

JAMES EARL "JIMMY" BIVENS

ATHLETE

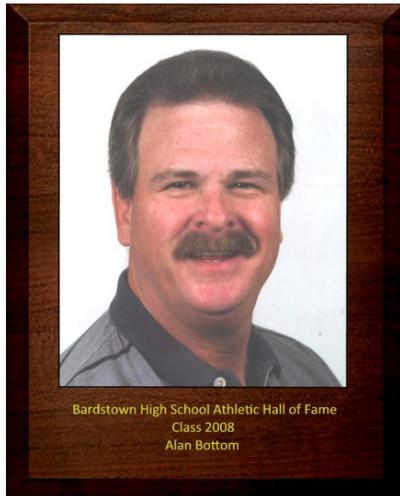
1969-1971

As an athlete at Bardstown High School, Jimmy Bivens was known for his great jumping ability and aggressive play on the basketball court and track. He led his team to Region 5 championships and a berth in the K.H.S.A.A. State Basketball Tournaments in 1969 and 1971. Often leading his team in rebounding and scoring, he was chosen as team captain his senior year. After receiving Honorable All-State mention in his sophomore and junior seasons, he was selected to the Louisville Courier Journal third team All-State and the Lexington Herald All-State second team in his senior season at Bardstown High School. In addition to making All-State, he received All-District and All-Region honors for three consecutive years (1969-1971) and was named the number one player in the Fifth Region in 1971. Playing the center position at a smallish 6'3" tall, he dominated around the basket by his rebounding and shot blocking abilities. In addition, he had the ability to score in large numbers, once scoring 43 points in a single game. He was a dominate star in track and field where he helped, in 1970 and 1971, lead his team to consecutive state championships. He was a three time state triple jump champion, jumping 46'.25" in 1970. In addition, he won two state long jump championships with a best jump, in 1969, of 22'.50." To date, his five individual state championships mark the most by any "Tiger" athlete.

Excelling in the classroom, as well as on the athletic field, Jimmy received an athletic scholarship to Transylvania University. There he played basketball and scored 1302 points and is a member of the school's 1000 point club. He earned his Bachelor's degree in 1975, majoring in English. He taught high school English in North Carolina and was a United States Army veteran.

Jimmy Bivens never placed himself above others, always maintaining a deep appreciation and respect for his peers. He was a fierce competitor, an outstanding athlete, and one who through his academic and athletic prowess certainly helped solidify the legacy of Bardstown High School athletics.

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ALAN BOTTOM

ATHLETE

1964 – 1968

Alan Bottom was a three sport athlete at Bardstovwn High School. Lettering four years in baseball, three years in basketball, and three years in football, he received recognition in each for his outstanding play. In baseball, he made All Mid-Kentucky Conference two years and All 19th District one year. He was an All-Conference player in basketball for two years and made All-Region and Honorable Mention

All State, his senior year. In football, basketball and baseball, he was named captain his senior year. As a football player, he was All-Conference for two years and was named All-State First Team Class A quarterback as well as All-State First Team for all classes his senior year. He was the quarterback when Bardstovwn won the 1967 State Class A Football Championship, the school's first state title in any sport.

He received a four year scholarship to play football at the University of Louisville. There he lettered one year. As an amateur softball player, he enjoyed much success. In 1986, the team that he played on won the National Softball World tournament. In 1997, Alan was inducted into the Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame. In 2001, playing on a team for men fifty years and older, he again won a prestigious National Softball World Championship.

Considered to be a leader in high school, he was named Mr. Freshman, Mr. Sophomore, Mr. Junior, and Mr. Senior. It was with pride and honor that he played for Coach Garnis Martin and was a Bardstovwn Tiger.

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RHONDA CHURCHILL

ATHLETE/COACH

1971-1975

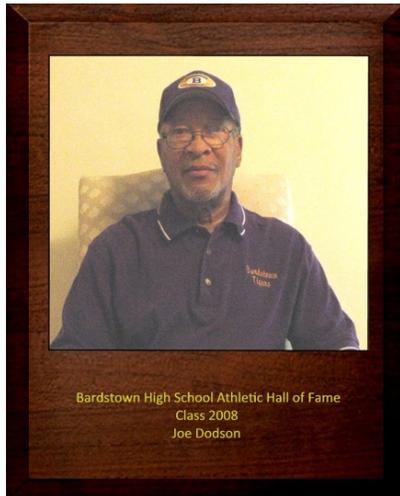
Rhonda Churchill has been a lifelong model for Bardstown High School. She was an outstanding track athlete and accomplished cheerleader. In addition, she has been an ambassador for Bardstown City Schools, singing the schools' praises wherever she goes.

In her athletic career, she was a member of a regional winning track team. As a sprinter, she participated in 220 Yard Dash. She also was a member of the regional record setting 880 Yard Relay team. In addition to winning the region, she participated on a Mid-Kentucky Conference championship team. Exuberating school spirit throughout her high school experiences, she was a vital member of Bardstown High School cheerleading squads. In 1974, she was a member of the varsity cheerleading squad that won the 19th District and 5th Region cheerleading championships and participated in the KAPOs state cheerleading competitions.

After high school, she attended Eastern Kentucky University, where she was a member of the cheerleading squad in 1977-1978. After college, she returned to Bardstown City Schools working in the elementary and primary schools. There she was able to pass her love of Bardstown athletics to countless young athletes by being an assistant cheer coach and coordinating the KAPOs award winning middle school cheerleading squad.

With a never ending zest of school spirit, her adult life has been filled with giving back to the school system that she loves.

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JOE DODSON

ATHLETE

BARDSTOWN TRAINING SCHOOL

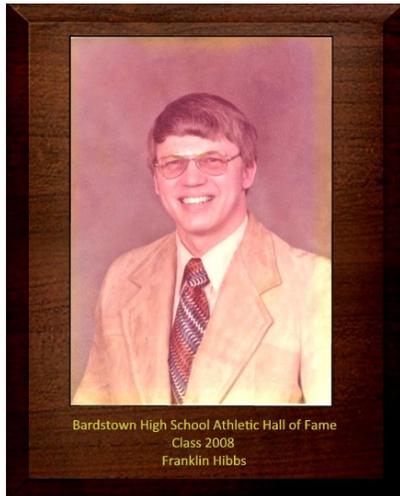
1950-1954

Joe Dodson was a four-year starter in basketball for the Bardstown Training School "Bears." He was a prolific scorer, once scoring 55 points in a game against a strong Campbellsville Durham team. Competing against larger schools from Louisville and the surrounding area, he averaged 23 points per game in his career. Recognizing that it was a privilege to play high school athletics, he played with a heart and passion that allowed him to achieve great things beyond his physical stature. At 5'8" tall, he was relentless and aggressive in attacking the basket and was able to use a "jack knife" move to score against taller athletes. Games in which he scored 30 or 40 points were not uncommon. His aggressiveness also carried over to the defensive side of the floor, where he would often guard the opposing team's most accomplished scorer. Coach Charles Woodson, Bardstown Training School's longtime coach, after 20 years of coaching, was asked to name his dream team of former athletes; he named as a guard Joe Dodson to that team.

From high school, he went on to play basketball at Xavier University in New Orleans. There he played point guard for the "Gold Rush" from 1954 through 1956. He continued his athletic career after college by playing basketball for the Special Forces in the United States Army and football for the 22nd Infantry team. He also played baseball and tennis. Joe Dodson was an accomplished and gifted athlete.

Having a heart for sports, he continued to share his passion and competitiveness by participating in independent basketball leagues and by coaching freshman boys' basketball at Bardstown High School and in youth sport leagues of the community.

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FRANKLIN HIBBS, JR.

CONTRIBUTOR

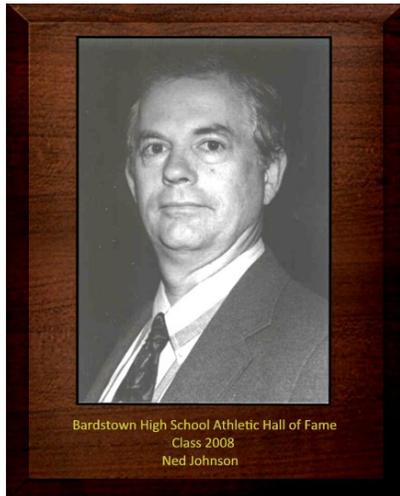
Franklin Arthur Hibbs, Jr. was born and raised in Nelson County. He graduated from St. Joseph Prep High School and attended the University of Kentucky, majoring in engineering. Upon passing his examinations and becoming registered as a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor, he began an illustrious career that included the establishment of Hibbs Engineering.

Loving Bardstown, Franklin was instrumental in maintaining the integrity of historic Bardstown by serving twenty six years on the Historic Review Board. In addition, he was a charter member of the Nelson County Jaycees which has accomplished many worthwhile projects, including the establishment of the Jaycee Park which is now called the Community Park.

He was named to the Bardstown City Schools Board of Education in 1970, to fill an unexpired term. He was elected to the board in 1973 and served until 1989 and again was elected in 1991 and remained on the board until 2006. It was during that time that he used his construction and engineering skills to advise the school system in the building, expansion, and renovation projects that has given the Bardstown City Schools facilities second to none. Included in those projects was the building of the Bardstown Primary School, the Early Childhood Center, the Bardstown Middle School, remodeling of Bardstown High School, installation of a new air conditioning and heating system in the Bardstown Elementary School, and in 2006, the major renovation of the athletic facilities which included additional seating and upgraded lighting on the football field, lights for the softball and baseball fields, expanded locker room space in the gymnasium, and an eight lane rubberized track and field complex which is considered to be one of the finest in the state.

Married to Dixie Hibbs (1959), his three children and four grandsons are all alumni of Bardstown High School and each was a vital participant in athletics. Franklin Hibbs is a dedicated gentleman who has worked tirelessly to give the children of Bardstown City Schools the best educational opportunities possible.

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NED JOHNSON

CONTRIBUTOR/ATHLETE/COACH

1969 – 1973

As a student at Bardstown High School, Ned Johnson played baseball and basketball. In 1973, he was named in baseball as the MVP of the Mid-Kentucky Conference and his team won the 19th District championship. As a basketball player, he was a member of the 5th Region runner up basketball squad. Continuing his relationship with Bardstown, he served as an assistant baseball coach and assistant

basketball coach. In addition, he served as head baseball coach. During his tenure as baseball coach, he coached the Tigers to their first regional baseball tournament win in 1987, and in the 1988 season, he coached the baseball team to a district and regional crown and defeated state number one ranked Pleasure Ridge Park (ranked third nationally by *USA Today*) in the state baseball tournament. The team went on to lose to perennial power St. Xavier (5-3) in a hard fought game. As an assistant basketball coach, serving from 1986 - 1991, the Tigers won the 1987 Class A State Invitational Tournament. They also won back to back 19th District titles and were runner-up in the King of the Bluegrass Tournament as well as runner-up in the Louisville Invitational. Ned Johnson served as a sports broadcaster for the WBRT/WOKH radio station in Bardstown, Kentucky. For twenty-three years he was known as the "Voice of the Tigers." During that time, he broadcast four state championship football games and numerous regular season football, basketball, and baseball games. He was behind the microphone when Coach Garnis Martin became the winningest football coach in the state of Kentucky. His most memorable moment in broadcasting was the call of "The Georgia Pass" that beat Mayfield on its home field in the closing seconds of the 1981 semi-state football game. As an award winning broadcaster, he won Kentucky Broadcasters Association first place awards for simulcasts of regional high school football games. It has been often said that his call, of an athletic event, was such that as a listener you could almost see the game as it was happening.

Ned Johnson is a college professor and has been inducted as a charter member in the Kentucky Academic Association Hall of Fame and is a member of Bardstown/Nelson County Hall of Fame. He truly understands the tradition and pride of the purple and the gold of Bardstown High School and its athletics.

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