teams in our area. To be honored in this way makes me happy, thankful and proud."

Ben Roof A-Frame Awards Scholarship

GINA CANAVESIO

- **Academic All- Conference- Golf Soph, Jr, Senior seasons .Track , Senior Season**
- **Academic All State Individual MIGCA – Senior Year (Honorable Mention)**
- **All- Conference Golf – Senior Year**
- **MHSAA – Scholar Athlete Award, Senior Year**
- **American Citizenship Award, Senior Year**
- **"Amy Award" – Junior and Senior Year "Character – Spirit –Performance" Golf Team**
- **#1 Rating MSBOA Marching Band Solo & Ensemble - Soph-Jr- & Senior Years**
- **Powers Catholic "Triple Crown Award" = Band 4 yrs. – Sport 4 yrs. (Varsity, 2 Yrs) & National Honor Society, 2yrs**



Gina Canavesio is the recipient of this year's Ben Roof A-Frame Scholarship Award Winner, nominated by Powers Catholic's Girls Varsity Golf Coach, Jim Snow.

Gina was a 4-year varsity player for the Powers Golf Team and played in the past 3 State Championships. Her first round of the 2018 State Championship Tournament was her best high school score. Her '80' that first day helped her team streak to a 32 stroke State Championship victory. Gina is an example of what great determination is all about when as a junior she suffered an injury to a small bone in her right hand before the season started. Gina went on to play her entire junior season with this injury, at times in pain when she hit a shot. She had surgery on her hand after the golf season, leading to a great senior season. Gina was the team captain and a great help to her teammates and her Coach. Not only is Gina a fine golfer, but she is an excellent student and a musician, winning many academic and musical awards while at Powers. She was a member of the Powers Catholic Marching Band for all four years of high school. Marching Band runs concurrently with the girl's golf season, which is no easy task for a student to be successful at each discipline. Gina is currently attending DePaul University in Chicago and is in their Pre-Med Program. Gina is a very deserving recipient of this scholarship and is very thankful for this award.

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CHARLES STEWART MOTT

Thousands of boys and girls in the Flint area were introduced to athletics through the generosity of the Mott Foundation. The Foundation generally was started just for that purpose, eventually expanding to include many adult programs. Mott's interest first, and the Foundation later, established a community format copied nationwide. It was reward enough for Mott's love of children and sports.



1980

FRANK MANLEY, SR.

A result of his intense interest in Flint area youth, Manley inspired C.S. Mott to finance a pilot program in sports and recreation. As a result, the Mott Foundation was created and the community school philosophy adopted. The combination of Manley's enthusiasm and Mott's support provided a base of opportunity for all children and adults; a format copied nationwide.

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Since 2007 we have received many contributions given in memory of loved ones and cherished friends who at sometime had direct involvement with the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

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Our pledge, as we celebrate our 40th Induction Banquet this evening, is to continue our mission in providing a medium whereby it is possible to honor participants for their outstanding achievements and contributions in the field of athletics.

May we once again express our most sincere and grateful appreciation to all of the individuals and families who through these remembrances allow all of us to continue to recall these extraordinary athletes.

If you, a family member or friend might possibly be interested in this charitable giving program please contact Mr. Bob Root-GFASHOF Executive Secretary at 810-869-5179.

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1980 C.S. Mott	1999 Leo Donoghue
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Audrey Smith	

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2018



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1995

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Floyd Bates
1982



Jo Lake
1987



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 Flint Northern High School,
 University of Kentucky

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 School Baseball Teams

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Lynn Chandnois 1980
 Flint Central All State,
 MSU All American, NFL
 Player of the Year-1952-All-Pro



Don Coleman 1980
 Flint Central All-State
 MSU-All American, National
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 Five-Time Women's State
 Amateur Golf Champion,
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Lloyd Brazil 1980
 Outstanding Flint H.S. Career
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 at University of Detroit



Steve Bysco 1980
 Excelled in many sports,
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 Legendary St. Michael Coach
 Influenced thousands, Won
 528 Games, Coaching 3 Sports



Paul Krause 1980
 Flint Bendle-14 Letters
 Star at Iowa, 16 Years in NFL
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 Flint Northern Football Coach
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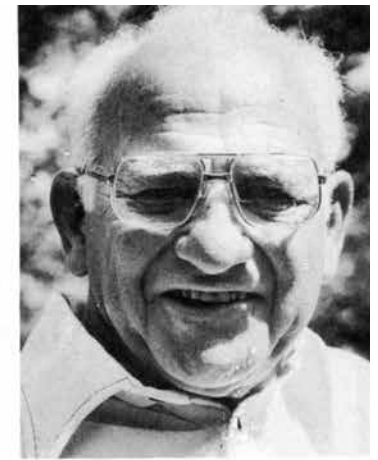
Merv Rettenmund 1981
 Southwestern H.S.-Ball State
 Univ. Played in 4 World Series
 During 13-Year Career



Frank Szczepanski 1981
 Special Service Award for
 Charity efforts through bowling
 Prominent Bowling Writer



Chet Lipski 1981
 At 5'7", 145lbs. Considered
 one of the best All Around
 Athletes in Flint History



Doug Blom 1981
 Outstanding Golf Career
 Won 19 City Amateurs and
 over 50 titles in 25-year span

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Brad Van Pelt 1981

Owosso H.S. 3-Sports All State,
MSU All American,
New York Giants-All-Pro



Clarence Peaks 1981

Flint Central Quarterback,
MSU All American,
NFL Star Fullback



Roger Bernard 1981

Standout Professional Boxer
1923-37 Compiling a record of
307 Victories and 25 Defeats



Sue Novara-Reber 1982

Northwestern High School,
Two-time World Sprint Cycling
Champion, Won 7 U.S.A. Titles



Leo Sugar 1982

Flint Northern Multi-Sports Star,
Purdue All Big Ten,
NFL Standout-Defensive End



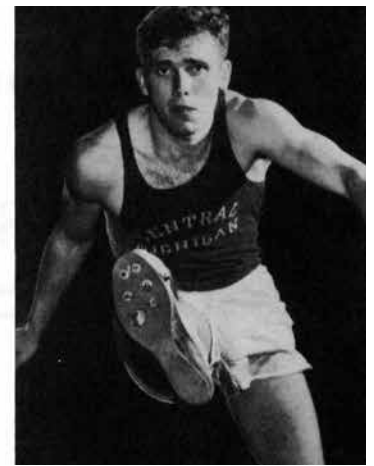
Everett A. Cummings 1982

Special Service Award for
Leadership in Developing
Athletic & Recreation Facilities



Fred Trosko 1982

Flint Northern 9 Letter Winner
U of M Halfback,
Coach at Eastern Mich. Univ.



Jim Podoley 1982

Mt.Morris H.S. Standout Athlete,
C.M.U Starred in Football,
Track. NFL Redskins & Giants



Jim Barclay 1982

First Northern H.S. Basketball
Coach-Won four State Class A
Basketball Championships



Floyd Bates 1982

Central H.S. 3 Sports Star, played
softball with Joe Louis Punchers,
basketball Harlem Globe Trotters



Dave Hoskins 1983

Pitched for Cleveland Indians,
One of Best in City League,
Outfielder & Pitcher in 1940s



"Tubby" Raymond 1983

Northern H.S., Univ. of Mich.
Coached Delaware to Three
NCAA Division II Football Titles



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Bob Rowe 1983
Flushing High Star
W.M.U. Lineman of the Year
NFL All-Pro St. Louis Cardinals



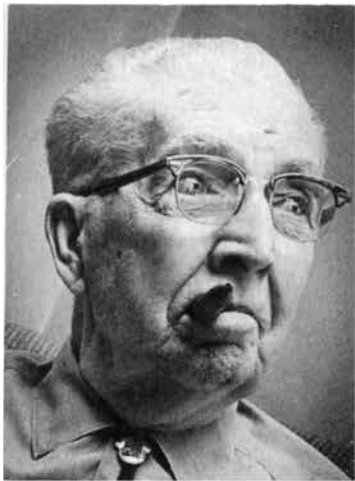
Pam Stockton Brady 1983
Southwestern H.S., 24 National
Badminton Junior Championships, 16
National Adult Titles



Jim Doyle 1983
Flint's Greatest Softball
Pitcher, Pitched in 1980 Pan-Am
Games Pitched a No Hitter at 49



Bill Hamilton 1983
Northern Football & Track Star
Outstanding Baseball &
Softball, Member Mich. Softball
Hall of Fame



T.J. Halligan 1983
Special Service Award, Bowling
Proprietor for 40 Years, Pres. of 3
Minor Leagues of Pro Baseball



Fred Lawson 1984
Special Service Award for
Contributions to Junior Golfers.
Pro at Mott Park & Swartz Creek



Dominic Tomasi 1984
Star at Northern, Capt. & MVP
of U of M 1948 National
Championship Football Team



Jimmy Johnson 1984
Central H.S. II Letter Winner,
South Carolina State
All American Football 1937



Howard "Gus" Hughes 1984
Star Athlete-St. Michael & Central,
Coached St Michael to Class C State
Championship in 1928 basketball



Howard Gilroy 1984
Bowling Great 4-300 games,
more than 90-700 Series. His
803 series was best in 37 years.



Peg Hammond 1984
Eight-Time City Singles Champ
Tennis, Mott Foundation Sports
Teacher in Tennis & Badminton



Jesse Thomas 1984
Central All-Around Athlete
MSU Multiple Track Champ,
NFL Def. Halfback Balt. Colts



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Herb Washington 1985

Central State Champion Sprinter
MSU World Records 50 to 60 Yd.
Dash, Stole 29 Bases for Oakland A's



Russ Reynolds 1985

Northern All-Around Athlete,
MSU Capt & Quarterback
23 Yrs. Beecher Football Coach



Stan Broome 1985

Special Service Award
Known as "Mr. Flint Central"
36 Yrs. Coaching, Administrator



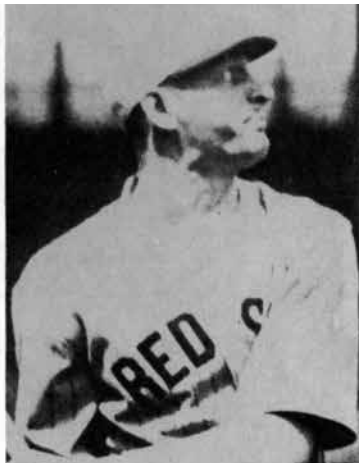
Nap LaVoie 1985

Special Service Award 38
Years as Coach, AD at Central
Head Football Coach 1934-1939



Ken Failing 1985

Coached St. Mary to State
Basketball Championship 1939
Pro Athlete on Flint Teams



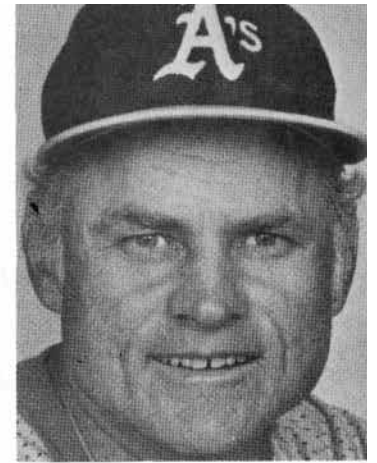
Mike Menosky 1985

Played for Red Sox &
Wash, Senators. Flint's First
Major League Baseball Player



Leroy Bolden 1985

Northern Star on 1950 State
Champions, MSU All American
NFL Cleveland Browns



Steve Boros 1985

Northern 3 sport star,
U of M Standout, Played Pro Baseball,
Flint's First Major League Manager



Bill Barclay 1986

U of M Lettered in Golf, Football,
Basketball, Coached Northern
Basketball Team 1933 State Title,
Won State Amateur Golf Title



Jeanette Robinson 1986

Member of Women's Pro
Bowling Tour, Won Nat'l
Title in 1974, 15 Sanctioned
700-Series



Bill Minardo 1986

Special Service Award First
Comm. Sch. Dir, Retired as
Director of Comm. Svcs.



Ollie Craven 1986

Bowled many 300 Games
Over 100-700 Series, World
Record for five games 1,324



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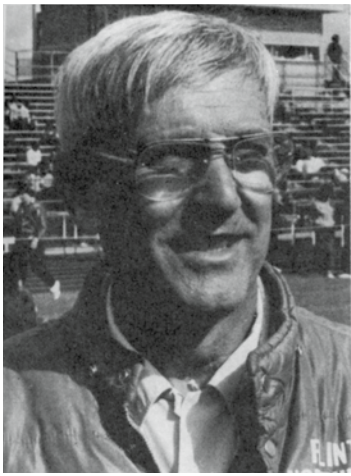


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Norb Badar 1986

Track, Cross Country Coach
Northern, 33 Yrs, 4 State Titles,
Coach of Year Nine Times



Ellis Duckett 1986

Northern 2 Time All State
Halfback MSU Star Played in
1959 Rose Bowl



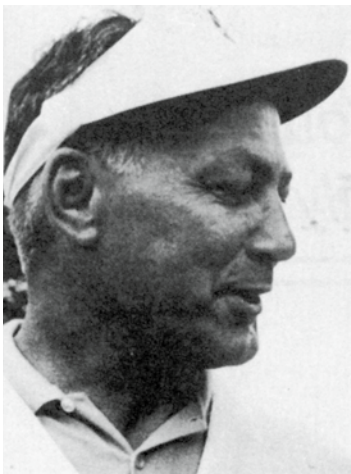
Sophie Kurys 1986

Record Setting Star in American
Girls Baseball League-1943
Stole 200 Bases in one season



Ted Prichard 1987

Pitched Minor League Baseball
Was 21-6 for Elmira, N.Y., City
Rec. Director 1937-1942



Jerry Rideout 1987

Special Service Award as "Mr.
Buick Open" Golf Tournament,
Dir. of P.R. at Buick



Dr. M. Joe Roberson 1987

Northern and Flint J.C. Excelled
in Baseball and Basketball.
Athletic Director at U of M



Mel Winer 1987

Central H.S. Multi Sports,
Starred in City Rec. Leagues,
Won City Title in Golf & Tennis



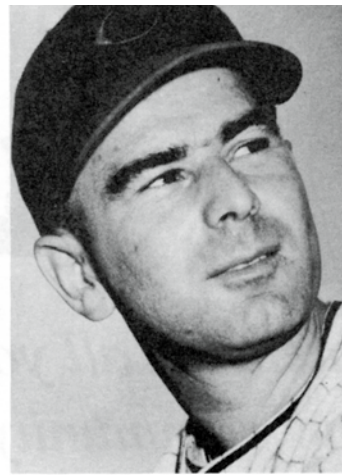
Jo Lake 1987

Coached 8 State Champions in
Basketball, Volleyball & Softball
at Holy Rosary & Kearsley



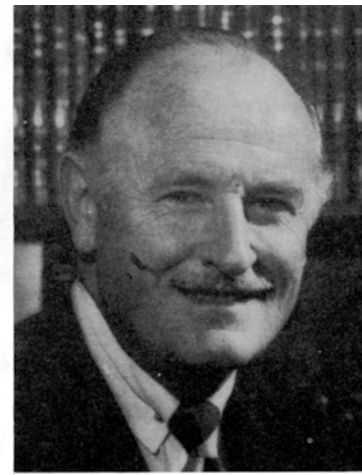
Leon Burton 1987

Northern Star in Football & Track
Arizona State-Led Nation Rushing
Scoring in 1957. Pro-N.Y. Titans



Andy Sventko 1987

Excelled City League Baseball,
Mgr. Bishop Construction,
Nat'l Amateur Champs 1975



J. Vincent Murphy 1988

Special Service Award for
Support of Golden Gloves
Physician for Athletic Teams



Bob Fleischmann 1988

Outstanding Tennis Player at
Northern, Flint Jr.C. & MSU
Won 9 Straight City Titles

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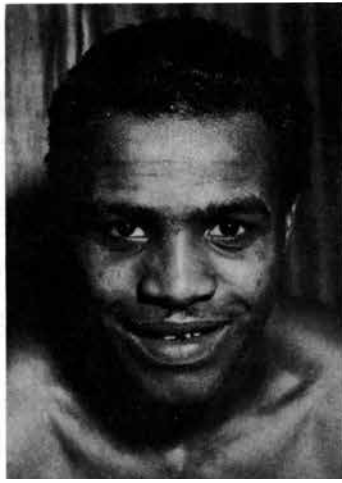
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Pete Fusi 1988

Northern All State Football
MSU Football Center 1946-49
Outstanding H.S. Football Coach



Bennie McCombs 1988

Golden Gloves Champion
Mich Light Heavyweight
Champion, 90-6 as Pro Boxer



Howard Auer 1988

Tackle at U of M, Coached Central
1947 State Champions, Had
83-39-05 Record at Central



Ed Krupa 1988

Northern "Wonderboy" All
State Football & Basketball,
Notre Dame Halfback



John Matthews 1988

8-Time Nat'l Wrestling Champ
U.S. Olympic Team,
Best Wrestler in C.M.U. history



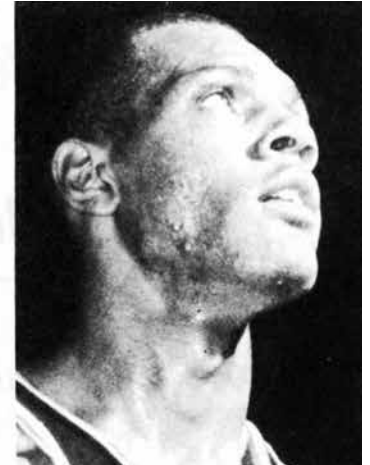
Barry Edmonds 1989

Special Service Award as
Superb Journal Photographer
Documented many events.



Bob Suci 1989

Grand Blanc 15 Letter Winner
MSU 2-Way Player
AFL Defensive Back



Gene Summers 1989

Northern Outstanding Player
M.C.C.-Set 7 Basketball Records
Northern Mich-Set 5 Records



Ray Seidel 1989

St. Michael H.S. Starred in
Baseball Pitched 5 Seasons in
Minors



Vinnie Frechette 1989

Won Ten City Golf Titles
20-700 Series 300 Game
Pitched Softball No Hitter



Mike Goggins 1989

St. Michael H.S. 12 Letter Star
Univ. of Detroit Capt Football 1951
Catholic All-American Team



Jack Morse 1989

All-Time Great Player in
City Basketball Leagues On
3 Title Teams, 2 Scoring Titles



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Ken Morrow 1990

On U.S. Olympic Gold Medal Hockey Team 1980, N.Y. Islanders Won Four Straight Stanley Cups



Al Johnson 1990

Central H.S. All State Football Mich Softball Comm. of Year 1985, Sports Dir. Flint Parks & Rec: 30 Yrs



Jock Leslie 1990

State Golden Gloves Champion Pro Boxer-fought Willie Pep for Title at Atwood Stadium



Mike Gorman 1990

Special Service Award Led drive to create College & Cultural Center & Flint U of M



Bob Harvey 1990

Central-earned 7 Letters E.M.U. played 3 sports, Played Minor League Baseball



Reggie Williams 1990

Southwestern & Dartmouth. Played in two Super Bowls, NFL Man of the Year 1986



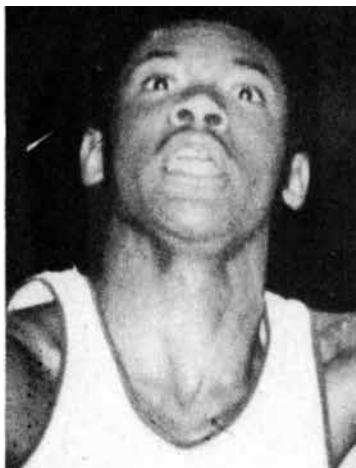
Bart Markel 1990

Three Time National Champion in Motorcycle Racing. Retired in 1972 with Record 28 Victories



Dennis Johnson 1991

Northwestern All State End Southern Cal All American NFL Vikings, Tampa Bay



Terry Furlow 1991

Northern State Basketball Champions MSU-Set Game & Season Scoring Marks, NBA No.1 Draft Pick-76ers



Ron Pruitt 1991

Central 3 Sports Star, MSU All American Catcher, Played with 4 Major League Teams



Bobby Crim, Lois Craig 1991

Special Services Award for Crim Road Race Benefitting Special Olympics which he founded and she originally directed. The Crim Race has over 10,000 participants annually.



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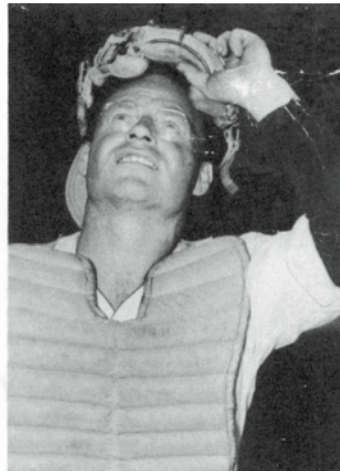




Andy McDonald 1991
Northern QB & Head Coach
C.M.U. All American NFL
Asst. Coach, Northern Arizona



Bob Leach 1991
Central Outstanding Player &
Head Coach, Uof M Baseball,
Coached Ferris, Asst. Coach NFL



Joe Kinzel 1991
Central Basketball, Outstanding
Golfer, Bowler, Figure Skater,
Minor League Baseball



George Guerre 1992
Central-Outstanding in Football
MSU Standout Halfback, played
in North-South All Star game



Stan Gooch 1992
Flint Tech & CMU Basketball
Coached Central to 3-State
Titles, Coached Mott C.C.



Tony Branoff 1992
Central All-State,
U of M MVP-All Big Ten, Played
East West Shrine Game, Sr. Bowl



J.B. Cook 1992
Northern Tennis State Champ,
Played, Basketball, Paddleball,
Softball, Popular Official



Doug Mintline 1992
Special Service Award for
promoting community sports,
Flint Journal Sports Editor



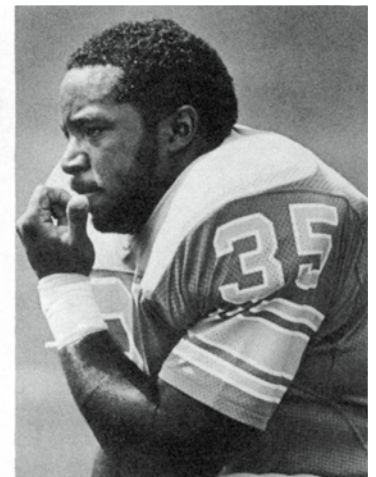
Anne McLogan Herman 1992
St.John Vianney, W.M.U.,
on U.S. Wheelchair Team in
Paralympics 7 Nat'l Marks



Bill Yambrick 1992
Northern Football
W.M.U. Capt., MVP
Member WMU Hall of Fame



Larry Mancour 1992
Grand Blanc, Flint J.C.
Basketball Star, Golf Pro-Helped
organize return of Buick Open



Booker Moore 1993
Southwestern, set numerous
records, Penn State Halfback,
NFL No. 1 Draft Choice-Bills

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Grand Blanc
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Pete Sark 1993
Special Service Award for
Community Sports Promotions
Multi Media Sports Reporter



Len Sweet 1993
Northern "Wonderboy"
2 Straight State Championships
Coached Dye to State Title



Mike Secret 1993
Won 1987 Race Across America,
Set 3 World Records in Endurance
Bicycle Racing



John Bero 1993
Northern Baseball Infielder
Played in Major Leagues & Mi-
nors for 10 years



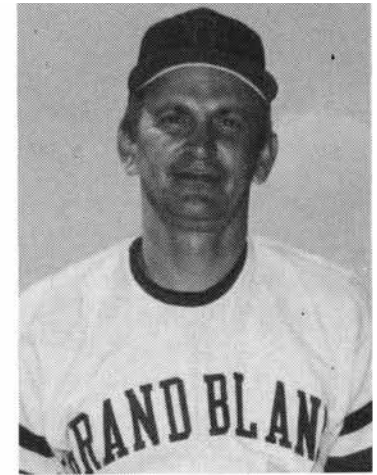
Herb Odom 1993
Northern H.S. Won
State Golden Gloves
MSU-Won NCAA Boxing Title



Jack Pratt 1994
Area's Winningest Football
Coach, Over 200 Victories,
3 State Basketball Titles



Trent Tucker 1994
Northwestern H.S.-All State
Minnesota-All Big Ten
NBA 11 years, No. 1 Draft Pick



Joe Pitock 1994
C.M.U Holds Batting Record
Coached 39 years-Mostly at
Grand Blanc-566-380 Record



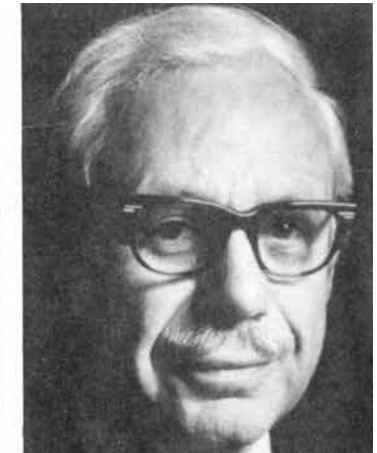
Cotton Goodell 1994
One of Flint's fastest ever Baseball
Player, Minor League Standout,
Record 31 H.R.s in 1940



Wally Jakowczyk 1994
St. Mary 3 Sports, First Parochial
Player All City Football.
Minor League Baseball.



Rick Leach 1994
Southwestern All State 3 Sports
U of M All American QB
1st Round Draft Choice-Tigers



Dr. Hira E. Branch 1994
Special Service Award
for donating medical help at
football games & Golden Gloves

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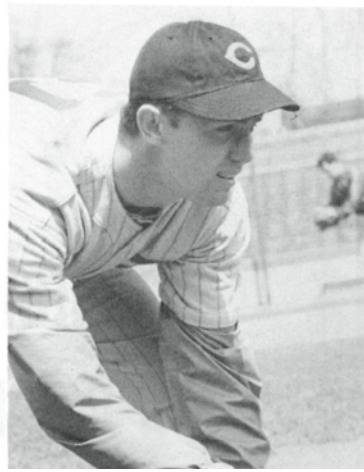
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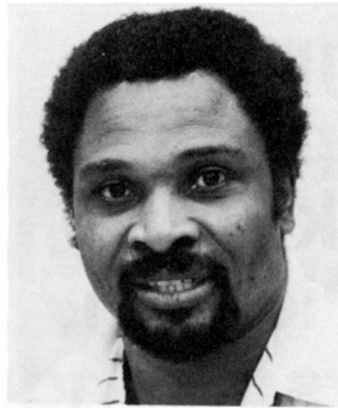
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Jack Petrill 1995
Special Service Award
Rec. Director-IMA Promoted
city's biggest events



Andy Sabota (Pelio) 1995
Northern Led Team to State
Basketball Title, played Minor
League Baseball



Grover Kirkland 1995
Coached NW High to 2 State
Basketball Titles, 60 Straight
Victories 20 Straight City Series



Nick Manych 1995
Beecher-3 Sport Star
E.M.U. 3 Time All Conference
Drafted by Colts in NFL



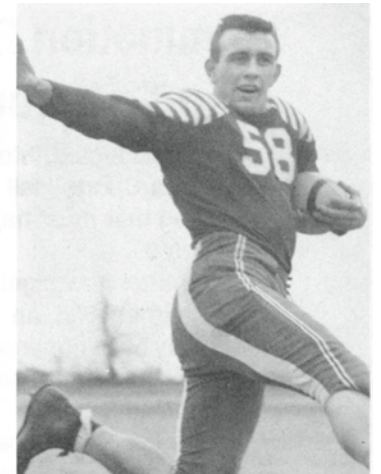
Justus Thigpen 1995
Northern basketball M.C.C. All Conf
2 yrs Weber State 1st Flint
Player NBA



Dorothy Kukulka 1995
Coached Northern Girls Basket-
ball to record 76 Straight Wins,
4 State Titles



Chub Guzak 1995
Northern 3 Sport Star
Minor League Baseball
Standout for Seven Seasons



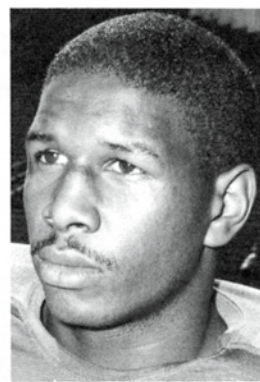
Jim Crang 1995
Beecher 13 Letters,
All State Halfback Scored
perfect 500 Phys. Fit Test



Pamela McGee 1996
Northern State Champs `78-`79
USC-2 NCAA Titles-Won Gold
Medal on U.S. Olympic Team



Paula McGee 1996
Northern-76 Straight Wins
Began Northern's Unequaled
Dynasty, USC 2 NCAA, titles



Art Johnson 1996
Northern All State Halfback
MSU Star, Avg. 7 yds per carry
CFL All Pro, Rookie of the Year



Harvey Ethier 1996
Special Service Award for
Dedication to Parochial Athletics
Coached all sports at St. Mary's

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Bill Blamer 1996
Coached at Flint Tech, had .722
Winning Average. Flint J.C.
Coach 5 Conference titles



Don Jarrard 1996
Coached at Flint J.C. Outstanding
local player. Capt. MSU Golf Team.
Dir F.J.G.A



Carl Cmejrek 1996
Southwestern 9 Letters 3 Sports
U of M All Big Ten Baseball,
on Rose Bowl Football Team



Hank Minarik 1997
Central All State Football 1945
MSU All American NFL-Steelers



Joe Ponsetto 1997
Central Capt. Football, All Sag. Valley
U of M-First Freshman to start at QB
All Big Ten Capt



Clete LaSalle 1997
St. Michael H.S. 11 Letters
All City Football, Pitched for Flint
Eagles & Blue Devils



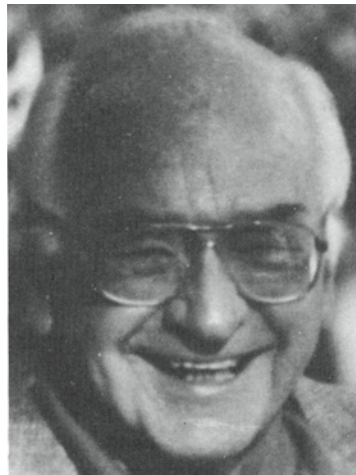
Lamar Gant 1997
Northwestern H.S., at age 18 won
first World Powerlift Championship
followed by 14 championships



Bernie Compton 1997
St. Mary H.S. Led Team to State Basket-
ball Title ,WMU Capt. Basketball and
Baseball Teams



Fred Turner 1997
State Amateur Golf Champ,
Won 8 Major City Tournaments
Exceptional career over 20 yrs



M.B. Cossman 1997
Special Service Award
for promotion of Flint Sports Past
Sports Ed. Flint Journal



Dr. Gerald Piesko 1998
Special Service Award
Medical Assistance to Schools
and Pro Hockey Teams.



Audrey Smith 1998
Special Service Award
Service to Flint Jr. Golf Assoc. and
Olympian/Canusa Golf.



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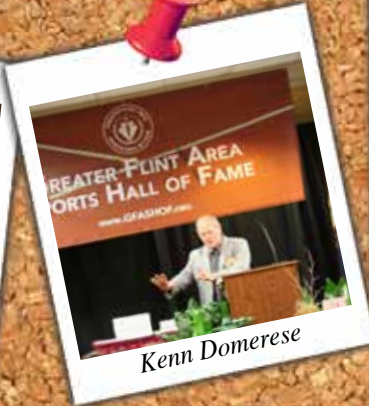
*A Look
Back*



Pat Troesken, LeeAnn Parish,
Karen Root, Sally Burek



Bill Troesken with inductee
Darin Dreasky



Kenn Domerese



2018 President Mike Vance



Class of 2018 inductees and their representatives



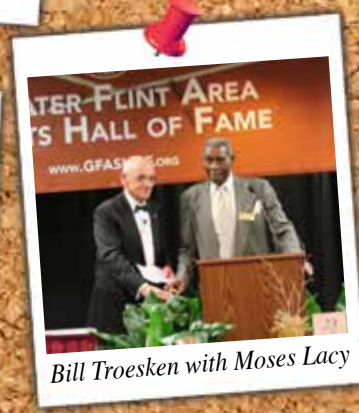
Lisa Negri-Davis



Earl Jordan



The 1991 Burton Bendle Girls State
Championship Team being inducted



Bill Troesken with Moses Lacy



Renee Turner-Bailey



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Bill Basilius, Cathy North, Ron Myers, Kathy McGee, Bob Root



Chuck Abraham, Judge Duncan Beagle, Tim Bograkos



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Bob Root Steve Tunnicliff



Powers Golf Team: Mae Moose, Olivia Kenrick, Maggie Knight, Jolie Brochu, Olivia Canaday, Brianana Ales, Lily Issac, Alexandra Sexton, Devin Davidson, Jim Snow – Coach

PARTICIPANTS

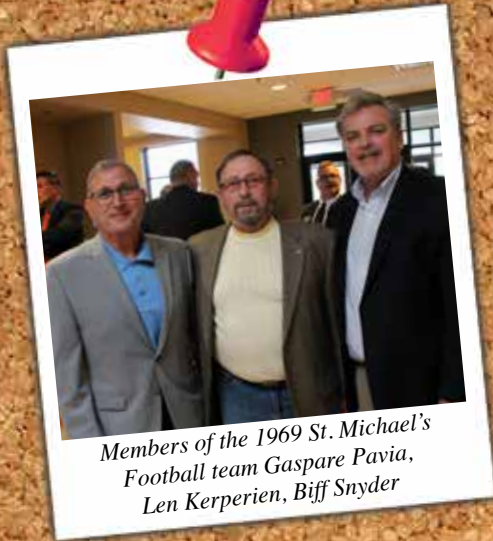


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Members of the 1969 St. Michael's
Football team Gaspare Pavia,
Len Kerperien, Biff Snyder



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Emeritus recipient Bob Burek and Dan Cady



James Blakley Jr. and Sr.

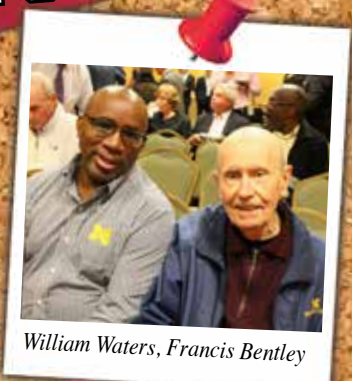


Sally Burek and Pat Troesken

PRESS PARTY 2019 PARTICIPANTS



Bill Haley, Tom Healey, Bill Troesken



William Waters, Francis Bentley



Geena Gall-Levoe



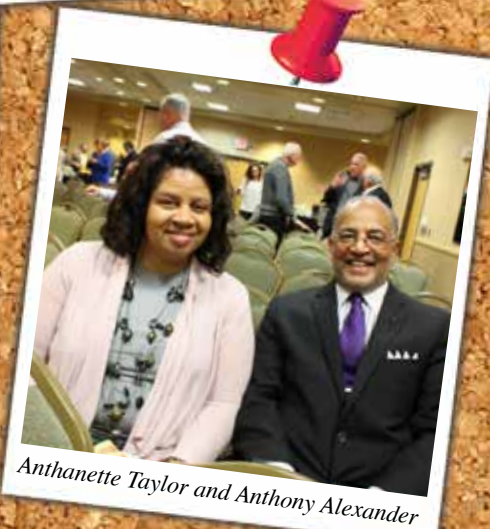
Members of the 1995 Lake Fenton Softball team: Kari [Atkinson] Hays, Rachel Sharpe, Nicole [Hind] Prieur, Nicky [Haggerty] Heslip, Amy [Lukowski] Blair, Jerry Cowan



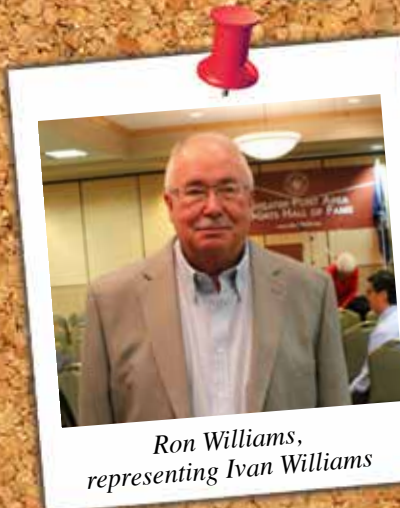
Bill Parish and Jennifer Colombo-Sesti



Ray Collard, James Blakley Sr., Bill Basilius, Jim Vukovich, James Blakley Jr.



Anthanette Taylor and Anthony Alexander



Ron Williams, representing Ivan Williams



Ed "Shorty" Pearce 1998
Northern Two-Way Star-led Sag. Valley Conference in scoring-1935 MSU Played in Orange Bowl



Edward Novak (Nowaczyk) '98
St. Mary. Led Team to State Basketball Title. Played in Minors Tigers & Giants organizations.



Harold Kaczynski 1998
Central All Sag. Valley 1939 C.M.U Hall of Fame Football, First Vice President State Coaches Assn.



Joe Byrd 1998
State Golden Gloves Champion, U.S. Olympic Boxing Coach, Coached many local Champions



Ray Collard 1998
Northern Baseball & Basketball Star Amer. Legion MVP 1951 Most Improved Player-MSU



Eugene Marve 1998
Northern All Sag Valley Conf. All American Sag. Valley State Univ. NFL Played 11 years



Dick Leach 1999
Central All City, All Valley QB, U of M Catcher NCAA Champion, Exec. Director Sag. Valley



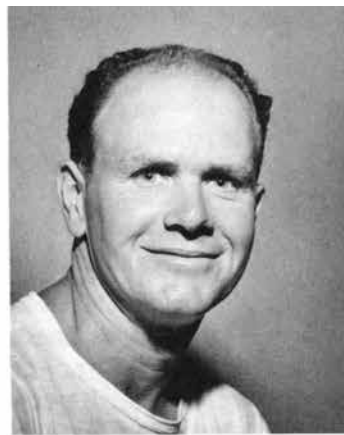
Paul Staroba 1999
St. Matthews H.S. 3 Sports All State, U of M-Led Big Ten in Punting NFL-Cleveland Browns



Ricky Patton 1999
Southwestern-All State Halfback Jackson State-All American NFL Super Bowl 49ers-1981



Dar Christiansen 1999
Southwestern Outstanding Coach 21-0-City Football Record State Champ 1976



Varnard Gay 1999
Only Coach to win Track State Titles in three enrollment classes. Anchored four Relay Teams at W.M.U.



Deanne Moore 1999
Fenton H.S. All State Basketball Softball MSU Hall of Fame, Athlete of Decade for Softball

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and
June and Jerry Gall and Family*





Joe Dowdy 1999
Basketball Coach at Central for
15 Yrs. Won Five City Titles,
Fourth in City Career Victories



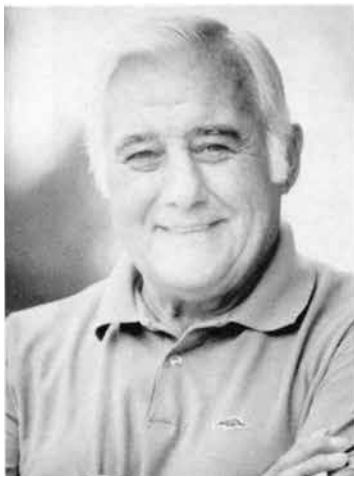
Leo Donoghue 1999
Special Service Award as
Promoter of Pro Wrestling, Won
State Welterweight Championship



John Lindholm 2000
GAM Player of the Year, State
Amateur Golf Champion, 6
Time Genesee All Star Classic



Reggie Barnett 2000
Central H.S. All American Notre
Dame Academic All American
MVP 1974 Orange Bowl



Pete Fornari 2000
City League Batting King,
MSU-6 Letters, coached 3
sports Mandeville Ainsworth



Jim Morrissey 2000
Powers Catholic Football Standout
MSU All Big Ten, MVP Senior Yr.
NFL Chicago Bears-won Super Bowl



Tom Alward 2000
Bendle H.S.-12 Letters, All State
Nebraska-won Nat'l Football Title,
played in NFL Tampa Bay



Tom Cole 2000
St. Michael H.S. 3 Sports
W.M.U Hall of Fame Baseball,
Flint Baseball Comm. 33 years



Willie Moore 2000
Starred on area's best Softball
Teams, City Bowling Champion,
Premier Umpire



Frank Gallagher 2000
Special Service Award for
bringing Pro Hockey to
Flint, Charter Member IHL



Bobby Reed 2001
Southwestern Two Sport Stand-
out Pitcher & Quarterback
U of M All Big Ten Pitcher



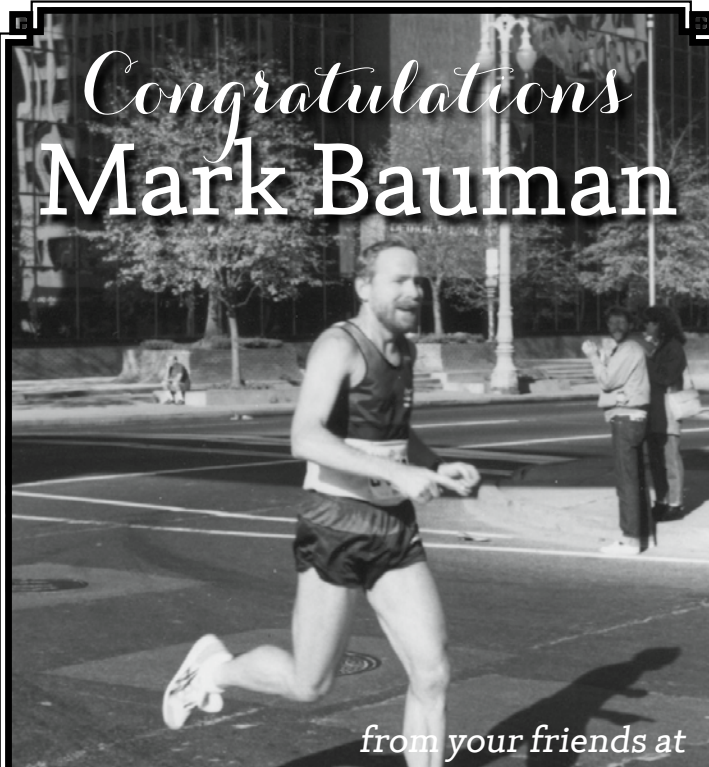
Ray Steffen 2001
Flint Central 3 Sport Star
MSU 3 Year Basketball MVP,
32 years Coach Kalamazoo

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Keep Running
Happy

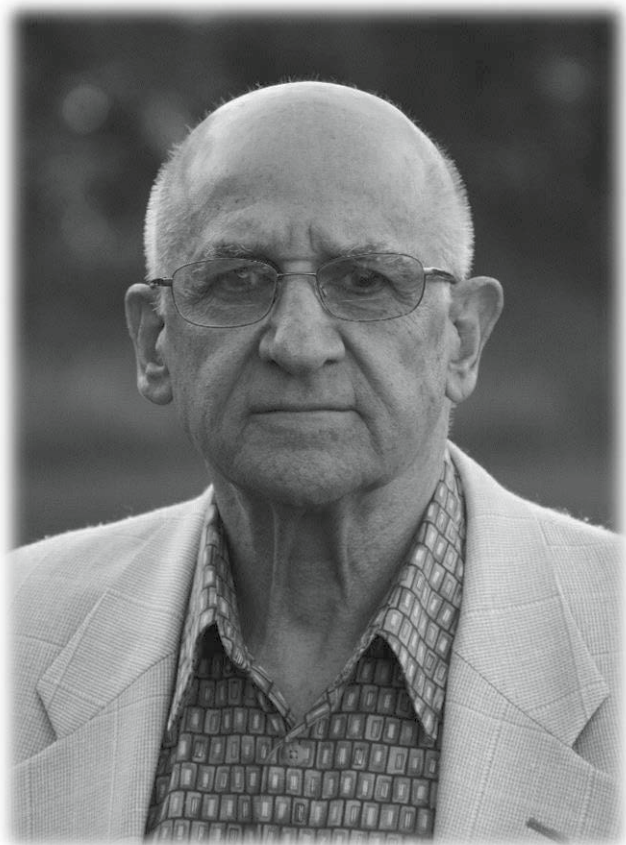


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Leroy Decker 2001

Fenton H.S. A.D
Won 518 Games Coaching
Boys & Girls Basketball



Don Reid 2001

St. Marys 3 Sports Star All State
Class D-3 Sports, Notre Dame
Football



"Bud" Brotebeck 2001

Central Basketball & Baseball
W.M.U. 3 Letters, Played
in College World Series



Jay Springsteen 2001

Won Three Grand National
Motorcycle Racing Crowns, Total
40 Victories



Jack Baldwin 2001

W.M.U Led Team to College World
Series, Coached at Mandeville &
Ainsworth 28 Yrs.,
State Hall of Fame



Ed "Blackie" Abraham 2001

Coached at Sacred Heart H.S. Guided
Youngsters Year-Round and as Sum-
mer Baseball Supervisor



Len Hoyes 2001

Special Service Award for
Lengthy Service to Area Sports.
Past Journal Sports Ed.



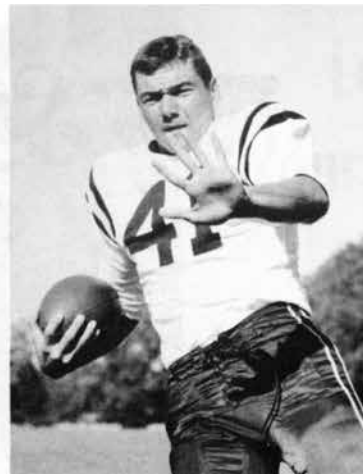
Jim Vukovich 2002

Northern & U of M Baseball
Bentley H.S. Baseball Coach
State Champs Won 575
Games in 39 Yrs.



Steve Urick 2002

Northern 8 Letters, U of M
Baseball Minor League
Baseball, Talented Golfer



Bruce McLenna 2002

Fenton H.S. Football
MVP Hillsdale Played with Three
Teams in NFL



Kathy McGee 2002

Coached Powers Catholic Girls
Basketball to 4 State Titles, 13
Straight Big 9 Crowns

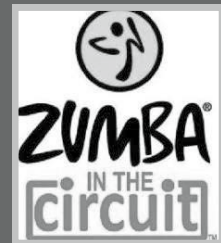
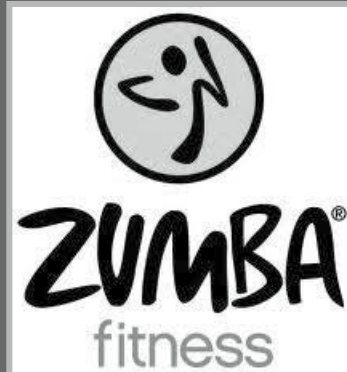


Carl Banks 2002

Beecher H.S. Football
MSU All Big Ten, 2 Pro Bowls
SuperBowl with Giants

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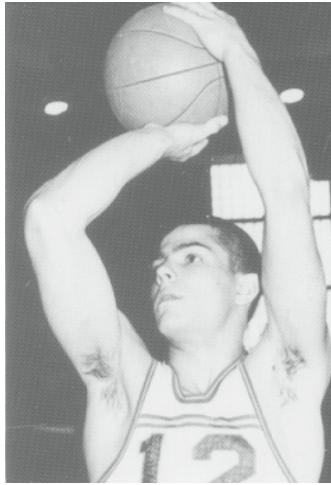


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Ernie Myers 2002
Northern & U of M Baseball
Mott Coach Won 359 Games
Coached Dutch Nat'l Team



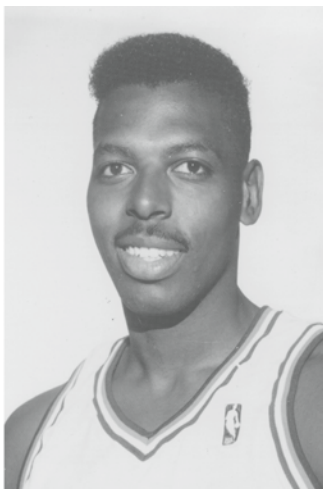
John Sperla 2002
St. Matthew & W.M.U. Star
Area Single Season Scoring
Record 2 State Class D Titles



Bob Bernstein 2002
Special Service Award
for Contributions to Golf.
Past Dir. of F.J.G.A.



Jack Daniels 2003
St. Matthews-All State Basketball, All
City Football. Flint J.C.-Basketball,
C.M.U.- Parochial School Coach



Jeff Grayer 2003
Northwestern-Basketball State Champs,
Iowa State, Member 1988 Olympic
Team, Played NBA



Frank Thomas 2003
Played Football at Northern
& MSU, Coach & Athletic Dir
at Grand Blanc for 35 years.



Francis Bentley 2003
Northern Wrestling Coach & A.D.,
National Wrestling Hall of Fame,
CANUSA Coordinator



Mary Klein 2003
Kearsley H.S.-4 Sports, Bowled
First 700 Series in Area,
8-Time All Star Team



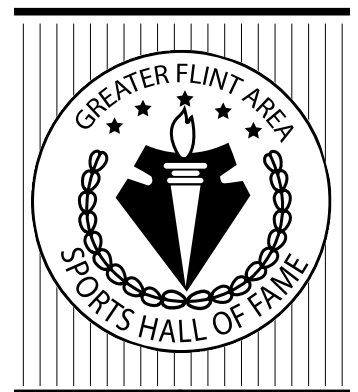
Lloyd Coon 2003
Won 7-Nat'l Powerlift Titles,
Coached Swartz Creek Girls
Powerlift Teams-8-Nat'l Titles.



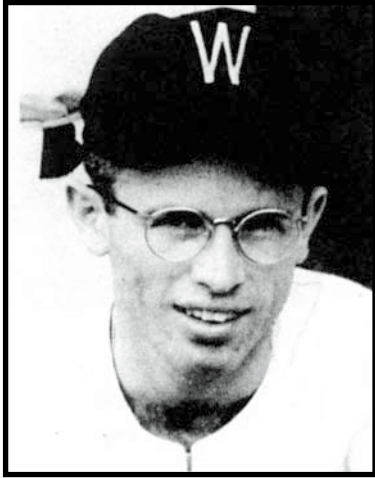
George Hoey 2003
Central-Football-All State, Track,
U of M-Def. Back
NFL Played with four teams



Joe Wargo 2003
Special Service Award
Leader in Programs & Athletic
Facilities, Co Founder of
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Leonard Plude 2004

St. Matthew H.S. Football, Basketball, Baseball Star, Renowned Local State, U.S. Navy Heavy Wt. Boxer, Boxing Judge For 40 Yrs.



Eli Copeland 2004

Central H.S. Mich. Softball Assoc. Hall Fame, Star Fast Pitch Softball - M&S Orange, Joe Louis Punchers Teams



Erwin Ketzler 2004

Flint Central H.S., Many Nat'l, Mich. & Local Field Archery Championships.



Ben Roof 2004

Spec. Service Award For Volunteer Work with GFASHF Outstanding Bowler, Scholarship Founder For H.S. Athletes



Wayman Britt 2004

Northern H.S. All-State Basketball, State Champs, U of M Def. Player of Year, NBA - Detroit Pistons



Jim Abbott 2004

Central H.S. Football, Baseball Star, U of M Pitcher, Olympic Gold Medal, Yankees No - Hitter, Mich. Sports Hall of Fame



Lonnie Young 2004

Beecher H.S. All-State Football, Track, MSU, - 1984 Cherry Bowl, NFL St. Louis, Super Bowl - San Diego



Greg Reynolds 2004

U.S Sr. Amateur Golf Champ. 3 City Amateur Championships, 7 Genesee All-star Classics



Linnell McKenney 2005

Northwestern H.S. Basketball Star Ky. State, Saginaw Valley. Pro-Ball in Europe, St. Louis Streaks-WBL



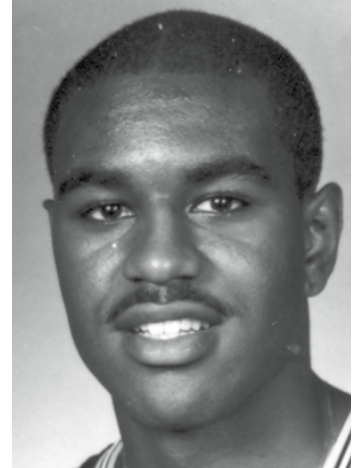
Wayne Van Slyke 2005

Flint Central H.S., Premier Pitcher IMA Park 8-No Hitters-1 perfect game



Marco Marcet 2005

Flint Tech H.S.-Basketball-One-handed shooter. A.D. & Coach at Frankenmuth H.S. 38 Years Rec'd Forsythe Award-MHSAA



Roy Marble 2005

Beecher H.S. Basketball-1985 All State-State Champs, Univ of Iowa scoring title, NBA-Atlanta, Houston, Detroit, Denver



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Bill Doolittle 2005

Football Coach-Flint Central & Owosso. 1958 Central Team-8-0-1-State Champs. Head Coach Western Mich. Univ.



Jerry Hosner 2005

Flint Northern-Water Skiing 17 Nat'l Titles, 32 State Titles Mich. Water Skiing Hall of Fame-1992



Norm Bryant 2005

Special Service Award Flint Northern Track & Football Standout. Founder of Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame. Atwood Stadium Authority V.P.



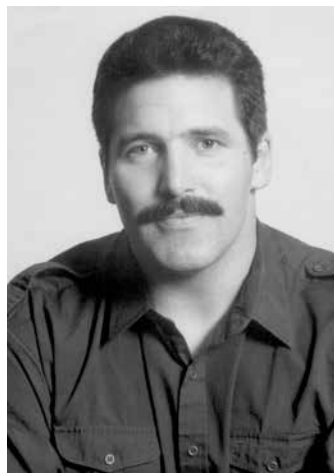
Jack Doering 2006

Special Service Award for being a pioneer with auto racing; Super promoter. Owner of Dixie Motor & Auto City Speedways



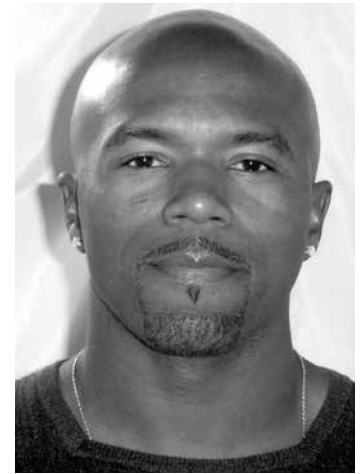
Dick Daly 2006

Special Service Award for leadership in Physical Ed., Rec. & Athletic programs & Flint Olympian & CANUSA Games



Dan Severn 2006

Montrose H.S. Wrestler State Champion. Ariz. State two-time All American, Nat'l AAU Champ 13 times, Pro-Wrestler



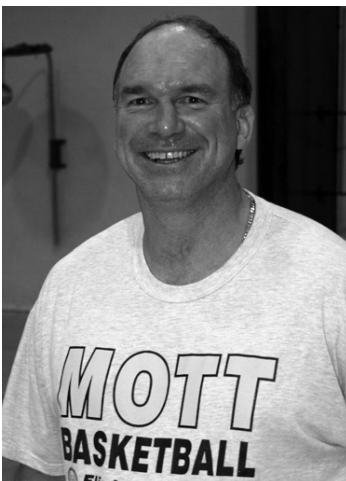
Courtney Hawkins 2006

Beecher H.S. All-State F.B., Basketball and Track. MSU F.B. All Big Ten, NFL Tampa Bay & Pitt. Beecher H.S. Ath. Dir.



Bill Brandt 2006

Super City Softball Pitcher-1956-1965. In 1959, 3 no-hitters & a perfect game, League's MVP. Played for Buick, Davis Supply, Sport Shop



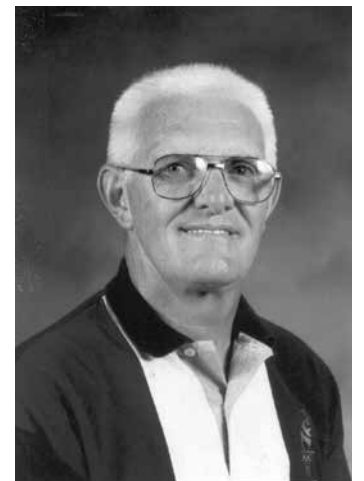
Steve Schmidt 2006

Mott Comm. Coll. Basketball Coach since 1991, eight Conf. Titles, five State & four Reg. Champs, 2003 Nat'l Champs, Nat'l Coach of the Year



Daryl Turner 2006

Southwestern H.S. Football All-State, MSU Football. NFL 2nd Round Draft, Seattle Seahawks Receiver



Marty Crane 2006

Kearsley H.S. and WMU Track Star, Beecher H.S. Track Coach-10 State Champs. Flint Olympian & CANUSA Games Track Coordinator

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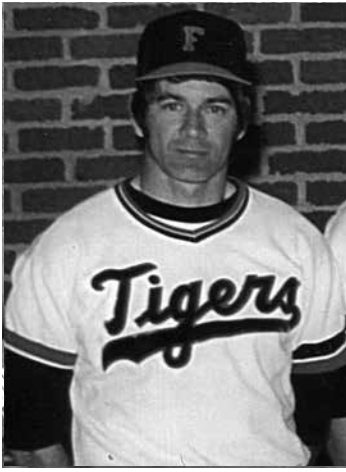
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Bill Hajek – 2007

Fenton H.S. Star in Football, Baseball & Track. Same at Flint JC, Grand Rapids JC, Ball State. Baseball & Golf Coach-Fenton H.S. CBL Pitcher-Bishop Const. 1975 Nat'l Champs.



Bob Chipman – 2007

Northwestern H.S. Star Player-Basketball. Mott CC-MVP & Athlete of Year. Played at Kansas State. Coach-Washburn Univ. 28 Yrs.-12 Titles



MaliVai Washington – 2007

Carman Ainsworth H.S., Univ. of Mich. Tennis All American 1988-1989 Wimbledon Finalist 1975 Accomplished ATP Member-Player



Frank Smorch – 2007

Baseball Umpire-Genesee County "Mr. Umpire". Umped Pro Leagues, High School & Top Rec. Leagues for 28 Years



Todd Lyght – 2007

Powers Catholic H.S.-Football All State. Notre Dame All American, NFL-St. Louis, Super Bowl Champ-Pro Bowl Twice.



Judge Tom Yeotis – 2007

Special Service Award for leadership in Multi-community Athletic & Rec. Events. Involved in many worthwhile organizations.



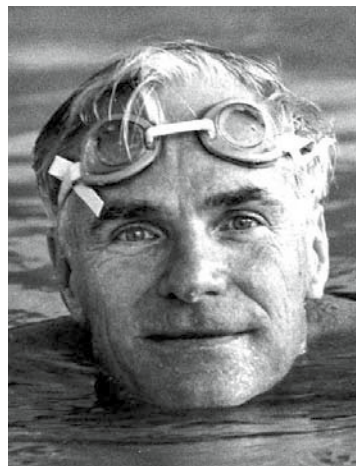
Mike Czarnecki – 2007

Flint St. Matthew H.S., Flint Central H.S. Tennis-State Finalist. Flint City Open Champ-age 13. Played for Univ. of Cincinnati & Wake Forest.



Vince Harrison - 2008

Fenton H.S. - 11 Varsity Letters All Conf.-4 Sports, Univ. of Detroit -- Baseball, Outstanding Rec. Leagues Flint & Detroit - Baseball & Basketball



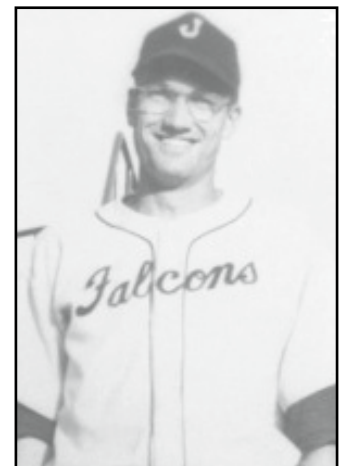
Wally Dobler - 2008

Flint Central H.S. - Swimmer, Central H.S. Swim Coach World Record Ages 60-64 MSU Swim Team-Master Competitor -



Letitia Hughley - 2008

Flint Northern H.S. 3-Basketball, 3 Track State Champs, Univ. of Wash. - All Star, Pro-Sweden and Australia Northern H.S. and Mott C.C. Coach



Don Morrow - 2008

Flint Central H.S. Baseball & Basketball, MSU, Long Minor League Career, Standout City A-Baseball, AA Basketball, Promoted Hockey.



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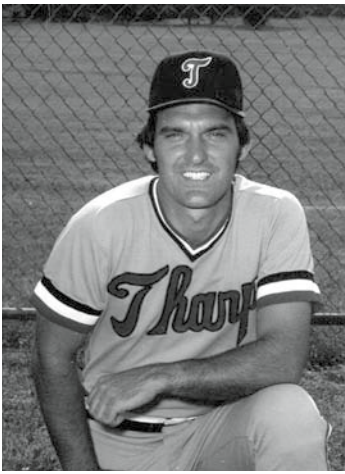


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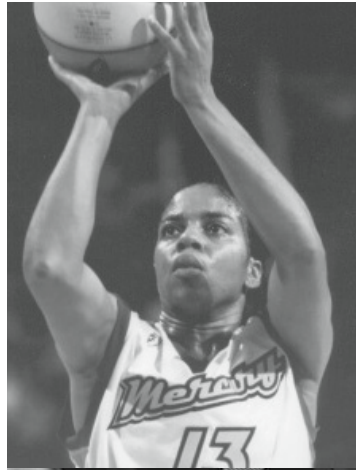
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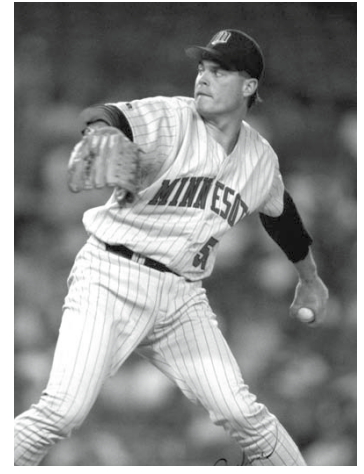
Roger Foutch - 2008
Bendle H.S. Star-All Sports.
Varsity H.S. Coach, CBL Mgr. 32 yrs.,
Stan Musial World Series Champs-
2001 and 2005.



Tonya Edwards - 2008
Northwestern H.S. All State-2 State Champs,
Coached NW State Champs, Univ. Tenn.-
2 Nat'l Champs, MVP Player WNBA,
Coaches Alcorn State Univ.



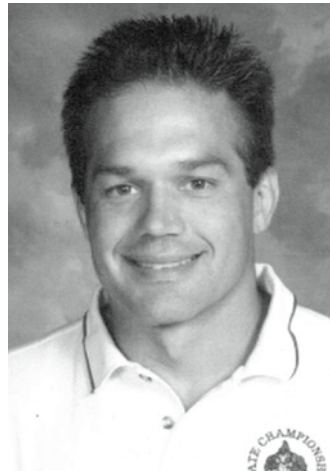
Paul Snitko - 2008
Special Service Award
Flint Northern H.S. Athlete,
Leading Sponsor of Flint area teams,
Supported various parks& charities.



Scott Aldred - 2009
Montrose H.S. All-State Pitcher &
Quarterback, Signed with Tigers
Played 15 yrs. Pro Ball.
Yankees Pitching Coach.



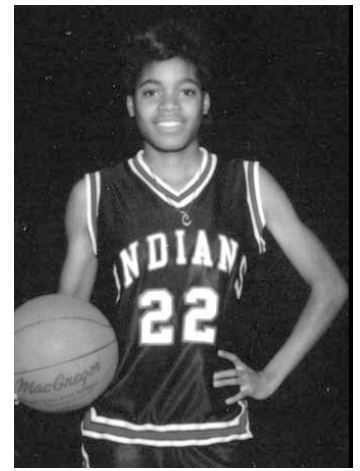
John Biedenbach - 2009
St. Matthews - 3 Sport Star
MSU Baseball, All-American - Pro-Ball
Trenton H.S. Softball Coach - Over 800
Wins. Inducted MHSSCA - 1997.



Roy Hall - 2009
Davison H.S. 2-Time All-State Wrestler
Capt. MSU. NCAA Placer. Head Coach
State Champs 5 yrs. in row, 2005 Nat'l
Wrestling Coach of the Year.



Kelly Hebler Baudat - 2009
Swartz Creek H.S. Basketball
All-State. EMU All-MAC - Hall of Fame
Pro-Ball in Ireland.



Coquese Washington - 2009
Central H.S. Basketball All-State
Notre Dame 4-Yr. Starter - All MCC
1st. President WNBA Players Assoc.



Don Batchelor - 2009
Grand Blanc 32 Yr. Career - Coach & A.D.
Ohio N.V. & Grove City, Pa College F.B. & Baseball
Pro-F.B. Canton Bulldogs & Toledo Maroons - 1923
Inducted Mich. H.S. Coaches Hall of Fame.



Ed Phelps - 2009
Special Service Award
Sports Director at WJRT-ABC-12
Announced Local Sports, CMU, Hockey,
Buick Open for 32 Yrs. - 5 M.A.P. Awards.

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– Mike Krzyzewski



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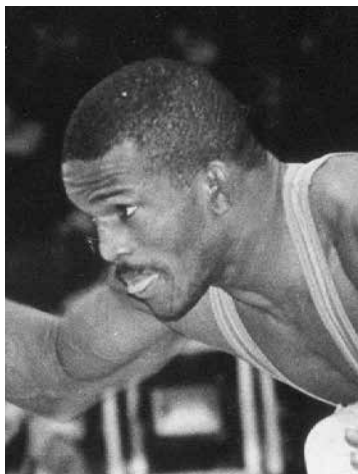
Larry and Norma Hackett Family

*Mark
Matt*

*Joan
Ben*

*Gail
Wes*

*Ryan
Caitlin*



John Fisher – 2010

Flint Northern - Wrestler - State Champ
U of M - 4 Time All American
World Cup Champ - 1997



Scott Parker – 2010

Flat Track Motorcycle Marvel
Record 9 AMA Titles - 94 Grand
National Victories - 22 Year Career



Margarita Calvo – 2010

Flint Central Softball Coach - 30 yrs.
26 City Champs Inducted Into Mich.
H.S. Softball Coaches Hall of Fame
Won 104 Straight City Series



Keith Young – 2010

Flint Northern - 2 Times State Champ
Cross Country & 880 yds. U of Tenn.
All American in 1500 Meters



Nick Pappadakis – 2010

Flint Central - 3 Sports - Basketball Whiz.
All State, Flint J.C. Standout - 2 yrs.
E.M.U. - Captain, Among Nations Top 10
Free Throw Shooters



Eric Turner – 2010

PPK Nat'l Champ - 9 yrs. old.
Flint Central Basketball - State Champs 1981
All American Status. U of M - 3 yrs. Starter,
Captain. Pro Ball



Julius Serges – 2010

Special Service Award
Coach, Sponsor, Entrepreneur
Julie's Pawn Shop, AA Basketball - 1972
Nat'l Champs, Bowling, Softball, Fast Pitch



Jack Goggins – 2011

Philanthropist, supporter of Powers
Catholic H.S., Flint area schools,
teams & individuals. Star athlete at St.
Michael H.S. & WSU. "Be Ready!"



Andre Rison - 2011

Northwestern H.S. Football,
Basketball All State MSU-Rose
Bowl 1988, Pro-Bowl MVP 1984,
12 year NFL career



Fred Rademacher - 2011

Coached football at Holy Redeemer
and Powers Catholic, overall Flint
area record 104-30-1, 4 Parochial
League, 2 Big Nine Titles



Stacy Thomas - 2011

Southwestern 2-Time Basketball All
State, 3-Time High Jump Champion,
U of M Basketball,
6 years with WNBA

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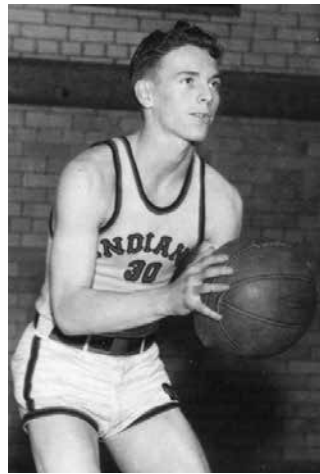
Dave Lazar - 2011

Fenton H.S. Softball Coach 28 years,
3 Straight Class B State Champs,
Coached various Football levels
for 28 years



Cheryl Histed - 2011

Kearsley H.S. All-State Basketball,
Volleyball, Softball, played
Volleyball at MSU, MVP 1983



Fred Briggs - 2011

Flint Central H.S. Basketball 1930s,
organized 1st Michigan Open
Basketball Tourney 1947, one of the
best Sports Officials for 64 years



Bob Stallcup - 2012

Grand Blanc H.S. Cross Country,
Track Coach, Won State Cross
Country Titles in 1977, 1979,
National Coach of Year 1984



Lamarr Edwards - 2012

City AA Basketball, Helped Mott
CC to 1980 Conf. Title, 1983
GLIAC Scoring Champ at SVSU,
Bowled 51 300 games



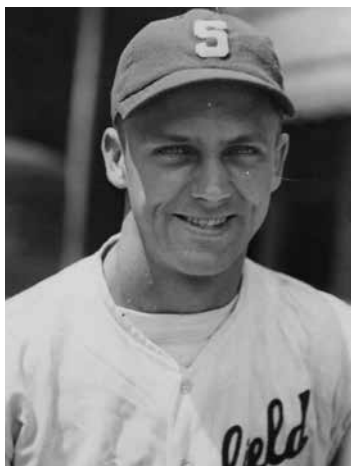
Bill Frieder - 2012

Flint Northern Basketball Coach,
1971, 1972 Class A Champs,
U of M 1980-89, Big Ten Champs
1985, 1986, NIT Title 1984



Jim Massar - 2012

Officiated H.S. Basketball 43 Years,
Football 27 Years,
BCAM Hall of Fame 1994,
MHSAA Vern L. Norris Award 1995



Lee Johnson - 2012

Flint Northern Multi-Sport Athlete,
Drafted by Boston Red Sox,
Player/Manager in St. Louis
Cardinals Organization



Jack Seltzer - 2012

Flint Southwestern Golf,
1967 State Champs, Mott CC 1971,
1972 State Junior College Champs,
PGA Professional



Bernie Borden - 2012

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– Yogi Berra



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Terence Greene - 2013

Two-time All-American in football and basketball at Flint Central. Helped DePaul to four NCAA basketball tournaments and two Sweet 16s. Captained 1989 team.



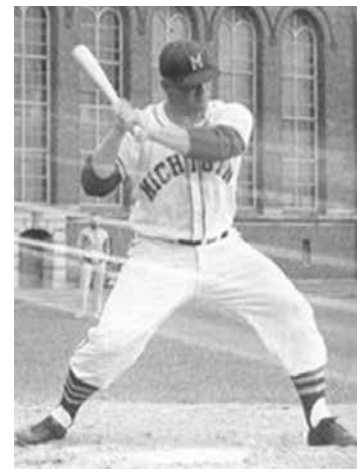
Pete Hanson - 2013

Northwestern grad, helped Kellogg CC to two national men's volleyball titles. Captain and MVP at Ball State. Started coaching Ohio State in 1985, winning 2011 NCAA title.



Bobby Reynolds - 2013

Powers Catholic hockey standout. Won NCAA title with Michigan State in 1986. Led NCAA in goals 1988 and scoring 1989. Three-time IHL scoring leader with Flint Generals.



Al Sigman - 2013

Coached multiple sports at Northern, Carman-Ainsworth and Grand Blanc. Two-year starter for UM football team. Played baseball for UM as well.



Jim Fowler - 2013

The driving force behind Flint tennis from 1960s to 1980s. Michigan Tennis Coaches Hall 1988. Northern AD who hired basketball coaches Bill Frieder, Bill Troesken and Bob Root.



Larry Hackett - 2013

Basketball and baseball star at St. Matthew and Flint Junior College. Scored 55 points in FJC game and 67 in Flint City League game.



Mateen Cleaves - 2013

Won 1995 state basketball title at Northern. Heart and soul of Michigan State's 2000 NCAA champions. Played six seasons in NBA with Pistons, Kings, Cavs and Sonics.

"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."
- Jerry Rice



Jeff Hamilton - 2014

All-State baseball and football player at Carman H.S. Third baseman on L.A. Dodgers' 1988 World Champion team.



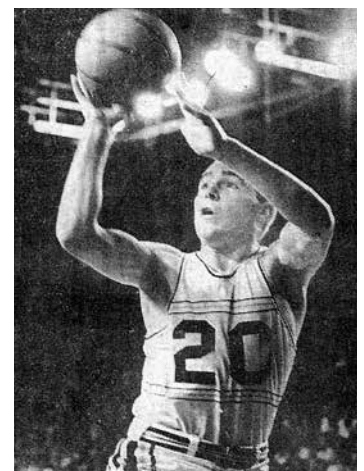
Steve Smith - 2014

All-American quarterback at Grand Blanc. Set career passing records at UM from 1981-83.



Lorrie Thornton - 2014

State long jump champion at Flint Central. Set track and field records at UM from 1979-83.



Keith Richardson - 2014

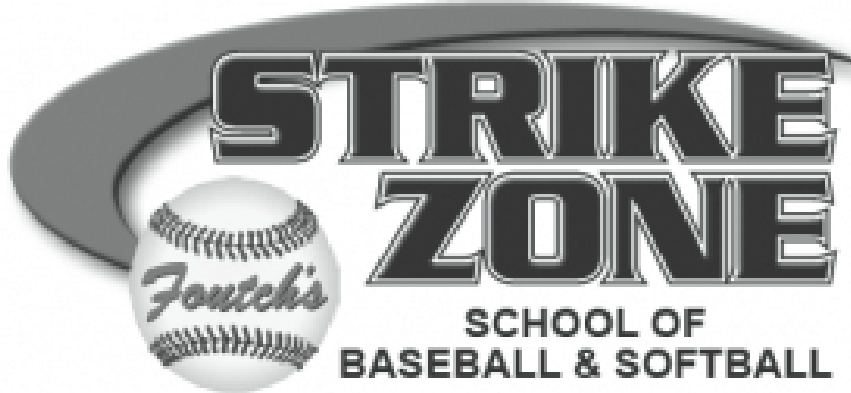
Three-sport athlete at Flint Central. Earned 12 varsity letters in basketball and track at Central Michigan.

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Bob Perani - 2014
Hockey goalie for Flint Generals who later bought the team. Founded Perani's Hockey World equipment store.



Brian Carpenter - 2014
Southwestern football and track star. Played football at UM and won Super Bowl with Washington Redskins.



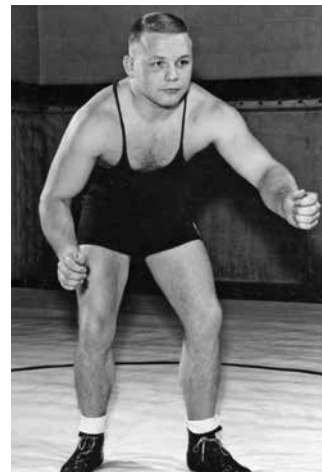
Morton "Bud" Stebbins - 2014
Special Service Award
Regarded as the Father of Slowpitch Softball in the Flint area.



Andre Weathers - 2015
All-State receiver and defensive back at Flint Central. Brilliant cornerback at UofM. Member of 1979 Rose Bowl and National Champions.



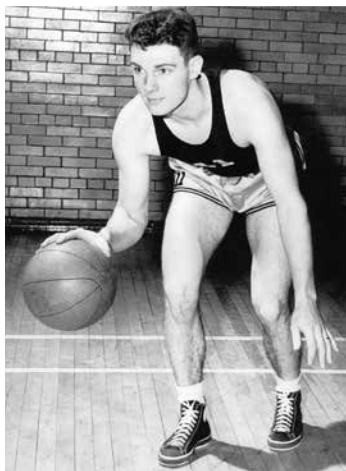
Mary Down - 2015
Atherton H.S. volleyball coach of 1993 Class C State Champions. Outstanding volleyball instructor respectfully regarded as the "Mother of Volleyball" in the greater Flint area.



Duane Wohlfert - 2015
Coached Fenton H.S. wrestling teams to state championships in 1972, 1973, and 1990. Inducted to Michigan Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1992.



Stephen Braun - 2015
Distinguished Service Award recipient. Helped Southwestern golf teams win state championships in 1962 and 1963. Outstanding leader of youth golf development locally, statewide and nationally.



Lee Middleton - 2015
Distinguished basketball player and coach at Flint Central, Flint Junior College and MSU. National paddleball doubles champion in 1976.



Glen Rice - 2015
Flint Northwestern two-time All-State basketball player. 1985 "Mr. Basketball". 1989 U of M All-American. MVP of National Championship team. Sensational 15 year NBA career.



Jim Fuller - 2015
Highly successful baseball coach at Flint Central, Durand, Midland Bullock Creek and CMU. Mich. H.S. Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame inductee 1990. A.P. Class A Coach of the Year 1975.

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Mali Walton - 2016

Flint Northern All-State. Oakland University
3 time All-American. Led Oakland U. to
two final four appearances. 7 professional
championships in his 11 year pro career.



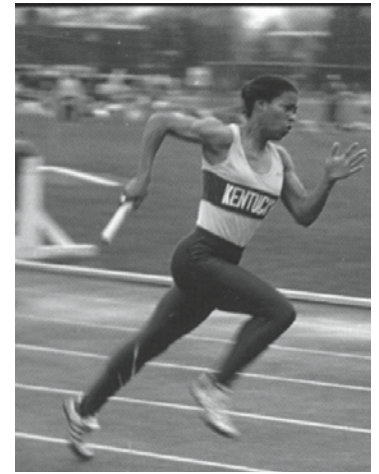
Duane Raffin - 2016

38 year Holly Track and CC coach. 37 Metro League
titles. Developed 4 state championship teams. 3 time
Michigan (MITCA) coach of the year and 2 time
National Coaches Association Coach of the year.



Charlie Bell - 2016

Flint Southwestern all-state. Michigan
State University 1997-2001. 1999 Final
Four. 2000 NCAA Champion. 2001 All-
American. 10 year NBA career.



Tonya (Lowe) Carroll - 2016

Flint Northern 2 time state track champion. 3
time All-American Hurdler at the University
of Kentucky. Former U of K Female Athlete
of the Year and SEC Woman of the Year.



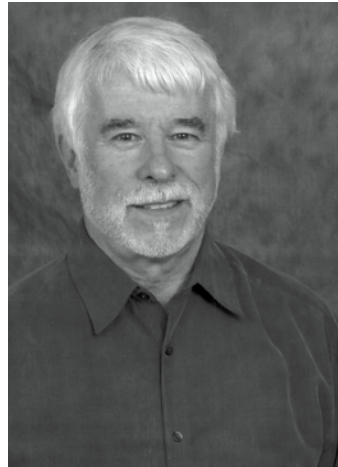
Walt Head - 2016

32 year Head Coach at Saginaw Valley State. Winningest coach
in Division II Baseball History. 3 GLIAC championships. 2 time
GLIAC coach of the year. Coached 1974 Carpets by Jim Smith
team to Connie Mack National Title.



Morris Peterson - 2016

Flint Northwestern, Michigan State University Star.
1999 All Big Ten, Big Ten Player of the Year, All
American, Final Four. 2000 NCAA Champion. 1st round
Draft pick of Toronto Raptors. 11 year NBA career.



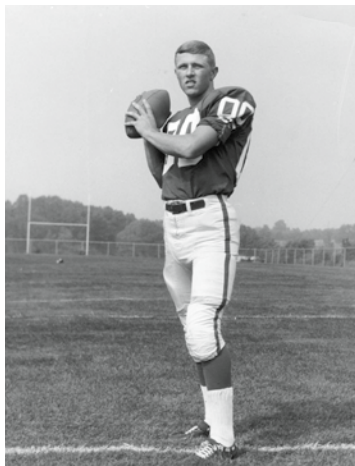
Dr. Jon Schriener, D.O. - 2016

Pioneer in the development of sports medicine treatment programs and
facilities. Founding member of American Society of Sports Medicine.
Founding member of McLaren Sports Medicine Center and its director from
1985-2006. Medical Director of the Crim Festival of Races from 1985-2011.



Bob Stoppert - 2016

1935 Flint Northern Grad: Football and Baseball Star at Albion College.
Legendary football and Baseball coach at Midland High School.
Previously inducted into Michigan Football and Baseball Coaches
Associations H.O.F.'s and Albion colleges' H.O.F.



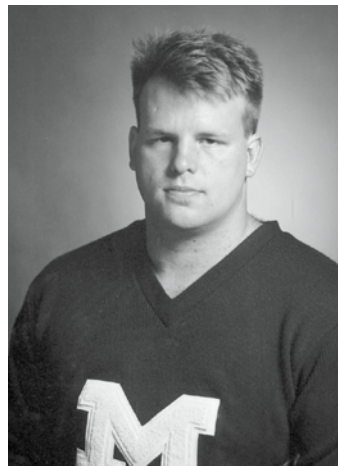
Mike Harding - 2017

3 sport star All Conference athlete at Ainsworth
in football, basketball and baseball. 3 sport star at
Hillsdale College. All NAIA Shortstop, Starting
point guard in basketball and QB in Football.



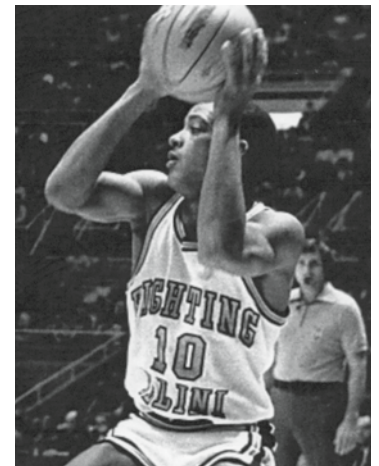
Larry Gall - 2017

Outstanding baseball coach at Carman-Ainsworth for
23 years. 513-177 win-loss record, winning 10 league
championships, 6 district titles, 2 regional titles and one state-
runner up finish. Class A coach of the year in 1979 and 1981.



Jon Runyan - 2017

3-sport star at Carman-Ainsworth High School.
Two time Class A shot put champion. All
Big Ten and All-American Left Tackle at the
University of Michigan. 14 year NFL career.



Craig Tucker - 2017

Captain and Point Guard of 1978 Flint Northern State
Championship Basketball team. All-American while at Coffeyville
Jr. College and still career scoring leader. Inducted into the
National Junior College Basketball Hall of Fame in April 2017.

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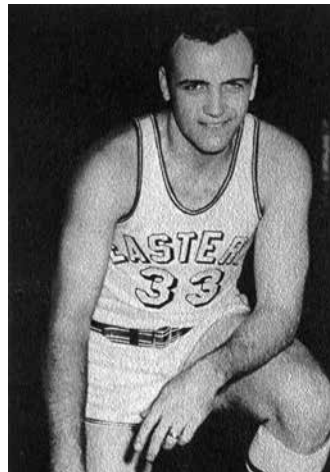
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Mike Austin - 2017

All-Conference, All-State, and Two-Time Mr. Golf in Michigan while a student at Powers High School. All Big Ten 3 years while at Ohio State University and Academic All-American 2 years, while also voted Captain.



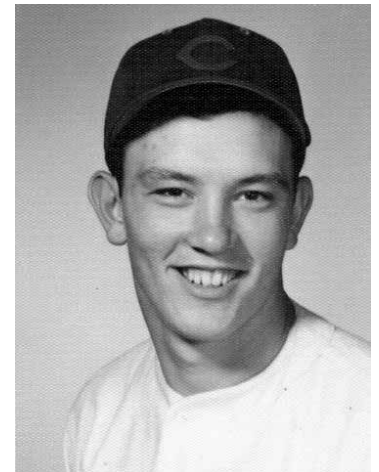
Dr. Frank J. Manley II - 2017

Basketball and Baseball standout while at Flint Northern High School. Two sport star at Eastern Michigan, serving as captain in basketball and led the nation in Home Runs in baseball in 1958.



Bob Holec - 2017

Distinguished Service Award winner for his stalwart efforts on behalf of the Greater Flint Area Baseball/Softball Association. Served as president of the association 5 of his 12 years of service. Summer leagues for both sports would not exist today without his efforts.



Bob Crane - 2017

Veterans' Committee Selection was a Flint Central Standout in Baseball. Kiki Cuyler award winner while leading his team to State of Michigan American Legion Championship. Professional contract with the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League.



Renee Turner-Bailey 2018

Led Flint Central Girls track team to 1977 State Track Championship. Four time letter winner and two time captain on U-M women's track team. Member of Big Ten Championship 880 relay team and record setting sprint medley relay team.



Kenn Domerese - 2018

Flint Carman-Ainsworth track and XCC coach for over 40 years winning four state track championships. Three time Michigan track coach of the year and one time National Federation coach of the year.



Tim Thomas - 2018

Davison High School Hockey star went to University of Vermont where he became a two-time All-American. Silver medalist in 2010 Olympic games as goalie for the US. 4 time NHL all-star and 2011 Stanley Cup winner and Conn Smythe trophy winner as the NHL's MVP!



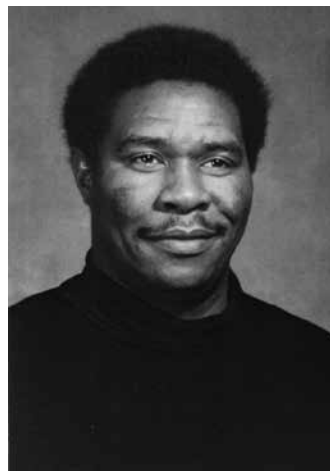
Lisa Negri-Davis - 2018

Flint area's first Miss Basketball Winner, leading the Powers Girls to the 1991 State Title. She went on to OSU and twice led the Buckeyes in blocks and rebounds. Played in the 1993 NCAA Final Four finals vs Texas Tech.



Joel Ragland - 2018

Helped Flint Northern win the 1972 State Basketball Title. A final cut of the 1977 Los Angeles Lakers in 1977, he returned to Flint and led the Sam Ragnone Attorney Teams to three straight AAU National Championships.



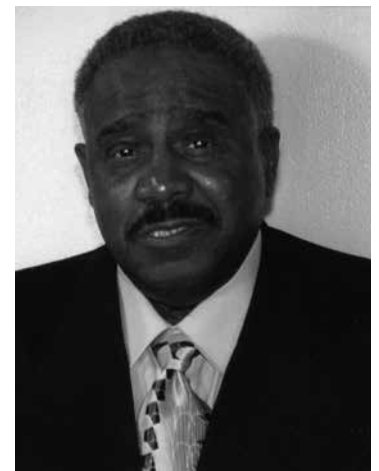
Moses Lacy - 2018

Legendary coach at Flint Beecher, he led the Buccaneers to two state championships. During his 16 year head coaching career, he led the Bucs to 11 Big Nine Titles, 11 District Championships, 10 regional titles and 7 quarterfinal appearances.



Darin Dreasky - 2018

All-State selection in 3 sports while at Carman-Ainsworth, he led the U.S. Junior Nationals Baseball team to the gold medal in 1988. Freshman All-American at CMU in 1989 and first team All MAC in 1990. He was drafted by the Chicago White Sox.



Earl Jordan - 2018

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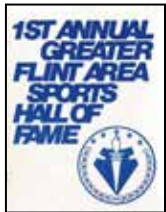


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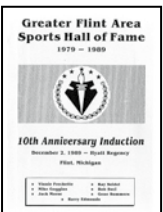
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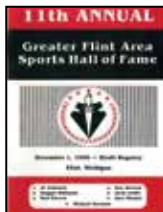
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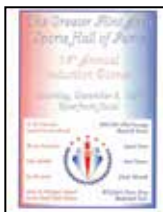
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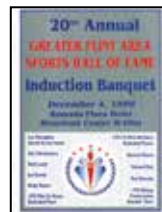
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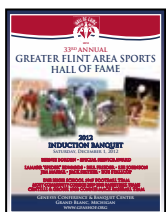
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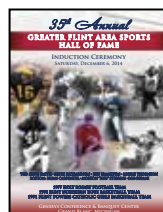
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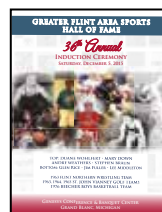
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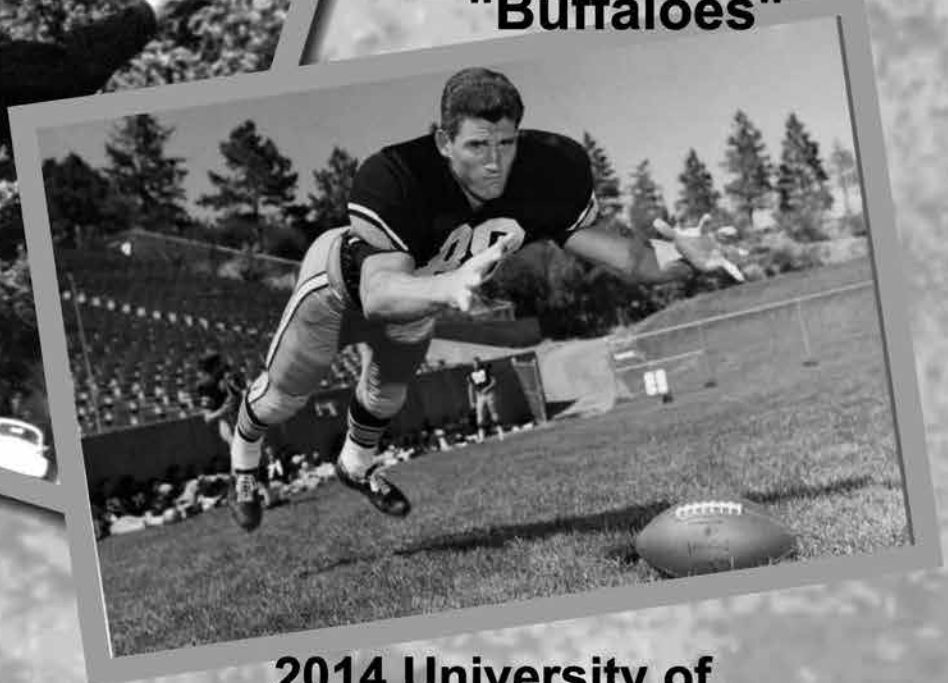
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1964 Beecher "Bucs"

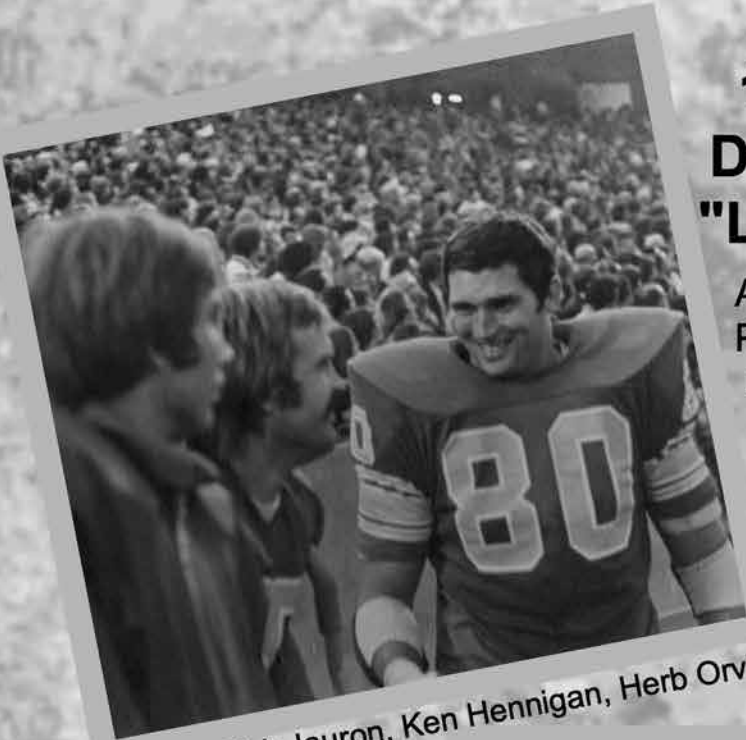
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**1967
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**1973
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(l to r) Dick Jauron, Ken Hennigan, Herb Orvis

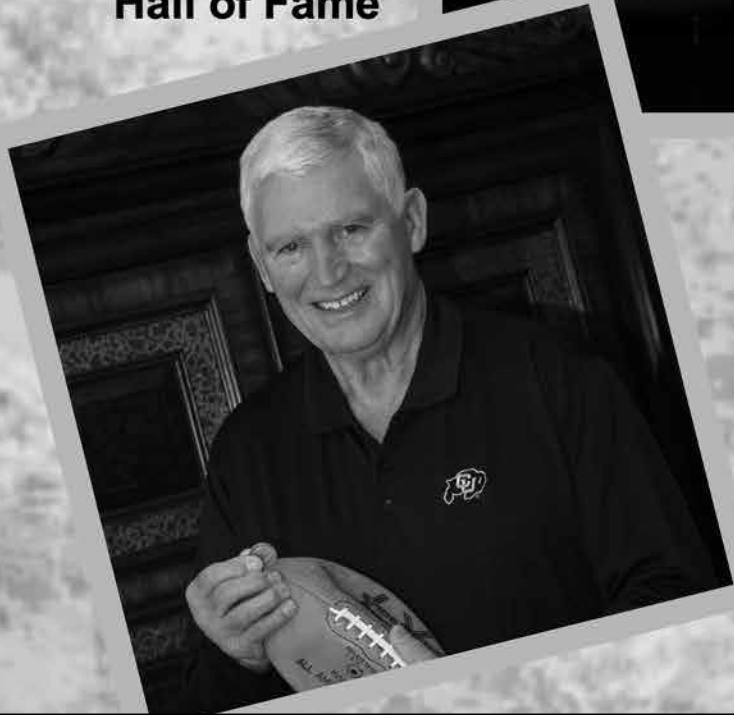


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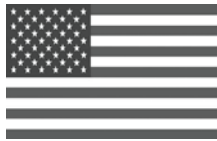
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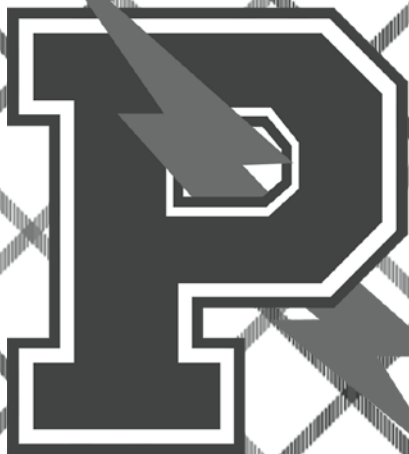
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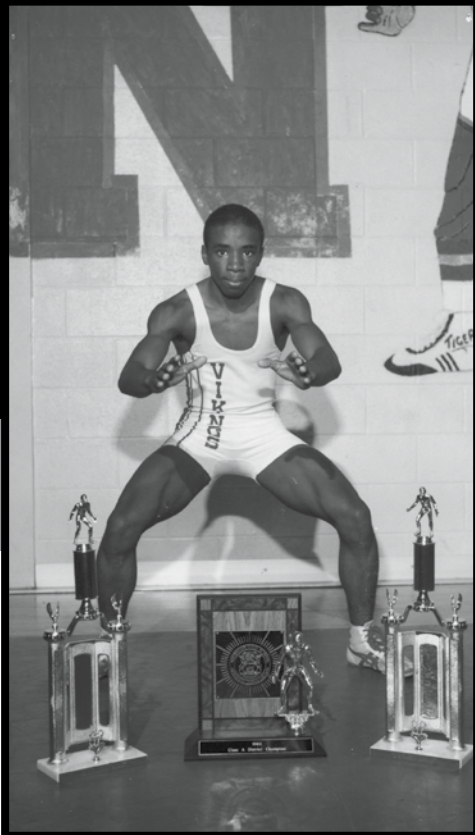


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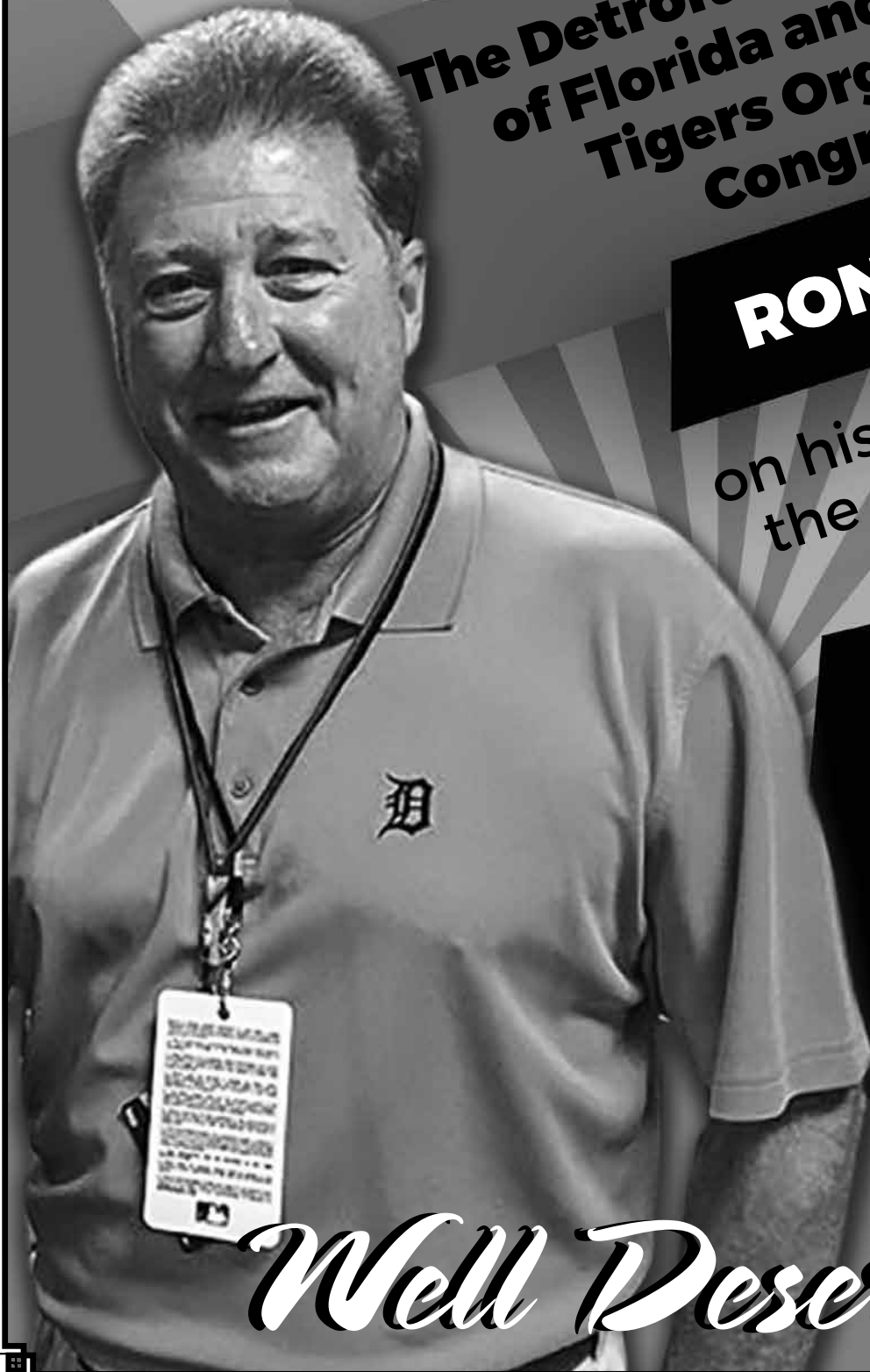


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1996	Flint St. Matthew's Basketball 1967 and 1968 Buick Recreation Baseball 1936	2011	Beecher Boys Track 1976,1977,1978 Flint Powers Baseball 1980 Sam Ragnone Attorney AAU Basketball 1990,1991,1992
1997	Flint MSD Track 1945 and 1946 Flint Sausage Baseball 1930 and 1931 Julie's Pawn Shop Men's Basketball 1972	2012	Flint Junior College Basketball 1950 Flint Northern Football 1960 Halo Foutch Baseball 2001 and 2002
1998	Flint Northern Basketball 1939 and 1940 Flint Northern Baseball 1953 James Lumber Basketball 1951	2013	Dye High School Football 1947 Mott College Mens Basketball 2007 and 2008 Centilli & Grossi Connie Mack Baseball 1982
1999	Flint St. Mary's Basketball 1939 Flint Northern Boys Basketball 1971 and 1972 Bishop Construction Baseball 1975	2014	Flint Junior College Cross Country 1961 Mt. Morris Girls Softball 1984 and 1985 Borden's Drugs Fastpitch Softball 1980 and 1981
2000	Flint St. Michael's Football 1941 Flint Southwestern Football 1976 Yellow Dog's Softball 1940	2015	Flint Holy Rosary Football 1977 Flint Northern Boys Basketball 1978 Flint Powers Catholic Girls Basketball 1991
2001	Flint Northern Football 1956 Flint Holy Redeemer Basketball 1970 Pfeiffer's Beer Basketball 1958	2016	Flint Beecher Boys Basketball 1976 Flint Northern Wrestling 1963 St. John Vianney Golf 1963, 1964, 1965
2002	Flint Northern Girls Basketball 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 Red Arrow American Legion Baseball 1943	2017	Burton Bentley Baseball 1975 Grand Blanc Boys Cross Country 1977 Flint Northern Girls Basketball 1994 and 1995
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Abbott, Jim	2004	Coon, Lloyd	2003	Grayer, Jeff	2003
Abraham, Ed "Blackie"	2001	Copeland, Eli	2004	Greene, Terence	2013
Aldred, Scott	2009	Craig, Lois	1991	Guerre, George	1992
Alward, Tom	2000	Crane, Bob	2017	Guzak, Chub	1995
Auer, Howard	1988	Crane, Marty	2006	Hackett, Dianne	2019
Austin, Mike	2017	Crang, Jim	1995	Hackett, Larry	2013
Badar, Norb	1986	Craven, Ollie	1986	Hajec, Bill	2007
Baldwin, Jack	2001	Crim, Bobby	1991	Hall, Roy	2009
Banks, Carl	2002	Crossman, M. B.	1997	Halligan, T.J.	1983
Barclay, Bill	1986	Czarnecki, Mike	2007	Hamilton, Bill	1983
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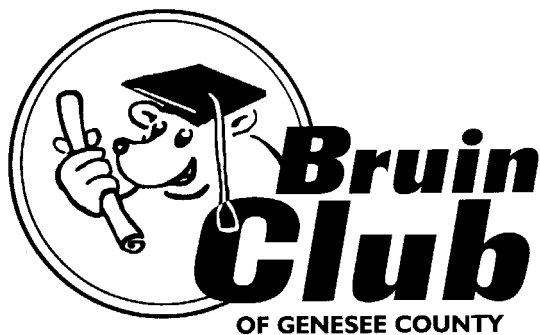
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Strategically, the Mikes made good use of quick kicks, punting on third down to pin their opponents deep and gain field position. They did it twice against Redeemer, the second one setting up a 50-yard touchdown drive.

None of this was envisioned in the preseason. The Journal's season preview saw St. Michael as "a sleeper" but viewed its defense as a weak spot.

The Mikes opened with a 22-0 win over St. Matthew and hung a 58-6 pasting on Detroit St. Stanislaus, which had opened Detroit Catholic League play with a 40-0 win. They came from behind twice to beat Class B Holly 26-16, then posted lopsided wins over St. Agnes (38-0), Durand (28-0) and Holy Rosary (24-6).

Things got tougher after that. St. Michael scored two TDs in the final four minutes to beat St. John Vianney 20-6. The defense set up both scores, blocking a punt with four minutes left and stopping the Hornets on downs at their 10 with a minute left.

Now 7-0 and ranked No. 2 in Class C by UPI and No. 3 by AP, St. Michael faced Holy Redeemer, the No. 1 team in Class D. A light rain fell on the crowd of 2,000 throughout the game and left slippery spots on Father Dunigan Field.

"The mud was really to our advantage," said Pavia. "It was easier to take their big guys down."

The Mikes had their own troubles, with Kerperien slipping on cutbacks. There was no scoring until the fourth quarter, when St. Michael went on a 50-yard, 18-play march that lasted 7 1/2 minutes. The Mikes converted four fourth-down plays in the drive, the last by junior fullback Tom Turmell to the 6-yard line. It took two more plays before Turmell, the one big guy in St. Michael's backfield at 180 pounds, crashed in from the 1, barely crossing the goal line before the Redeemer line threw him back with 4:17 left in the game.

That was all the Mikes needed. Led by Fox, Rariden, Dave Valley and Bol, the defense held Redeemer to three first downs and 47 yards in the second half.

The win put St. Michael in the FAPC championship game against Division II champ St. John Vianney on Sunday, Nov. 9, before 3,200 fans at Atwood Stadium. Their second meeting in 16 days was even closer than the first, with the Mikes prevailing 8-0. Fox caught a 6-yard pass in the end zone from quarterback Bill "Butch" Angst in the second quarter, a rare pass play by the Mikes.

"Butch called an audible, if I remember correctly," said Snyder. "He was a low-key guy, just so steady in the huddle. He'd quiet down the banter in the huddle."

Fox also joined Rariden and Bol in pressuring the St. John quarterbacks, as St. Michael held the Hornets to 19 yards in the second half. Dave Newbill and Jim Mogford had interceptions and the Mikes recovered two St. John fumbles. Newbill was in on a sack with Tim Crockett to finish off St. John's biggest scoring threat with 9:16 left in game.

Kerperien ran for a game-high 68 yards and wound up as the league rushing champion. Pavia tied for second with Redeemer's 225-pound fullback, Dan Walker. All three were first-team all-conference.

That was the last game in FAPC history. Seven of the schools consolidated to form Luke Powers Catholic High the following year. Pavia played for the new school as a senior and later on the Eastern Michigan University freshman team.

Many of the Holy Redeemer players went on to win the Class D state basketball championship that winter of 1969-70. Their team went into the GFASHOF in 2001.

But it was little St. Michael holding the final Knights of Columbus trophy signifying the FAPC football champs.

"I can't speak highly enough of that team," said Snyder. "They were just a very coordinated group of athletes who were really quick off the ball. Even the guys that didn't play a lot practiced so hard and made us better."

The perfect season was no surprise to them. As the JV team two years earlier, they had gone 9-0, and the 1968 varsity was 7-2, losing only to Redeemer and St. John.

"Overall," Snyder noted, "those guys played 27 games and lost two."

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May no soldier walk alone
May no soldier be forgotten
Until they all come home*

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1974 Flint Northern Cross Country

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"Keith won state the year before. We wanted to be there and bring it in for him. Coach Badar never put it in our heads we were going to be state champs, but we upset me. I knew I had the skills to make it. I went out for track and was getting in shape so there wasn't an excuse to cut me again."

Branch became separated from the main pack, but made a surge that ensured the Vikings would win the state championship.

"Coach Badar said if I ran in a certain place, we should win the meet," Branch said. "With a half mile to go, a guy told me I was in 50th place. Coach told me I needed to be in 25th place, so I caught all those people and ended up in 24th place in that last half mile."

Many of the runners on the cross country team came to Northern hoping to add to the school's legacy of state championships in other sports.

"I went out for the basketball team and made it to the final cut," Young said. "That upset me. I knew I had the skills to make it. I went out for track and was getting in shape so there wasn't an excuse to cut me again."

Bowen said he was a "football reject" who came under the coaching of Badar while competing in track and field his sophomore year.

"I played football, but he asked me if I was going to be playing or starting," Bowen said. "I said, 'Probably not.' He said, 'Why don't you come out for cross country?' I'm thinking three miles is a little bit too long for me. We used to run on the third floor of Northern High School doing our training in winter time. I saw where I had the potential to be a middle-distance runner, because I ran 880, 440 in track. Cross country was going to help me do better. He was like a father, he was a coach, he wasn't like a drill instructor. He just made us realize our potential."

Northern hadn't qualified for a state meet since placing fourth in 1956 when the Vikings made it in 1973. A fourth-place finish just made the Vikings hungrier to win it all the following year.

"Out of the seven on that team in '73, four were juniors and three were seniors," Young said. "We had that nucleus coming back for the '74 season. Then we had newcomers who just blended in perfectly. It was just a magical season. We came into the season ranked No. 1 and just held that position all year long."

"During that time, the cross country teams were very competitive. There was Kearsley, Grand Blanc, Grosse Pointe North and Ann Arbor Pioneer, so it was pretty competitive around the state, even in this area. With that No. 1 ranking, everyone was going after us."

One of the newcomers in 1974 was Branch, who soon bonded with his teammates during a summer of team-led evening training runs throughout the streets of Flint.

"We basically were told the first of June our goal was to run 1,000 miles over the summer," Branch said. "So, every evening in the summer, we got together as a team and we got out and got our miles in. When we got back to fall training for cross country, coach Badar was a little surprised that we were all in pretty good shape. He knew then that we were pretty much ready to run."

The 1974 Northern team was the last state boys cross country champion from the Flint Community Schools. Flint Central won state championships in 1937, 1939, 1941 and 1958.



Dianne Hackett

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But making it happen took perseverance. Despite her many successes, Hackett was denied the coveted North American Ladies Singles title four straight years, starting with a runner-up finish at Intermediate level in 1962 at Lincoln, Neb. Then came those three crushing losses to Haffke -- at Portland, Ore., in 1963, Louisville, Ky., in 1964 and at Lincoln by three-tenths of a point in 1965.

"I won't give up," she told SKATE in the January 1966 issue. "I think I've come within inches of the winner's circle, and I'm not going to stop when I'm so close. I'm determined to win that championship."

Just weeks after that article, Hackett broke through to win the World Gold Skate Classic. Gliding across the Bakersfield Civic Center floor in a kelly green costume and trailing a scarf, she gave a flawless performance to an oriental music theme that incorporated "The King and I" and "Madame Butterfly," backed by a decorative 12-foot bamboo wall made by a neighbor.

Her routine embraced the new direction of figure roller skating, which was moving toward more showmanship and flair.

"For awhile it was just who could jump or spin the best," Hackett said. "Gold Skate was our first venture at trying a world meet, where we had skaters from England and Germany. It focused more on the artistic part of skating."

ABC's Jim McKay touched on that in his commentary while Hackett skated, talking of "showmanship, makeup of routines, music and costumes."

Of Hackett he also said, "She is considered by many the star of the future."

But there would be no more skating in Hackett's future. After winning Gold Skate, her goals changed. The North American Championships were just seven months away and she was the favorite, but Hackett was content to walk away from it all.

"I was satisfied," she said. "I figured I had finally accomplished what I wanted to, and I was looking at what I was going to do for the rest of my life."

American Airlines was looking for stewardesses. Hackett answered the call and never looked back, enjoying a career of traveling the world.

Ironically, the decision left more of a void in Haffke's life than in Hackett's. "She'd call me and say, 'I'm not as good a skater as when you were around,'" Hackett said. "We competed against each other for years, and we drove each other to perfection."

Hackett has two daughters who both followed in her athletic footsteps. Ingrid won the national 3-meter diving championship at Oakland University. Angela played volleyball at Wayne State and coached at Michigan Tech.

Ingrid, who grew up watching home movies of Dianne's performances and playing in her costumes, likes to show the "Wide World" video to her mom's friends.

"People that have known her for 20-30 years are just learning what she did," Ingrid said. "They say, 'You were doing what Michelle Kwan does, but with 20-pound skates instead of two-pound ice skates.'"

Dianne's induction makes the Hackett family the first to have three siblings in the GFASHOF. Bill Hackett went in with the 1950 Flint Junior College basketball team in 2011. Larry Hackett, another FJC hoops star, was inducted in 2013 as an individual.

"They were the children of poor farmers who worked hard to give their kids a chance to succeed," said Ingrid. "The fact that all three became great athletes and went into the hall of fame is a testament to the Flint mentality."

Ron Myers

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-- Six years ago, Myers put together a spring training package to be raffled off annually by the non-profit Greater Flint Area Baseball-Softball Association. It includes front-row tickets, access to the field during batting practice and throwing out the first pitch.

"We sell a lot of tickets for that," said Roger Foutch, association treasurer and a Flint baseball icon. "It's a big hit."

-- In 2012, Tigers legend Willie Horton made a special appearance at the Crim Festival of Races for the Crim Fitness Foundation.

"That doesn't happen without Ron," said Foutch. "There are probably other things he's done that we don't know about."

-- When Flint was awarded a Connie Mack World Series qualifying tournament this year, Foutch turned to Myers for help in upgrading local fields.

"He brought Jim Leyland up to do a Hot Stove Night in January," said Foutch. "We raised \$23,000 in one night. The place was packed. We had donations from everywhere. Jim spoke and answered questions for an hour and a half, and you could hear a pin drop in that room the whole time."

-- Every year, Mott's baseball and softball teams are treated to free spring training games on their Florida trips. Two years ago the Bears got to play a game at Joker Marchant Stadium, where, incidentally, Myers "proudly serves Flint coney dogs," said Shawn Brown, a former Mott head coach and current assistant.

"We get into the park early and he gives us behind-the-scenes tours -- the weight room, the locker room. We've posed for pictures with Al Kaline and Miguel Cabrera. It blows the kids' minds."

Myers hasn't forgotten that kind of thrill. He remembers going to IMA Auditorium as a starry-eyed youngster to receive his baseball patch and sharing the stage with Tiger players.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine growing up and working beside Al Kaline and Willie Horton," he said.

Myers is already in the hall of fame as part of the 1974 Powers team that was inducted in 2006. He's also in the Florida State League Hall of Fame (2013) as an executive. Now he goes back into the Flint hall as an individual, joining his uncle, former Mott baseball coach Ernie Myers (Class of 2002).

It's not lost on Myers that he's receiving the same award first bestowed on Charles Stewart Mott and Frank Manley Sr., co-founders of the Mott Foundation. They were co-recipients of what was then the Special Service Award in the hall's inaugural class of 1980.

"What C.S. Mott and Frank Manley did for Flint is the reason me and a lot of people are in the hall of fame," Myers said. "I'm just ecstatic and very proud of being from Flint."

1995 Lake Fenton Softball

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The season was up and down. Among the pitfalls and quirks the Blue Devils encountered were:

- A doubleheader loss to Montrose on May 1 that put the Blue Devils behind in the GEC race. They spent the rest of the season climbing back up the standings and didn't reach first place until sweeping New Lothrop in the final twin bill.

- A bizarre sweep of Bendle in which Lukowski struck out 20 batters in the first game and 21 in the second, but gave up five runs in the process. A backup catcher had trouble handling her pitches, and Bendle batters were reaching base on third strikes that were not caught.

- A near-disastrous district championship game in which New Lothrop tied it 1-1 on a dropped fly ball in the outfield with two outs in the top of the seventh inning.

"I remember them coming into the dugout," said Cowan. "The kids were devastated. But I remember Amy telling (the outfielder), 'Don't worry. We got this.'"

Lukowski led off the bottom of the seventh with a double and came around to score for a 2-1 victory.

She also pitched five shutouts in the tournament, including a "lights out" 1-0 win over Clinton in the semifinals, Cowan said.

"Nordin had the big hit," said Blair. "And then it was, 'Who do we play next?' Within three minutes we learned it was Goodrich.

"That was a moment of dread. It was a team we knew, and it's so hard to beat a team three times."

Lake Fenton had swept Goodrich 4-3 and 10-1 in GEC play. The teams had also scrimmaged before the regional round of the tournament.

Familiar with Lukowski by now, the Martians got five hits and took leads of 2-0 and 6-2. The Blue Devils helped them with seven errors, two by Lukowski, who admittedly had trouble throwing overhand.

"Goodrich was getting a piece of the ball and putting it in play, and we weren't used to playing defense that much," she said.

But Lake Fenton fought back with a six-run fifth inning. Hind's bases-loaded, two-run single tied it, and Reddy followed with a two-run double to right-center. Both Cowan and Blair can still picture Reddy jumping up and down at second base, arms high over her head.

Lake Fenton added two runs in the sixth, and Lukowski didn't allow a runner past second base over the last three innings. Nordin had four hits, tying an all-class finals record.

"It's tough to beat somebody in your league and one of your friends," Cowan said after the game, speaking of Goodrich coach Dan Sellers. "I enjoyed the victory, but I feel for them. I was there last year."

"I definitely felt bad for them," Blair agreed. "We played on some of the same teams with them as kids. They were friends.

"For me as a senior, it was a great way to go out, on a win and a state championship. It could not get better than that."



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