

Tecumseh Athletic Hall of Fame

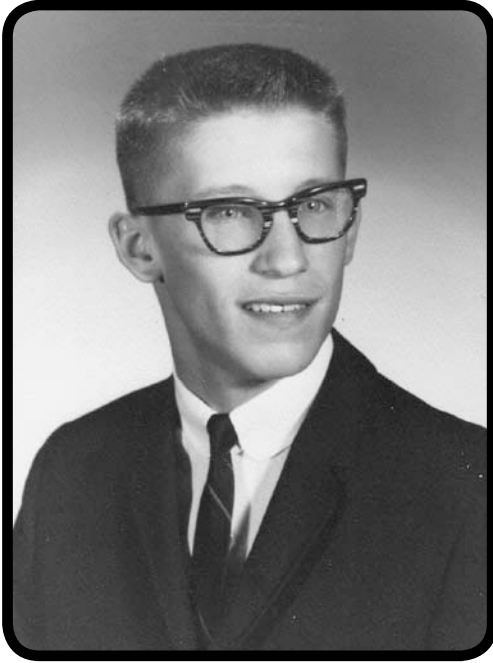
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2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

Marty Sharp
Michael Nedeff
Teresa Runner

Marty Sharp



Marty Sharp, son of the late Delphus and Lois Sharp, graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1964. During his time at Tecumseh it was a three-grade high school (10th – 12th). Marty earned seven varsity letters even though he did not play football his sophomore year. The class of 1964 had outstanding athletic success and great coaches. Each of Marty's coaches have had a Tecumseh facility named in their honor: football coach, Bill Spitzer; basketball coach, Doug Chaffins; and baseball coach, Bob Davis.

Marty's junior year football team ('62) went undefeated (9-0), averaging 34.4 points/game and allowing only 4.7 points/game on defense (still the best in school history). Marty was left half back and 3rd leading scorer in the conference. He played defensive safety and was 1st team all-conference safety. During Marty's senior year he was again selected as all-conference safety and played left halfback on offense.

In basketball his sophomore year, he was a starting guard on the Junior Varsity team. This was Doug Chaffins' first year of coaching at THS, and the team's record was 12-4 (Reserve League Champs). In Marty's junior year he earned a letter as a

back-up guard on the Varsity team. His senior year team was one of the school's top teams in THS history going 19-3, losing in the district finals in overtime (three losses by a total of 9 points). Marty was 6th man on the team with as much playing time as most starters.

Baseball was perhaps Marty's best sport. He lettered and started all three years. He was the lead-off batter all three years. His sophomore year he played right field. His junior year he was the center fielder and starting pitcher. He filled those same positions during his senior year. In his senior year he batted .375 and his pitching record was 5-0 with an ERA of 0.00. One of those 5 wins was against the eventual District Champs. He committed no errors his senior year and stole a base or two almost every time he was on base. During Marty's high school career there were no selections of all-conference or all-county baseball teams, but he was selected for the All State Baseball Team his senior year. His baseball team was the league champion all three years.

Marty played freshman baseball at Ohio University, and after his sophomore year in college he married his high school sweetheart, Janis Boggs.

Upon completion of college, Marty returned to Tecumseh Local schools to teach math, and to coach multiple sports for 12 years. He coached the Olive Branch Junior High freshman football team 2 years (2nd year undefeated); two years 8th grade basketball (1st year undefeated); assistant high school baseball coach 3 years (one year the team went to regional finals); reserve basketball coach for 8 years; head baseball coach 2 years; and head basketball coach 2 years (one team had an offensive avr. of 73.1, still highest in school history)

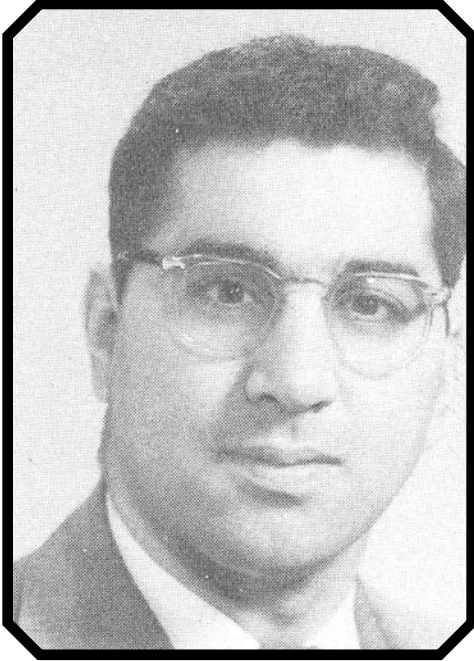
Marty started the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Tecumseh in 1972 and was their advisor as long as he coached. He taught math for 30 years in the district, and retired in 1998 to start his own home repair business which he still operates.

Marty has been the official clock and scoreboard keeper at home football games for 40 years.

Marty and Janis have 3 children: Andy, Marlo, and Alison each of whom are Tecumseh graduates and are now married. The Sharps have 4 grandchildren.

Marty is thankful to God for his family, the coaches and teachers he had as a student at Tecumseh, and the staff, students, parents, and fans that were a part of his coaching and teaching career.

Michael Nedeff



Mr. Michael "Hike" Nedeff retired from teaching in 1981 after serving 23 years as a Tecumseh High School history teacher and wrestling coach.

Mr. Nedeff was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves where he proudly served until 1946 earning numerous medals and citations including the Navy Commendation Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 Stars and the Combat Action Ribbon. He married his wife, Martha, in 1952 and they became the parents of 5 daughters and 1 son. Mrs. Nedeff passed away in 1993.

Mr. Nedeff received his teaching degree from West Virginia University and taught at Parkersburg Catholic High School and Russia before becoming an "Arrow" in 1958.

Coach Nedeff started the Tecumseh wrestling program in 1963 led by upper-classman Don Weidner. Bruce Osbourne became Tecumseh's first state qualifier in 1964-65. He and Rick Donovan helped lead Tecumseh to a 6th place finish in the district tournament.

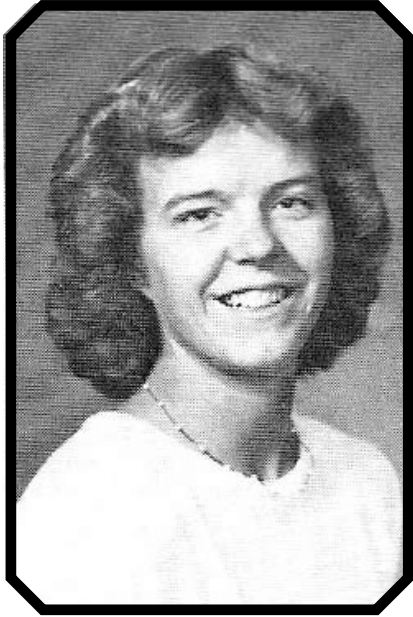
Mr. Nedeff and the Arrows captured the first ever MRVL team championship in 1965-66 with seven champions. Doug Tritle was one win away from a top six finish in the state meet in 1966 and placed in a tie for seventh.

Some outstanding, early wrestlers from the past, who benefited from Coach Nedeff's influence, include Dick Moyer, Derry & Don Ray, Jim Burns, Curtis Fett, Marl Schults, Reed Winters, Sam DiGorgio, Mark & Mike Schulte, Mike Sabin, Steve Hunsucker, Doug Riehle, Drew Gross, Steve Glascoe, Dale Ward, John Winters, Dave Lee, Brian Parr, Don & Steve Doggett.

Coach Nedeff laid the foundation for many young men to become successful both on and off of the mat. His dedication, caring, and love of the sport helped influence many young men to become teachers and coaches. In the year 2000 Hike served aboard the U.S.S. Plankowner, taking part in a very dangerous mission, sailing the old ship back to the United States in order to rededicate it as a museum for future generations.

Mr. Nedeff has earned the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award and the Patriot of the Year Award. He currently serves on the Montgomery County Council for aging as well as being a Volunteer Docent at the Boonshoft Museum. He is a member of the Miami Valley Wrestling Association Hall of Fame and the Southwest Ohio Wrestling Officials Association, where he has been a referee for over 50 years.

Teresa Runner



Teresa Lynn Runner was born in Dayton, Ohio to Guy (Butch) and Judith Runner. She was raised in New Carlisle beginning in 3rd grade and graduating from Tecumseh H.S. in 1982. She then attended Findlay University for 2 years and transferred to Bluffton University where she achieved her Bachelor of Arts degree in K-12 Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in 1986. She furthered her educational pursuit teaching as a Graduate Assistant in the HPER department at Wright State University completing her Masters of Education. Approximately six years later, Teresa received her second MED from Central State University in Special Education studying the field of Severely Emotional Disturbed (SED).

Teresa began her athletic endeavors at an early age. She actively participated in sports such as volleyball, basketball, softball, bowling, and track and field. Teresa's parents, Butch and Judi Runner, were her greatest supporters as they traveled from city to city and state to state, rarely missing a game throughout her junior high, high school, and collegiate career. Teresa was one of the first female athletes at Tecumseh H.S. who participated at the varsity level in each of her three years in volleyball, basketball, and track & field events.

While at Tecumseh H.S., Teresa excelled in sports earning three letters in each of the three sports she played. She was also selected as volleyball's Most Valuable Player in '81 and '82 and Most Points Earned in track & field events in '81 and '82. During her athletic career, Teresa was named to the Miami Central Conference First Team in each sport in '81 and '82. The 1980 volleyball team, coached by Barb Nagel, earned the Ohio High School Athletic Association Class AAA District Runner-up Award. In basketball, Teresa was named to the All-Area Springfield News Basketball Team. Her most memorable basketball game came when she scored the most points (33), most rebounds (22), and most made free throws (13) all in a single game. Teresa currently continues to hold the school record for her throws in track and field events (shot put and discus).

Teresa continued her athletic career at the university level attending Findlay University (1.5 years) and finishing up at Bluffton University (1986). Teresa played four years of volleyball, two years of basketball, one year of fast-pitch softball, and one year of track & field. During her collegiate career in volleyball, she was named four years in a row to the Western Buckeye Central Conference (WBCC) First Team, named to the NAIA District 22 First Team, 1985 WBCC Conference Player of the Year, and 1985 All Ohio Intercollegiate Volleyball Team. She led her team to the WBCC Championship and the NAIA District 22 Championship, but fell short in the 1985 NAIA BI-District XV tournament, where they were Runner's Up. The 1985 Bluffton University volleyball team (35-6) was inducted into Bluffton's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Teresa's passion for athletics led her to continue playing and coaching. She has played USVBA volleyball and USSSA softball. Teresa also excelled in playing Women's Flag Football in Cincinnati, Ohio and competed against teams from Canada, Sweden, and Germany while playing in several International Flag Football Tournaments in Key West, Florida. Teresa has coached at the varsity and junior varsity levels in volleyball and basketball at Pandora-Gilboa, Tecumseh, Beaver Creek, and Centerville Schools. Teresa currently resides in Lebanon, Ohio. She is finishing her 19th year of teaching, with the last ten years at Tower Heights Middle School in Centerville in Physical Education (grades 6 - 8). A special thanks goes to her entire family and friends who have supported her throughout her life.