Tell Us Your Story

For a special book being developed by the Mississippi Association of Coaches Every Coach in Every Sport has a funny story to tell about something that happened in a locker room, on the sidelines or just in working with high school athletes. We are compiling those stories into a special book by the Mississippi Association of Coaches. The proceeds will go to the Mississippi Association of Coaches to help develop programs for its members.

We're asking all of our members to submit funny stories from their coaching career. It can be simple anecdotes about players, managers, ball boys or even fans. It can be humorous stories that turned out to be inspirational. Most of all, we're looking for those stories that have stayed with you throughout your career — the ones near and dear to your heart and memories that you would like to share.

Feel free to protect the innocent (or the guilty) by changing the name of the schools involved or keeping necessary identities of people confidential. We do ask that you include your name with the story so that we can give credit where credit is due.

The book is being compiled and written by Paul Keane, the Publisher and Editor of *The Wayne County News*. Paul has covered high school sports for 37 years, and he's always had a reputation of taking care of and protecting his coaches. He's not looking to "dig up dirt," but he does want to tell the often humorous side of sports while honoring the men and women who spend so much time coaching, leading and influencing the lives of young people.

Keane pledges not to intentionally publish anything that would harm a coach, a player, a program or a school. In addition, members of MAC will be proofreading and helping editing the book, putting another layer of safety and security into the process.

We want to debut this book at the All-Sports Clinic July 19-22, meaning we need your stories ASAP. We would like to have your story no later than June 1 so that everything can be put together, edited and then printed. The book will hopefully debut at the Coaching Clinic in Jackson this summer.

The MAC is not going to have any expenses, as *The Wayne County News* is underwriting those costs.

We hope you will help be a part of this very special project that will help preserve your memories while also sharing them with like-minded men and women and with those who share your passion for sports.

Send your stories to Paul Keane by emailing him at publisher@thewaynecountynews.com *(don't forget to put "the" in front of waynecountynews.com)* Please put "Telling My Story" in the Subject line so he knows what it is about. You can also call Paul directly at 601-671-1675 if you have any questions.