9th ANNUAL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

BANQUET AND INDUCTION

HOSTED BY

CONSTANTINE HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

"A GREAT TRADITION"

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Constantine High School
1 Falcon Drive
Constantine, Michigan

Constantine Athletic Mission Statement

The Constantine Athletic Department aims to provide opportunities for student/athletes to develop life long values that promote leadership, confidence, perseverance, competence and commitment to self and team; to strengthen character and sportsmanship for the development of good citizens; to develop an appreciation for physical conditioning as a component of a healthy lifestyle.

Vision Statement

Modeling strong values and good character as a foundation for the pursuit of "athletic excellence" and "seasons of significance".

CONSTANTINE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Constantine Athletic Hall of Fame officially came into being April 14, 2003, having been first visualized in 1983 by Dave Horn. The idea of a Hall of Fame was put on hold until the fall of 2002 when a committee headed by Mike Messner and Dave Horn actively pursued the development of the current Hall of Fame. Thanks to the efforts of George Diefenderfer, Dick Larrance, Libby Owens, Nancy Hill, and Tim Baker we inducted our first class in October of 2003 and tonight we will induct our ninth.

The ninth class consists of six (6) individuals and two (2) teams; Nancy Moore, Jody Plank, Dave Thomas, Chad Stears, Tom Smead, Elizabeth "Libby" Owens, 1945-46 Boy's Basketball Team and the 1974 Football Team.

Our ninth class exudes the dedication, support, and achievement that have helped ensure the success and great tradition of Constantine Athletics. Their contributions, accomplishments, and exceptional attitudes have continued the high standards that exemplify our Hall of Fame.

In the future we will accept nominations starting immediately through May 1 of the following year and the class will be selected by the 3rd Sunday of June annually. We will select a football weekend each year to introduce and induct our new class.

Constantine Public Schools are very proud of the Hall of Fame, showcasing athletics as a vital part of education.

ACNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Constantine Athletic Department would like to thank the following:

Diane Northrup, Chartwell/Constantine Kitchen Staff
Sturgis Trophy House
Constantine Falcon Athletic Boosters (FAB)

We would also like to thank all the individuals who have helped with this evening's Hall of Fame festivities, and our current committee: David Bratt, Kent Avery, Steve Barrus, Libby Owens, Tim Baker, Mike Messner, Dave Horn, Christine Stacey and Mike Tulley.

Welcome

Dear Hall of Fame Inductees, and Invited Guests,

It is a great privilege and honor to welcome you to tonight's 9th Annual Constantine Hall of Fame Induction Dinner & Ceremony.

We are here this evening to pay tribute to and induct six individuals and two teams whose outstanding achievements and service have contributed immensely to the "Great Tradition" of Constantine Athletics. Their hard work, positive attitudes and dedication exemplify the pride, spirit and classy effort that are Constantine Athletics.

On behalf of the Constantine Athletic Department, I would like to congratulate and thank the six inductees the 1945-46 Boy's Basketball Team and the 1974 Football Team and their families for the role they have played in the overall development and success of the Constantine Athletic Program.

Yours in Athletic Excellence,

Mike Messner, CAA
Athletic Director

Dear Hall of Fame Inductees and Guests,

Welcome to our 9th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet and Ceremony!

It is an honor and privilege to serve in a district composed of outstanding individuals dedicated to excellence at Constantine Schools. Our sense of school and community pride is enhanced by your accomplishments as the ninth class to be inducted into the Constantine High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Celebrating the past accomplishments of student athletes is exciting. It's a time to remember the thrill of an exciting win or loss, and the teamwork involved in achieving success. The foundation of our district's heritage is built on the fine dedication, tradition, and teamwork that you have demonstrated. It's the people that have made this district proud and the former student/athletes honored tonight are the best examples of what Constantine has to offer.

The greatness of any school district is measured by the achievements of its students – in the classroom and beyond. We commend you for your achievements and being positive role models for future generations of Constantine students. You have made us very proud to wear the red and white of Constantine Falcons. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Chuck Frisbie
Superintendent

9TH ANNUAL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
Induction Banquet and Ceremony

INVOCATION……...…Pastor Scott Manning
United Methodist Church of Constantine

DINNER…….6:30 P.M.

WELCOME ……Wade Wolf
Class of 1972, Hall of Fame Member 2003 and Master of Ceremonies

INTRODUCTION OF PRESENT HALL OF FAME MEMBERS.....Mike Messner

PURPOSE/HISTORY OF THE HALL OF FAME…….....Mike Messner

INDUCTIONS

1945-46 Boy's Basketball Team	*presented by*	Mike Messner
Nancy Moore	*presented by*	Mike Messner
Jody Plank	*presented by*	Sue Kenyon
Dave Thomas	*presented by*	Dave Horn
Chad Stears	*presented by*	Jeremy Hardman
Tom Smead	*presented by*	Tim Baker
Elizabeth "Libby" Owens	*presented by*	Mary Hochstetler
1974 Football Team	*presented by*	Dave Horn

CLOSING REMARKS…….……Wade Wolf

2011 INDUCTEES

1945-46 Boy's Basketball Team:
The 1945-46 Basketball Team was the first in Constantine history to win 20 games in a season finishing with 20-2. They won the county championship and Constantine's third consecutive MHSAA District championship. They finished the regular season 17-1 and finally bowed out of the MHSAA Tournament in the sweet 16 Regional Championship.

Team: Paul Jones*, Bob McNeal*, Ramon Messner*, Carl Wright, Roy Preston*, Tom Wagner, Junior Kinney, Jack Oberle, Stan Dimmick and Mark Preston
Coach: Sam Taylor* Managers: Jim Thaden*, Duane Traverse*

Nancy Moore: 1971 Graduate; has worked in the Constantine Athletic Department for more than 25 years; some of her duties include: sport's schedules, official's assignments, making programs, supervision, scheduling facilities, weekly eligibility; helped with over 100 MHSAA events. Her big heart and hard work ethic have been an invaluable part of Constantine Athletics for more than a quarter of a century!

Jody Plank: 1980 Graduate; Volleyball 3 years, All League 1980; Basketball 3 years; Track 3 years, SJV shot put and discus champion in 1979 & 1980, MHSAA Regional Champion in 1980; 4 years Volleyball at SMC and Huntington College; 2 years Track at SMC and 2 years Softball at Huntington College; held Constantine discus record from 1978-2003; coached JV and Varsity Volleyball at Constantine from 1986-1992 winning the league championship in 1989 and District Championship in 1992 bowing out in Regional finals.

Dave Thomas: 1982 Graduate; Football 4 years, Honorable Mention All State 1980-1981; Basketball 4 years, All Conference 1980,81,82, Honorable Mention All State 1981 and 1982, lead team in steals, assists, blocked shots and rebounds 3 straight years, Baseball 1 year.

Chad Stears: 1995 Graduate; Football 4 years, Wrestling 4 years, 4 time All State, 1992 7th, 1993 4th, 1994 2nd, 1995 Individual State Champion, 4 time Regional Champ, member 1993 MHSAA State Champion Team, Record 151-21, 1995 All American Greco-Roman 3rd, All American Freestyle 7th, Member of Cultural Exchange Team in 1993 traveling to Japan, and in 1994 traveling to France, 1999 JJCAA All American 6th while at Iowa Central CC, Track qualified for state in 4 x 100 Relay.

Tom Smead: 1997 Graduate; Football 4 years, All League 1995 and 96, 1996 Team MVP, 1st Team All State Linebacker, Sturgis Journal All Area Team, Gridiron Great Linebacker, 1997 East/West All Star Game, led East in tackles, 1 year Football at Concordia College and WMU; Basketball 4 years, All League in 1995 & 96, District Champs in 1995 & 96, 13 slam dunks, 7th on all time scoring list with 762; Track 3 years.

Elizabeth "Libby" Owens: Libby has been involved in Constantine Athletics since she came here in the mid 70's; she coached JV and Varsity Girl's Basketball for 7 years and was Track Assistant for 5 years; she has run the track press box as an announcer and scorer for the past 20 years which includes announcing for more than 280 track meets and 18 MHSAA Regional's; she has also done announcing for basketball, football, volleyball and softball; she has helped do our girl's and boy's basketball books during games for more than 20 years and has helped with volleyball as well; she works all of our MHSAA events and has been an invaluable worker for Constantine Athletics; she is very active in church and community organizations.

1974 Football Team:
The 1974 Football Team became the 5th team in Constantine school history to go undefeated. They won the St. Joseph Valley League Championship with a 7-0 record and finished 9-0. They outscored their opponents 179-26 with 6 shut outs and finished the year rated 5th in the state, class C, UPI. 8 players were on the SJV All League Team.

Team: Paul Vercler, Dave Dudd, Richard Batten, John Duty, Bob Gross, Kevin Schmidtendorff, Omer Sheteron, Steve Jones, Dennis Mann, Jerry Bellows, Todd Witek, Curtis Ray, Bruce Preston, David Hassenger, Rocky Rockwell, Jeff Zimont, Gerald Bontrager, Bill Dolbee, Lee Sherer, Chuck Watson, Joe Gose, Bruce Morse, Chuck Davidhizar*, Bob King, Paul Holderman, Jim Hitt, Dale Davidhizar, Bill Snyder, Terry VanAken, Keith Fisher, Tim Hassenger, John Norton and Tom Carlson Coaches: Dave Horn and Dick Rafferty

CONSTANTINE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION CRITERIA

PURPOSE

To recognize Constantine Public School student/athletes, coaches, teams and special individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics either by virtue of their performance on athletic teams representing Constantine, by meritorious efforts on behalf of Constantine athletics or by special accomplishments after graduation from Constantine.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

The Constantine High School Athletic Department is accepting nominations for the **"Athletic Hall of Fame"** from now until May 1 of the following year.

CATEGORIES

1. Individual players
2. Individual High School Coaches
3. Varsity Teams (a team as such-would count as one (1)
4. Community/school leaders

THE CRITERIA FOR A PERSON'S NOMINATION IS SIMPLE

1. The nominee must, during and/or following his/her career, have exemplified the pride and spirit of Constantine High School Athletics.
2. If an athlete, he/she must be a Constantine graduate and have been out of school for at least 8 (eight) years.
3. If a coach, he/she must have coached in a particular sport in the Constantine system for at least 10 (ten) years.
4. If an at-large nominee, the person must have made a significant contribution to the Constantine Athletic program. These individuals need not have been Constantine school graduates.

CONSTANTINE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME PATRON

As an organization that has no regular income, but requires financial support to sustain itself, it is necessary to recognize our needs and ask for help.

You may, as an individual or a business help develop, maintain and sustain the Constantine Athletic Hall of Fame with a donation. We have developed a club concept which will be called the "Falcon Club". The Club will recognize those who contribute financial support to maintain that "margin of excellence" that will allow our Hall of Fame to be special and ongoing. Each contributor will be listed in our program and other publications periodically throughout the year.

$500 plus	-	Hall of Fame	V-neck pullover or jacket/or Athletic Pass for one (1) year
250 – 499	-	All American	Crew or Hooded Sweatshirt
100 – 249	-	Red & White	Long Sleeve T-Shirt
50 – 99	-	Captains	Falcon Hat
25 – 49	-	Booster	T-Shirt
10 – 24	-	Super Sub	Thank You

Please mail your contribution to:

Constantine Athletic Department
One Falcon Drive
Constantine, MI 49042

Please make checks payable to: Constantine Hall of Fame

Current Falcon Club Members:

Julie Finley
Dave and Ruthann Horn
Mark and Kim Bradford
Dr. Charles and Joelen Zimont
Hubert Linn
Mike and Kathy Messner
Stan and Dollie Dimmick
Curt and Jackie Hoopingarner
Budd and Helen Munson
Ron and Bonnie Lintz
Alverta Preston

HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

2003

Dr. George Sweetland*	
Mark Stephenson*	1929
Hubert Linn	1936
Ramon "Bing" Messner*	1946
Mark Preston	1948
Dr. Charles "Ziggy" Zimont	1950
Elwin LeFevre	Coach
Ralph Baker	1965
Wade Wolf	1972
Cindy Tulley Young	1983

1937 Football Team
Members: Jay Harrison, William Dyer, Ed Miller, Arden Westfall, Ray Wood, Gail Oster, Ken Wortinger, Ken Parker, Owen Barr,
Carlyle Steinberger, Ward Stillson, Ray Lintz, Jim Hutton,
Jack Hoover, Bill Wright, George Linn, Donald Dodd, Elton Spade, Louie Wright, Harvey Day, Chuck Wolgamood, Harry Chrisman, Charles Hoover
Coach Robert Finley (note: George Linn is the only living player from this team 2010)

1993 State Champion Wrestling Team
Members: James Spadaro, Bryan Mourey, Todd Haney, Josh Hardman, Cory Kreischer*, Ryan Lochmundy, Jason Nusbaum, Shawn Nusbaum, Jeremy Hardman, Jeremy LeVan, Chris Farmer, Jeremy Reiff,
Chad Stears, Brett Boyer, Jim McClure, Tyler Bellows
Assist. Coach – Mike Nusbaum, Assist. Coach – Felix Ambris
Head Coach – Dale Wentela

2004

Dave Knisely	1953 "Field General"
George Linn	1939
Kimberly Moe	1988
Pete Moord	1971
Wally Simmons*	1953
Carl "Muggs" Wright	1946
Bruce Wyman	1960

1978 Golf Team
Ty Marks, Chris Colley, Matt Strukel, Mark Sheward, Ron Tefft, Mike Outman, John Erhardt, Mark Olsen, Kevin Schrock and Coach Tom Moe

2005

Stan Dimmick	1947
Chuck Colley	Coach
Tim Maxwell	1964
John Kampars	1967
Pete Moe	1996

2006

Richard "Dick" Jones*	1944
Frank Bartow*	1961
Dave Horn	Coach
Jim Rifenberg	1964
Tim Messner	1969
Cliff Eger	1982

2007

Dan Daugherty	1966
Pat Arseneau	1967
Ethan Strawser	1970
Doug Clementz	1977
Bobby Bienz	1998

1963 Football Team

Members: Jim Arseneau*, Pat Arseneau, Bill Carlson, Harry Carter, Bob Carter, Dale Clementz*, Dan Daugherty, Fred Fisher, Ron Hochstetler, Curt Hoopingarner, Jim Isaac, John Kampars, Ken Linn, Ron Lintz, Tim Maxwell, Jeff Messner, Mike Messner, Rick Outman*, Jim Rifenberg, Denny Rumsey, Larry Schmidtendorff*, Terry Shelhamer, Robert Sutton, Mike Vanderheyden, Jim Wertz, Bumper Wing, Chuck Witek, Roger Winnenberg, Loren Yoquelet. Coaches – Larry Masteller and Dave Horn

2008

Kory Bienz	1999
Galen Carpenter	1962
Jeremy Hardman	1995
Josh Hardman	1995

1965 Football Team

Terry Kazwell*, Bill Arnold, Tim Moord, Tom McInerney, Ron Hochstetler, Duane Baldwin, Jim Dangler, Bill Beppler , Pat Arseneau, Fred Edinger, Dan Daugherty, Rick Commenator, John Kampars, Phil Peters, Fred Fisher, Stan Watson, Jon Curtis, Jim Wertz, John Johnson, Jim Turk, Jack Thorton, Phil Gose, Don Shultz, Dennis Daugherty, Ralph Garber, Tom Skelton, Barry Lintz, Bill Lahr, Roger Wittenberg, Larry Pierson and Jim Carlson. Coach Dave Horn, Coach Stuart Chappell, Athletic Director Budd Munson

2009

Stephanie French	1987
Tom Moe	Coach
Brian Stears	1993
Kevin Watkins	2000

1994 Football Team
Mark Bojanich, Jeff Platz, Justin Jacobs, Chad Stears, Adam Towne, Nick Grams, Pete Moe, Ryan Juday, Jim Lewis, Joe Tice, Jason Nusbaum, Luke Heskett, Jeremiah Powell, Denny Schrock, Pete Nottoli, Josh Hardman, Ryan Dangler, Tom Smead, Charles Taylor, Bruce Heslet, Ryan Outman, Zach Leister, Brandon Ambris, Jason Stears, Jeremy Hardman, Bob Haskins, Jon LeVan, Rick Sandberg, Jason Miller, Chuck Davidhizar, Derek Hall, Tony Hilton, Mike Brenneman, Bobby Bienz, Tim Sheteron, Craig Sandberg, Shawn Kaylor
Head Coach: Tim Baker; Assistants: Ken Rimer, Ethan Strawser, Shawn Griffith, Mike Messner, Jeff Komins, Felix Ambris, Pat Hochstetler, Paul Digiacamo; Managers: Jared Eisenlohr, Aaron Baker, Austin Baker, Kyle Rimer; Team Doctor: Dr. Charles R. Zimont; Athletic Director: Mike Messner

2010

Alverta Preston	1949
Linda Hoover	1977
Larry Preston	1972
Jim "Iceman" Tracy*	1927

1994 Softball Team
Angie Armstrong, Niki Bojanich, Terra Demkovich, Anngee Hall, Jamie Hochstetler, Amy Iseminger, Jenny King, Tamera LaBarre, Renee Lupkes, Melisa Mrozek, Niki Saddison, Carrie Sailor, Erin Scheibelhut, Holly Seales and Misty Seiggreen, Coach Gary Rodewald, Manager Christy Hochstetler

1989 Boy's Track Team
B. Baldwin, M. Baldwin, L. Barbre, R. Beachy, E. Bernhardt, D. Berry, J. Bixler, C. Brewer, M. Commenator, J. Coryn, B. Deller, C. Dunafin, C. Everett, M. Gall, D. Grile, J. Guiter, E. Hagenbuch, C. Hall, A. Hebron, B. Henderson, D. Hiatt, B. Holmes, K. Hradsky, N. Juday, D. Kreischer, J. Lind, J. Lowler, J. Lowler, J. McBride, D. McClain, G. Melville, R. Michalek, M. Middleton, F. Nothdurft, S. Outman, J. Paananen, S. Parsons, K. Reese, A. Roberts, J. Robinson, J. Rowen, M. Russell, J. Sailor, S. Schrader, S. Schrader, J. Sorn, E. Spoores, S. Stears, A. Suave, L. Sutton, J. Sweat, K. Tinsley, G. Towne, P. Whetzell, J. Zakrzewski, Coach: Tim Baker and Coach Elwin LeFevre

What is High School Sports All About?

It's About TEAM!

High school sport is a privilege unique to American education. Unique in what it does for schools, kids and communities. Only in America is this after-school activity so tightly entwined with, but yet secondary to, a school's mission – educating boys and girls to become productive members of society; tomorrow's leaders.

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To view this program and to print the nomination form visit the Constantine Public School website at: www.constps.org
(New website – a work in progress)

Constantine Athletic Department

Member of:
Michigan High School Athletic Association
Member of:
Kalamazoo Valley Association

Good Sports Are Winners!