

The call to the hall

Six individuals and one football team are the latest inductees to the BHS hall

The Bedford High School Alumni Association will induct six individuals and a team into its Hall of Fame in September.

Induction will take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at the high school. The inductees will be introduced during halftime of the football game Sept. 11 against Ann Arbor Huron.

This year's nominees are Matthew Bell, Terri Bosma, Steve Danforth, Tony Gill, Bill "Marty" Hammerstein, Phyllis McMacken-Maschke and the 1966 football team.

Matthew Bell was nominated for music and post high school achievement. He is a 1991 graduate. While in high school, Mr. Bell participated in symphonic, marching and pep bands. He earned 11 first division ratings at District Solo and Ensemble Festival, performing solos with the violin, trumpet and as a member of the brass quintet. He was a four-time All-State Band member. Mr. Bell was named the Michigan representative to the 1991 McDonald's All-American High School Band. He also wrestled one season, ran track two seasons and was the single National Merit Scholar his senior year and graduated fourth in his class. Mr. Bell attended Michigan State University and was a member of the marching band for five seasons. In 1995, he graduated with honors from the Honors College in chemical engineering.

After graduation he took a job with DuPont in Orange, Texas. He continued his musical career by playing professionally with Key West The Band from 1996 to 2005. Mr. Bell spent two years in Guate-

mala doing missionary work with his wife, Dr. Heidi Bell. He has also recorded with the Japanese pop band Ninja and recorded a theme for ABC Sports.

He is now playing with Spare Change, a band based in LaGrange, N.C. Currently, he resides in Winterville, N.C., with his wife and son Isaac. Mr. Bell was nominated by his high school band director, Ron Koch.

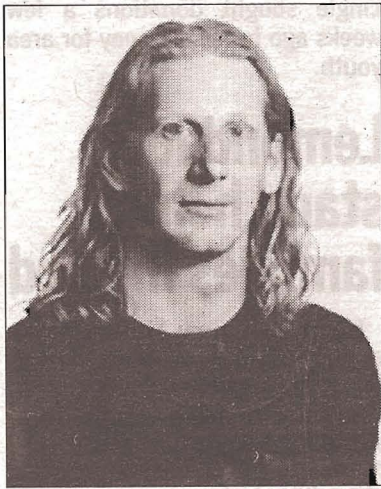
Terri Bosma was nominated as an outstanding athlete. Terri Bosma, the former Terri Blok, graduated in 1977. During high school, Mrs. Bosma earned eight varsity letters in three sports playing basketball, volleyball and softball. In volleyball, she was a two-time All-Region player and had 122 serving points in 1976. In 1977, as a member of the softball team, she earned All-Region honors and had a .458 batting average on the team that won a regional championship and finished ranked third in the state. In basketball, Mrs. Bosma was a two-time All-Region point champion with an average of 17.8 points per game in 1975 and 22.5 points in 1976. During a 1976 game against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Mrs. Bosma scored 42 points while sitting out for almost half of the fourth quarter. The record was held for 32 years and before there was a 3-point line in the game. Mrs. Bosma was named the team's most valuable player for three seasons and was selected the Monroe County Region Player of the Year in 1976. She was named a High School All-American. She attended Eastern Michigan University on a basketball

scholarship and graduated in 1982. She is currently a resident of Snellville, Ga. with her husband Harry. They have two sons, Brian and David. Mrs. Bosma was nominated by former teammate Phyllis Reese Boehm.

Steve Danforth, a 1969 graduate, was nominated as an outstanding athlete by Joe Caruso. While in high school Mr. Danforth ran track and cross country. He still holds the record for the 1600, with a time of 4:16.8 set in 1969. He was also a state champion in the mile run in 1969 and finished first in the Champion of Champion's meet that year. After high school, Mr. Danforth attended Bowling Green State University. He was a member of the BGSU track and cross country teams, serving as captain of the cross country team in 1972.

While at BGSU, Mr. Danforth was named All-American as a member of the 4-mile relay team in 1970 and in 1973 was a member of the 4-mile relay team that set the American record that year. In 1972, he was an All-American in cross country. He graduated in 1973 with a degree in accounting. Mr. Danforth works as a certified healthcare consultant, certified financial planner and certified public accountant. In 1979, he became the youngest person to pass all parts of the certification examination to become a certified health care business consultant. He is now retired from the PM Group, a business consulting and accounting firm specializing in working for physicians.

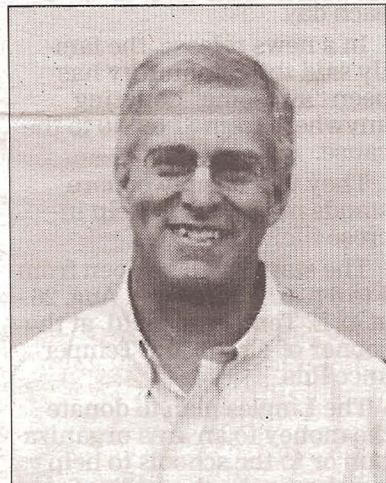
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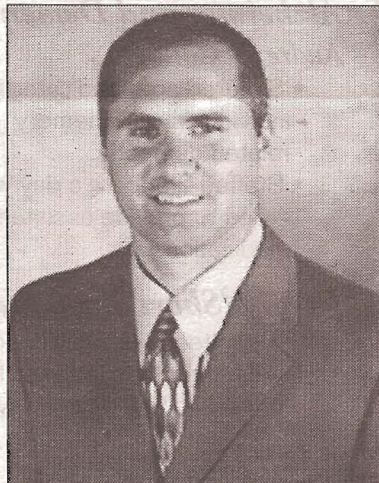
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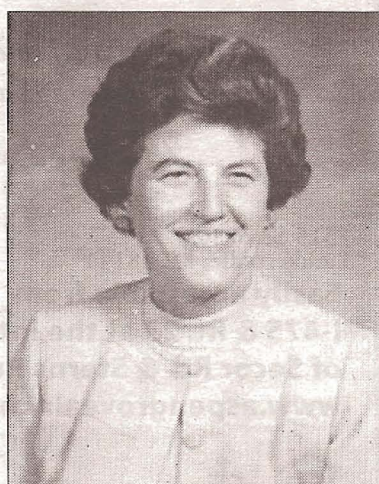
STEVE DANFORTH



TONY GILL



BILL HAMMERSTEIN



PHYLLIS McMACKEN-MASCHKE

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and dentists. Mr. Danforth currently manages commercial real estate and trades stocks. A Sylvania, Ohio, resident, Mr. Danforth and his wife, Amy, have two children, Justin and Lindsey.

Tony Gill, a 1991 graduate, was nominated as an outstanding athlete by Brent DuKate. He received nine varsity letters in high school: four in baseball, three in football and two in basketball. In football, Mr. Gill was a member of the

1990 GLL championship team. He was a two-time GLL first team member in 1989 and 1990. In 1990, he was named All-Region and All-Monroe County. In baseball, he was named most valuable player for two seasons, All-GLL second team in 1990 and first team in 1991.

He received All-Region and All-County honors for two seasons. Mr. Gill was named to the Michigan All-State second team in 1991 and was the first Bedford player to be selected in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Tiger

Stadium. Upon graduation, Mr. Gill received a baseball scholarship to Bowling Green State University. He was a four-year starter in center-field and served as captain of the 1995 team, which won the Mid-American Conference Championship. In 1995, he graduated with a degree in education with a major in sport enterprise management. While at BGSU, he also took courses in aviation technology. Mr. Gill completed his aviation training in 2007 from Delta Connection Academy.

After graduation, he worked in the front office of three minor league hockey teams including Birmingham, Peoria and Toledo and the West Michigan baseball team.

Currently, Mr. Gill is a pilot for Mesaba Airlines, a subsidiary of Northwest Airlines. Mr. Gill and his wife, Keri, live in Temperance with their daughters Britony and Kerigan.

Bill "Marty" Hammerstein, a 1959 graduate, was nominated as an outstanding athlete by Edd Bankowski. He earned eight varsity letters in football, basketball and track. Mr. Hammerstein was a running back and place kicker on the 1958 and 1959 football teams. In track, during his sophomore year, he was selected as the most valuable player after competing in the high jump, long jump and half-mile. In his junior year, Mr. Hammerstein was a regional meet double winner placing first in the high jump and half-mile. At the state meet, he tied for second in the high jump. During his senior year, Mr. Hammerstein was a double winner in every track meet except the state finals.

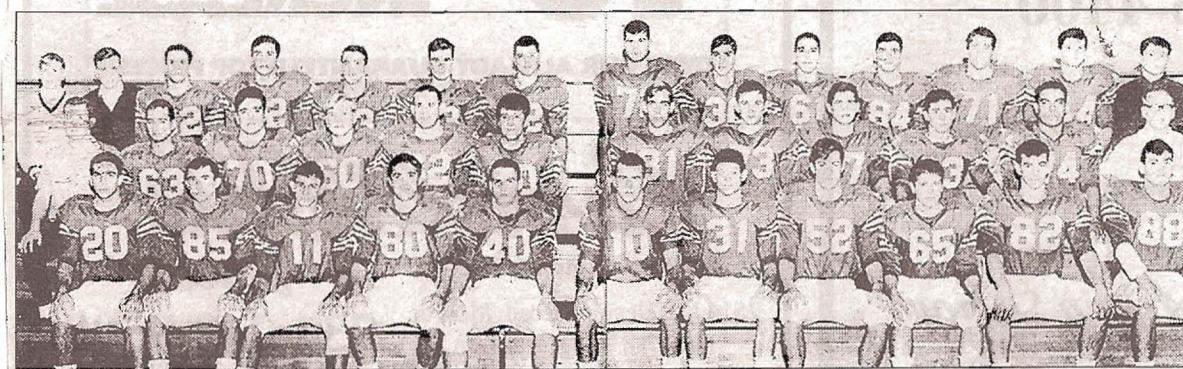
In the SMC conference meet, he placed first in the mile and high jump, while setting league and school records in both. At the regional meet, he set the Class B half-mile record. Mr. Hammerstein became the school's first state

champion in any sport when he won the half-mile run and became the first area runner to run it in under two minutes.

At the Champion of Champions meet in Kalamazoo, he ran the half-mile in 1:57.3 to beat a record set in 1938. After high school, Mr. Hammerstein attended the University of Michigan.

As a member of the track team, he set a freshman 800 meter record. He then transferred to Western Michigan University and continued running track. In his sophomore and junior years he placed second in the 880 at the MAC meet. His senior year he placed first in the MAC meet in the 880 run. In his senior year, Mr. Hammerstein took first place as a member of the Distance Medley team at the Drake relays that set a school record. After graduating from WMU, he coached at the high school level in Delton and Adrian, Michigan from 1964 to 1974. Over the years he worked as a salesman for Aermotor receiving recognition as salesman of year several times and is currently the owner of MH Pump and Supply. Mr. Hammerstein and

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THE 1966 BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

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his wife, Mary, are Adrian residents. They have four children, Angela, Julie, Sally and Kimberly.

Phyllis McMacken-Maschke was nominated posthumously as an outstanding teacher by daughters Ellen Bacon and Karen Adamski. She taught in Bedford from 1962 to 1984. A 1944 graduate of the University of Toledo, Mrs. McMacken-Maschke attended Eastern Michigan University for graduate studies.

She began her teaching career at Luella Cummings School in Toledo. She taught home economics, biology, general science and math. She was one of the first women in the state to be a certified driver's instructor. Mrs. McMacken-Maschke served as the cheerleading adviser for years.

She was also a class adviser for the 1967 and 1973 classes. She was activities director and student council adviser during the 1970s up until retirement. Mrs. McMacken-Maschke was married to Joe McMacken for 54 years. He died in 1999.

They had four children, all Bedford graduates: James, '65; Chris, '67; Ellen '68 and Karen '73. In 2000, she married former Bedford High School teacher, coach and principal Art Maschke. He died in 2005. Mrs. McMacken-Maschke died in December, 2005 at 84.

The 1966 football team won the first GLL Championship. In 1965, the team went 3-6 losing three games by seven points or less before defeating Whitmer 6-0 in the final game

of the season.

The Whitmer game is the one that coach Ray Kwiatkowski has said he believes gave the players confidence. Previously, Bedford had never beaten Whitmer.

Team captains were Dave Long and Chris McMacken

Dave Long was the rushing leader. He carried the ball 188 times for 1,208 yards, scoring 92 points.

Members of the All-Great-Lakes League teams included:

First team: Dave Long, Tom Johnson, Bill Wingate, Mike Ferguson, Wayne Rumble

Second team: Chris McMacken, Joe Urbaniak, Fred Warren, Darrell Mossburg, Jerry Brescol

Honorable mention: Pat Leonhardt, Gary Sherman, Doug Dold, Bruce Gamby, Paul Preketes, Blaine Geer, Dennis Hubbard.

Team Members included: Seniors Roy Butler, Dave Covell, Doug Dold, Mike Ferguson, Bruce Gamby, Dennis Hubbard, Tom Johnson, Dick Kindle, Pat Leonhardt, Dave Long, Chris McMacken, Chuck Meader, Mike Milano, Kinsley Renshaw, Wayne Rumble, Guy Seymour, Joe Urbaniak, Fred Warren, Bill Wingate and Jim Bacon; Juniors Jerry Brescol, Thomas Dusseau, Rob Edgington, Tim Fitzmorris, Robert Hudson, Darrell Mossburg, Paul Preketes, Mark Sherer, Gary Sherman, Norm Shinkle and Tom Towne; Sophomores: Roger Brown and Blaine Geer

The team was coached by Ray Kwiatkowski, Al Studer, Jerry Berndt, Bill Regnier, Larry Skeldon, Bob Ritz and Tom Swan. Managers included Phil Covell, Bruce Dull and Tom Hendrix.

Tickets available for ceremony

Tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet are \$25 each and can be ordered by mail. Checks should be made payable to Bedford High School Alumni Association. Request for tickets should be mailed to: Lisa Pickard, Bedford High School, 8285 Jackman Rd., Temperance, 48182.

Tickets will be available in the high school office beginning Aug. 31.

At the banquet, each inductee will receive an engraved plaque with their photo commemorating their induction, a news release said. A duplicate plaque will be placed in the entrance to Bedford High School.

Each member of the 1966 football team will receive a personalized medallion commemorating the induction of

the team. A plaque with the team photo will also be placed in the school's entrance.

The alumni association will again offer sponsorship and advertising opportunities to local businesses and individuals.

The sponsorship is \$200. Donors will be recognized in the Hall of Fame program and will receive an 8 x 8 brick, which identifies the donor as a sponsor. The bricks will be permanently placed in the Alumni Plaza adjacent to the Victory Bell at the Bedford Community Stadium.

For more information, contact Laura Collins at 734-854-2926. Any profit from the Hall of Fame banquet will be used to reduce the debt on the loan for the Bedford Community Stadium, a news release said.