



Nancy Woodford

Manhattan, Kansas

2001 COACHES' WIFE OF THE YEAR

Editor's Note: This is always one of our favorite awards. Look behind the scenes in most high school wrestling programs and you will find a coaches' wife who serves as a part-time mother, assistant coach, and biggest fan. We let the nomination letter, edited due to space limitations, do the speaking for this award.-Cal

I am writing to nominate Mrs. **NANCY WOODFORD** for the *Wrestling USA Magazine's* Coaches' Wife of the Year Award. Nancy has been an indispensable and supportive partner in my program over the past twenty-two years. She has filled a variety of roles and has gone beyond what almost any coaches' wife would be willing to do.

Nancy has done so many things that it is hard to convey all of them. She has been mom, manager, coach, official, timer, scorer, bracket keeper, team photographer, friend and counselor. She makes award certificates, paints diaper pins for awards for falls, designs and sells team shirts. She organizes and orchestrates our year-end banquet. While



doing all of these things, Nancy is a full-time middle school counselor and a part-time realtor. She has found time to raise two children.

In conclusion, I would like to add that her most important qualification is that she loves wrestling and she loves

young people. She treats the members of our squad as if they were her own children. She has provided me with love and support in allowing me to do what I do, many times at great personal sacrifice. This letter only touches the surface of her importance to our wrestling program and me.

Nancy was nominated by C. Lee Woodford, Head Wrestling Coach at Manhattan High School in Manhattan, Kansas.

An added comment, from among the many signatures accompanying the nomination, came from Carolyn and Tom Coleman, who say, "We have had six sons and one daughter involved in the program. Our experience with Nancy has been a long one. Nancy has blessed the lives of every kid and family associated with Manhattan High wrestling. She is more than "the coaches' wife." Nancy is an integral part of the wrestling experience here. We can think of no one who would be more deserving."



1st Runner-up
Christine Tomes
Milwaukee, WI
Nominated by Benjamin Tomes
Custer High School



2nd Runner-up
Pam Armas
Bremen, GA
Nominated by Tony Armas
Bremen High School



3rd Runner-up
Lynne Sadler
Wake Forest, NC
Nominated by Butch Sadler
Wake Forest-Rolesville HS



Honorable Mention
Linda Fyler
Monmouth, ME
Nominated by Charlie Fyler
Monmouth Academy, and
Bob McPhee



Honorable Mention
Leslie Brown
Hood River, OR
Nominated by Mark Brown
Hood River Valley HS