

**MARENGO COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT
#154**

**Hall of Fame
Induction**



**Saturday, February 1, 2014
MCHS Cafeteria/Auditorium**

PROGRAM

Welcome	Dr. Dan Bertrand, Superintendent
Opening Comments	Angela Fink, Principal
Hall of Fame Induction	Rod Poppe President of the Hall of Fame Committee
Introduction of Awards	Hall of Fame Committee Members
Presentation of Awards	Elizabeth Henning, Board President
Closing Comments	Dan Bertrand, Superintendent

2014 HALL of FAME

Inductee

Category

Presenter

Robert J. Kooi	Friend	Mary Noe, Committee Member
James Schmid	Commitment	Roger Cannon, Committee Member
Sara Ettner Glakas	Extra-Curricular	Joel Danzl-Tauer, Former Coach
Dr. Robert Chandler	Personal Achievement	Jim Schmid, Inductee/Former Teacher/Coach
Gladys "Penney" Miller	Commitment	Rebecca Chayer, Committee Member
1966-1970 Football Teams	Teamwork	Rod Poppe, Committee Member

HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION CRITERIA

The purpose of the Hall of Fame for Marengo Community High School District #154 is to honor and recognize Marengo Community High School students, staff members, alumni and supporters who have demonstrated excellence and commitment. The award could also be given to others who have given meritorious service to Marengo Community High School.

HALL OF FAME CATEGORIES

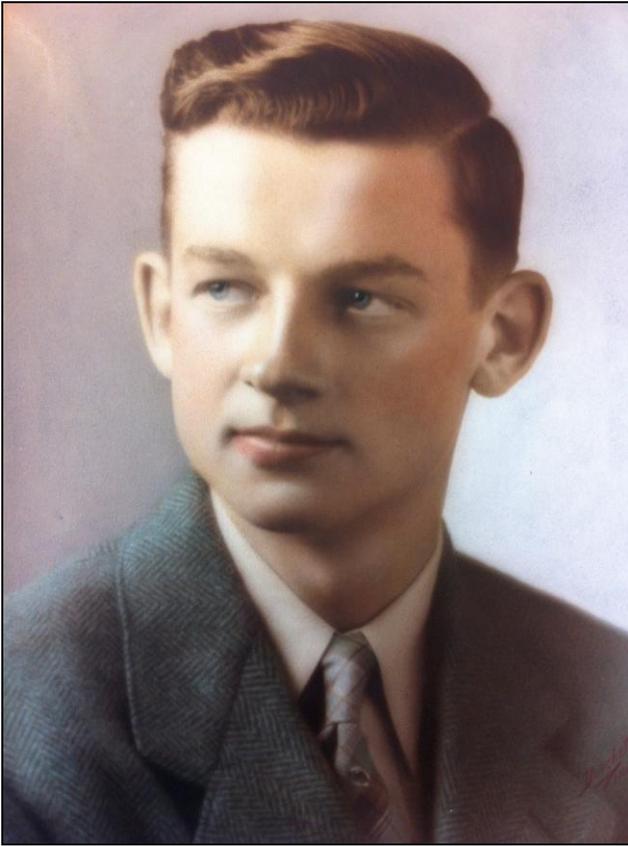
A person can qualify for the Hall of Fame in one of the following categories:

- **SERVICE-A** former Marengo student who has contributed significantly to their community, state or country. The student must have graduated from Marengo Community High School and been out of school for more than ten (10) years.
- **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT-A** former Marengo Community High School student who has been honored or recognized by their college, profession or peers for their success and achievements. This person also must have been out of school for more than ten (10) years.
- **EXTRA-CURRICULARS-** Former extra-curricular participant who was recognized for excellence by their organization or team for at least two years and in addition, received honors in one or all of the following: All-Conference-District-Sectional-State or American. They must have graduated from Marengo Community High School and been out of school for more than ten (10) years.
- **COMMITMENT-** Past or present staff members who worked at Marengo Community High School for a minimum of ten years.
- **FRIEND OF MARENGO -** One who has given meritorious service to Marengo Community High School, or has been a loyal friend to the school.
- **TEAMWORK-** A Marengo Community High School team or organization, which had outstanding achievement including record status or state recognition, ten (10) years prior to selection.

Names for nomination can be submitted to the committee at anytime by any member of the community, alumni or by one of the committee members themselves. Nominations will be accepted by completing a nomination form. Nomination forms may be received from and sent to Marengo Community High School District #154, Hall of Fame Committee, 110 Franks Road, Marengo, IL 60152 or email at halloffame@mchs154.org.

SPECIAL THANKS

- The Hall of Fame Committee members: Elizabeth Henning, Mary Noe, Roger Cannon, Chico Alvarez, Rod Poppe, Dr. Dan Bertrand, Angela Fink, Chad Olson, Becky Chayer, Robert Pomykala
- To the Marengo Community High School District #154 Board of Education for their monetary support for the awards and dinner.
- To Danielle O'Young for writing the biographies for each inductee.
- To Mary Ziebart and her Foods II/III students for preparing the dinner.
- To junior, Caitlyn Nakoneczny for playing the piano during dinner this evening.
- To Mark Schmidt of Huntley Florist for donating the flowers for the center pieces.
- To Kim Johnson for decorating the tables.



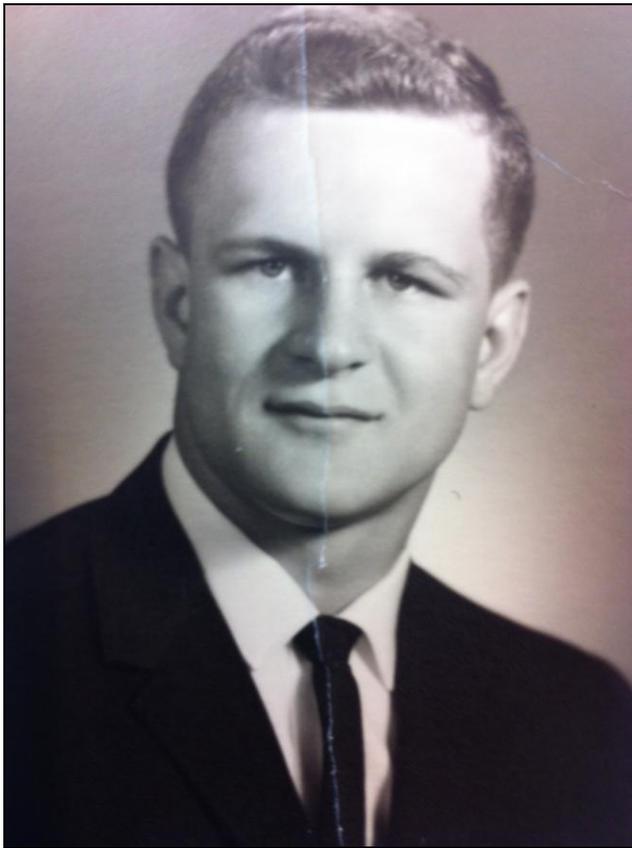
ROBERT J. KOOI

FRIEND

Robert J. Kooi will be remembered above all else for his generosity. Many Marengo residents remember him for his humility and unassuming attitude in addition to his many successes, but upon his death, his generosity to the town was fully seen. Kooi had instructed the executor of his will to open "The Elmer J. Kooi, Beatrice A. Kooi and Robert J. Kooi Education Fund." The fund, named after his parents, was opened in July of 1993 with a balance of almost \$1.8M.

The intent of the fund was to award loans to graduating seniors who wanted to pursue college or vocational education. The students who receive the award were to be evaluated by a selection committee based on the students' desire to continue their education, their ability to achieve exemplary grades, their study habits, and on their personality and honesty. Those who graduate from college while under the loan program would also receive cash credits toward reducing their loans based on academic performance with an incentive; students would benefit from a \$500 credit for each B+ grade received.

Over 100 MCHS students have benefitted from Robert Kooi's generosity. The fund balance to date is \$3,554,969.



JAMES SCHMID

COMMITMENT

James Schmid served the MCHS community in a number of ways during his 37 year tenure in the district. He was both a mathematics teacher and a computer science teacher as well as serving as department chair for 20 years. A graduate of Loras College, Jim developed the first MCHS computer lab and class in addition to developing the first MCHS AP course: Calculus. He distinguished himself further by serving as the WYSE team coach for 25 years, the math team coach for 22 years, and the computer science team coach for 12 years. Under his instruction, the WYSE team placed fourth in the state finals. He was also a class sponsor for seven years.

Aside from his role inside the classroom, he was also extremely influential with extra-curriculars. Jim was arguably among the top three most successful coaches in MCHS history. He coached the varsity baseball team for 29 years, posting a record of 348-225, winning ten consecutive Sharks Conference Championships, two Regional Championships and one Supersectional Final. He was the Coach of the Year for the Shark Conference on four separate occasions and was inducted into the IHSA Baseball Hall of Fame in 1993.

His athletic achievements extended beyond the baseball diamond as he was also the freshman and sophomore football coach for 37 years. In 1978, his freshman, sophomore football team was undefeated and unscored upon, outscoring their opponents 316-0. Jim's freshman/sophomore football coaching record was 174-77. He also coached the freshman basketball team for one year. Jim Schmid's decades of service exemplify commitment and dedication.



SARA ETTNER GLAKAS

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Sara Ettner Glakas graduated from MCHS in 1997. She distinguished herself by excelling athletically as a varsity starter on the volleyball and basketball teams for three years and on the track team for four years. Her basketball career statistics are staggering; Sara scored 1347 career points and had a three year team record of 72-14. She averaged 15.7 points per game, 7 rebounds per game, 3.2 assists per game and 2.8 steals per game. Sara was the 1997 IHSA Female Player of the Year, a 1997 Chicago Tribune Scholar-Athlete, and a three-time Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Third Team All State Athlete. From 1995 to 1997, the Lady Indians won three Regional Championships and in 1997 they won a Sectional and Supersectional Championship earning them an Elite 8 appearance. Her athletic accomplishments extended beyond the basketball court as Sara was a State Qualifier in Track for four years at MCHS, earning a total of six state medals. In 1994, she anchored the 4th place- 4 x 200 relay and the 8th place 800 meter medley relay. In 1995, the 4 x 200 relay team placed 2nd and in 1996 the 4 x 200 relay team won the State title and her 4 x 100 relay team placed 3rd. In 1997, her first year as a hurdler, Sara placed 6th in the 300 meter low hurdles.

Sara went on to play basketball at Washington University in St. Louis, where her four year team record was 116-4. From 1997-2001, her team won four VAA Conference Championships and four NCAA National Championships. She continued to excel at the collegiate level as she was a senior captain and ranked 1st in 3 point field goal percentage for the season (50.6%), 8th in 3 point field goals (97) and 8th in 3 point field goal percentage for her career (38%).

Along with her outstanding athletic career, Sara was a National Merit Scholar, an Illinois State Scholar, a member of National Honor Society and graduated fourth in her class.



DR. ROBERT CHANDLER

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Robert Chandler was an outstanding football and baseball player at MCHS. He graduated in 1970 and then continued his education at Rock Valley Junior College, majoring in biology while playing football and baseball. After two years at Rock Valley, Bob earned a full NCAA scholarship to attend Northern Arizona University. He continued to play football and baseball while majoring in zoology. After completing two years at NAU, Bob returned to Illinois to finish his bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, graduating in 1976 with a biology degree and an emphasis in wildlife biology.

Following graduation, Bob moved to San Diego, California and began working at the San Diego Museum of Natural History, first in the Department of Birds and Mammals and later in the Department of Paleontology, which led to research for his Master's degree from San Diego State University. In 1985, Bob moved to Kansas allowing him the opportunity to combine his interests in ornithology and paleontology while working on his dissertation. Additionally, he worked in the Ornithology Division of the Museum curating the third largest collection of modern skeletons in the world. After earning his PhD, he stayed at the University of Kansas for an additional year working on post-doctoral studies. He then moved to Gainesville, Florida where he was a visiting post-doctoral research assistant at the Florida Museum of Natural History, his major research focus was on Terror birds. His fieldwork was documented by a film crew from The Learning Channel and was also the cover article in *Discover* (June 1997) and was featured on the Discovery Channel in *L.A. 10,000 B.C.*

In 1996, Bob accepted an assistant professorship in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences at Georgia College and State University, teaching both biology and paleontology courses where he is now a Full Professor of Biology, teaching, publishing, and writing grants. He was recently appointed the Coordinator of the Georgia College Natural History Museum. He has also been regularly published for over 20 years.



GLADYS "PENNEY" MILLER

COMMITMENT

Gladys "Penney" Miller taught in the Marengo-Union community for fifty years exemplifying service and commitment. In 1938, she was hired by the regional superintendent in to develop a "small school physical education program." She traveled throughout the area, teaching as much of a PE program as she could in an hour at 106 rural one-room schools. The regular teacher would then teach from Penney's notes until she returned to the school with a new lesson, visiting monthly, bi-monthly or weekly. She did encounter some hurdles however because each school she would visit would have varying commitments to physical education. She worked to change the mindsets of other educators about physical education so that their programs could be more effective, emphasizing working all of a child's muscles and, most importantly, be fun. Penney's program drew the attention of state administrators, who invited her to present it at the University of Illinois teacher's convention.

Eventually, Penney was hired to teach at Washington School and then in 1947 at Marengo High School, where she remained until retiring in 1989. Penney taught high school girls PE until 1964 and then became a counselor and finally was the director of pupil personnel. While teaching PE, she directed an annual gym show in which every student participated. Penney had the extraordinary ability to unite students, staff and administration to produce an amazing show. As the student body grew, the gym shows developed into variety shows and musicals, always keeping with the philosophy of involving as many students as possible.

In 1983, Penney retired from MCHS, ending a 50 year teaching career. After retiring, Penney was appointed to the Marengo Civic Center Authority Board. Generally, the philosophy of the MCCA was to improve the quality of life both culturally and recreationally for the citizens of the Marengo-Union area. Penney was a strong advocate of vocational education, believing that school should prepare students for life, not just for college.

UNDEFEATED 1966-1970 FOOTBALL TEAMS

Until 1970 East Saint Louis High School had the longest winning streak in IHSA history at 44 games. In 1970 Marengo Community High School was one of three schools who beat their streak (Marengo, Geneseo and Pittsfield). From 1966 through 1970 Marengo Community High School put together a string of football wins that has not since been repeated in Marengo's history and in fact by only three other schools in IHSA history. During this time, the players and coaching staff posted an unprecedented five years of II-conference championships and an undefeated team record.

In 1966, the Indians were the Shark Conference Champions for the second year in a row, posting a 9-0 record and outscoring their opponents 248-44. Again under the instruction of Rod Poppe, in 1967, the Indians won the Shark Conference, and their undefeated string ran to 18 games, with wins over Harvard (with quarterback Kelly Camp) and Genoa-Kingston (the last team to defeat MCHS in 1965). The Indians continued their winning streak in 1968, posting their 27th straight win and for the fourth consecutive season won the Shark Conference. In 1969, the Indians again were SHARK Champions, posted an 8-0 record and improved their winning streak to 35 games. The Indians won the Shark Conference for the sixth consecutive year in 1970. They were 9-0 with a five year win-loss record of 44-0. The Illinois Prep Sports Special's pre-season ratings placed Marengo third in the medium school class. Throughout these football glory days, a number of players were selected to the All-Conference and All-State honorable mention teams. In all, the win streak stretched to 45 games making it the fourth longest consecutive winning streak in IHSA history.

1966 Football Team

- Started the winning streak going 9-0.
- SHARK Conference Champions for 2nd year in a row.
- MVP: Mike Ettner, split end; CAPTAINS: Mike Ettner and Mike Merritt
- All Conference: Dave Karr, George Bauman, Larry Frohling, Mike Merritt, Walt Nelsen, Mike Ettner.

1967 Football Team

- Ran the undefeated streak to 18-0 beating Harvard (Kelly Camp) and Genoa-Kingston.
- SHARK Conference Champions for 3rd year in a row.
- Defeated undefeated South Beloit on Oct.28, 1967 by a score of 13-0.
- Honorable mention All-State: Larry Frohling, T and George Bauman, QB.
- MVP: Larry Frohling, T; CAPTAINS: Chuck Carmichael and Larry Frohling
- All Conference: George Bauman, Larry Frohling, Chuck Carmichael, Steve Schafer, Tim Kamholz and Gordon Hubbs. Rod Poppe –Coach of the Year.

1968 Football Team

- Ran the undefeated streak to 27-0; SHARK Conference Champions for 4th year in a row.
- Defeated Beloit Catholic 33-6 to win the conference championship and defeated Harvard 27-6.
- Honorable mention All-State: Greg Mackey and Dave Bauman.
- MVP: Greg Mackey; CAPTAINS: Dave Bauman and Gary Kamholz.
- All Conference: Dave Bauman, Greg Mackey (1000 yds. rushing), Gary Kamholz, Tom Karr, Gerry Burke.

1969 Football Team

- Ran the undefeated streak to 35-0; SHARK Conference Champions for 5th year in a row.
- All-State: Bob Chandler and Tom Karr.
- All Conference: Bob Ballok, Scott Leslie, Tom Karr and Bob Chandler.

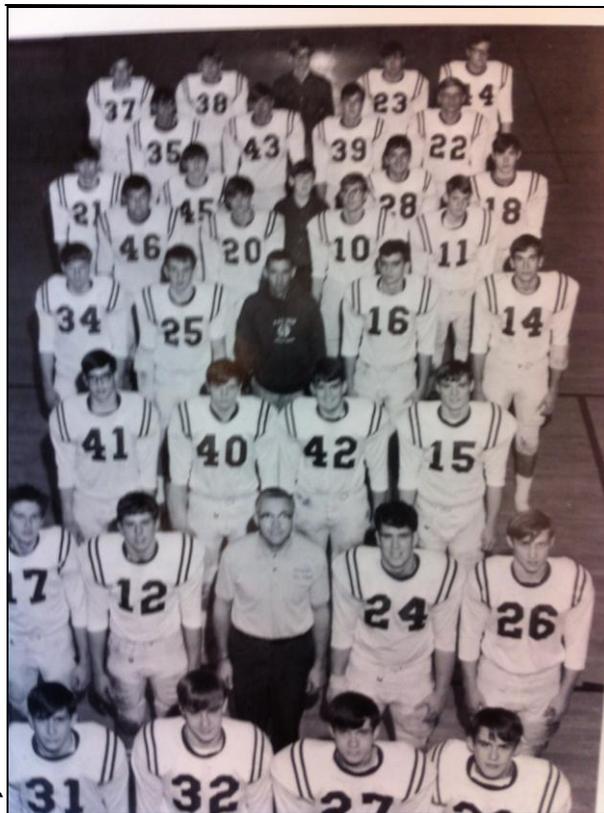
1970 Football Team

- Ran the undefeated streak to 44-0; SHARK Conference Champions for 6th year in a row.
- MVP: Rob Bauman; CAPTAINS: Mike Matte.
- Little All-State: Mike Matte, Scott Leslie, Bill Knake, Rob Bauman (1st team all-state)
- All Conference: Don Scharenberg, Bill Knake, Scott Leslie and Mike Matte.

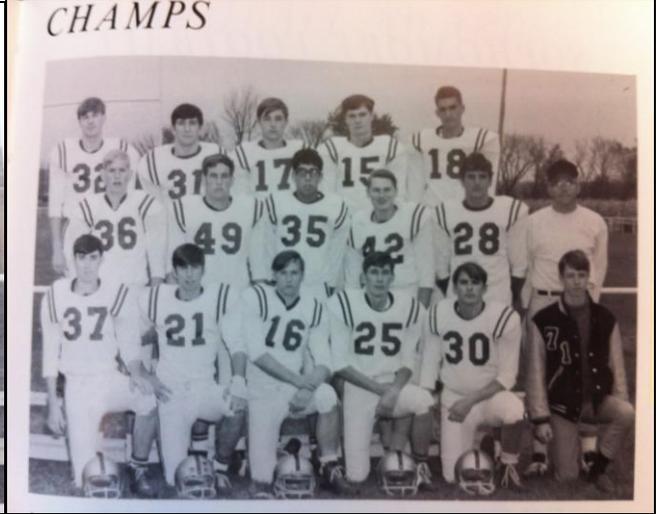
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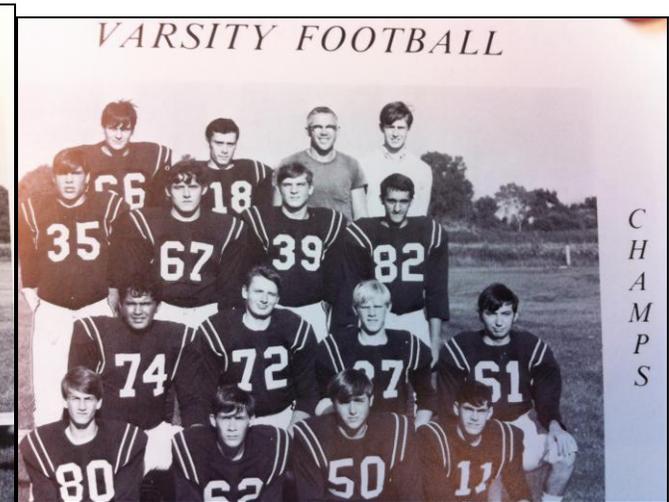
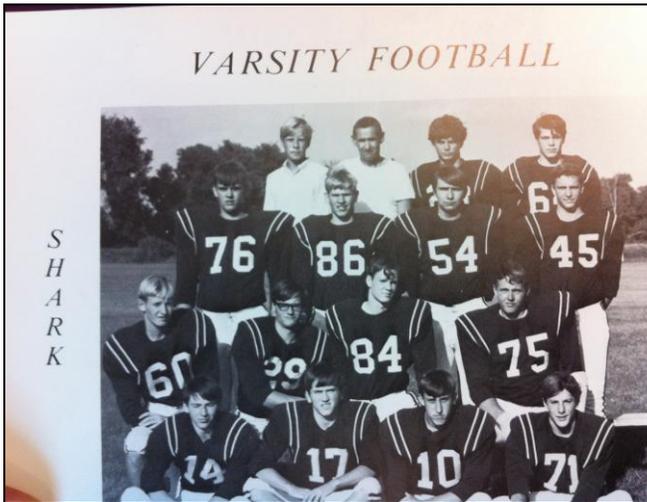
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1966-1970 FOOTBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Dennis Ahrens
Mark Anthony
Ray Anthony
Don Argall
John Arnold
Bob Ballock
George Bauman
Dave Bauman
Rob Bauman
Dave Beck
Dave Beebe
Larry Benecke
Bruce Beyer
Mark Bowers
Jerry Burke
Tom Burket
Chuck Carmichael
Greg Carmichael
Bob Chandler
Dana Dawes
Doug Decker
Mike Deneen
Ken DiPirro
Norm Dusenberry
Thomas Endres
Mike Ettner
Terry Ettner
David Farmer
Thomas Fidler
Jim Fischer
Dick Fish
John Fleener
Bill Forgey
Ken Fritz
Larry Frohling

Donald Fuller
Juan Garcia
Dave Garman
Keith Grasley
Gordon Hubbs
Rich Jenne
Bob Johnson
Dick Johnson
William Johnson
Tim Kamholz
Greg Kamholz
Gary Kamholz
Dave Karr
Mike Karr
Tom Karr
Ray Kearney
Joe Keegan
Brian Kelly
Bill Knake
Del Krause
Jim Krueger
Stephen Lacher
Scott Leslie
Greg Mackey
Scott Mackey
Cary Mallory
Craig Marshall
Mike Matte
David McCartney
Craig McCue
John Medlinger
Mark Merrit
Mike Merritt
Jim Mijanovich

Ron Miller
Mike Moore
Jim Neal
Walt Nelson
Tom Nelson
Pete Neuman
Kyle Niffenegger
Steve Noe
Ted Oberg
Tom Oberg
Dan Polnow
Bill Roberts
Terry Rudsinski
Bill Sandberg
Steve Schafer
Lee Scharenberg
Don Scharenberg
Mark Schmidt
John Schultz
Jeff Sears
Denny Secor
Mike Stock
Ernie Taber
Kirk Tessorf
Bob Turner
Dick Turner
David Walker
Gary Weseman
John Wilcox
Paul Wilcox
Wayne Woyack
Mike Young
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