

AHS Hall of Fame Inductees Winter 2006

A standout prep star at Avon, **Chet Francis** went on to play for Branch McCracken at Indiana University, and was a member of the 1940 NCAA basketball champions. A veteran of WWII, he was the head basketball coach at Vincennes High School from 1947 to 1957 where his teams won 6 Sectional and 2 Regional titles. A 1936 Avon graduate, he also played minor league baseball, and is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

An All-State running back for Avon from 1991 to 1994, and a state qualifier in track, **Gary Isza** went on to set numerous records as an All-American wide receiver for the University of Indianapolis. He also appeared in the Arena Football League Super Bowl for the champion Grand Rapids Rampage in 2001. A member of the Avon Fire Department, he was one of the fastest athletes to ever compete at Avon.

After graduating from Avon in 1955, **Charles Muston** attended college on the first tennis scholarship ever offered by Indiana State. He went on to serve as a teacher, coach and administrator for 25 years at three different schools. He was a charter member of the Avon Optimist Club, and a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award. For two decades he was the Athletic Director at Plainfield High School, and was instrumental in bringing IHSAA sanction to high school tennis in our state.

Jim Newcomer was a veteran of the Korean War, a graduate of Ball State University and Indiana University, and served as principal at Dowagiac High School in Michigan. He came to Avon in 1976 and served as principal at Avon High School for 18 years before retiring in 1994. He was an innovator who put in place a variety of programs to help Avon students that are still in use today. He was a very strong supporter of all of our extra-curricular programs which flourished under his leadership.

Jim Quearry graduated from Avon in 1963, then earned collegiate degrees from both Indiana State (criminology) and Central Michigan (M.S. in public administration). He pursued a career in law enforcement, serving as a federal agent for 26 years with both the US Treasury Department and the Secret Service. Jim's duties with the Secret Service include providing security for both presidents and presidential candidates. He was elected sheriff of Hendricks County in 2002.