

## HALL of HONOR INDUCTEES



### ASSISTANT \* TOM OSSY New Baltimore Anchor Bay High School

Tom Ossy coached both boys and girls prep basketball every year from 1973 until his tragic death in an automobile accident on April 24, 2006. He was 54 years old.

Tom coached in Catholic League programs at Detroit Holy Redeemer, Detroit St. Raymond, Grosse Pointe Our Lady Star of the Sea, Warren St. Anne, Grosse Pointe St. Clare and Bishop Gallagher High Schools as well as all levels from 7th grade to junior varsity in the Anchor Bay School District. Tom coached a 13 and under AAU team to a state championship in 1987. In 1988 he was awarded BCAM's Century Club award for 200 victories and this year for 300 non-varsity victories. Tom won over 70 per cent of his games in basketball while instilling solid fundamentals.

An outstanding prep track athlete at Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit, Tom also coached track and cross country at every level from 7th grade up to varsity during the course of a 30 year teaching career in the Anchor Bay School District. As a teacher, Tom taught at every level from kindergarten to high school. He was a frequent lecturer and presenter for the Michigan Geographic Alliance on the teaching of cultural geography and won a grant award from the Michigan Humanities Council for teaching Mexican and Central American Geography in 1991.

"He really pushed to get the most out of kids, both in the classroom and on the court," said Anchor Bay Superintendent, Leonard Woodside. "The kids and the district will miss him."



### ASSISTANT \* DAVE SPARKS New Lothrop High School

A gym rat describes a player or coach who loves basketball and being in the gym. A gym rat would describe Dave Sparks from New Lothrop Schools.

For the past 32 years, Dave has enthusiastically coached, organized, worked camps, officiated and served on BCAM committees.

Dave's basketball involvement began in 1974 when he directed and coached the 5th and 6th grade Intramural League for New Lothrop boys and girls.

Beginning in 1975, Dave took over the New Lothrop JV Girls' team. Since that time, Dave has also served as a volunteer 8th grade boys' coach, JV boys' coach, assistant boys' varsity and JV girls. He has won over 400 games as a non-varsity coach.

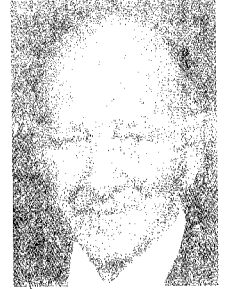
Dave's impressive resume' doesn't stop there. From 1975 to 2000, he served as New Lothrop's girls' varsity coach. As the girls' varsity coach, he won 300 games. Dave also served two seasons as the boys' varsity coach at New Lothrop, winning 31 games. Dave has won over 800 (closing on 900) basketball games as a coach.

Dave and his teams have won 8 District, 2 Regional and 5 League Championship. He has served as BCAM's Team Academic Award chairman for boys and girls.

Dave and wife, Judy have 5 daughters, 2 sons & 5 grandchildren.

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### FRIEND of BASKETBALL AL DIMMER \* Attica



Al Dimmer has always strived to provide athletic directors, coaches, parents and athletes the best in sporting good and apparel. For more than 60 years, Al has been serving the many school communities of Metro Detroit as a sporting goods salesman. Being a sporting goods salesman has been and always will be, his vocation and passion.

Al began serving high schools and athletes in the 1940's as a sales representative at Lippman's Sporting Goods. When Lippman's went out of business, he joined Eastside Sporting Goods where he expanded his expertise and clientele until the early 1970's. He then began his own team business, Dimmer-Warren, serving AD's, coaches and athletes. In 1978, he incorporated his business, which is located in Attica, Michigan. He continues today, at age 85, helping athletic directors and coaches in his quest to provide the best equipment and service available.

Al has been honored five times by the MIAAA with a Service Award and was presented with the "Labor of Love" Award in 1998 for 50 years of service to Michigan high school athletic programs.

Al and wife, Eleanor, have four children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### FRIEND of BASKETBALL DALLAS KELSEY JR \* Grosse Ile

The announcer at a high school basketball game creates excitement just as the players, cheerleaders, coaches and pepband can. Finding a good announcer is never easy, but Grosse Ile High not only found a good one, but found one who has been a part of the program for the past 22 years. That announcer is Dallas Kelsey Jr.



As the voice of basketball games at Grosse Ile, he announces home games, tournament and state tournament games.

Besides involvement with Grosse Ile High School, Dallas has been elected for two terms as Grosse Ile Township Supervisor and has served on the Grosse Ile School Board for 14 years. He was named Grosse Ile "Citizen of the Year" in 1998.

Dallas is married and he and his wife Sharon have two children.

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### OFFICIAL \* BARBARA BECKETT

Barbara Beckett began officiating in 1983. She quickly was recognized as being one of the top officials in the state.

Barbara has officiated numerous Boys' Semi-Finals from 1991-2001. In 1995 she worked a Boys' State Final at the Breslin Center. Barb also worked the Girls' Finals in 1996, 1999 and 2002.

In addition to officiating, Barbara has been the President of the Northern Sports Officials Association since 1997. She assigns officials for many Northern Michigan conferences in basketball, baseball and softball. Barbara also umpires softball and was assigned to the MHSAA Softball Finals in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

The MHSAA honored Barbara in 2000 with the "Vern Norris" award which is given to officials who do outstanding work with mentoring and educating officials and are active in a local officials association.

Barbara resides in Traverse City where she has been a Program Director for the YMCA for 22 years.



### OFFICIAL \* MIKE CONLIN

Mike Conlin has been an official since 1976 in basketball, football and baseball. Mike also coached freshman basketball at Mt. Pleasant High School from 1984-1986. In 2002, Mike founded the Capital Area Officials Association and now serves as the Executive Director. Mike serves as the coordinator of girls and boys basketball officials for the Capital Area and

Southern Michigan Athletic Association. He also serves as coordinator of officials for Mens' Basketball Officials in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

During the summer, Mike can always be found as a staff member of several officials' camps and clinics throughout the state.

Mike is a member of the Big 10 and Horizon League Mens' basketball officials' staffs in addition to many Division II & III conferences. In 1993, Mike was assigned to the NCAA D-III Final Four. Mike also finds time to be a member of the Basketball Officials and Coaches Communication Committee (BOCCC).

In football, Mike officiates in the Mid-American Conference and worked the conference championship game in 2005. He also umpires at the major college level in baseball and was assigned to the College World Series in 2005.

Mike resides in Lansing with his wife, Laurie and sons Drew & Jace.

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**MEDIA • LEO MARTONOSI III**  
**Holland Sentinel**

Leo R Martonosi III has been covering High School Basketball for the Holland Sentinel since 1969. For 40 years, Leo has shared his passion for basketball in his writing and scoring of boys and girls basketball at both the high school and college level. A unique trait Leo has, is his ability to make a connection between the story and the people who read his stories.



After Leo's football career was completed at Northwood Institute where he was the first 4-year varsity athlete, he wrote for the Midland Daily News. In 1969, he started writing for the Holland Sentinel. His favorite all-time memory is covering Hamilton's 1984 Class C Semi-finals victory over Detroit St Martin DePorres and State Championship win over Kalamazoo Christian. He has missed only one state championship contest since he was a junior at Gladwin High School in 1960.

Leo serves as a voting member on the AP Division I Football and Basketball polls. He also serves on the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame election committee. One of Leo's great joys is watching his 3 grandchildren grow academically and athletically.