



Inaugural Hall of Fame Ceremony

October 24, 2015

**Devens Inn & Conference Center
Devens, MA**

ASRHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Induction Dinner & Ceremony – October 24, 2015

6:00PM – 7:00PM

Cocktail Hour

7:00PM – 8:00PM

Buffet Dinner

8:00PM – 9:30PM

Induction Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Dr. Mary Malone

Introduction

Jon Sweeney

2015 – 2016

ASRHS Athletic Hall of Fame Board

Jon Sweeney

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Tony Casavecchia

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ASRHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Introduction of the Inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2015

Athletes

Rita Briggs

Dr. Charles S. Brown

George Scullane

Joe Morris

Sue Heuman Nelsen

Shawn Murphy

Benefactor

Justin Lamoreaux

Coach

Joe Hickey

Team

1980 Football Team

Hall of Fame Class of 2015

Inductee	Presenter
Rita Briggs	Jon Sweeney
Dr. Charles S. Brown	Jon Sweeney
George Scullane	Jon Sweeney
Joe Morris	Jon Sweeney
Sue Heuman Nelsen	Jon Sweeney
Shawn Murphy	Jon Sweeney
Justin Lamoreaux	Jamie Lamoreaux
Joe Hickey	Jon Sweeney
1980 Football Team	Jon Sweeney

*Athletic
Hall of Fame*

Rita Briggs (1929-1994)

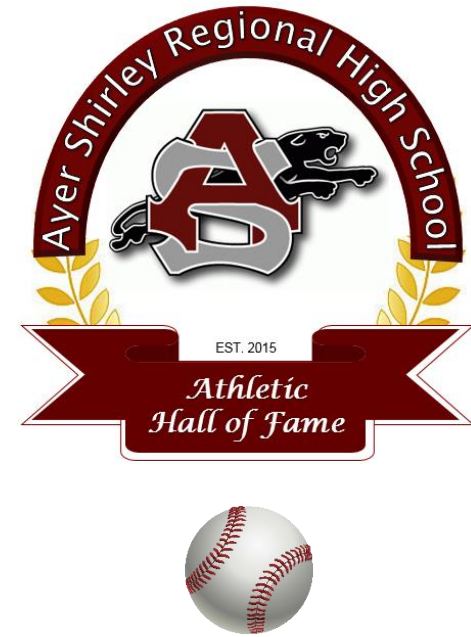
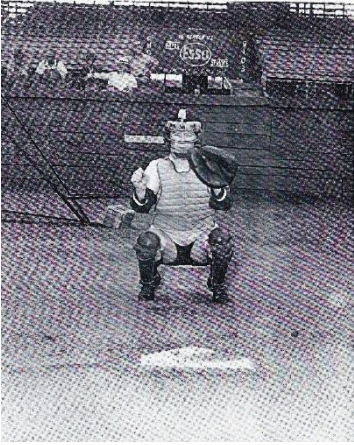


RITA SMILES THOUGH GIVEN AIR AT AYER—The town of Ayer is indignant at the decision of the Wachusett High School Baseball League in barring Rita Briggs (3), regular catcher of the Ayer High team for the past two seasons. The league's new ruling forbids girls to play on boys' teams. Rita, known as "Scoops," is shown with her former teammates (2). Front row (left to right), James Griffin, Albert Popelt, Rita, Paul Gilman and Ray McGuire. Back row (left to right), Donald Levine, Neville Markham, Jerry Milson and Bob Wright. Rita, now in motti, is shown as just one of the girls (4) as she leaves school with Nancy Briggs (left) and Marjorie Allen (right).



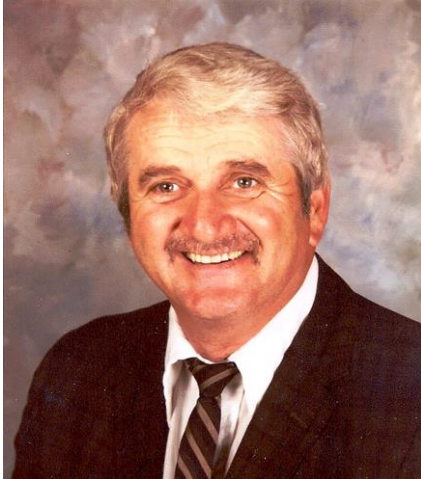
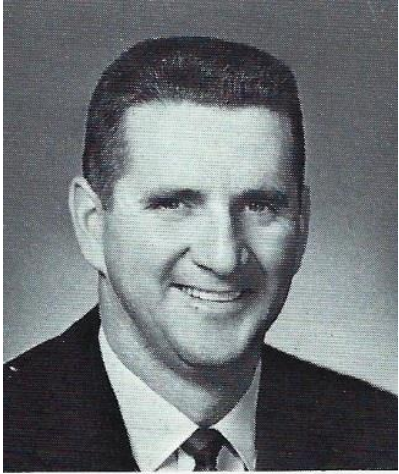
Class of 1947

Rita Briggs (1929-1994)



Starting Catcher Ayer Baseball Team for 2 years
Only girl baseball player in school history
Played in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League 1947-1954
All Star and member of 2 champion teams
In 1948 - set the all-time record for most games played by a catcher in a single season (128 games)
Women in Baseball – AAGPBL Permanent Display Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (1988)
ASRHS Softball Field named “Rita Briggs Field” in 2009

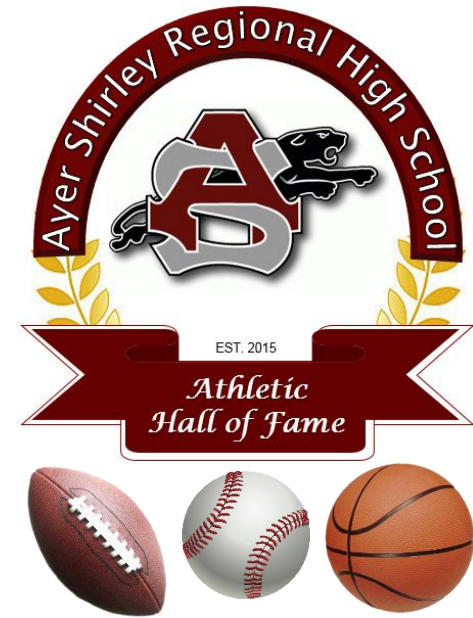
George Scullane



George Scullane



Class of 1954



A 3 sport Standout athlete (Football, Basketball, and Baseball.

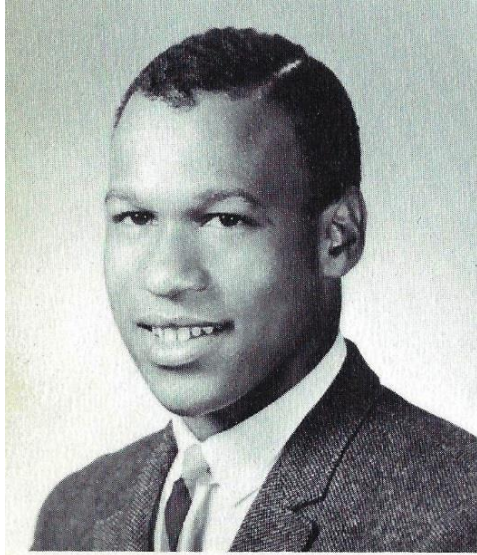
Voted Most Athletic in his Class.

Went on to play College football and baseball for the Louisiana College Wildcats.

After college he served for 2 years in the United States Army.

After the Army George returned to the Ayer School district where he served as a Teacher, Principal, and the Head Football Coach.

Dr. Charles S. Brown (1947-2007)



CHARLES STEVENSON BROWN
"Charlie Brown"

"He who is firm in will, molds the world to himself"

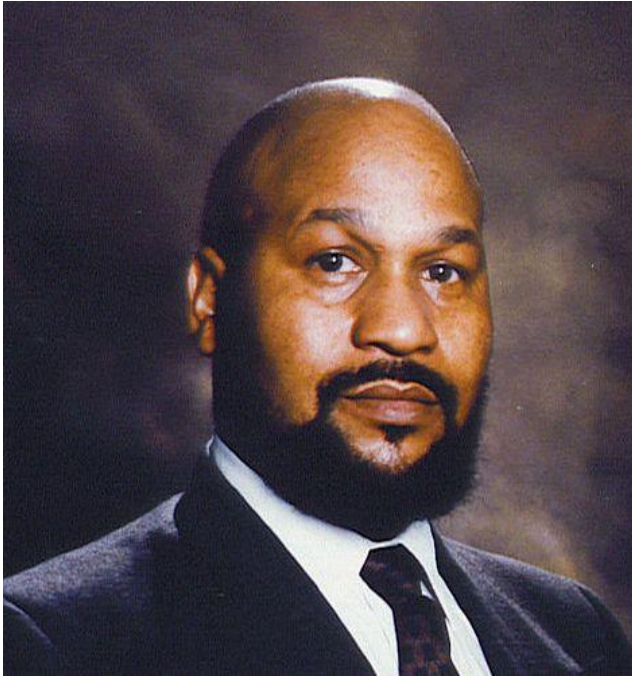
An intelligent lad—is excellent in all sports—great dancer—headed for college—"What's happening"

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; MVP Track 3, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Letterman's Club 2

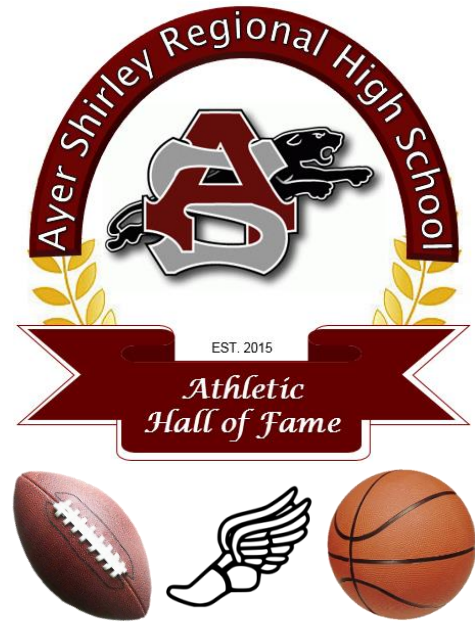


The President, Mr Festus Mogae (left) receiving the Edward Alexander Bouchet award from the Chairman of the Edward I. Bouchet Institute of the United States of America, Professor Charles Brown after the President opened a four-day conference on Physics and High Technology in Africa at the Botswana Productivity Centre (BNPC) yesterday. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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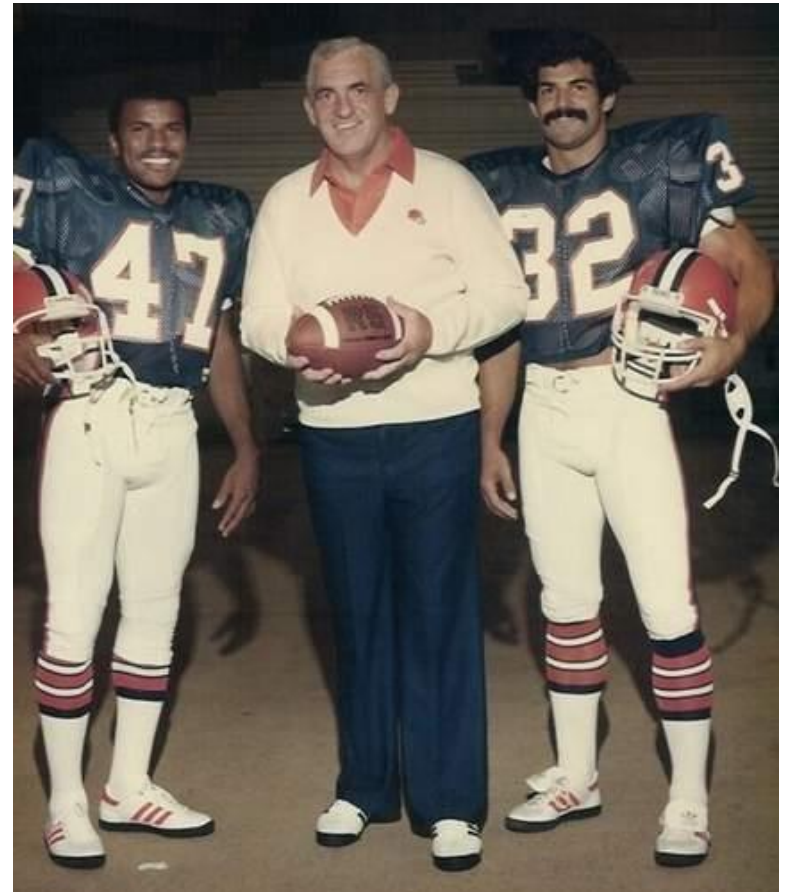


Class of 1966

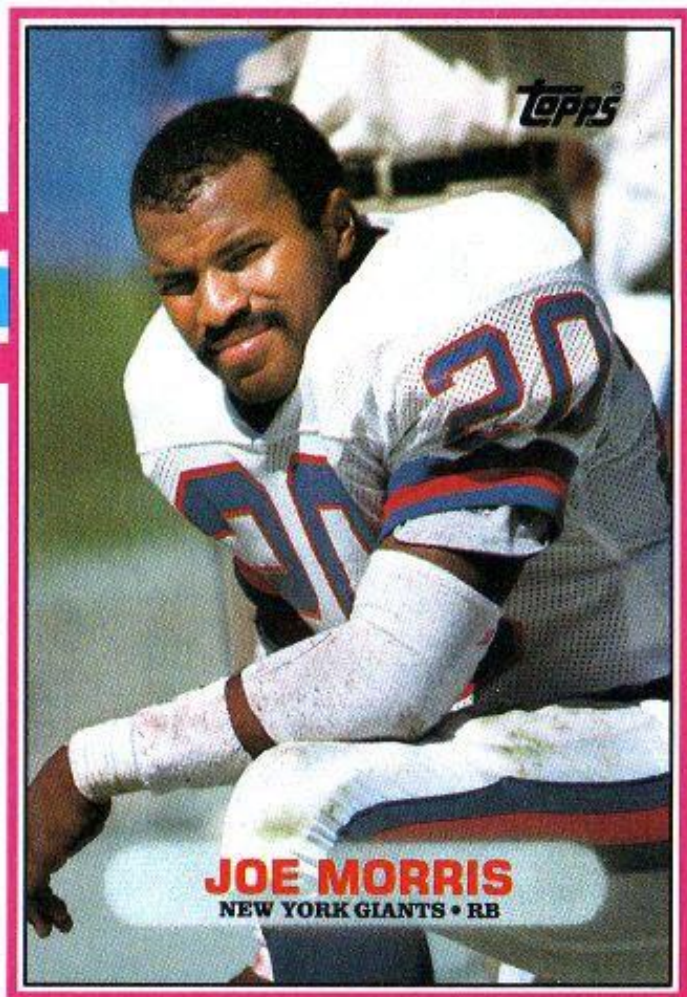


1965 MVP of Track Team
1965 Set school and state record in 100 yard dash
First native born African American to earn a PHD
from Georgia Institute of Technology
1997 was awarded a patent for single mode optical
fiber for high capacity undersea applications
Over 100 published papers on physics and
technology

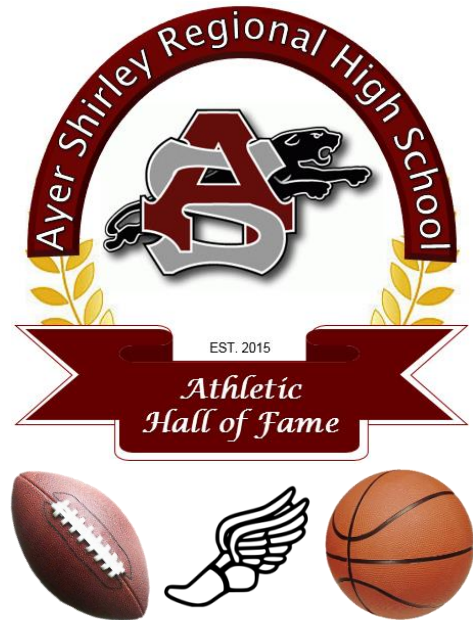
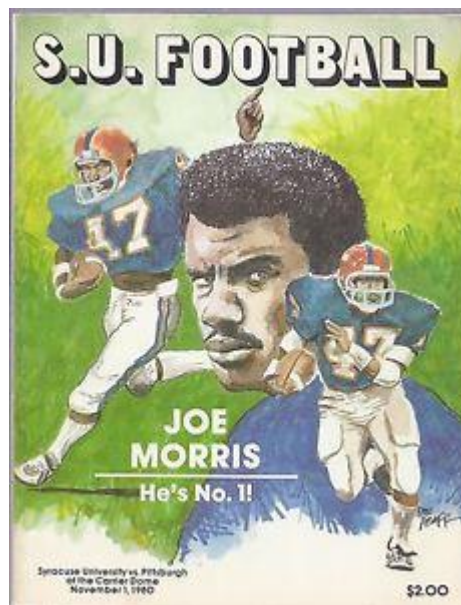
Joe Morris



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Class of 1978



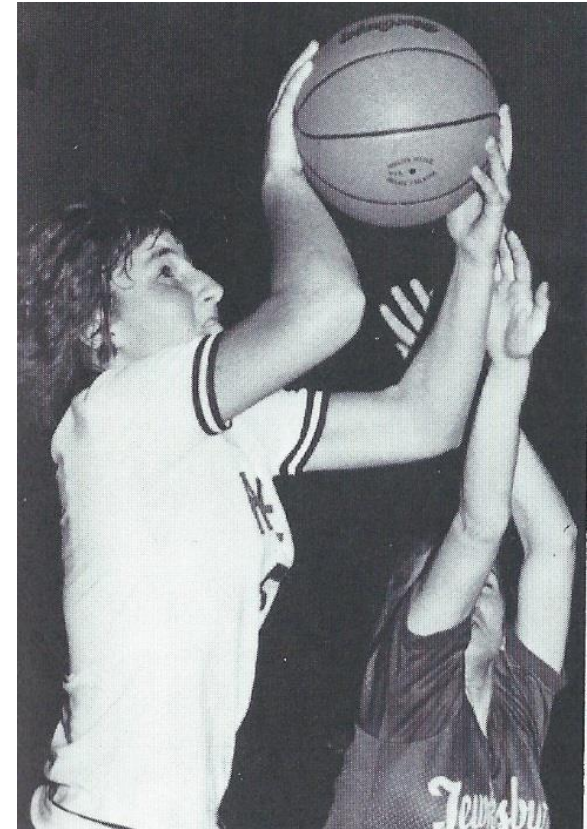
All State Football
All State Track
Syracuse all time rushing record holder
2 Pro Bowl and All NFL Selections
First Team All Pro
Super Bowl Champion 1986

Sue Heuman Nelsen

GIRL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL



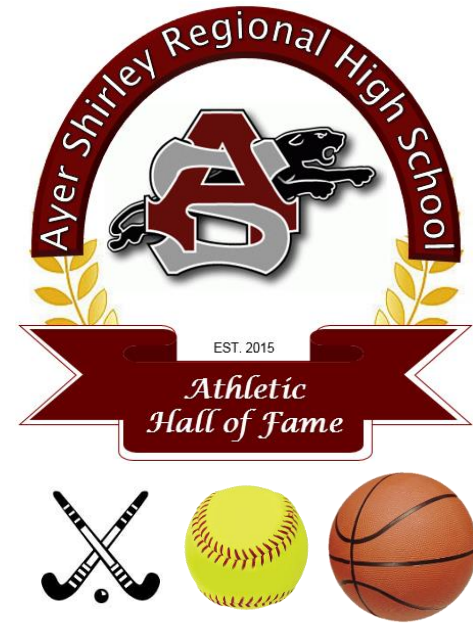
Front row: Shirely Woods, Cindy Sargent, Sue Heuman, Coach Steinberg. Middle row: Trish Guthrie, Cheryl Hassel, Dianne Bacon, Brenda Hassel. Back row: C. Harris, M. Smith, J. Civiterese, D. Caissie.



Sue Heuman Nelsen



Class of 1981



A four year player in softball and Basketball. Scored 1082 points in basketball

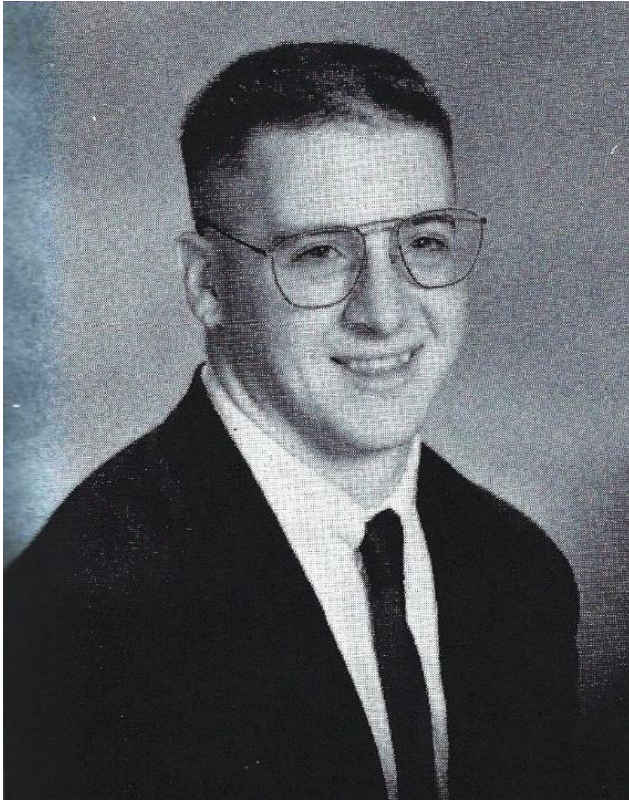
A Lowell Sun All-Star in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. Lowell Sun player of the year in 11th, and 12th grade. Led the Panthers to 3 league championships in 79, 80, and 81 and led the team to 2 Central MA championships and 2 state finalist appearances 80-81.

A 4 year All-Star in Softball and 2 time team MVP. Went on to Play Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball at Southeastern Massachusetts University.

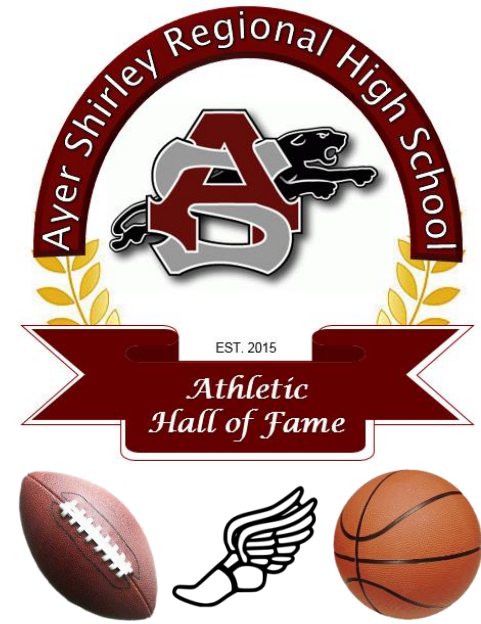
Shawn Murphy



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Class of 1992



A three sport standout athlete for the Panthers in Football, Basketball and Track.

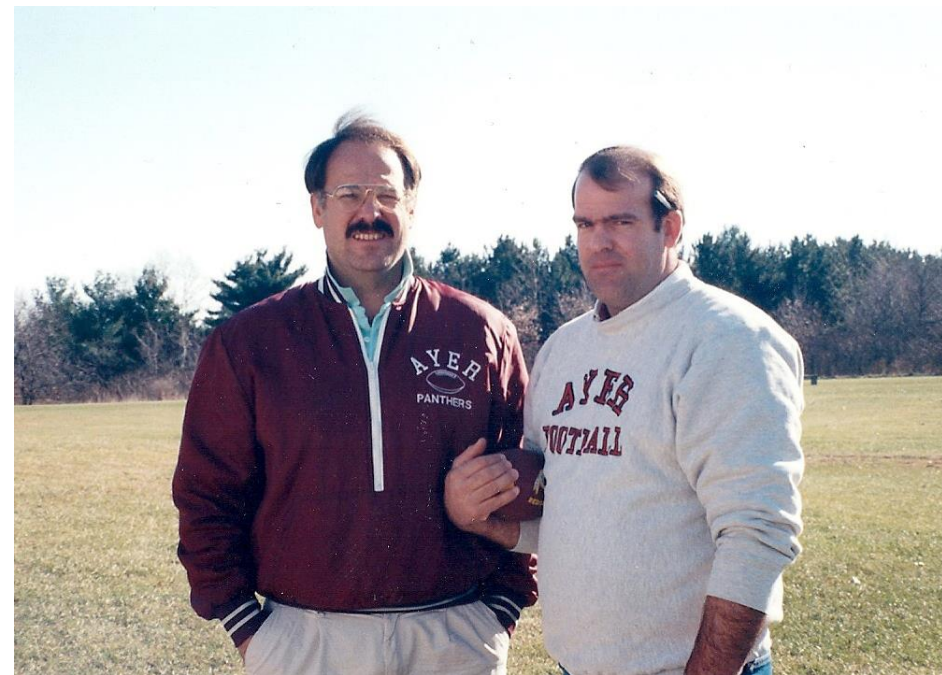
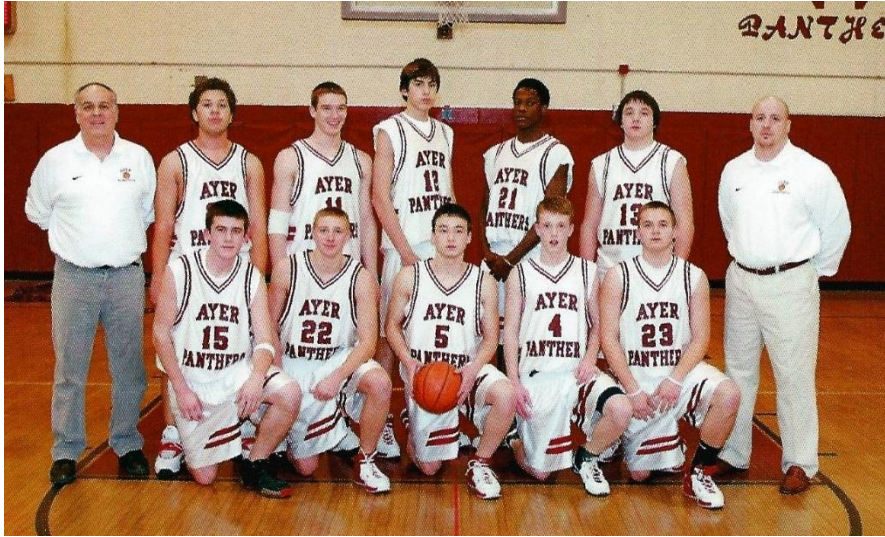
An All-Star in all three sports.

Played in the 1989 Super Bowl

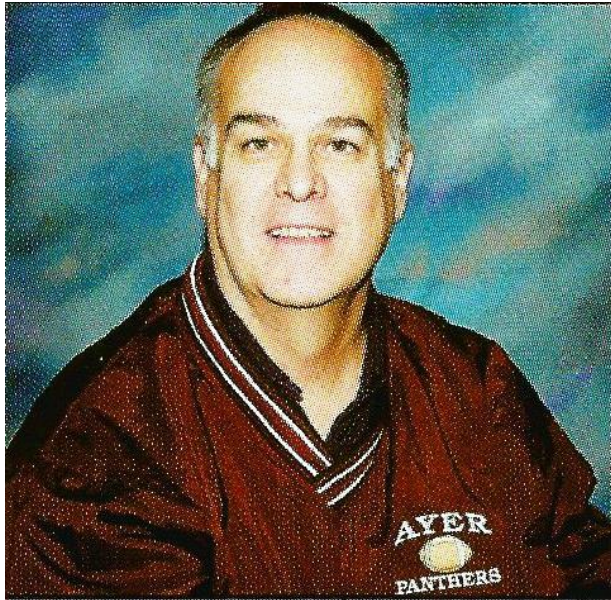
Captain of the Clark Tournament Championship Basketball Team

Held the school Javelin record for many years

Justin Lamoreaux Benefactor



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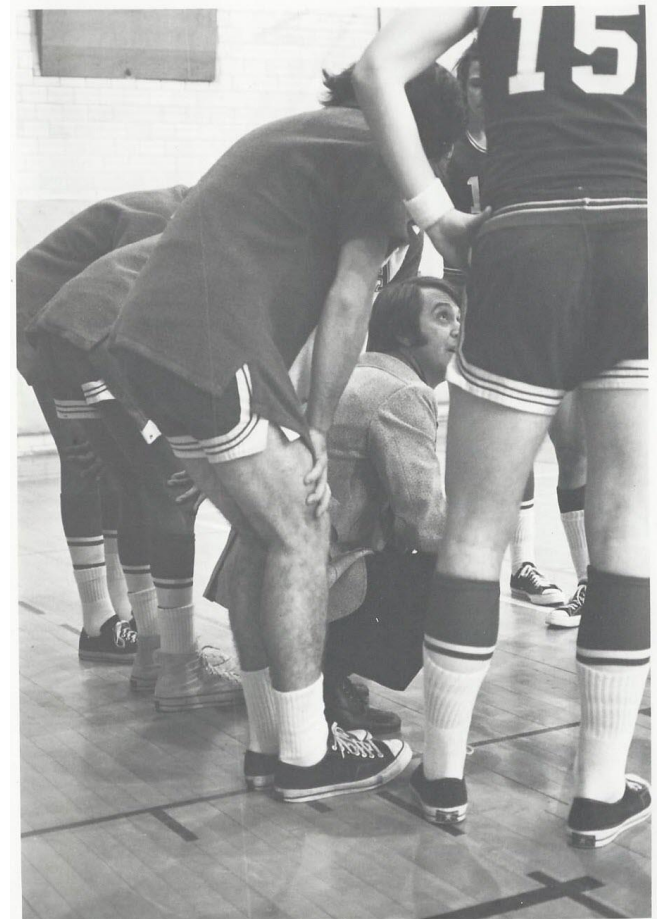
1974 Graduate of Ayer High School
Football, Basketball, Track & Field
MVP of Track Team
1980 began coaching Football,
Basketball and Track & Field
2000 became Athletic Director
2013 Retired after 33 years of service

Joe Hickey Coach

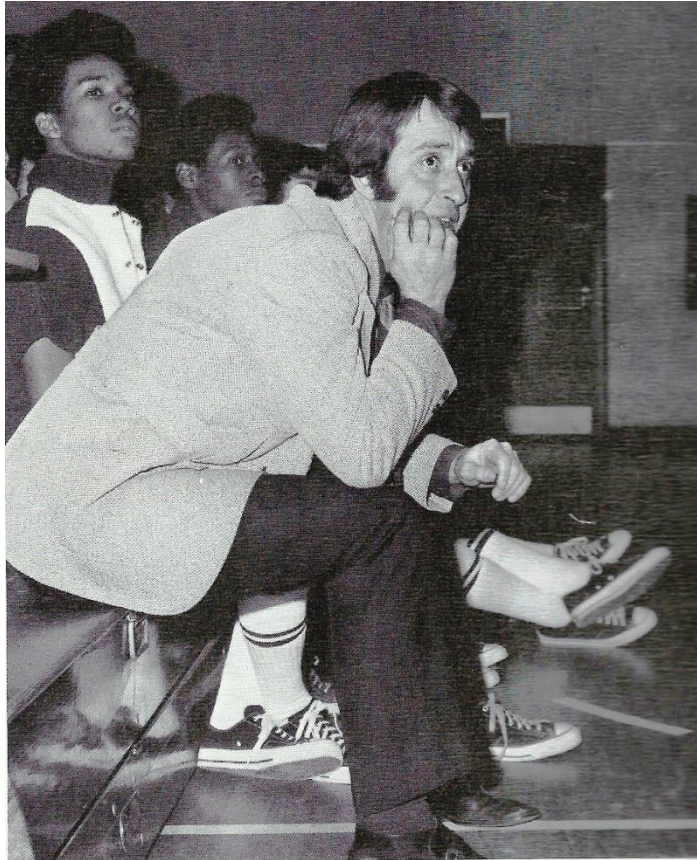
4C Worcester Sunday Telegram March 11, 1979

White's Brilliant Play Gives Ayer Title

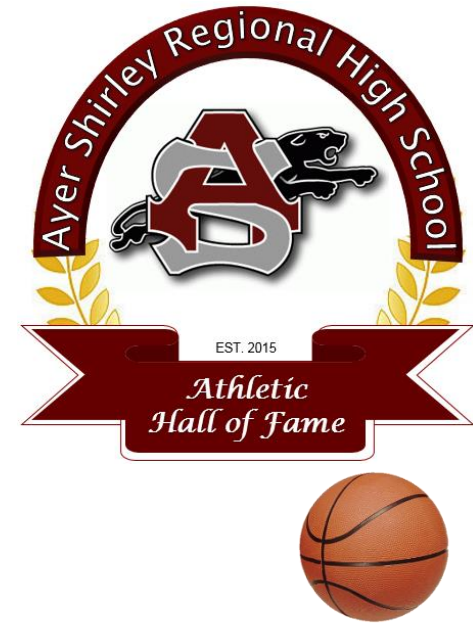
By NICK MANZELLO
cluding 25 of his teams 39 sec- ting on the bench,"said White.



Joe Hickey Coach



Coach Joe Hickey



Ayer H.S. Head Basketball coach 1962-1980.
Led the Panthers to two Central MA DII Titles & two
State semifinalist appearances in 75 and 79.
Five Wachusett League Championships in 71, 74,
75, 77, and 80.
Led the Panthers to a league record of 162-36, and
an overall record of 212-96.
50 years of coaching experience in boys and girls
basketball, and football.

1980 Football Team



VARSITY FOOTBALL



Ayer High PANTHERS

First Row left to right: J. Joly, M. Chacan, J. Thomas, P. Scullane, K. Kraus, L. Morris: (capt.) M. Dolan, N. Connor, J. Hopkins, S. Snider M. Morris, B. Walker Second Row left to right: S. Farley, K. Brydon, J. Pinard, A. Pau, R. Dosier, T. Gentile, C. Jefferson M. Moran, K. Coble, T. Tesse Third Row left to right: S. Holmes, P. Mattan, E. Ebersol, L. Thorpe, E. Michaud, H. Sensley, B. Hendley, W. Robinson, B. Walker, R. Comstock Fourth Row left to right: B. Alexander, J. Morris, J. Wilhem, B. Fletcher, C. Murry, K. Rollins, J. Gerace, L. Carpenter.

1980 Football Team



Ayer High PANTHERS

Ayer	51	Hamilton-Wenham Regional	27
Ayer	37	Lunenburg	0
Ayer	54	Narragansett	0
Ayer	51	Murdock	7
Ayer	47	Gardner	14
Ayer	19	Littleton	0
Ayer	34	Nashoba	0
Ayer	33	Oakmont	0
Ayer	41	O. Middlesex	21
Ayer	48	Westford	12
Ayer	50	Monty Tech.	0

Super Bowl Champions
1980 Division II Central MA
Outscored opponents 465 – 81
Captain: Larry Morris
Head Coach: Mr. Kilcoyne



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