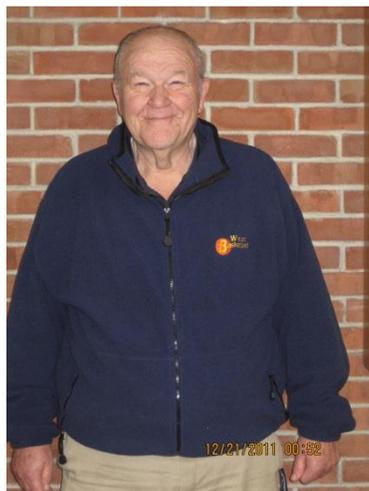


# Harry C. Moore Memorial Basketball Tournament Lapeer West Honorees – 2011

Each year the Harry C. Moore Memorial Basketball Tournament recognizes people from the host schools who have had a significant impact on the athletic programs and student athletes from that school. This year we honor two such gentlemen from Lapeer West. Their service may go unseen sometimes but their efforts are never invisible. Thank you for all you do to shape the young adults you serve.



## Ray Hile

Ray has been volunteering at Lapeer West for 35 years. Ray served as President of the All School Booster club for eight years where one of his responsibilities was running the football concession stand. In 1976, the All School Booster Club disbanded and the Athletic Director, Bill Townsend, asked Ray to run the scoreboard for the Lapeer West football games. Ray agreed and has been running the clock for football every since.

Approximately twelve years ago, Head Basketball Coach KP Fitzpatrick asked Ray if he would run the clock for the basketball games. Ray was hesitant because he didn't know the game of basketball well and he certainly didn't know how to run the clock for basketball. KP persisted and once Ray agreed he learned to run the clock and he continues to learn more about the game of

basketball.

According to Ray, the best part of volunteering at Lapeer West is the opportunity to meet and interact with the kids at Lapeer West. He particularly enjoys the special relationships he has made with KP, Tim Zeeman, and many others.

Ray has been married to his wife Mary for almost 50 years and he has four children who are all Lapeer West graduates.

## Jim Vaughn

Jim began volunteering at Lapeer West as part of the chain gang for the football games in the late 1980's. At that time, the fan base for football was small and there were few people volunteering with the team. In the late 80's, West began winning consistently and there were many volunteers with the program and Jim moved from the chain gang to the press box as the clock operator. In 1990, the Athletic Director, Bill Thompson, asked Jim to keep the book for the basketball games and Jim has been doing this job ever since. As a perk to all associated with Lapeer West basketball, Jim provides gum and candy for the players, officials, coaches and administrators at every home or away game.

Jim likes volunteering at Lapeer West because he likes working with all the kids. He says, "The kids are number one in my book."

Jim has been married to his wife Gloria for 53 years and he has four children who graduated from Lakeville High School.

