

38th ANNUAL



INDUCTION

**Recognition of
ALL-GAZETTE
TEAMS**

Friday June 16, 2023

THE GALAXY CONFERENCE CENTER

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Inductee Program**



**Christopher Collier
Retired Judge and
former Professional Soccer Player**

Christopher J. Collier was named to the Medina County Court of Common Pleas bench on April 14, 1999 and held that position until he retired on December 31, 2022. Born in Cleveland, he attended Walsh College in Canton, Ohio and received his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1979. Chris now is regularly called upon by the Ohio Supreme Court to preside over conflict cases throughout the State as a retired, assigned judge.

Collier played soccer at Euclid High School where he was the top scorer and named All Northeast Ohio in 1972. He received a scholarship to attend Walsh College where he played from 1973-1975. Chris, a striker, was a three-time All-District 22 (1973, 1974, 1975) and All-Ohio (1973, 1974, 1975) selection. He is the all-time leader in career goals (44), points (115), and the single season leader in goals (21/1975) and goals in a single game.

He became the first athlete at Walsh drafted by a professional sports team when the Cleveland Cobras selected him in 1976.

We are pleased to have this former University and professional soccer player and Judge as Master of Ceremonies tonight for our Induction ceremony and athlete recognition.

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**Jacob Dunbar
Tennis**

A day prior to graduating from Cloverleaf in three years in 2013, Dunbar became the first Medina County player to win a state singles championship, beating Walsh Jesuit's Aaron Sandberg 6-1, 6-1 in the Division I final to cap a 36-0 season. Dunbar finished his high school career with a 97-5 record, also placing fourth in the state as a freshman and reaching the quarterfinals as a sophomore. He compiled a 105-25 record at the University of Richmond and was a first-team All-Atlantic 10 Conference selection for four straight years, including player of the year after winning a program-record 32 matches as a senior. Having captured the 2019 Capital City Tennis Classic doubles title as a professional, the 27-year-old is now the associate head coach of men's and women's tennis at Richmond. Dunbar and wife Emily have a son, Kal, who will turn 2 in July.

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**Mallory Mahar
Soccer**

Mahar, a 2002 Medina graduate, was Gazette MVP in girls soccer and a first-team All-Ohio selection as a junior and senior before going on to an outstanding career at the University of Maryland. The 5-foot-9 center midfielder helped the Terrapins reach the Sweet 16 of the 2004 NCAA Tournament as a junior, when she earned third-team All-America and first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors. As a senior Mahar was considered a top contender for the Hermann Trophy, soccer's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy, but tore her ACL early in the season. Having earned a master's in animation at Savannah College of Art and Design, Mahar now lives in Vancouver and works for Sony Pictures Imageworks. She's worked on approximately 15 films and was part of a team that earned an Oscar and Golden Globe in the Best Animated Feature category for "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse."

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**Luke Raley
Baseball**

The first non-pitcher from Medina County to play Major League Baseball since 1976 Wadsworth graduate Scott Fletcher, the 2013 Highland graduate and Gazette MVP is having a breakout season for the Tampa Bay Rays. The 6-foot-4, 235-pound Raley has seen action at first base, in left and right field and even pitched in a few games to save the Rays bullpen. Prior to joining Tampa Bay, the former Lake Erie College star reached the major league level with the Los Angeles Dodgers, once hitting a 472-foot home run. He also played in the Minnesota Twins organization before going back to the Dodgers and then to the Rays. On Dec. 29, the 28-year-old Raley will marry 2014 Avon Lake graduate Katie Mihalik, who was Lorain County's Miss Volleyball winner as a high school senior before going on to play at Cleveland State.

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Jen (Uhl) Martin
Volleyball, Basketball

Also an outstanding volleyball player at Wadsworth, the 6-foot-1 Uhl-Martin was a three-time All-Ohio pick in basketball and The Gazette's Senior Female Athlete of the Year in 2007. She scored 1,304 points in her career with the Grizzlies, who reached the state tournament her junior year. Known for her ability to find positives in any situation, Uhl-Martin went on to play four years of basketball at Bowling Green, helping the Falcons earn two NCAA Tournament berths and two Women's National Invitation Tournament appearances. Married to former BG baseball player Patrick Martin and the mother of 6-year-old Jason and 5-year-old Maggie, Uhl-Martin now coaches seventh-grade girls basketball and teaches at Wadsworth Middle School.

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Jessica Porvasnik
Golf

A 2013 Highland graduate, Porvasnik holds Medina County records for lowest nine-hole round with a 4-under-par 31 at Turkeyfoot Lake Golf Links, which helped Highland shoot a team county-record 3-under 137, and lowest nine-hole season average (35.6). She became the first state medalist in program history with an even-par 140 at Ohio State University Golf Club's Gray Course in 2012, matching the state record at the time. Her 6-under 66 on Sweetbriar's Legacy Course stood as the lowest 18-hole round in the county for 10 years. Porvasnik outperformed her nickname, Lil Par, by shooting 11 under over 21 events in her senior season as the Hornets finished second in the state as a team. She went on to earn Big Ten Golfer of the Year in 2014, helped the Buckeyes to three conference titles and is now competing professionally on the EPSON Tour.

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**Erin (Showalter) Justice
Soccer, Basketball, Track and Field**

A 2000 Brunswick graduate, Showalter-Justice earned two letters in basketball and two in track and field, but it was as a four-year starter for the soccer team that she really stood out. A natural leader, she helped the Blue Devils win Pioneer Conference titles as a freshman and sophomore, earned All-Gazette honors her final three seasons and in 2000 was named a member of The Gazette's All-Decade team. Showalter-Justice was even better at the University of Dayton, helping the Flyers to four straight Atlantic 10 Conference titles and the Sweet 16 of the 2001 NCAA Tournament. She was a first-team All-Atlantic 10 pick her final three seasons and was twice named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year. Eight days from celebrating her 17th wedding anniversary with former Brunswick and current Berea-Midpark athletic director John Justice, Showalter-Justice has two children, Andrew, 12, and Ally, 10.

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**Mike McGee
Al Thomas Award**

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

After serving as Bowling Green's Freddie Falcon mascot as a college student, the 54-year-old McGee has done anything and everything when it comes to Cloverleaf sports. An eight-time Gazette Coach of the Year who has taught in the Cloverleaf system for 30 years, McGee has coached girls swimming for 24 years, boys tennis and boys swimming for 15 years each and boys golf for one after serving as an assistant for 10 years. Beyond that, McGee has devoted countless hours to running Metro Athletic Conference, Suburban League and sectional and district tournaments for boys and girls tennis and boys and girls swimming. All coaching jobs and tournament work are ongoing for McGee, who in 2017 received the OHSAA's Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity Award.

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Jan Simmons Kiwaniis 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.

Jan Simmons is a retired master's 30 plus years teacher and coach from Buckeye Local Schools. Jan was a founding member of the Medina Girls Lacrosse Association in the late 1990's. Through her leadership MGLA developed youth, middle and high school programs. Teaching correct fundamentals for a sport Medina County had not heard of was key. Jan attended camps and clinics at Ohio Wesleyan, Penn State, Duke and the national lacrosse convention in Baltimore to hone her craft. She has coached hundreds of girls, many of whom are serving now as high school and college coaches. In 2004, Jan's last year of coaching, Medina won the D2 northern Ohio state championship. Ohio had previously included all teams in Ohio in only

one division. Several more state championships were recorded given the strong skills and fundamentals taught in the MGLA program. Jan Simmons is so much more than a mom, teacher and a coach. She is a true community servant! She has served on and chaired so many boards and commissions, it's hard to count. She is the longest tenured member of Coterie in Medina. She spent weeks at the Society crafting transportation grants that gave busing to the Society and eventually morphed into today's Medina County Transit. Working with the OSU Master Gardeners program, she has developed preschool, kindergarten and elementary school curriculum to teach in the schools. The Prospect Pantry started as a birthday present but has evolved into a critical neighborhood food and essentials source. It also provides fresh garden produce in the summer and hats and gloves in the winter. Many similar pantries have sprouted up patterned after Prospect Pantry recognizing the needs of neighbors and community. Jan has taken the lessons of nutrition and food insecurities to Sunday schools and youth groups who have helped continue to fill the needs of the community. Jan Simmons is a great example of someone who saw a need and grew that idea into a successful and ongoing program whether it's girls lacrosse or a neighborhood pantry.



2023 SPECIAL TEAM RECOGNITION

2011 Brunswick Girls Cross Country Team Division I State Champion

Sponsored by Jeri and Alan Penn



Members of the State winning Team were Coach- Kerry Hunter and team members Loren McDaniel, Kristine Camper, Selina Pasadyn, Alexis Uber, Tara Horton, Becca Ogorzaly, Hannah Meyer

Coached by Kerry Hunter, the Blue Devils left all others in the dust enroute to the Division I state championship. Led by seniors Selena Pasadyn, Loren McDaniel and Alexis Uber, Brunswick cruised through the postseason, lapping the field at the Strongsville Sectional before powering through the Tiffin Regional to reach the state meet. Once there, Brunswick won its only girls cross country state championship to date, topping Beaver creek and Mason 113-118 at Hebron's National Trail Raceway. Sophomores Kristine Camper and Tara Horton rounded out the victorious lineup, with youthful energy provided by freshmen Becca Ogorzaly and Hannah Meyer.

IN APPRECIATION

The Gazette and the Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club wish to express our appreciation to those who have assisted in our 2023 Hall of Fame induction and banquet.

Camelot Printing – Ticket and program printing

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

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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 38th 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 an 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 38 years. We hope you will enjoy this evening and share in the success of the athletes.

**Elaine McCarroll, President
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club**

**Albert Grindle, Sports Editor
The Gazette**

Program

Welcome Elaine McCarroll, President
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis

Pledge of Allegiance Paula Majoros, Past President
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis

Invocation Roy Lehman, Chair, Medina
County Sports Hall of Fame

Dinner

Awards presentation

Introductions Tom Borrer, Past President
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis

Master of Ceremonies Judge Christopher Collier

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 Noland
Gazette Sports

Presentation of Gazette Senior Athletes of the Year

Closing Comments Tom Borrer
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis

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Thank you for your support of our Medina County Sports Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Roy Lehman at roy_lehman@yahoo.com or 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 38 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

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Roy Lehman, Chair, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Albert Grindle, sports editor The Gazette

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Jim Kovi, Brunswick Athletic Director

Tom Harrington, Buckeye Athletic Director

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Brad Musgrave, Wadsworth Athletic Director

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Betty Szudlo, Past Inductee rep

Barb Hunter, Past Inductee rep

Alan Penn, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Dennis Diso, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Elaine McCarroll, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

George Smiley, Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club

Tom Borrer, 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

THE MEDINA COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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

THE MEDINA COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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 Frencl 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 and Rick Noland
Team Recognition – 2010 Wadsworth Division 1 State
Champion Wrestling Team
Special Olympics Athletes - Scott Rockhold and Ashley Shook

2022 Inductees

Gary Wurstle – Basketball

Richie Spicel - Wrestling

Anna Boyert - Soccer, Cross Country, Track

Nick Tavanello – Football, Wrestling

Parker Hewitt, Golf, Basketball, Tennis

Milt Place – Cross Country Coach

Al Thomas Award – Ken Rockhold

Kiwanis Joe Tait Award – Bill Biegel

Team Recognition – 2009 Medina Girls Soccer Team – Division 1 Champs

Special Olympics Athletes – Cheryl Becka and Seth Greenfelder

2022-2023 COACHES OF THE YEAR

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Spring Coach of the Year

Mark Kelly

Winter Coach of the Year

Mike Tecco

Fall Coach of the Year

Laura Merk

SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES

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Grant Snowball (male)

Megan McNutt (female)

**ALL – GAZETTE
BOYS TENNIS TEAM**

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MVP — Elijah Hadler (Highland)

Christian Droz (Brunswick)

Carter Betts (Cloverleaf)

Owen Alber (Medina)

Michael Berube (Wadsworth)

Luke Butcher (Highland)

Coach of the Year — Mark Merchant (Brunswick)

**ALL – GAZETTE
SOFTBALL TEAM**

Sponsored by Robert and Beverly Acord

MVP — Jordan Bradford (Black River)

Ashley Brewster (Highland)

Olivia Matras (Buckeye)

Ellie Williams (Brunswick)

Lilly Stief (Black River)

Jessie Crookston (Wadsworth)

Faith Vlcek (Brunswick)

Cori Strebel (Cloverleaf)

Emily Miller (Highland)

Kourtney Abshire (Brunswick)

Katie Rubino (Medina)

Lauren Ball (Wadsworth)

Coach of the Year — Jennifer Bradford (Black River)

ALL – GAZETTE
GIRLS BOWLING TEAM

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MVP – Delayna Harvey (Cloverleaf)

Taylor Radon (Buckeye)

Rae Ann Hlavaty (Cloverleaf)

Kara Teubl (Medina)

Bella Anzevino (Buckeye)

Coach of the year – Dennis Huffman (Cloverleaf)

ALL – GAZETTE
GIRLS GOLF TEAM

Sponsored by Geo M. Brown Assoc.

MVP – Isabella Goyette (Highland)

Paige McKendry (Highland)

Elizabeth Coleman (Highland)

Kavya Chada (Highland)

Kendall Sprutte (Highland)

Coach of the year – Mary Becker (Highland)

ALL – GAZETTE
BOYS GOLF TEAM

Sponsored by Tom and Sharon Borrer

MVP – Andrew Weyand (Wadsworth)

Cam Stafford (Medina)

Brian Myers (Wadsworth)

Preston Trumpler (Medina)

Max Heilbrun (Brunswick)

Jason Moore (Wadsworth)

Coach of the year – Mike Mozingo (Medina)

ALL – GAZETTE
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Sponsored by Robert and Beverly Acord

MVP – Elijah Hadler (Highland)

Santino Diligente (Brunswick)

Jake Sebaugh (Medina)

Ty Scambati (Highland)

Tino Ramos (Medina)

Andrew Piehler (Medina)

Wyatt Royster (Black River)

Coach of the year – Patrick Brean (Black River)

ALL – GAZETTE
GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

Sponsored by Medina Collision Center

MVP – Sarah Sgambati (Highland)

Maddie Pawlak (Highland)

Evy Boucher (Highland)

Jo Oberhaus (Highland)

Ella Gillin (Highland)

Mackenzie Pawlak (Highland)

Ella Tople (Highland)

Coach of the year – Lisa Reynolds (Highland)

**ALL – GAZETTE
BOYS BOWLING TEAM**

Sponsored by Robert & Beverly Acord

MVP – Kyle Dunne (Highland)

Edwin Ortiz (Buckeye)

Chase Gordon (Medina)

Dylan Esterle (Highland)

Alex Brooks (Brunswick)

Coach of the year – Greg Bentkowski (Brunswick)

**ALL – GAZETTE
GIRLS SOCCER TEAM**

Sponsored by Stonegate Self Storage LLC

MVP – Olivia Sipsock (Medina)

Kayla Perfect (Medina)

Brooke Allen (Brunswick)

Brooke Blomquist (Medina)

Riley Evans (Cloverleaf)

Adi Myers (Wadsworth)

Luisa Fragnoli (Highland)

Grace Madison (Highland)

Lilly Ma (Medina)

Julia Eaton (Medina)

Jillian Miller (Highland)

Julia Armogida (Cloverleaf)

Coach of the year – Jason Rutkowski (Medina)

**ALL – GAZETTE
BOYS SOCCER TEAM**

Sponsored by Peak Auto Sales

MVP – Jackson Herbert (Wadsworth)

Josh Lord (Brunswick)

Cole Turchyn (Medina)

Dylan Eckert (Medina)

Tanner Sir Louis (Wadsworth)

Blake Musick (Cloverleaf)

Ryan Horner (Brunswick)

Sam O'Brien (Buckeye)

Donny Taylor (Medina)

Alex Dobnowski (Highland)

Josh Krecic (Brunswick)

Nate Werthmuller (Medina)

Coach of the year – Doug Coreno (Medina)

**ALL – GAZETTE
GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**

Sponsored in memory of Carl T. Abell

MVP – Journey Hildebrand (Brunswick)

Kennedy Morgan (Highland)

Lea Holmes (Brunswick)

Brooke Baughman (Wadsworth)

Olivia Klanac (Medina)

Aleena VanKirk (Highland)

Riley Kubitz (Black River)

Faith Vlcek (Brunswick)

Coach of the year – Anthony Ocacio (Brunswick)

**ALL – GAZETTE
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

Sponsored by Medina Glass

MVP – Solomon Callaghan (Wadsworth)

Tommy Morgan (Brunswick)

Maxx Bosley (Wadsworth)

Carter Hipp (Medina)

Trey Drexler (Brunswick)

Luke Klanac (Medina) (Medina)

Hunter Winston (Highland)

Maxx Dickinson (Brunswick)

Coach of the year – Joe Mackey (Brunswick)

**ALL – GAZETTE
VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Sponsored by Wichert Insurance

MVP – Alayna Tessena (Highland)

Ellie Zuro (Wadsworth)

Kira Holland (Medina)

Makenzie Schellenberger (Medina)

Allison Salazar (Buckeye)

Emerson Futchko (Brunswick)

Aly Snyder (Wadsworth)

Megan Scavuzzo (Highland)

Coach of the year – Laura Merk (Highland)

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

Sponsored by Rescue Painting

MVP – Brayden Morford (Medina)

Zach Marinis (Medina)

Kellen Morford (Medina)

Owen Hancock (Brunswick)

Nathan Herbert (Highland)

Ethan Baker (Highland)

Joe Kupec (Medina)

Vincent Aldewereld (Brunswick)

Coach of the year – Anthony Petruzzi (Medina)

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

Sponsored by Brunswick Auto Mall

MVP – Maddy Schnelzer (Wadsworth)

Sophie Schoch (Medina)

Leyna Swanson (Brunswick)

Morgan Vogel (Medina)

Elizabeth Brewer (Medina)

Amanda Nevi (Medina)

Katie Critchett (Highland)

Eliana Wilson (Wadsworth)

Coach of the year – Anthony Petruzzi (Medina)

**ALL – GAZETTE
GYMNASTICS TEAM**

Sponsored by Anytime Tree Service

MVP – Bree Vargo (Brunswick)

Lauren Eyssen (Brunswick)

Colleen Johnson (Medina)

Maddy Todorovich (Medina)

Macy Maxworthy (Medina)

Paige Yu (Highland)

Madison Lee (Medina)

Kendall Perfect (Medina)

Coach of the year – Darcy Ranallo (Medina)

**ALL – GAZETTE
BOYS LACROSSE TEAM**

Sponsored by Chet and Jan Simmons

MVP — Kyle Yurchiak (Wadsworth)

Nick Beard (Medina)

Jack Howard (Highland)

Josh Pasco (Wadsworth)

Will Fink (Brunswick)

Cole Rosenwald (Medina)

Ben Fearn (Highland)

Timmy Edurese (Wadsworth)

Andrew Ceccoli (Medina)

Charlie Vlcek (Brunswick)

Coach of the Year — Matt Milano (Wadsworth)

**ALL – GAZETTE
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Sponsored by the Galaxy Restaurant

MVP – Mia Heine (Medina)

Audrey Graham (Buckeye)

Kailyn Biecker (Wadsworth)

Cara Razavi (Medina)

Alyssa Stoner (Cloverleaf)

Teo Iovi (Brunswick)

Kelsey Sheridan (Highland)

Coach of the year – Scott VanFleet (Medina)

**ALL – GAZETTE
WRESTLING TEAM**

Sponsored by Smith Brothers

MVP – Jaxon Joy (Wadsworth)

Chris Earnest (Wadsworth)

Kaden King (Buckeye)

Colyn Limbert (Buckeye)

Aaron Ries (Wadsworth)

Coen Grimm (Wadsworth)

Jake Keirn (Wadsworth)

Jack Dinwiddie (Wadsworth)

Andrew Supers (Medina)

Blake Bartos (Buckeye)

Eddie Neitenbach (Buckeye)

Lukas Stiles (Highland)

Blaine Chrisman (Medina)

Tristan Craddock (Cloverleaf)

Coach of the year – Mike Tecco (Buckeye)

**ALL – GAZETTE
BASEBALL TEAM**

*Sponsored by Joe Lazor Financial Insurance
& Financial Services*

MVP — Nate Hill (Medina)

Tyler Biskup (Cloverleaf)
Noah Hopek (Black River)
Brennan Stobbs (Medina)
Kyle Figuray (Wadsworth)
Jacob Mancini (Brunswick)
Jack Geiser (Medina)
Aaron Keating (Wadsworth)
Mark Stewart (Cloverleaf)
Owen Cavey (Medina)
Max Wagar (Highland)
Finn Schmitt (Wadsworth)

Coach of the Year — Mark Kelly (Medina)

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:

**Nathan Korduba
Medina High School**

**ALL – GAZETTE
FOOTBALL TEAM**

Sponsored by Serpentine of Medina

MVP – Danny Stoddard (Medina)

Brennen Schramm (Medina)
Tyler Mrakuzic (Black River)
Ben Midea (Buckeye)
Aaron Ries (Wadsworth)
Lukas Stiles (Highland)
Tommy Price (Cloverleaf)
Creed Hill (Highland)
Nathan Nunn (Medina)
Oakley Kemp (Cloverleaf)
Maverick Blackburn (Wadsworth)
Connor Hitchcock (Cloverleaf)
Todd Allen (Buckeye)
Andrew Tatulinski (Highland)
Madden Houska (Highland)
Davis Nye (Wadsworth)
Austin Knowles (Medina)
Michael Gleske (Medina)
Blake Hopkins (Black River)
Mitchell Good (Highland)
Matt Ciryak (Highland)
Jack Wojciak (Medina)
Preston Pennington (Medina)
Will Stack (Wadsworth)
Coach of the year – Mike Gibbons (Highland)

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

Sponsored by Gary Wurstle

MVP — Tino Ramos (Medina)

Garrett Shook (Medina)

Stephan Kozopas (Black River)

Jack Wojciak (Medina)

Chris Johnson (Brunswick)

Evan Kotick (Medina)

Ty Sgambati (Highland)

Vova Herdman (Cloverleaf)

Jake Sebaugh (Medina)

Elijah Hadler (Highland)

Drew Jones (Wadsworth)

Isaac Baltic (Cloverleaf)

Roman Alessandro (Medina)

Austin Knowles (Medina)

Cole Nichols (Brunswick)

Coach of Year — Tobin Stepsis (Medina)

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

Sponsored by Crain Langner & Company

MVP — Riley Evans (Cloverleaf)

Ellie Zuro (Wadsworth)

Olivia Todd (Black River)

Cece Craig (Wadsworth)

Jessica Stoops (Wadsworth)

Kierston Campbell (Cloverleaf)

Mia Heine (Medina)

Olivia Komperda (Brunswick)

Teodora Iovi (Brunswick)

Alyssa Stoner (Cloverleaf)

Lauren Dawson (Medina)

Colleen Johnson (Medina)

Lili Kotar (Brunswick)

Sierra Podolan (Highland)

Kayla Joyner (Medina)

Coach of Year — Garth Gucker (Cloverleaf)

**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

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



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**Consider Joining Medina Breakfast
Kiwanis Club, one of Medina's premier
community service organizations**

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

We have contributed over \$1,350,000 in support of community projects while providing over 900,000 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, 2nd and 4th 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 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 meet each March 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 16th.

Club President Elaine McCarroll announced that two applicants who were approved by the Kiwanis Club Board for this years grants are:

- Summer Reinforcement Program and Live Inspired

Our Breakfast Kiwanis Club has given out over \$120,000 in grants to community organizations since the beginning of this grant program.

Applications for grants will be available February 1st of each year.



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