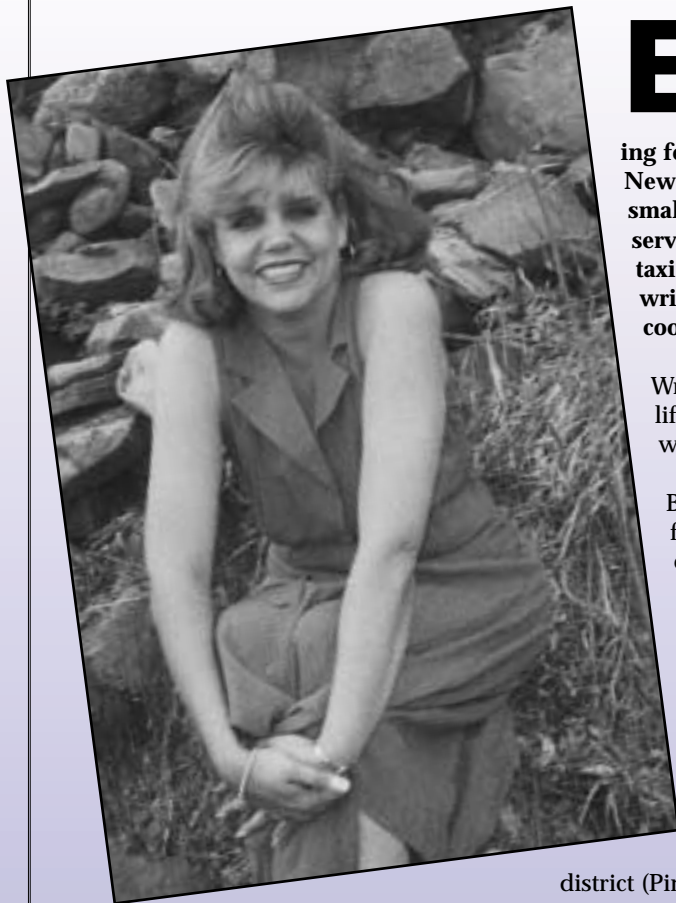




Wrestling USA

1998 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 part-time mother, assistant coach, and biggest fan. We let the nomination letter do the speaking for this award. The nomination letter from Steve Ganley of Goshen, New York, was too long to print in its entirety, so we will share only a small portion of it. Our readers can be assured that Bethany Ganley serves in the usual roles...announcer at all dual meets and tournaments, taxi driver, proof reader for school assignments, college recommendation writer, statistician, program designer, banner maker, summer camp coordinator, etc.

Wrestling has been an integral part of my life and, I'm proud to say, the life of my wife, Bethany. It has been like that since our first date...which was at a wrestling banquet!

Beth is fondly known in our wrestling family as "C.W.", which stands for "coaches' wife". She was given that nickname a few seasons ago by one of our JV wrestlers because of all the wonderful things that she does for our entire school program.

C.W.'s relationship with the wrestlers goes beyond the sport itself. One time, while flying to Port St. Lucie, Florida, for a tournament in early December, she spent close to an hour on the plane proof-reading one of our senior captain's college essays. The subject was extremely tough for him. He had lost his mom a few years back...tears were streaming...but this is why she is so special.

Beth is employed as a high school English teacher at a nearby school district (Pine Bush) and she is equally respected there. She gets the most out of her students. A Pine Bush - Goshen dual is a very tough dual for her. She takes great care to remain neutral because they are all "her kids".

All in all, I'm sure that there are many coaches' wives who do great jobs. Obviously I am biased, but I can't think of anyone in this sport, in my eyes, who is more deserving than my wife, Bethany Ganley. Her nickname says it all!!



Runner-up
Regina McCann
 Kearney, Nebraska
 Nominated by Tom McCann
 Kearney Head Coach