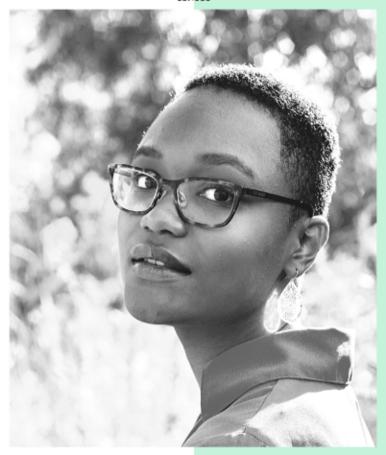


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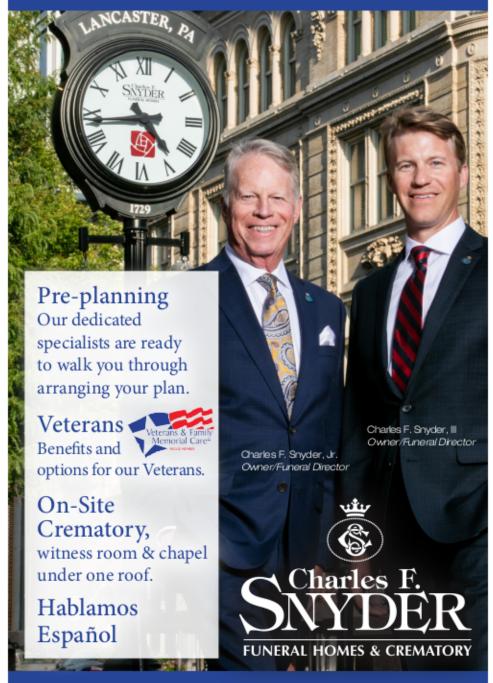
# **PROGRAM**

Social hour5-6 p.m.
Beer and soda ~ Cash bar ~ Cheese and crackers ~ Vegetable crudite
Chairman's welcome Ed Flick
Master of Ceremonies
Pledge of Allegiance, "God Bless America"Shawn Kreiner
Invocation
Dinner buffet served
Garden salad & dressings ~ Seasonal fruit salad ~ Pasta salad ~ Broccoli salad Turkey with cranberry relish ~ Honey-glazed ham with pineapple chutney Assorted vegetables ~ Rolls & butter ~ Assorted cakes & pies
Introduction of past inductees
Presentation of 2019 J. Freeland Chryst Awards Joe Calhoun
Honorees: Bob Aspril, John Little, Heide Moebius
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Presentation of Volunteer Award
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### IN MEMORIAM

The Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame recently mourned the loss of board members Mel Ruth and Barry Henry. Both will be missed.

Ruth spent most of his lifetime helping athletes. From his 42 years volunteering as an athletic weight trainer for his alma mater, McCaskey, to the establishing of the Mr. Lancaster Powerlifting and bodybuilding weightlifting competition, Ruth was always there to change the weights on an athlete's barbells and offer a word of encouragement. A former Chryst Athletic Achievement Award honoree, he was also in the McCaskey Athletic Hall of Fame.

Barry Henry was passionate about sports and instilled leadership and sportsmanship in others while being a coach for youth of all ages throughout his career. He served as head boys basketball coach at Pequea Valley and at Hempfield, leading the Black Knights to county and district titles. He was named Lancaster County Coach of the Year in 1961 and '62. Like Mel Ruth, Barry lent his time to the Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame.

### — THE MEN BEHIND THE AWARDS —

## J. FREELAND CHRYST

If there ever was a guy dedicated to celebrating sports, it was J. Freeland Chryst. From the 8th Ward Athletic Club to the Old-Timers Athletic Association to the the J. Freeland Chryst Athletic Achievement Awards, Jay Chryst's ambition was to recognize those Lancaster Countians who pursued — and achieved — excellence and success on fields, courts and courses.

Chryst's passion for sports also grew into various philanthropic efforts around the county, including McCaskey's J. Freeland Chryst Football Scholarship, and the funding of the construction of Chryst Pavilion at McCaskey.

The J. Freeland Chryst Athletic Achievement Awards, first distributed in the early 1990s, add another trio of recipients tonight. That brings the all-time total to 84 individuals, who are all designated as members of the Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame.

# **GEORGE W. KIRCHNER**

George W. Kirchner – just "Kirchner" to many – began his Lancaster New Era career as a paper carrier in 1921. He had no idea his name would become representative of "the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a local sports figure," as Sunday News sports editor Bill Fisher wrote of his friend in 1987. But during his 1929-1965 tenture as the New Era's sports editor, Kirchner solidified a tremendous influence on the Lancaster sports scene by virtue of his writing and his activities in the community, like founding the New Era (now LNP) Tournament in youth baseball.

Kirchner, who died at age 57 in 1965, and George Crudden organized the inaugural Lancaster Sportswriters Banquet in 1952, with the idea of lauding an area sports figure for his or her "outstanding lifetime contribution to sports." That year, the first winner was Charles "Uncle Charley" Mayser, the longtime wrestling coach and AD at Franklin & Marshall. Since then, 68 individuals have gotten the nod, including Kirchner himself, posthumously in 1966, the same year the award was renamed in his honor.



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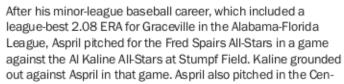
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### HONORING BOB ASPRIL

Bob Aspril could not have predicted that when he struck out 19 of 24 batters in an American Legion playoff no-hitter against Christiana, he would be destined to play pro baseball. But that game may have propelled him to being scouted and signed by the Cleveland Indians organization a few years later. After starting his collegiate career at Millersville, he transferred to Elizabethtown College, where he teamed with Don Wert and Jim Sarbaugh.





tral City-County League, helping Quarryville to a 24-0 record, teaming with Don Wert, Bob Herr, Donny Sample, Mike DeBerdine and Don Bachman.

As a baseball coach, Aspril's teams won the New Era Tournament (1979) and the District American Legion championship (1980). He became involved with the Old Timers Athletic Association because he wanted to have a hand in recognizing athletes for their performances. For several years, he was chairman of the Old Timers' successor, the Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Solanco Hall of Fame in 2015.

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### **HONORING JOHN LITTLE**

From his introduction to wrestling all the way through to his coaching career, John Little never strayed far from the Solanco School District. After wrestling for the Golden Mules, where he earned a District Three regional title, he wrestled at West Chester University and at Millersville University. It was at MU that he was named a Division III All-American.

John Little coached the wrestling team at Solanco for 36 seasons, beginning in 1982. Over the course of his career, he coached 44 individual Lancaster-Lebanon League champions and 18 District Three individual champions. He saw a total of 51 Golden Mules qualify for the PIAA Tournament and 29 of those came home with state medals. Little was on the bench



to see Thomas Haines come away with four individual state titles. Dan Neff won one, too, while Connor Shehan and "Bo" Spiller earned a berth in a state final.

As a team, the Golden Mules were 321-164-1 in dual meets. His teams won the L-L Team Tournament title eight times and captured the District Three Team Tournament title twice.

To Little, the medals and the trophies are one thing. For the bigger picture, though, he was happy to be a part of an athlete's maturity, happy to teach them something besides wrestling moves, like manners and work ethic. It was something his coaches taught him.







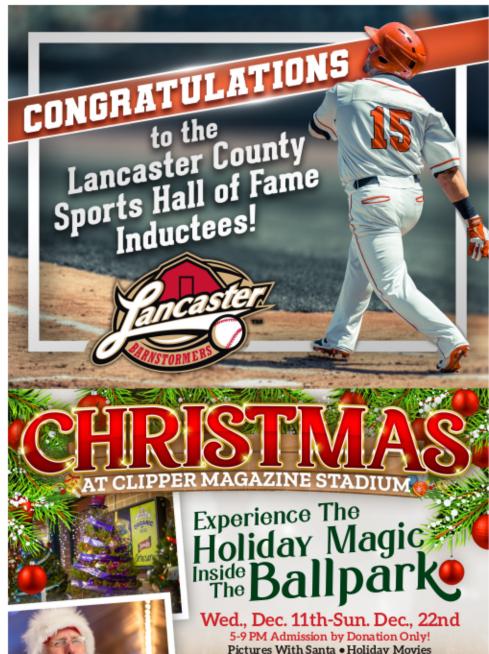
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### **HONORING HEIDE MOEBIUS**

Heide Moebius is not afraid of a challenge. She certainly doesn't let age stand in the way of achieving goals. Having started competitive running at the age of 55, she has piled up many achievements. To list them all would take up several pages of this program. Here, however, are the highlights, according to her husband and biggest fan, Richard:

- Over 750 races run, from a mile to a marathon, worldwide.
- Finished first in her age group in nearly 90 percent of the races she has run.
- Run over 100 half-marathons (her specialty) and 10 full marathons, including Boston in 2002.
- Won 3 Gold medals for the USA at the 2019 Masters
   World Championship in Poland (6k, 10k, half-marathon).
- Ran "Authentic" Greek Marathon into Athens one day after her 80th birthday.
- Many Gold and Silver medals in U.S. Senior Games. Most recent, Golds in 2019 in Albuquerque: 800, 1,500, 5k, 10k.
- 2014 USA Track and Field Mid-States Master Female Athlete of Year.
- 2019 U.S. Senior Association January Athlete of the Month.
- 2018 Lancaster Senior Games Honorary Chair.
- Also accomplished tennis player, downhill skier and horseback rider.



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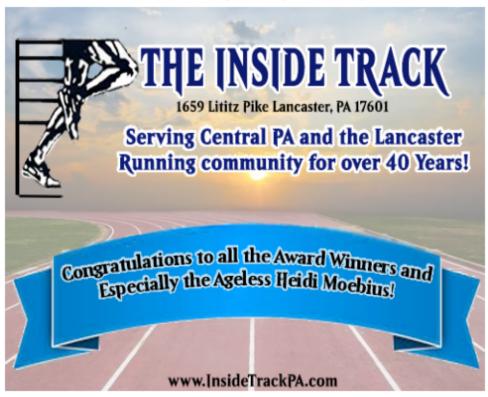
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2002 - Les McCrabb. Gene Carpenter 2003 - Mimi Senkowski Griffin, Bill Kirk, Jim Minnich 2004 - Louis Giangreco, Jodie Brooks, Don Harman 2005 - Andrew Loechner. Art Morris, George Bechtold 2006 — Tony Arcudi. Jerry Brooks, Edward Flick 2007 — Al Eckert. Gordie Kraft, Ken Stoudt 2008 - Todd Bushnell, Walt Legenstein. John Valentino. Rudy Valentino 2009 - John McFalls. Mel Ruth, Stan Zeamer 2010 - Bernie Santaniello. Hen Bell, Marge Trout 2011 - Bob Charles. Jim Haines, Jack Neal,

Barb Waltman 2012 — Joe Geesev. Jim Todd, Tony Woods, Joe Wysock 2013 - Earl "Buddy" Stoudt, Barry Henry, Spencer Henry 2014 — Lamar Kauffman. King Knox, Wally Walker 2015 — Tom Gilburg. Mery Witmer, Bill Bowers 2016 - Art Harrington, Patty Epps, P.R. (Bob) Herr 2017 — Pam Neiss Stuper, Doug Dennison, Clyde Butz, Al Brooks 2018 - Mary Fleig, Scott Martin, Sam Bigler, Bruce Harbach 2019 — Bob Aspril, John

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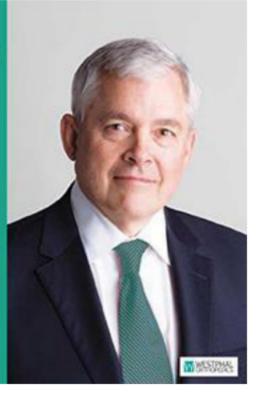
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### HONORING DOUG KRAFT

Doug Kraft began his basketball coaching career by serving as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Conestoga Valley. A Millersville University grad, he was the head coach at Thaddeus Stevens for two seasons before becoming an assistant coach at East Stroudsburg for four seasons.

Kraft moved to Marywood University, serving as the head coach for three seasons, from 1998-2001. He helped the Pacers to their first postseason appearance and was named the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

A seven-season stint as associate head coach at DeSales University followed. From 2008-2010, he was assistant coach at Division I Saint Francis University.



Since 2012, Kraft has coached the AAU Cats, a team that gets players in front of the eyes of college basketball coaches. Since he became head coach of the Cats, Kraft has seen 27 of his players go on to play college basketball at all levels.



### HONORING EZRA MELLINGER

"I sort of always loved track, especially jumping. These last two years don't define who I am, but I found my niche here. It's something I can really excel at, and I like to take advantage of that and push myself to the limits of what I can physically do."

- Ezra Mellinger, Lampeter-Strasburg graduate and Duke freshman

Mellinger, being honored as the Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame/
LNP Scholastic Boys Athlete of the Year for the 2018-19 school year, pushed limits and broke records in a whirlwind senior season that culminated in two gold medals at the 2019 PIAA track and field championships. He leaped 23 feet, 9.25 inches in the long jump and clocked 21.45 seconds in the 200-meter dash in his winning efforts.

He also snagged Athlete of the Year

honors from the Pennsylvania Track

his scholastic career.

and Field Coaches Association to cap



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Lampeter-Strasburg's Ezra Mellinger shows off his medal for winning the boys Class 3A long jump at the PIAA Track and Field Championships on May 25, 2019.



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### HONORING MACKENZIE ALLESSIE

"It's been unbelievable. I'm still sometimes in a little shock from it. We had an awesome year at Donegal and then being able to go and play again with Team USA, it's just unbelievable."

 Mackenzie Allessie, Donegal graduate, Ohio State freshman and Team USA player

Allessie, being honored as the Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame/LNP Scholastic Girls Athlete of the Year for the 2018-19 school year, scored the game-winning goal in OT for a state field hockey title last November, Her 124th tally of the season was also the 351st of her career adding to the national record she established in October 2018.

For her troubles she showed up as one of Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd." How would the Ohio State recruit cap her accolade-after-accolade senior season? Only by joining the United States National Team a month later.



Mackenzie Allessie receives the game ball after setting the national scoring record during Donegal's L-L League quarterfinal game against Annville-Cleona on Oct. 16, 2018.



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Steve Kelly lettered in football wrestling and track at Manheim Township, where he was a member of the Class of 1981. He co-captained the 1980 football team and was a Lancaster-Lebanon League All-Star in his junior and senior seasons. As a senior wrestler, he was the sectional and district champion at 185 pounds and was named Outstanding Wrestler in 1981.



Kelly was a three-year starter on the defensive line at the Air Force Academy and played in the 1983 and '84 Independence Bowl games. He won the Falcons' Brian Bullard Award for desire, leadership and determination.

Those accomplishments may pale in comparison to what he would accomplish after high school and college athletics. The former aviator battled through rehabilitation after a diagnosis of bone cancer to compete in triathlons and paracycling.



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1960 - Dave Shank

1961 - James Neely 1962 — Boyd Sponaugle.

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1963 - Shober Barr

1964 - Bing Conlin

1965 - E.E. "Hooks" Mylin

1966 — George Kirchner 1967 — Bill Haverstick

1968 — Dick Bevilacqua

1969 - Dick Boyer

1970 — Anthony Souders

1971 — George Crudden 1972 - Charles Henry

1973 — Charles Siegel

1974 - Elmer Kreiser

1975 - John Hauck

1976 - Dave Brandt

1977 - Glenn Horst

1978 - Don Wert

1979 - W. Roy Phillips

1980 - E. Jerry Brooks 1981 - Dr. Joseph Grosh

1982 - Gene Kruis

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1987 - Tick Hurst

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1992 - W. Austin Bishop

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1998 - Tom Herr

1999 - Gordie Kraft

2000 - Elmer Dixon

2001 - Gene Carpenter

2002 - Art Harrington 2003 - Henner Weaver

2004 - Tom Gilburg

2005 - Bill Fisher 2006 - Andy Amway

2007 - Gordie Groome

2008 — Birch Davidson

2009 - Dave Althouse

2010 - Bob Derr

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### HONORING WENDELL HOWER

Wendell Hower wore many hats in a career filled with serving the athletes throughout Manheim Township, the Lancaster-Lebanon League, the PIAA's District Three and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association itself.

In a career that began with playing football and basketball at Lititz High School, to his accomplishments as a lineman for Franklin & Marshall College, Hower soon transitioned into a coach at Manheim Township, an official in football and basketball and then to athletic administration.

Hower was a member of the District Three committee for 43 years, serving as the chairman for boys' basketball and tennis. He was District Three's executive secretary and executive director during his tenure.



Think of all the changes at the district level, from the blossoming of girls' sports to the expansion of classes in many sports to the addition of sports like lacrosse. Hower played a part in all of the changes.

His career is proof that high school athletics has many moving parts. Athletics doesn't start when the lights go on and end when they go out. Someone has to be in charge of rules and logistics. Wendell Hower was one of those people. The Lancaster Sportswriters and Sportscasters are proud to name him the 2019 winner of the George W. Kirchner Award.





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