

THE NORTHERN KY SPORTS HALL OF FAME WILL INDUCT NEW MEMBERS INTO ITS ORGANIZATION ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE VILLA HILLS CIVIC CLUB HALL, 729 ROGERS ROAD VILLA HILLS KENTUCKY.

**MICHAEL ARNOLD** – FT WRIGHT, KY. HE BEGAN HIS COACHING CAREER IN 1972. HE HAS COACHED JUNIOR HIGH AT ST. AGNES AND ST. AUGUSTINE YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL. ALTHOUGH HIS TEAMS HAVE WON MANY HUNDREDS OF GAMES, NUMEROUS CHAMPIONSHIPS, HIS BIGGEST THRILL IS SEEING THE LIFE SUCCESSES OF HIS PLAYERS AS THEY AGE. THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS THEY EARN. HE USES BASKETBALL TO TEACH THAT ABOUT LIFE.

**HERBERT (HERBIE) McGUIRE** - DANVILLE, KY. HE GRADUATED FROM DIXIE HEIGHTS IN 1953 WHERE HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND RAN TRACK, HE WON THE MOST VALUABLE ATHLETE AWARD AT DIXIE AND WAS NAMED HONORABLE MENTION ALL STATE IN FOOTBALL. GRADUATED FROM CENTRE COLLEGE IN 1957. AT CENTRE COLLEGE HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, GOLF AND RAN TRACK HE PLAYED ON CENTRE UNDEFEATED TEAM IN 1955 AND WAS SELECTED TO CENTRE COLLEGE HALL OF FAME IN 2003. HE HAS BEEN COACHING FOR 45 YEARS, HE HAS COACHED AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS BOONE COUNTY, COVINGTON HOLMES AND FORTY YEARS AT CENTRE COLLEGE FROM 1963-2003.

**JOHN MACKE** – FT. THOMAS, KY, HE PLAYED BASEBALL AT NEWPORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS A PITCHER FOR 4 YEARS AND WAS ON THE BOXING TEAM. IN 1949 HE HELPED PITCH NEWPORT CATHOLIC TO STATE FINALS AGAINST PRESTONBURG WHO BEAT THEM FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.. HE PITCHED 3 GAMES IN 2 DAYS, HIS ARM FELT LIKE A RUBBER BAND. HE WAS VOTED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT. HE SIGNED WITH THE CINCINNATI REDS FARM TEAM AT LOCKPORT, NEW YORK WHERE HE STAYED FOR ONE YEAR

**LES STEWART** – HE PLAYED BASKETBALL AT WILLIAM GRANT HIGH SCHOOL IN COVINGTON FROM 1955-58. WM GRANT WON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> REGION CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1957-58 AND HE WAS VOTED ON THE ALL 9<sup>TH</sup> REGION TEAM AND HONORABLE MENTION ALL STATE. HE ATTENED VILLA MADONNA COLLEGE. IN 1959-60 HE PLAYED ON THE TEAM THAT DEFEATED KIAMICHI CHAMPION PIKEVILLE TO TAKE THEM TO KANSAS CITY FOR FURTHER POST SEASON PLAY. THEY DEFEATED IDAHO BEFORE LOSING TO GRAMBLING. HE AVERAGED 11 POINTS PER GAME AND 3.2 ASSIST PER GAME, WITH A TEAM RECORD 19-13, VILLA UPSET NIAGARA AND HE HAD 24 POINTS, 5 REBOUNDS AND 6 ASSISTS. HE GRADUTED FROM VILLA AND WORKED LOCALLY FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HE WAS TRAVELING HOME FROM AN INDIANA PACERS PRO NBA GAME, HE HAD A HEART ATTACK AND DIED.

**ROBERT (PECK) UNKRAUT** – EDGEWOOD, KY. HE PLAYED BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL AT HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS ONE OF TWO PLAYERS WHO PLAYED VARIETY ALL FOUR YEARS HE PLAYED SOFTBALL FOR MAIN TAVERN, BOSSES, AND COVINGTON TURNERS. HE PLAYED FOOTBALL 3 YEARS AT HOLMES, AND BASKETBALL FOR 2 YEARS. HE ALSO PLAYED BASEBALL FOR KEENES FURNITURE AND CHARLIE CHILI OUT OF LUDLOW. HE PLAYED FOR A NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS IN SOFTBALL AND MANAGED ONE TEAM FOR TWO TITLES. HE PLAYED SOFTBALL UNTIL HE WAS 55 YEARS OLD. NOW HE IS TRYING TO PLAY GOLF AND HAD A HOLE IN ONE. GREATEST THRILL WAS TRYING OUT FOR THE REDS, CARDINALS AND GIANTS IN 1954.

**JOHN WENDEFER** – FLORENCE, KY. HE PLAYED BASKETBALL AT THOMAS MORE COLLEGE FROM 1967- 1971. WHILE AT THOMAS MORE HE SCORED 1,404 POINTS, 895 REBOUNDS, HE ATTEMPTED 41 FREE THROWS AND MADE 31 FREE THROWS. FROM 1967 – 1971 HE WAS THE LEADING SCORER, LEADING REBOUNDER AND AVERAGED 20 PLUS POINTS PER SEASON. . IN 1987 HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THOMAS MORE COLLEGE HALL OF FAME. HE HAS BEEN A BASKETBALL REFEREE FOR 22 YEARS. HIS GREATEST THRILL FINISHING 2<sup>ND</sup> IN NATION ON AAU TEAM WHERE HE COACHED 4 YEARS AT ST. PIUS AND ST. HENRY.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE CEREMONY WILL BE **JON CAMPBELL**. HE PLAYED BASKETBALL AT SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL AND NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIV. HE HAS BEEN A REFEREE FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND CURRENTLY DOING COLLEGE BASKETBALL GAMES.