

Rice Lake Sports Hall of Fame Foundation
Candidates for Induction – 2021

Mike Bearman

Nominated for Officiating

Mike graduated from RLHS in 1962 earning letters in baseball and football. Mike tried out for the football team in his senior year and by sheer determination and total commitment cracked the starting line-up as a defensive tackle for the final 4 games of the season. He was very proud to wear the Warrior colors on his letter sweater and letter jacket. He was also the school sports editor for the “Northern Light” for 4 years. In 1966 Mike graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a teaching degree. While at Eau Claire, he was sports editor of the campus newspaper and an accomplished bowler for the Blugolds school team. After working in the insurance industry in New York and then as a teacher in Illinois and Arizona, Bearman settled in Reno and made a living with his two passions, sports and poker playing. He was an umpire, and as a poker player, loved strategy and crossing wits with his opponents. Mike began his umpiring career in Rice Lake in the 1970’s. After moving to Reno in the late 70’s it is estimated that he worked 17,000 athletic contests in the 25 years he called Reno his home. He also umpired in Lake Tahoe. He combined a tireless work ethic with a hard line on integrity in a career as a baseball/softball umpire and basketball official. Mike loved the rules and abiding by them was his mission. He was a colorful character who had a flair for controlling a game. He prided himself on knowing how to run a game, using common sense and a sense of humor to manage players, coaches and fellow umpires. Student-athletes, coaches and school administrators became part of Bearman’s extended family, not adversaries in a contest. Mike died in June of 2004 and was posthumously inducted into the Nevada Interscholastic Assoc. Hall of Fame in February of 2005. His induction biography described “Bear”, as he was affectionately known, as one of the most dedicated and talented high school officials with which the Silver State has ever been blessed.

Bob Buergi

Nominated for Hockey

A 1951 graduate of Rice Lake High School, Bob was one of the original founders of the Rice Lake Hockey Association. In 1969, he served on the first board of directors, held several office positions on the board and was an officer of the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. Bob helped plan and personally supervised the actual construction of the Rice Lake hockey arena; erected the existing bleachers, the concession area and, along with his father Adolph and others, built the foundation of the inside hockey rink. In addition, Bob spent many enjoyable hours coaching several youth hockey teams, including assisting the 1980 State Champion Rice Lake “A” Bantam team. Bob loved baseball and coached many amateur teams including the 1962 Barron County League Champion Rice Lake Robins, also finalists of the W.B.A. State Tournament.

Bud Epp

Nominated for Horse Racing

In the 1950’s, Bud started working with harness horses in Rice Lake. He was an owner, trainer, driver and advisor to anyone that needed his help. During this time he had “hundreds” of winners. His first horse was named Monte Ota, which brings back many memories, as well as the rest: Whiz By, Little Joker, John Allen, Bret’s Blaze, Dorset, Little Alice, Billy Brooks, Minnesota Fats, Jenna Direct, Keyed Up, Steady Bo, Little Fiddler, Bestrow, Happy Wish, and many more. Bud did it all, including shoeing, both for himself and numerous others until his health would no longer allow him to do so. He continued to give advice, and check the angles and toe lengths before the farrier finished the job. This man thought like a horse at times and seemed to know what the horse needed or wanted. Earlier in his career, he drove as well as trained. Bud’s last drive was in Rice Lake with Dorset. This horse “went down” near the front of the grandstand. Among other disappointments was the most devastating – the fire in Elkhorn that burned his stable of horses. In that fire he lost Bestrow, Happy Wish and several other beloved horses. Like other horsemen, Bud picked up the pieces and continued in his beloved sport. Bud worked extremely hard to promote harness racing at the Barron County Fair. He did radio work, poster advertisements, obtained donations for the purse money and donations for the grandstand for between races, secured bedding for the horsemen and worked closely with the fair board. Bud tried in every way to make it enjoyable for the horsemen as well as providing a great show for the people viewing the races from the grandstand, and many “railbirds” around the track. Bud was a retired Rice Lake cattle dealer who came out of Nebraska as a teenager to join the Navy during World War II. Following the war he raised his family in Rice Lake. Bud Epp was inducted into the Wisconsin Harness Racing Association Hall of Fame in 2008. He passed away in November of 2013.

Guest Star

Nominated for Horse Racing

Guest Star was purchased in 1943 as a yearling in Lexington, Kentucky for \$200 by Albert Friess of Rice Lake. The bay colt came cheap, as a pair of splints were enough to scare most buyers off. Friess, a cattle dealer and avid horseman, took the colt back “up north” to prep him for what was to become a history-making career. Guest Star began racing as a three-year old pacer at the fairs in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. He won six starts and showed enough pace to prompt

Albert Friess to ship him to California for his four-year old season in 1946. Guest Star came back north to compete on the Grand Circuit in Milwaukee and set a track record for three consecutive heats.

Race secretaries around the country all wanted Guest Star at their tracks and he became the first horse to “fly” across the country while others were shipped by van or railroad. Guest Star raced from coast to coast, setting track records for the mile, 1 1/8 mile handicapped, and the 1 1/16 mile. He also set a world mark at Arcadia, California for 1 1/16 mile.

This iron horse would make 325 lifetime starts, winning 62 and finishing second or third 52 times. He would win over \$70,000 in the days when that was real money. Guest Star became the equine ambassador for the Badger State. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 1994.

Dean Harrington

Nominated for Stock Car Racing

Dean is one of the original founders of the Rice Lake Speedway, which was founded in 1952. He has been track president an unprecedented seven times and has held all the other board positions as well, some of them numerous times. Dean has done every job at the speedway and has never missed a race since its beginning in 1952.

In 1963, Dean was a co-founder of the spectacular infield fireworks display now known as the “Firecracker Special”.

Dean was also an excellent racer at the track. He began racing at the Rice Lake Speedpit in 1952 in his famous black and yellow #U2 car with the lightning bolt on the roof. He started out racing Modifieds, then Super Modifieds and then moved to the Late Models. Dean was the first Aquafest Race Super Modified feature winner in 1964 and won again in 1974. He was the Late Model Points Champion in 1973 and 1976 and the Mid-Season Champion in 1973.

Dean is still involved at the speedway on a weekly basis, working the infield scale following each race. When he weighs in the first car of the 2012 racing season, it will make a remarkable 60th consecutive year of involvement with auto racing at Rice Lake. Dean is a 1946 graduate of Spooner High School, served with the U.S. Marine Corps, and then settled in Rice Lake in 1949. He was inducted into the Rice Lake Speedway’s Hall of Fame in August of 2011.

Pat Hauck

Nominated for Snowmobile Racing

The youngest of 12 children, Pat grew up on a dairy farm and graduated from RLHS in 1972. He is one of the most dominant drivers in the history of snowmobile racing. For over 38 years, Hauck and Yamaha have performed in ice racing to grass drags and everything in-between. Pat began racing snowmobiles in 1974. He is a Yamaha Factory Team racer and holds 9 NSSR World Records, was named ISR Driver of the Year, has been a continuous top ten racer and Pro Stock Hi-Points Champion. He has established a winning record that is among the most successful in the history of the sport. Hauck is synonymous with victory and Yamaha snowmobiles bearing his signature number 22, having won Stock and Mod Stock classes at the most prestigious straightline events in North America. Hauck notched his first premier victory in 1983 at the ISR World Series of Ice Drags, an event at which he would claim at least one victory for 16 consecutive years, plus seven high-point titles in Mod Stock and more than 40 class wins. On grass, there were few who matched his longevity and win record. At Hay Days he was a five-time Manufacturers Cup winner, a winner of the Minnesota Cup in 1988 and 2001, and claimed more than 50 individual class wins while winning at least one class for 23 consecutive years. A professional tuner whose seat-of-the-pants understanding of clutching and suspension was the result of untold hours of testing in all conditions. Hauck achieved success at every venue and association. He was a three-time winner of the Wausau Cup in SWDRA, a circuit in which he claimed multiple high-point championships. He won titles in NSRA, was victorious at the Woody’s Stock Challenge at the World Series of Ice in 1995, and claimed the 1998 Wisconsin Governor’s Cup. His career also included success in speed run competition, including multiple NSSR World Speed Records. His engine and clutching expertise helped propel Yamaha’s factory snocross and cross-country efforts beginning in the late 1990’s. Also known as “The Ice-Man”, Pat holds the world record 4-stroke 1000 foot radar run with speeds in excess of 150 mph. Pat has been a Yamaha snowmobile owner and dealer since 1989. In 1996 he purchased a 20 acre site on the western edge of Rice Lake known as Hauck Power Sports where he is able to test sleds on a grass drag track, snow cross jumps and a ¼ mile asphalt strip. He also designs and manufactures snowmobile parts that are shipped all over the world. In addition to snowmobiles, Pat has also raced motorcycles, ATV’s, and race cars. On February 18, 2017, Hauck was inducted into the National Snowmobile Hall of Fame. He and his wife live in the Rice Lake area.

Gary Haus

Nominated for Coaching

Gary graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1979 as a multiple letter-winner in football and wrestling. In 2001 he was hired to coach the Warrior girls softball team. He won more games in the least amount of time than all other coaches in the history of RLHS. All told, he was 274 and 138 in 16 seasons, for a .665 winning percentage. His teams put Rice Lake on the map in Wisconsin when it came to girls softball and were consistently ranked in the top ten. He won two conference championships in the Big Rivers conference and finished runner-up six times. His teams won 14 Regional Championships in 16 years and 5 Sectional Championships. At State, Gary’s team was runner-up in 2010, but in 2004 they were the WIAA Division II State Champions, going 22 and 4 for the season. The 2004 team is 1 of only 4 to win a state high school championship at RLHS. The success that his teams enjoyed is a testimony to Gary being a tough coach, pushing his players to the limit. His teams were solid in fundamentals, and watching his teams take pre-game infield and

outfield was precision – watched by everyone, often including the opposing teams. Gary was an aggressive coach who figured out the game and how to win. He retired from coaching in 2016 and lives in Rice Lake.

LeRoy ‘Husky’ Kline

Nominated for Track

LeRoy graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1915. He was a two sport athlete in track and basketball for the Lakers. (Rice Lake didn't field a football team at the time.) But it was in track that LeRoy excelled. As a junior he won a WIAA State Championship in the 220 yard dash in a time of 23.6. As a senior he won a state championship in the 100 yard dash in a time of 10.2. During his senior year he set school records in the 100 yard dash at 10.0 and in the 220 yard dash at 22.6. These school records stood for 65 years and were never broken because the WIAA moved to the metric system in 1980. Once as a junior LeRoy scored 35 points by himself, which was more than any team scored in the track meet. Following graduation, LeRoy was invited to compete in the Chicago Tribune's track meet for the top high school sprinters in the United States. He placed second. LeRoy went on to Hamline University to become a dentist, but in the meantime set two outdoor track records that were never broken; 9.45 in the 100 yard dash and 21.15 in the 220 yard dash, both in 1916.

Michael (Mort) Miller

Nominated for Basketball

Graduating from Rice Lake High School in 1980, “Mort” was a nine varsity letter winner. He lettered in cross-country, track, baseball and basketball. He captained his senior year, leading the Warrior Basketball team in scoring with a 14.6 average and was 3rd in the Ho’N scoring race. He was an outstanding ball handler and passer, giving out 6.8 assists per game, which was 3rd in the Conference. Mort shot an outstanding 48% from the floor and even more impressive was his 84% free throw accuracy. Never to be forgotten was his last second shot to beat Hayward, and his “downtown” bombs, which amazed the crowd and opposing coaches. His coach, Bruce Anderson, always said the 3 Point Shot came too late in time, as Mort would have feasted on it. He played basketball at Southern California College in Newport Beach. Mort is presently a Learning Disability teacher in the Eau Claire school system.

Dave Morgan #500

Nominated for Stock Car Racing

Dave holds the career record at the Rice Lake Speedway with 103 Feature wins. Known as the “King”, he also holds the record of longest consecutive years of racing at the Speedway at 43 years, from 1961 to 2004. Morgan holds the record for most feature wins for one season at Rice Lake in the Late Model class with 12. He has won 6 Season Championships in Late Models and Modifieds, and has been Season Points Champion 3 years for Late Models and 1 year for Modifieds. Morgan has won 6 mid-season championships including three in a row. He has won 2 Labor Day Invitationals, 4 Aquafest Features and has won the “Best Appearing Car” award 6 times. In 1968 Morgan competed in the Canadian Dirt Track Championships in Thunder Bay, Ontario and was voted the top driver from the United States. In 1969 he won that Championship. Morgan won the first Punky Manor Memorial race in Menomonie and the first Russ Laursen Memorial race in Eau Claire. He has won the Wisconsin State Dirt Track Championship, raced at the Minnesota State Fair, and at tracks in Northwestern Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florida and Canada. Dave has been a life-long resident of Rice Lake.

Kansas Romportl

Nominated for Courage Award

Kansas graduated from Rice Lake High School in 2005 and was a three sport athlete, competing in cross-country, gymnastics and track. She earned 12 letters - 9 as an athlete and 3 as a student manager. As a sophomore in cross country, Kansas was a Big Rivers Conference champion, regional and sectional champion and finished 47th at State in Division 1. She posted her best time of 15:35 for a 4 kilometer race, which is in the top 7 best times at RLHS. In gymnastics, Kansas helped her team qualify for the state meet both her freshman and sophomore years. In track, she ran the 300 hurdles, 400, 1600, 3200, 800 and 4x8 relay in which she and 3 teammates still hold the school record. She also pole-vaulted 8' 6", triple jumped 34' 3", threw the shot put and qualified for sectionals in the 3200 meter her freshman year. On June 14, 2004, following her junior year, Kansas was in a life-changing car accident. That accident left her in a coma for 28 days and resulted in a severe traumatic brain injury. Her determination and faith drove her to work with her family, physical, occupational and speech therapists to re-learn how to speak, walk, write and function with daily tasks. As a senior, Kansas' role was one of mainly inspiration and support for her teammates. Kansas re-learned how to run in the spring of 2007, 3 years after her accident. In 2010, Kansas graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in Spanish and has finished several road races during and since that time. In spite of her brain injury and altered gait, Kansas has finished two half-marathons and in 2011 finished Grandma's Full Marathon in 6:48.55, just under the 7-hour time limit. Today, Kansas enjoys teaching and interpreting Spanish and is currently employed at the Spanish Immersion Program at the Lakes International Language Academy in Roseville, MN.

Darell “The Horse” Russeau**Nominated for Football**

Darell is a 1958 graduate of RLHS and a three year letter-winner in both football and track. He was a high powered running back for the Warriors who averaged 5.35 yards per carry during his senior year. Russeau’s 738 yards and his running mate Ron “Skip” Scheurer’s 734 yards combined for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the team’s total yards. Nicknamed “The Horse”, Co-Captain Darell led Rice Lake to an undefeated conference record of 6-0 in 1957 and their first undisputed Ho’N football championship since 1947. His 12 touchdowns in 1957 and his 25 career touchdowns were Rice Lake’s best since 1934. His 166 career points set a Warrior record which held until 1979. In three years as a starter, “The Horse” led the Warriors to a 14-3-1 conference record. In track, Darell’s primary event was the pole vault, where he achieved heights of over 10’ when they used the straight metal pole. His grandfather, “Indian John” Russeau was inducted into the Rice Lake Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

Bob Scheurer**Nominated for Basketball**

A member of the Rice Lake High School class of 1952, Bob participated in football, basketball and track. He scored a touchdown per game as a rangy receiver in football and was noted as a long jumper and high jumper in track. But it was in basketball where he excelled. Bob changed the look of local basketball for all time. While his coach was promoting the two-hand set shot, Bob showed what one hand could do. He personified the jump-shot when it was just coming into the game. He had marvelous jumping ability which allowed him to play center, at just a shade over six feet tall. He could hook with either hand and his outside one-hander was deadly. He scored 656 points as a Warrior – a school record at the time. Bob was called up to the A-squad in January of his sophomore year. During that brief stint, he averaged 11 points and had a high of 19 points in one game. Bob scored 43% of his team’s points during his senior year. In a game against Ladysmith, Bob had the most brilliant performance ever turned in on the hardwood court of Rice Lake’s gym. He scored 39 points on an array of jump shots, hook shots and long bombs, which was a school record. He also had games of 25 points twice and one of 27 points.

Anna Davis-Schuebel**Nominated for Bodybuilding**

Anna graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1987. Prior to turning to drug-free bodybuilding when she was a senior at RLHS, Anna went out for track as a freshman in 1984, running in all the sprints, relays and the long jump where she broke the indoor 55 meter run in Menomonie, was MVP of the Rice Lake Invitational and scored 209 team points. In her sophomore year, she was injured with a stress fracture which limited her to the discus. She was a cross-country runner in her junior year and a member of the Warriorettes. During her senior year she joined the Rice Lake Health Club owned by Lee Graese, who later became her physical fitness coach and advisor. In her first bodybuilding show in 1987, she placed second in the Natural Wisconsin Bodybuilding Championships. That same year she won the National USA Women’s and Teen title, pulled down four championships in State, the women’s medium class of the Natural Nationals and the women’s tall class of the North American Championships. In the next five years, Anna continued to pile up bodybuilding titles while being sought by the sport’s publications for modeling. She also had become a spokes-model for drug-free competition and physical fitness products. She was featured in magazines in Holland and Spain and was asked to join a bodybuilding exhibition tour to Japan in the future. In 1989 she took time off to get married and have a son. In 1990, Anna finished runner-up in the Natural Ms. Universe championship. In November of that year she entered pro-bodybuilding and finished 5th in the Pro World Championships in New York City. Anna was the youngest competitor at 21 years old, with the winner and runner-up being 40 and 38. In April of 1991 she was the subject of a photo feature in “Natural Physique”, the top bodybuilding magazine in the nation. In May of 1991, Anna was tragically killed in a car accident in southeastern Missouri on her way home from New Orleans. She was 21 years old.

Tolstoi “Tolly” Steinert**Nominated for Sports Promoter**

Tolly has often been called one of Rice Lake’s all-time top sports boosters. He was one of the primary founders of the Boys Church Softball League of Rice Lake in 1958, and served as the first president for 17 years. Following that, he served the organization as a board member. Rice Lake’s youth and adult softball programs are due largely in part to Tolly. The Youth Softball League provided summer recreation for over a thousand ball players since its inception. It was because of his involvement with, and support of the summer program that one of the two new fields at Tate Park was named in his honor on June 10, 1983. Tolly was born in and graduated from high school in Clarkfield, MN in 1925. In 1926 he moved to Rice Lake with his family when his father became pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. He then served as Rice Lake’s deputy clerk-treasurer for 45 years under 8 mayors and 4 city clerks before retiring in 1973. During the 1930’s he helped organize and played on an adult hockey team in Rice Lake that competed with teams from the surrounding area. He was also an accomplished boxer in his youth, and enjoyed swimming, canoeing, skiing, and riding his Harley Davidson in the 1930’s and 40’s. He was very active in the church, promoting church dart ball. Another of his favorite pastimes was walking; evidence was that he walked 8 blocks to and from work, including his lunch hour, every day for 45 years. He rarely missed a home football or basketball game. He was a sports historian who could be relied upon for accurate information regarding local athletes. In October of 1979 Tolly was instrumental in organizing

and promoting the dedication of Pug Lund Field in Rice Lake. Tolly died on December 17, 1994, one day before his 87th birthday.

Mike Strandlund

Nominated for Sports Journalism

A graduate of Rice Lake High School in 1975, while participating in several school sports, Mike's passions were the outdoors, hunting, nature and writing. He began his journalism career in Barron after graduating from UW-Eau Claire. He was editor of the Barron News-Shield for five years in the early 1980's. While he was editor, the News-Shield won a first place award in state-wide newspaper competition for a series he wrote on the challenges facing the rural farm economy. Strandlund left the newspaper in the mid 80's to accept a position as writer and editor for the National Rifle Association's magazine and books detailing the how-to and outdoor experience of hunting. His love of bowhunting led him to join the editorial staff of Bowhunting World and Archery Business magazines in Minnetonka, MN. He was named editor of both publications in 1993 and was named editorial director of Grandview Outdoors in 2010. His bowhunting assignments and adventures took him across North America, to Canada and to Africa. His writing and expertise in the bowhunting field earned him induction into the prestigious Bowhunters Hall of Fame in 2003. Through the years, Mike continued to hunt and fish in northwestern Wisconsin. Mike Strandlund's life was cut short as he passed away in the waters off the beach of a remote island in the Philippines on March 31, 2013, at the age of 56.

Ferdinand Wanselow

Nominated for Rowing

Ferdinand graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1918. He was accepted into the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland in 1918 and graduated in 1922. As a mid-shipman, he was a member of the Naval Academy's 8-man oared shell which consisted of two alternative crews. 1920 was the year of the Olympics and the Naval Academy won the try-outs on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass. and the honor to represent the United States in the 7th Olympiad in Antwerp, Belgium. It was a time when only a few months had passed since the last soldiers had left Belgium following the conclusion of W.W.I. In 1920, there were no substitution limits, providing only that Amateur status be maintained by all substitutes. So the Naval Academy sent both of its rowing crews. Ferdinand was #1 Stroke Man of his crew, setting the stroke and pace for the other seven oarsmen. The rowing events took place in a barge canal that connected Antwerp to Brussels. The canal was 100' wide and 1 ¼ miles long, with elimination races consisting of two boats. In the opening round, the rowing crew that Ferdinand was part of defeated Denmark. In the semi-finals, the other alternative crew from the Academy defeated Czechoslovakia, and Great Britain defeated Sweden. In the Finals, Ferdinand and his fellow crewmates were slated to row. However, because of the United States' two alternative crews, the Naval Chief of both crews, Dick Glendon, decided that it would be "more sporting" to bring together the two winning crews of the semi-finals rather than bring in a 'fresh' crew that had been enjoying a rest of several days. So, for the Olympic Gold Medal, the United States defeated Great Britain by two boat lengths. Ferdinand and his crew supported the decision with enthusiasm towards the other crew, even though they missed out on a medal. Most of Ferdinand's crew were sophomores, and as it turned out, they never lost another race for the next two years, including England's Henley Regatta. Ferdinand Wanselow, of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, was so close to becoming an Olympic Gold Medalist.

Casey Weber

Nominated for Basketball

Multi-sport athlete Casey Weber made her biggest contributions on the basketball court, leading the Rice Lake Warrior girls' basketball team to a period of excellence in the seasons before she graduated from Rice Lake High School in 2008. The prolific-scoring guard averaged more than 20 points per game as she guided the Warriors to two Big Rivers Conference championships, earning all-Big Rivers first team selection as a junior and senior. By the time Weber finished her 4-year varsity career, she had scored 1,293 points for a school record at the time, shattering scoring marks that had stood for 50 years.

Her Big Rivers play and performances in tournament games drew accolades from opposing teams' coaches. Eau Claire Memorial head coach Steve Smith commented, "There were times when she had the attention of all five defenders. She really is a different kind of player, and plays at a higher level when the game gets tougher." Veteran girls' basketball coach Jim Bartlett of Barron said, "If I were selecting an all-star team, Casey would be included. She was extremely gifted and could score from anywhere. She was the ultimate competitor, but when the game ended she demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship." Weber went on to play college basketball at UW-La Crosse until an ankle injury derailed her career. She also attended UW-Eau Claire, and is now a massage therapist at a chiropractic office in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Weber's athletic career at Rice Lake High School included:

- Lettered in basketball, softball, soccer and volleyball.
- All-Big Rivers All-Conference basketball first team selection in 2006-07 and 2007-08.
- Division 2 All-State selection by Associated Press and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Assn.
- Selected Northwest Basketball Player of the Year by the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram in 2007-08 season.
- Big Rivers All-Conference Academic honors.

Earl Zimmerman**Nominated for Coaching**

Head football, basketball and track coach at RLHS from 1943 to 1951, he was the final coach at Rice Lake to be a head coach in both basketball and football. In 8 seasons, his Laker squads captured four football championships, three basketball titles and three track championships. In conference games his football team was 25-11-3 going undefeated in 1943, 46 and 47. In basketball, he was 83-61 all and 52-38 in the Heart of the North. Zimmerman graduated from Oconto high school in 1930 and Eau Claire Teachers College in 1934. He came to Rice Lake after 6 years in the coaching field at Elcho, WI where his teams won two football titles and one basketball title.

In 1951 he accepted a head football coaching position at Sheboygan Central H. S. through 1959 and then became head coach at Lakeland College of Sheboygan in 1960 through 1962 where his 'Musky' teams won two outright championships and one co-championship. In 1973 Earl retired after 39 years of teaching.