



SPIRIT OF SAGINAW AWARD
Nomination Form

Nominee

Name: JACK TANY - (2022 RETIRED PRESIDENT/FOUNDER)
Company: SAGINAW COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME
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City: SAGINAW State: MI ZIP: 48607
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Nominator

Name: JOHN D. MOREY - BOARD MEMBER
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About the Nominee:

On a separate sheet, please answer the following questions. Attach support documentation or additional information as needed:

1. Describe the event(s) or activity the nominee was involved in during the past 18 months that led to this nomination. Please be specific as to actual contribution/work involved.
2. Please list leadership positions, awards or recognition received by the nominee during the past 18 months that you deem relevant to the nomination.

Supporting Documents:

Please contact 1-2 individuals to supply supporting documentation to accompany your nomination form. Support documents can take the form of letters, emails, news articles, etc.

Submission: Return completed nominations by April 30th

Lisa Dobbins, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
515 N. Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607
or by email to lisa@saginawchamber.org

Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year.



ily known as "Coach T.," was born in Saginaw in 1947. After graduating from he attended Western New Mexico University, where he received a bachelor nces. In 1972, he received his master's degree in guidance counseling. ved Saginaw High as a teacher, guidance counselor, athletic director, and ing included basketball, track, football, golf, and cross-country. Coach T : to education and spent his entire life giving to the Saginaw community. ee sports hall of fame and was honored as the Continuation of the Van...



Jack Tany

Jack Tany has had a lifelong affair with sports that now spans over five decades. He received his degree from Central Michigan University, where he majored in journalism. He writes a weekly column for the *Saginaw Township Times* and has written and self-published the book *Gloria: The History of Saginaw County Sports*, which chronicles sports in Saginaw County from 1894 to 2000. The book was the driving force behind the start of the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame, where Tany was an inaugural board member and currently serves as the organization's president. Jack serves on the Great Lakes Bay Sports Commission, Saginaw Valley State University's Cardinal Advisory Board, and the university's athletic hall of fame. He also is a member of the Historical Society of Saginaw County, the chamber of commerce's Leadership Saginaw Program, and other community organizations. (Both, courtesy of Jack B. Tany.)





Jack B. Tany, a lifelong resident of Saginaw County, attended Zilwaukee Junior High School, where he participated in a number of sports before going on to St. Mary's Cathedral High School in Saginaw where he played two years of varsity football. After graduating from Central Michigan University, where he earned a degree in journalism, he was player/coach for area softball teams Expressway Bar, Plantation Bar and Ancon Tool & Die where his teams won a record 33 consecutive games. He formerly served as sports editor for The Township Times, a position he held for 10 years. In addition, he performed color commentary for high school football and basketball games for five years on radio station WSAM. Tany also wrote and self published the book "Glory, The History of Saginaw County Sports." He is employed as a Senior Account Executive for Upfront Media in Flint, and is a contributing feature writer for Great Lakes Bay Regional Lifestyle Magazine, while also writing a weekly column for The Saginaw Township Times called Running with Scissors. His work has also appeared in Michigan History magazine, The Catholic Weekly and the Review Magazine. One of the original founders of the Hall of Fame, Tany currently serves as Hall of Fame president and also serves on the banquet, selection, scholarship, new home and testimonial video committees. He sits on a number of boards throughout the area including the Great Lakes Bay Sports Commission, Leadership Alumni Association of Saginaw County, Saginaw Valley State University's Cardinal Advisory Board, along with the SVSU Athletic Hall of Fame board. Tany formerly was a member of the Heroes for Kids, Friends of Hoyt Park, Rotary Club of Bay City, Zilwaukee Jaycees, Tall Ships Celebration, Bay City Compensation Committee and the Advertising Federation of Saginaw Valley organizations. He was an inaugural member of the Saginaw Old Golds' Vintage Base Ball team and currently is a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge Sacra Famiglia Lodge # 2456, Flint-Area Advertising Federation, Fordney Club of Saginaw, and the Historical Society of Saginaw County. He volunteers his time as an umpire at Bay City Southwest Little League and as a member of the chain gang at Bay City All Saints Central High School. He resides in Carrollton Township with sons Sam and Joe.



Donald G. Bethune is a lifelong resident of Saginaw. He attended North School, St. Andrew's and is a 1961 graduate of Arthur Hill High School. While in school he played football, baseball and softball. Bethune is a Vietnam veteran, serving in the United States Army from 1965-66. He is retired after working 30-plus years with General Motors Corp.'s Saginaw Steering Gear. Bethune is a lifelong sports fan and has coached Knothole baseball and touch football in Saginaw. He is married to Marlene and has two sons, Todd and Matthew. Bethune, a member of the Arthur Hill Letterwinner's club, was the driving force behind starting the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame where he is the Immediate Past President-Emeritus. He was inducted into the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. Don and Marlene reside in Tittabawassee Township and also spend the winter months in Florida.

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Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame,
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Saginaw, MI 48607-1253

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Marshall Thomas has dedicated the past 31 years to education. He is a 1966 graduate of Saginaw High School, while earning both his bachelor and masters degree at Western New Mexico University where he graduated in 1971. While at New Mexico University he earned three varsity letters each in football, basketball and track, while leading the nation in punt returns (33.6 yards) in 1967. He has coached the Trojans varsity basketball team for a total of 21 years, including winning the Class A state championship in the 1995-96 season. He has also served as the school's athletic director for the past eight years. Thomas has also coached football, golf and cross country at Saginaw High. He enjoys golf in the off-season and resides in Saginaw with his wife, Yvonne, and children Alexis, Natalija and Celeste.



Jack B. Tany has touched area sports fans in many ways. A graduate of Saginaw St. Mary's Cathedral and Central Michigan University where he earned a degree in journalism, the Zilwaukee native formerly served as sports editor for *The Township Times*, a position he held for 10 years. For five years he performed color commentary duties for prep football and basketball games on radio station WSAM. Tany wrote and self published the book *"Glory, The History of Saginaw County Sports."* He is currently employed at MacDonald Broadcasting Company as Local Sales Manager for WEEG-Eagle 97.3, while also penning a general column for *The Township Times* and writing the popular sports column for *"Time Out With Tany"* for *The Review Magazine*. Tany, an honorary member of the Arthur Hill Letter winner's club, resides in Bay City with sons Samuel (7) and Joseph (4).



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