

2015 Hall of Fame Information

Speaker: As our speaker tonight, we have the pleasure of hearing from one of our own, Marion Tarrant. Marion, a graduate of Westside High School, began working at the Rec Center part time around 1978 helping with the athletic programs. He continued until 1992 when he was hired full time with the Anderson Housing Authority where he worked for almost 23 years. Even though he worked there, he continued to coach as much as he could. In 2010, Marion was inducted into the Rec Center Hall of Fame. He also received the Lighthouse Award given by the Anderson Independent Mail. Today he is retired but still serves as the President of the Men at Work Community Outreach Program where he continues to influence the youth and others of our area.

Inductees

Eddie Chastain: Eddie began his coaching adventure in 1992 after being recruited to coach his oldest daughter's team due to a coaching shortage that year. He continue to coach both of his daughters until they reached the 16-under division. At that point, he decided to stay in 12-under until the remaining girls moved up. This quickly became a promise that Eddie made each year. This trend continued for the next 19 years. His teams have over 200 wins and placed first or second in the league in the majority of years that he coached. Many times his team may not have had the most talent to begin with but Eddie found a way to motivate and develop what he did have. Eddie helped coach at least six All Star teams. He was one of three coaches on the City's first state championship team in Babe Ruth softball.

Jimmy Rogers: Jimmy's career with the Recreation Center began with the baseball program in 1986 and continued on that side for seven years. He assisted with the Babe Ruth Regional All Star team that finished second two years in a row. Jimmy switched to girls softball in 1993 coaching for ten more years. His teams won the league championship three times. He coached various All Star teams during this time. One of the 12-under teams finished second in their division. Through coaching Rec softball, he was also able to form a travel team after the seasons that was very successful. This team of 16 and 18 year olds won the ASA state tournament twice. Jimmy added that he was fortunate to coach alongside many wonderful people, among them Arnold Howell, Heath Clark, and Wayne and Cynthia Campbell. While having the opportunity to coach many kids including his own three children, he had a positive influence on the lives on many he came in contact with.