

TIGERS

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program at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, from which he graduated in 1974. At WOU, then named Oregon College of Education, Trice graduated as the school's all-time leader in all purpose yardage. He had more than 5,000 yards on runs from scrimmage, receiving and punt and kickoff returns.

Joe Brogdon, a retired LHS teacher and coach, said at the banquet that he once asked the late Doc Savage, a highly successful football and track coach at LHS for about 20 years through 1987, who was the best athlete he ever coached.

"He didn't hesitate," Brogdon said. "He said, 'Doug Trice.' I asked why and he said, 'Because he could do so many different things.'"

Trice has been commended many times for his work as a Special Olympics coach. In 2007 he was named an assistant coach for Team USA at the World Games in Shanghai, China. That same year he received a Governor's Gold Award from Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski for his work in Special Olympics.

Trice credits La Grande High School's track and field program with giving his Special Olympic athletes important support. He noted that his athletes are allowed to use LHS's track for workouts when the Tiger track team is also practicing. Trice said LHS is the only high school in the state he knows that does this.

Kaci Boylan, a 2004 LHS graduate, was a volleyball star at LHS who led the Tigers to a third-place finish in 2002 and another state tournament berth in 2003. She was introduced by Teresa Dowdy, the Tigers' head volleyball coach when she played at LHS. Dowdy said she was excited about having the opportunity to introduce Boylan



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La Grande High School's 1985 track and field team was inducted Saturday into the LHS Tiger Booster Hall of Fame. Members of the team who attended the induction ceremony included from left, Jackie Abram, Bob Heitstuman, Andy Tarvin, Mike Fischer, James Terry and head coach Rich Hedges.

until learning she had only three minutes to speak.

"I can't tell how awesome this young lady is in just three minutes," Dowdy said.

Boylan led the Tigers to records of 27-12 and 37-5 her junior and senior years, respectively. She was named second team all-state her senior year and to the all-state tournament team her junior year. Boylan was also a first team Greater Oregon League selection both her junior and senior years.

"She was so skilled. It was amazing," Dowdy said. "She was a tremendous force at the net."

Boylan was also a tremendous teammate, according to her coach.

"I can't think of one time Kaci had a bad attitude," Dowdy said. "She instilled everlasting team spirit. She always gave 100% and expressed a pure love of the game."

Boylan has nothing but fond memories of her volleyball career at LHS.

"Aside from starting a family, it was the best experience of my life,"

she said.

Boylan credits Dowdy's guidance with playing a critical role in her successful high school career.

"She really is the reason I'm here," the inductee said.

Delmer Hanson was chosen as the Outstanding Alumni based on his community service. Hanson, a 1969 LHS graduate, served as a member of Island City's city council from 2004 to 2018, the last four years as mayor.

Hanson's community service work started long before he joined the city council. In 2001 he was named Island City's citizen of the year, and in 2002 he was chosen to participate in the torch relay for the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Hanson was selected to run in the torch relay because of extensive work he had done with Union Pacific Railroad to promote safety.

His generosity also extends to LHS's softball program, which he helped start in 1989.

"He has touched a lot of lives," said Hanson's son, Jake, who

introduced his father at Saturday's event. "I'm so thankful I can call him my dad."

The former Island City Mayor said he felt very honored to be inducted into LHS's Tiger Booster Hall of Fame.

"This is an awesome night for me," he said.

Goss Motors' induction into the hall of fame recognized the many steps the La Grande company has taken to help LHS during its long history.

The Tiger Booster Club was started with major help from Mark Goss, the owner of Goss Motors. Goss said he started the club with Ron Arritola, Bob Butler and Jeff Weaver. Goss speaks humbly of his contribution though, crediting the La Grande School District for building on the foundation he, Arritola, Butler and Weaver established.

"The school district has taken it to the next level," Goss said.

Scott Carpenter, the La Grande School District's director of educational programs and emcee of the hall of fame induction banquet, noted that Goss Motors provides vehicles to the school district for its driver education program at a significant discount, provides vehicles for Special Olympic trips and has donated at least three tons of food to school district and community food drives. Carpenter added that Goss Motors makes donations to many fundraising drives in the community.

The 1985 LHS boys track and field team was inducted in recognition of its second-place finish at the state track meet. The Tigers scored 30 points at state to finish tied for second with McKay of Salem, just four points behind Willamette, the state champion. The Tigers' state meet scorers were Bob Heitstuman, who won the state pole vault; James Terry, who placed fourth in the 400 meters; its 1,600-meter relay team of Terry,

Andy Tarvin, Jackie Abram and Mike Jagelski, which placed second; and its 400-meter relay team of Heitstuman, Terry, Tarvin and L.B Anderson, which also finished second.

Rich Hedges, then the track and field head coach, said the 1985 team was remarkably talented, and many of the school records set by its members still stand.

Tarvin spoke highly of the team's coaches, which also included Brogdon, Dan Kavet and Ken McGee.

"They affected me in such a profound way," Tarvin said.

Andrea Waldrop was introduced for her Wall of Fame induction by LHS Principal Brett Baxter. He lauded Waldrop for her generous nature.

"It is her caring, selfless service I love," he said.

He also praised her work ethic.

"She has (put in) more hours at LHS than anyone I've worked with," Baxter said.

Waldrop said that to be named to the Wall of Fame is a great honor considering that people she has high regard for, including retired LHS principal Roland Bevell, are part of it. The Wall of Fame honors LHS staff members for their "lifetime of service and commitment to the Tiger Spirit."

Waldrop worked for 35 years at LHS, 25 as a teacher and 10 as an administrator, the last three as principal.

The retired educator, who still fills in as a substitute at LHS, has only positive thoughts when she reflects back on her time at LHS.

"I'm so lucky to have had a career I enjoyed," she said.

Saturday's event was the fifth annual induction for the LHS Hall of Fame and Wall of Fame. The first was conducted in November of 2015 at the Gilbert Event Center about six months after it had temporarily served as EOU's library while the university's Pierce Library was being renovated.

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endangering a highway worker and possession of methamphetamine.

Routt said Colindres-Barahona's driving put many people at risk.

"Thankfully nobody was hurt or killed," he said.

Those who encountered the driver coming at them while moving west-bound in eastbound I-84 lanes were particularly at risk. Routt said the best thing someone encountering a wrong-way driver can do is pull over on

the shoulder.

"Get over as far as you can," the trooper said.

Routt said that sometimes people pull into another lane when they see a wrong-way driver. This can be a tragic mistake since the errant driver sometimes also will switch lanes, setting up a potential head-on crash.

The trooper urged drivers to be proactive and to look far up the road for potential dangers.

"Always be vigilant and cautious when driving," Routt said. "This is a good reminder: Do not be complacent

when driving. Give yourself time to react."

Colindres-Barahona's alleged reckless driving was first reported by a motorist who called the OSP. Later, two other people who observed the driver contacted OSP officers when they saw him on the roadway. Routt said he is grateful for the information provided by the motorists.

"We rely on the public to report dangerous situations. We can't be in all places at once, as much as we want to be," Routt said. "We rely on the public to help out."

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If he were to consider running, he said he would have to weigh how it would affect the work he does for the college.

"I have a huge passion for making sure EOU is successful," Seydel said.

The name of Wallowa County Commissioner Todd Nash came to the minds of a lot of people when they heard the news of Barreto's resignation, but Nash isn't in the market for another political position. The commissioner mentioned that Barreto had broached the subject with him in the past.

"I've had conversations with Greg about it," he said. "I don't think it's going to be a good fit for my wife and I at this time. I'm humbled that he asked me to begin with."

Nash said the position called for a commitment bigger than he and his wife, Angie, could make at this time. He noted the seven hours of travel between Wallowa County and Salem and the fact that he is a rancher who would have to hire extra help to take care of his cattle.

"I'd like to do it because it would allow me to represent the community that I love, but I just can't do it at this time," he said.

The commissioner said he didn't have anyone particular in mind to fill the seat, and he didn't rule out running in the future if he still had the fire in his belly.

"If we sell the cows in a

few years and draw a little Social Security to supplement that position, then maybe that would make it work," he said.

The future of 58

The news of Barreto's decision not to run caught members of the Union County

Republicans off guard.



McDowell

"It was a surprise for us," said Brian McDowell, vice chair of the group.

The Union County Republicans have no candidates set to run in Barreto's position. They are now beginning a search, but McDowell does not expect anyone to step forward as a candidate in the near future.

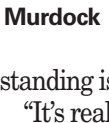
McDowell, however, is optimistic that candidates will emerge. He explained two people have expressed interest to the Union County GOP about running for Greg Walden's District 2 congressional seat after he announced forgoing re-election. McDowell said he believes one or both of these two potential candidates could decide to run for Barreto's position if circumstances change on the congressional race front. The changes could include a number of candidates with high name recognition entering the race.

Suni Danforth, the chair of the Umatilla County Republican Central Committee, said she was sorry to see Barreto go and hoped his successor shared his sense of

integrity.

She also said that she hasn't talked with anyone specifically about running for Barreto's seat.

Umatilla County Commissioner George Murdock said high name recognition is just what a candidate needs, but who already has that kind of



Murdock

standing is an open question.

"It's really hard to identify a natural successor," Murdock said. "There isn't an obvious successor to Barreto."

While county commissions can be jumping-off points for state office, none of the three Umatilla County commissioners are interested in running for the District 58 seat. Murdock and Commissioner Bill Elfering are winding down their political lives and don't plan to seek office again when their terms expire. Freshman Commissioner John Shafer also has no interest in serving in the Legislature at this time.

Smith, who was elected to his District 57 seat in 2000, said prospective candidates should spend time in the district's various communities before making a decision.

Although the deadline to enter the primary isn't until March 10, Smith said serious candidates would need to announce their campaigns before the end of the calendar year.

Whoever wins the race might be running for a very different district by the time



Smith

they're up for re-election.

Following the 2020 U.S. Census, the Legislature will redraw

Oregon's legislative districts, and although Smith said he has no insider knowledge of the upcoming process, he anticipates the entirety of Umatilla and Morrow counties will be united under one House district.

Although the Republican nominee will still have to win in November, the GOP candidate will be the odds-on favorite to take the seat.

The Pendleton area hasn't been represented by a Democrat in the Oregon House since former state Rep. Bob Jenson won his first race in 1996. After a brief stint as an independent, Jenson switched over to the GOP in 2000.

"For all practicality, it's a Republican race," Smith said.

While Democrats have put forth a candidate as recently as 2014, Murdock was similarly skeptical of their chances.

"There is as much likelihood in my mind for a Democrat getting elected in the district as someone from Eastern Oregon being elected to statewide office," Murdock said. "It's just not likely to happen."

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