

**37th ANNUAL**



**INDUCTION**

**Recognition of  
ALL-GAZETTE  
TEAMS**

**Friday June 17, 2022**

**THE GALAXY CONFERENCE CENTER**

## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES Inductee Program**



**Medina City Mayor Dennis Hanwell**

Dennis Hanwell is the Mayor/Safety Director for the City of Medina. Prior to becoming Mayor, he had been the Chief of Police for the City of Medina for over twelve years. He has nearly 39 years of service with the City of Medina, and over 41 years of law enforcement experience.

Dennis has an associate degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Akron, and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University. He served as the President of the Medina County Police Chiefs' Association for eleven years. Under his tenure, the City of Medina Police Department has received both state and national recognition for various community policing initiatives. Those initiatives have now been implemented city wide under a Community Oriented Government model. He has had articles published in national criminal justice periodicals and has been a speaker at previous Ohio Attorney General Conferences, Safe Community Conferences, & Public Safety Director's Conferences.

Dennis has been Mayor since January 1, 2010 and was elected in November, 2021 for an unprecedented fourth term as Mayor for the City of Medina. Dennis and wife, Christine, will celebrate their 44 anniversary this August. They have two adult children, Jonathan and Nicole, and two precious grandchildren, Madison and Aiden.

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## **2022 MEDINA COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

### ***INDUCTEE***



**Garth Wurstle  
Basketball**

A 1981 Buckeye graduate, the 6-foot-8 Wurstle remains the basketball program's second all-time leading scorer with 1,082 points and all-time leading rebounder with 659. As a senior, he averaged 25.7 points and 12.9 rebounds as the Bucks finished 16-6 and won the Inland Conference championship, earning him Gazette MVP honors in a season where Wadsworth went 22-6 and reached the Class AAA state championship, Cloverleaf went 17-5 and beat the Grizzlies and Medina finished 19-4. Wurstle earned a full ride to play Division I college basketball at Robert Morris, where as a freshman he broke his ankle prior to the Colonials' appearance in the 1982 NCAA Tournament, where they lost to eventual national champion Indiana, which was coached by Bob Knight and led by point guard Isiah Thomas. Wurstle and wife Monica live in Naples, Fla., where they own and operate Encore Cabinets & Design.

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**Richie Spicel  
Wrestling**

The first bookend state champion in Ohio history, Spicel won a Division I state title at 130 pounds as a freshman and another at 140 as a senior before graduating from Brunswick in 2008. He was a three-time state finalist and four-time state qualifier. Spicel's 161 victories are a school record and tied for 10th in Medina County history. He won 87 of his final 88 matches. Spicel was a top-50 recruit in the nation and competed for two seasons at Division I Gardner-Webb. He went 36-22 for the Bulldogs and finished third at 141 pounds at the 2010 NCAA East Regional championship as a redshirt freshman. Spicel is married to Staci and the stepfather of Rhyleigh, 9, and Scarlett, 5. He works for his father Richard's home exterior cleaning business, RKS Cleaning Services.

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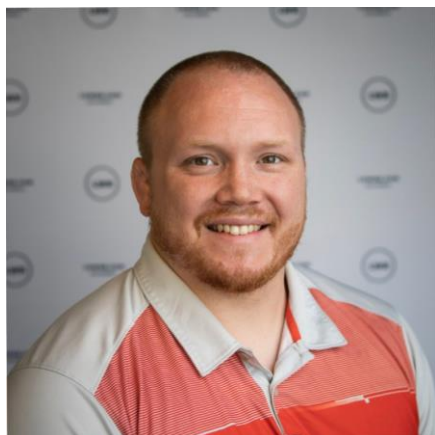


**Anna Boyert  
Soccer, Cross Country, Track**

A 2012 Medina graduate, Boyert was a four-time All-Gazette pick and two-time county MVP in cross country and a four-time All-Gazette pick in track. As a senior, she led the Bees' 4x800-meter relay to a state title in one of the most thrilling finishes ever, as the top four teams were separated by just 0.58 seconds and the top two by 0.02 seconds. While running cross country, she also played soccer in the fall and was a starting defender on Medina's 2009 state championship team. Boyert went on to earn All-Big 12 honors in cross country and track on five occasions and was a two-time All-American in indoor track at Oklahoma State. She and husband Nick Thorp live in Stillwater, Okla., where she is an assistant coach in cross country and track at Oklahoma State University.

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**Nick Tavanello  
Football, Wrestling**

The only three-time state champion in Medina County history, Tavanello earned two state titles at 215 pounds and a third at 285 before graduating from Wadsworth in 2012. His dramatic state title as a sophomore clinched the Division I state team championship for the Grizzlies, and his 179 career wins remain a country record. A four-time All-Gazette choice, two-time county MVP and in 2020 named Gazette Wrestler of the Decade, Tavanello also earned second-team All-Ohio honors in football as a senior lineman. He went on to help the Ohio State wrestling program to its first national championship as a redshirt sophomore in 2015. His career cut short by injuries, Tavanello was a two-time national qualifier and finished with a 56-37 record. He lives in Columbus, where he works as a loan processor for a mortgage lender, and is engaged to be married to Christine Frederick.

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**Parker Hewit  
Golf, Basketball, Tennis**

One of the best all-around athletes in Medina County history, Hewit earned four letters each in golf, basketball and tennis before graduating from Cloverleaf in 2008, when he was named The Gazette's Senior Male Athlete of the Year. He was a four-time All-Gazette pick and county MVP in golf as a senior, a two-time All-Gazette pick and county MVP in basketball as a senior and a three-time All-Gazette pick in tennis. Hewit still holds the school's career scoring record in basketball with 1,289 points. Having grown up a two-minute bike ride from Westfield Country Club, he went on to play golf at Bowling Green, where he won seven tournament championships, and then spent a number of years competing on the Florida Professionals Golf Tour. Hewit currently works as the head golf pro at Skyview Country Club in Hernando, Fla.

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**Milt Place  
Cross Country Coach**

The boys cross country coach at Medina for nearly 30 years, Place led the Bees to their first team state championship in 2007 and a runner-up finish in 2010. His passion for running fueled 15 state-qualifying teams, six district titles and three regional crowns. Under Place's tutelage, Donny Roys won an individual championship in 2007. Place was a 10-time Gazette Coach of the Year and Gazette Coach of the Decade for cross country in 2020. He also was an OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award winner in 2017. In college, he was part of Adams State's 1971 national championship team. Place started the girls cross country program at Tiffin Columbian, the Tiffin Cross Country Carnival and the Medina Cross Country Festival. This is Place's fifth hall of fame induction. The joke-telling, passionate, beloved coach died on Aug. 22, 2021 at the age of 69 after suffering an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

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**Ken Rockhold  
Al Thomas Award**

**The Al Thomas Award is presented to a Medina County community member who has been involved with and supported athletic programs.**

The 78-year-old Rockhold, a longtime Medina resident who now lives in Westfield Center, has compiled a long and impressive resume in his 55-plus years of service to Medina County and Ohio. A basketball official for 30 years and a golf rules interpreter for 35, he is a member of the Lake Erie Basketball Officials Association and Ohio High School Golf Coaches halls of fame, former commissioner of the Pioneer Conference and Northeast Ohio Conference and current commissioner of the Greater Cleveland Conference. A football, basketball and track star prior to graduating from Maple Heights in 1962, Rockhold went on to run track at Bowling Green. He and wife Jane will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary in August. They have three children and two grandchildren.

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### **Bil Biegel** **Kiwanis Joe Tait Legacy Award**

This award was developed because our Kiwanis Club believes that we need to recognize those coaches, teachers, and others involved in both community-based or school-based teams, that have had a positive impact on the lives of the athletes they coached and on the community in which they coached. They are individuals who encourage their players to become involved in their community by volunteering and doing charity work so that they are well rounded for life after sports and school is over.

Bill is a graduate of Medina High School, has served in the U.S. Navy and is a co-owner of Biegel Plumbing. He is humble and prefers to stay out of the limelight, but Bill has an unbelievable impact on our community and particularly on the lives of Special Olympians and their families.

Bill has volunteered for many years as a coach and as a unified partner for Special Olympics. The Special Olympians are Bill's extended family. He is a role model and a mentor for the athletes. He encourages independence, sportsmanship, self-confidence, inclusion, and community volunteer involvement. He provides individuals with opportunities to grow and build confidence. One of the ways Bill does this is through the Raymond Biegel Memorial Tournament which Bill started nine years ago when he discovered that the athletes had to fundraise to cover the cost of tournament fees, uniforms, equipment and travel. Up until this point candy sales had been the primary source of fundraising and was not adequate.

Bill helped to form the Medina County Special Olympic Boosters and established the tournament. This event has raised an average of \$60,000 per event. Bill includes the athletes in all aspects of the event. He has taught athletes how to seek donations, encouraged them to play and recruit others to play in the tournament games, involved them in the setup and clean up and shows the athletes how they can volunteer in other events that support not only special Olympics but regular sports and community events.

This year, 2022, marked the seventh year for the event after a 2-year hiatus. This year the event was not only a fundraiser but a memorial to those athletes and friends of Special Olympics who had passed away in recent years.

The Raymond Biegel Memorial Tournament is not the only Fundraiser in which Bill has been involved. Bill has participated in the Meadows Turkey Bowl for many years. By 2018 when Bill retired from playing football in the event, he had raised more than \$310,000 with a portion of those funds designated for Special Olympics. In addition, Bill was instrumental in the addition of the Special Olympics Turkey Bowl to the Meadows Turkey Bowl event.

Bill is a shining example of what it means to provide opportunities for all persons to participate in sports, to learn and grow from those opportunities and to give back to their communities. Bravo Bill!

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAM RECOGNITION



### 2009 Medina Girls Soccer Team Division I State Champion

*Sponsored by Jeri and Alan Penn*

Few girls soccer teams in Ohio history were as dominant as the 21-1-2 Bees, who ended the season with a shutout streak of 1,003 minutes, 13 seconds. Led by Gazette MVP Becca Candler (Indiana), Taylor Burke (Florida), Jillian Graff (Florida) and Sarah Flanders (Miami of Ohio), Medina outscored opponents 29-0 in the postseason en route to its second state title (1997). In the championship game, the Bees set a D-I record for largest margin of victory when they held Dublin Coffman without a shot on goal in a 4-0 demolition. They also avenged their only regular-season loss with a 4-0 win over Strongsville in the district finals and got an unworldly effort from goalie Burke to edge Northeast Ohio superpower Walsh Jesuit 1-0 in the state semis. Medina defeated 10 state-ranked teams on its journey to immortality.

## IN APPRECIATION

The Gazette and the Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club wish to express our appreciation to those who have assisted in our 2022 Hall of Fame induction and banquet.

**Camelot Printing** – Ticket and program printing

**Galaxy Conference Center and Restaurant** – Banquet facilities, inductees' reception

**Crown Trophy** – Sponsor of Fall, Winter, and Spring Coaches awards

**SHC/The Arc and Medina County Special Olympics**  
Special Olympics sponsors

**Robert and Beverly Acord** – Sponsor of the All-Gazette coaches per sport

**Serpentini of Medina**— MVP athlete plaques

**Ron Schwane** – Gazette photographer/program photos

**Alan Penn** – Program layout and editor

**Roy Lehman, George Smiley, Tom Borrer, Paul Kubis – Dennis Diso, Ken Smith** - Event Coordinators

**The Gazette Sports and Advertising Staff** – Without them, this evening would not be possible (**official event sponsor**)

**The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club Members** – For their dedication and support of this event (**official event sponsor**)

**The Gazette  
&  
The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club**

**Welcomes you**

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club and The Gazette established the Medina County Sports Hall of Fame in 1985. This is the 37th banquet and induction ceremony.

The Hall of Fame honors amateur and professional athletes from Medina County that have excelled in competition, been out of high school for at least 10 years and lived in the county for at least five years. Those inducted will have plaques displayed on our Wall of Fame located in the Medina Community Recreation Center.

Athletes who have been selected as members of the All-Gazette teams, the coaches and MVPs of those teams and The Gazette Senior Athletes of the Year are being recognized. The Fall, Winter and Spring Coaches of the Year will be honored, too.

Athletes of the year from Special Olympics are also being recognized.

The Kiwanis Joe Tait Legacy Award is a new award to recognize the coach/person who isn't simply interested in their win/loss record but encourages their players to become involved in their community by volunteering and doing charity work. We will recognize coaches or volunteers of both community-based teams or school-based teams.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of our sponsoring individuals and companies for this year and the past 37 years. We hope you will enjoy this evening and share in the success of the athletes.

**Roy Lehman, President  
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club**

**Albert Grindle, Sports Editor  
The Gazette**

**Program**

**Welcome** Roy Lehman, Event Chair  
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis

**Pledge of Allegiance** Ray Fain, Past President  
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis

**Invocation** Roger Biada, Medina  
Breakfast Kiwanis

**Dinner  
Awards presentation**

**Introductions** Tom Borrer, Past President  
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis

**Master of Ceremonies** Mayor Dennis Hanwell

**Special Team recognition**

**Presentation of the Special Olympics Athletes of the Year**

**Clay Benjamin Baseball Scholarship**

**Hall of Fame induction ceremony**

**Kiwanis Joe Tait Legacy Award**

**All-Gazette teams, MVPs, and coaches of the year** Rick Nolan

**Presentation of Gazette Senior Athletes of the Year**

**Closing Comments** Tom Borrer  
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis



# Medina County Sports Hall of Fame (Sponsor Form)

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**The Medina Kiwanis Breakfast Club Foundation  
3593 Medina Rd # 115  
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**The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club Foundation is a sub-fund of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. All donations will be used to support community service and charity projects of the Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club.**

**Thank you for your support of our Medina County Sports Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Roy Lehman at [roy\\_lehman@yahoo.com](mailto:roy_lehman@yahoo.com) or [medinasportshof.org](http://medinasportshof.org)**

## Special Thank You

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club and The Gazette wish to thank all of our event sponsors for helping us celebrate 37 years of our Medina County Sports Hall of Fame. Each sponsor is listed in the program or in our special Hall of Fame section in The Gazette. Be sure to thank them for their continued support of the finest recognition program for athletes in Medina County.

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## Hall of Fame Selection Committee

The Gazette and the Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club wish to express our appreciation to those who have assisted in our Hall of Fame selections.

Roy Lehman, Chair, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Albert Grindle, sports editor The Gazette

Rick Noland, The Gazette

Ted Gordon, Black River Athletic Director

John Justice, Brunswick Athletic Director

Tom Harrington, Buckeye Athletic Director

Craig Walkup, Cloverleaf Athletic Director

Nick Ranallo, Highland Athletic Director

Todd Hodkey, Medina Athletic Director

Brad Musgrave, Wadsworth Athletic Director

Jeanne Pritchard, Past Inductee

Betty Szudlo, Past Inductee

Alan Penn, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Dennis Diso, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Paul Kubis, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

George Smiley, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Brian Russell, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Ray Fain, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Darrell Waite, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

## THE MEDINA COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### 2002 Inductees

Bob Bridges – Running

Dave Khoury – Wrestling coaching

Bob Kramer – Baseball/track and field coaching

Amy Rooks – Basketball

Beth Schaefer – Tennis

Al Thomas Award – Stephanie McClung

Team recognition – 1992 Buckeye wrestling (Division II state runner-up)

Special Olympics athletes – Karen Rivers and Chris Sockel

### 2003 Inductees

Ron Brant – Football, track and field

Howard Cook – Softball coaching

Jim Demo – Track and field coaching

John Gramuglia – Wrestling coaching

**Al Thomas Award** – Jim Wienczkowski

**Team recognition** – 1988 Medina boys track and field

**Special Olympic athletes** – Donna Bowers and Art Clark

### 2004 Inductees

Diane Briggs Goodman – Track and field

Bob Jones – Football, wrestling

Mike Rupp – Hockey

Keith Sooy – Basketball coaching

Dawne (Walton) Wolf – Softball

**Al Thomas Award** – Dave Thomas

**Team recognition** – 1980 Highland wrestling (Class AA state runner-up)

**Special Olympic athletes** – Paula McMillan and Chuck Hillebrecht

### 2005 Inductees

Phil Hahn – Football coaching

Elisa Inman – Basketball

Rich Nowak – Football coaching

Katelyn Vujas – Basketball

Al Young – Football coaching

**Al Thomas Award** – Ken Woodruff

**Team recognition** – 2005 Medina gymnastics (Division I state runner-up)

**Special Olympic athletes** – Jamie Leonhardt and Cindy Mullins

### 2006 Inductees

Tonya (Ross) Dolata – Basketball

Bill Frey – Basketball/baseball coaching

Darian Miskewycz – Football, baseball

Don Tomko – Wrestling, football

Mike Webster – Football, basketball, baseball, track and field

**Al Thomas Award** – Craig Easterday

**Team recognition** – 1975 Buckeye baseball (Class AA state semifinalist)

**Special Olympics Athletes** – Brian McGraw and Jennifer Richardson

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### 2007 Inductees

Kevin Luthy – Track and field  
Connie Gardner – Ultramarathon  
Ron Sency – Football  
Cary McConnell – Baseball  
Sid Sooy – Basketball/baseball/track and field coaching  
**Al Thomas Award** – Bruce Lorincz  
**Team recognition** – 1954 Wadsworth baseball (Class A state semifinalist)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Patrick Moran and Ashley Rienert

### 2008 Inductees

Karen Kase – Basketball, soccer, softball  
Greg Kosc – Major League Baseball umpire  
Jack Nutter – Wrestling coaching  
Jim Johnson – Football  
Bob Lyren – Basketball, baseball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Lynn Houghtaling  
**Team recognition** – 1988 Cloverleaf girls cross country (Class AAA state runner-up)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Jim Leedy and Roseanne Brady

### 2009 Inductees

Shannon (McPeak) Heisler – Tennis  
Phil Bova – Basketball officiating  
Rick Hewit – Basketball coaching  
Sarah (Wilfong) Widrig – Basketball  
Jim Kendel – Football  
**Al Thomas Award** – Mike Gannon  
**Team Recognition** – 1980 and 1981 Brunswick softball (Class AAA state runners-up)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Karen Dobsen and Dan Fox

### 2010 Inductees

Francis Stuart – Track and field, baseball, basketball  
Jay Peters – Basketball  
Heather Mohler-Bemiller – Gymnastics  
Ron Pruitt – Baseball  
Tony Stockman – Basketball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Dr. Richard Rose  
**Al Thomas Award** – Betty Szudlo  
**Team recognition** – 1950 Liverpool six-man football (state poll champion)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Ruth Evans and Eric Safarz

### 2011 Inductees

Travis Schwab – Basketball  
Jessica Miller – Softball  
Hector Marinaro – Soccer  
Andy Sonnanstine – Baseball  
Frank Hurd – Basketball coaching  
Erastus Simmons – Football  
**Al Thomas Award** – Mike Kallai  
**Special recognition** – 1977 Black River football (Class A state poll champion)  
**Special Olympic athletes** – Jon Hartman and Desiree King

## THE MEDINA COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### 1997 Inductees

Scott Chrislip – Football, track and field, Athletic Director  
Bob Peters – Basketball coaching  
Julie Ruhlin – Basketball, volleyball  
Cary and Mary Jane Schafer — Cary (baseball/football coaching), Mary Jane (volleyball/basketball/track and field coaching)  
Carol Claridge – Volleyball, softball, basketball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Joe Tait  
**Team recognition** – 1997 Wadsworth girls basketball (Division I state champion)  
**Special Olympics Athletes** – David Morgan and Megan Daugherty

### 1998 Inductees

Kelly Fergus – Basketball  
Bill Gearhart – Baseball  
John Kelly – Tennis coaching  
Tom Kies – Golf  
Debbie Mantz – Volleyball, basketball, softball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Tom Gehring  
**Team recognition** – 1998 Medina girls soccer (Division I state champion)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Gregg Brandel and Anna Ross

### 1999 Inductees

Cory Carlson – Football, track and field  
Michael Carlson – Football, basketball  
Todd Grabowski – Football, basketball  
Jill Smith – Volleyball, basketball, softball  
Jim Wells – Baseball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Leo Murphy  
**Team recognition** – 1998 Brunswick boys track and field (Division I state co-champion)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Shawn Glazer and Heather Colbow

### 2000 Inductees

Kert Boedicker – Football  
Bill Goddard – Baseball, coaching  
John Martin – Basketball/cross country coaching  
Bob Swingle – Football  
Pam Walton – Softball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Jim Houghtaling  
**Team recognition** – 1999 Brunswick boys cross country (Division I state champion)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Careron McNall and Katie Kilpatrick

### 2001 Inductees

Ted Neura – Football  
Caroline McCombs – Volleyball, basketball  
Jim Reynolds – Football  
Doug Walker – Golf coaching  
Rob Winger – Basketball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Kathy Miller  
**Team recognition** – 1995 Brunswick football (Division I state runner-up)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Debbie Keen and Tom Schmidt

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### 1992 Inductees

Cheryl Althaus – Volleyball, basketball, track and field  
John Coyne – Track and field  
Ron Mack – Athletic Director  
Erin McPeak – Tennis  
**Al Thomas Award** – Dr. Richard Glosh  
**Team Recognition** – 1981 Highland wrestling (Class AA state champion)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Chris Ruhrkraut and Fran Chaboudy

### 1993 Inductees

Ken Luttner – Football  
Richard “Dean” Brubaker – Football  
Bill Heffelfinger – Track and field  
John Hatch – Basketball  
Tom Beeching – Basketball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Mike Dungjen  
**Team recognition** – 1986 Brunswick softball (Class AAA state champion)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Robin Hines and Debbie Keen

### 1994 Inductees

Dave Sladky – Basketball coaching  
Barb Hunter – Cross country  
Deb Berry – Volleyball, basketball, softball  
Tom George – Pole vault coaching  
Lou Schaefer – Swimming  
**Al Thomas Award** – Jim Tighe  
**Team recognition** – 1981 Wadsworth boys basketball (Class AAA state runner-up)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Patty Gardner and Doyle Conley

### 1995 Inductees

Jill Bouton – Volleyball coach  
Andy Graham – Football, basketball, baseball  
Shelly Miller – Basketball, volleyball, track and field  
Ben Spechalske – Football coaching  
**Al Thomas Award** – Tony Stabile  
**Team recognition** – 1983 Medina boys basketball (Class AAA state semifinalist)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Holly George and Mark Radke

### 1996 Inductees

Gene Gossage – Football  
Fritz Kungl – Soccer  
Lorrell Mast – Football/track and field coaching, Athletic Director  
Leo Sparr – Coaching, Athletic Director  
**Al Thomas Award** – Jerry Gunner  
**Team recognition** – 1980 Brunswick wrestling (Class AAA state runner-up)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Jennifer Boehnlein and Scott John Doering

## THE MEDINA COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### 1986 Charter Inductees

Pete Rademacher – Olympic boxer  
Scott Fletcher – Baseball  
Jim Ritcher – Football  
Toni Stabile – Volleyball, basketball, softball  
Marc Hunter – Cross country

### 1987 Inductees

Tom DeLeone – Football  
Bob Packard – Football coaching  
Jim Dennison – Football coaching  
Gene Woodling – Baseball  
Judy Kirsch – Athletic Director

### 1988 Inductees

Earl Bowman – Harness racing  
Al Thomas – Sports writer  
Carl Abell – Wrestling  
Stephanie Weikert – Cross country  
**Team recognition** – 1942 Wadsworth wrestling (state champion)

### 1989 Inductees

Chris Riehm – Football  
Joe Lazor – Baseball  
Lori Koenig – Basketball, tennis, track and field  
Rollie Platz – Athletic Director  
**Al Thomas Award** – Les Shatzer  
**Team recognition** – 1975 Highland wrestling (Class AA state champion)

### 1990 Inductees

Jeanne Pritchard – Golf  
Todd Clark – Cross country/track and field coaching  
Rex McIlvaine – Athletic Director  
Dick Anderson – Football  
**Al Thomas Award** – Dr. Andrew Karson  
**Team recognition** – 1979 and 1980 Wadsworth girls cross country (Class AAA state champions)

### 1991 Inductees

Bob Walton – Softball  
Ken Niebuhr – Basketball  
Lori Hein – Basketball, softball  
Glenn Apple – Golf  
**Al Thomas Award** – Walter Wolfe  
**Team recognition** – 1981 Highland volleyball (Class AA state champion)

# THE MEDINA COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## 2012 Inductees

Dan Mihacevich – Volleyball  
Laurence Roberts – Football, basketball, baseball  
Mike Kudla – Football  
Drew Saylor – Baseball  
Scott Gasper – Football  
**Al Thomas Award** – Sam Gorfido  
**Team recognition** – 1988 Brunswick baseball (Class AAA state semifinalist)  
**Special Olympic athletes** – Kevin Themes and Shelli Lee

## 2013 Inductees

Tom Masters – Track and field, football, basketball  
Lois Youngen – Baseball  
Michelle (Anderson) Beorlegui – Soccer  
Rick Burton – Wrestling  
Bruce Miller – Soccer  
**Al Thomas Award** – Bob Burton  
**Team recognition** – 1991 Black River baseball (Division III state semifinalist)  
**Team recognition** – Special Olympics softball Team  
**Special Olympic athletes** – Winnfried Schroeder and Tamita Pickett

## 2014 Inductees

Wilbur Etter – Football, basketball, baseball  
Nick Nutter – Wrestling, martial arts  
Kase (McCoy) Stiefvater – Soccer  
Jesse Leng – Wrestling  
Jessica Toocheck – Softball, basketball, volleyball  
**Al Thomas Award** - Bob Jenne  
**Team Recognition** – 1977 Buckeye baseball (Class AA state semifinalist)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – Denise Frenzel and Joe Darmour

## 2015 Inductees

Bob Crum – Basketball, football, baseball  
Karen (Friend) DeVries – Cross country coaching  
Dick Cromwell – Football, basketball, baseball, coaching  
Jim Walter – Baseball  
Mindy Wirtz – Track and field  
**Al Thomas Award** – Chris Kallai Sr.  
**Team Recognition** – 1984 Black River volleyball (Class A semifinalist)  
**Special Olympics athletes** – German Vandendriessche and  
John Paul Vandendriessche

## 2016 Inductees

Joel Belding - Football/Track  
Emilie (Rymer) Lumpkin - Gymnastics/Track  
Ben Falkenberg - Basketball  
Amanda Macenko - Softball  
Lylle Stuart - Basketball/baseball/track and field  
**Al Thomas Award** – Irene Gehring  
**Team Recognition** – 1989 Medina Girls soccer (state semifinalist)  
**Special Olympics Athletes** - Jason Prince and Lisa Kov

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## 2017 Inductees

Russ Kotolac—Basketball  
Cynthia Lilly Berry—Basketball, Track and Field  
Carrie Headrick Zuro—Volleyball, basketball, Track and Field  
Dave Harris—Football, Track and Field  
Derek Foore—Wrestling  
**Al Thomas Award** – Bill Schnurr  
**Team Recognition** – 2007 Brunswick Football Team—Division 1 State Semifinal  
**Special Olympics Athletes** - Adam Cerny and Jennifer Cassano

## 2018 Inductees

Jessica Rooma – Soccer and Basketball  
Brad Reusch - Basketball  
Paige Maxwell - Soccer  
Alan Kiene—Football, Basketball, Baseball  
Kari (Eaton) Pinkowski – Cross Country and Track  
**Al Thomas Award** – Glen and Patty Reisner  
**Team Recognition** – 1988 Lady Wadsworth Grizzlies Softball Team  
**Special Olympics Athletes** - Brett Chappelle and Robert Young

## 2019 Inductees

Kyle Juszczyk - Football, Basketball, Track and Field  
Daryl Morey - Basketball  
Donny Roys - Cross Country and Track  
Sean Bedevelsky - Football and Baseball  
Cassie Schrock -Basketball  
Richard Jackson - Basketball  
**Al Thomas Award** – Tim McQuown  
**Team Recognition** – Medina Boys 2007 Division I Cross Country State Championship Team  
**Special Olympics Athletes** – Scott Simcox and Kory Thomas  
**SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Major League Baseball** –  
Henry Vorhees, Joe Neale, Clifford Matteson, Frank Luce

## 2020 Inductees

None Selected due to in person event being cancelled  
Athletes were recognized in a video program on Medina Cable TV

## 2021 Inductees

James Farley - Football and Wrestling  
Emlyn Knerem - Softball  
Taylor Burke - Soccer, Basketball, Track  
Brian Ensign - Baseball  
Nikki Boltja - Lacrosse  
**Al Thomas Award** – Grant Relic  
**Team Recognition** – 2010 Wadsworth Division 1 State  
Champion Wrestling Team  
**Special Olympics Athletes** - Scott Rockhold and Ashley Shook

**2021-2022 COACHES OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by Crown Trophy*

**Spring Coach of the Year**

**Scott VanFleet**

**Winter Coach of the Year**

**James Madison**

**Fall Coach of the Year**

**Larry Laird**

**SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES**

*Sponsored by SHC/The Arc  
Medina County Special Olympics  
Medina County Aktion Club*

**Seth Greenfelder**

**Cheryl Becka**

**Ashley Shook**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
BOYS TENNIS TEAM**

*Sponsored by Excellence in Eyecare*

**MVP — Elijah Hadler (Highland)**

Joe Donnelly (Cloverleaf)

Emerson Kaczmarek (Medina)

Christian Droz (Brunswick)

Ian Koeth (Brunswick)

Dylan Currens (Wadsworth)

**Coach of the year — Mike McGee (Cloverleaf)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
SOFTBALL TEAM**

*Sponsored by Robert and Beverly Acord*

**MVP – Faith Vlcek (Brunswick)**

Maddie O'Malley (Brunswick)

Morgan Kinney (Brunswick)

Elana Osowski (Brunswick)

Katie O'Malley (Brunswick)

Casey Cash (Buckeye)

Jessie Crookston (Wadsworth)

Emma Hetkey (Highland)

Ashley Brewster (Highland)

Keisten Trayte (Highland)

Nikki Goode (Cloverleaf)

Jordan Bradford (Black River)

**Coach of the year – Julie Salzman (Brunswick)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

**Sponsored by Medina Glass**

**MVP — Brayden Hamilton (Brunswick)**

Danny Flood (Buckeye)

Solomon Callaghan (Wadsworth)

Matt Spatny (Medina)

Maxx Bosley (Wadsworth)

Aaron Filips (Highland)

Thomas Krizsa (Brunswick)

Bryce Beech (Medina)

**Coach of the year — Tom Harrington (Buckeye)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**GIRLS BOWLING TEAM**

***Sponsored by Medina Auto Mall***

**MVP — Delayna Harvey (Cloverleaf)**

Taylor Radon (Buckeye)

Madelyn Spurio (Brunswick)

Casey Hagenbaugh (Wadsworth)

Bella Anzevino (Buckeye)

**Coach of the year — Dennis Huffman (Cloverleaf)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

***Sponsored by Robert and Beverly Acord***

**MVP — Evan Jarold (Brunswick)**

Alex Keller (Brunswick)

Elijah Hadler (Highland)

Zach Bugner (Medina)

Luke Malena (Cloverleaf)

Jared Bradford (Black River)

Logan Warner (Highland)

**Coach of the year — Colleen Briggs (Black River)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**GIRLS TENNIS TEAM**

***Sponsored by Medina Collision Center***

**MVP — Sarah Sgambati (Highland)**

Calista Bobula (Brunswick)

Jo Oberhaus (Highland)

Maddie Pawlak (Highland)

Ally Haynes (Highland)

Emily Guenther (Wadsworth)

Allie McCall (Wadsworth)

**Coach of the year — Lisa Reynolds (Highland)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**BOYS BOWLING TEAM**

*Sponsored by Robert & Beverly Acord*

**MVP — Kyle Dunne (Highland)**

Dylan Esterle (Highland)

Jordan Tucker (Brunswick)

Chase Gordon (Medina)

Alex Brooks (Brunswick)

**Coach of the year — Jarrod Rodriguez (Medina)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**GIRLS SOCCER TEAM**

*Sponsored by Stonegate Self Storage LLC*

**MVP — Olivia Sipsock (Medina)**

Riley Kerber (Medina)

Ella Dinwiddie (Highland)

Rachel Smith (Medina)

Camryn Dunn (Brunswick)

Lauren Petrovich (Buckeye)

Meghan Heath (Medina)

Grace Madison (Highland)

Dana Thur (Cloverleaf)

Lauryn Brucchieri (Brunswick)

Ciara Santiago (Highland)

Bailey Brown (Brunswick)

**Coach of the year — Rick Holland (Highland)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**BOYS SOCCER TEAM**

*Sponsored by Peak Auto Sales*

**MVP — Kyler Cusick (Medina)**

Cole Turchyn (Medina)

Jackson Herbert (Wadsworth)

Chase Miller (Buckeye)

Josh Lord (Brunswick)

Kam Wagner (Wadsworth)

Jimmy Neate (Medina)

Sam O'Brien (Buckeye)

Timmy Gronert (Brunswick)

Josh Krecic (Brunswick)

Mikel Coll (Wadsworth)

Niko Verginis (Highland)

**Coach of the year — Simon Spelling (Medina)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**

*Sponsored in memory of Carl T. Abell*

**MVP — Maddie Miller (Highland)**

Journey Hildebrand (Brunswick)

Olivia Klanac (Medina)

Regan Simpson (Wadsworth)

Hailey Tripp (Medina)

Laurel Brown (Cloverleaf)

Tori Smith (Cloverleaf)

Autumn Meyer (Buckeye)

**Coach of the year — James Madison (Highland)**



**ALL – GAZETTE  
BOYS GOLF TEAM**

*Sponsored by Tom and Sharon Borrer*

**MVP — Luke Schreck (Cloverleaf)**

Griffin Hrabak (Highland)

Alex Heilbrun (Brunswick)

Preston Trumpler (Medina)

Zach Parker (Medina)

Max Heilbrun (Brunswick)

**Coach of the year — Mike Mozingo (Medina)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
GIRLS GOLF TEAM**

*Sponsored by Geo M. Brown Assoc.*

**MVP — Isabella Goyette (Highland)**

Alessandra Goyette (Highland)

Paige McKendry (Highland)

Ashley Kizzen (Cloverleaf)

Ari Kiser (Wadsworth)

**Coach of the year — Mary Becker (Highland)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM**

*Sponsored by Brunswick Auto Mall*

**MVP — Maddy Schnelzer (Wadsworth)**

Jordan Truelsch (Brunswick)

Sophie Schoch (Medina)

Leyna Swanson (Brunswick)

Kaylee Moran (Wadsworth)

Morgan Vogel (Medina)

Elise Horton (Brunswick)

Eliana Wilson (Wadsworth)

**Coach of the year — Autumn Reeves (Wadsworth)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM**

*Sponsored by Rescue Painting*

**MVP — Andrew Chand (Highland)**

Henry Wilkes (Highland)

Brayden Morford (Medina)

Seth Waldow (Wadsworth)

Zach Marinis (Highland)

Aiden Magoolaghan (Highland)

Owen Hancock (Brunswick)

Tyler Hutchinson (Wadsworth)

**Coach of the year — John Scardino (Highland)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
GYMNASTICS TEAM**

*Sponsored by Anytime Tree Service*

**MVP – Lauren Eyssen (Brunswick)**

Alaina Timko (Brunswick)\_

Colleen Johnson (Medina)

Maddy Todorovich (Medina)

Jensen Heppner (Wadsworth)

Ava Noonan (Highland)

Madison Lee (Medina)

Bree Vargo (Brunswick)

**Coach of the year – Darcy Ranallo (Medina)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

*Sponsored by the Galaxy Restaurant*

**MVP — Jenna Razavi (Medina)**

Clare Nicholas (Wadsworth)

Teodora Iovi (Brunswick)

Kailyn Biecker (Wadsworth)

Morgan Roth (Brunswick)

Mia Heine (Medina)

Cara Razavi (Medina)

**Coach of the year — Kerry Hunter (Brunswick)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
WRESTLING TEAM**

**Sponsored by Smith Brothers**

**CO -MVP - Chris Earnest (Wadsworth)**

**CO-MVP - Jaxon Joy (Wadsworth)**

Colyn Limbert (Buckeye)

Travis Owen (Black River)

Coen Grimm (Wadsworth)

James Scavuzzo (Highland)

Mason Brugh (Wadsworth)

Eddie Neitenbach (Buckeye)

Nick Humphreys (Wadsworth)

Todd Allen (Buckeye)

Cade Cass (Cloverleaf)

Jack Dinwiddie (Wadsworth)

Logan Cravatas (Buckeye)

Aaron Ries (Wadsworth)

**Coach of the year — Clay Wenger (Wadsworth)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

*Sponsored by Wichert Insurance*

**MVP – Alayna Tessena (Highland)**

Ellie Zuro (Wadsworth)

Julia Shaw (Highland)

Makenzie Schellenberger (Medina)

Kendra Courtock (Cloverleaf)

Emerson Futchko (Brunswick)

Madison Lindsey (Brunswick)

Grace Smith (Highland)

**Coach of the year – Mallory Adams (Wadsworth)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

*Sponsored by KDK Mitsubitshi*

**MVP — Evan Jarold (Brunswick)**

Andon O'Neal (Black River)

Jacob Berger (Buckeye)

Jackson Herbert (Wadsworth)

Adam Quinn (Wadsworth)

Tallen Hulvey (Medina)

Tino Ramos (Medina)

Jake Marzulli (Medina)

Nick Manley (Medina)

Kaymen Marshall (Buckeye)

Jack Buzzard (Highland)

Roman Alessandro (Medina)

Alex Keller (Brunswick)

**Coach of the year — Toby Stepsis (Medina)**

**ALL – GAZETTE**  
**FOOTBALL TEAM**

*Sponsored by Serpentine of Medina*

**MVP — Drew Allar (Medina)**

Lukas Stiles (Highland)

Brennen Schramm (Medina)

Tyler Mrakuzic (Black River)

Kevin Heichel (Highland)

Kaymen Marshall (Buckeye)

Patrick Flannery (Highland)

Ben Midea (Buckeye)

Aaron Ries (Wadsworth)

Kevin Bittaker (Cloverleaf)

Brandon Rick (Brunswick)

Avery Gerney (Highland)

Travis Owen (Black River)

Nick Manley (Medina)

Conner Frisby (Wadsworth)

Matt Spatny (Medina)

Ben Barnes (Buckeye)

Matt Hamula (Medina)

Austin Addington (Highland)

Jajuan Jackson (Medina)

Aaron Filips (Highland)

Keon Johnson (Medina)

Cade Cass (Cloverleaf)

J.D. Serwatka (Brunswick)

**Coach of the year — Larry Laird (Medina)**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
BASEBALL TEAM**

*Sponsored by Joe Lazor Financial Insurance  
& Financial Services*

**MVP – John Allen (Wadsworth)**

Carter Kocik (Black River)  
Aaron Keating (Wadsworth)  
Preston DiMarco (Buckeye)  
Skyler Kries (Wadsworth)  
Nate Hill (Medina)  
Drew Harvey (Brunswick)  
Tyler Biskup (Cloverleaf)  
Billy Cornett (Medina)  
Jack Geiser (Medina)  
Derek Evans (Highland)  
Joey Valentine (Medina)

**Coach - Mark Kelly (Cloverleaf)**

**Clay Benjamin Scholarship**

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club Foundation is presenting the second annual Clay Benjamin scholarship tonight in honor of charter member of our Kiwanis Club. Clay was an avid Cleveland Indians fan. A \$500 scholarship is being presented to:

**Jay Reichenbach, Brunswick HS**

**ALL – GAZETTE  
GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

*Sponsored by Crain Langner & Company*

**MVP — Riley Evans (Cloverleaf)**

Lauren Dawson (Medina)  
Ellie Zuro (Wadsworth)  
Hannah Neiger (Medina)  
Rachel Smith (Medina)  
Calista Bobula (Brunswick)  
Mia Heine (Medina)  
Maddy Wyatt (Brunswick)  
Sierra Podolan (Highland)  
Maya Piechowiak (Highland)  
Ashley Sigmon (Cloverleaf)  
Colleen Johnson (Medina)  
Alyssa Stoner (Cloverleaf)  
Jenna Razavi (Medina)  
**Coach of the year — Scott VanFleet (Medina)**

\*\*We apologize for any names that are misspelled. We try our best to be as accurate as possible. If you find a misspelled name please let us know so we can correct in next edition of our program

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We want to thank the Medina County Athletic Booster organizations for helping Sponsor this event. Their generous donations help make this event possible.

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## Medina County Sports Hall of Fame (at the Medina Community Recreation Center)



**Medina County Sports Hall of Fame  
(at the Medina Community Recreation Center)**



**Consider Joining Medina Breakfast  
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community service organizations**

We were formed in 1972 and will celebrate our 50 years of service to Medina in September of 2022

We have contributed over \$1,250,000 in support of community projects while providing over 800,000 hours of service.

If you would like to be a part of a vibrant and very active community service club, you should consider joining us.

We meet the 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at the Grande Café and Roastery. Our meetings begin at 7 am and we are finished by 8 am

For more information contact our club secretary Ken Smith at [kenandjudy@zoominternet.net](mailto:kenandjudy@zoominternet.net) to join our meeting



## **MEDINA BREAKFAST KIWANIS SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO BE GIVEN TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club Board of Directors met in March 2022 to review grant requests from community organizations. The grants are for the use of funds generated from the annual Medina County Sports Hall of Fame event.

The focus of grants funded is on organizations that support children and families in Medina County.

Grants will be awarded after the Sports Hall of Fame event which is scheduled for June 17th.

Club President Roy Lehman announced that two applicants were approved by the Kiwanis Club Board.

They are Integrated Community Solutions, Inc. and Woven with Promise

Our Breakfast Kiwanis Club has given out over \$100,000 in grants to community organizations since the beginning of this grant program.

Applications for grants will be available March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.



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