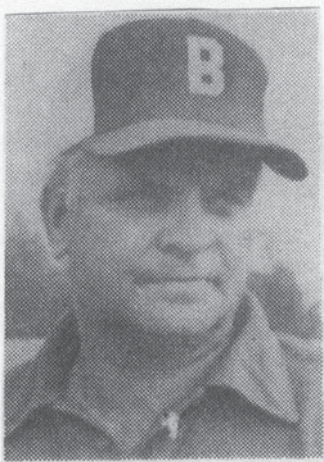


VanWieren is coach of the year



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Dick VanWieren, Beaverton's varsity head football coach, was recently elected as Region IV Coach of the Year and will be honored at the annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Clinic in Battle Creek next month.

The award, which is voted on by high school football coaches in the region, came after VanWieren led his Beavers to an impressive 7-2 season this fall. The Beavers finished second in the Jack Pine Conference behind undefeated Houghton Lake.

There are 6 regions in the state for Class C and Region IV consists of northwest lower Michigan from Bay City north.

VanWieren will be presented a plaque by his fellow coaches at the annual banquet Jan. 25.

"It's quite an honor and I'm very pleased to have been selected by my peers," VanWieren said. "It's a recognition of the fine job our entire football program has done this past season."