

**Michigan High School
Coaches Association**

***56th Annual
Hall of Fame Induction***



Central Michigan University

Bovee University Center – Terrace Room

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Michigan High School Coaches Association

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Jodi Manore	<i>Volleyball</i>	Temperence-Bedford
Jon Hayden	<i>Wrestling</i>	St. Johns

Program

<i>Welcome:</i>	Kim Spalsbury, Executive Secretary
<i>Master of Ceremonies:</i>	Mike McGinnis, President
<i>Greetings from CMU:</i>	Stan Shingles, Asst.VP Recreation, Events, and Conferences-CMU
<i>Invocation:</i>	Rich Tompkins-Executive Director
<i>Meal:</i>	Carved, Grilled Sirloin, Boursin Chicken, Roasted redskin potatoes, Fresh Asparagus, Salad bar & Dessert
<i>Association Update:</i>	Rich Tompkins, Executive Director
<i>Past President's Plaque:</i>	Kim Spalsbury, Executive Secretary
<i>Distinguished Service Award:</i>	Rich Tompkins, Executive Secretary
<i>Hall of Fame Presentations:</i>	Sue Miller. 1st Vice-President Mark Holdren, 2nd Vice-President Tiger Teusink, Member At-Large

2014 Hall of Fame Honorees

Charlie Bassett	Spring Lake High School
Dean Blackledge	Hanover-Horton HS
Martin Covert	Byron HS
Kenn Domerese	Flint Carmen-Ainsworth HS
Bill Hajec	Fenton HS
Jerome Goosen	Ovid-Elsie/Coopersville HS
Robert Kalbfleisch	Warren Cousino HS
Gregg Kirchen	Holland HS
Don Lutz	L'Anse Creuse HS
Thomas Pullen	Ann Arbor Pioneer HS
Donald Rinehart	Rockford HS
Warren Spragg	Remus-Chippewa Hills HS
James Stallings	Trenton HS
Marshall Thomas	Saginaw HS
Bryan Westfield	Ann Arbor Pioneer HS

MHSCA Past Presidents

Paul Smarks	Bob James	Ed Werner
Bob Hayes	Steve Sluka	Ed Graybiel
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Sue Miller	Rick Zoulek	Marti Covert
Von Metzger	Jenna Ruddell	Mike Rado

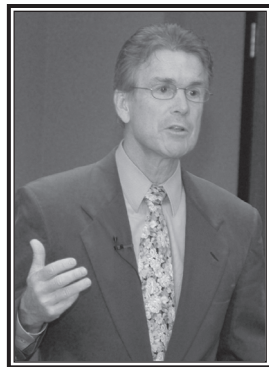
Distinguished Service Award

This award is presented each year to someone who has done an outstanding job supporting and promoting athletics in general, and has shown consideration and assistance to the high school scene and the Michigan High School Coaches Association. The following are past recipients of the MHSCA Distinguished Service Award.

Ron Finch	Win Shuler	Bob Reynolds
Fritz Crisler	Biggie Munn	George Alderton
Jack Heppenstall	Buck Reed	Don Wattrick
Terry McDermott	Ray Fisher	Francis Staley
Bingo Brown	Bill Kelly	Earl Staley
Wally Weber	Russell LeCronier	Charles Forsythe
Dale Kennedy	Forster Wilkinson	Jim Lewis
Harold Sponberg	Hal Middlesworth	Clayton Kowalk
Bill Odykirk	George Maskin	Sam Madden
Brother George	Bob Calihan	Paul Carey
Don Canham	Jim Campbell	Morley Fraser
Helen Geovanes	Vern Norris	Russ Thomas
Don Lund	Walt Bazylewicz	Richard Snyder
Marykaye Murphy	Tom McShannock	Warren D. McKenzie
Dick Kishpaugh	Kermit Ambrose	Roy Allen
Dick Lowry	Robert James	Tom Hursey
Richard Maher	Jack Johnson	Jerry Cvengros
Suzanne Martin	Jack Moss	Tiger Teusink
Herb Deromedi	Don Lessner	Lloyd Carr
Dan McShannock	Mike Jolly	Blake Hagman
Rich Tompkins	Diane Laffey	

Jack Roberts

Distinguished Service Award *Michigan High School Athletic Association*

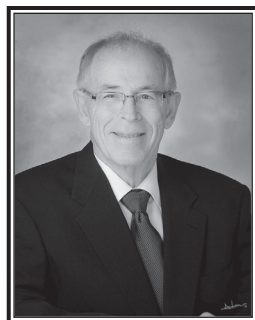


- Graduated from Dartmouth w/English major in 1970, where he was starter in defensive backfield of football squad for three years on the winningest team in the Ivy League during that time. Also a member of Dartmouth Glee Club
- Taught and coached football at high schools in Milwaukee and Denver for several years
- Went to work for National Federation of State High School Associations for 8 yrs.
- Next served in national office for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, concluding his time there as executive vice-president in charge of nationwide programs and staff
- Came to Michigan High School Athletic Association(MHSAA) as Executive Director in 1987 and has served for over 27 years in that capacity
- Supervises high school and middle school athletic programs conducted by 1500 member schools, utilizing 12,000 registered officials, with 13,000 coaches, serving 200,000 student athletes
- Has led MHSAA to many “firsts”. First state high school association to classify its postseason tournaments by school enrollment. First state association to function with neither membership fees or tournament entry fees. First state hs assoc. to conduct and fund its own Women in Leadership Conference. First and only state hs assoc. to implement and deliver its own coaches’ education program statewide.
- Pioneered sportsmanship program statewide. Helped make “Good Sports are Winners” a catchphrase throughout state.
- Nationally renowned speaker and writer, having spoken to educators, athletic groups, business and civic leaders in 40 states and five Canadian provinces. Has published three books and been published in countless athletic and educational journals and newspapers. Blogs twice each week on MHSAA.com
- Winner Helping Hand Across Michigan award by Michigan Public Health Institute for his leadership in promoting childhood injury prevention, coaches education, and the promotion of a healthy atmosphere for school sports
- Received Crystal Apple award from Michigan State University College of Educ. recognizing leadership role in developing and executing coaches’ education program.
- Named one of the 30 Most Influential Individuals in sports officiating industry by *Referee Magazine*
- 2007 inductee to Hall of Honor of the Basketball Coaches Assoc. of Michigan(BCAM)
- Honored with Wolverine Athletic Conference Distinguished Service Award
- Serves on Board of Directors for East Lansing Art Festival Foundation, past Chairman of Board of Directors for the Michigan Society of Association Executives, and is president of the Board of Directors for the Refugee Development Center
- Helped develop mid-Michigan “Officials for Kids” outreach program for four area hospitals in Children’s Miracle Network
- 2nd generation of state association executive directors. Father, John E. Roberts served as Wisconsin Activities Association executive director for nearly 30 years
- Wife: Peggy Children: John and Luke

Charlie Bassett

Spring Lake High School

- Graduated from Hastings HS in 1961, where he was all-state honorable mention center in football, two-time state champ in wrestling, & played doubles on the tennis team
- BA , 2 MA's from Western Michigan University w/ teaching certificate and industrial arts major
- Taught Industrial Arts and coached tennis at Spring Lake HS for over 40 years
- *Boys Tennis*: 23 conference titles, 15 Regional championships, qualified team for MHSAA State tournament 30 of 33 seasons, 3rd in State three times
- *Girls Tennis*: 18 conference championships, 8 Regional titles, qualified for State tournament 17 times, finishing 4th in 1979
- Overall Record: 625 wins
- Coached four individual State champs, many runners-up and over 15 all-state players
- Michigan HS Tennis Coaches' Association(MHSTeCA) Coach of the Year(COY) for boys: 1988, 2006, & 2012, MHSTeCA girls COY 1980 & 2009
- Inducted into MHSTeCA Hall of Fame in 1992
- MHSCA State COY three times
- MHSTeCA Board of Directors member from 1978-present, past organization president
- Served on MHSAA State seeding committee for three years
- Charlie would like to thank his role model, Bruce Withers, who was his middle school wood shop teacher and high school tennis coach; his three AD's: George DeVries, Tom Hickman, and Cavin Mohrhardt; and past superintendent of schools, Larry Mason and current supt., Dennis Furton.
- Wife: Mary Jo Children: Chad, Tess, and Andy



Dean Blackledge

Hanover-Horton High School

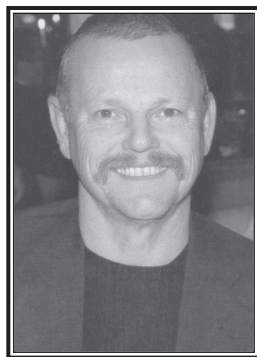
- 1962 graduate of Laingsburg HS, where he played basketball, football, baseball, and track, earning all-conference honors in the last three. He also was class valedictorian.
- BA from Western Michigan University in 1966 with teaching certificate
- MA from WMU in 1970
- 1966-70 taught math and science at Eaton Rapids Public Schools. Coached JV Football and JV Basketball
- 1970-72 taught math and chemistry at Leroy-Pine River Public Schools. He also coached Varsity Football (3 yrs.) and Varsity Track & Field (2 yrs.)
- 1972-2011 taught math & chemistry at Hanover-Horton High School. Coached *Girls Cross Country* 1997-present. Record: 2312-401 (Dual meets: 118-14) Set State record for consecutive dual meet victories (94), won 14 straight conference titles, 5 Regional championships, two State runners-up teams, and 2 State championships. Michigan Interscholastic Track & Cross Country Coaches Assoc. (MITCA) Academic all-state team award in 2013. Coached *Boys Cross Country* 1997-2013. Record: 1911-610 (Dual meets:113-25) won 7 conference championships, 1 Regional title, 4 times qualified for State finals. MITCA Academic all-state team award in 2008
- Also coached football (1973-4 and 1979-86), served as a basketball assistant (1975-76 & 1992-96), Head Softball Coach(1977-86) Record: 116-75, and coached *track & field* (asst. 1974-76, 1998-2012, & 2014 and head coach 2013) 12-2 record as head coach, Regional champs, and 6th in Division 3 State finals
- Athletic Director 1981-87 & 1994-2000 Total of 48 years as a coach and/or athletic director
- Jackson Area Girls Cross Country Coach of the Decade 2000-09, MITCA COY nominee 6 times, Div. 3 MITCA COY 2009 & 2010, MHSCA State COY 2010, National HS Athletic Coaches Assoc. National COY nominee 2010, National Federation of State HS Associations(NFHS) National COY nominee 2011
- 2013 MITCA Div. 3 COY nominee for Boys Track & Field Coached 3 all-Americans
- MITCA officer for four years, now serving as President, and academic all-state comm. (6 yrs.)
- As AD served on MHSAA Basketball Site Selection Comm. for 2 yrs. and Tournament Officials Assignment Comm. for 2 yrs.
- Member Dodge Bros. International Antique Auto. Club for 26 years (Bd. of Directors-12 yrs. & president-2 terms)
- Member Hanover-Horton Jaycees for 5 yrs. & H-H Lions Club (18 yrs.)
- Dean expresses special appreciation to fellow coaches Loren Dietrich (Mich. Luth. Seminary), Ed Chappel (Eaton Rapids), Chuck Miller(Vandercook Lk.) and his Laingsburg HS coach, Chris Babler
- Wife: Lilah Children: Beth, Andy, & Chris



Martin Covert

Byron High School

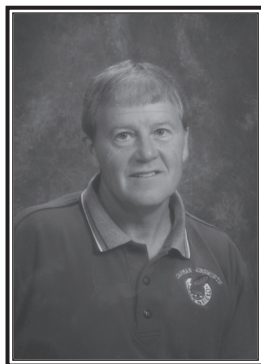
- Graduated from Fenton HS in 1969 where he wrestled for 3 years and played 4 yrs. of football
- BS Central Michigan University with a teaching certificate and math major in 1972. Also wrestled for one year
- MA Marygrove College(Detroit) in 1999
- 1974-75 taught and coached *Track & Field* at Swaziland National HS in Swaziland, South Africa
- 1976-78 taught and coached (2 yrs.) *Wrestling* at Redford Union HS
- 1978-2010 taught middle sch./high sch. math, music, woodshop, English, religion, and driver's education at Bryron Public Schools. Coached *Wrestling* (1978-2010). Record: 403-396. 14 District titles, 2 conference championships, 1 Team Regional title
- Coached 33 State meet medalists and 2 individual State champs
- Michigan Wrestling Association(MWA) Regional COY '93-'94 and '06-'07
- USA Wrestling: Michigan Man of the Year-2005 & NFHSCA Regional COY 2008
- MWA Hall of Fame inductee--2011 MWA Exec. Bd. (19 yrs.), past president(4 years)
- MHSCA wrestling rep.-8yrs., past president, National Wrestling Coaches Assoc. Michigan representative-6 yrs.
- High School wrestling official 1972-3 & 1976-present (40 yrs.)
- St. John Catholic Church of Fenton festival chairperson, choir, & Art & Environment Comm.
- Served as Yearbook sponsor at Byron for 9 yrs., homecoming coordinator-9yrs., and on Youth Club Wrestling board-16 yrs.
- Marti would like to thank his family, especially his wife, Chris and daughters (Kara & Kathryn) for all their help and understanding of his time spent coaching. He would also like to recognize assistant coaches, Mark Schaefer & Terry Drury. Finally, he thanks the Byron community parents and high school administration for their confidence and support over the years.
- Wife: Chris Children: Kara & Kathryn



Kenn Domerese

Flint Carmen-Ainsworth High School

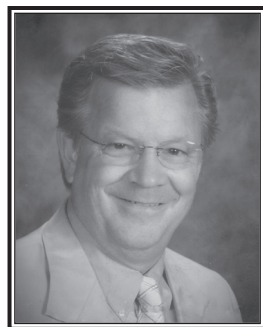
- 1968 graduate of Flint Beecher HS, where he set the then-school record for 2 miles in track and cross country
- 1969 attended Roberts Wesleyan College in N.Y., where he also ran cross country
- 1972 graduate of Campbellsville University with teaching certificate. Ran cross country all three years, serving as runner/coach his senior year.
- MA Oakland University
- Teacher and Coach at Flint-Carmen Ainsworth HS 1974-present (Ainsworth HS from 1974-1986 and Carmen-Ainsworth '86-present). *Boys Track and Field* Coach: 7 conference championships, 3 Regional titles, State runners-up in 2004, State champions in '82, '93, '05, & '08.
- *Boys Cross Country* Coach: one Regional championship, 3rd in State-1977
- 7th grade basketball coach 20 years
- MITCA COY nominee six times, in addition to being honored as State COY 3 times
- Inducted into Carmen-Ainsworth Hall of Fame, MITCA HOF, and Greater Flint HOF (for '08 perfect track and field season)
- 2005 NFHSA National COY for boys track and field and 2005 MHSCA COY(boys track & field)
- 2006 NHSACA National nominee (boys track & field) Coached 16 individual state champs and 35 all-staters
- Member Michigan Sports Sages
- Cross Country Camp Director for 35 years with 250 campers/yr.
- Hosted over 100 invitationals, league championships, and regionals
- Involved with South Baptist Church youth programs and softball team for 20 years
- Kenn would like to recognize the role of Jesus Christ in his life. He also thanks his family for having "spent their whole life with a crazy coach." Additionally, he thanks assistant coaches: Gordon Spencer, Mike Stuart, and Dave Thrash and the 50+ assistant coaches who have contributed to the program's success over the past 40 years. Kenn also would like to express gratitude to mentors: Larry Wiltse, Marty Crane, and Norb Badar, as well as all of the C-A administrators and athletes who made the program's success possible.
- Wife: Judy Children: Kerece, LaDena, and McKenzie



Jerome Goosen

Ovid-Elsie High School/Coopersville HS

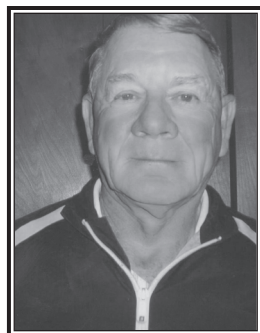
- 1971 graduate of Coopersville HS where he played 4 yrs. of football and 2 yrs. of baseball
- BS 1975 from Western Michigan University with teaching certificate and Industrial Ed. major
- MA at WMU -1979-Vocational/Industrial Ed. and Ed. Specialist degree-WMU-1987
- 1975-2000 taught, administered and coached at Coopersville High School. Plastics/Woods, electricity, tech lab, career, and phys. ed. teacher 1975-'83 and 1993-2000. Principal/Dean of Students (1983-1993)
- 1979 mid year layoff led to serving 1979-80 as AD at Sparta HS
- *Football* Coach at Coopersville(1978-82 and 1984-2000) Record: over 150 wins. (at all three schools)
- 2000-2011 Administrator and Football Coach at Ovid-Elsie Public Schools. Football Coach from 2002-2010.
- 2011-12 taught and coached at Grand Valley State University
- 2013-present *Football* Coach at Lowell HS. League champs 2013
- 10 league titles, 4 district championships, 2 Regional titles, 2 trips to State semifinals, and 2 State runners-up teams in his career.
- Michigan HS Football Coaches' Assoc.(MHSFCA) Regional Class B COY-1981,D-5 Reg. COY 2005, 2008, & 2009
- *Lansing State Journal* COY 2008
- *Muskegon Chronicle* Tri-River League COY 1980-82 and *Grand Rapids Press*-1981
- 2009 inductee into MHSFCA Hall of Fame
- Late wife, Louise "Mother Goose" awarded MHSFCA Fran Harrington Woman of the Year Award in 2009
- Two times selected as graduation speaker at Coopersville HS
- Served on MHSAA Football Rules Comm. 1980-81.
- Member Coopersville Jaycees in 1980's, Church Council Planning & Building/Family Life Comm. at St. Michael's Church-1980-1995, Coopersville Student Loan Exec. Dir.-1990-3, and member/donor/presenter of Ovid-Elsie Community Foundation-2000-2011.
- Jerome wishes to "honor my wife of 35 years and my inspiration, Mother Goose, . . .kept me coaching during the worst of times." He also says his grandkids "continue to inspire me " to coach. He thanks the players at Coopersville and Ovid-Elsie, who "represented their schools so well." He gives a special nod of gratitude to superintendents Robert Fortin and Wayne Petroelje who allowed him to continue coaching, while serving as an administrator. He also thanks his coaches: Max Schipper, Dave Mutchler, and Bob Fuller. Finally, he thanks all of his former assistants and "behind the scenes" individuals who made "our success [possible because of] your commitment to excellence."
- Wife: Louise (deceased) Children: Ryan, Jennifer, Jacqueline, Jessica, and Jason



Bill Hajec

Fenton High School

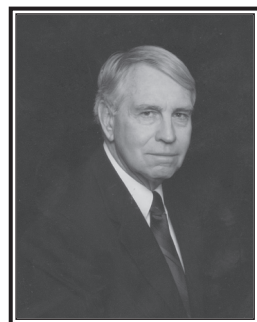
- Graduated from Fenton HS in 1960 after a stellar athletic career. Football: all-league and hon. mention all-state, baseball: all league w/2 no-hitters and .428 batting avg., track and field: school record (3rd in State) 220yd. dash-21.9(still school record), 5th in State-100yd. dash, and 3rd in 880yd. relay
- Attended Flint JC (Mott Community College) 1961-63, running track and field and placing 3rd in nation in 1 mile relay and named Flint JC athlete of year in 1962. Also played baseball
- BS in Education from Ball State University in 1966. Continued athletic career, playing football for 3 yrs. Set school record with 10 interceptions in 1965. Named all-league safety. Played 2 yrs. of baseball: MVP in 1965, 0.97 ERA, struck out 11 batters/game. Both still school records
- Began teaching (1966-1999) and coaching at his alma mater, Fenton HS in 1966. *JV Football* coach from 1966-74, *Freshmen Basketball* coach from 1966-69, and *Varsity Baseball* coach(1968-81) Record: 159-60. Won 2 conference championships, one district title, and one Regional crown.
- 1976-2007 *Varsity Golf coach*. Overall Record: 269-96. Won 14 conference titles, 6 district championships, and qualified for State finals 13 times(including 3 top ten finishes).
- Michigan HS Golf Coaches' Assoc.(MHSGA) COY 1992 and MHSGA Regional COY "93 & '94.
- Inducted into MHSGA Hall of Fame in 2001, Greater Flint HOF in 2007 & Fenton HS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.
- Member of MHSGA for 38 years.
- Bill would like to thank his former high school coaches, Ken Wegner and LeRoy Decker, as well as his college football and baseball coach at Ball State, Ray Louthen for serving as his mentors. He would also like to recognize the 1979 baseball team(Greater Flint champs), 1978 golf team(3rd in State), and 1994 golf squad(5th in State).



Robert Kalbfleisch

Warren Cousino High School

- Graduate of Dearborn HS where he also played football, basketball, and ran track.
- Western Michigan University graduate. He played two years of football at WMU
- Began teaching phys.ed., power mechanics, and health at Warren Consolidated Public Schools in 1969, retiring in 2005.
- Coached *Football* for 44 years beginning at Melby Jr.High from 1969-72 and Sterling Heights HS as JV coach (1974-5) and Varsity assistant (1976-80).
- Became Warren Cousino Varsity assistant in 1981 and then Head *Football* coach from 1982-89. Record: 67-23. Conference champs in 1983,'86, & '89, made State football playoffs 1986-89.
- Head Coach at Warren Mott HS-1990. Record: 9-0. Conference champions and qualified for State playoffs.
- 1991-2008 returned to Warren Cousino HS as Varsity Assistant Football Coach
- 2009-2013 Varsity Assistant Coach at Troy HS
- Also coached ninth grade boys basketball for 13 years, freshmen track and field for 5 years, and *JV baseball* for 2 years.
- Macomb County Football COY 1983 & 1990
- Michigan HS Football Coaches' Assoc. (MHSFCA) Regional COY 1983, 1986, & 1990.
- Inducted into MHSFCA Hall of Fame in 2009.
- 2011 inducted into Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame.
- Robert would like to "all the great coaches who worked with me." He especially wishes to recognize the contributions of Pat MacAleer and John Flynn. He has special gratitude to the great teams he coached in 1983 at Warren Cousino and 1990 at Warren Mott. Finally, he thanks Mike Powell for helping him earn this and several other honors.
- Wife: Kathleen Children: Timothy, Thomas, and Kristen



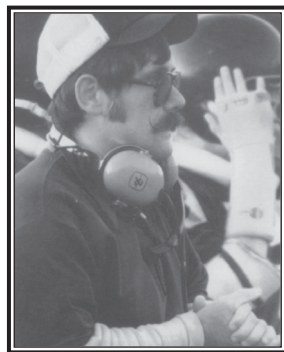
Gregg Kirchen *Holland High School*

- 1969 graduate of DeWitt HS where he lettered four years in baseball
- BA and MA Central Michigan University where he first learned fundamentals of golf from then-grad student and graduate football assistant, Herb Deromedi.
- 1976 Teacher/Counselor at Farwell Schools and JV baseball coach
- 1977-89 Counselor and Coach at Central Montcalm HS. *Girls Golf* coach (7 yrs.) Record: 60-77. *Boys Golf* coach, Record: 212-13. Seven conference championships, 3 Regional titles, State runners-up-1979, State champs-1980. Four times qualified for State finals.
- 1991-2012 Counselor and *Girls Golf* Coach at Holland HS. Started girls program at Holland HS. One conference championship and qualified for state finals 4 times.
- Michigan Golf Coaches Assoc.(MIGCA) Boys Class C COY 1980
- Scholastic Magazine Silver Coaches Award 1989 and MIGCA Regional COY 1995.
- MIGCA Hall of Fame inductee 2004 and honored with MIGCA Distinguished Service Award 2012.
- Served on MIGCA all-state selection committee 1994-2013(chairman '96-'97), MIGCA Exec. Board 1981-3, MIGCA president 1998-99, and MIGCA Executive Director 2008-13.
- MHSCA Golf Representative 2002-2007, president 2006-2007.
- Served on MHSA Golf Committee 1995-2013.
- Gregg would like to thank his former Athletic Directors: Adrian Baumgardner, Brian Burtch, and Mike Clark and fellow coaches from across the state: Tiger Teusink, Jim Bennett, Bob Lober, and Dave Ghareeb . He also wishes to recognize Steve Robbins, who mentored him as a young coach. He is especially proud of his Central Montcalm players, including Greg, Randy, and Scott Reese; Steve and Wayne Cooper; and Doug and Greg Emmory who led the team to the school's first and only State title.
- Wife: Paulett Children: Jessica and Andrea



Don Lutz *L'Anse Creuse High School*

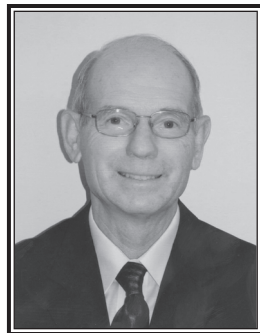
- Graduated from Barberton(OH) HS in 1961. Played football and started both ways senior year.
- BS Ohio University 1966 with teaching certificate. Football career ended with injuries in spring of 1962 but played club lacrosse, starting as a defenseman and serving as team captain in squad's first season (1966).
- MS in Chemistry Education 1979 from Eastern Michigan University
- Taught chemistry and sciences (1968-98) and coached at L'Anse Creuse HS beginning in 1968. *Lacrosse* Coach (1970-present) Head Coach 1970-90. Record: 89-119 (1st program in the State and longest continuous program with sport!) 1972 Midwest Champions, 1989 State semi-finalists
- Assistant *Football* Coach 1968-2010. League champs-1984 & 1988. (note: Assisted at South Lake HS from 1999-2003, and school made its first two-ever appearances in MHSAA tournament). *Volleyball* Coach (1977-79 & 1983-5) at L'Anse Creuse and 1999-2000 at South Lake HS. Won 2 league titles and six tournament championships.
- Michigan Lacrosse COY 1991
- Inducted into Macomb Co. Coaches Hall of Fame 2007 and MI Lacrosse Coaches HOF in 2009.
- Inducted into US Lacrosse Coaches HOF in 2008 & Barberton(OH) Sports HOF in 2011.
- Member Michigan HS Lacrosse Coaches Assoc. and former president.
- Served on MHSAA lacrosse committee.
- Don says he "was blessed by my place of birth [Barberton, OH], where sports were, and still are, important. " He adds that he has also been "blessed simply by choosing teaching as my profession and starting a lacrosse team as my hobby and passion when I arrived in Michigan."
- Wife: Georgina Children: Jessica, Andrea, Michael, and Dennis



Tom Pullen

Ann Arbor Pioneer High School

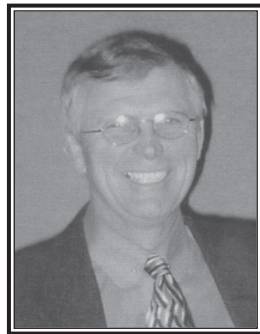
- 1961 graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer HS where he participated in football, cross country, and wrestling.
- BA 1965 University of Michigan, where he wrestled for one year.
- DDS 1969 U of M, 1972 MS in Restorative Dentistry from U of M.
- 1969-1981 Assistant Professor & Clinical Administrator U of M. Practicing dentist until 2003.
- 1987-1990 Assistant Men's *Tennis* Coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer HS. 1991-present *Head Men's Tennis* Coach. Record: 217-22-3. Fourteen league titles, 15 Regional Championships, 22 top ten State meet finishes, 3 State runners-up, 10 State championships. 87 individual state champs (including doubles players). 105 all-state athletes
- 1991-present *Head Women's Tennis* Coach. Record: 211-8-3. Eighteen league titles, 18 Regional championships, 22 top ten State meet finishes, 11 State runners-up, 5 State championships. 72 individual state champs (including doubles players). 88 all-state athletes.
- 25 times Michigan HS Tennis Coaches' Assoc. (MHSTeCA) Regional COY, 7 times Ann Arbor area Tennis COY.
- 1993 Detroit News Boys Tennis COY and 1999 MHSCA COY for Boys Tennis COY.
- 2000 NHSACA Girls Tennis COY finalist and NFHSA COY
- MHSCA COY for Girls 2003, NFHSA National nominee 2004, and NHSACA Girls finalist 2004.
- 2006 MHSCA Boys COY and NFHSA regional winner
- 2007 NHSACA Tennis COY and NFHSA National Boys Tennis COY
- 15 years member of MHSTeCA Board of Directors
- Runs free tennis camps in the summer and offers free tennis lessons (400 last yr. alone).
- Never played tennis until age 35. Won more than 25 tournaments in the next 15 years.
- Tom would like to thank his wife Kathy and sons, Kyle and Drew; his athletic directors: Chuck Ritter, Lorin Cartwright, and Eve Claar; long-time assistants: Bob Raham, Jay Stanford, and Brian Atkinson; and his coaching mentors: Bob Wood, Tiger Teusink, and Ed Waits. He also praises the over 3000 athletes who have passed through the Pioneer program over the past 24 years.
- Wife: Kathy Children: Kyle and Drew



Donald Rinehart

Rockford High School

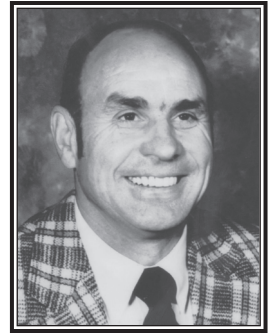
- Graduate of Holton HS where he played 4 years of football, basketball, and baseball, plus running track and field for one season.
- BS Math with teaching certificate from Ferris State University
- MA Educ. Adm. from Grand Valley State University
- 1974-2010 Math Teacher at Rockford HS and *Wrestling* Coach 1974-2009(6 yrs. asst.) Record: 559-153-2. Twelve Conference Championships, 15 District titles, 11 Team Regional championships, 1994 & 1997 Div. 1 State runners-up, and 2007 & 2009 D-1 State champions. 78 all-state wrestlers, 15 runners-up, and 14 individual champs.
- Also coached 9th grade *football* (1980-2005) Record as Head Coach: 106-69-2, 9th grade *softball* (1993-2002), and 9th grade *baseball* (1975-1980)
- 10 times Michigan Wrestling Assoc.(MWA) Regional COY.
- 1997, 2007, & 2009 MWA Div. 1 COY and 2003 & 2009 MHSCA COY.
- 2007 NFHSA Regional COY and 2008 National Wrestling Coaches Assoc. State COY.
- 2009 NHSACA National COY finalist.
- Inducted into Rockford Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994 and MWA HOF in 2009.
- Member MWA for 35 yrs and on board of directors for 10 yrs.
- Committee member and participant for 23 years in Strides for Life Cancer Fund raising event.
- Member of Board of Trustees at Rockford's Methodist Church.
- Donald thanks his wife and family "for without their support , none of this would have been possible." He also expresses gratitude to the many great coaches and athletes at Rockford HS and the "amazing wrestling parents for their support. Go RAMS!"
- Wife: Deb Children: Bambi, Brandi, & Donovan



Warren Spragg

Remus-Chippewa Hills High School

- 1951 graduate of Alpena HS where he played football and was named an all-American.
- Attended Michigan State Univ. from 1951-53, playing on the '52 Natl. Championship football team.
- BS Hillsdale College with teaching certificate. Played football and became three year starter as a lineman; senior co-captain of the undefeated , conference champions; and an all-American.
- MA Eastern Michigan University in Secondary Administration
- Drafted by L. A. Rams in 1957, playing five games before a bad knee forced him from the game.
- 1958-59 taught and coached (football , JV basketball, and started track & wrestling programs) at Oscoda HS.
- 1959-60 taught and coached (football, assist. Basketball, and started track& field program)at Bath HS
- 1960-64 taught and coached at Romulus HS. *Football*-Record: 40-14, Started *Wrestling* program. Record: 73-40. *Track & Field*-Record: 58-12.
- 1965 taught and coached JV *Football* (undefeated) at Alpena HS.
- 1966-72 *Assistant Football* Coach & Director of Player Personnel at Hillsdale College for teams that went 46-15. Also coached *Baseball*-Record: 43-91.
- 1972-74 Principal and Athletic Director at Concord Public Schools.
- 1974-75 Assistant Superintendent Charlotte Public Schools.
- Principal & A.D. (1975-77), Teacher, (English and Social Studies 1977-1993)and *Wrestling Coach* at Remus-Chippewa Hills HS.
- Associated Press Detroit area COY 1959-60 and Wrestling COY 1962.
- Chippewa Hills Outstanding Teacher of the Year 1980-81.
- Inducted into Alpena Sports Hall of Fame 1985.
- Joined Hillsdale College Hall of Fame in 2011.
- MHSAA 20 year official (football, basketball, baseball, softball, track & field, and wrestling) award. Served on MHSAA Wrestling Rules Comm.
- Member Alpena Exchange Club, Boys Club Bd. of Directors, Mt. Pleasant Moose Club, Isabella Sportsman's Club, Michigan Sports Sages (past president and bd. of directors member), and Hillsdale College Varsity Alumni Assoc.
- Warren offers special thanks to mentors Bill Finch, Bob Devaney, and Frank "Muddy" Waters.
- Wife: Nancy Children: Warren and Andrew



James Stallings

Trenton High School

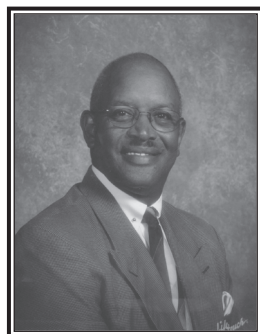
- 1962 graduate of Romulus HS where he played football, wrestled, and ran track.
- BA Hillsdale College 1967 with teaching certificate. Participated in football, wrestling (captain sr. yr.), and track and field, earning 8 letters.
- MA in phys. ed. and MA in Learning Disabilities, Physically and Emotionally Impaired from Eastern Michigan University.
- Taught English and PE at Romulus HS from 1967-74 and coached *Wrestling, Football, and Track and Field*.
- Taught high school English, PE, Spec. Ed., Elem. PE, and Elem. Spec. Ed. at Trenton HS from 1974-2003 (worked with Monroe Int. Sch. District Spec. Ed. 1981-2). Coached *Wrestling* 1974-2003. Overall Record (including Romulus): 447-155-3. Three conference championships and 10 top ten State meet finishes.
- Coached 4 individual State runners-up and 6 individual State champs.
- Six times Regional COY and 3 times *News Herald* COY.
- Inducted into MWA Hall of Fame 1997 and Trenton Sports HOF 2008.
- Michigan Sports Sage of the Year 2010.
- Officer in MWA, worked on Committee to establish MWA Hall of Fame, Michigan Wrestling Club Secretary, AAU Japanese Wrestling Cultural Exchange, 20 yr. chairperson Wrestling Ratings committee, and executive officer of Michigan Class A Wrestling Coaches' Association.
- Past member Romulus Jaycees and Rotary and Chairman Trenton Rec. Golf League for 20 yrs.
- Jim feels that "one of my greatest accomplishments was making many of my severely handicapped students part of our athletic program." He also wishes to recognize Warren Spragg, Muddy Waters, Tom Bluhm, Rob Lindsay, and Bradley Smith, who he says, "contributed greatly to my success as great mentors, supporters, and friends." Finally, he notes that his "... family is the most important part of my life. They have been very supportive of all my coaching endeavors."
- Wife: Sherry Children: Bradley and Christine



Marshall Thomas

Saginaw High School

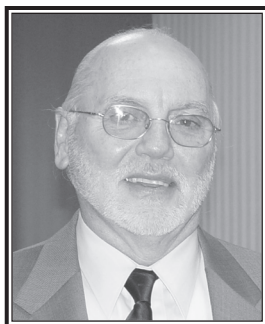
- 1966 graduate of Saginaw HS where he participated in football, basketball, and track & field.
- BA 1971 from Western Michigan University with teaching cert. and math major. Continued to play football, basketball, and run track. Also earned MA in guidance & counseling from WMU.
- Taught, coached, and served as athletic director in Saginaw Public Schools (Saginaw HS from 1974-2008). *Basketball* coach Arthur Eddy Jr. High (1972-4) Record: 18-6. JV coach Saginaw HS (1974-82) Record: 136-24. Girls Varsity coach (1979-82) Record: 55-15. Boys Varsity Coach (1982-2004) Record: 381-133. Nine league titles, 12 District championships, 5 Regional crowns, 1990 State Runners-up, and State champs 1996.
- Also coached boys *track & field, golf, and cross country* from 1972-81.
- Athletic Director 1995-2008.
- 8 times Saginaw Valley League Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.
- State Class A Boys COY 1987 and 2000.
- Member Basketball Coaches Assoc. of Michigan (BCAM) and boys basketball announcer for MHSAA State finals for 4 years.
- Math tutor in community, performs jail ministry and church outreach ministry.
- Marshall wishes to recognize his principal, Wilson Smith and Coach Charles Coles who "were the most influential people during my coaching career." He also thanks his wife, Yvonne "for allowing me the time to coach, while she was a strong supporter and stabilizer for our family."
- Wife: Yvonne Children: Alexis, Natalijia, CeLeste, Julie, and Monica



Bryan Westfield

Ann Arbor Pioneer High School

- 1961 graduate Ann Arbor (Pioneer) HS. He played football and ran track and field (team capt. of both squads).
- BS Cornell University 1965 where he continued to play football and again ran track and served as team captain of both teams. NCAA qualifier in 400 hurdles in 1964 & '65. Qualified for '64 Olympic Trials but could not compete because of injury. 6th in USATF Nationals in 1964.
- MA Education from Wayne State University in 1966 and Ed. Specialist Degree from Eastern Michigan Univ. with emphasis on special education 1971.
- Taught and coached at W. J. Maxey Boys Training School from 1966-1978 and coached basketball and track and field.
- Initiated and coached Ann Arbor Youth Track from 1967-present (originally set up before track and field was offered as a MHSAA sanctioned sport)
- Began teaching at Ann Arbor Pioneer HS in 1967 (while still working at W.J. Maxey) and continued through 2008. Coached *Girls Cross Country* (1978-present) Six State runners-up and 3 State championships. 43 individual all-state athletes and 2 all-Americans. Coached *Girls Track and Field* (1978-present) Only five dual meet losses in 35 years. 30 league titles, 30 Regional championships, 6 State runners-up, and 16 State titles. Over 200 all-state athletes and 57 all-Americans.
- Mich. Interscholastic Track and Cross Country Coaches (MITCA) Girls Cross Country COY 4 times.
- MITCA Girls Track and Field COY 15 times.
- NFHSA National COY 2003, NHSACA National COY 2004 & 2008, and Nike National COY 2007.
- Former member of Midwest Meet of Champions: Team Michigan coaching staff.
- Member o MITCA, MHSCA, NHSACA and USA Track and Field.
- Established and led Pioneer Gospel Choir and led Pioneer Conditioning Club.
- Bethel AME Church Choir and member of church for over 50 years.
- Bryan thanks his wife of over 50 years, Elaine, whom he declares is a “wonderful woman.” He counts the four national coach of the year honors as a “blessing.” Finally, he expresses his gratitude to the families of all the women athletes from 1967-present.
- Wife: Elaine Children: Leza, Susan, Crystal, Kenya, and Sharri



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