

Seneca Valley
Sports Hall of Fame



2009 Induction Banquet
May 16, 2009

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Program

Banquet Doors Open	6:00 PM
Welcome Mr. Mickey Flood	6:30 PM
Invocation Mr. Larry Wendereusz	6:30 PM
Adjourn to the Auditorium	7:45 PM
Induction Ceremony	8:00 PM

Acknowledgements and Appreciations

Hall of Fame Executive Committee

Mr. Ken Lockey	Mr. Wayne Roccia
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Banquet Committee

Mr. Mickey Flood	Mr. Larry Wendereusz
Ms. Megan Meeder	Mr. Jason Woolslare

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Beth Black '77

Beth is the daughter of Janice and Dave Black. She attended elementary, middle and high school in the Seneca Valley School district and continued her education shortly thereafter she left the area to live in Seattle, Washington; Phoenix, Arizona; and Dallas, Texas. Her desire to live near her family returned her to her hometown, Zelienople. She has resided in the area for 18 years.

As a youth, Beth participated in every community sport available to her. She proudly returned home each fall with a turkey from the Lions Club Thanksgiving Turkey Chase at the Zelienople community park. She was also a standout slow pitch softball player for the Z-H Summer leagues and area All-Start Traveling teams. In high school, from 1974 to 1977, Beth was a member of every team sport. By the end of her high school career, she had earned 9 varsity letters, been named MVP and qualified for several WPIAL trials, all in multiple sports.

Seneca Valley Athletic Achievements

- Basketball- 3 varsity letters, Section Championship teams in 1974 and 1977
- Swimming- 3 varsity letters, set a school record in the 200 Medley Relay 1976
 - Qualified for the WPIAL Championships in the 200 Medley Relay, 50 Free and 100 Free, set a school Record in the 400 Free Relay in 1977 and was voted a team captain and MVP.
- Track- 3 varsity letters- WPIAL qualifier in the shot put, discus and 88 Relay. Won WPIAL Gold Medal in the 880 Relay and the PIAA Bronze Medal in the 880 relay.
- 1976 Set school Records in both the shot put and the discus and qualified for the PIAA Championship in the 880 Relay. 1977 Set school records in the shot put and the 440 relay and qualified for the WPIAL Championships in the discus and the shot put
- Mars Invitational Field Event MVP in 1976 and 1977.
- Received the Sherman Award as a senior
- Received recognition as a High School All-American in Track and field.



Wayne Bloom '78

Seneca Valley Athletic Achievements

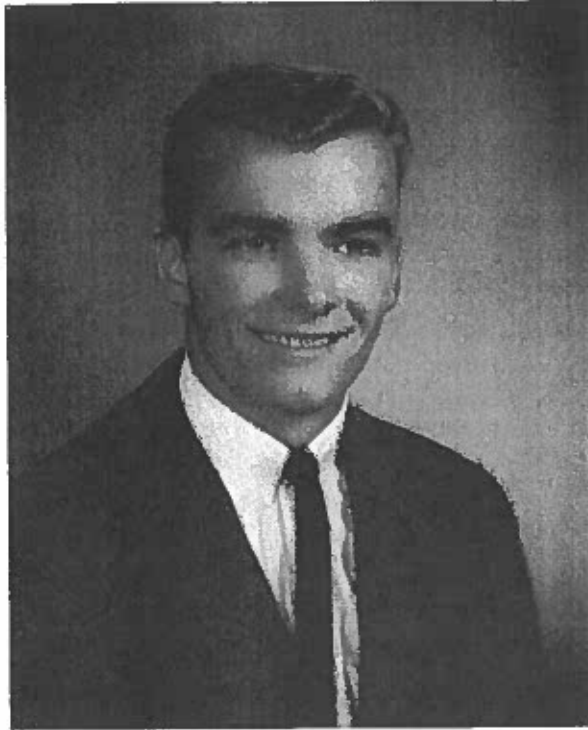
Wrestling:

- Jr. Olympic Champion 1974 8th grade
- Section Champion ever year I wrestled-Jr. and Senior High School
- 4th place finish in 1976, may have placed higher but broke hand in WPIAL tournament which qualified me for the state tournament as a sophomore but could not continue
- Two time WPIAL Champion in 1977 and 1978
- Placed 4th in PIAA State Tournament in 1977
- Wrestled in Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic for WPIAL in 1978
- Attended NC State on full wrestling scholarship

Football:

- 1977 Second Team all West Penn Conference an D tackle
- 1978 First Team MAC Conference Line Backer
- 1978 First Team MAC Conference Punter and Kicker

Wayne is married to the former Ms. Violet Bond. Wayne and Violet have two children, Natalie, a sophomore in high school and their son Burt who is currently in 8th grade. The Bloom's reside in Bloomington Indian where Wayne works as a project manager for Conseco Insurance and Violet is employed by Indiana University.



Denny Britt '67

Seneca Valley Athletic Achievements

- 1963-1964: Freshman Year: Evans City High: JV Football, JV Basketball and JV Track
- 1964-1965: Sophomore Year: Seneca Valley High: JV Football, and JV Basketball
- 1965-1966: Junior Year: Seneca Valley High: Varsity Football Letterman, and Varsity Basketball Letterman
- 1966-1967: Senior Year: Seneca Valley High: Varsity Football Letterman, Varsity Basketball Letterman, and Varsity Track Letterman.
- 1967: Senior Year: Recipient of the Buzz Irwin Award: Best All Around Athlete.
- 1967-1971: College: Football Scholarship to North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina



David Florie Baseball Coach

I was born in Koppel, PA in 1940. In 1958 I graduated from Lincoln High in Ellwood City. My Bachelor's Degree was obtained from Geneva College in 1962 and I received a Master's Degree in 1964 from Westminster College.

I played youth baseball in Koppel, PA. High School baseball and basketball were played at Ellwood City High School. I played college baseball for 4 years and basketball for 2 years at Geneva College.

My teaching career began in 1962 with the Big Beaver School District. In 1966 I was hired at the Beaver Falls School District. I came to Seneca Valley in 1969 and stayed until retirement in 1999.

My coaching career started in Koppel at age 17, coaching Little League through American Legion Baseball. My formal coaching career began at Beaver Falls High School (1966-69) as a Junior Varsity Basketball coach. In 1969, I came to Seneca Valley as the Head Basketball coach (1969-74). When the baseball program was started in 1985, I became the Head Coach (1985-2000). Highlights of that period were 220 wins, 112 losses, a W.P.I.A.L. Championship (1994) and a P.I.A.A. State Championship (1995). I was named Coach of The Year three times.

I have been a P.I.A.A. basketball official for 35 years.

I am married (Martha) and have four children (David, Kathleen, Michael and James) and four grandchildren (Francesca and Talia Florie and Ethan and Rylan Graves).



Richard Lane Coach and Athletic Trainer

My purpose of teaching, coaching and life is based on Proverb 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he or she should go and when he or she is old they will not turn from it."

I was raised in Butler County and graduated from Butler High School. I went to Westminster College with the help of a football scholarship. My college playing days were limited because of severe injuries received in high school and college. To keep my scholarship, I scouted opposing teams and helped with injuries.

My first job was at Cranberry Elementary School helping coach football and track at Zelenople High School. Then I moved to teaching special needs students at Zelenople High School. Then Seneca Valley High School came into being and I moved to teaching their special needs students, coaching football and track and became a trainer for all sports. Often my day started at 5 am and ended at midnight. I went on the road with teams that had athletes with injuries and did training sessions on Saturdays and Sundays after church. With the help of many, I was able to start a Work Experience Program for Special Needs Students, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Program, Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program for Students and my wife and I took abused students into our home. I wanted them all to get an education and be able to deal with life's lessons.

I would like to thank my family: Nancy L. Lane, my wife, supporter and life partner, James A. Lane, Jeffrey T. Lane and Tony, my grandson, Kristen M. Lane, Captain and Mrs. Block, granddaughter Bella and another grandson due in May.

My wife and I are short-term missionaries to the Ukraine to help orphanages. My wife is a quilter and I am a horticulturist at Brookgreen Gardens. We are active at Timberlake Baptist Church in doing God's work here and overseas.

I would like to leave you with the following thought: The miracle for me is not what God can do in my life but what He wants to do if I give Him the chance. God bless you all.



Norman McMurray Program Supporter

Norman McMurray was born January 4th, 1928 in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. He attended Cecil School District and joined the Navy at the age of 17. Norman served four years in the Philippines during World War II. When he returned to the Pittsburgh area, he began driving truck—a job he would have until he would retire in his early 60's. On August 22nd 1952, Norm married Gloria Young. Within a few years, the McMurray family had grown from two to five— adding Bonnie, Ron, and finally Tom. In 1959, the McMurray family moved to Cranberry Township.

The children were enrolled in Seneca Valley School District, and Norm's passion for Seneca's sports program began. Over the past 40 years, Seneca sports' teams have included many of Norm's relatives. No matter where the event took place, no matter who was on the field, Ron or Tom, one of his grandchildren, Michael, Jessica, or Amber, or even Ethan, his great-grandchild, you could find Norm in the stands. And he never went unnoticed. Whether it was his intense, high-pitched whistle, or his encouraging shouts, you knew he was there supporting your efforts.

Norm (or Pap as he loving became known once his grandchildren were old enough to start playing sports) loved his family; they always came first, and his family grew to an enormous size with his faithful attendance at Seneca Valley athletic events. Norm was quite popular around Seneca Valley, and once his own family graduated, he continued attending his favorite sporting events. Norm and Gloria could always been found at the wrestling matches. They followed the boys all the way through the season, even going as far as attending States in Hershey every year. This is just one small example of how the Seneca Valley Athletic Program and its members have been affected by Norman "Pap" McMurray.

After many months of battling esophageal cancer, Norm passed on October 21, 2008. To say that he is dearly missed, is a grave understatement. The loss was felt at Seneca as well. A large "N" was placed on the home mat by the SV wrestlers. Each wrestler, before their match, stepped on the "N" for a bit of luck—the luck they would normally get by shaking Norm's hand and receiving a few words of encouragement. He may never have worn a Seneca Valley uniform, but there was no greater fan for Seneca Valley than Norman "Pap" McMurray.

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