

# BHS Alumni Association to induct new Hall of Fame members at Sept. 12 banquet

The 10th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at Bedford High School. Tickets to the banquet are \$25 each and can be ordered by mail. Checks should be made out to "Bedford High School Alumni Association." Please indicate on your order if you want tickets mailed to you or that you will pick them up at the banquet. If you have any questions concerning tickets, please call Lisa Pickard at (734) 850-6105.

Mail your orders to: Lisa Pickard, Bedford High School, 8285 Jackman Rd., Temperance, MI 48182. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the BHS office starting on Aug. 31. The last day to purchase tickets that will guarantee a meal at the banquet will be on Sept. 9.

At the banquet each individual inductee will receive an engraved plaque with their photo commemorating their induction. A duplicate plaque will be placed in the entrance to BHS.

Again this year, the Alumni Association will offer sponsorship/advertising opportunities to local businesses and individuals.

The sponsorship is \$200. Donors will be recognized in the Hall of Fame program and will also receive an 8"x8" brick which identifies the donor as a Hall of Fame Sponsor for 2009.

The bricks will be placed permanently in Alumni Plaza adjacent to the Victory Bell at the Bedford Community Stadium. For more information, contact Laura Collins at (734) 854-2926.

Additional information concerning the Hall of Fame and the Bedford High School Alumni Association can be found at [www.bedford.k12.mi.us/alumni\\_assoc.html](http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us/alumni_assoc.html) or at <http://www.bedfordyes.com/BedfordAlumniAssocHollofFame.htm>. Any questions concerning the Hall of Fame should be directed to Gene Stock at (734) 847-6358 or email to [stocksportsinc@yahoo.com](mailto:stocksportsinc@yahoo.com).

The inductees will be introduced to the public on Friday, Sept. 11 at half time of the BHS versus Ann Arbor Huron football game.

This year's Bedford High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame inductees are:

**Matthew Bell** (Music & Post High School) Bell was a 1991 graduate of Bedford High School. While in high school he participated in Symphonic Band, Marching Band and Pep Band. In high school he earned 11 first division ratings at District Solo and Ensemble Festival, performing solos with the violin, trumpet and as a member of a brass quintet. Bell was a four-time All-State Band member. One of his major musical achievements at Bedford was being named as the Michigan representative to the 1991 McDonald's All-American High School Band. Additionally, Bell wrestled one season, ran track two seasons and was the single Bedford High School National Merit Scholar his senior year and graduated 4th in his class. He attended Michigan State University and was a member of the MSU 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. The band played

more than 100 shows per year throughout the United States and Mexico. Bell spent two years in Guatemala 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, North Carolina. Currently he resides in Winterville, North Carolina with his wife and son Isaac. Bell was nominated by his high school band director, Ron Koch.

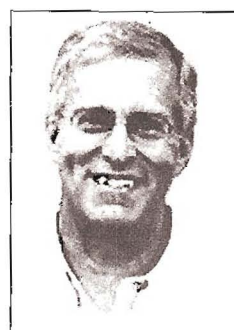
**Terri Blok (Bosma)** (Outstanding Athlete) Blok, a 1977 graduate of Bedford High School, was nominated based on her outstanding contribution to the growth of girls' athletics at Bedford. Blok put the Lady Mules on the high school athletics map with her stellar performance and dedication from 1975 to 1977. While in high school she



Matthew Bell



Terri Blok (Bosma)



Steve Danforth



Tony Gill



Bill Hammerstein



Phyllis McMacken-Maschke

earned eight varsity letters in three years playing basketball, volleyball and softball. In volleyball she was a two-time All-Region player and had 122 serving points in 1976 (much shortened season compared to today). In 1977 as a member of the softball team she earned All-Region honors and had a .458 batting average on a team that won a regional championship and finished ranked third in the state of Michigan. Her strongest sport was basketball. She was a two-time All-Region point champion with a 17.8 points per game average in 1975 and 22.5 points in 1976. In 1976 in a game against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Blok scored a game high 42 points while sitting out for almost half of the 4th quarter. This record was set before there was a three point line and has held this Bedford record for 32 years. In fact, Blok outscored the entire Pioneer team, who only scored 41 points. She was the team MVP in '74, '75 and '76. Blok was also selected Monroe County Region Player of the Year in 1976 and was also listed as a High School All-American. She received a basketball scholarship to Eastern Michigan University, graduating in 1982. Blok now makes her home in Snellville, Georgia with her husband Harry. They have two sons, Brian and David. She was nominated by her good friend and former teammate Phyllis Reese Boehm.

**Steve Danforth** (Outstanding Athlete) Danforth was a 1969 graduate of Bedford High School. While in high school Steve ran track and cross country. He still holds the record for the 1600M, with a time of 4:16.8 set in 1969. Danforth 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 he attended Bowling Green State University. He was a member of the BGSU track and cross coun-

try teams, serving as captain of the cross country team in 1972. Steve had some outstanding accomplishments while at BGSU which included the following: 1970 All-American as a member of the four-mile relay team and in 1973 was a member of the four-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. Danforth has worked 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 and dentists (1974-1999). Today he still keeps busy managing commercial real estate and trades stocks for a living. Danforth lives in Sylvania, Ohio with his wife Amy. They have two children, Justin and Lindsey. He was nominated by fellow runner and friend Joe Caruso.

**Tony Gill** (Outstanding Athlete) Gill was a 1991 graduate of Bedford High School. He was an outstanding athlete while in high school winning nine varsity letters (four baseball, three football and two basketball). In football he was a member of the 1990 GLL championship team. He was a two-time GLL first team member in '89 and '90. He also was All Region and All Monroe County in 1990. Gill excelled as a member of the Mule baseball program. Among his baseball honors were MVP in '90 and '91, All-GLL 2nd team in 1990 and first team in 1991, All Region and All-Monroe County in '90 and '91. He was named to the Michigan All-State second team in 1991 and was the first Bedford player to be selected to play in the Michigan High

School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Tiger Stadium. Upon graduation he held 16 Mule football and nine baseball records, some of which he still holds today. He still holds the Michigan state record for most interceptions in one game (five against Northview in 1990). Upon graduation Gill received a baseball scholarship to Bowling Green State University. He was a four-year starter in centerfield for the Falcons where he served as captain of the 1995 team that captured 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. 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 (Birmingham, Peoria and Toledo) and one baseball team (West Michigan). Currently he is a pilot for Mesaba Airlines, a subsidiary of Northwest Airlines. Tony lives in Temperance with his wife Kerri and daughters Britony and Kerigan. Tony was nominated by fellow Bedford athlete Brent DuKate.

**Bill "Marty" Hammerstein** (Outstanding Athlete) Hammerstein was a 1959 graduate of Bedford High School. He won eight varsity letters as a member of the football, basketball and track teams. Hammerstein was a great running back as well as a place kicker on the Mule '58 and '59 football teams. He is best known and remembered for his outstanding track career. As a sophomore he was selected as the MVP of the track team where he competed in the high jump, long jump and half mile. In his junior year he was a regional meet double winner placing first in the high jump and 1/2 mile. At the state meet that year he tied for second in the high jump giv-



ing the Mules their only points. Hammerstein's senior season was superior. He was a double winner in every track meet except for the state finals. In the SMC conference meet he placed first in the mile run and high jump while setting both league and school records. At the regional meet he set the Class B half-mile record. He became Bedford's first state champion in any sport when he won the half mile run in which he became the first area runner to run under two minutes. It was also the fastest time of all half milers in all classes at the State meet. 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 he 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. He had many outstanding meets his senior year including taking 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 Hammerstein worked as a salesman for Aermotor receiving recognition as salesman of year several times and is currently the owner of MH Pump & Supply. He currently lives in Adrian, Michigan with his wife Mary. They have four children, Angela, Julie, Sally and Kimberly. Hammerstein was nominated by Edd Bankowski.

**Phyllis McMacken-Maschke** (Outstanding Teacher) A teacher with the Bedford Public Schools from 1962 until her retirement in 1984, McMacken-Maschke graduated in 1944 from the University of Toledo and did her graduate work at Eastern Michigan University. While at UT she worked for the Sun Oil Company in their labs. When her children were all in school, she began her teaching career at Luella Cummings School in Toledo. In 1962, McMacken-Maschke was hired to teach at Bedford High School. She taught many different subjects including: Home Economics, Biology, General Science and Math. She was one of the first women in the State of Michigan to be certified as a driver's training instructor. She was the cheerleader advisor for many years and could be found

at most athletic events. "Mom" as she was called by many of her students, also served as a class advisor for the classes of '67 and '73. She was activities director and student council advisor during the 70's up to her retirement in 1984. McMacken-Maschke was always there to help students who were in need and to enhance high school events. Fellow teachers and administrators remember her as a person who went above and beyond her duties as a teacher. McMacken-Maschke was married to Jack McMacken, who died in 1999, for 54 years. They had four children who all graduated from Bedford High School: James '65, Chris '67, Ellen (Bacon) '68 and Karen (Adamski) '73. She married former Bedford High School teacher, coach and principal, Art Maschke in 2000. He passed away in 2005 and she passed away in December of 2005 at the age of 84. McMacken-Maschke was nominated by her daughters Ellen Bacon and Karen Adamski.

**Bedford High School Football Team of 1966** The 1966 team won the first GLL Championship in football. It also was the first championship for Bedford in football since 1958. The Mules went 3-6 in 1965 losing three games by seven

points or less before blanking Whitmer 6-0 in the final game of the season. The Whitmer game is the one that Coach Ray Kwiatkowski believes gave the players a winning attitude and the necessary confidence. Coach Kwiatkowski stated, "I believe that our accomplishment began during the final game of the 1965 football season. Bedford had never beaten Whitmer. This Bedford team, which was all about breaking barriers, playing tough, and handling pressure, captured each moment of that last game." Coach Kwiatkowski went on to say, "This win gave our team and our school pride, dignity, and a belief in creating our own destiny." Each and every member of the 1966 team began working toward the 1966 season with real expectations, even winning a GLL Championship! The goal sounds simple, but there were (almost) insurmountable odds. Whitmer was three times the size of Bedford and rule variations between Ohio and Michigan did not help. Bedford was the only Michigan school in an otherwise Ohio league. Ohio's pre-season practices began three weeks before Michigan's starting date, which included two-a-day practices. Ohio was allowed three scrimmages with opponents while

Michigan had only one. Ohio's game schedule began a game before Michigan's. All this gave Ohio considerably more experience when they met on the field. The Bedford players were well aware of the differences and chose to work through them to achieve their goal, GLL Champions. With only 33 players on the varsity, starters, scout and special team players, managers, and coaches each contributed toward the ultimate goal. Jobs overlapped and practices were constant movement for everyone involved in the preparation for the exciting season. To name individuals for leadership, outstanding performances, enthusiasm, and simply hard work would be an impossible task because there were so many equal contributions. A team is capable of accomplishing things that no individual can, regardless of how talented he may be. This is a team award and it is deserved by this team in its entirety.

The following is information listed in the end-of-the-season banquet program:

**Team Captains:** Dave Long and Chris McMacken

**Rushing Leader:** Dave Long carried the ball 188 times for 1,208 yards, scoring 92 total points.

**All Great Lakes League Team:**

**1st Team:** Dave Long, Tom Johnson, Bill Wingate, Mike Ferguson, Wayne Rumble

**2nd 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:**

**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, Jim Bacon

**Juniors:** Jerry Brescol, Thomas Dusseau, Rob Edgington, Tim Fitzmorris, Robert Hudson, Darrell Mossburg, Paul Preketes, Mark Sherer, Gary Sherman, Norm Shinkle, Tom Towne

**Sophomores:** Roger Brown, Blaine Geer

**Coaching Staff:** Ray Kwiatkowski, Al Studer, Jerry Berndt, Bill Regnier, Larry Skeldon, Bob Ritz, Tom Swan

**Managers:** Phil Covell, Bruce Dull, Tom Hendrix





Bedford High School Football Team of 1966 (Graduating Class of 1967)