

## MENOMINEE'S KEN HOFER NAMED 2014 DUFFY DAUGHERTY MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER

EAST LANSING - Ken Hofer has been named the recipient of the 2014 Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award for his outstanding lifetime achievement and contributions to Michigan high school football. Hofer is only the eleventh Michigan high school football coach to receive the Duffy Daugherty Award.

Hofer will be honored at a banquet in April along with college football honoree Barry Alvarez, the former head football coach and current athletic director at Wisconsin. Alvarez was chosen as the 2014 Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award recipient for his lifetime achievement and contributions to college football.

Hofer retired from coaching at Menominee High School in 2011 after a stellar career that began in 1966. In his 40-plus years in high school coaching Hofer compiled a record of 320-129-3 with three state championships (1998, 2006 and 2007). His Maroons won 15 conference titles, eight Regional titles, made the state semi-finals eight times and earned 13 Barber Trophies, awarded each year to the best team in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Under Hofer, the Maroons qualified for the state playoffs 22 times, including 16 in a row to end his career. They ran off 29 straight wins from 2006-08 and his '06 State Champion team outscored opponents 207-6.

Hofer is known in coaching circles as the "Guru of the Single Wing", an offense that does not utilize a traditional quarterback. Coaches from around the state and around the country have studied and copied Hofer's single wing offensive schemes, although few have achieved the success he has generated at Menominee. He is a member of the National High School Single Wing Hall of Fame.

An All State athlete in high school in both football and track, Hofer went to the University of Wisconsin and lettered in those same two sports in college. After graduation, Hofer served as an officer in the United States Army. Following a tour of duty in Germany, Lieutenant Hofer began a five-year stint working for Wilson Sporting goods as that company's representative in Germany, France and Austria.

But in 1964 he was drawn back to the states and the sidelines when he accepted the job as a football coach and social studies teacher at his alma mater, Stephenson High School.

Then in 1966 Hofer moved to Menominee as teacher and coach, where he remained until his retirement. In addition to coaching and teaching, Hofer served at various times as athletic director, principal and assistant principal at Menominee.

Hofer is a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame and the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame, inducted to both in 1987. He and his wife, Millie, have been married for 55 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. Their son, Chris, has continued in the family business and is the head football coach at Kingsford High School.

The annual Duffy Daugherty Memorial Awards Banquet honoring Hofer and Alvarez is set for Thursday, April 24 at Eagle Eye Golf and Conference Center in East Lansing. The evening includes a reception at 5:30 and awards dinner starting at 7. Tickets and reserved seating are available for \$50 per person or \$400 for a table of eight through the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award Committee. Contact (517) 853-0670 or [www.DuffyDaugherty.org](http://www.DuffyDaugherty.org) for tickets or for more information.