

Recent Obituaries

Bob Boozer, May 19, 2012. A 6-foot-8 forward, was a two-time all-American at Kansas State. He joined the Caterpillar Cats in 1959. Bob played with Jerry West, Oscar Robertson and Jerry Lucas on the gold-medal-winning 1960 Olympic team. He was inducted into the GPSHOF in 1991.

Harry Cravens, June 23, 2012. He was an outstanding high school athlete at Peoria Spalding from 1945-48. Harry was a member of the Gipps Junior All-Stars softball team that was inducted into the GPSHOF in 1992.

Herb Shannon, September 8, 2012. Herb was an area legend in USAC Stock Car racing. He raced for four decades and had his finest year in 1963 when he finished fifth nationally competing against other racing legends A.J. Foyt, Parnelli Jones, Rodger Ward and Bobby Unser. Herb also was a retired member of the GPSHOF board of directors. He was inducted into the Hall in 1986.

Gary Childs, September 7, 2012. Gary spent most of his career in the Journal Star Sports department. He was a board member of the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame, former board member of the Illinois Valley Striders, member of the Lincoln Land Community College Athletic Hall of Fame and Illinois State Chairman for the Heisman Trophy Committee. He was also the co-founder of the Steamboat Classic Hall of Fame, into which he was inducted in June 2012.

Bruce Boyle, September 25, 2012. Bruce coached Central to the 1977 State Basketball Championship with a 29-2 record, the Lions going unbeaten in the Mid-State 9. In his seven seasons as Peoria Central High School basketball coach, Bruce Boyle compiled a record of 153-38 for a .801 winning percentage. He was inducted into the GPSHOF in 2001.

Harry Higgs, October 26, 2012. Harry was the fullback on the 1955 undefeated, untied Woodruff football team that was inducted into the GPSHOF in 1992. He was named first team All City on both the offensive and defensive teams in his junior and senior years, as well as All State his senior year.

Bert Born, February 4, 2013. He was voted the Most Outstanding Player of the 1953 NCAA tournament scoring 26 points, 15 rebounds and 13 blocked shots for the University of Kansas in the championship game. Bert was named an NCAA All American, served as an alternate on the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team, then played in the World Championships in 1954. He played for Caterpillar's AAU basketball team earning All American honors three times. A long-time Caterpillar employee, Born was active in the community serving as president of the Independent Sports Club. He was inducted into the GPSHOF in 1985.

NOMINATIONS

Each year in September the 30-member Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame board of directors reviews a long list of nominees to determine the select few individuals and teams to be inducted at the annual banquet in March. Do you want to nominate someone? Visit our website www.gpshof.org and under "Contact Us" you can pull up and print a nomination form.

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ABOUT US

The Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame is an organization consisting of 30 volunteer board members including 7 associate board members. The corporation was formed to recognize and honor outstanding sports individuals and teams. Inductees in the Hall of Fame are presented plaques with duplicates installed on the outside concourse walls at the Peoria Civic Center. To date 301 plaques have been hung for viewing by visitors to the Civic Center.

The organization is funded by community contributions. Donations help defray the cost and production of plaques. Individuals and companies are encouraged to support the work of the Hall of Fame by sending contributions to the Greater Peoria Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 9338, Peoria, IL 61612. Information about the Hall of Fame may be obtained on the Internet at www.gpshof.org or by calling 309-682-4255.

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— MEET THE INDUCTEES —



Heather Cassidy

Now the varsity girls basketball head coach at Richwoods High School, Cassidy was a fierce competitor on the hardwood at Dunlap High School and Indiana University. A three-time all-state selection for the Eagles, Cassidy was the 1998 Illinois Class A Player of the Year and was runner-up for Illinois Miss Basketball. She went on to star at Indiana, where she was a two-time team captain for the Hoosiers and was a three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Jenelle Deatherage

Arguably the most-accomplished female runner in Tri-County history, Deatherage won a pair of high school state championships for East Peoria, before going on to an All-America career at the University of Wisconsin and enjoying a lengthy international running career.



Frank Williams

A four-year starter at Manual High School, Williams led the Rams to three consecutive state championships from 1996-98 and was named Illinois Mr. Basketball as a senior when he averaged 24 points, eight rebounds and six assists per game. The 1998 McDonald's High School All-American also excelled at Illinois, where he led the Illini in scoring in 2001 and 2002 and finished 14th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,440 career points.

1990 Tremont High School Boys Cross Country

Coached by Mike Lynn and led by Brad Kaufmann and Ty Petro, the Turks won the Illinois High School Association Class Boys Cross Country state championship. Kaufmann finished 11th and was followed just three seconds later by Petro in 15th place, pacing the Turks to 94 team points, 20 better than second-place West Frankfort High School.



1992 Limestone High School Girls Basketball

Coached by John Gross and led by Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame inductee Tammy Van Oppen, the Rockets took a perfect, 32-0 record into the 1992 Illinois High School Association Girls Basketball Class AA state championship game. Limestone advanced to the title game by downing Bloomington (68-54) in the super-sectional, Buffalo Grove (73-47) in the state tournament quarterfinals and LaGrange Lyons (52-50) in overtime in the semifinals, but dropped a 48-46 heartbreaker to Chicago Marshall, which would go on to repeat as state champion in 1993.

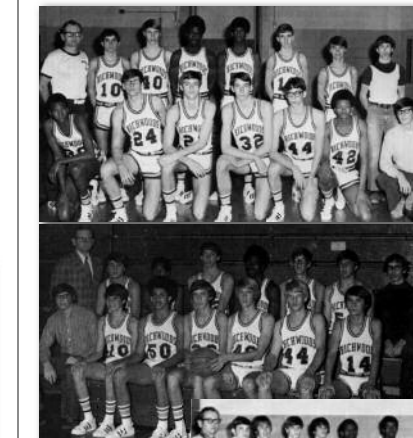


1985-86 Bradley University Men's Basketball

Coached by Dick Versace and led by the dynamic backcourt of Jim Les and Hersey Hawkins, the 1985-86 Braves enjoyed one of the best seasons in Bradley Basketball history. The Braves tied the program record for victories, finishing 32-3 overall, and remain the last unbeaten Missouri Valley Conference regular-season champion (16-0).



Richwoods High School Boys Basketball (1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76)



The Knights dominated the Mid-State 9 Conference during the mid-1970s, reeling off 46 consecutive league victories during a 3-year period. In the three seasons from 1973-76, Richwoods amassed the best record in the state during that period, 83-6, while going 47-1 in the Mid-State to claim three straight conference crowns.



The 32nd Annual Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet Sunday, April 14, 2013 Peoria Civic Center (Visit our website at: www.gpshof.org)

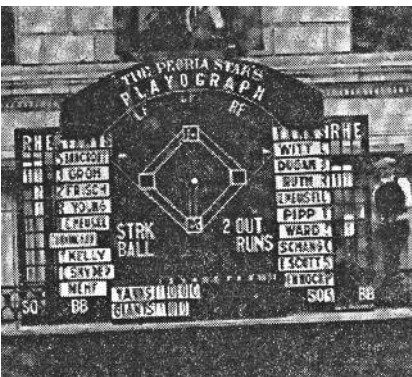
Tickets are on sale now for the 32nd Annual Induction Banquet to be held Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the Peoria Civic Center, Rooms 401-404. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for the reception and dinner is served at 1:00 p.m. Introduction of the new Hall of Fame inductees follows dinner. Come early and say hello to former inductees who will be in attendance.

*Advance tickets are \$30 and after March 24, \$35.
(No tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event.)*

*Call 309-682-4255 or e-mail Rhonda at gpshof@gmail.com
to make a reservation.*

IT HAPPENED IN GREATER PEORIA SPORTS HISTORY

Football games between Peoria Central and Peoria Manual began in 1911, which was prior to the Thanksgiving Turkey Day Games that began in 1915. In that 1911 game, Manual won 16 to 6. The only Central score came in the 2nd quarter on a 3-yard run by future Caterpillar president Louie Neumiller.



On October 8, 1922, a crowd of 3000 Peorians assembled on Madison street between Fulton and Main Streets, across from the Peoria Star building (current location of the Pere Marquette parking lot) to watch the Peoria Star "Playograph." It provided spectators with play-by-play details of the 4th game of the World Series between the Giants and Yankees. Game details were sent by ticker tape to the Star office and the action was described to the mass of people with a megaphone and posted on the 12 x 18 "Playograph."

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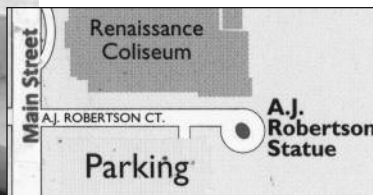


Front Row (left to right) – Richard Kestner, 2nd Vice-President, Susie Stockman, Treasurer, Roger Monroe, President. Back Row - Mike Burns, 1st Vice-President, Larry Dunn, Past President.

Peoria was the birthplace of the state high school baseball tournament in 1940 when Dick Baxter, Manual coach, conceived of the event and put it into being. It is fitting that Manual, the original sponsoring school, would win three state baseball tournaments in 1950, 1965 and 1968 under coach Ed Stonebock. Over the years the tournament has been played at Woodruff Field, Bradley's on-campus baseball field, Tom Connor Field at Caterpillar, Meinen Field and O'Brien Field.



On October 12, 2012, a statue of A.J. Robertson was dedicated on the former site of historic Robertson Fieldhouse.



THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame wishes to thank the benefactors that made contributions to us last year. All of our board members are unpaid volunteers. Your generous contributions support our mission to honor the athletes and teams that have contributed to the rich sports history of the Tri-county area.

THANKS TO ROMOLO & ASSOCIATES

The Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame wishes to thank Romolo & Associates, Certified Public Accountants. They have volunteered their assistance and guidance to the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame in the preparation of our required financial and government reports.

Email questions to Rhonda at: gpsghof@gmail.com

The Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame's mission is to promote the many and varied sports programs in the Greater Peoria area (Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties). Our aim is to honor those men, women and teams that have contributed to the area's rich sports history. With the cooperation of the Peoria Civic Center Commission, and generous community support we have served the area since 1979.

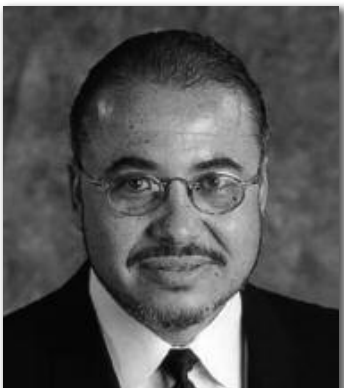
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Old Timer, Neve Harms and Tri-County Winners Announced



OLDTIMER Jim Lewis

Lewis served as the athletics director and coached four sports at Pekin High School from 1933 through 1955. His basketball, baseball and football teams combined for a 341-163-8 (.674) record. In his seven years as the boys basketball coach at Pekin, Lewis led his teams to six regional championships and Pekin captured state tournament hardware in 1947 (fourth place) and 1948 (third).



NEVE HARMS AWARD Dana Davis (posthumous)

Davis was long a popular figure in the Peoria community and the former Bradley Basketball team manager's professional career landed him with the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies. Affectionately known as "Double D," Davis steadily advanced up the Grizzlies front office during his 13 years with the organization and was Vice President of Basketball Operations and Team Programs at the time of his death in October at the age of 56.

Involved in numerous community service activities in both Memphis and Peoria, Davis had recently become a member of the National Civil Rights Museum board of directors. Even more notable, he was the founding organizer of the Mitchell "J.J." Anderson All-Star Basketball Camp in Peoria. Through Davis' work, not only have thousands of area at-risk kids received basketball instruction from numerous NBA players, he brought many celebrities to Peoria to talk to the campers about life skills and arranged for the campers to receive free physical exams.

TRI-COUNTY AWARDS

Mike Bolhuis, Male Coach of the Year

Though still a student at Illinois State University who would not graduate until December, Bolhuis led the Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School girls volleyball team to a 38-1 record and the 2012 Illinois High School Association Class A state championship.

Taren Martin, Female Coach of the Year

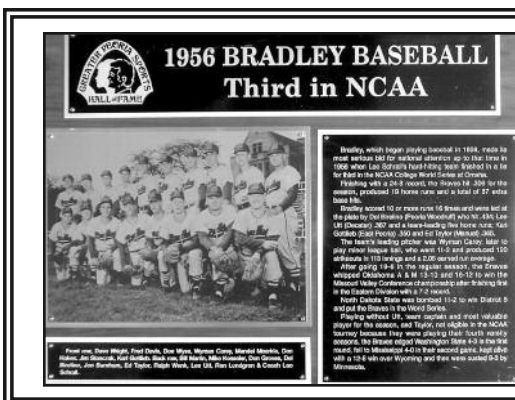
In her second season as the Eureka College women's basketball head coach, Martin was named the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Red Devils to just the fourth 20-win season in program history. Eureka's 21-5 record last season represented a 12-win improvement over the 2010-11 campaign and the squad's 13 SLIAC wins were the most conference victories for the program since Eureka College began conference-affiliated competition at the Division III level in 1996-97.

Sam Durley, Male Athlete of the Year

The starting quarterback at Eureka College, Durley passed for 2,803 yards during the 2012 season and gained national attention by throwing for a NCAA, all-division, single-game record 736 yards Sept. 1 in a win against Knox College. A second-team all-conference pick for the second consecutive year, Durley was named the Manning Award Player of the Week and landed a spot on the D3Football.com Team of the Week for his performance against Knox.

Brenna Detra, Female Athlete of the Year

A three-sport star, Detra earned All-Mid-State 6 Conference honors in volleyball, basketball and track and field during her junior season at Richwoods High School. On the track, Detra qualified for the Illinois High School Association Class 3A state meet in the 200-meters, 400-meters, 100-meter hurdles and long jump with area-wide best performances in each event. During the Rock Island Invitational, Detra set area records in both the long jump (18' 7") and the 200-meter dash (24.43 seconds).



Special gifts available for individual and team inductees.

Former individual and team members may order duplicates of their 12 x16 inch plaques displayed at the Peoria Civic Center. You may order them by contacting Don Gustin at Joan's Trophy - don@awardsnow.com 309-674-6500. The cost is \$135.

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