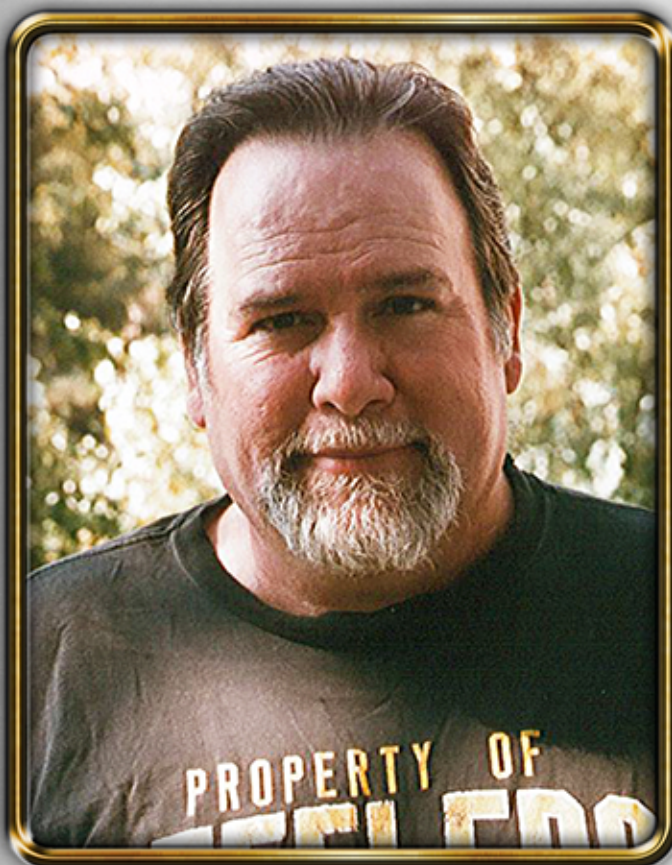


# SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Wall of Fame

### FRED HAMILTON

Inducted 2013



Born in 1962, the son of a plumber and a mother that was a part-time teacher and a housewife. Both of Fred's parents were hard workers who strived to make a good life for him and his four sisters. The family wasn't what you would call sports oriented, but they loved to compete, especially playing golf and cards. Fred attributes his work ethic and the desire to compete to his family. Even as a small boy he had a passion for sports, not that he didn't like winning, but winning wasn't the most important thing. It was the competition between opponents that thrilled him. His parents supported him throughout his high school athletic career and showed him the importance of fair play. It was better to put all your effort into the game and lose, than it was to win knowing you didn't do your best.

Fred started keeping the "game clock" for Sherman Central School in 1981. At that time, he thought he would only do it until his classmates finished school, but every year something grew inside of him, and he was always eager to see what the younger players would accomplish the next year. Over the years, he became acquainted with many of the officials in Chautauqua County. He decided to pursue another challenge and became a football official because of his love of the game. As an official, he always tried to instill in the kids fair play and just having fun.

Fred's passion for sports has gone on throughout his lifetime while watching high school sports being played by players who also love the game. No matter who wins, it is still exciting to him when he sees someone excel to his or her highest level of competition.

Fred's final comments include thanking all his coaches and teammates over the years for everything they have taught him and to let all the coaches and parents of new players know how important it is to support their student athletes and let them have fun so they can learn passion for sports, just as he has.