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### ASSISTANT COACH \* GORDON MURPHY Laker High School

Many coaches are honored for championships and many wins. Gordon Murphy of Laker High School is admired for wins and championships, but more importantly he is honored for his time and dedication in the development of the girls' basketball program at Laker.

Gordon started coaching in 1978 as the Junior Varsity girls' coach at Laker. He continued as the JV coach for 22 years. During this time, he coached and mentored over 215 young ladies. This season, Gordon will serve as the Assistant Varsity girls' coach at Laker High School. During the last 10 years at

Laker, he has helped the program to 6 League and 5 District Championships.

Gordon teaches 8th grade history. His family includes father, John (deceased) and mother Norma.

#### ASSISTANT COACH \* JAMES D. SEIDELL **Brown City High School**

Devotion to your school could best describe Jim Seidell at Brown City. Jim has served as a coach, administrator and the school's best fan since 1974. The Green Devil's of Brown City are one of the consistent basketball programs in the Blue Water area due to his commitment and efforts.

Jim began coaching in 1974 as the Junior Varsity boys' coach with a 34-6 record. From 1976 to 1984 Jim was the Varsity basketball coach (137-61) and led his teams to 2 League and 3 District Championships. As varsity coach, Jim



was twice voted Blue Water Basketball Coach of the Year and 3 times as Sanilac County Coach of the Year. From 1985 to 1991, Jim worked as an official for 7 Regional and 3 Quarter-final contests. Since 1992, Jim has been the boys' Assistant Varsity Coach with a 145-63 win-loss record, helping Brown City to 3 League, 6 District and 1 Regional Championship. Jim has been part of more than 300 victories at Brown City as well as helping student-athlets become the best they can be.



#### **ASSISTANT COACH \* BERNARD WOUTERS** Center Line St. Clement

The success of a basketball program is often determined by the strength of the junior high school program. Center Line St. Clement has been very successful in the Detroit Catholic League due to the efforts of Bernie Wouters' teaching and coaching ability.

Since 1973, Bernie has been the head coach of St. Clement Junior high. He has won over 300 games during his tenure as coach. His teams have won 12 League, 6 District and 1 Regional Championship.

Bernie also coached at Detroit Nativity from 1961 to 1963 at the Junior Varsity coach. His record at Nativity was 28-12 and he won 1 League Championship there. Bernie was inducted into the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame in 1998.

Bernie's family includes wife of 31 years, Jackie and children Jackie (David) Feldman, Kim (Jim) Broski, Bernie, Brian (Chris) and 2 grandchildren.

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#### FRIEND OF BASKETBALL \* ROGER BREUKER Western Michigan Christian High School

Successful basketball programs depend on good coaching and talented players. These programs also rely on the services of others to help keep things running smoothly. Roger Breuker of Western Michigan Christian High School has been doing the little things for a very successful basketball program.

For over 37 year, Roger has been involved in Western Michigan Christian's basketball program as well as helping with other sports. Some of Roger's duties have included the



selling and taking ticket, crowd control and keeping the gym clean. His main job consisted of being a fan of Western Michigan Christian's basketball program. Roger has enjoyed working with Elmer Walcott, Ed Heethuis and Jim Goorman who have al served as head basketball coaches at the school.

#### FRIEND OF BASKETBALL \* NATE HAMPTON Assistant Director, MHSAA

The success of Michigan High School basketball can be attributed to Nate Hampton of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. From the rules, to officiating, to coahe and the State Tournament, Nate handles and administrate all areas of boyes and girls' basketball in the state of Michiga with great success.

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Nate is in his 11th year of service as Assistant Direct
with the MHSAA, having responsibility for girls and boy
basketball, Track and Field, Cross Country and rules inter
pretation for football. Nate's duties include conducting

pretation for football. Nate's duties include conducting committee meetings, arranging for tournament formats and conditions for eac assigned sport. Nate has chair responsibility for the MHSAA Standing Equit Committee and for the National Federation of State High School Association's Equit Committee and is a member of the National Basketball Rules Committee. Prior to coming on staff with the MHSAA, Nate served as City Athletic Administrate with the City of Saginaw Public Schools. Prior to that tenure, he served the City of Highland Park Public Schools for 17 years in positions that included History teacher volleyball coach, wwimming and diving Coach, football coach and City Athletic Administrator. Nate earned a BA from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Marylan and an MA from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. He is a nationally certification of the property of the proper Athletics Administrator. He has been married to wife, Michele for 12 years.

## FRIEND OF BASKETBALL \* SHELDON RADOM St Joseph Area Schools

Devoted. That one word describes this Southwestern Michigan SuperFan. Sheldon Radom has been involved with high school basketball for over 50 years.

This superfan has been a supporter of Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Stevensville Lakeshore, Niles and Lake Michigan Catholic schools. Sheldon has been a season ticket holder at Benton Harbor since the late 1940's. He is also one of the founders of the Twin City Sailors, a semi-pro team in the 1960's and the general manager from 1963-67. Sheldon has also

assisted many Southwestern Michigan basketball stars in the recruiting process. While once a huge Benton Harbor and St. Joseph fan, Sheldon now roots for Lakeshore basketball because he has a granddaughter in the Lancer

Sheldon sees between 70 and 80 girls' and boys' games each year. His family includes wife Esther (deceased) and children Michael and Peggy. Sheldon also has four grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



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#### FRIENDS \* ARDEN & BOBBIE ROWLEY ST. JOSEPH

The phrase "Friends of Basketball" is deserving for Arden and Bobbie Rowley. They have devoted most of their adult lives to supporting basketball in Southwestern Michigan.

The Rowley's are considered the Number 1 fans of Stevensville Lakeshore and other area teams. The Rowley's are active fans in Southwestern Michigan, from high school to college. Their goodwill toward area players is legendary. They send flowers to girls for outstanding games

and their birthdays. They also write encouraging notes and take players to dinners. They stay in touch with former players by sending them bushels of apples (as far away as Fort Worth, Texas). The Rowley's will be seen at games of Lake Michigan Catholic, Niles and even games at Notre Dame, Bethel College or St. Mary's.

The Rowley's were founders of the semi-pro basketball team. Twin City Sailors.

#### MEDIA \* PHILIP PIERSON Flint Journal

Michigan is always considered one of the top states for high school basketball. Flint is considered one of the best sources for high school talen in the state. The reason for Flint players receiving the outstanding media coverage is Philip L. Pierson of the Flint Journal.

From 1966 to 1975, Philip has reported on high school basketball for the Flint Journal. From 1975 to 1995 he has covered only Flint City schools and the Saginaw Valley Conference. Philip has covered every State Tournament from 1975 to 1995. He has also served as a member of the



AP All-State panel and weekly team rankings. In 1992 Philip was inducted into the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame and was awarded the "Don Freeman Community Service Award".

Philip's family includes wife, Martha and children Matt, Cory and Carrie.



# MEDIA \* JAMES M. SAPDAFORE Detroit News

Many prep athletes looked forward to opening up the sports page of the Detroit News to see who was favored in their next contest or reading articles about Campy Russell or Magic Johnson. The man responsible for making the prep section of the the paper exciting was James M. Spadafore of the Detroit News.

Jim has been a sportswriter at the News for the past 32 years. In the early 1970's Jim covered high school sports. Jim's column "Spad on Preps" was very popular with athletes, coaches, parents and fans of high school sports. In the mid

1980's, Jim began covering college sports. Jim has followed the progress of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan basketball. Jim has covered 15 Final Fours including MSU's National Championship this season.

Jim's family includes daughters: Kristyn and Gina, and sons: Joseph and Jimmy. His wife DeDe is deceased.

### OFFICIAL \* JOHN KIRK Saginaw Valley

Just as basketball is a multi-dimensional game, John Kirk has had a wide reaching impact on the game. From an administrator to teacher of the game, John has affected the lives of many young people in a positive manner.

John began his career as a registered official in 1964 and is still active as an official today. His expertise as an official earned him the job of Commissioner of the Saginaw Valley Conference in basketball, football and wrestling, a capacity in which he still serves. Other supervisory positions John has served include supervisor for women's



junior college basketball in the Eastern Conference since 1980, supervisor for basketball for the GLIAC Conference in 1995 and as the Camp Director for high school and college officials at Central Michigan University since 1995.

As a teacher of the game, John is currently coaching Freshmen girls' basketball in Flushing. Since 1994, he has compiled a record of 102-15. John's special friend is Nancy.

# OFFICIAL \* TED WILSON Detroit Area



It takes hard work to be a successful official. One wa success can be measured is by officiating in a State Champior ship game. Ted Wilson is a success. Ted began as a registere official in 1959 and has worked in six leagues: Detroit Publi Schools, Catholic, Eastern Michigan, Bi-County, MAC Conference and Warren Conference. He officiated in 7 Championshi games in 4 different sports before retiring in 1991.

Ted taught in the East Detroit School System as a Physica Education and Health teacher before retiring after 34 years. H designed and taught a "Sports Officiating" class at East Detroit Ted mentored many of his students and helped them find wor

His hard work paid off as evidenced by his former students having officiated in nine championship games. The MHSAA has recognized Ted for "Getting the Most Officials Started in Officiating".

Other contributions to sports Ted has made include being a PSL Observer and Clinician, a Catholic League Clinician, 20 years as an MHSAA Rules Interpreter in four sports and 4 years on the Volleyball National Rules Committee.

Ted is a recipient of the Catholic League Award "Person of the Year", and is a member of the Catholic League Officials Hall of Fame. He also is the very first winner in 1992 of the Vern L. Norris Award for being active in a local officials association, as well as mentoring and educating other officials.

Ted's family includes Shirley, his wife of 41 years and their five daughters: Julie, Lori Janelle, Linda and Jennifer. They also have eight grandchildren.

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