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SPECIAL EVENT!**

OCTOBER 11, 2023

6:00 - 7:30 PM

TEUTOPOLIS EVENT CENTER

210 S. Pearl St. • Teutopolis, IL 62467

FEATURED SPEAKERS

**JAY SHIDLER, LARRY WILSON, CHET REEDER,
BRUCE FIRCHAU, AND KEN CRAWFORD**

SPECIAL GUESTS

LAWRENCE CARIE AND RON FELLING

**Please RSVP via email if you plan on attending to:
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PROGRAM SPEAKERS

LARRY WILSON

Larry Wilson was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in the Media category in 1991.

He began his athletic broadcasting in August of 1963 and through a span of 41 years broadcast approximately 2875 basketball games and 365 football games. In addition, he did several baseball and softball games throughout his career. Larry is known throughout the Effingham area as a true friend of players, coaches, administrators, and fans. His impartial, informative, and exciting play-by-play work was second to none. Recently he turned his talents to writing. His new book, "41 Season-41 Stories" is a must-read for high school athletic followers. He will have books on hand to sell at the event.

JAY SHIDLER

- Sophomore starter on 1974 Class "A"; IHSA State Champs
- Avg. 14ppg
- 2x 1st team All-State & #39;75 & #39;76
- 1976 State scoring leader 32.6ppg
- Led Team to IHSA 3rd place finish
- Set State Tournament single-game scoring record(48 pts in semi-final loss)
- Set All-Time State Tournament scoring record(157 pts(4games)
- 1976 Parade Magazine All American
- MVP Pittsburgh Post Gazette Dapper Dan All-Star game
- MVP IHSA North/South All-Star game
- Signed Letter of Intent to University of Kentucky
- Started every game as a Freshman on the University of Kentucky team that finished 26-4
- Played on UK's 1978 NCAA National Championship team
- 9th round draft pick(Chicago Bulls)1980 NBA draft
- Played Professionally in Europe (Scotland)
- Averaged 18ppg on Scottish National Championship team 1982
- Inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in the Player category in 1982.

CHET REEDER

Chet is beginning his sixth season as the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes varsity coach. He began his varsity career at Sullivan High School where he coached the Indians for 5 years. During his 5 years at Ttown, his record is 121-37 with 4 sectional championships (interrupted only by the Covid year). His 2023 team reached the state finals in Champaign and finished third in Class AA.

BRUCE FIRCHAU

Throughout his career, Coach Firchau earned the reputation of being a "builder of basketball programs" as he turned around several losing programs. For instance, his 1984-85 Harvard Team (29-3) reached the "Final Four" in the Class A State Tournament and won 27 consecutive games.

At Westminster Christian, he inherited a program that had gone 13-67 (2002-05) and had lost 28 games in a row. Ten years later his teams were 174-109 and won 3 regional titles. In Bruce's 38 years as a varsity coach, his teams won 557 games. Seven times Bruce received Coach of the Year awards and in 2007 he was inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame. Coach Firchau is also in the Oswego Hall of Fame. To show students that scholarship and athletics go hand in hand, he created reading clubs to encourage elementary students to read books. Firchau and his players over the years addressed 30,000 students on the importance of reading and as a result, 159,000 books were read. His reading program was recognized nationally and statewide by "Read Across America." Bruce has served on the IBCA Board of Directors, the IBCA Executive Board, the IBCA All-State Boards, Chaired the 1A-2A All-State Board, and served as the Hall of Fame Banquet Chairman. Presently he is the IBCA Hall of Fame Selection Chairman and the Basketball Museum of Illinois Chairman. Firchau is the recipient of the A-E-O Meyer-Harte Award and the Chuck Rolinski Lifetime Achievement Award.

KEN CRAWFORD

Ken coached varsity basketball for 30 years which included 4 years at Rossville-Alvin and 26 years at Teutopolis. His varsity career record is 662-201. While at Ttown, his record was 612-150 which included 7 sectional championships, and 6 trips to the state finals in both Champaign and Peoria. His team won the 1986 state championship with a 33-0 record, the 2000 team finished second, and the 2007 team finished third in IHSA Class A basketball. Ken was inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame in the coaches category in 1998. He was chosen as the IBCA Class A State Coach of the Year in 1986 and as one of 8 finalists for National High School Basketball Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association in 2008. Ken served the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association in several capacities. For many years he served on the IBCA Class A All-State and All-Star selection committees, served on the IBCA Board of Directors, served as the IBCA President for two years, and was an IBCA Assistant Executive Director for two years. He was awarded the Chuck Rolinski Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018. He currently serves on the IBCA Hall of Fame selection committee and is the state tournament hospitality room coordinator.

SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE EVENT

RON FELLING

Ron won a 4-year state championship at Lawrenceville High School. His 16-year record at Lawrenceville was 388-77. He was Assistant coach at Indiana University for many years. Ron was inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame in the coaches category in 1982.

LAWRENCE CARIE

Teutopolis varsity coach from 1959-81. His career record is 443-173. Coach Carrie was inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame in the coaches category in 1988.