

Program Schedule

Social Hour
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Invocation
Jon White

Dinner
7:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks
Chuck Faller, BHS Alumni Association President

Individual Presentations & Hall of Fame Inductions

Closing Remarks
Chuck Faller

Special "Thanks" to the members of this year's
Selection Committee which consisted of...

Kevin Wexler, Chuck Faller, Paul Whitman, Jim Gasiorowski, Etta Mae Chapman,
Mary Lou Zaums, Craig Trychel, Meg Smith, Dave Tolly, Jerry Kish, Charlie
Holmes, Bill Ryan Sr., Denny Caldwell, Dawn Goodwin, Barb Borden

Bedford High School Alumni Association



Fourth Annual

Hall of Fame

Banquet and Induction Ceremony

November 7, 2003

2003 B.H.S. Hall of Fame Inductees

Walter (Bill) Alexander

Bill is a 1952 Graduate of Bedford Senior High School. He was a multi sport athlete, playing football, basketball and a member of the track team. Bill was an excellent athlete, and excelled in all sports. Bill was the Senior Class President and Homecoming King. He was voted the most valuable player on the football team his Senior Year and leading scorer on the Basketball team his Senior Year as well. He was outstanding in the shot put, pole vault, and in all the relay races. In his address as Class President, there is a quote that he used from Edwin Arlington Robinson, a well known American poet. It reads "Two kinds of gratitude: The sudden kind, we feel for what we take. The larger kind, we feel for what we give. That's why you gain entrance to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame, for what you give, not for what you take. Bill, welcome to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Charlie Holmes

Charlie came to Bedford in 1952, and over a 32 year career served our district in several capacities. He was Dean of Students at the Intermediate School from 1971-1980, and taught Junior High Math his last 4 years before retirement. What Charlie will be most remembered for is the 20 years that he served as the Senior High School Band Director, where he took over a small program and turned it into one of the finest in the state of Michigan. In 1964, he had the largest high school band in Monroe County, and had over 400 students participating district-wide. For 8 years in a row, the Bedford High School Marching Band was a featured half time event at Detroit Lions Football Games. During his tenure they also performed regularly as part of the mass band at the University of Michigan Football Games. Charlie continues to serve the Bedford Community in his capacity of proprietor of Holmes Music in Temperance, where he works hard and keeps prices competitive for all musicians in our community. Charlie, welcome to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame. Charlie, welcome to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Dennis Kinney

Denny is a 1970 Graduate of Bedford High School. He was an outstanding athlete (basketball and baseball) while a student at Bedford. He was a starting guard on the 69-70 team that had a 16-6 overall record and won the district championship. He was also a starting pitcher on the baseball team that won GLL Championships in his Junior and Senior years. He was the first, (and we believe the only) Bedford Graduate to play Baseball at the major league level. He played for Oakland, Detroit, Cleveland, and San Diego. Denny was a good student, well liked by everyone, and is a welcome addition to our Hall of Fame. Dennis, welcome to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Fred Lowe

Fred is a 1965 graduate of Bedford Senior High School. He was a great student and a great athlete while at Bedford in Baseball and Wrestling. As impressive as Fred was as a High School Athlete, his weightlifting career after high school is almost unparalleled. He was a member of the United States weightlifting team, and was named to the Olympic team for four consecutive games. In 1968 he placed 8th, 1972 he placed 9th, in 1976 he placed 11th, and the United States boycotted the 1980 games. He is a 7 time United States National Weightlifting Champion, and still holds a record for being the lightest weight athlete to clean and jerk over 400 pounds, which he did in the 165 pound weight class. After a 10 year layoff, Fred started Masters level weightlifting in 1993 and holds worlds records in the 107.5 Kg Snatch, 137.5 Kg Clean and Jerk, 245 Kg total in the 77 Kg class and 140.5 Kg Clean and Jerk in the 85 Kg weight class, weighing 83 Kg as a 50-54 year old weightlifter. Fred has authored many articles on weightlifting, and is truly a nationally known figure in this sport. Fred, welcome to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Chuck Rimmer

Chuck is a 1959 graduate of Bedford Senior High School. He was very active in his high school days, winning varsity letters in 3 sports. Chuck was a member of the Varsity Club and Student Council. After graduation, Chuck became the announcer for almost all Bedford athletic events for many years. He served as the "Voice of Bedford Football" for 31 years. Chuck Rimmer faithfully served Bedford High School for a period of time much longer than most paid employees. His dedication and giving of himself has earned him a place in the Bedford High School Hall of Fame. Chuck, welcome to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

Paul Whitman

Paul Whitman attended the old Temperance High School until 1938, and graduated from High School in Tucson Arizona in 1940. The reason for the move was that Paul's Mother had been diagnosed with Tuberculosis, and the treatment at that time was bed rest in a dry climate. Naturally the family did what was best for Paul's Mother and she recovered from her illness. The family was able to move back to Temperance in late 1940. Paul played football in High School, and enjoyed sports very much. Paul and the entire Whitman Family have been wonderful supporters of Bedford Public Schools and our Community for as long as anyone can remember. Paul is not a guy who will blow his own horn, as a matter of fact he tries his best to avoid recognition for the many things he has done to help in our community. Paul is a truly wonderful man who has been selected to our Hall of Fame in the special recognition category. His induction will make our first Father/Son combination, as his son Jon was inducted in the year 2000. Or maybe we should put that, Son/Father. Paul, welcome to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.