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## Mid-Mon Valley Hall of Fame will induct 8 new members

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The Mid-Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame will induct eight members at its banquet in June.

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Chosen for induction are James "Kayo" Adamson, John Hewitt, Gary Hogan, Joe Kurey, Billy Russell, Donna DeMarino Sanft, Robert "Red" Worrell and John Wozniak. Adamson, Worrell and Wozniak will be inducted posthumously.

The banquet and induction ceremonies will be held June 13 at the Willow Room in Willowpoint Plaza, Rostraver. Tickets, costing \$35 each, can be purchased by contacting Steve Russell, the hall of fame's general chairman, at 724-258-3823.

Here is a brief biography for each inductee:

James "Kayo" Adamson



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A Dunlevy native, Adamson was a 1926 California High School graduate who quarterbacked the school to the 1925 Mon Valley Football Conference title. He went on to California State Teachers College, where he was the starting quarterback in 1926 and '27. He later served on the school's board of trustees and the Vulcans' football stadium is named in his honor.

Adamson died in 1982.

Gary Hogan

Hogan, a 1960 Charleroi High School graduate, quarterbacked the Cougars to a 10-0 record and the 1959 WPIAL championship, a 13-12 win over Aliquippa at Pitt Stadium. Charleroi had a 23-2-1 record with Hogan as a starter. He was an all-American and all-state player in football and earned three varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. Hogan went on to be the starting quarterback for two seasons at Purdue University.

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### Billy Russell

Russell was a football, baseball and track standout at Donora High School, from which he graduated in 1954. The nephew of Donora's legendary "Deacon" Dan Towler, Russell was a key player as the Dragons won the WPIAL football championship in 1953. During that season, he won the Mon Valley Conference scoring title with 96 points.

Russell went on to a standout career at the University of Detroit.

### Robert "Red" Worrell

Worrell has the distinction of being the first ninth grader to play varsity football in the WPIAL. A 1957 Centerville High School graduate, Worrell was a four-year starter in football, basketball, baseball and track. Considered one of the finest all-around athletes from Washington County, Worrell rushed for more than 3,000 yards at Centerville and scored 376 points. He rushed for 318 yards in one game. Worrell was a four-time All-WPIAL player and the WPIAL Player of the Year as a junior and senior. Worrell also set the state record in the shot put.

Worrell went on to Penn State, where he set the Nittany Lions' freshman team's rushing record. He was electrocuted in a tragic accident at his home in 1957, at the age of 19. Each spring, as part of the Blue-White game, one Penn State football player receives the Red Worrell Award for exemplary conduct, loyalty, interest, attitude and improvement.

### Donna DeMarino Sanft

A 1970 Monessen High School graduate, Sanft is the executive associate athletic director at the University of Pittsburgh. She is only the fourth female to be elected to the Mid-Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame.

Sanft was a three-year captain of Pitt's gymnastics team and the Panthers' Female-Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1974. She coached Pitt's gymnastics team for 12 years, compiling an 82-50-1 record. In 1999, Sanft became the first female to receive the Award of Distinction from the Pitt Varsity Letter Club.

### John Hewitt

A standout center and linebacker for Bellmar High School, Hewitt received the 1956-57 Fayette County Athlete of the Year Award. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and became the first Midshipman to play in 30 consecutive football games. He also played on two national championship lacrosse teams.

### Joe Kurey

The 1958 Monessen High School graduate was a PIAA doubles tennis champion and two-time WPIAL doubles winner. He won seven Presidents' Athletic Conference championships at Bethany College and was captain of the 17-1 Bison team in 1962. Kurey also was Bethany's tennis coach from 1968 to 1983 and served as athletic director.

### John Wozniak

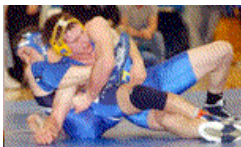
An Arnold City native, Wozniak was a five-sport standout at Marion High School. He was an All-American guard for the football team at the University of Alabama and helped the Crimson Tide win the 1945 SEC championship.

A third-round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Wozniak played in the All-American Football Conference and Canadian Football League. He is a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders hall of fame. He died Aug. 26, 1982.

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