

New Sports Hall of Fame honors excellence

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After 85 years of athletic competition, some West Linn High School athletes were given the ultimate honor—induction into the new Sports Hall of Fame.

Seven years ago, former Athletic Director Pete Rousseo proposed the idea of having a hall of fame to honor athletic achievement from past years. The idea was put on hold due to construction and remodeling. With the help of past alumni and community members, Rob Holstrom, Athletic Director, and Sue Bradley, Athletic Secretary, came up with the criteria and a selection process for choosing athletes.

The event was held on Oct. 14 at the Willamette Valley Country Club. Each athlete was honored at a formal dinner with an introduction, and a slide show about them or their team.

The criteria for an athlete or team to be accepted are as follows: in team sports, the team had to be State champions. In an individual sport, the student athlete had to be a State Champion or be named First Team All State. Teachers, coaches or community members that have made significant contributions to athletic programs are eligible for the Distinguished Service Award.

Former student athletes also need to have shown good character and shown leadership. Nominations cannot be made any earlier than five years after graduation. Graduates from 1944 up to 1998 were honored.

The night began around 7:30 p.m. when a dinner



Dan Browne and Andrea Johnson display Sports Hall of Fame awards honoring their contribution to WLHS athletics at the Oct. 14 induction ceremony. Browne was honored for his competition in cross country and track. Johnson was awarded State Player of the year for soccer in 1990.

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was served to committee members, inductees, and their families and guests. At 8 p.m., Holstrom gave a brief opening speech and then turned the floor over to Don Eisele, who presented and accepted the award for Coach John Paul Brown. Brown was a student, teacher and coach at WLHS for over 40 years. He was born in 1890, and served our school from 1928 to 1960. Following the coach was Sam Nixon, a teacher, coach, administrator and graduate of the Class of 1930.

Several teams were given awards, including the 1948 Boys' Swim Team, 1950-1951 Girls' Swim Team and the 1978 Baseball Team. Coach Tom Loun gave a speech for the swim teams, and Coach Terry Pollreisz presented the baseball team with its awards.

Reuben "The Tank" Baisch, Class of 1944,

was given an award for his participation and domination in football, wrestling and baseball. Because he couldn't attend, his award was accepted by Ralph Matile, who graduated the same year as Baisch.

Clark Hoss, 1967 graduate, was given an award for excelling in football, basketball and track. He went on to play football for Oregon State University and the Philadelphia Eagles. Former Coach Stan Schwabauer gave Mitch Williams, 1982 graduate, a plaque for contributing to the 1982 State Champion Baseball Team. Williams went on to play

for the Cubs, Giants and Phillies.

Andrea Johnson, 1991 graduate, won State Player of the Year in soccer in 1990. She went to Stanford from 1991-1995 on a soccer scholarship.

Ron Chappell, Varsity Football Coach, presented an award to Dan Browne, 1993 graduate, and took honors in cross country and track. In 2004, he represented not only West Linn, but his country, in the summer Olympics in Greece. He competed in the 10,000 meters and the marathon.

"He was not a prodigy; he was a result of tremendous effort and strength," Chappell said.

Rosie Wustrack, Class of 1995, was inducted for her abilities and participation in tennis, volleyball and basketball. Between the years of 1995 and 1999, Wustrack attended medical school at Yale. She is now a resident doctor in San Francisco, Calif.

Former coach Norm Oyler presented Katrina DeBoer, 1995 graduate, with an award for track and field. She was a State Track Champion in 1995, and was the NCAA champion for the distance medley in 1999. She attended Georgetown University between 1995 and 2000.

The last student athlete to be honored was Evan Kelty, Class of 1998, for football and track. His parents were in attendance to receive the award. Kelty was not present because he is currently in the Air Force serving overseas. His accomplishments included being a six-time State Champion. He is the World Record Holder for the distance medley and achieved this feat during his time at Stanford University.

Bradley presented Nancy Ware, Class of 1956 with the Distinguished Service Award. She has volunteered many hours over many years assisting with administrative duties. She served as a substitute secretary from 1968-70, and served as the Athletic/Vocational secretary from 1970-72.

"She never waivers from helping her family, community, city, or school," Bradley said.

Camassia Natural Area undergoes changes

Logging in Camassia

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meadows, ponds, streams and rock quarries, Camassia offers a wide variety of wildlife. With 483,000 acres owned in Oregon, The Nature Conservancy is still looking for more land that they can revert back to its natural state.

Ecology field studies classes taught by Jason Milham have the opportunity to help with the logging process in Camassia. "Later in the month, if they need help we will be out there cleaning up," Milham said. "Also in the spring, my classes will be helping to remove the non-native plants in the area."

Although the nature preserve is right behind the

school, students have been asked not to loiter on the trails during the school day. Eating in the park is strictly prohibited and enforced in the nature preserve. It is also advised to be smart while walking the trails of Camassia. It is prohibited to start fires, pick flowers and to walk your dog in the nature preserve. Poison oak is also common along many of the trails.

With more than 400 different species of plants and animals, Camassia is an important ecosystem that is currently being expanded by the workings of The Nature Conservancy according to Bingham. The logging of the Douglas Fir trees should be finished by the end of 2006.

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