



**presents the**

**2023 Official Program  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# **HALL OF FAME DINNER**

**featuring the**

**– 2023 Inductees –**



**Saturday,  
April 15, 2023**

**DoubleTree  
by Hilton Hotel  
Billings, MT**

# Saturday, April 15

5PM DOORS OPEN  
COCKTAILS  
SILENT AUCTION

5:45PM WELCOME STATEMENTS BY JEFF BALLARD  
OPENING CEREMONY PRESENTATION OF  
COLORS BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 4

NATIONAL ANTHEM SENIOR HIGH VARSITY SINGERS

PRAYER DWIGHT WELCH

6:00PM DINNER SERVED

7:00PM PROGRAM BEGINS  
GUEST SPEAKER - BILL "SPACEMAN" LEE

7:30PM HEADS AND TAILS

7:45PM INDUCTION CEREMONY BEGINS

- SILENT AUCTION CLOSING -

8:15PM 2023 TEAMS INTRODUCED

8:30PM LIVE AUCTION BEGINS  
QUINN DONOVAN AND KELLY DONOVAN  
MATCHING FUNDS TO FOLLOW LIVE AUCTION

CHECK-OUT AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 9:15PM



## Bill “Spaceman” Lee Guest Speaker

The left handed pitcher for the Boston Red Sox and Montreal Expos, was one of the most colorful players in major league baseball history, until he retired in 1982. Lee’s personality earned him popularity as well as the nickname “Spaceman”, given to him by former Red Sox infielder John Kennedy.

Lee was born in Burbank, California on December 28th, 1946 into a family of former semipro and professional baseball players. His grandfather was an infielder for the Hollywood Stars of the Pacific Coast League, and his aunt Annabelle Lee was a pitcher in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. “She taught me how to pitch”, Lee said.

Lee attended and played baseball at Terra High School in San Rafael, California, graduating in 1964 before enrolling at the University of Southern California (USC). Lee was part of the Trojans team, which won the 1968 College World Series, and he was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 22nd round of the 1968 Major League Baseball Draft. His major league debut was on June 25th 1969.

Lee also served in the US Army Reserve for six years during the Vietnam War. He was a chemical, radiation, and biological officer for the 1173rd and earned Soldier of the Cycle at Fort Polk Louisiana. Lee is the last Red Sox player to miss time during the season for his military obligation after being on active duty in the Army Reserve from June 1st to October 1st, 1970.

Lee was used almost exclusively as a relief pitcher during the first four years of his career. Lee developed off-speed pitches, including a variation of the Eephus pitch. The Leephus pitch or Space Ball, the names for Lee’s take on the Eephus pitch, follows a high, arcing trajectory and is very slow.

He started two games in the 1975 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds. During the 1976 season, Lee was the starting pitcher on May 20th against the New York Yankees and suffered a torn ligament in his pitching shoulder near the end of the game. He missed almost two months of the season.

Lee was traded at the end of 1978 to the Montreal Expos. Lee won 16 games for the Expos in 1979 while being named The Sporting News National League Left Hander of the Year.

After the Expos released Lee in May 1982, he played for semi-professional teams, including the single-season Senior Professional Baseball Association in Florida.

Since 1999, Lee has been an ambassador for Major League Baseball to Cuba, helping to bring Cuban players to the US and setting up goodwill tours especially to Canada. He was inducted into the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame in 2008.

Following an August 23rd, 2012 San Rafael Pacific's game, Lee's bat and uniform were donated to the Baseball Hall of Fame following the game, as the start gave him the record for the oldest pitcher to make a starting appearance, pitch a complete game, and also earn a win in a professional baseball game.

He is the author of four books: The Wrong Stuff; The Little Red (Sox) Book: A Revisionist Red Sox History; Have Glove, Will Travel: Adventures of a Baseball Vagabond; Baseball Eccentrics: The Most Entertaining, Outrageous, and Unforgettable Characters in the Game.

Lee currently lives in northern Vermont with his wife, Diana where he is a farmer and plays semi-professional baseball in New England with the "Grey Sox", which is made up of former Red Sox players. He appears every Monday morning on the radio station WROR and on the Team 990 radio station in Montreal, Quebec every afternoon during baseball season.

# Welcome

**W**elcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Dinner. This evening is brought to you by the Billings American Legion Baseball Post #4, Board of Directors, the Boosters, the Parents and players of all six Billings Legion teams. We are pleased to present this event to you and to honor our history with the induction into our Hall of Fame of the men from our winning past who have set an example for our boys today. Also, to raise funds for the present 2023 players and to ensure a strong future for them and the players of tomorrow.

**I**nductees are honored on this special evening with a plaque, a lifetime pass to all Billings American Legion Baseball games, and with the thanks and gratitude of those who have followed in their footsteps. The new inductees' names will be added to the Wendy's Hall of Fame Plaque, donated by the late and former honoree Sam McDonald, that hangs on the concourse at Dehler Park.

**W**e are excited to start the 92nd year of Billings American Legion Baseball with six elite teams! Two AA teams, the Royals and Scarlets, two A teams, the Blue Jays and Cardinals and two B teams, Post 4 Blue and Red. We have several tournaments scheduled at our Billings fields, Dehler Park, Pirtz Field, Urbaska Field and Musburger Field as well as a full conference and non-conference schedule for all six legion teams. The players also are very fortunate to have an indoor facility, Triple Play Academy they have had an early start to their spring training for this 2023 season.

*It is a pleasure to wish the BALB players, coaching staff, families and friends the best of luck during the 2023 baseball season as they all are a part of a longtime tradition that has become a major American Legion powerhouse in the Northwest.*

*With best wishes, we look forward to exciting games and good sportsmanship from everyone.*

# The BALB Hall of Fame Awards

## The Dave McNally Award

The Dave McNally Friends of American Legion Baseball award was started in the 1st year of the Hall of Fame banquet. The award is meant to honor and recognize any individual or company that has volunteered and/or gone above and beyond in supporting Billings American Legion Baseball over the many years of its existence.

### Jon Dehler



Jon Dehler has been a tremendous supporter of Billings American Legion Baseball for many years. Jon's son Kirk played for the Scarlets from 2004-2007. Jon was instrumental in providing funding that allowed a new ballpark in Billings, Dehler Park, which was built in his name in 2008. Jon's goal and reason behind his significant donation was to provide a state-of-the-art facility for Billings American Legion Baseball and baseball in Billings for many decades to come. Jon has been a tremendous help to many players over the years with fundraising and we are grateful for his generosity. Most recently made a significant contribution towards the improvements at Pirtz Field and our new concession building will be named Dehler Grill.

In addition to baseball in Billings Jon has had a lifelong love of baseball, specifically the Boston Red Sox. However, Jon credits Mickey Mantle for his success on the baseball field. In eighth grade Jon turned himself into a switch hitter which Jon says was the best move he ever made. Jon ended up becoming the MVP of the state of Minnesota in 1970 at 18 years old hitting .454, once again he credits Mickey Mantle for that success. It is not uncommon to see Jon right behind home plate for Yankee - Red Sox games in Fenway and Yankee Stadium in New York.



At New York stadium Jon and Derek Jeter had a special relationship where Derek would tip his hat at Jon before every at-bat and Jon would tip his back. He never met Derek but that is a favorite memory of Jon's. He has attended more than 625 games at Fenway over the years.

His love for the game continues here in Billings with his support of BALB.

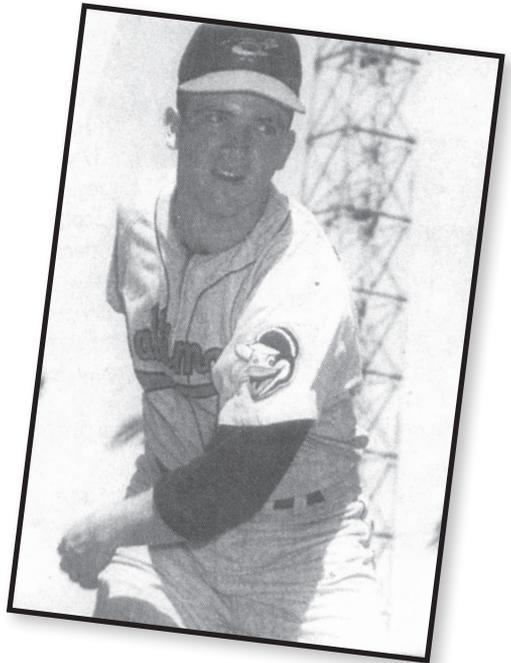


# **Edwin J. Bayne**

August 6, 1916 - July 19, 2003

# **David Arthur McNally**

October 31, 1942 - December 1, 2002



**ROYALS**



**MIKE STUDINER**

# MIKE STUDINER

**High School attended and years** - Senior High 1979 - 1981 graduated, High School was three years then.

**Baseball Teams:** Pre High School, Played for Rimrock Little League, Pony Colt Ball for 13-14 year olds

Sophomore, Junior Year, Played for the Roylas, Coach Pete Boris, Left handed Pitcher, 1B, #3

Senior Year, Coaches, Jim Rogers and Rod Kautz, Left handed Pitcher, 1B, #18

**College Attended:** University of Wyoming for one year and played baseball there and the cowboy bug got me and got home sick and came back to Montana to ranch.

**What is the greatest thing you learned from baseball?** How to do your job within a team- Team always came first- With BALB how to conduct and handle yourself on and off the field taught how to be young men within the community as well.

**Who is a baseball player you admire?** Dave McNally- he was a small town boy from Billings who made it in the Big Leagues and still to this day admire him.

**Honors and awards:** Left Smith award winner in 1981- Leadership and sportsmanship selected by coach Also selected for the All Star team the inaugural year in Great Falls.

**What is the best advice a coach gave you?** Coach Rod Kautz taught me a good pickoff move that I used very well.

**Where do you live now?** Absarokee, MT

**Spouse:** Brenda, married since 1986

**Kids:** Jo, Jessie, Jed - 6 grandchildren

**Occupation:** Cattle Rancher in the Stillwater valley since 1985

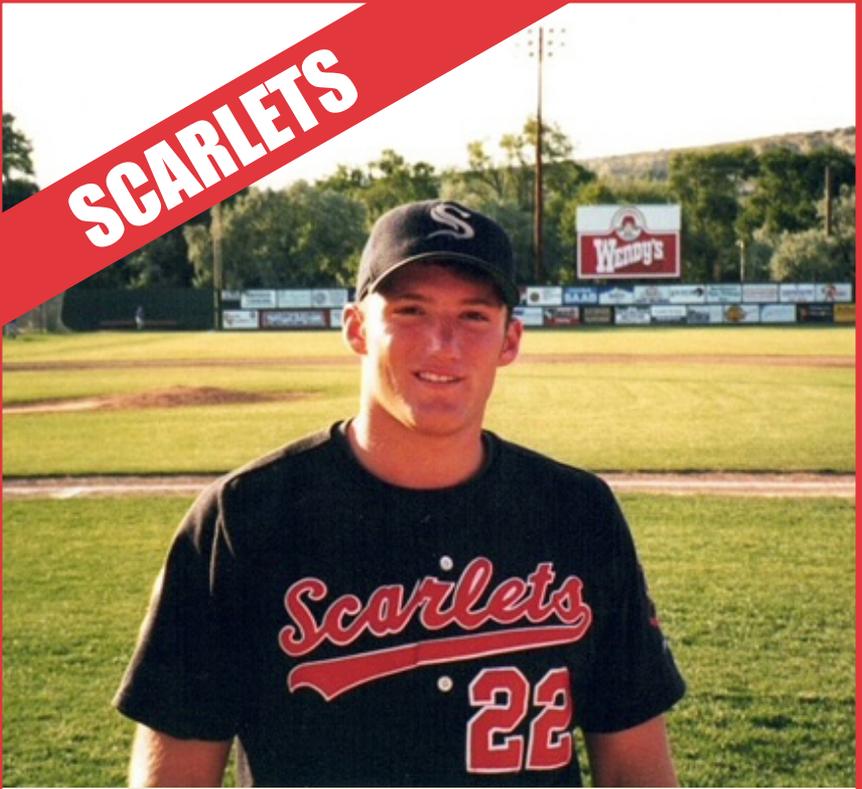
**What is a favorite baseball memory?** Threw a perfect game against Anaconda walked 8 guys but picked them off.

Knocking in the game winning run in 1980 vs the Scarlets in the state game on a sac fly. In the bottom of the 9th got a shot and took it.

Got my 5 teeth knocked out playing First base in a Royals Scarlets game and Tim Hahn hit it, I had to get 9 fake teeth put in.

**Extra information you would like to share about yourself:** My son Joe played for the Scarlets from 2005-2007- He had to drive from Absarokee.

**SCARLETS**



**BROCK LAMERES**

# **BROCK LAMERES**

**High School attended and years** Billings West High School, 1990-1994

**Teams:** Cardinals, 1989,90 (8th grade), Scarlets, 1991, 92, 93, 94 (freshman through senior), Scarlet Jersey #22, Position, Center Field, Coach Dennis Maggert

**College Attended:**

University of Wyoming, Electrical Engineering, 1994-95  
Montana State University, Electrical Engineering, 1996-98 (BS)  
University of Colorado, Electrical Engineering, 1999-01 (MS)  
University of Colorado, Electrical Engineering, 2002-05 (PhD)

**Did you play baseball in college:**

I red shirted one year at the University of Wyoming. Outfield

**What is the greatest thing you learned from baseball?**

What it means to be part of something bigger than myself.

**Who is a baseball player you admire?** Derek Jeter

**Honors and awards:**

2023 Montana State University (MSU) Vice President for Research's Meritorious Technology Award.

2018 American Society of Engineering Education Distinguished Educator in Electrical & Computer Engineering Award.

2014 MSU Excellence in Online Teaching Award.

2013 American Society of Engineering Education, Pacific Northwest Section Outstanding Instructor Award.

2013 MSU Teaching Innovation Award.

2011 MSU President's Excellence in Teaching Award.

2007/2013/2014/2015/2016/2017/2018 Outstanding Instructor in Electrical and Computer Engineering, MSU (student selected).

**What is the best advice a coach gave you?** Making yourself a better player isn't just about you, it's about making the entire team better.

**Where do you live now?** Bozeman, MT

**Spouse** JoAnn (married for 22 years)

**Kids:** Alexis age 16, Kylie age 14

**Occupation:** Professor, Electrical Engineering, Montana State University

**What is a favorite baseball memory?** The team dogpile after winning the 1993 state championship at Cobb Field.

**ROYALS**



**PAT HENNESSY**

# PAT HENNESSY

Billings Senior High School 1973-1976

**Freshman** – Scheels (Pony/Colt League) Pitcher/Infield, Coach Frank Peterson

**Sophomore** – Scheels (Pony/Colt League) Pitcher/Infield, Coach Frank Peterson

**Junior** – Royals – 1975 - #27 – Pitcher/1st Base, Coach Don Hughes

**Senior** – Royals – 1976 - #27 – Pitcher/1st Base, Coach Ron Brown

## College Attended

Miles Community College – 1977-1978, Associate Arts Business Administration

Dickinson State College – 1979 – 1980, Bachelors Business Administration,  
#17 - Pitcher/Infield

**What is the greatest thing you learned from baseball?** That it is the greatest team sport that I was able to play. I tried to be the best teammate I could be to make our team winners and humble losers.

**Who is a baseball player you admire?** Cal Ripken Jr. His consecutive games played streak was very impressive and will never be broken.

## Honors and Awards

I received the 1st “Bill Lazitich Award” at Billings Senior High School for Outstanding Basketball Senior Male. I was selected to play in the first Montana-Wyoming Basketball All-Star Game in 1976. I pitched the championship game in the College Conference Tournament @ Dickinson State College, which was their 1st Championship in 50-years.

I have been a member of the Billings Softball Association Board for 39-years, and President for 22-years. I have played on, and my team has won 6-state Montana class A men’s slow-pitch softball championships.

**What is the best advice a coach gave you?** The confidence that you can compete to make the teams that you always dreamed of playing on.

**Where do you live now?** Billings, Montana

**Spouse:** Patty ‘Wanner’ Hennessy

**Kid’s Names:** Meagan Skalet (Chris), Grandchildren, Charlotte, Anna

Jeni Bertucci (Stephen), Grandchildren, Monica, Joseph, Andrew, Catherine, Luke, Nathan

Ryan (Keyleigh) Hennessy. Grandchildren, Eliana, Levi, Addison

**Occupation** Graybar Electric Company, 1980-2016, 36-Years Counter Sales Rep., Inside Customer Service Rep.

**What is a favorite baseball memory?** Playing on the Billings Royals for the two years and competing for the State Championships here in Billings with a 75-10 record, then losing out of the tournament in 2-games. Very humbling!

**Words from Pat** I am very honored to be selected into the BALB Hall of Fame along with one of my old softball teammates, Troy Trollope; and to join my brother Mike as a current Hall of Fame Inductee.

**SCARLETS**



**GABE LAPITO**

# GABRIEL LAPITO

**High School attended and years:** Billings West High School Freshman and Sophomore year (1998-99), Bishop Gorman High School Junior year (2000), Billings West High School Senior year (2001)

## **Baseball Teams:**

Freshman – 1998, Billings Cardinals, Coach Mitch Schmidt, 2B, SS, #2  
Sophomore – 1999, Scarlets, Coaches Paul Hatzell and Jeff Brabant. 2B, SS, #2  
Junior – 2000 - After playing Highschool baseball in Las Vegas Nevada at Bishop Gorman Highschool, I came back a few weeks into the season and played primarily shortstop. Coaches Paul Hatzell and Jeff Brabant. Won State Championship in Lethbridge, AB. We played in the Yakima Regional and it was an incredible experience.  
Senior – 2001 Billings Scarlets, Coach Paul Hatzell, SS.

**College Attended:** Creighton University on an academic and baseball scholarship. I was there fall of 2001 until Spring of 2005 and I got my undergraduate degree in Accounting with and followed with a Master Degree in Business Administration Finishing December 2005.

**Did you play baseball in college or above?** I had a great career at Creighton University, Started half of season as a freshman, mostly 3rd base. Sophomore year I started the season at 3rd base but moved to short 15 games in and that's where I finished Sophomore year. Junior year I played all over the field bust mostly at Short Stop and Center field. Senior year I started every game at 3rd base. We made it to the NCAA Regionals twice 2004-2005 and finished top 25 my senior year in 2005. We also won Creighton University's first ever Missouri Valley Conference Baseball Championship.

## **What is the greatest thing you learned from baseball?**

How to be a good teammate and how to work hard.

## **Who is a baseball player you admire?**

I really admire how Derek Jeter did it. I hated the Yankees and still kind of do, but I always admired what a great leader, captain and teammate he was.

**Honors and awards** – MVP American Legion State Championship 2000, Billings American Legion Hall of Fame.

**What is the best advice a coach gave you?** – To stay foul when coming down 3rd baseline and the batter is hitting (great story I will tell on Paul Hatzell here). But truly, find something you are passionate about and pursue that, it will bring you much joy.

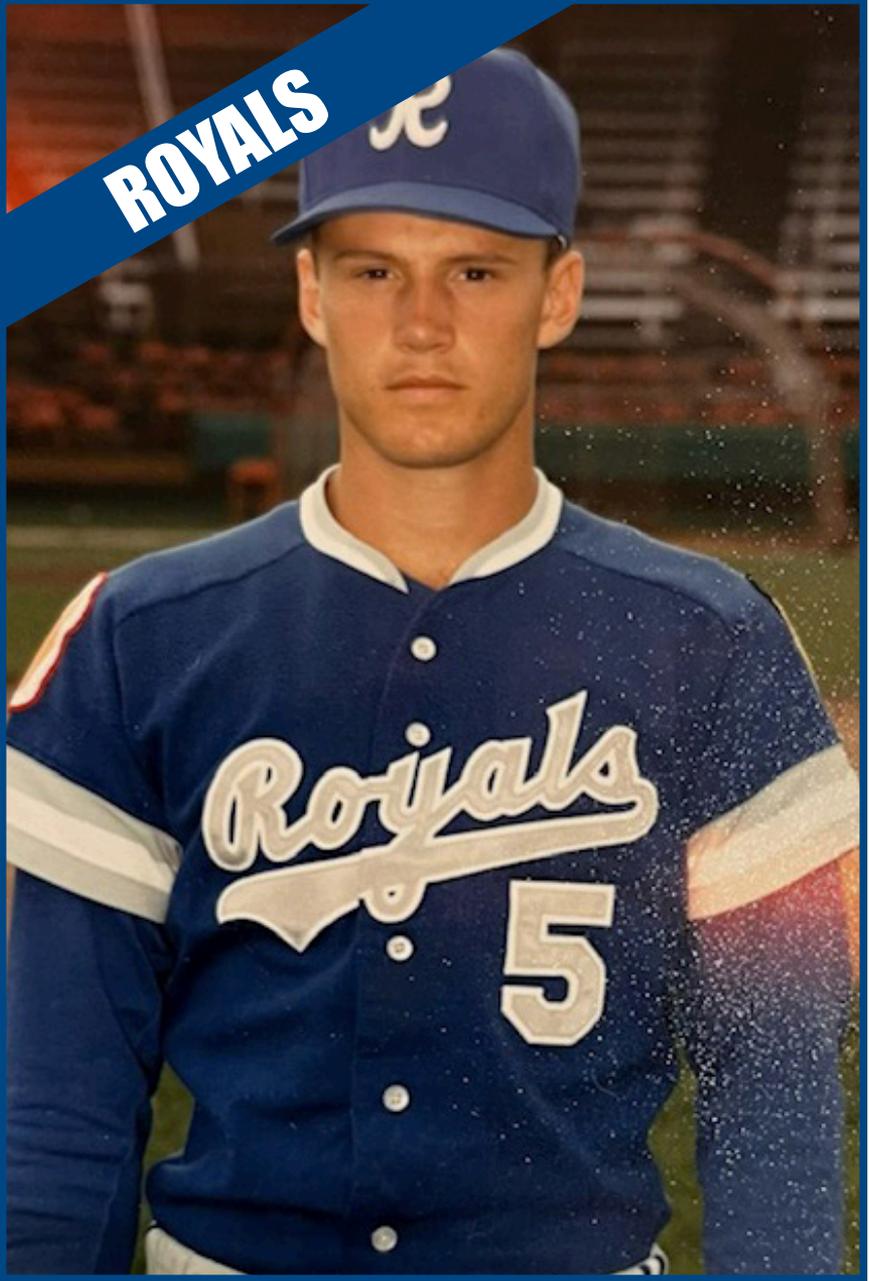
**Where do you live now?** Billings, MT

**Spouse:** Married in 2008 to my bride Brandi Lapito.

**Kids:** I have 3 amazing little humans, Rhett is 12, Avyn is 9 and Emery is 6.

**Occupation** I currently own and work as a financial advisor at Strategic Retirement Plans with offices in Montana and Wyoming.

**ROYALS**



**TROY TROLLOPE**

# TROY TROLLOPE

Senior High School 1983-1987

Freshman Pony/Colt #5 Outfield/shortstop/pitcher, Coach Dan MacDonald

Sophomore Pony/Colt #5 Centerfield and Utility Player, Head Coach Wayne Bickford,  
Assistant Coach Llyod Achenbach

Junior 1986 Centerfield #5 Head Coach Dan Higby, Assistant Coach Todd Bertsch

Senior 1986 Centerfield #5 Head Coach Dan Higby, Assistant Coach Todd Bertsch

## **College Attended**

Bellevue Community College 1988-1990, Centerfielder #5

Whitworth College (Spokane) 1990-1993, Centerfielder #5

Double Major Health Enhancement/Sports Medicine

Education degree-Certified Teacher, June 1993

Certified as an Athletic Trainer, June 1993

## **What is the greatest thing you learned from baseball?**

“If you think you CAN or you think you CAN’T.....you’re right”

**Overcoming Adversity** has been the single most used lesson that I have learned from baseball, typically known as a game of failure because the greatest players in the game hit around .300 meaning they get out 7 out of 10 times. Example, if you are having a tough day at the plate as a hitter you learn how to increase your effort and focus on the defensive side of the ball to help your team win and not focus on your individual struggles for the day.

**Who is a baseball player you admire?** Joe Dimaggio #5. My Dad was a Yankees fan and we had many discussions about baseball, which strengthened our bond as a father and son. Joe Dimaggio was a lead off hitter and I most admired his “56 Game Hit Streak”. According to my dad Mickey Mantle was not bad either.

**Honors and awards** Drafted by Pittsburgh Pirates 1987, 1988

Won the Hitting Title for High Average 1989 at Bellvue C.C.

Won MVP 1990 Whitworth College

Team Captain 1991 Whitworth College

**What is the best advice a coach gave you?** Todd Bertsch: How do you want to be recognized today? This saying by Coach Bertsch got me thinking daily about how my actions in every situation had an effect on the people around me. (Good or Bad)

**Where do you live now?** Billings, Montana. Teaching, Coaching and Athletic Training for Skyview High School 2006-Present

**SCARLETS**



**MITCH SCHMIDT**

**High School** Billings Central, 1983-85, Billings West, 1985-87

**Billings American Legion Baseball:**

Billings Blue Jays, 1985, #15, RHP, C, 3B, OF, Coach Lee Dobbins  
Billings Royals, 1985, #28, RHP, Coach Jim Rogers  
Billings Cardinals, 1986, #9, RHP, 3B, SS, Coach Mark Schultz  
Billings Scarlets, 1986, #25, RHP, 3B, Coach Dennis Maggert  
Billings Scarlets, 1987-88, #10, RHP, 3B, SS, OF, Coach Dennis Maggert

**College Baseball and Beyond:**

Seward County, Kansas, 1989, #35, RHP, OF, Coach Galen McSpadden  
Snow College, Utah, 1990, #35, 1B, OF, Coach Steve Gardner  
University of Northern Colorado, 1992, #23, 1B, OF, Coach Terry Hensley  
Minot State University, North Dakota, 1997, #23, 1B, OF, Coach Joel Gullickson

**Degrees Earned and College:**

Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2002, 3.55 GPA  
Master of Arts Pedagogy, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2005, 3.74 GPA  
Master of Arts Leadership, Bellevue University, 2010, 3.91 GPA

**What is the greatest thing you have learned from baseball:** The Degrees of Adversity – there are so many layers to the game from every angle possible that you can never control the result. As Ernie Harwell said “Baseball is a lot like life. It’s a day-to-day existence, full of ups and downs. You make the most of your opportunities in baseball as you do in life.” What this has taught me is that there are two things in our life we can control OUR ATTITUDE and OUR EFFORT.

**Who is a baseball player you admire:** Buck O’Neil – I never watched him play the game just heard stories about how he loved being a part of the game. I had the opportunity to listen to Buck speak about baseball for the first time in the summer of 1989 and he made an impression on me. I got lucky during the summer of 2000 when I had the pleasure to sit on a bench outside the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum with Buck for a little over a half an hour and talk about baseball and life. From 2000 up until he died in 2006, I had the opportunity to sit and talk with Buck a dozen or so more times. Each time it was a blast and always learning something new. I took an acronym from him that I use still to this day: GAME - Gathering, All, Men, Enjoy – have fun playing and coaching the game.

**Honors and Awards:** Have earned multiple honors and awards as a player and coach but am most proud of these two: 1988 Billings American Legion Baseball Scott Halverson Memorial Award, 2019 American Baseball Coaches Association National Assistant Coach of the Year NAIA

**Where do you live now:** Omaha, Nebraska

**Spouse:** Jennifer Schmidt (formally Janeczek) from Dodge, Nebraska

**Children:** Lauren Schmidt, age 16, Abigail Schmidt, age 14

**Occupation:** College Baseball Coach, Associate Head Baseball Coach and Student-Athlete Finance Director at Bellevue University

# **Past Hall of Fame Inductees**

## **The Ed Bayne Awards**

- 2002** - Coach Ed Bayne, Coach Dennis Maggert, Dave McNally
- 2003** - Coach Bill Osborne & the 1950/1951 Teams, Perry Morrison, Coach Joe Pirtz, Les Rohr
- 2004** - Jeff Ballard, Joe McIntosh, Coach Rex Welton
- 2005** - Pete Cochran, Dick Montee, John Martin, Coach Lyle Wilson
- 2006** - Bob Fry, Woody Hahn, Tim Hahn, Jeff McNally
- 2007** - Bob Bolingbroke, Bob Glennen, Sam McDonald, Tom McIntosh, Doug Sieler, Don Vincelette, Jerry Walters
- 2008** - Ed Bayne Jr. , Ken Hunt, Steve Huntsberry, Dick Letwak, Larry Thompson, The 1958,1960,1961,1962 Post #4 Teams
- 2009** - Gary Coatsworth, Ray Haroldson, Wally Lito, Ken Martinson, Leo Pinnick, Russ Powers, The 1976 -Billings Scarlets Team
- 2010** - Brent Bolin, Roger Brautigan, Mike Gesuale, John Hilts, Rick McLaughlin, Dale Scilley, George “Tommy” Thomas, The 1964,1965,1966 Post #4 Teams, The 1979 Billings Scarlets Team
- 2011** - Dick Brickley, Dick Brown, Casey Lindsey, Paul McClure, Mark Schultz, Dan Scilley, The 1969, 1970, 1971 Post #4 Teams, The 1982 Billings Scarlets
- 2012** - Wayne Bell, John Gilligan, Bob Peters, Joe Scherger, Travis Teegarden, Todd Wilson, The 1974 Billings Royals, The 1985 Billings Scarlets
- 2013** - Brady Bengoechea, Jack Gullard, Traver Hunter, Dan Rude, Bob Sporrer, Doug Weber, The 1954,1955,1956,1957, Post #4 Teams, The 1989,1990 Billings Scarlets Teams
- 2014** - Jeff Gjerde, Larry Hawthorne, Kyle Johansen, Todd Teegarden, Mike Welton, Tom Welton
- 2015** - Joe Aldridge, Darrell Devitt, Hall Hoagland, Jim Krivic, Mike Mading, Greg Standing
- 2016** - Mike Day, Jason Kummerfeldt, Jeremy Meccage, Dan Fuch, Mike Hennessy, Shane McCarthy, The 1993 Scarlets Team
- 2017** - Tim Cavan, Dan “Ernie” Reichenbach, Scott Wiley, Monty ‘Koz” Kozlowitz, the 1988 Royals
- 2018** - Adam Hust, Warren Pospisil, Chris Collins, Greg Steffanich, Chris Shultis, Brandon Worth
- 2019** - Lonnie Funk, Mike Robinson - Royals  
Warren Schaffer, Mike Nardella, Brian Markuson - Scarlets
- 2022** - Aaron Leavitt, Bill McIntosh, Randy Walter - Royals  
Tim Benjamin, Brandon Page, Jeff Unhren - Scarlets

# **Past Hall of Fame Inductees**

## **The Dave McNally Awards**

2004 - Clarence Propp

2005 - Lew Morris, Bob Wilson

2006 - John Kosich

2007 - Tom Farrell, The Scott Family & First Interstate Bank

2008 - Bob Sandler

2009 - Art Knudton

2010 - Joe & "Sam" Studiner

2011 - Alex & Dolly Weber

2012 - Marcie Bayne

2013 - Fred Urbaska

2014 - Joe & Nancy Pirami

2015 - Ed West

2016 - Joel Hawkins

2017 - Marilyn Sexton

2018 - Dan Barz

2019 - Karen Maggert

2022 - Scheels



## **BALB Board of Directors**

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Travis Teegarden—Board Member

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Lauralee Boespflug—Administration Director



## **The Hall of Fame Selection Committee**

Art Lagaly

Greg Steffanich

Adam Hust

Jeff Ballard

Joe Studiner

Travis Teegarden

# 2023 Coaching Staff

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## **ROYALS**

David Swecker, Head Coach  
Brett Christina, Assistant Coach  
Cam Maciel, Assistant Coach  
Chris Holmes, Assistant Coach

## **SCARLETS**

Adam Hust, Head Coach  
Kyhler Thomson, Assistant Coach  
Mike Mohl, Assistant Coach  
Jackson Schaubel, Assistant Coach

## **BLUE JAYS**

Calvin Bjorgum, Head Coach  
Eric Bjorgum, Assistant Coach  
Jessen West, Assistant Coach

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Andy Meyer, Assistant Coach  
Randy Walter, Assistant Coach  
Paul Reinker, Assistant Coach

## **POST 4 - Blue**

Chase Hinkley, Head Coach  
Lance Schaaff, Assistant Coach

## **POST 4 - Red**

Tyler Bush, Head Coach  
Chad Baumann, Assistant Coach  
Matt Prill, Assistant Coach

# 2023 Royals Players & Parents

Alexander Brown.....	Aimee & Michael Brown
Davis Chakos .....	Nicole & Chris Chakos
Ethan Chaney.....	Matthew & Aleesha Chaney
Ryan Denowh.....	Shauna & Todd Denowh
Carson Jenkins-Antle.....	Nicole Jenkins & Lisa Frazier
Adam Johnson Jr.....	Adam & Malissa Johnson
Kayden Keith.....	Taya Keith
Nathan Kojetin.....	Nick & Caprena Kojetin
Ethan Moore.....	Leticia Hadley & Jeffrey Moore
Davis Mosier .....	Tracee Hankel & Jason Mosier
Holter Reisinger.....	Dave & Patti Reisinger
North Sanderson.....	Michael & Sara Sanderson
Hunter Solheim.....	Jason & Christi Solheim
Gavin Stichman .....	Tad & Shellie Stichman
Cooper Thorson.....	Brian & Ashley Thorson
Jaiden Turner.....	Adrian & Carie Turner
Sy Waldron .....	Shelby Waldron & Katie Glennon
Peyton Waskow.....	Sarah & Corey Waskow



# 2023 Scarlets Players & Parents

Nolan Berkram .....	Greg & Sandy Berkram
Jaxson Brandt .....	Aaron Redland & Chris Brandt
Hunter Doyle.....	Stewart & Michelle Doyle
Rocco Gioioso.....	Michael Gioioso & Shelia Kolar
Christopher Hastings.....	Brenda & Matt Hastings
Nathan McDonald.....	Brian & Nikki McDonald
Drew McDowell.....	Alison & Josh McDowell
Kyler Northrop.....	Randy & Camie Northrop
Jaden Sanchez.....	Kerry & Jennifer Sanchez
Nicholas Schneider.....	Katie & Nick Schneider
Zach Stewart.....	Lisa & Scott Stewart
Nathan Swandal.....	Cathy & Shane Swandal
Kade Vatnsdal .....	Tracy & Arlee Vatnsdal
Colter Wilson .....	Todd & Mindy Wilson
Kolten Wynia .....	Denise & Kevin Wynia



# 2023 Blue Jays Players & Parents

Brady Baker .....	Nick & Jessica Baker
Kooper Beard .....	Aaron & Mara Beard
Billy Benjamin.....	Bridget & Greg Benjamin
Kole Boyles .....	Easton Boyles
Brady Christianson .....	Kade Christianson & Sarah Austin
Caden Clifford .....	Loni Clifford & Scott Shaw
Westen Fink.....	Chad & Dana Fink & Delaine Becker
Paxton Fitch .....	Kristina & Matt Merrill
Aidan Mota.....	Jacqueline & Anthony Mota
Sam Mota.....	Jacqueline & Anthony Mota
Ryder Murdock.....	Chris & Miranda Murdock
Alex Peel .....	Jessica & Jon Peel
Austin Pellersels.....	Lisa & Sean Pellersels
Connor Smith .....	DJ & Emily Gocke-Smith
Chaise Tracy.....	Michelle & Jeremy Tracy
Anthony Williams .....	John & Mary Williams
Camden Wilson.....	Heidi & Bill Wilson



# 2023 Cardinals Players & Parents

Michael Brew .....	Michael & Jenna Brew & Patricia Brew
Mason Brosseau.....	Ryan & Laura Brosseau
Payton Cicero .....	Kevin & Hope Cicero
Cody Collis .....	Fred & Sara Collis
Tayshawn Johnson .....	Kenny & Sarah Johnson
Howie Martin .....	Jeff & Tricia Martin
Jaxon Meyer .....	Andy & Kimberly Meyer
Jaron Pinter .....	Kristin & Jason Pinter
Paxton Prill .....	Christopher Prill
Brady Randall .....	Tyler & Jenny Randall
Sam Reinker.....	Paul & Rebecca Reinker
Owen Schneider .....	Katie & Nick Schneider
Carson Steinmetz .....	Travis & Amy Steinmetz
Jaxen Walter .....	Marlo & Randy Walter
Jakob Wilcox.....	Joellen & Jason Wilcox
Chase Wise.....	Jason & Sarah Wise
Braden Zimmer .....	Brad & Carol Ann Zimmer



# 2023 Post 4 - Blue Players & Parents

Cooper Ballew.....	Lisa & Ben Ballew
Cohen Barnhart.....	Courtney Kirkwood & Jake Barnhart
Severen Cellan.....	Travis & Debbie Cellan
Asa Fox.....	Loni & JR Fox
Hank French.....	Rob & Jennifer French
Breyden Gutierrez-Paz.....	Kimberly Dahle & Rey Gutierrez-Paz
Brock Johnston .....	Patti & Joel Johnston
Timothy Lien.....	Eric & Julie Lien
Isaac Moore .....	Leticia Hadley & Jeffrey Moore
Jack Morgan .....	Sarah & Adam Morgan
Paul Murch .....	Cook & Kelly Murch
Tanner Nelson.....	Ryan & Krystie Nelson
Lukas Sullivan .....	Sarah & Dan Sullivan
Tobias Waskow.....	Sarah & Corey Waskow
Jaxon Zagata.....	Zachary & Jes Zagata
Griffin Zimmer .....	Pat & Nikki Zimmer



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## Post 4 - Red Players & Parents

Kyren Ballard.....	Jeff & Kristen Ballard
Grayson Baumann.....	Jaime & Chad Baumann
Grady Boos.....	Kent & Carli Boos
Colton Bush.....	Tyler & Tonya Bush
Cooper Cavanaugh.....	Vicky & Chris Cavanaugh
Tyrelle Johnson.....	Kenny & Sarah Johnson
Jaxon King.....	Kevin & Christie King
Ollin Kulaga.....	Kristin & Rion Kulaga
Bridger Leland.....	Kevin & Alexia Leland
Dylan Mainwaring.....	John & Kris Mainwaring
Zach McDonald.....	Nikki & Brian McDonald
Oliver Prill.....	Matthew & Laura Prill
Declan Reas.....	Jennifer & Dan Reas
Gavin Schwend.....	Chad & Tandeem Schwend
Luke Slyker.....	Colette & Nik Slyker
Cody Wik.....	Meg & Scott Wik



# 1992 Billings Royals



FRONT: L-R, Mitch Byrd, Keith Schmidt, Eli Schuff, Jim Romero, Shawn Mayo, Tobl Lehman. MIDDLE: L-R, Matt Kelly, Roger Bodine, Jeff Sorenson, Mike Reiners, Brandon Worth, Justin Fox, Caleb Pulliam, Lance Stenberg, Rich LaBard. BACK: L-R, Jake West, Larry Simmons, Gavin Murphy, Kade Christianson, John Urbaska, John Urbaska, David Simon, Jeff Gjerde, Erin Clendenin, Not Pictured - Ryan Jones.

NAME	HT.	WT.	THROW	BAT
Mitch Byrd	5'5"	150	R	R
Keith Schmidt	5'7"	155	R	R
Eli Schuff	5'8"	175	R	R
Jim Romero	5'7"	165	L	L
Shawn Mayo	5'9"	155	R	R
Tobl Lehman	5'6"	150	R	R
Matt Kelly	5'9;	145	R	R
Roger Bodine	5'10"	175	L	R
Jeff Sorenson	5'11"	165	L	R
Mike Reiners	5'11"	205	R	R
Brandon Worth	5'11"	175	R	R
Justin Fox	5'11"	210	R	R
Caleb Pulliam	5'11"	165	R	R
Lance Stenberg	5'10"	170	R	R
Rich LaBard	5'7"	135	L	R
Jake West	5'11"	180	R	R
Larry Simmons	6'0"	160	R	R
Gavin Murphy	6'2"	180	L	R
Kade Christianson	6'3"	195	R	R
John Urbaska	6'3"	175	R	R
Nolan Morehouse	6'1"	170	R	R
David Simon	6'0"	200	R	L
Jeff Gjerde	6'1"	180	R	L
Erin Clendenin	6'1"	195	R	R
Ryan Jones	5'11"	160	R	R

## ROYALS 1992 STATE CHAMPION PLAYERS:

Roger Bodine	Mike Reiners
Kade Christianson	Keith Schmidt
Justin Fox	Eli Schuff
Jeff Gjerde	Larry Simmons
Ryan Jones	David Simon
Nolan Morehouse	Jeff Sorenson
Gavin Murphy	John Urbaska
Caleb Pulliam	Zach White

Brandon Worth

## 1992 COACHES:

Ed Bayne  
 Ed Bayne Jr.  
 Joel Hawkins  
 Dick Pederson  
 Jim Rogers  
 Rex Welton

# Live Auction Items

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**One year golf membership to Peter Yegen.** This is an auction item that gives all year round! Bid today and find yourself enjoying many days on the green of this beautiful golf course!

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## **1 Day duck hunting for 2 hunters**

Bighorn river during 2023-2024 season.

This auction item is perfect for the hunting enthusiast! Buy it for yourself or give it as a gift! Whomever wins this will be one lucky duck!

Donated by: Jason Wise

Jason has spent over 30 years hunting the bighorn.

He is a recovering guide and spends as much time as possible hunting with his boys.

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**Burch Barrel Grill** A charcoal or wood fired grill that allows you to grill, smoke, bake or just hang out by a fire. With the everlevel tripod, it ensures a level cooking surface no matter the terrain.

Donation by Ace Hardware on Zimmerman Trail.

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# Raffle Items

## HEADS OR TAILS

Simply pick your head or your tail and enter for a chance to win a beautiful piece of jewelry. \$20 buy in. Generously donated by Riddles Jewelers



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