



Wiley Kendle

MTATA Hall of Fame

Inducted 2008



Wiley R. Kendle was born in Gillete, Wyoming, on May 12, 1950. As an infant Wiley moved to the family ranch in Shonkin, Montana; this is also where he was raised. Wiley went to school in Fort Benton, Montana, and graduating from Fort Benton High School in 1968.

He went to college at The University of Montana-Missoula and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health & PE in 1972. Wiley started working towards a Masters Degree at UM, but transferred to the University of Arizona in Tucson after being accepted into the Masters of Athletic Training program. While at UM, he was an athletic training student under his mentor, Naseby

Rhinehart. It was with Naseby that Wiley learned how to be the athletic trainer he is today.

Wiley was hired to be a health teacher and Athletic Trainer at CMR in Great Falls, Montana, in the fall of 1974. He was the only athletic trainer until the late 1980s when CMR hired an assistant. He started the student athletic trainer program in the early 1980s and has had many students work with him. In the mid 80s, he started the Intro to Athletic Training and Human Anatomy classes that he will finish teaching in the spring of 2008.

Wiley has been the athletic trainer at the Shrine game for several years, worked for a local Semi-Pro basketball team, and was an athletic trainer at the Vail, Colorado, Lacrosse Shoot-out.

Wiley has been involved with the Great Falls Coaches Association and the Montana Coaches Association in helping to set up the medical /athletic training speakers. He was also on the committee that wrote the Med Prep curriculum and started those classes. Wiley married Patti Ashmore in 1992 and has two grown children Matthew and Sarah.