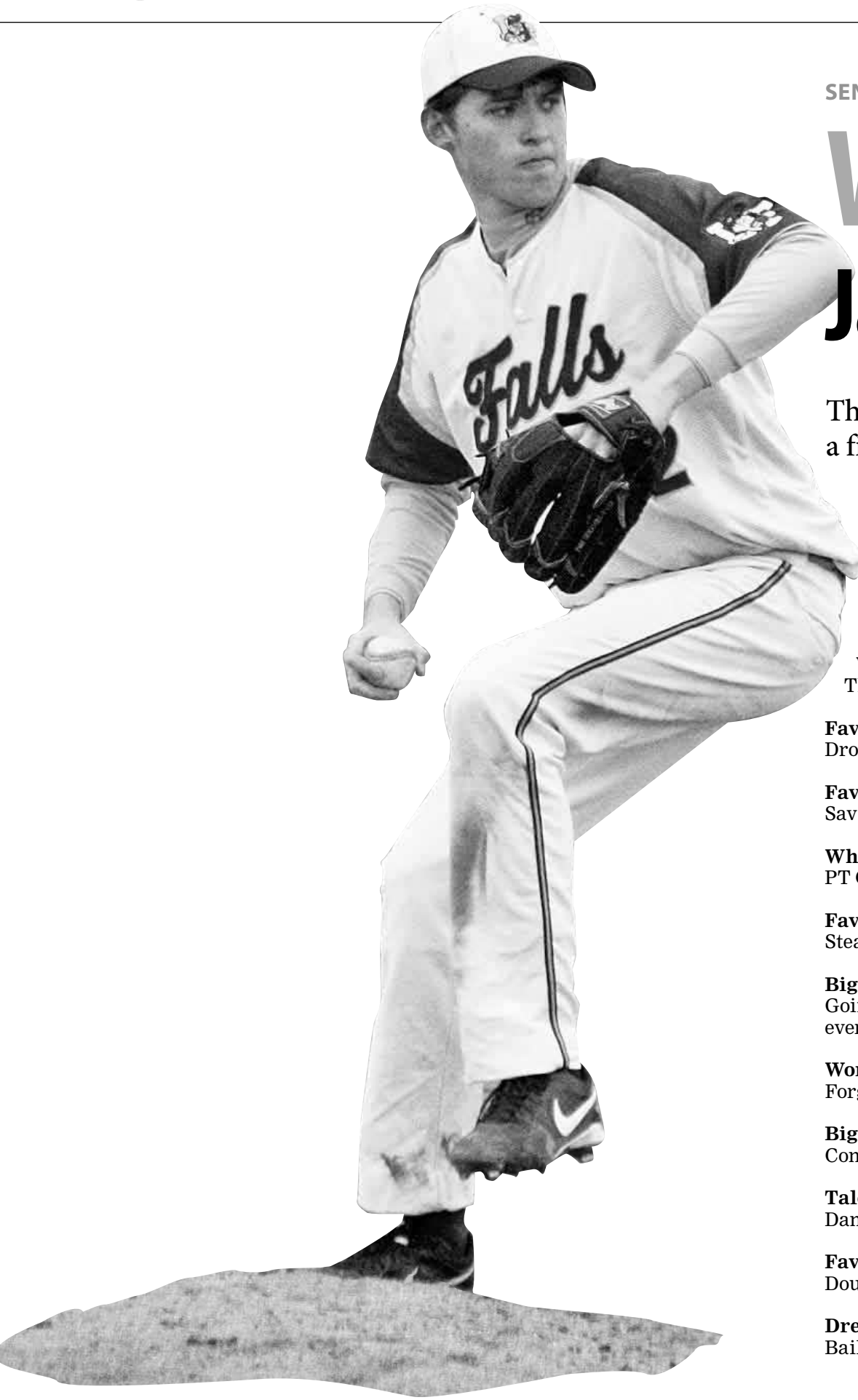


SPORTS



SENATHLETES

Who is...
Jack Bartkowski

The 18-year-old International Falls High School senior is a first baseman/pitcher on the Bronco boys baseball team.

- Birthday:**
October 22, 1996

Future plans:
Attend college while studying to be a physical therapist.

What's on TV:
The Big Bang Theory

Favorite music:
Drops of Jupiter by Train

Favorite movies:
Saving Private Ryan

What do you drive:
PT Cruiser

Favorite meal:
Steak, garlic pasta, salad

Biggest superstition:
Going to Subway before every basketball game.

Worst habit:
Forgetting clothes

Biggest pet peeve:
Constant complaining

Talent I'd most like to have:
Dancing

Favorite athlete to watch:
Doug McDermott

Dream date:
Bailey Vollom
- Favorite team as a kid:**
Cardinals

Favorite city to visit:
Fort Myers, Florida

Favorite attribute about yourself:
Long arms

Least favorite attribute:
Not being able to jump

Favorite holiday:
Christmas

Top things on your bucket list:
Live some place warm.
Visit Ireland.

Your motto:
Life's a garden. Dig it.

Favorite memory about your high school career:
Winning the IRC championship in basketball.

Favorite thing to do that has nothing to do with sports:
Eat and travel places with my friends.

Dream job:
Food critic

Favorite person to follow on Twitter:
Don't have Twitter

Bronco HOF Class of 2015 to be honored April 18

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Four individuals and a state-champion girls track and field team from International Falls will be honored a week from tonight at the AmericInn as the next class of inductees into the Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame's Class of 2015 includes shot putter and discus thrower Misty Bahr, hockey player Jim Amidon, football player and assistant recreation director Aldo DeMarchi, baseball player and recreation director Bill Howard and the 1972 girls track and field team.

Next Saturday's festivities begin with a social hour at 4:30 p.m., followed by the dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the induction ceremony at 7 p.m.

The banquet tickets are \$25 each and available at the Falls High School office, City Drug and the Espresso Lane in Super One. They may also be purchased by contacting Timm Ringhofer at (218) 324-3053.

Summaries of the inductees to be honored the evening of April 18 are as follows:

MISTY BAHR

Bahr, who graduated in 1994 from Falls High School, where she competed in both volleyball and track and field, was a state qualifier in both the shot put and discus in 1993 and 1994. She finished third in the shot put in both years



Misty Bahr



Aldo DeMarchi

and placed sixth and eighth in the discus.

Bahr is the second-best discus thrower and third-best shot putter in Bronco girls track and field history. Her best discus throw of 129 feet, 1 inch, is 8 inches short of the school record set by Kathleen Johnson in 1988. Her best throw in the shot put was 41-3.5.

She also competed in volleyball and track and field at Hamline University, where she was a six-time All-American. Bahr, who was the 1998 NCAA Division III national indoor champion in the shot put, remains the school's indoor record holder in that event with a toss of 48-3.75. She had also held the outdoor school records in the shot put and discus before those records were broken in 2013 by Becky Culp.

The annual award for Hamline University's top senior female athlete is named after Bahr, who passed away in December 2003 and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. In addition, in the annual Hamline Elite Meet for the best high school track and field ath-

letes in the state, the girls shot put is named in Bahr's honor and memory.

JIM AMIDON

Amidon, a 1963 FHS graduate, played forward on the Bronco boys hockey team from 1960-63, which included being on the teams that won the state championship in 1962 and placed runner-up at the state tournament in 1963. He was named to the all-tournament team in both years.

He was part of a state championship team that went 27-0-1 and included forward Keith "Huffer" Christiansen and goalie Mike "Lefty" Curran, both of whom have previously been inducted into the Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame. The head coach, Larry Ross, is also a previous inductee.

Absent Christiansen, Curran and others the following season, Amidon was one of only three seniors on the team that also entered that state tournament without a loss. In the 1963 championship game against St. Paul Johnson, Amidon scored a goal in the final minute of regulation to send the game into overtime, before the Falls lost, 4-3.

Amidon, who was ranked in 2011 by the Minnesota Hockey Hub as the 75th greatest high school player in the state's history, played college hockey at Colorado College, where he got to play with another forward from the Falls,

Glen Blumer, who graduated from FHS after the Broncos won the 1962 state title.

Amidon, who was moved from forward to defenseman at Colorado College, received honorable mention as an All-American in 1967.

Following his hockey career, which also included playing for the Green Bay Bobcats in the United States Hockey League and being a coach and player in France, Amidon was an elementary school teacher for 25 years. He currently is retired and lives in Bozeman, Mont.

ALDO DE MARCHI

DeMarchi, who played high school football for the Falls in the 1940s, received All-Conference honors in 1943 and All-Range and All-State honors in 1946.

After being drafted in 1944 into the United States Army during World War II, he returned home to resume his senior year of education in 1946, when the Falls went 6-0-1 as the first undefeated football team in school history and he was named to the All-State football team as an end.

After graduating from FHS, he was offered a scholarship to play football at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

DeMarchi is known for his involvement with youth sports in the Falls and worked 25 years for Falls' recreation department, where he was the assistant recreation director.

He passed away last April at the age of 87.

BILL HOWARD

Howard is a 1939 FHS graduate who participated in high school sports and then attended Carleton College, where he was a captain on the basketball team and a first baseman and pitcher on the baseball team. He earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Carleton and then served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Howard returned briefly to the Falls following the war when he coached Falls' American Legion baseball team and played semipro baseball. After post-graduate studies in geology at the University of Minnesota and playing baseball for the Faribault Lakers in the Southern Minnesota League, he spent several years outside of Minnesota as a field geologist with oil companies.

While working for an oil company in Chicago, Howard was contacted by Falls Athletic Director Walt Scheela, who asked him to come back to the Falls and become the city's recreation director.

Howard was in that position from 1951-81 and developed the community's athletic and other recreational programs while working with DeMarchi and several volunteers and seasonal staff.

He also is the only person to have played in all of the Smokey Bear Golf Invitational's first 50 tour-

naments that began in 1954 and was the Falls Country Club's senior club champion three times.

1972 FHS GIRLS TRACK

The 1972 Falls girls track and field team, which was coached by Peg Johnson, went undefeated that season when the Broncos tied White Bear Lake for first in Minnesota's first-ever girls state track and field championship.

Susan Alstrom won two individual state titles with the Falls that year by placing first in both the shot put and discus. Alstrom, the only Bronco girl ever to be a state champion in the shot put, also ranks as the third-best discus thrower in school history with her top toss of 125-10.

In a year in which distances for track events were measured in yards instead of meters, others placing at state for the Falls included: Debbie Krats, who finished third in both the 50- and 80-yard hurdles; Roxanne Heibel, who placed fourth in the 100- and 220-yard dashes; and Chris Drinkwine, who finished sixth in the 440-yard dash.

The Broncos, who also qualified the 440- and 880-yard relay teams for state when they won the district championship, have not won another girls state track and field team title since 1972 when there was only one class in Minnesota to compete in before the current two-class system began in 1976.

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