

Ronald Applegate – Haslett, MI – Official

Ron Applegate has been one of our state's outstanding officials for 40 years. From 1971 until 2011 he officiated basketball at the high school and college levels including 20 years with the MHSAA, 7 years of men's college basketball (Junior College, MIAA, Great Lakes) and 30 years of women's college basketball (Junior College, MIAA, Great Lakes, NAIA, Horizon League, Summit League, Conference USA, Big East, Big Ten). As a high school official, he has worked both a Girls' (1983) and Boys' (1986) Finals game. He has officiated the post season in men's Junior College and NAIA tournaments and also worked 8 NCAA D1 women's tournaments.

As an instructor of officiating, he has taught classes at Lansing Community College and has run officiating camps at MSU. For 18 years he was a supervisor of women's basketball officials for the Mid-American Conference.

Outside of basketball, Ron is an accomplished golfer and PGA Golf Pro. He says he is now a "semi-retired" golf pro, but has been doing it since 1978. He coached golf at Haslett HS for 13 years and at LCC for 5 years—his high school teams finishing in the state's top ten in 8 of those 13 years. He has been a golf instructor for 42 years at LCC and presently continues to teach there. In addition, he previously was the program director for The First Tee of Mid-Michigan and now volunteers with that organization.

Ron has two sons, Paul and Chase, and one daughter Amanda.

Jim Martin – Grand Rapids Catholic Central HS – Friend of Basketball

Jim "Stats" Martin has kept the stats for GRCC boys' varsity basketball teams since 1978 and the girls' varsity teams since 1979. In 1981 he added the boys freshmen and JV games to his duties (over 3,100 high school games to date). But these aren't your run-of-the-mill stats. Jim keeps records of about 20 stats per player, including playing time (down to the second), all shooting, rebounding (offensive and defensive), assists, fouls, violations, turnovers, steals, blocks, tipped passes, loose ball retrievals, assists-not-converted, etc.

He started out in 1975 developing a system for grade school on a programmable HP-65 calculator. He upgraded to an Apple II+ in 1979 and then was finally off and running when VisiCalc was invented (the very first spreadsheet program for personal computers).

While he almost exclusively uses his talents for Catholic Central, he has done some stats for Wyoming Lee, East Grand Rapids, East Kentwood, Orchard View, Kenowa Hills, Thornapple Kellogg and Wayland. He also has done over 700 games scoring CC baseball and 1,000 games of football. He wrote a program for the track team so they could set up meets and then record the results (as he was not able to get to their meets). The only coach he said "no" to was in 1977 when one student manager showed off his stats from an MSU game he attended to Jud Heathcote. They asked Jim if he was interested in doing stats for MSU, but he said no, mainly because his car was not reliable enough to drive to East Lansing. Of course the next year the Spartans won the national championship, so he guesses they didn't really need his help after all.

Longtime varsity girls' basketball coach at GRCC, Bob Schichtel, nominated Jim for the Hall of Honor. Bob notes, "Jim was a basketball sabermetrician long before it was popular or understood. His self-developed computer analysis was always highly accurate and gave Catholic Central coaches both insight and credibility. Our coaches were the envy of the Grand Rapids City League during this period because of Jim's loyalty, work and integrity."

Phil McDonald – St. Joseph, MI - Media

Phil McDonald is being inducted into the Media category of the BCAM Hall of Honor. He was nominated by Jim Maier, a long-time basketball coach at Stevensville Lakeshore, who strongly feels that Phil is a very deserving candidate for the Hall of Honor.

Phil has been broadcasting Southwest Michigan high school basketball and football games for WSJM Radio in St. Joseph since 1988 and Lake Michigan College (Benton Harbor) basketball for the past five years.

As well as broadcasting live games, he also hosts the *WSJM Sports Road Trip*, which is a weekly one-hour broadcast from various Southwest Michigan high schools spotlighting their athletic programs and student-athletes. In addition, he co-hosts *The Coaches* on WSJM Sports which is a two-hour program every Saturday morning during the school year where coaches stop in to discuss that week's action and promote their teams.

Phil was previously recognized for his outstanding service covering and promoting high school athletics in 2012 by the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club. He says he is truly honored to be receiving induction into BCAM's Hall of Honor. He is joined this evening by his sister Kristie, brothers Joe and Mike, and niece Taylor.

Robert Noorman – Grand Rapids Covenant Christian HS – Friend of Basketball

When Covenant Christian HS opened in the fall of 1968, Bob Noorman jumped right in and helped in the concession stand or by taking admissions at home games for his 8th grade son's teams. But even today, years after his children's (and grandchildren's) graduations, he still remains a fixture as the Voice of the Chargers.

Bob started announcing part-time during the 1972-73 season, then started full-time during the 76-77 season. For nearly 45 years Bob has been announcing boys' basketball. Over time he also added girls' basketball games, as well as boys and girls district and regional baseball and softball tournaments to his announcing duties.

Bob is well known and respected by veteran officials and opposing coaches. Always one to call a fair game, he will still get excited about a great play regardless of whether it is made by the home team or the visitors. The player making the great assist will get recognition as well as the one who scores. Always one to respect the game and all the participants, he will introduce opposing players and coaches with the same energy as the Chargers—always beginning each game with a reminder that sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. When the game concludes, he thanks everyone for coming and encourages everyone to drive safely both in the parking lot and on the way home, remembering that "courtesy is contagious". He makes a point to thank parents for supporting their kids in athletics, thanks those who work in concessions and those who support the program with their advertising dollars.

Needless to say, the athletic staff and participants at Covenant Christian value the long-term support and work that Bob has put into the program.

Bob thanks his wife Dorothy, for supporting him all these years and is very proud of his children Richard (Sue), Gary (Joyce), James (Faith) and Keith (Sara), as well as 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren (soon to be 24)!

Michael Perry – Mt Morris HS – Assistant Coach

Mike Perry has been a well-known and respected member of Mt. Morris, MI for 50+ years. Whether as a local business owner or as a beloved coach, Mike has left his mark on his community.

During the 1985-86 season, Mike began coaching freshmen boys' basketball at Mt. Morris HS. The next season, he advanced to the JV ranks and stayed there for 16 seasons. As the JV coach and varsity assistant, he is credited for playing a key role in the 0-42 record turn-around and subsequent success of the boys' program from the late 80's through the 90's. The seniors of the class of '91 won 31 games in two years—a feat that hasn't been duplicated since.

Mike also coached some girls' basketball at several levels during this time period, culminating in a 3 season stint as the varsity coach during 1998-2000. After the 2000 season, Mike retired from both the boys' and girls' programs.

The 2010-11 season, however, marked Coach Perry's return to coaching and he now serves as the JV coach and varsity assistant for the boys' program. He recently marked his 21st season as a basketball coach at Mt. Morris.

A self-proclaimed "hoop junkie", Mike has served as director of the Mt. Morris Summer League since its inception in 2015. He is the founder of "Hoop FUNdamentals"—holding basketball camps for

youth for many years during the 90's. He has even designed some of the basketball uniforms and painted the graphics on the gym floor.

Head varsity boys' coach Steve Perryman nominated Mike for the Hall of Honor. Steve says, "Mike has been incredibly valuable to a young, first-time head coach like myself. So helpful, in fact, that I can never repay him".

Mike wishes to thank his very supportive wife Barb, who he says is "the best wife any coach could have. She has supported me and the entire coaching staff completely. I wouldn't be here tonight without her devotion". Along with his wife, Mike is supported by his daughters Jamie, Krissy, and Amanda, along with 8 grandchildren.

Greg Rogers – Midland Dow HS - Assistant Coach

Greg Rogers started volunteering as an assistant varsity coach at Dow High School in 1984. Having been an outstanding high school and college player himself, he came back to his alma mater and joined the coaching staff at the request of head varsity boys' coach Dave MacDonald. He worked especially with the front line players each year and devised many drills to help them develop their post moves. The players looked forward to working with Greg, as he challenged them to improve their skills. They not only improved their offensive skills as the season progressed, but they also became tougher rebounders. Dave could always count on Greg to help with the summer program, scout games, attend clinics, and do any other activity that would benefit the basketball program.

In addition to being the varsity assistant, Greg coached in a youth basketball league from 1989-1996 and coached middle school basketball from 1995-2002. He also has refereed for high school summer leagues and coached some Little League baseball.

Greg continued to assist Coach MacDonald as a volunteer coach until Dave retired at the end of the 2011-12 boys' basketball season. During this span of 28 years he not only balanced coaching with his professional career as president of the local hospital, but also raised a family of 3 boys with his wife Candy. Two of his sons played basketball for Dow and one son videotaped all of the games.

Dave MacDonald writes this about his long-time assistant: "Greg Rogers has left his mark on the game of basketball in Midland, especially at Dow HS. He has put in countless volunteer hours over the years working with the young men who have had the opportunity to play basketball at Dow. These athletes are better individuals because of their relationship with Coach Greg Rogers. He was an excellent teacher and mentor. [Personally] I always sought out Greg for his thoughts on anything dealing with our program. He had a very positive influence on me as a coach as well as on the basketball program."

Outside of sports, Greg has held numerous positions on the leadership boards of Midland area organizations including Delta College, Midland Area Chamber of Commerce, Midland County United Way, the Midland Community Center and the Roscommon County Community Foundation.

Celebrating with Greg and his wife Candy are sons Justin (Leslie), Michael (Linden), and Adam (Robin) as well as granddaughter Natalie.

Ted Wildermuth – Marysville HS – Friend of Basketball

Ted Wildermuth has filled just about every supporting role for Marysville sports in the last 6 decades that any one person could possibly fill. His service began in 1966 when he coached 7th and 8th grade boys who did not make the "A" team. He filled this role for 7 years. A second role he has filled is statistician. Ted has done stats for almost every sport offered at Marysville. He has kept the book for all levels of boys' basketball, varsity girl's basketball, 30 seasons of varsity baseball, varsity softball, 29 seasons of varsity football, 32 seasons of varsity volleyball, and varsity track! Thirdly, he has had the role of keeping the clock/scoreboard for football, basketball, volleyball and track meets. If that wasn't enough, he can also add 10 years of filming games for freshman football to his resume. He has especially enjoyed scoring at several state championships and all-star games in various sports including one at Tiger Stadium.

Ted has been honored for his service previously by being made an honorary member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association in 1998. In 1992 he received his league's Outstanding

Service Award for scorekeeping. The Michigan Volleyball Coaches Association gave him special recognition in 2008 as well.

Ryan Biewer, boys' head varsity basketball coach at Marysville nominated Ted for the BCAM Hall of Honor. Ryan says "Ted has been a huge influence on the Marysville basketball program for many years. His experience, knowledge, and love for education and students has definitely helped us create a great basketball environment at Marysville."

Ted wishes to thank his wife Joyce as well as all the coaches and players he has worked with over the years.

Pete Wright - Northville HS - Assistant Coach

Pete Wright just completed his 32nd year with the women's basketball program at Northville HS. Having only ever coached at his alma mater, he started back in 1984 and served until 1991 as the head JV and assistant varsity girls' coach. Beginning in 1995 he took the reins of the program and coached the varsity girls for 13 seasons. During this time the team earned four district titles and two conference titles. In 2009, Pete once again assumed the girls' varsity assistant role and continues to this day.

Pete is a man of integrity who is dedicated to all things "Northville" and is a true gentleman of the game. He has played an instrumental role in establishing and maintaining the successful culture of basketball at Northville. He coaches for the love of the game, to work with young people and to give back to the community he grew up in.

Head varsity girls' coach Todd Gudith says, "Pete has no ego to satisfy. He is too humble to take any credit for the success of our program. I have had the pleasure of coaching with him for the last 14 years. Pete has been a mentor, colleague and friend to many of us in the coaching fraternity."

Head boy's coach Todd Sander nominated Pete for the Hall of Honor and has this to say about him: "Pete has influenced my coaching career tremendously, and we have never even coached the same team together. We talk frequently and he provides valuable insight and advice through all types of situations. Our basketball staffs at Northville have always had a special bond and sense of camaraderie, and that started with Ed Kritch and Pete Wright 30+ years ago; it still continues today."

In addition to his work at Northville, Phil is also an AAU basketball coordinator and coach. He wishes to thank his wife Sue and his daughters Tori and Kelly.