

Fifth Watchdog Hall of Fame

Banquet and Induction Ceremony

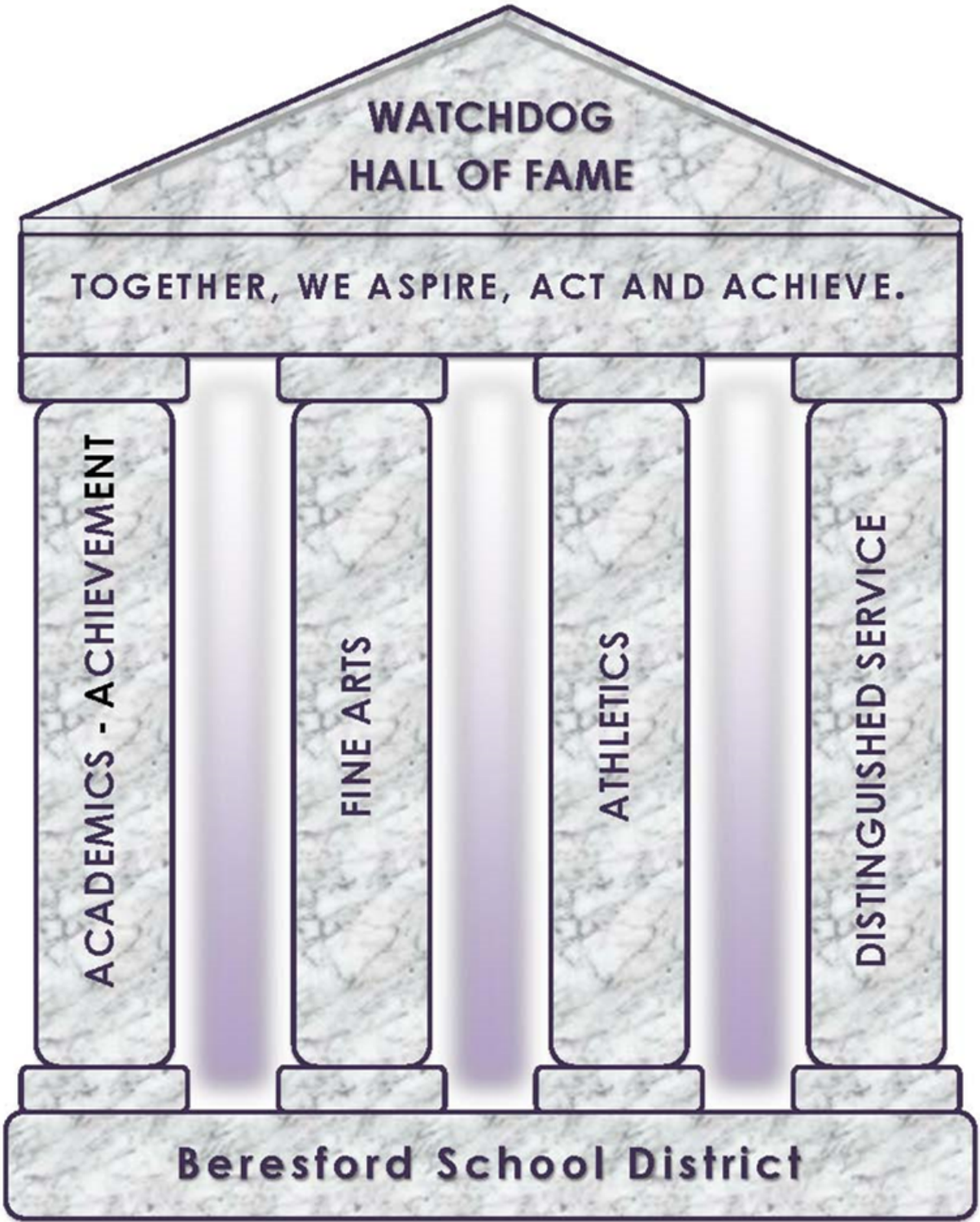


Saturday, September 17, 2022

6:00 p.m.—Banquet

7:00 p.m.—Program and Induction Ceremony

Bridges at Beresford



Dinner



Romaine Salad with assorted dressings

5 oz. Sous Vide New York Strip Carving Station served
with horseradish sauce

3 oz. Smoked and Chopped Chicken served with a
Boursin cream sauce

Garlic Roasted Baby Red Potatoes

Veg D'Jour

Assorted Bread & Butter

Cake Towers

White Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, or Raspberry

Lemonade, Iced Tea, & Water

Program

Welcome.....Dustin Degen
Prayer.....BHS Senior
Dinner.....Catering by Cleavers
Presentation of Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductees.....BHS Seniors

Academics & Achievement

Dr. Marvin Wastell '59.....Gerri Eide

Fine Arts

Paul Runyan '72.....Robert Runyan

Athletics

Shelly Kennedy '78.....Cathy Olson

Karla (Rick) Deuter.....Natalie (Larson) Johnson

1977 Girls' Basketball Team.....Ed Evenson & Players

Distinguished Service

Brian Field '83.....Jared Olson

Closing Remarks.....Dustin Degen

Social.....Bridges at Beresford

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2022 Inductees

Academics/Achievement

Dr. Marvin Wastell (1959)

Marvin Wastell is the second of three children of Wayne and Lucille Wastell. He grew up in a farmhouse without electricity until eight years of age and without indoor plumbing until he married his wife at age 21, five miles northeast of Beresford. He attended Pleasant Hill #55 grade school, a one-room school for grades one through eight, where Marvin had only two other classmates.



Like many others living on a farm, Marvin did many chores before and after school. He milked two cows (by hand) and ensured the family livestock were cared for and fed. Marvin borrowed money from the First National Bank in Beresford at the mature age of eight to purchase a pregnant gilt from his grandfather. A couple of years later, he purchased a show steer to show alongside his pigs at 4-H Achievement Days. He continued his work with 4-H, serving as a club officer and participating in many 4-H activities.

Marvin's neighbor, John Stuessi, befriended Marvin, and they showed purebred Chester White pigs at 4-H Achievement Days and the State Fair.

In addition to 4-H, Marvin was active in sports, debate, and Future Farmers of America while attending Beresford High School from 1955 to 1959. During his four years of FFA, he served as Secretary, Vice President, and District Officer. As a senior, Marvin earned a State FFA Farmer's degree, Star State Farmer's degree, and State President. He later received an American Farmer's degree before attending college full-time.

Marvin attended South Dakota State University, formerly known as South Dakota State College, and started with a major in Agriculture Education. He later changed his major to Animal Science. During the first two years of college, Marvin returned to the farm during the crop seasons. In the fall of 1962, Marvin and his new bride, Corinne, thought it was best to continue their education, so they sold their livestock and their machinery to move into student housing at SDSU and continue their education. To provide for his family, Marvin worked various jobs at the college in the Nutrition and Bacteriology Labs, Beef Reproduction, and Swine Barns.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree, Marvin continued to achieve his master's degree, while Corinne finished her bachelor's degree at the College of Nursing. Marvin is proud to share

that his wife was the first Nursing student to graduate from SDSU while married and a mother of two children.

In 1966, Marvin and his family moved to Ames, Iowa, so he could begin his Ph.D. studies in Animal Nutrition while Corinne began her nursing teaching career. Marvin continued his education and earned his Ph.D. at Iowa State University in January 1970. A month later, the family moved to Decatur, Indiana, where Marvin worked as a Swine Research Specialist in Central Soya's Research department. Corinne taught health careers for the Fort Wayne Indiana school system.

After four years in Indiana, the Wastell family moved to Lansing, Michigan, where Marvin served as the Director of Nutrition and the Director of Technical Services for the Michigan Farm Bureau Services. While serving as the Director of Nutrition, he coordinated swine research projects for 20 different farm cooperatives throughout the United States and Canada. Marvin also served as the technical advisor to the Farm Bureau attorneys in one of the largest cases of man-caused property damage in the United States, where there was accidental feed contamination at the Farm Bureaus Feed Plants.

In 1978, the Wastell family moved to Dayton, Ohio, where Marvin served as a Nutritionist for Carl S Akey, Inc. There, he developed feed products and feeding programs for regional feed manufacturers in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. Additionally, Marvin assisted the Akey salesman with teaching regional feed manufacturers, owners, salespeople, and customers the benefits of the new products and programs.

A year later, the family moved to Kentucky, where they were the part owners of a 500-sow farrow to finish swine operation and a small feed mill. Again, Marvin served as a nutritionist for both the swine operation and feed company. Meanwhile, they formed Nutri Plus, Inc., a consulting nutrition and management company. A few years later, they co-founded Gro Master, Inc with two other swine producers.

In 1985, the Wastell's sold their interest in the swine operation and the Kentucky feed company and moved Gro Master Inc. to Omaha, Nebraska. The company grew in Nebraska, expanding to Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Arizona, Texas, and Manitoba, Canada. Gro Master became the innovative engine for the Swine Industry, starting with the Crystal Spring Wet/Dry feeders Marvin brought to the United States from Manitoba, Canada. Additional innovation includes solid dividers for private eating, wean/finish feeders with adjustable shelf and nipple guard, the EZ Adjust: quick find-tooth adjustment, and Water Space: Bringing wet/dry feeding to weaned pigs. Marvin is also one of the inventors of two other patents, including feeding different diets to different groups of pigs and an animal feeder with the adjustment of a feed discharge opening.

Marvin's other accomplishments in nutrition include serving as the nutritionist for the Arizona Pork Producers Association. Marvin is also the published author of four scientific papers in *Supplemental Vitamins in the Drinking Water for Early Weaned Pigs*, *The Role of Vitamin E and Selenium in Nutrition of the Pig*, *Performance and deficiency Symptoms of Young Pigs Low in*

Vitamin E and Selenium, and Effects of Wet/dry Feeders and Pen Stocking Density on Grow-Finish Pig Performance.

Although Marvin and Corinne reside in Omaha, Nebraska, Marvin continues to support his home state of South Dakota and Future Farmers of America. He received the Honorary American FFA Degree in 2009, represented as the Keynote Speaker at the South Dakota FFA State Convention in 2011, earned the South Dakota Honorary State FFA Degree in 2015, initiated and led the capital campaign efforts for the renovation of the FFA Nursery and Petting building in 2016, awarded the state FFA Association Distinguished Service in 2017, and elected President of the state FFA Alumni Steering Committee in 2018.

In Nebraska, Marvin and Corinne are active in Optimist International. Through Optimist International, they serve to bring out the best in the community's youth and themselves. In addition to holding many offices at the local and state levels, Marvin has received several awards. In 2010 he received the District Charles "Bud" Sharrick Award for a chairperson who succeeds in meeting criteria in Preparation, Knowledge, Effort Extended, Follow-Through, Difficulty, and Results. He also earned the Richard L. Stoehr Award for the most dedicated to attaining the district's goals. In 2016, Marvin was recognized as Distinguished Nebraska District Governor. At that time, Nebraska District ranked fifth out of 48 Optimist Districts.

Marvin has served in multiple capacities for the Metro Area Youth Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization that helps families in their fight against childhood cancer. The organization provides emergency financial assistance to families with a child battling cancer at one of Nebraska's premier pediatric oncology units in Omaha, Nebraska. In 2021, the organization provided over \$110,000 in financial relief to 99 families in the Midwest. Since Marvin's involvement in the Metro Area Youth Foundation, the organization has contributed over \$1.3 million to assist families challenged with childhood cancer.

Furthermore, Marvin and Corinne started Avenue of Flags in 2014 to honor all Americans. In 2021, they placed over 600 flags in five different neighborhoods and raised over \$20,000 to help fund various youth activities and scholarships.

Since Marvin finished his collegiate career, he strived to follow the creeds of the Future Farmer's of America and Optimist International. From the FFA motto, Marvin and Corinne are always "Living to Serve" and from the Optimist International they are "Bringing out the Best in our Youth" by being involved in many activities that help our youth.

**Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame
Academics/Achievement inductee, Dr. Marvin Wastell!**



Fine Arts

Mr. Paul Runyan (1972)

Paul Runyan is a 1972 graduate of Beresford High School. Mr. Runyan's high school activities included four years of band, chorus, and basketball. Paul played football for two years, cross country for one year, track for three years, and he was in a musical and the senior class play production. In 1971 he was a delegate to Boys State. Paul was in the South Dakota All-State band for three years, sitting first chair in his final year. During Mr. Runyan's senior year, he was selected for All-State Chorus and received the John Philip Sousa Award.



In 1971, the McDonald's All-American Marching Band selection committee chose Paul to be a member of the McDonald's All-American Marching Band. Each state was allotted two members, plus one was chosen from Washington, D.C. The 101-member McDonald's All-American Band marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The televised parade occurred in cold drizzly weather on November 25, 1971. On New Year's Day, 1972, Paul and the rest of the McDonald's sponsored band marched in the beautiful Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. While people in Beresford watched their television sets in 10-degree weather, Paul enjoyed the warm climate and everything else that goes with California. Bobby Vinton, a popular music entertainer, performed with the band in California, and Betty White was the guest Parade Hostess. The band also toured Sunset Strip, Beverly Hills, and other sights in the Golden State.

Mr. Runyan graduated cum laude from Augustana College in 1976 after four years as principal tuba in Concert Band, Brass Choir, and Brass Quintet. In the summer of 1974, Paul worked at Interlochen Music Camp in Michigan, connecting him with professional musicians, including tuba lessons from Rex Conner.

Paul became a junior and senior high school band director in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, from 1976 – 1980. During his tenure, the jazz band finished second at the Augustana Jazz Festival in Sioux Falls for two consecutive years. A typical year included 30 entries in the high school solo and ensemble contest and 90 in the junior high and elementary contest. Each year, roughly 60% to 70 % received superior ratings. In 1978, Wessington Springs placed four members in All-State Band for the first time.

Mr. Runyan enlisted as a musician in the United States Air Force (USAF) in July 1980, and he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska until 1995. In 1995, he transferred to the USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia, near Tokyo, Japan. As Director of Operations for the USAF band of the Pacific-Asia, he arranged performances throughout the pacific. In 2000, Paul joined the USAF Band of the Golden West at Travis Air Force Base in California as the Band Superintendent. His assistance in planning the first new stateside facility built specifically for the band was instrumental in completing the \$5.3 million project.

In 2005, upon achieving the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, he became the Command Band Manager for the USAF Band of Mid-America located at Scott Air Force Base near St Louis, Missouri. Mr. Runyan spearheaded the overseas deployment of three musical teams and a separate leadership team. His foresight and leadership led to the formation of a brass quintet with rhythm instruments and a vocalist. This versatile group's highly successful mission to support our deployed troops became a model for the career field.

During Paul's military career, he traveled to 35 states, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and Australia, performing on tuba in support of the Air Force and Department of Defense community relations initiatives. He had the pleasure of working with guest artists Jamie Farr, Wilford Brimley, John Denver, Tony Bennett, Jon Faddis, and Steve Smith.

Paul retired from the USAF in 2010. He contributed numerous hours assisting his wife in her duties as music director at Faith Lutheran Church. Paul initiated and maintains the Faith Concert Series, which presents four concerts a year to the local community. Mr. Runyan was a Habitat for Humanity volunteer whenever possible. Paul directs a brass group for church, rehearsing weekly and performing in church each month for the last ten years.

Beresford music educators Milo Winter, Neil Jacobson, David Mitchell, Dennis Hegg, Grace Kennedy, and Diane Hofer greatly impacted Paul's music career. Basketball coaches Darrell Weiland and Jim Sorenson taught valuable skills such as teamwork and perseverance to Mr. Runyan. Furthermore, all of Paul's Beresford educators taught him many skills utilized throughout his career.

Paul and his wife Robyn have two sons, Jeffrey and Jonathan, who both play the trombone. Jeffrey and his wife Brooke have two daughters, Chantelle and Savannah, who also enjoy playing trombones and piano.

Paul Runyan comes from a family tradition of representing Beresford in the South Dakota All-State Band with brothers George (tuba – three years), Dan (clarinet – two years), Robert (tuba – three years), Paul (tuba – three years), and Mark (bassoon – three years) totaling 14 years in All-State Band.

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Fine Arts inductee, Mr. Paul Runyan!



Athletics

Dr. Shelly Kennedy (1978)

Dr. Shelly Kennedy is a 1978 graduate of Beresford High School. She is one of the best female athletes in the history of Beresford HS, participating in basketball and track and field. Shelly is the current school record holder in the 100-meter dash (12.3) and long jump (17' 3 3/4"), dating back to 1976. Dr. Kennedy was a starting guard on the 1977 BHS girls' basketball team that placed third in the 1977 State "B" Tourney in Huron. By 1977, it was only the third year that BHS had a girls' basketball team. Mr. Ed Evenson coached the Lady Watchdogs.



Girls' basketball became an official sport at BHS during her sophomore year (75-76). That year, Shelly helped lead her team to a 9-6 record, winning the District Tourney and placing 4th at Regions. Shelly was the second leading scorer on her team with 135 points. Shelly's efforts earned her a selection to the Big 8 All-Conference Team.

During her junior year (76-77), Shelly helped lead her Watchdog Basketball Team to a 17-6 record. She was the second leading scorer on her team with 353 points. She led her team in steals with 160 and also led her team in assists. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the second straight year and placed third in the Region. Shelly earned a selection to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for a second consecutive year.

During Shelly's senior year (77-78), she helped lead her Watchdog Basketball Team to a 20-5 record. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the third straight year and won the Region for the first time. In the Region, they had an exciting one-point win over Irene, avenging a previous loss during the season, and then had a three-point win over a highly ranked team from Freeman Public. At the State "B" Tourney in Huron, the Watchdogs beat Ipswich in the first round (36-29), then lost to Clear Lake (37- 51), and then beat New Underwood (43-33) to finish third at State. Shelly earned another selection to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the third straight year.

After High School, Shelly played basketball and softball as a University of South Dakota freshman. She transferred to Mount Marty College on a basketball scholarship in her junior year. She

graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation with a coaching endorsement.

In 1985, Dr. Kennedy enrolled at Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, Minnesota, receiving her Doctor of Chiropractic in 1989. She did an externship at Venice Chiropractic Center in Venice, Florida, where she continued to practice until 1993. Acacia Chiropractic then employed Dr. Kennedy in Sarasota, FL as a sole practitioner from 1993-1995.

In 1995, Dr. Kennedy opened Kennedy Chiropractic Clinic, Sarasota, where she continued to practice until her retirement in 2016. During her career, she was a member of the American Chiropractic Association, Florida Chiropractic Association, Florida Chiropractic Physicians Association, and the Southwest Chiropractic Society, where she served as President during 2005-2006.

Shelly currently lives in Sarasota, Florida, with her partner, Janet Bassett, and their Goldendoodle, Bentley. They enjoy traveling in their RV around the United States.

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Fine Arts inductee, Dr. Shelly Kennedy!



Athletics

Mrs. Karla (Rick) Deuter (1978)

Karla Rick is a 1978 graduate of Beresford High School. Karla was an athletic trailblazer for the Watchdogs. She was an outstanding girls' basketball player that led the Beresford Watchdogs to a 3rd place finish at the 1977 State "B" Tourney in Huron, South Dakota. It was only the third year that BHS had a girls' basketball team. Mr. Ed Evenson coached the Watchdogs.

Girls' basketball became an official sport at BHS during her sophomore year (75-76). That year, Karla helped lead her team to a 9-6 record, winning the District Tourney and placing 4th at Regions. Karla was the team's high scorer with 237 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team and named to the Class "B" All-State Third Team.

During her junior year (76-77), Karla helped lead her Watchdog Basketball Team to a 17-6 record. She led her team by scoring 371 points. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the second straight year and placed 3rd in the Region. Karla was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for a second consecutive year and named to the Class "B" All-State 3rd Team.

During her senior year (77-78), Karla helped lead her Watchdog Basketball Team to a 20-5 record. Once again, she led her team in scoring with 397 points. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the third straight year and won the Region for the first time. In the Region, they had an exciting one-point win over Irene, avenging a previous loss during the season, and then had a three-point win over a highly ranked team from Freeman Public. At the State "B" Tourney in Huron, the Watchdogs beat Ipswich in the first round (36-29), then lost to Clear Lake (37-51), and then beat New Underwood (43-33) to finish third at State. Karla was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the third straight year and named to the Class "B" All-State 2nd Team.

Karla ranks 7th on the Watchdogs Girls' Basketball Career Scoring at 1005 points, which includes three years of stats as BHS did not have basketball as a girls' sport during her freshman year, nor did they have the three-point line during her career as a Watchdog. She ranks 5th in Most Points Scored in a Season at 397 in 1977. More so, Karla ranks 3rd in Career Rebounds at 737.



Karla also participated on the Watchdog's track and field team and band. During Karla's career, she earned the following accolades:

- 1976 Yankton Press and Dakota All-Area 2nd team,
- 1977 Yankton Press and Dakota All-Area 1st team,
- 1977 All-Tournament Team
- 1977 YMCA Basketball Clinic Special Award for Excellence Achievement and Fine Sportsmanship
- Sioux Falls Argus Leader "Ace of the Week" for the weeks of October 31, 1977, and November 21, 1977.

After high school graduation, Karla went to South Dakota State University, where she double majored in Microbiology and Medical Technology (laboratory science). After playing basketball her freshmen year for the Jackrabbits, she opted to run track her sophomore and junior years. During Karla's junior year, she was elected co-captain of the track team. Karla decided not to participate in track her senior year, mainly due to stubborn Achilles tendonitis.

Karla's laboratory science degrees led her to work in hospital and clinical settings. She finished her career teaching at Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. One of Karla's best experiences was being selected for the Rotary Foundations Group Study Exchange Program while working at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Karla spent two months, with three other women in India and Nepal, on a cultural and vocational exchange. It was an experience of a lifetime that culminated in her meeting Mother Teresa.



Athletics

1977 Watchdog Girls' Basketball Team

Head Coach—Mr. Ed Evenson

Assistant Coach—Mrs. Cathy Olson



Top row (left to right): Ann Dolan, Leslie Dolan, Sheila Nelson, Assistant Coach Cathy Olson, Marla Klostergaard, Sharon Twite, and Linda Farley

Bottom row (left to right): Glenda Carnes, Janet Ambur, Karla Rick, Manager Tracie Hofer, Head Coach Ed Evenson, Manager Ruth Kennedy, Natalie Larson, Shelly Kennedy, and Sharon Stuessi.

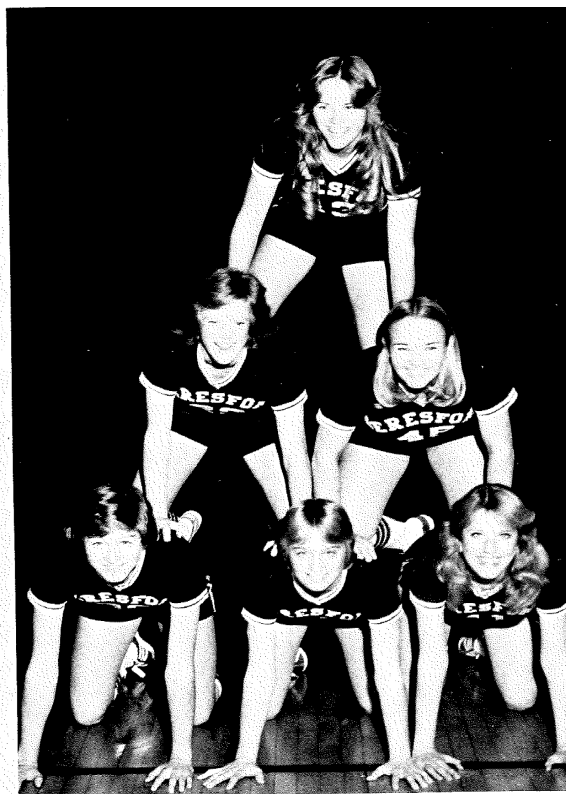
Girls' basketball became an official sport at Beresford High School during the fall of 1975. That year, Head Coach Ed Evenson led the Watchdogs to a 9-6 record. They won the District Tourney and placed fourth at Regions. That year, sophomore Karla Rick was the team's high scorer with 237 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team and was named to the Class "B" All-State Third Team. Shelly Kennedy was the second leading scorer on her team with 135 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team.

During the fall of 1976, Coach Evenson and his Watchdogs completed the season with a 17-6 record. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the second straight year and placed 3rd in the Region. Karla Rick led her team in scoring with 371 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the second straight year and was named to the Class "B" All-State 3rd Team. Shelly Kennedy was the second leading scorer on her team with 353 points. She led her team in

steals with 160 and led her team in assists. Natalie Larson led her team in rebounds with 245—93 offensive and 152 defensive.

During the fall of 1977, Coach Evenson guided his Watchdogs to a 3rd place finish at the 1977 State “B” Tourney in Huron and a 20-5 record. It was the first-ever trip to the State “B” Tourney for the Watchdogs and only the third year that BHS had a girls’ basketball team. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the third straight year and they won the Region for the first time in school history. In the Region, they had an exciting one point win over Irene, avenging a previous loss during the season and then had a three-point win, over a highly ranked team from Freeman Public. At the State “B” Tourney in Huron, the Watchdogs beat Ipswich in the first round (36-29), then lost to Clear Lake (37-51), and then beat New Underwood (43-33) to finish third at State. Karla Rick led her team in scoring with 397 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the third straight year and was named to the Class “B” All-State 2nd Team. Shelly Kennedy was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the third straight year.

Karla Rick ranks seventh on the Watchdogs Girls’ Basketball Career Scoring at 1005 points, which includes three years of stats as BHS did not have basketball as a girls’ sport during her freshman year, nor did they have the three-point line during her career as a Watchdog. She ranks fifth in Most Points Scored in a Season at 397 in 1977. Karla ranks third in Career Rebounds at 737.



Watchdog Senior Girls’ Basketball Players

Top—Janet Ambur

Middle—Sharon Stuessi and Glenda Carnes

Bottom—Karla Rick, Shelly Kennedy, and

Girls' Basketball Scores—1977 Season (20-5)

Team	Beresford Watchdogs	Opponent
West Central	51	20
Viborg	44	23
Irene	40	51
Elk Point	36	21
Parker	42	31
Canton	48	34
Wakonda	54	27
Flandreau	41	30
Brandon Valley	24	35
Lennox	39	31
Dell Rapids	48	26
Jefferson	34	47
Centerville	40	20
Hurley	46	43
Elk Point	40	24
Lennox	34	35
Flandreau	35	25
Alcester	59	32
District Tourney		
Centerville	43	12
Viborg	54	36
Region Tourney		
Irene	45	44
Freeman	30	27
State "B" Tourney		
Ipswich	36	29
Clear Lake	37	51
New Underwood	43	33

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Athletics Team inductee, the 1977 BHS Girls' Basketball Team!



Distinguished Service

Mr. Brian Field (1983)

Mr. Brian Field is a 1983 graduate of Beresford High School. During his high school years, Brian participated in football, basketball, track and field, concert band, marching band, jazz band, musical pit band, National Honor Society, Boys' State, Bersonian and Annual staff, and was Homecoming King. During his high school summers, he participated in VFW Teener and American Legion baseball. During his college summers, he enjoyed coaching the Beresford youth baseball teams, ages 7-16 and playing amateur baseball for Beresford.



After high school, Mr. Field attended the University of South Dakota (USD) in Vermillion, 1983-1987. In 1987, Mr. Field earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from USD with a major in History and minors in Social Sciences and Coaching. In 1995, he earned his Master's in Secondary Educational Administration from South Dakota State University in Brookings. In 2008, he earned his Specialist in Education in the School District Superintendent program at USD.

Mr. Field's first teaching position was at Arlington where he taught junior high and high school social studies courses, including American Government, American History, World History, Civics, Geography, and junior high Physical Education. While at Arlington, he also coached head cross country, assistant boys' basketball, and assistant track and field. He taught and coached at Arlington for eight years, 1987-1995. During his summers at Arlington, he enjoyed coaching all the youth baseball teams, ages 7-18, and eventually the Amateur baseball team.

Mr. Field would then serve as a secondary principal for the next 12 years, 1995-2007. Mr. Field's first principal position was at Freeman Public Junior/Senior High School, where he also served as Activities Director for seven years, 1995-2002. While at Freeman Public, he would become their head cross country coach and assistant track and field coach. Mr. Field then had an opportunity to return to his alma mater, Beresford High School (BHS). He would serve as the principal at BHS for three years, 2002-2005, and served as the head cross country coach his last year at BHS. He then moved to Watertown and served as their high school principal for two years, 2005-2007.

Then for the second time in his career, Mr. Field had an opportunity to return to Beresford and serve his alma mater and the community of Beresford. He became the superintendent of the Beresford School District in July, 2007 and served in that capacity for the next 14 years through

June, 2021. Early in his superintendency, he also served as the co-head coach of the Watchdog cross country team for several years.

With the support of his school board, Mr. Field is proud to have helped develop the Watchdog Foundation as an endowment that provides grants to teachers to enhance learning opportunities for students and fund projects beyond the scope of the regular school budget. Along with his administrative team and support from the school board, and its community partners, together they developed the Watchdog Hall of Fame to recognize alumni, staff, and community members in the four pillars of Academics & Achievement, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Distinguished Service during Homecoming weekend. During his time as superintendent, the District developed a Strategic Plan that aligned to the four pillars as well. Along with the Watchdog Hall of Fame, the new Watchdog Alumni Association has garnered the support of the Beresford School District and its partners including the Watchdog Foundation, Beresford Area Foundation, Beresford Area Arts, and Beresford Athletic Booster Club.

Along with his administrative team and support from the school board and its teachers, Mr. Field helped to develop an Advanced Learning/Tuition Reimbursement program for certified staff to pursue advanced degrees in education, which has a direct benefit for students and their learning, the staff, and schools.

Along with support from the school board, administrative team, and staff, Mr. Field helped to implement a new District website and mobile platform strategy (webpage, live feed, twitter, and Facebook) to provide a better communication system, to help promote the Beresford School District and its student, staff, and school accomplishments, and enhance the user experience for all stakeholders.

During his time as superintendent, the administrative team and school board developed a 10-year plan for capital outlay that improved the District's infrastructure and included facility upgrades, building projects, and major transportation, technology, and equipment purchases. Mr. Field was very proud that the school board remained committed to improving its district facilities, transportation, and technology for students, staff, and programs, including some of the following upgrades, and building projects:

- Elementary Commons/Lobby addition and Gym Floor replacement at the North Campus.
- School Shop addition at the South Campus.
- Wrestling Room, Coaches' Room, Officials' Room, Training Room, and Storage Room addition at the South Campus.
- Football Field and Track and Field renovations and the addition of a Restroom and Concession building, Picnic Shelter, Courtyard, and Entrance at Cortland Carnes Stadium.
- Construction of a state-of-the art Bus Barn, Mechanics Bay, and Wash Bay.
- Major HVAC and Roofing upgrades at both campuses.
- Improved District's Technology and Networking Infrastructure and placed the best tools in the hands of students and staff.

During his 14 years as the superintendent of the Beresford School District, Mr. Field served on the following community and school organizations:

- Beresford Area Foundation Board of Directors.
- Watchdog Foundation Board of Directors. Served as secretary.
- Watchdog Hall of Fame Steering Committee.
- Watchdog Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Committee.
- Beresford Economic Development Corporation. Served as vice-president.
- Beresford Chamber of Commerce. Served as president and vice-president.
- Beresford Parks, Recreation, and Community Education Board of Directors.
- Frostbite 4 Race Committee.
- Tri-County Tour/Duathlon Committee.
- Beresford Lions Club Member.
- Beresford Athletic Booster Club Member.

During his 34 years in education, including 26 years as a school administrator, Mr. Field was a member of the following professional organizations:

- American Association of School Administrators (the School Superintendent's Association).
- School Administrators of South Dakota.
- South Dakota School Superintendents' Association. Served as the state secretary on the Executive Board for 5 years.
- South Dakota Area II Superintendents' Association. Served as the president for 2 years and secretary/treasurer for 2 years.
- South Dakota Beadle Club.
- National Association of Secondary School Principals.
- South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals.
- Southeast Area Principals' Association. Served as president for one year and secretary/treasurer for one year.
- Northeast Area Principals' Association.
- National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association.
- South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association.
- National High School Coaches' Association.
- South Dakota High School Coaches' Association.
- South Dakota Cross Country & Track and Field Coaches' Association.

Mr. Field retired from education and the Beresford School District on June 30, 2021. Mr. Field's career in education spanned 34 years, 1987-2021, all in South Dakota. During his educational career, Mr. Field received the following awards and honors:

- University of South Dakota School of Education "E.D.G.E" Award for Excellence, Dedication, Generosity, and Empowerment.
- South Dakota School Superintendents' Association "Community Leader of the Year" Award.

- South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals’ “Region 5 Principal of the Year” Award.
- Southeast Area Principals’ Association “Values Driven Work Ethic” Award.
- Southeast Area Principals’ Association “Champion Team Builder” Award.
- South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators’ Association “Region 6 Athletic Director of the Year” Award.
- South Dakota Cross Country/Track and Field Coaches’ Association “Region 6 Assistant Track and Field Coach of the Year” Award.
- South Dakota Cross Country/Track and Field Coaches’ Association “Region 2 Cross Country Coach of the Year” Award.

Currently, Mr. Field works part-time for Architecture Incorporated in Sioux Falls, serving as an Education Specialist, where he does outreach to school districts, reviews the education and demographic components of school projects, makes recommendations based on findings, and compiles reports and presentations for the firm.

Mr. Field’s family includes his parents, Larry and Janice Field, sister Nicholle Field and her daughter Erin Kinney, brother Brad Field and his wife Joan, and their children Jennifer Field and Tyler Field, and Jennifer’s daughter Aubriana. He has greatly enjoyed following his nieces and nephew throughout their high school and college athletic careers. He has found several new hobbies in his retirement, including pickleball and senior baseball! He remains an avid Beresford Watchdogs, USD Coyotes, and Dallas Cowboys fan!



Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Inductee, Mr. Brian Field!

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2020



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Tom Van Lent, Mrs. Jane Carlson, Mr. Jim Babb, Dr. Brenda Sternquist, Mr. Robert (Bob) Frieberg, and Mr. Keith Larson



Pictured: 1979 and 1980 Beresford High School Football Team Members



Mr. Keith Larson



Dr. Brenda Sternquist



Mrs. Jane Carlson



Mr. Jim Babb



Mr. Robert (Bob) Frieberg

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Academics/Achievement

Mrs. Sharon Olbertson



Dr. Peter Larsen '97



Fine Arts

Mr. Dennis Hegg Family



Athletics

Mrs. Natalie (Carda) Board '05



Mr. Kenneth Bonte



1979 Boys' Basketball Team



Distinguished Service

Mr. Roger Price Family



Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2018



Pictured left to right: Brigadier General Russ A. Walz, Mr. Ted Heeren, Mr. Bob Young, Dr. Rosanne (Fitzgerald) Kirts, Mr. Koln Knight, Dr. Luke Nordquist, Mr. Scott Latendresse, Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes, and Dr. Elizabeth Grace-Cruz (for her mother, Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace).

Academics/Achievement

Dr. Rosanne (Fitzgerald) Kirts '65

Dr. Luke Nordquist '87

Brigadier General Russ A. Walz '80

Fine Arts

Mr. Ted Heeren '95

Mr. Scott Latendresse '74

Athletics

Mrs. Sandra (Erickson) Carnes '82

Mr. Koln Knight '81

Mr. Bob Young '57

Distinguished Service

Dr. Helen (Kennedy) Grace '53

Watchdog Hall of Fame Class of 2017



Pictured left to right: Mr. Tim Thorne (for his brother, the late 1st Lt. Josef L. Thorne), Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg, Mr. Jim Sorensen, Mr. Milo Winter, Mrs. Mara (McGill) Seier, Mr. Cortland Carnes, Mr. Jim Heeren, and Mrs. Jane Carlson (for her mother, the late Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy)

Academics/Achievement

Mrs. Ann (Goltz) Tornberg '74

Fine Arts

Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy '47

Mr. Milo Winter

Athletics

Mr. Jim Heeren

Dr. Mara (McGill) Seier '03

Mr. Jim Sorensen

1st Lieutenant Josef L. Thorne '58

Distinguished Service

Mr. Cortland Carnes

**Beresford School District
Nominating Form for the Watchdog Hall of Fame
Due by February 15th**

Nominee: _____ (does not have to be a graduate of BHS)

Nominee's Address (if known): _____

Year of Graduation: _____ E-Mail Address (if known): _____

Nominators, please select from **one** of the following categories:

- Academics/Achievement Athletics
 Fine Arts Distinguished Service

Briefly explain why you feel this individual deserves to be honored as a member of the Watchdog Hall of Fame:

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's E-mail Address: _____

The Nomination Review Committee will request supporting documentation from each qualified nominee. Only those nominees who submit information/documentation will be considered for induction by the Selection Committees.

Academics/Achievement - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose academic records and achievements set them apart from their peers. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, school board, volunteers, or general public.

Fine Arts - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose fine arts accomplishments set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administrations, volunteers, or general public.

Athletics - This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose accomplishments on the fields of competition set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, coaches, administration, volunteers, or general public.

Distinguished Service - This category can include Beresford High School graduates and others who did not graduate from Beresford High School. The recipient must have served the Beresford School District and/or in the Beresford area in an exceptional manner. The recipient must come from the Hall of Fame nomination applications and be recommended by the Distinguished Service Committee or one of the other three Hall of Fame pillar sub-committees. It is not required that this award be given out yearly.

Please submit completed forms by February 15, 2023, to Dustin.Degen@k12.sd.us

Hall of Fame Welcomes Nominations from the Public

We encourage our Beresford High School alumni and community to become involved and recommend a nominee for Watchdog Hall of Fame consideration. On pages 30 and 31, you will find an example Hall of Fame nominations form. If you would like to recommend a nominee, please complete the Nominating Form by visiting the following link: <https://5il.co/1ewg5>. All Watchdog Hall of Fame nominations are due by February 15, 2023. If you prefer submitting an online nomination form, you are welcome to go to <https://forms.gle/PGUxFtTgtgdSeyQA>. Both form versions can be found at <https://www.beresford.k12.sd.us/page/watchdog-hall-of-fame>.

Please email the completed nomination form to Dustin.Degen@k12.sd.us or mail it to the Watchdog Hall of Fame, 301 W. Maple St., Beresford, SD 57004. All nominations are shared with the Steering Committee and assigned to one of the four Pillar Sub-committees for consideration.

Thank You

Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductees and their Families

Beresford Area Arts

Beresford Athletic Booster Club

Beresford School District

Watchdog Foundation

Watchdog Hall of Fame Steering Committee

Watchdog Hall of Fame Sub-committees

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