



# MEMORIAL DAY

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Paul David Warnex, a cherished family man, revered educator, and an inspiration to many, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2024, at his home in Diamondhead Lake, Iowa. Born on October 4, 1954, in Lexington, Missouri to John David and Barbara (Wood) Warnex, Paul's life was a testament to his kind, selfless, and loving nature.

Paul attended Fort Osage High School where he developed a passion for music that would shape his entire career. An esteemed graduate of Central Missouri State University, he earned his Bachelor of Music Education in 1977 and his Master of Arts in Trombone Performance in 1980. His dedication to music education was evident through his 35 years as an instrumental director, during which he nurtured the talents of countless young musicians.

His career began as Director of Bands at Holden High School in Holden, Missouri, from 1977 to 1979. Paul then shared his expertise with the LeMars Community Schools in LeMars, Iowa, from 1980 to 1989, before moving to Liberty Public Schools in Liberty, Missouri, where he continued to inspire students until his retirement in 2013. His dedication to excellence was recognized with numerous accolades, including the ASBDA Outstanding Young Band Director in Iowa Award in 1984, the Phi Beta Mu "Charlie Emmons Award" for outstanding band director in 2002, the prestigious John Philip Sousa Legion of Honor (Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, 2002), and in 2013, he was honored as the Outstanding Music Educator for the State of Missouri (National Federation of High School Activities), a fitting tribute to his impactful career.

Paul's influence extended beyond the classroom. He held various local, state, and regional offices in Missouri and Iowa, contributing his expertise to the music education community. As an adjudicator and guest conductor, he led bands throughout the Midwest, leaving a legacy of musical excellence. He performed on trombone with community bands in LeMars, Liberty, and Cameron. His passion for music also took him on adventures across the globe as he led student groups to perform in prestigious venues in New York, Washington D.C., Hawaii, Canada, Colorado, and Europe. He was blessed to lead his church youth group to the Holy Land in 1984.

## Paul Warnex Continued

Paul's personal life was as rich and harmonious as his professional one. He met the love of his life, Deborah Lynn Kallenbach, at Central Missouri State University. They both studied music education and married on August 6, 1977, in Cameron, Missouri. Their lives were blessed in 1991 with the birth of their only son, David, in Liberty, MO, with whom he shared his passion for music, education, and serving others.

After retiring, Paul and Deb settled into the serene community of Diamondhead Lake. There, Paul embraced the joys of boating, barbequing, playing golf, and engaging with his men's breakfast group.

Paul's legacy is carried on by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Deb; his son, David (Holly) Warnex, of Independence, Missouri; his mother Barbara Warnex, of Independence, Missouri; his grandson, Noah Alexander Warnex; his sister, Rebecca (Cy) Ritter of Kansas City, Missouri; his sister-in-law Shelley (Bob) Ocker of Cameron, Missouri; and his brother-in-law, Jeff (Deanne) Kallenbach, of Parkville, Missouri. Paul also leaves behind ten nieces and nephews, each of whom will miss his guidance and fun spirit.

Preceding Paul in passing is his father, John David Warnex.

Paul David Warnex lived a life of harmony, creating a symphony of love, education, and community that will resonate for generations to come. His unwavering commitment to his family, students, and the music he so dearly loved will be deeply missed but never forgotten. As we say farewell to this remarkable man, we celebrate the enduring melody of his life's work and the countless lives he touched with his unending sense of humor, music, and heart.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 A.M. Saturday, May 4th, 2024 at the Cameron United Methodist Church, Cameron, Missouri (201 N. Pine, Cameron, Missouri 64429). Visitation will be held prior to from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. prior to the service. Private Inurnment will take place in the Cameron Memory Gardens Cemetery.



# BARBARA SIPES – PIONEER WOMAN BASKETBALL STAR

By Jim Mazour

Basketball superstar Caitlin Clark and her University of Iowa Hawkeyes basketball team have excited the world to women's basketball like never before. For the 2023-24 season, they have set attendance records where ever they played – home and away games. The most expensive ticket in all of college basketball is one to see Clark and team play. Their televised games set record viewership numbers. Pundits have referred to it as the “Clark Effect.”

Clark's shooting accomplishments have broken record after record, and in doing so, has focused the sporting world on the records of past pioneer women basketball players, until now forgotten in time. Thanks to Clark, we now know about the accomplishments of pioneers like Kansas University's Lynette Woodard who held the scoring record until broken by Clark this season, and was the first woman to play for the professional Harlem Globetrotters. We are again recalling the accomplishments of 13-time All-American Joan Crawford and 15-time All-American Nera White - both with the 11-time national champion Nashville Business College team, and the only two AAU women players in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. But did you know that another early women's basketball star – Barbara Sipes, made Diamondhead Lake her home for 50 years? Here is her story.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) did not sanction women's college basketball until 1982, and only did so reluctantly despite federal legislation passing ten years

earlier that required equal and fair opportunities for both male and female students in educational settings.

Instead, women's basketball was sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). Teams were sponsored by small colleges, business schools, manufacturing companies, insurance firms and other assorted private businesses. Players ranged in age from teenagers to women in their 30s – some married and even a few were mothers. Their playing eligibility was not limited, and some women played for a dozen or more years. It was in this environment arose Barbara Sipes who would be a seven time All-American and win gold medals at the international level during the 1950s and 1960s.

Sipes grew up in Topeka, Kansas and attended Seaman High School where there were no organized sports for young girls. She was taller than most other students in her teenage years, and basketball became her outlet. As a high school junior, she was invited to play basketball for the AAU Santa Fe Streamliners team in Topeka. In her senior year, she was awarded her first AAU All-American medal (1953).

After high school Sipes began her college education at Kansas City Junior College and Washburn University while also playing for the Kansas City Dons team where she was selected for a second AAU All-American (1954). The Dons – led by star scoring forward Sipes, finished second in that year's AAU National Basketball Tournament.



Following the tragic death of its coach in a motor vehicle accident, the Dons team was disbanded. However, after aviation magnet Glenn Martin endowed the women's basketball program at Iowa Wesleyan College, Sipes was recruited as its first scholarship athlete.

The Iowa Wesleyan College Tigerettes soon became a powerhouse AAU team finishing second in the 1957 AAU National Tournament and third in the 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963 national tournaments. During this same period, Sipes was named an AAU All-American for the years 1957, 1958 and 1959. After college, Sipes received yet two more AAU All-American awards in 1967 and 1968 playing for the Raytown, Missouri Piperettes team.

Sipes' size – 6 foot 3 inches in height and 195 pounds, made her one of the first big pivot scoring forwards in the then American six-person half-court game played by the AAU and those few high school programs playing girls' basketball – Iowa being one. A good rebounder and top-notch shooter, Sipes also could play the pivot guard position on defense. Former University of Iowa men's basketball coach Pops Harrison, later coach at Iowa Wesleyan College, told a sports club group that if most men basketball players had the enthusiasm and desire of Barbara Sipes, they would surely be All-Americans.

She enjoyed much success playing basketball at the international level despite the handicap of American players having to switch from their AAU six-person half-court basketball game to the international five-person full-court game.

Sipes was a member of the USA national team at the first ever Pan American Games held in 1955 at Mexico City, Mexico. The Americans defeated five teams in an eight-game tournament to win the gold medal title

She played on the USA team at the 1957 World Basketball Championship for Women held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They won the gold medal defeating a Soviet Union national team in the championship game 51-48. Sipes led all scorers with 18 points and erased an eight-point Soviet lead in the last three and one-half minutes of the game. A teammate's diary described them playing before 30 to 40 thousand screaming, unbridled people - something American women's' basketball would not again experience for another 66 years until Caitlin Clark's Iowa Hawkeyes basketball team played an exhibition game outdoors in Kinnick Stadium before a record 55 thousand exuberant fans.

In 1958, she was selected for a USA women's basketball team to participate in an inaugural cultural exchange program with the Soviet Union. Along with a USA men's team, they played the best Soviet national basketball teams in a six-game series before large curious crowds in Moscow, Leningrad and a night-time outdoor game in Tbilisi, Georgia. Sipes and her teammates won four and lost two games to Soviet women's teams, while the USA men's team went undefeated in their six games with Soviet teams. The tour concluded with the USA teams attending a May Day Parade in Moscow's Red Square celebrating the Communist country's international worker's movement. Truly remarkable. How many Diamondhead Lake community members can claim they attended a Soviet Union May Day Parade in Moscow during the Cold War?

Sipes was again a member of the USA team for the 1967 Pan American Games held in Winnipeg, Canada where the Americans finished with six wins and two losses earning a silver medal. She led all American scorers with 108 points, averaging 13.5 points per game.



Robert Ikard, author of the book, *Just for Fun: The Story of AAU Women's Basketball*, (The University of Arkansas Press, 2005), created a personal mythical All-Star team for the forty-year span of AAU women's basketball. Sipes was put on the third team by Ikard, describing her as a pure pivot player with much international success. Joining Sipes on this third team is Olympic track & field star and professional golfer Mildred "Babe" Didrikson, a two-time AAU All-American player in the early 1930's.

Sipes was named the Outstanding Amateur by the Iowa AAU in 1963 and Most Outstanding Athlete of the Missouri Valley Conference in 1967. She was inducted into the Los Angeles based Helms Athletic Hall of Fame in 1968, the Iowa Wesleyan College Hall of Fame in 2004 and her Seaman High School Hall of Fame in 2010.

Sipes always dreamed of competing in the Olympic Games, however women's basketball was not a recognized sport during her playing career. She began participating in track & field events of discus and shotput, which were Olympic events. Sipes participated in the National Track Trials where she qualified for the Olympic Trials in New York, but finished seventh and did not make the 1964 USA Olympic team.

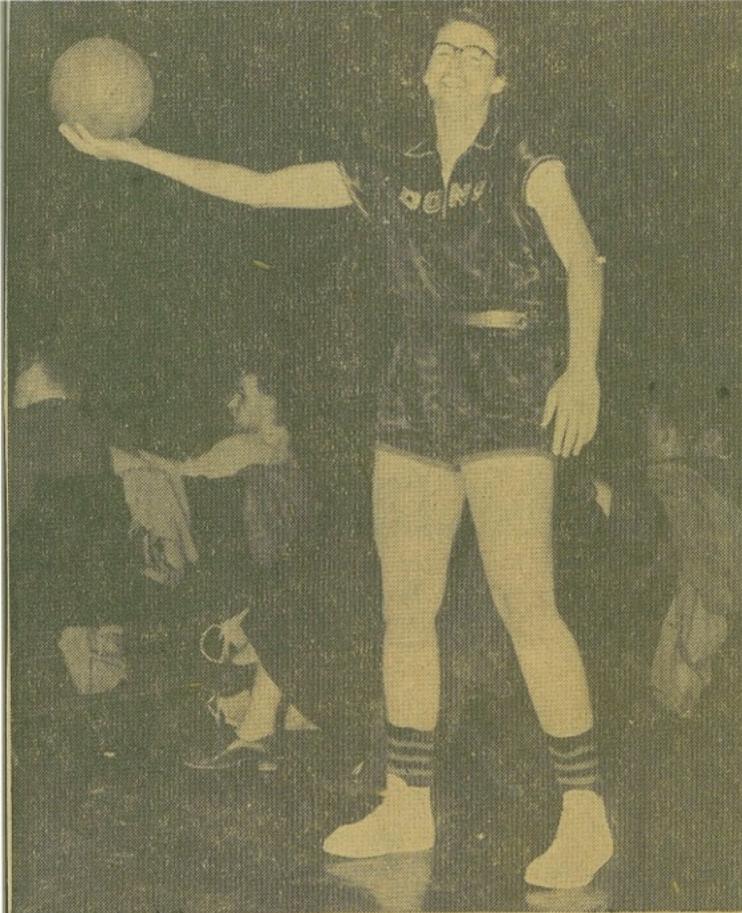
Following her long career of amateur basketball, Sipes began a second career in education, teaching physical education in Illinois, Des Moines and Redfield schools for thirty-six years. In 1970 Sipes and Joyce Yates purchased real estate property from lake co-founder Walt Schafer and built a lake home on Walt's Point that would

become their home for over fifty years. Water skiing became her new passion at Diamondhead Lake, later replaced with cruises aboard a red colored two-deck level pontoon boat.

Sipes served on the Long Branch Maintenance Corporation board of directors in its early years and later on the Guthrie County Board of Health. In 2018 Sipes and Yates were honored by the Diamondhead Lake community as grand marshals for its summer boat parade. Sipes died at the age of 86 on August 02, 2021.

Thank you, Caitlin Clark and Iowa Hawkeye women's basketball team for elevating women's basketball to new heights not seen before. Because of their national popularity we are again recognizing the accomplishments and recalling the stories of those early women basketball pioneers like our own Barbara Sipes.

BARBARA SIPES



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Barbara Sipes Flies To South America





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**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Breakfast in Paradise**

DHL Clubhouse 8:30 – 10:00 AM

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Rockin the Park with “DIRT ROAD DIVIDE”**

Boyd Baker South Park 7:00 – 11:00 PM

Food Truck, 50/50 Split

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Remembrance Day on the Dam - 11:00 AM**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Progressive Happy Hour - \$30/per person**

Sign up at the office beginning April 15th

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**5K Freedom Run – Registration is now open**

**Rockin the Park with “BURNING SENSATIONS”**

Boyd Baker South Park 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Food Truck, bounce houses, 50/50 split

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Olympics – Details to follow**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Movie Night at Boyd Baker/South Park**



# **BREAKFAST IN PARADISE**

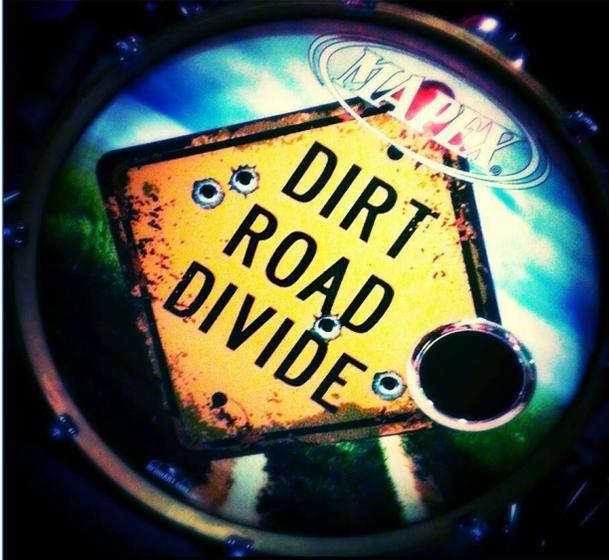
**Saturday, May 25th**

**8:30 – 10:30 AM**

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**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 – 11:00 PM  
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# REMEMBRANCE DAY

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- **Memorial Day Tribute on the Dam**
- Your Events Committee is excited to have our 2nd annual Tribute to our lake for Memorial Day, May 27th.
- Unfortunately, we have lost so many wonderful members who have touched many lives in our community and we want to take this opportunity to pay them tribute.
- We plan on placing picture/signs of members who we have lost throughout the years along both sides of the dam on May 20th. We encourage all members who purchase signs to decorate around the sign of your loved one. On Monday, May 27th, we would like our members to gather at the clubhouse at 11:00 AM for a memorial walk across the dam.
- If you would like to have a loved one included in this amazing tribute, please email Sonja Gonzalez a picture no later than May 10th at [sonjagonzo50@gmail.com](mailto:sonjagonzo50@gmail.com).
- The cost is \$20 per picture/sign which simply covers the set up fee. The size will be 24" x 18". Your Events Committee will be covering the remaining cost but donations are always welcome.
- Please feel free to contact Sonja Gonzalez directly if you have any questions either by email or phone 515-669-6181.



# PROGRESSIVE



**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM**

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**Diamondhead 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Summer Olympics is coming!  
Saturday, July 13  
Details coming soon!**



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To encourage the betterment and maintenance of Diamondhead Lake.  
To represent the members of LBMC.  
To manage the business

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**Events Committee**  
**16th**  
6:30 PM

**SLOW DOWN!!**



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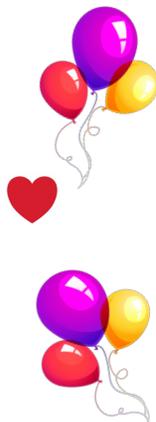
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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 2024

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hunter Wagner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Hughes  
Jayne Martin  
Julian Wagner
- 4<sup>th</sup> Brenton Pelowski
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Tony & Terri Morrow**  
Angela Christensen
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lori Poland
- 13<sup>th</sup> Amber Chladek
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dennis Carr
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Russell  
Jeff Wood



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- 25<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Fechner
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Tim & Staci Ploen**  
Zach Else  
Allen Moon
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Gary & Ann Neimanis** ❤️  
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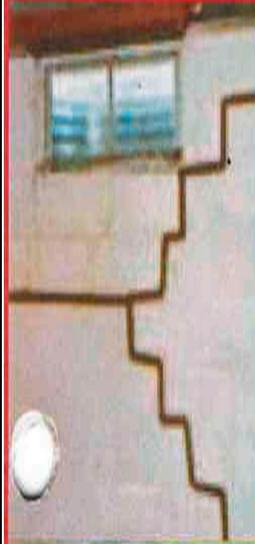


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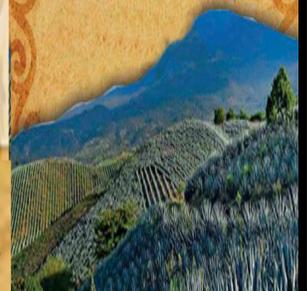
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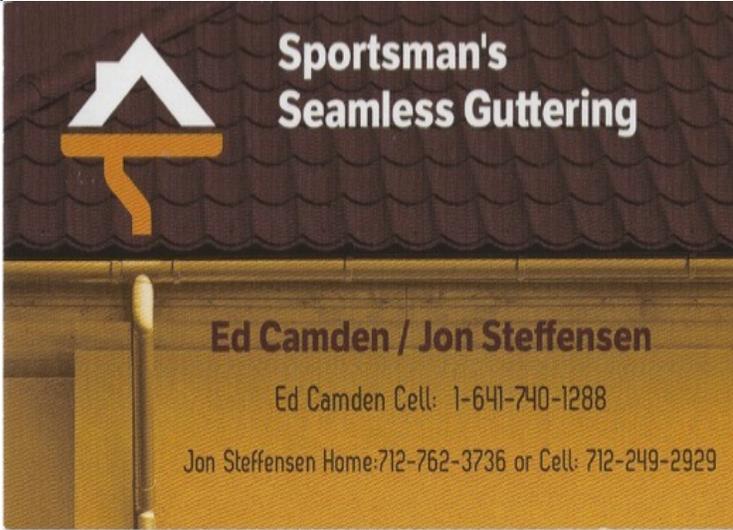
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