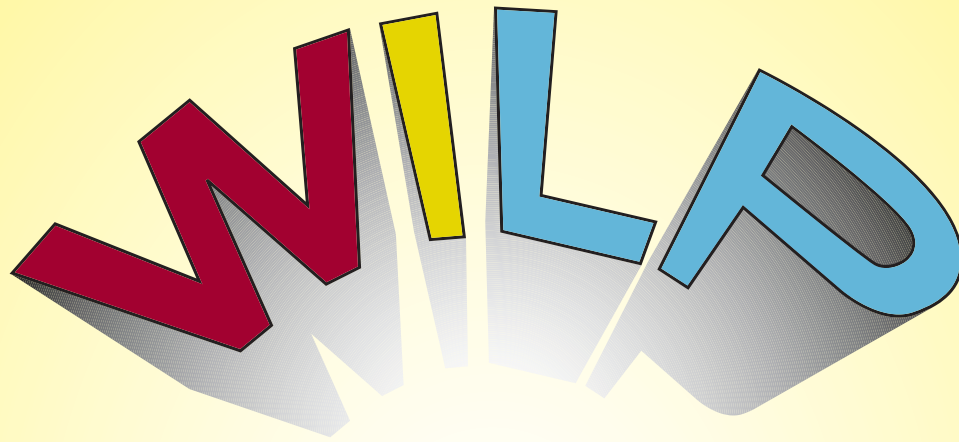


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**Wesleyville, Iroquois, & Lawrence Park**

**Hall of Fame**

**BANQUET**

*September 10, 2011*

Lawrence Park Golf Club



# WESLEYVILLE - IROQUOIS - LAWRENCE PARK ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2011 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 10th, 2011*

Master of Ceremonies/Welcome .....	Kevin Soles, <i>Class of 1986</i>
Remarks .....	Dr. Samuel Signorino, <i>Superintendent</i>
Invocation .....	Rev. Jeff Piccirilli, <i>Wesleyville, Messiah Lutheran Church</i>
Keynote Speaker .....	Jon Kolb, <i>Four Time Super Bowl Champion</i>
Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees .....	As selected by Honoree
Iroquois Athlete Recognition .....	Richard Bonniger, <i>Athletic Director</i>
Special Recognition Award .....	John Post, <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>
2010	Andrew Krahe, <i>Class of 1988 (Iroquois)</i>

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

2008	Mark Lewis, <i>Class of 1978 (Iroquois)</i>
2009	Hugh Durham, <i>Basketball Coach, Florida State, Georgia, Jacksonville</i>
2010	Cleve Wright, <i>Women's Basketball Coach, Gannon University</i>

# WILP ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

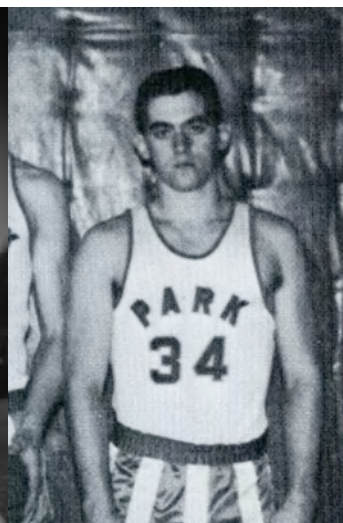
We would like to welcome you to the fourth annual Wesleyville, Iroquois, Lawrence Park (WILP) Athletic Hall of Fame. Tonight we honor our fourth group of notables. They have been elected for their contributions to their respective schools' athletic programs as well as their contributions to their communities. 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 2011 WILP Athletic Hall of Fame  
Board of Directors



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## JON KOLB

Jon was born in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He earned All-State honors during his senior year at Owasso High School. He received a scholarship to Oklahoma State University where he earned all Big-Eight honors in both 1967 and 1968. He was named All-American in 1968 and was drafted in the third round; the 56th pick overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1969.

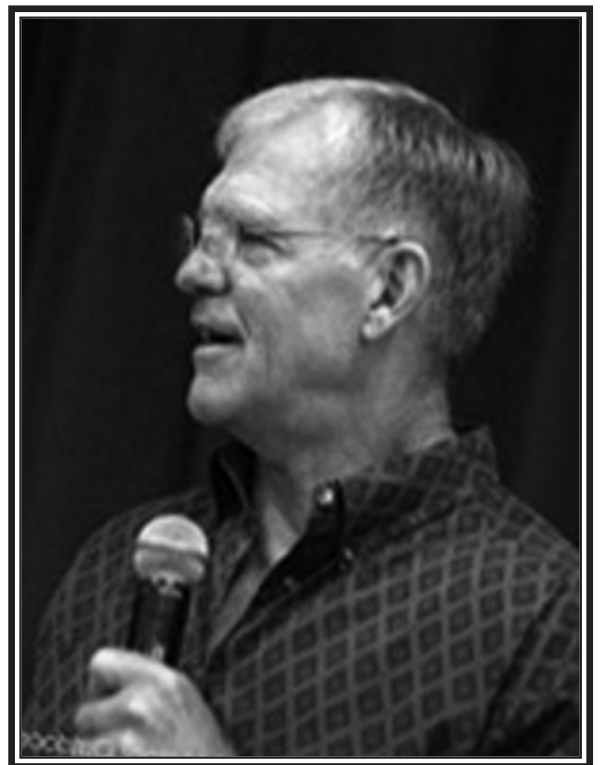
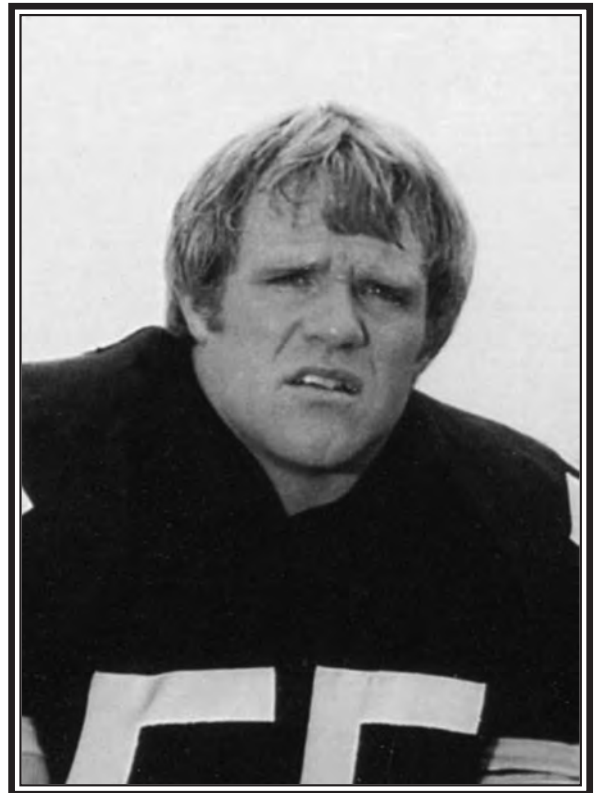
In 13 seasons with the Steelers, Jon started 177 games and helped the team win four Super Bowls. He was named ALL-AFC 1st team and All-Pro 2nd team (UPI) in 1975. He was NEA 1st-Team All-Pro in 1979. He was selected to the Steelers 50th anniversary All-Time team in 1982. He was again honored on the Steelers 75th anniversary All-Time team in 2007. During his playing career he was widely regarded as one of the strongest men in the NFL. He was 4th Place in the World's strongest man contest in 1978 & 1979. In 1981 he won 1st place in the NFL strongest man competition.

At the conclusion of his playing career, he traded his helmet for a whistle and worked for the Steelers in several capacities from 1982 – 1992. He coached defensive line from 1982 through 1986 and tight ends from 1988 through 1992. He was the strength and conditioning coach as well from 1982 to 1992.

Upon the completion of his NFL career, Jon earned a masters degree in Exercise Science from Slippery Rock University. He also coached football at Grove City College where he was the defensive coordinator for six of the seven years he was on the staff.

Jon was selected to the Western Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in 1982 and inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Today Jon is very involved with speaking engagements as the director of ministry for Christian Sports International. Jon and his wife Deborah live in Hermitage, PA. They have three sons.



# WILP BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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# BILL VORSHECK

When Bill Vorsheck was born, his family lived at the corner of East Lake Road and Highmeyer Road in Harborcreek Township. Shortly thereafter they moved to the City of Erie where Bill attended St. Ann's School, and later his family moved to Lawrence Park where Bill continued his education and began his athletic career. Bill grew up in a time when he and his friends played football with a ball fashioned of rolled-up newspaper. They improvised and played for the fun of the sport. He joined his first organized football program in the seventh grade.

In 1951 Bill began playing right end for Coach Ed Poly of Lawrence Park High School. Playing his first varsity game, Bill scored the first two touchdowns in a 20-13 victory over Girard, who were defending champions.

Bill graduated from Lawrence Park in 1953 where he earned seven varsity letters; three in football, one in basketball, and three in track. Bill had two personal experiences with the Save-an-Eye football game, the first as a player and the second as a coach. Bill played in the 1953 Save-an-Eye game, the 15th running of the spectacle, at Erie Veterans Stadium, where the County lost to the City by a score of 12-6. Over 8,000 fans attended despite inclement weather. "Bill Vorsheck," Lawrence Park's sensational end, was the big guy for the County. He set up the County's only TD in the fourth quarter when he blocked a punt and the County recovered the ball. Bill Vorsheck then hauled down two straight passes for valuable yards. Passing was the County's strong point with Bill catching five passes for 105 yards. Bill was selected as MVP of the 15th annual Save-an-Eye football game.

Bill Vorsheck was the County coach for the 1967 Save-an-Eye game also played at Erie Veterans Stadium. History tells us that The Minute Men had a plan to tell the countryside just where the British were going to attack back in 1776. It was "one if by land . . . Two if by sea," but they didn't have a signal if the attack should come through the air. And neither did the City All-Stars. The County All-Stars striking through the air... turned the 29th Save-an-Eye All-Star football game into a rout as they ripped the City secondary apart for a 25-0 victory. The largest Labor Day crowd in history, estimated at over 16,000 sat in on the show.

Bill's participation on the Lawrence Park track and field team Coached by Russ May was equally spectacular. He captured the 120-yard high hurdles, 220 yard run, and the high jump in numerous meets.

After graduation, despite having been the recipient of numerous college offers, Bill chose to join the work force. He



Bill Vorsheck & father William Vorsheck, Sr.

graduated on a Thursday in 1953 and started working on the following Monday. Bill learned a lot that summer; specifically he learned that he wanted the opportunity to have a college education. When he was named MVP, in the 1953 Save-an-Eye football game, it was a pivotal experience in Bill's life as he again was offered five football scholarships. He chose Youngstown State University.

At Youngstown he earned his Bachelors in Education and Psychology. He began his teaching and coaching career in Ohio where he taught and coached for two years. In 1959 he became the head football and basketball coach at Ripley High School, Ripley, NY. Bill's football predecessors at Ripley had won only one game in five years. Bill won three the first year and four the second year.

Bill shifted his coaching and teaching career to Girard where he was head coach for five years. In response to Joe Moore's insistence Bill joined the McDowell coaching staff where he served for six years. Highlights in his coaching career were the All Star teams he coached. The 1967 team he coached attracted the largest crowd ever in attendance. Bill has an endless supply of stories, anecdotes and touching mementos from those years.

During this time Bill was pursuing his postgraduate studies in psychology and medical hypnotherapy. In 1974 he and Dr. Daniel S. Snow opened the Erie Institute of Hypnosis. In addition to his clinical and forensic practice Bill used his hypnotic and coaching skills to teach aspiring athletes how to concentrate and focus on execution of their skills.

His skills and talents have landed him in numerous college settings as lecturer, workshop facilitator or guest speaker, on regional TV shows as a guest, and on the Notre Dame football field as a consultant and guest coach.

He has made it his mission to offer incentives to young people who are willing to work hard, make good choices, are honorable and courageous, and who help make life better in some way for others. For the past 12 years, each year he has sponsored four years of scholarships for two graduates of Iroquois High School who exemplify these qualities. Within the last three years, he has begun the same annual award of a four-year scholarship at Ripley High School, Ripley, NY.

He was honored to serve as President of the Erie County Coaches Association in the late 1960s. He has been privileged to serve on several Boards of Directors. Years ago he served with Father Jim Fahey at Harborcreek School for Boys, now known as Harborcreek Youth Services. For years he has served on the Emmaus Ministries and the Vorsheck Family Foundation boards and most recently as a Charter member of WILP. Working with the other charter members of the WILP board, he has helped foster yet another forum for encouraging and inspiring young people to devote their time and energies to meaningful and positive pursuits. **Bill Vorsheck is the WILP.**



Bill Vorsheck senior picture 1953

# JEAN FORSYTH

Jean Forsyth graduated from Lawrence Park High School in 1942, earned her health and physical education degree from Slippery Rock in 1946, and returned to Lawrence Park to teach physical education and coach until 1961. Jean won area golf championships for five (5) decades. She was truly the premier female golfer in the tri-state area for more than a quarter century. She started playing golf at age 12 and eventually put together a record 11 Erie District Women's Golf Association (EDWGA) tournament wins in 21 years, captured the Lawrence Park Golf Club Championship 20 times and Senior Golf Championship eight times. She worked, as a physical education instructor at Mercyhurst College, was instrumental in developing the golf program when the college went co-educational, and served as their first coach. Jean scored three holes-in-one during her career, was inducted into the "EDWGA" Hall of Fame in 1983, into the "Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame" in 1988, "Mercyhurst College Athletic Hall of Fame" in 2004 and into the "WILP" Hall of Fame in 2011. Jean Forsyth died in 1999 at the age of 74, having no family survivors, her estate established the Jean Forsyth Golf Tournament for girls' ages 7 thru 18, to fulfill Forsyth's wish that more young females, at an early age, be introduced to golf as she was, to the game she loved so much. The greens fees and entry fees for the girls' tournament were paid for by Forsyth's estate.



# TOM CROZIER

Tom graduated from Lawrence Park High School in 1965, receiving six varsity letters in golf and basketball. Tom was first man on the golf team for three years, on a team that won Erie County Championships for 1963 and 1964. Tom played on the junior interclub team at Lawrence Park Golf Club for four years, being the first man in 1963 and 1964, also winning the junior club Championship in 1963 and 1964. Tom was a starter on the 1963-64 Erie County and District 10 Championship Basketball Team and Co-Captain of the Erie County Championship Team in 1964-1965, earning All-County recognition. Tom was in the National Honor Society for three years and received the outstanding Social Studies Award as a senior. Tom taught 33 years at Iroquois, twice being honored as an Outstanding Teacher at the Academic Banquet and was selected by the Erie County Historical Society as the Outstanding Local History Educator in 2001. Tom coached basketball for 55 seasons, 43 seasons of basketball at Iroquois coaching both boys and girls, including 15 seasons as the Varsity Girls Coach and 11 seasons at Seneca and one at St. Ann's. Outstanding accomplishments at Iroquois include: The former record for consecutive league wins (47); co-holder of the record for Consecutive Erie County League championships (3) and Co-holder of the consecutive undefeated Erie County League seasons (2); at Seneca 2009 8th grade Erie County Championship; and 1969 Erie East Side Parochial Championship at St. Ann's. Tom was selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers and coaches in Basketball in 2005.



# JOE SHOLTIS

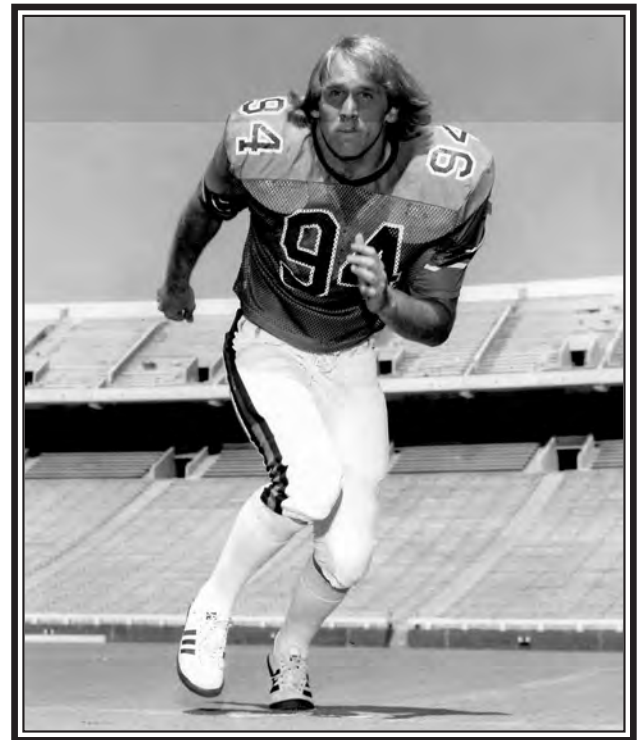
Joe graduated from Iroquois in 1967 earning five letters in football, basketball, and baseball. He played inside linebacker for two Erie County Championship football teams calling defensive signals for the undefeated 1966 football team his senior year. In baseball he was named All County honorable mention as a junior and 2nd team All County as a senior. He was also named the team MVP and represented Iroquois in the City County All-Star Game as a senior. Joe went on to play a year of football at Edinboro. He continued his athletic involvement by coaching football, basketball, and softball at Harbor Creek High School for over 70 sport seasons. Joe served as head basketball coach at HC for 10 years compiling a record of 134 wins and 101 losses. His 1982 team won the ECL and District 10 Championships. Joe recently completed his 36th season as the head softball coach at HC. His record is 602 wins and 178 losses. His teams played in five state championship games bringing home the only team state championship in HC history in 2006. Joe's teams also won 13 ECL championships, one region title and 13 District 10 Championships. Joe is a 2011 inductee into the Metro Erie Chapter of the PA Hall of Fame and is in the first class of inductees for the Harbor Creek High School Hall of Fame in 2011.



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# MIKE NEMEYER

Mike graduated from Iroquois in 1977. He had an outstanding career in football and track and field earning three letters in each from 1974 to 1977. He was named the male athlete of the year in 1977. As a defensive end, Mike's football career was exceptional. In 1976, Mike was named to the All County football team. He was accorded the honors as a Joe Namath Prep All-American, named to the Adidas All-American Team, and was designated Scholastic Prep All-American. He played in the 1977 Lions Club Save-an-Eye football game. Mike received a scholarship to play football at the University of Virginia, playing from 1977-1981. In 1980, Mike was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll. He earned a B.S. degree in Education. Mike's track record at Iroquois was also impressive. In 1976, he was the Erie County and D/10 champion in the shot put. He finished 7th at the State Championship. In 1977, Mike improved his performance by setting the Erie county record in the Discus. He was the D/10 Champion in the discus and the shot put and set a District record in the latter. He finished 6th at the State championship in the shot put. In 2011, Mike's school records in both the shot put and discus continue to stand. Mike coached 9th Grade football for two years at Albemarle High school in Charlottesville Va. He coached Little League Baseball for four years and in the Upward Bound Basketball program for three years.



# MARY BUTLER

At Iroquois, Mary Butler, earned three varsity letters in softball, and compiled a 52-5 overall record including eight no-hitters (four-perfect games). She struck out 451 batters in 344 innings and finished her career with a 0.49 E.R.A. Butler was part of the 1981 AA State Runner-up team, and the 1982 AA State Championship team. She was named All-County her junior and senior seasons and selected 1982 Honorable Mention All-American by the High School Athletic Coaches association. Butler received a full softball scholarship to the University of Connecticut and attended Penn State University, pitching two seasons for the Lady Lions. Highlights at Penn State include an Atlantic-10 Championship and a perfect game against

LaSalle University. Mary managed and pitched for the Erie Renegades softball team from 1991 to 2002. The Renegades won 10-consecutive Erie Women's Championships. Butler's record included 150 wins and two loses in league contests. Renegades highlights include the 1996 NSA National Championship and 1997 NSA World Series Runner-up. In 1998, Butler launched and played five seasons for the Edge Women's Ice Hockey Team, and in 2003, after playing one season for the Erie Illusion Women's Football Team, took over as owner of the team and has managed the team through the 2011 season. In 2005, Butler graduated from Mercyhurst College Municipal Police Academy and earned the top academic honor in her graduating class. She was hired by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2006 and has served as a law enforcement officer at Presque Isle State Park until the present.



# PAUL BENIM

Paul is a 1988 graduate of Iroquois High School and was a standout basketball and baseball player for the Braves. He played three years of varsity baseball and two years of basketball. Paul was a member of two ECL Championship teams and a District 10 title team. As a senior he captained both squads and was selected as the program's Harry Farnbaugh (baseball) and C. Thomas Barringer (basketball) team MVP. He also was selected for the ECL All-County team. At commencement, he was presented with the Ken Semple Award for being the school's Most Distinguished Senior Male Athlete. Paul also served as an assistant coach at Iroquois in 1992, aiding the Braves to win the ECL Title. Playing at Iroquois prepared him to coach at the collegiate level – learning from great coaches and educators. This fall, Paul enters his 20th season as a head coach for Penn State Behrend. His overall head coaching mark is 494-279-2. He was the head softball coach for three seasons, before becoming the head baseball coach in 1996. Paul led the softball team to 82 wins, three straight postseason appearances, and the 1993 ECAC crown; this team was later inducted into the Behrend Hall of Fame. Paul just completed his 16th season as the leader of the baseball team and recently earned his 400th baseball victory. The four time AMCC Coach of the Year built Behrend baseball into a highly respected and regional power. He has led Behrend to four AMCC Championships, three NCAA Tournament appearances and two ECAC titles.



# ROBERT COREY

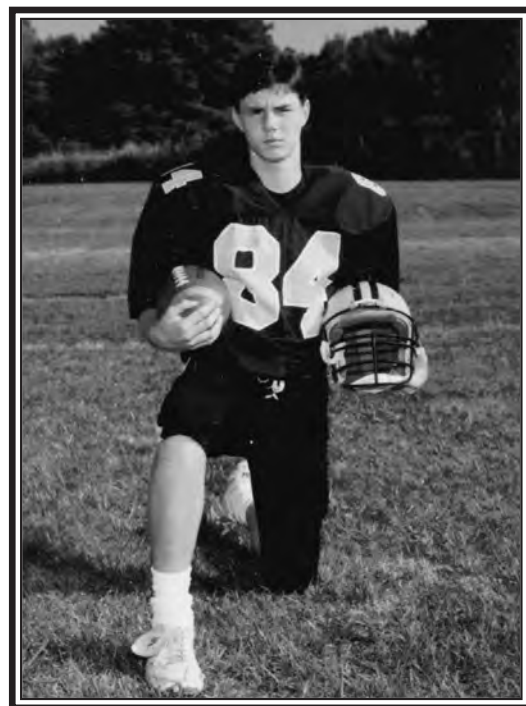
Robert is a 1991 graduate of Iroquois High School. He earned seven varsity letters in Football, Swimming, and Track and Field. Robert's greatest accomplishments were in the sport of Track. As a freshman, Robert placed fifth in the 1600M at the District Meet and was awarded the "Promise" award by the coaches. Robert's sophomore year produced a third place finish at the District Meet and a trip to the State Championships, where he finished 12th. In 1990 Robert placed second at the District 10 Meet and medaled at the State Meet, finishing fourth and earning an All-State designation. He also anchored the 1600M-relay team to a second place finish at the District Meet. He was also a member of the 400 yd. relay team that finished 2nd in the Erie County Swimming Championships. Robert's high school career culminated in 1991, when he ran to an Erie County Championship in the 800M, the 1600M, and as a member of the 1600M-relay team. He was the District 10 gold medalist in the 1600M run, and as part of the 1600M-relay team, and he was the State Champion in the 1600M. He also ran on the 1600M-relay team that finished fifth in the State Meet. He holds the 1600-M record and is part of the 1600M-relay record as well. Robert went to Edinboro University and was a member of 1992-1996 PSAC Champion Cross-Country teams. He returned to Iroquois and served as a volunteer aide in the track program from 1992-2000.



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# MIKE GOARD

Graduating from Iroquois with distinction in 1992, Mike Goard was a three-sport athlete who captained his football, basketball, and baseball teams while achieving nine varsity letters. Mike was also selected to participate in all three all-star games following their respective seasons. In baseball, Mike was a four-year letter winner and two-time captain. Mike was the starting shortstop and the ace of a talented pitching staff where his 7-0-league record led to a second ECL crown in his senior season. Mike was voted team MVP in his junior and senior seasons becoming the only athlete to earn the Harry Farnbaugh award in consecutive seasons. Mike's achievements led to a scholarship at Gannon University where he was selected baseball captain. As captain of the Iroquois basketball team, Mike's defensive effort led to the schools very first Barringer Tournament Title in his senior year. As a defensive stopper, Mike earned honorable mention All-County and led his team into inter-district play. On the gridiron Mike was a three-year letter winner as a tight end and free safety. Mike was part of teams that won back-to-back District 10 titles in 1990 and 1991, was captain of the 1991 team that had a perfect 9-0-league record (12-1 overall), and Erie County league champions. Mike's six touchdowns, 27 receptions, and seven interceptions led to a first team All-County selection as a tight end. Upon graduation Mike received both the Metropolitan Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and the Ken Semple scholarship awards.



## 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

## 2010 INDUCTEES



**Top Row:** Eric Conley, Joel Stager, Mary Ann "Mez" Chilcott, Kevin Soles

**Bottom Row:** Phil Glass, Carrie Turco-Breski, Skip Kellogg, Suzanne Poly (accepting for father Ed Poly)

# 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 5,665 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."

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## 2011 IROQUOIS STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

**Ken Semple Award:** Mario Cecchetti  
**Phyllis McLane Award:** Alaina Davison and Becca Cooper  
**Male Athlete of the Year:** Jake Bartlett  
**Female Athlete of the Year:** Tyler Kosko and Lindsay Fink

## 2011 IROQUOIS SENIORS ATTENDING

Makenzie Morgan: Soccer, Cheerleading  
Eliot Davison: Football, Wrestling, Track and Field  
Theresa Kightlinger: Volleyball, Cheerleading, Track and Field  
John Drozdowski: Football, Basketball, Track and Field  
Meghan Martin: Volleyball, Swimming, Softball

### **Nominated but unable to attend**

Caitlin Hollarn: Swimming, Softball  
Dalton Zebrak: Soccer, Swimming, Track and Field  
Josh Steen: Golf, Swimming



# 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





**IROQUOIS HIGH SCHOOL**



**WESLEYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**



**LAWRENCE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**