

Hall of Honor Bios- 2014 Inductees

Media:

Dick Ketcik- Since 1978, Dick Ketcik has been involved with high school sports in Manistique in one form or another. From 1978 to 1992 he was the public address announcer for football and basketball games announcing the starting lineups and doing play by play. Starting in 1992 to present day he has been with local radio station WTIQ 1490. He broadcasts home and away football and girls' and boys' basketball games. When the girls' basketball season was played opposite the boys' he would do 40+ games. Now that the seasons overlap this has dropped to about 35 games per year. All told, this adds up to over 1200 games Dick has announced. Most away games he rides the team bus all over the U.P. A lot of the trips are over two hours one way with inclement weather quite often. This past January he celebrated his 80th birthday by riding a bus in a snowstorm to announce a girls' basketball game in Munising an hour away from Manistique.

He is a proud member of the Manistique Sports Boosters and has also been a voting member for post-season honors in the U.P. for the last 20 years.

Gus Ganakas – Providing commentary for the Spartan Sports Network is the venerable Gus Ganakas. 2014-15 marks his 29th season as an analyst for MSU Basketball broadcasts.

Ganakas retired from Michigan State in 2000 after 36 years of service to the University. He served as Head Men's Basketball Coach for the Spartan program from 1969-1976 after serving as an assistant under John Benington for 3 years. From 1976-97, he served as assistant athletics director and from 1998-2000, Ganakas served as a special assistant to head coach Tom Izzo, directing the activities surrounding MSU Basketball's Centennial in 1998-99. Ganakas' career has included broadcast work for the Detroit Pistons. He is an honorary lifetime member of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association.

Gus has been married to his wife Ruth for 67 years and has 6 children.

Officials:

Lee Morgan- Lee is a long-time official starting in his 33rd season focusing on football and basketball, but was also involved with softball and

volleyball for many years. He was honored with a State Final assignment in football in 2011. He attended Saginaw Valley University and earned a degree in Business and Chemistry. A former varsity letterman in golf at SVSU, Lee is now the golf superintendent at Vienna Greens Country Club and has held that position for the past 24 years. He currently holds the position of Supervisor of Officials for the Tri-Valley Conference along with being the football assigner for the Bay Metro Official's Association. He also serves as a member of the Basketball Coaches and Officials Communications Committee (BOCCC).

When asked what he is the most proud of in his life, he says without hesitation that being a trainer, an observer, and an assigner at the MHSAA level and beyond is truly his greatest honor. Lee has two hobbies: hunting and managing his property. Lee's lovely wife is Debra and they have three adult children, Angela, Ashley, and Jon along with three grandchildren, Sydney, Cole and Brooklyn.

Jack Rappuhn- Jack is currently entering his 54th year officiating football, basketball, softball, and baseball. For 35 of those years he officiated varsity basketball, but now he enjoys working the games of younger athletes. Jack says that the most famous player he officiated for was none other than Magic Johnson and that many of the other players he formerly officiated are now coaches! He has loved the camaraderie with other officials and coaches over the years and hopes he has helped to improve the game. He was honored by the MHSAA in 2011 with a plaque celebrating his 50th year of service.

Assistant Coaches:

William DeLong- William got his start under Hall of Fame coach Ron Vondette and has been a terrific coach at many levels in the Bay City-Saginaw area since 1969. He served as J.V. coach at Carrollton High School from 1969 to 1973 compiling a 65-5 record with two years of undefeated teams in that time. He also coached the J.V. team there a second time from 1979-1986 and had another undefeated season. From 1981 to 1986 he coached the girls' teams there and had two state champions and 5 district titles to go with 3 regional championships. In 1987 he moved to Bay City Central to serve as the boys' coach there and in 4 years had compiled 43 wins. William moved up a notch in 2004-2008 to

become the assistant at Saginaw Valley University for the women's team and during his tenure the teams won 43 games and had a tournament appearance. He was BCAM's Class C State Coach of the Year in both 1981 and 1982. During his coaching career he and Coach Vondette established and ran some of the first day camps in Michigan. He is a fine tactician and worked shooting camps in Indiana. He also worked with Jason Richardson on his jump shot and free throw shooting.

Charles J. Cook- Coach Cook's teams at the freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels have won over 400 games in 38 seasons. "Chuck" began at the junior varsity level in 1975 at Byron High and moved over to coach freshman and J.V. teams at Quincy High until 1988. Chuck's alma mater was Quincy High School and he taught drafting and wood shop there for 31 years. He has been a fixture at Quincy ever since as a teacher, basketball coach and football coach. He retired from teaching a few years ago, but has continued to coach football and basketball. In 1989 Quincy hired him to coach the boys' varsity basketball team, which he continued doing through the 2006 season. In 2008 Chuck returned to coach the junior varsity and has amassed an 82-38 record through this past season, which includes three conference championships. Coach Cook is a very highly respected coach by his players, colleagues, opposing coaches and officials because of his teaching ability, integrity, and outstanding sportsmanship.

Dennis VanTiem- Dennis was a star basketball player in high school and continued his love for the game at Marysville High School as a middle school coach who did it the right way. He tried to instill the values we all would like to see in our athletes coming to the high school programs. He made sure all kids had the opportunity to play in every game and no matter the circumstances of the game he put kids in positions to test their ability. Dennis is a very able teacher of the game, and kids arriving at the high school level are very much schooled in fundamentals. Dennis spent 34 years running a very successful program at Marysville Middle School as the 7th grade basketball coach. He compiled over 300 wins during that time period. The kids Dennis worked with all understood what was being asked of them when they got to the next level and that was work hard in the classroom and on the floor.

Friends of Basketball:

Sue Lounds- Sue has been a longtime fixture in St. Johns. She began volunteering with SJPS in 1986. Her duties back then included participation in the newly formed Athletic Boosters, scorekeeping for the baseball, softball and basketball teams, and uniform collection/inventory for girls' basketball. Sue also substitute taught at St. Johns for many of those years.

This past year was her 28th year as official scorer for the basketball program. Since the seasons changed, Sue has continued to work with the girls' basketball program on Tuesday triple header night, both at home and on the road. She is also the official scorer on Friday nights when the two varsity teams play at the same site. This, along with her duties as a journalist for the Lansing State Journal have been very beneficial to the St. Johns school district.

Chris Ervin, St. Johns athletic director, says that Sharon is one of his best "Redwings". He greatly appreciates her many hours of volunteer service and effort contributing to the success of SJPS athletics.

Sharon M. Folkert- Sharon started keeping the scorebook for East Kentwood basketball in the fall of 1990. She started simply with doing just the freshmen girls' basketball games. By 1994, Sharon started keeping the book for girls' basketball at all levels, home and away. Beginning in 2002 she began to keep stats for all three levels of boys' basketball as well as the girls', both home and away. Sharon has continued doing this through this past season.

Folkert has always been known for her professionalism and accuracy when keeping the book. The coaches never have to worry or wonder if the stats are accurate. Sharon is truly a friend of basketball in East Kentwood.

Kathleen Schollar- For over two decades Kathleen has been the official scorekeeper at Goodrich's home events during both the boy and girls seasons, rarely missing a game for freshmen, junior varsity or varsity. Kathleen also travels to all of the away games to serve as scorekeeper.

In addition to her thorough organization and meticulous record keeping, she also contributes to the basketball program in many other ways. She is a friend and confidant to the coaching staff, she is a mentor to the younger staff members and most importantly she is a kind, attentive, dedicated role model for the young men and women at Goodrich. The

relationships she forms with each team are something unique and truly can't be put into words. She can always be counted on for a hug, her seat on the bus is always next to the driver so that she can make sure her kids get to the right place safely and on time, and she is always an advocate for anyone in the Goodrich school colors.

Goodrich athletic director, Dave Davis says that Kathleen not only gives of her talents during games, but also her time and resources to all aspects of the athletic programs at Goodrich. Her dedication and commitment as a teacher, coach and volunteer for over 20 years has been truly extraordinary.

Dave Murray- Dave started his “career” by announcing Cedarville football games in 1990. After that season, he started scorekeeping for boys’ basketball games. Within a few years Murray was running the clock and announcing at both boys’ and girls’ basketball games, and up until last season did both, although he has now relinquished his seat at the girls’ games.

Along with working the games, he was the announcer for the high school band festivals and became known as “the voice of the Trojans”. He has scorekept and announced for volleyball, junior football, and middle school basketball, and has spoken at honor banquets and graduations. Dave has also served on the Cedarville School Board for the past 20 years.

He sometimes sings the national anthem at the beginning of home games (and even the Canadian national anthem if needed). After every game Dave shakes each player’s hand on their way out of the locker room whether or not they win or lose. He also goes out of his way to greet the returning buses when they return from away games. Head varsity boy’s coach Dave Duncan says that Murray is truly an amazing friend of basketball and Cedarville’s athletic program would not be the same without him. Murray notes, “I make an effort to announce each player’s name correctly and with enthusiasm as for some of them it may be the only time they hear their names announced boldly before a large crowd and be applauded for who they are.”