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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

6 to be inducted along with '66 team

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TEMPERANCE — It was an illustrious running career that got Steve Danforth inducted into the Bedford High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

Mr. Danforth, 58, was the Michigan high school champion miler in 1969, and he went on to become an All-American track runner at Bowling Green State University.

However, the Sylvania resident wrestled under Bedford's legendary coach Bill Regnier before he donned a pair of running shoes to compete on the high school track



Danforth



McMacken-Maschke



Hammerstein



Blok



Gill



Bell

team.

"I didn't quite make it as a wrestler. The No. 1 guy in my weight class I never seemed to beat," he said.

As a sophomore, Mr. Danforth joined the track team in March when the wrestling season ended, and the young athlete fell in love with track and later cross country.

Making up 10th induction class into the hall of fame along with Mr. Danforth are:

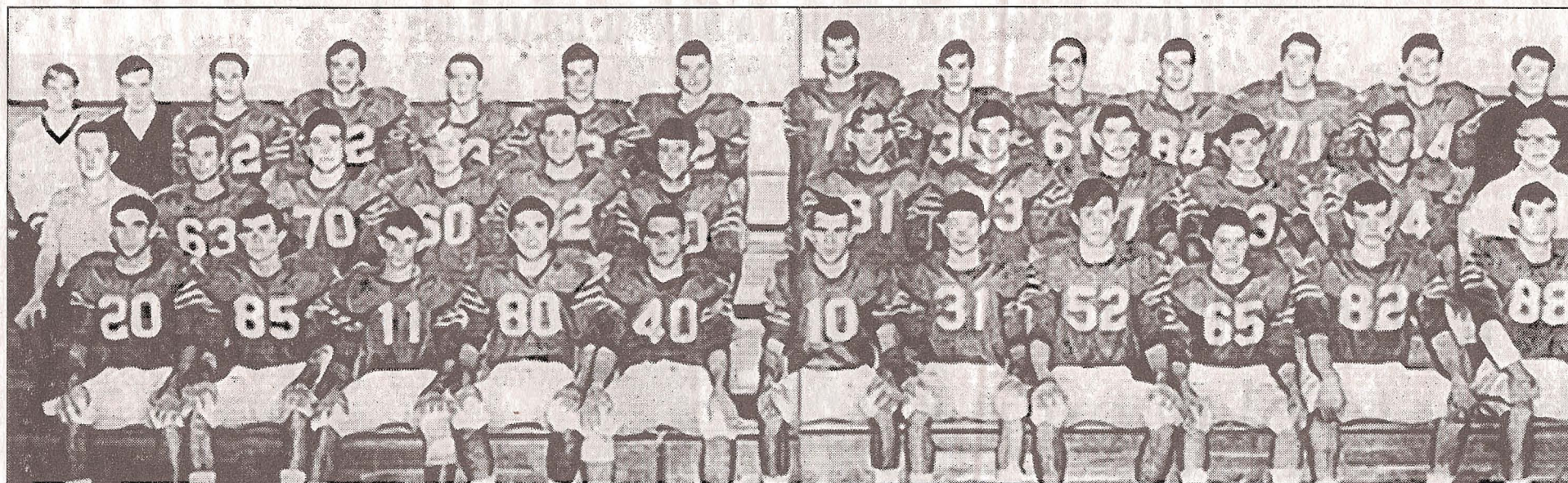
● Phyllis McMacken-Maschke, who taught home economics,

math, science, and driver's education in Bedford Public Schools from 1962 to 1984. She died in 2005 at the age of 84.

● Bill "Marty" Hammerstein, a 1959 graduate who excelled in track. Mr. Hammerstein, who also won varsity letters in football and basketball, set league and school records in the half-mile run.

● Terri (Bosma) Blok, who graduated in 1977, is being honored for contributions in the growth of girls' athletics at the school. A basketball, volleyball, and softball player from 1975 to 1977, she

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The 1966 football team won the Great Lakes League championship, and the honor marks the first time an entire team has been inducted into the hall of fame.

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was twice all-region point champion in basketball, averaging 17.8 points per game in 1975 and 22.5 points in 1976.

● 1991 graduate Tony Gill, who was an outstanding athlete in baseball, football, and basketball, went on to play baseball at Bowling Green State University.

● Matthew Bell, 1991 graduate who participated in the symphonic band, marching band, and pep band, recorded with the Japanese pop band Ninja and recorded a theme for ABC Sports. Mr. Bell graduated from Michigan State University (chemical engineering).

● The 1966 football team, winner of the Great Lakes League championship, will be the first entire team to be inducted into the hall of

fame.

Gene Stock, vice president of the alumni association, said hall of fame honors are intended to recognize those graduates, community members, or teachers who have made significant contributions.

"Some of them did well in high school and went on to do great things. Some didn't excel in high school and after they left Bedford achieved great things," Mr. Stock said.

The 43-member football team, which includes coaches and manager, marked the first time that a team had been nominated for hall of fame.

"If people want to nominate a team we would be more than happy to take a look at them," he said.

After graduating from Bedford High School in 1969, Mr. Danforth ran track and cross country at BGSU, where his teammates included Olympic champion

Dave Wottle.

Mr. Danforth, who was a member of the BGSU four-mile relay team that season the U.S. record in 1973, said selection into the hall of fame is a great honor.

"Look at the other people who have been inducted. I am in with a pretty great class of individuals," he said.

The induction class will be honored during halftime of the Bedford High School football game on Sept. 11.

In addition to the ceremony at the game, the inductees will be honored at a special banquet at 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at the high school.

Tickets for the banquet are \$25 each and can be obtained before Sept. 9 by contacting Lisa Pickard, Bedford High School, 8285 Jackman Rd., Temperance, or 734-850-6105.

Tickets also can be purchased at the high school office after Aug. 30.