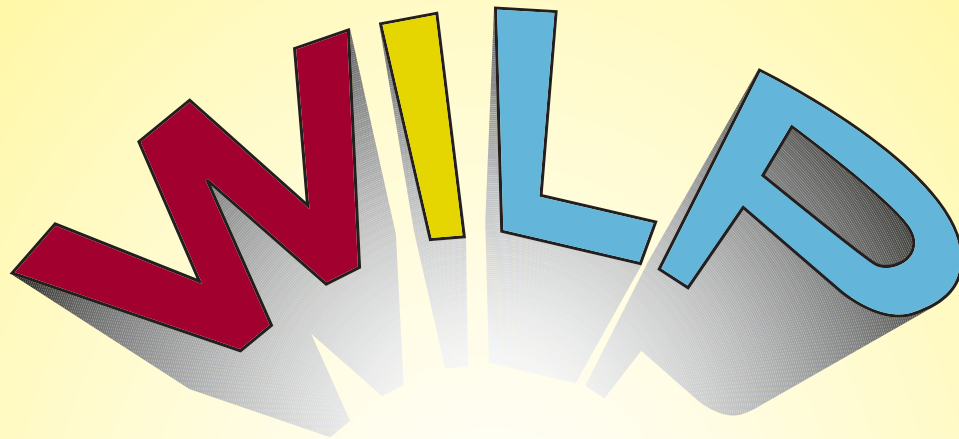


3RD ANNUAL



Wesleyville, Iroquois, & Lawrence Park

Hall of Fame

BANQUET

September 18, 2010

Lawrence Park Golf Club

WESLEYVILLE - IROQUOIS - LAWRENCE PARK ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2010 INDUCTEES

Wesleyville, Iroquois and Lawrence Park Hall of Fame inductees are selected by the WILP Board of Directors from a roster of nominations received by the board. Nominations were recognized from community citizens, former athletes, previous coaches and alumni as well as members of the board.

All inductees must have been out of school a minimum of ten years. They must have distinguished themselves or have made a significant impact on athletes in one of the three schools. These graduates must have demonstrated good citizenship in high school and beyond. They will continue to serve as role models for our current school students.

PROGRAM ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BANQUET *Saturday, September 18th, 2010*

Master of Ceremonies/Welcome	Andrew Krahe, <i>Class of 1988</i>
Remarks	Dr. Samuel Signorino, <i>Superintendent</i>
Invocation	Rev. Mark McCallion, <i>Wesleyville Baptist Church</i>
Keynote Speaker	Cleve Wright, <i>Women's Basketball Coach, Gannon Univ.</i>
Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees	As selected by Honoree
Iroquois Athlete Recognition	Richard Bonniger, <i>Athletic Director</i>
Special Recognition Award	Bill Vorsheck, <i>Co-Chairman</i>
Remarks	Norm Decker
Closing Remarks	Bill Vorsheck, <i>Co-Chairman</i>

AS THE YEARS PASS BY MASTER OF CEREMONIES

2008	Richard Bonniger, <i>Class of 1966 (Iroquois)</i>
2009	David Ross, <i>Class of 1964 (Lawrence Park)</i>

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

2008	Mark Lewis, <i>Class of 1978 (Iroquois)</i>
2009	Hugh Durham, <i>Basketball coach, Florida State, Georgia, Jacksonville</i>

WILP ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

We would like to welcome you to the third annual Wesleyville, Iroquois, Lawrence Park (WILP) Athletic Hall of Fame. Tonight we honor our third group of notables. They have been elected for their contributions to their respective schools' athletic programs as well as their contributions to their communities. All have clearly demonstrated very diverse talents as WILP athletes and coaches and have exhibited high standards as well. These inductees will become part of the history of Wesleyville and Lawrence Park as they are enshrined in tonight's ceremonies.

Each honoree will be presented with a plaque commemorating this occasion and duplicate plaques will be exhibited in the community lobby of Iroquois High School. Establishing the Athletic Hall of Fame's physical presence in our school will serve to remind the young men and women of their history.

We are happy that you are in our midst this evening to recall special memories with our inductees. We hope you will agree that this occasion is more than a selection of former athletes whom we wish to recognize. By acknowledging them and their contributions to our schools and communities, we are paying tribute to the spirit of WILP athletics - past and present.

As we strive to educate the minds of students, the spirit of competition and fair play engendered by athletic programs is a major component in that effort. Thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate this important part of our educational programs at each of the schools.

The 2010 WILP Athletic Hall of Fame
Board of Directors



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CLEVE WRIGHT

Cleve Wright will begin his ninth season at Gannon University in 2010-11. He became the programs eighth coach on May 16, 2002. Wright is Gannon's winningest coach and longest tenured coach in the 36 year history of the women's basketball program. He has a 167-75 career record in eight seasons. His .690 winning percentage is the best all-time at Gannon. The 45 year old became the second women's coach in school history to record 100 victories with an 80-54 decision over Saginaw Valley on January 31, 2008. Wright not only established himself as one of Gannon's all time best, but also as one of the top head coaches in NCAA Division II. He ranks 23rd among active NCAA Division II women's basketball coaches in career winning percentage and is among the top 40 in career victories. His winning percentage increased by 53 points during the 2009-10 campaign.

The Gannon women's basketball program hit an all time high last season. Wright was named the Russell Athletic/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) NCAA Division II, and Head Coach of the Year at the 2010 NCAA Division II Elite Eight Banquet of



Champions. He added the national honor to a resume that includes being the 2010 PSAC Western Coach of the Year and 2010 NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. He was the mastermind behind Gannon's 37-1 season that included the program's first ever PSAC Championship and first ever NCAA Division II Atlantic Region title. The Lady Knights were ranked No 1 in the last three USA Today ESPN regular season top 25.

Gannon advanced to the NCAA Division II Final Four for the first time in school history, before being eliminated with a 97-94 overtime loss to the eventual champion Emporia State. The Lady Knights broke the NCAA Division II records for most victories (37) in a season and most consecutive wins (37) in a single season.

Off the court, the Lady Knights have been just as successful under Wright. The program has ranked among the nation's best in academics every year and has been among the nation's top 25 in team grade-point average the last five seasons. In addition, Lady Knights have earned conference all-academic honors 41 times over the last seven seasons. On the court, Gannon qualified for its 13th consecutive conference tournament last season. The program qualified for 11 straight GLIAC Tournaments prior to its transition to the PSAC in 2008-09. Gannon has always played well down the stretch under Wright's guidance. The Lady Knights are 48-12 (.800) in the month of February during the last eight years.



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IN MEMORIAM

JERRY SANDELL

It is with deep regret we note the passing of Jerry Sandell, one of the members of the WILP Board of Directors.

Jerry played football, basketball, and baseball at Wesleyville High school. In the two years that he played, he earned six varsity letters, two in each of the sports in which he excelled. He attended Edinboro University and continued his love of sports as for two years he played college football and basketball. Jerry served his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and even then continued playing baseball with the U. S. Army team that won the Far East championship. There seems to be no end to Jerry's sports career as he played in the Glenwood baseball league for two years and played three seasons with the Erie Lakers, a semi-pro football team.

Jerry came back to his alma mater (only now it was called Iroquois High School) and was the head coach of the undefeated and unscored upon eighth grade football team. He also found time to assist the varsity program. Jerry gave of his time and coaching talents to lead a Lawrence Park Little League team to an undefeated season. He also shared these talents with Millcreek Youth Athletic Association girls softball and basketball teams from 1994-1999 and was head coach of the MYAA boys baseball teams from 1996-2000.



The umpiring world also benefited from Jerry's talents as he was a member of the Erie County Baseball Umpires Association from 1969-1984. His community activities included East Lake Jaycees, YMCA, the Millcreek Area Kiwanis Club, and a Charter Member of the WILP Board of Directors. Jerry's life is an example of unselfish devotion to others, both in his vocation working with the Harborcreek Youth Services for more than 30 years, and in his personal life by giving countless hours of volunteer services to youth organizations.



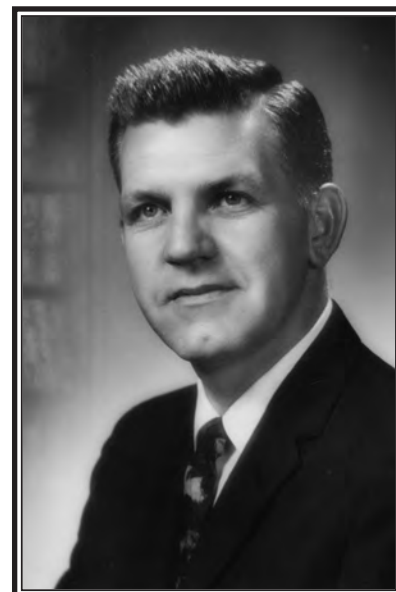
We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Mary Kay, and to his children: Michael, Matthew, Kyle, Tracy, and Megan. They have the memories of a husband/father who lived a life of service. The qualities that those individuals who are inducted into the WILP Hall of Fame possess are the qualities that Jerry Sandell embodied in his lifetime.

ED POLY

Ed Poly's love of sports goes back to his high school days at Cochranton High School and Eastern Michigan University where he lettered in three sports. Ed brought this enthusiasm to his life's work of teaching and coaching when he began his career in education at Blanchard High School in Michigan. Ed's career was put on hold during World War II while he served in the U.S. Navy. Upon returning to civilian life, Ed taught and coached at Union City High School for two and one-half years before transferring his energies to Lawrence Park High School. In 1947, he began teaching Social Studies and fulfilling the position of head basketball coach and assistant football coach. In 1953, he became a Phys Ed teacher and head football coach, a position he held until his retirement

in 1977. Lawrence Park and Iroquois football teams, under his leadership, won over 100 games including several Erie County Championships. He

was named as one of the "Top Coaches of the Century" by the Erie Times News. He became Director of Guidance at Iroquois High School and in this role his personal qualities of empathy and concern helped many students as they navigated their sometimes troubled teen years. Ed had a long history of working with youngsters, as a playground supervisor during summer months and as a sponsor of Parkers Haven.



SKIP KELLOGG

Skip graduated from Iroquois High School in 1967 earning ten Varsity Letters, three in football, three in basketball, three in tennis, and one in baseball. Skip was one of the transitional guys, starting high school in Lawrence Park and graduating from Iroquois. This, of course meant he played the final football and basketball games for Lawrence Park, and then the first games at Iroquois. Included were the last District Ten basketball championship for Lawrence Park in 1965 and the first District Ten Championship for Iroquois in 1967. Skip had many highlights in his outstanding athletic career earning all county honors in football, basketball, and baseball. He holds fondly the great District Ten Championship football team of 1966. He quarterbacked this team with an all audible offense system that broke the county scoring record, and averaged more than 40 points per game. He threw 16 touchdown passes that season, an Erie County record. Skip received five football awards that season, including first team All-County. Attending Ottawa University in Kansas, Skip played four years of collegiate football, winning the conference championship his senior year. Additionally he played two years of collegiate tennis and one season of baseball. After graduation, he started his 30 year teaching and coaching career in Northern Virginia coaching a plethora of student athletes. Skip now resides in East Central Florida.



PHIL GLASS

Phil Glass came to Iroquois after being a three sport athlete at Claysburg Kimmel High School where he was recruited to play quarterback at I.U.P. At I.U.P. he decided to concentrate on baseball instead and was a starting pitcher for three seasons. Those teams won three Regional Championships and made one

appearance in the Nationals, where they finished fourth in the country. Arriving at Iroquois, Phil became instantly involved in coaching. By the time retirement came along he coached seventy seasons. He was involved with numerous Jr. High

and J.V. programs, but was best known as the head coach of volleyball, football and baseball. Phil took over a beleaguered volleyball program and in eight years his teams won two E.C.L. titles and had a third place finish at States. The crown jewel was competing in the State Championship match in 1984. In baseball he continued to be successful by winning six E.C.L. crowns and two District X titles. Phil also won Coach of the Year several times. Phil took over the football program in 1989 and proceeded to take the Braves to the District X playoffs eleven times in seventeen years. In 1991, they won the E.C.L. title, District X title and entered the State Playoffs. Many winning seasons found the Braves in the District X Finals five times and they won three of those opportunities.

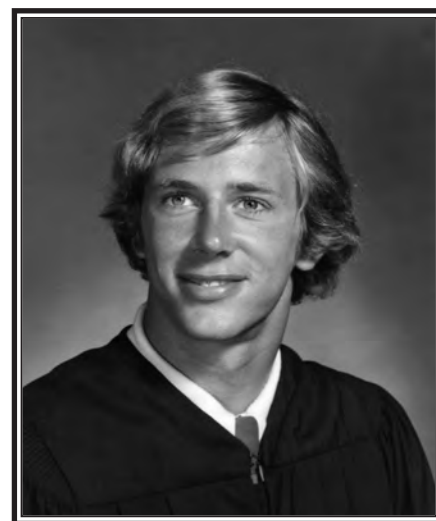


JOEL STAGER

Joel graduated from Iroquois in 1971. He participated in three sports; swimming, track and field and cross-country. Joel held numerous Iroquois school records in swimming in the sprint freestyle events (50 yd, 100 yd, and 200 yd) and all three relays (200 medley, 200 free and 400 free) as well as several records in track (440 yd. and mile relay). In swimming he won all but one race his senior year, won his specialty events his junior and senior years at the District 10 Championships, and qualified to participate in the PIAA Championships. He was a YMCA Pa State runner-up in the 50 freestyle and member of Erie's State Championship 4 x 100 free relay as well as receiving the Behrend-Ainsworth Award for Sportsmanship, Citizenship and Mental

Attitude in 1971. He then matriculated to the University of Miami graduating in 1975 with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. Joel was then recruited by the legendary swim coach James "Doc" Counsilman to Indiana

for his graduate studies where he completed a PhD in Physiology. He spent four years at Colorado State University and returned to Indiana University to head the Human Performance Laboratories in 1984. He is currently a full professor and the Director of the Counsilman Center at Indiana University. He continues to swim competitively, and currently shares a Masters world record in the 400 meter medley.



CARRIE TURCO-BRESKI

Carrie graduated from Iroquois High School in 1979 achieving eight varsity letters in basketball and softball. She was a four year starter in both programs. Carrie's basketball career earned her numerous awards including second team All-County as a sophomore, unanimous first team All-County as a junior, averaging 22 points per game and first team All-County her senior year, averaging 20 points per game. Carrie was named MVP of the City-County Classic scoring 18 points. Carrie is ranked as one



of the top four in scoring at Iroquois with 1,136 points and is ranked third

in single game scoring with 36 points scored. Carrie was Iroquois' starting shortstop for four years. She and her teammates were Erie County Champions, District Ten Champions, and advanced to the PIAA State Championship Series during Carrie's junior and senior years. She was selected as an All-County shortstop during her junior year and First Team All-County as a senior with a .512 batting average. Carrie shares the season record of 45 runs, 42 hits, and 12 doubles. Her batting averages were .465 as a freshman, .426 as a sophomore, .523 as a junior and .512 as a senior, with a career batting average of .482. Carrie received a full scholarship to Gannon University for basketball and softball, pitching a "no-hitter" her first time on the college mound.



MARY ANN "MEZ" CHILCOTT

Mary Ann "Mez" Chilcott graduated from Iroquois High School in 1980 and earned nine varsity letters in four years. She played girls tennis, helping the team to a 30-0 record, winning the League Championship and was awarded All-County Doubles both years. Her junior and senior years she played basketball earning First Team All-County both years and was Iroquois's MVP her senior year. She scored 875 points during these two



seasons. Mez played softball for three seasons earning First Team All County at second base three consecutive years along with All-State her senior season. During her softball season, she teamed up with members of the boys' tennis

team and was Mixed Doubles District Ten Champs and All-County her freshman and senior years. Mez went to Edinboro University and continued playing on the tennis and basketball teams. She played tennis for four years and was a State Champion in doubles. Her basketball career at Edinboro included 1068 points, top 20 in assists, top 10 in steals and blocked shots. She was Senior Female Athlete of the year in 1985 and inducted into the Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. She earned her teaching degree and began her teaching career in Newark, New York where she coached tennis, basketball, and softball. Mez is and always, will be a "natural athlete".



ERIC CONLEY

Eric is a 1986 graduate of Iroquois High School earning ten varsity letters. He earned three varsity letters in basketball, three in football and four in baseball. His senior year he was selected as the team captain in all three sports. He represented Iroquois in the Save-an-Eye All-Star football game and the City-County All-Star and the American Legion East-West All-Star baseball games. He was first team All-County in football both his junior and senior years. He was honorable mention as a junior and second team as a senior in basketball. He also received the Barringer award as a senior. In baseball he was second team All-County as a freshman and first team the following three years. He was a unanimous selection the last two years. Eric was offered a professional baseball contract out of high school. He attended Slippery Rock University where he earned four varsity baseball letters, All-Conference as a sophomore, named to the All-Tournament Team at the College World Series as a junior and selected as team captain his senior season. Professionally, Eric is currently Vice-President of Operations at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and was selected as the Young Healthcare Executive of the Year as selected by the National Association of Health Care Executives in 1999. Eric is married to Janell and has three daughters; Cydney, Cori, and Christen.



KEVIN SOLES

Kevin graduated from Iroquois High School in 1986. He earned four varsity letters in wrestling. As a senior, Kevin's career peaked with a 24-3 record, including 19 pins. He earned second team All-County, received the IHS Pride Award and the Tom Turnbull Scholarship Award. Kevin earned three varsity letters playing football. His senior year he was team captain, defensive player of the game four of nine games with over 20 defensive plays and averaged 15 tackles per game. He tied assists per game 15 and solo tackles 8. He set new school records: assists per season 78; career 145; defensive plays per game 23; defensive plays per season 135 and second in career defensive plays 233.

He was second team All-County his junior year, unanimous first team All-County and Honorable Mention All-State Linebacker his senior year. Kevin received the Manafó Defensive Player Award. He was captain in the 1986 Save-An-Eye All-Star game and defensive player of the game with 17 tackles. Kevin is the only IHS athlete to independently receive both the Turnbull and Manafó awards. Kevin played football at Mercyhurst College until multiple shoulder injuries brought his career to an early end. He remained involved with athletics, assisting the IHS wrestling program and the 1988 Save-An-Eye All-Star Game. Kevin graduated from Mercyhurst in 1990 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Marketing.



2008 INDUCTEES



Top Row: Jim Cipalla, John Post, Tom Barringer, Dave Ross, Jack Humphreys, Bill Vorsheck.
Bottom Row: Bernard Fitch, Nancy Nelson-Mates, Carm Bonito, Shelley Brown, Don Wilson

2009 INDUCTEES



Top Row: Sandy Dalglish, Dan Bokol, Dick Vidic, Fred Butler
Bottom Row: Jack Sinnott, Julie Allen-Parker, Craig Turnbull

IROQUOIS HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

The Iroquois School District was created by the merger of the districts of Lawrence Park and Wesleyville in 1962. Because the new Iroquois High School was not quite ready the first Iroquois Class of 1966 operated as one class but in two buildings (Wesleyville and Lawrence Park) and this class of 103 students graduated from the stage in Harbor Creek. The maroon and white of the Wesleyville Bulldogs and the blue and white of the Lawrence Park Tigers blended into the black and gold of the Iroquois Braves.

To merge two schools that had been traditional rivals was not an easy task. It is a tribute to the students, staff and the communities that this combination of school districts created the powerful and prideful Iroquois High School. The joining of these athletic teams brought together a formidable group of athletes and coaches. In 1966, the Iroquois track team took second in the county, the Iroquois golf team captured a District Ten championship, the Iroquois tennis team was first in the county, and the Iroquois football team captured the Erie County League title.

These early athletic accomplishments were followed by many other accolades to the Iroquois basketball, wrestling, cross-country, swimming and diving, and latter years soccer and the girls sports of basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, swimming and diving as well as track and field. The Lady Braves softball team won the state championship in 1982, 1983 and in 1991 did it again.

Since the first Iroquois class in 1966, approximately 5,575 graduates have passed through the doors of Iroquois High School. The athletic and academic accomplishments of Iroquois students have been outstanding for this "small school with big pride."

2010 IROQUOIS STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Ken Semple Award:	Erik Brown
Phyllis McLane Award:	Amanda Rusnak
Male Athlete of the Year:	Jake Szoszorek
Female Athlete of the Year:	Rachael Ragen



2010 IROQUOIS SENIORS ATTENDING

Mario Cecchetti: Cross-Country, Track and Field
Rebecca Cooper: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
Kevin Eyerly: Football, Wrestling
Lindsay Finke: Golf, Volleyball, Swimming, Softball
Kelly Moore: Football & Basketball Cheerleading
Alex Tombaugh: Baseball
Thomas Wheeler: Basketball, Baseball

WESLEYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

The Wesleyville School goes back to 1919, when the building was constructed on 2-1/2 acres on Willow Street. It opened in 1921 with eight rooms housing eight grades. The first principal was Victor Snapp. He was assisted by Mazie Green, who used her own car to transport football players to games. Students wishing to go to ninth grade, attended either Academy or the old Central School in Erie.

An addition was attached to the main building that permitted grades 9-12 to be added in 1925. Basketball, football and baseball were the sports played by the "Bulldogs." Girls basketball was played until 1939.

The first graduation from Wesleyville occurred in 1927. Ten students received their diplomas which were conferred by the Erie County School District.

In 1961, Pennsylvania passed Act 561 that required certain school districts to merge by 1965. Wesleyville and Lawrence Park were two districts that were combined.

The 1963-1964 basketball team broke 100 points in four games with the highest score being 130 points. This may still be an Erie County record.

Wesleyville's final class graduated in 1965. There were about 40 students in the class. Sports offered at the time were football, basketball, baseball and tennis. There were all male only activities. Additionally, the guys could walk to Lawrence Park and participate in wrestling and track and field.

The Wesleyville building continued housing students, first grades K-6 for Wesleyville students and beginning in 1989 grades K-3 for the entire district. The new Iroquois Elementary School opened in 2007 and the Wesleyville school stands vacant.

TIMES TO
REMEMBER

LAWRENCE PARK HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

Lawrence Park High School first came into being with the building of the initial section in 1923 which housed grades 7 through 8. In 1927 an addition was built adding grades 9 and 10. During these years the students had to pay tuition to go to East High School in the city to graduate. In 1931 the final addition was added to the facility whereby grades 11 and 12 completed the curriculum. The first class consisting of 20 students graduated in 1933. In June of 1965 the final class of 106 students graduated. In all, about 1,811 individuals graduated from Lawrence Park High School. School colors, initially red and blue, became blue and white in 1933. Known as the Parkers at first, athletic teams were later called the Tigers. Over the years the Tigers had many championship sports teams and many outstanding athletes who graduated from Lawrence Park. After the last graduating class the school became part of the Iroquois School District and housed grades 4 through 6.

Three individuals stand out in the many years of service at Lawrence Park: Jessie Lynn Skala who served as a teacher from 1927-1971 at Lawrence Park and Iroquois High Schools. Dan V. Skala who served as a teacher and administrator from 1931-1974, and Harry K. Rhodes who also served as a teacher and administrator from 1928-1967. The devotion and expertise of these people along with a staff of talented professionals prepared their students well.

When the old Lawrence Park High building met its demise in 2006 to make room for the new Iroquois Elementary School, many fond memories remained. The alumni still meet once each summer to reminisce and "catch-up" with classmates who come from far and wide to celebrate their high school years.

NEVER TO FORGET



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