

2018 HALL of HONOR INDUCTEES



ASSISTANT COACH

Bob Eidson – Grand Haven HS

Bob Eidson has been a loyal fixture of Grand Haven basketball for nearly 50 years. Since 1971 Bob has head coached or assisted with almost every basketball team at Grand Haven that there is--from 8th grade to varsity. He has contributed to 11 district championships, 3 regional championships, and 5 conference championships over the years.

Current boys varsity head coach Greg Immink nominated Bob for the BCAM Hall of Honor. He writes, “Several things stand out to me about Bob Eidson—his loyalty to Grand Haven, his love for being in the gym, and his positivity. When Coach Steve Hewitt tragically passed away, Bob stepped up and led the team through that difficult time, even when he had plans to retire himself. He

loved teaching the game and helping kids improve; and he was always positive and supportive of the coach he worked under—always supporting new ideas and approaches.”

Bob’s wife Robin and children Jason, Adam, Amanda and Alex are all very proud of his accomplishments.

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Thomas B. Faylor – Birmingham Seaholm HS

At 87 years young, Thomas Faylor has spent the last 12 years dedicated to Seaholm girls’ basketball. Not only does he help from a logistics standpoint: keeping stats, calling newspapers and organizing uniforms, but is the emotional support for every single person in the program, including the head coach January Hladki, who nominated Tom for the BCAM Hall of Honor. She says that “365 days a year Tom is thinking about Seaholm girls’ basketball and how to take our program to the next level.” He is concerned about everything from the girls’ warm-up outfits (so they can have a greater “sense of pride”) to being available at all times for open gyms, to making his famous “scotcheroos” cookies. Tom attends everything: overnight team camps, team building activities, athletes’ graduation parties, elite camps, BCAM clinics and has even driven to northern Michigan to attend the funeral of one athlete’s grandmother. He loves the game, learning the game and the Seaholm program to his core.



Coach Faylor started as a guidance counselor at Derby Junior High in Birmingham when it opened in 1955. He was the assistant basketball coach from 1958-63 and the head coach from 1963-66. During that time, he was the unofficial photographer and developed the pictures in his home darkroom. He has coached 9th grade football, 9th grade basketball, little league football, little league baseball and founded the ski club at Derby.

In 2015 Coach Hladki renamed their Dedication and Drive Award to the Thomas B. Faylor Award because Tom promotes an “all-in” attitude and doing the jobs that go unnoticed, showing determination and drive, but not always getting the spotlight.

His family includes daughter Martha Faylor Coyne, son Barton (Sarah) Faylor and grandchildren Nick and Madeline Coyne, and Sydney and Sophie Faylor.

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Gerald B. Johnson – Farmington HS

Gerald Johnson has been coaching both boys and girls basketball for 25 years. He was a part of the coaching staff at Detroit Pershing under the leadership of the late Johnny Goston. While there he helped mentor many of their players that went on to play after high school. At Detroit Renaissance, Gerald was an integral part of two Class B State Championship teams. The 2004 team went 27-0 and several players went on to play high major college basketball. At Southfield High School, Coach Johnson was the head girls' varsity coach. His teams were known for their aggressive defense and up-tempo offense. Currently he is the head freshman coach and varsity assistant at Farmington High School.

Terrance Porter, head varsity boys' coach at Farmington, was proud to nominate Gerald for the BCAM Hall of Honor. Terrance says that Gerald is passionate about developing young people both on and off the court as a teacher, coach and mentor.

Gerald wishes to thank his wife Alicia, Alysia and Michael Gordon, Rashad J. Fergerson, and Lisa D. Johnson.

ASSISTANT COACH

Edward Kritch – Northville HS

Ed Kritch has been a fixture of the Northville basketball programs for almost 4 decades. Many of the teams that he has been connected with have enjoyed tremendous success; however, Ed's contributions reach far beyond wins and championships. Ed has been a mentor and influential teacher to other coaches in the Northville programs.

He learned from some of the best, including Hall of Fame coaches Bob Blohm and Fred Thomann, and Ed has carried many of their beliefs and philosophies over to Northville's present day head coaches. Northville's teams rely on time-tested old-school basketball fundamentals of passing and catching, moving the basketball, playing unselfishly with a commitment to team defense. Ed is able to tweak his offensive scheme as personnel changes from year to year. He believes that the total contribution of the five players on the floor should be greater than the sum of their individual abilities.

Ed started out in 1983 coaching the Northville JV girls for one year. After that he took turns between the Northville varsity girls for 7 seasons (amassing over 100 wins) and then the Salem varsity girls for 4 seasons. Since 2000, he has been a varsity assistant for both Northville boys and girls—currently assisting varsity boys' coach Todd Sander, who nominated Ed for this award.

Ed's family includes daughters Jennifer and Julie, as well as grandsons Charlie and Henry.



FRIEND OF BASKETBALL

Genevieve E. Hartwig – Concord HS



Genevieve “Gene” Hartwig has been a fixture at Concord sporting events for the last 32 years. In 1983 she “complained” that there was no one announcing for the girls’ basketball games. Of course the A.D. asked if SHE would do it, but she said “yes”, and the rest is history. When the boys’ team was without an announcer, she added those home games to her schedule as well and to this day announces for both, often beautifully singing the national anthem as well. She is the “Voice of Concord” for basketball, volleyball, and track & field; runs the clock for volleyball; and up until recently was a volleyball line judge. As a retired Concord English teacher, she does a wonderful job of writing and reading the Senior Night scripts for the senior athletes and their parents at the last home game of the season each year.

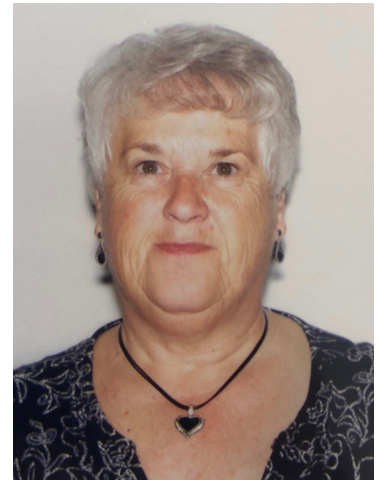
“Mrs. H. is an incredible person and such a worthy recipient of this award,” notes athletic director, Matt Lehman, who nominated her for the BCAM Hall of Honor. “As an athletic director for many years, it was sometimes hard to find volunteers to help at events. It’s been great having someone so dependable like Gene during the fall, winter and spring to be a part of the Concord athletic family. She is beloved by those that know her, including me!”

Gene and her late husband Dale have two daughters, Amy (Dave) Freefer and Jen (Jeff) Rapelje as well as four grandchildren Kayla, Jake, Joey and Jonny.

FRIEND of BASKETBALL

Kathy Lowder – Homer HS

For 28 years Kathy Lowder has been the scorekeeper for Homer HS and MS basketball. This short sentence may not sound like much, but when you listen to both of the high school varsity basketball coaches go on and on about her, you realize that Kathy does much more than just “keep score”. Tom Fleming, retiring varsity girls’ head coach, says she was more than just a scorekeeper. She was his assistant coach behind the scenes. She was his second mom, his confidant and “best listener”. Whenever she would miss an occasional contest, the team was almost lost without her. Jason Wolfe, the boys’ varsity head coach at Homer, says Kathy’s attention to detail, consistency and passion for doing an excellent job is second to none. She is a great supporter of all Homer athletics.



As well as participating on the sidelines, Kathy further supports Homer athletics by being an active member of the athletic booster club, serving as their president for 3 years. She continues to work to ensure that future students will have the same great opportunities in athletics as those who came before them. Having a positive attitude in all she does, Kathy exemplifies what it takes to make small-town athletic programs successful: passion and commitment.

Celebrating her award with her are Kathy’s husband Steve, children Missy (Dale) Harris, Chassity (Jeremy) Mills, and Greg (Kara) Lowder. She also has 6 grandchildren, Logan, Brendan, Carter, Brooke, Cameron, and Jillian.

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Libby Wolfe – Brooklyn Columbia Central HS

Libby Wolfe has kept the scorebook for 35 years for girls' basketball and 33 years for the boys. Starting in 1982 when her daughter was a player, she added the boys' games to her workload two years later. She worked hard learning the rules and earning the respect of the officials. She now knows them almost all by name before they even come up to the table and keeps them in line too! She has scored at least 3,000 games over the years at Columbia Central and the officials even ask her to teach others how to keep the books.

Her work is not only on the sidelines. She is the team "Mom" as well. From hosting team dinners at her house, to helping with minor medical issues, to baking cookies for every away bus trip and sewing a memoir quilt for every basketball senior, Libby is a very busy woman!

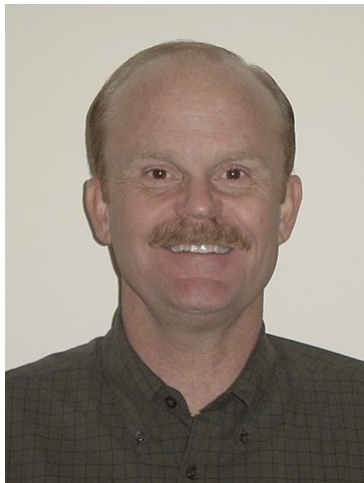
Coach McDevitt and Coach Rychener, who nominated Libby for the Hall of Honor, say that she has worked with probably 20+ coaches over the years, listening to them and guiding them. Loved by the players, almost every basketball alumnus who comes back to watch a game will make a point to stop and talk to her.

In attendance with Libby tonight are her husband Jim, children Jim and Jeri (Jim) Wagner, and granddaughters Olivia and Sophia.



OFFICIAL

Randy Hutton – Davison, MI



Randy Hutton has been a registered MHSAA basketball official for 42 years, and has officiated in many college associations as well, such as the Michigan Community College Ath. Assoc. (35 years), the Michigan Intercollegiate Ath. Assoc. (34 years), the Wolverine-Hoosier Ath. Assoc. (34 years), and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Ath. Assoc. (29 years). Highlights of his officiating career have been working four MHSAA state semi-final games as well as nine MHSAA state final games. He was selected to officiate in the NAIA Division II National Championships four different years and worked the Finals game in two of those years.

Hutton has served as a certified trainer and has been a presenter of rules/definitions for the Genesee County Coaches and Officials Association. He was a presenter/clinician at the BCAM Reaching Higher Showcase and at 16 different officiating camps over the years. Currently Randy is a member of the BOCCC (Basketball Officials & Coaches Communication Committee). In 2014, Genesee County Coaches & Officials Assoc. chose him for their Lifetime Achievement award.

Randy and his wife Debbie have one daughter, Melissa Bessette. He wishes to thank all of his family including his parents, Harry and Charlotte, and his siblings, Nancy and Steve. He also wishes to mention his officiating mentor John Kirk.

MEDIA

Chris Stevens – Midland Daily News

Chris Stevens was involved in the Midland area sports scene for 30 years (1987-2017) as either a sports writer, assistant sports editor or sports editor for the Midland Daily News. From 2001-2017 he was in charge of organizing the department's coverage, which included a lot of boys and girls high school basketball and local college basketball. He selected a large number of All-Area Dream Teams and even hosted a luncheon for many years honoring these selections. As a voting member of the Associated Press, he helped to select All-State basketball teams for several years.



Dave MacDonald, varsity basketball coach at Midland Dow HS for many years, nominated Stevens for the Hall of Honor. Dave says that Chris was always very positive in his reporting of high school sports and was appreciated for his expertise in the reporting of the games he covered—having a special feel for the sport of basketball. Dave enjoyed Chris' human-interest stories and articles relating to local sports.

A member of the Midland County Sports Hall of Fame, Chris has received more than two dozen sports writing honors. Twice he was named one of the ten best sports columnists in the nation by the AP Sports Editors.

Chris says he was an avid lunch-time hoops player as well, playing three times a week for nearly 30 years. He grew up on the north side of Flint and first fell in love with basketball by following the great Flint Northern teams of the early 70's. (Coach Bill Frieder happened to be his first Little League baseball coach.) He says it was a highlight to be able to watch and report on some of the state's greatest players including Draymond Green, Jason Richardson, Charlie Bell, Mateen Cleaves, Anthony Roberson, Morris Peterson and Matt Costello.

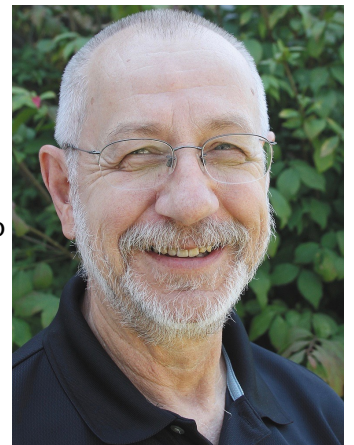
Chris and his wife Jodie have two daughters: Nahomie and Ellie.

MEDIA

Lloyd Wallace – Ludington Daily News

Lloyd Wallace started out in journalism during his time in the army from 1964-67, attending the Defense Information School at Ft. Slocum, NY, for journalism and radio broadcasting. During his time in South Korea he worked in Armed Forces Radio. Upon returning to the states his first job was in sports editing, working at the Fort Leonard Wood Guidon. Next he moved to the Manistee News Advocate, and finally landed at the Ludington Daily News, where he worked from 1970 until his retirement in 2011.

While at the Ludington Daily News he covered all the area high schools in a basketball-rich area, but his primary team was Ludington HS where he covered over 1500 boys and girls games. This being a small-town newspaper, he was responsible for pregame and game stories, columns and photographs. Lloyd was much more than a sports editor however; he was the historian of Mason County sports and a leader in the advancement of women's sports, advocating for girls teams to receive equal coverage in the sports section. Detailed records and statistics filled the newspaper—every game of every season getting extensive coverage. He kept meticulous records including all-time scoring lists for Mason County schools as well as a variety of team records.



Thad Shank, head varsity boys' coach at Ludington, nominated Lloyd for the Hall of Honor. He feels blessed with the quality of sports coverage that Lloyd provided to his community. Thad's family has scrapbooks full of newspaper coverage from games played and coached in. These documented memories will last a lifetime thanks to Lloyd. He feels that great newspaper coverage of this nature helps to maintain excellence in sports programs.

Lloyd has received numerous writing awards for columns, game stories, features and photos from the Associated Press and Michigan Press Association. He is a co-founder and member of the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame. He served as the Class A chairman on the Associated Press' weekly girls basketball poll for close to 30 years. Outside of journalism, he was involved as a fast-pitch softball umpire for 24 years and was the area's Umpire in Chief for the Michigan Amateur Softball Association for many years. Lloyd and his wife Linda continue to reside in Ludington.