Bedford High School Hall of Fame

The Bedford High School Hall of Fame began in the year 2000 to honor and enshrine those who have made a major contribution to the pride and tradition of Bedford High School. The Hall of Fame currently has 27 members, and we have 3 quality additions to make this year. Our Inductees for 2004 are:

Buffy (Williams) Ruddy

Buffy is a 1989 graduate, and now resides in Petersburg Michigan. She is a Pediatric Physical Therapist at the Toledo Children's Hospital. Buffy was an outstanding volleyball player during her high school days, being named to the All State First Team in both 1988 and 1989. The Monroe Evening News called her "the greatest setter in region history" and was a unanimous selection for The Evening News Player of the Year in 88-89. Buffy was also named the Monroe County Region Volleyball Player of the Decade for the 1980's. She left Bedford on a full ride to Michigan State University with school records for most assists in a match (46), season (989), her career (2729), and most career points served (1020). Her favorite high school memory was playing in the state volleyball finals, and her favorite faculty member was Diana VanReybrock, who she says was always a woman of her word and a great class advisor.

Buffy is married to K.C. Ruddy, they have a son Ty, age 10 months, and another child on the way that is due in January. She is the daughter and 5th of 10 children born to Kay and Tom Williams of Temperance. Buffy feels that being selected for the Hall of Fame is a great honor. She feels that athletes are only as good as the players who surround them, and she credits all of her teammates for this honor as well. Welcome Buffy, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

David Simpson

David is a 1985 graduate of Bedford High School and he now resides in Marysville Ohio. He is the National Sales Manager for Sumitomo Electric Company, and is very active in showing and breeding Clydesdale horses. David was a very talented multi-sport athlete in High School, and received the Mudge Spencer Scholarship award upon graduation. David was an outstanding football player, and received a football scholarship from Michigan State University. He threw the shot put on the Bedford track team, but David is probably most remembered in Bedford history for wrestling. He was the 1985 Heavyweight State Champion, and was an important part of Bedford's sixth state wrestling title. He has too many great high school memories to pick a single one, but high school sports are certainly among them. David is honored to be selected to the Hall of Fame, and says that it is great to be recognized for accomplishments in one of the greatest times of his life. His favorite faculty member was Bill Regnier, for his guidance, his ethics, and having a heart of gold. David is single and has three children, Waylen (10), Riley (9), and Trey (4). He is the son of Carol and the late Harry Simpson of Largo Florida. Welcome David, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

James Kindle

Jim Kindle is a 1970 graduate, and after being gone for 26 years has recently returned to make his home here in Temperance. Jim is the Regional Sales Manager for Gren Automotive. Jim was nominated this year because he is arguably the finest basketball player in Bedford High School history. The 1969-70 team that he played on was the only Bedford team in history to win a District Title, and Jim's leadership on the floor played a huge part in that championship according to Coach Gary Duhaime. Jim left Bedford High School with several school records, some of which still stand today. Most points in a game, assists, and field goal percentage for a game (100%) when one evening he went 11 for 11 from the floor. Jim was the teams leading scorer in his high school career, and then went on to have a successful college basketball career with both Bowling Green and the University of Toledo. During Jim's junior and senior years at the University of Toledo the basketball team went 36-18, and Coach Bob Nichols credits Jim as being a very valuable member of those teams and a big part of the reason they were successful. Jim's favorite faculty members were Med Barr, who made his class interesting and took an interest in each individual, and Gary Duhaime, who inspired Jim to perform to the best of his ability. Jimmy summed up his favorite high school memory for us in one word, graduating. Jim is single and has two daughters, Allison age 20, and Lauren age 14. He is the son of the late William and Marion Kindle of Temperance Michigan. Welcome Jim, to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame.

The remaining Hall of Fame members by year of their induction:

2000

Gerald Kish, Richard Trychel Sr., Jon Whitman, William Early, Bob Andrews, Richard Oswald, Reid Stout, Dr. Warren Tolly, Chester and Lottie Karpanty, John Stafford.

2001

Etta Mae Chapman, Arthur Maschke, Christopher McMacken, Karen Sapp-Crowe, Jennifer Shrader-Williams

2002

Ron Boehme, Jerry Wing, Oyce Whitesell, James McHugh, Paul Swy

2003

Charlie Holmes, Bill Alexander, Paul Whitman, Fred Lowe, Dennis Kinney

The 2004 Bedford High School Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 5th at Memories Banquet Hall on Lewis Avenue in Temperance Michigan. For tickets or more information, please contact Chuck Faller at (734) 847-8339, or Jeremy Snyder at (734) 850-6030.