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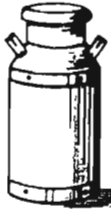
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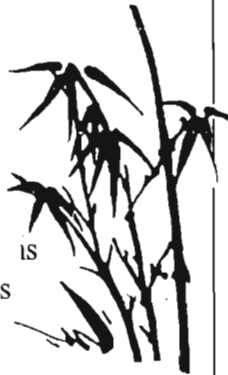
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* Welcome
Jack Ferrill, Athletic Hall of Fame President
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* Dinner

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Induction of J. DOUGLAS ADAMS
Introduced by Jack Adams
Acceptance by J. Douglas Adams

Induction of THE KNIGHT FAMILY
Introduced by Dennis Henderson
Acceptance by Chris Knight

Induction of VERNON PITAU
Introduced by Jack Ferrill
Acceptance by Craig Pitau

Induction of FRANK STONEBARGER
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Acceptance by Frank Stonebarger

Induction of BARBARA WHITFIELD
Introduced by Linda Ghilarducci
Acceptance by Barbara Whitfield

Induction of the 1978
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Message from the President L.U.H.S.D. Athletic Hall of Fame



Jack Ferrill

We are inducting four individuals a team, and a family tonight. The Board of Directors feel that these six inductees represent truly outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the L.U.H.S.D. athletic history. I agree wholeheartedly.

As we celebrate the Seventh Annual L.U.H.S.D. Induction dinner, we salute the outstanding group of people being honored tonight for their successes in athletics and in life and for their positive contributions to their communities. They are all successful citizens – the same work ethic, determination, pride and dedication that made them successful athletes continues to play an important part in their present lives.

I congratulate all of the inductees on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame. They are certainly worthy and deserve the honor being bestowed on them tonight.

This is the eighth year of the Hall of Fame, and we now have a permanent home for our Hall of Fame. Our players will be on display in Brentwood School which is now the L.U.H.S.D. Alternative Education Center. We are deeply indebted to the L.U.H.S.D. administration and for Board of Trustees for making this a reality.

I would like to thank all of you in attendance tonight because your presence is crucial to our success. I would also like to thank all of those benefactors who have given personal contributions or have purchased advertising space in our Induction Dinner Program. As you know, an undertaking such as the Athletic Hall of Fame is certainly not without considerable expense. Without the financial support of you fine, caring individuals and businesses, the Hall of Fame could not and would not survive. Thank you all for making the Hall of Fame a success.

Besides the efforts of community members, the success of the Hall of Fame is the result of the hard and tireless effort of nineteen dedicated board members whose only goal is to make the L.U.H.S.D. Hall of Fame the best it can be. As President, I want to thank each and everyone of them for their efforts to make the Hall of Fame a success and to guarantee that it continues as a repository of our district's rich athletic tradition and history.

Sincerely,

Jack Ferrill

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J. DOUGLAS ADAMS

Athlete

Doug Adams was a fine all-around athlete who was outstanding in basketball, football and track. As a freshman, Doug earned his JV letter in basketball, freshman football letter, as well as a varsity letter in track. While competing in football, basketball and track and field, he earned nine varsity letters - four in track, two in basketball, and three in football. He played tight end on the 1965 undefeated Championship Football Team. He again lettered in football in 1966 and 1967. The 1966 team went 6-3 for the season and was only seven points from the title. He was Co-Captain of the 1967 football team that had an 8-1 record. He was unable to play his senior year of basketball because of a broken thumb he received in football. Doug will be remembered most for the impact he made in track. During his freshman year at Liberty, Doug established a school record in the discus throw and began a streak of undefeated dual meet competition that lasted the remainder of his high school career. During that span of time, he won three E.B.A.L. shot put and discus championships, two North Coast Sub-Section Championships, and two North Coast Section Championships. He went to California State Track Meet in 1968. In 1968 Doug sent the discus 180'1" for a new school record and fourth best on the all-time East Bay list. His distance was one of the top 10 ratings in the nation that year, and at that time, his discus mark was the seventh longest in Northern California history. He still holds both the discus and shot put records at Liberty. The shot put record is 54'6". In 1968, he received the Weekly Prep of the Year Award and was named one of the Top Ten Track Athletes for the North Coast Section. While at Liberty, Doug was a life member of the California Scholarship Federation and was



selected by the American Legion for Boys State. Doug was offered scholarships at several schools, but he chose to go to Stanford University on a track scholarship under the renowned Peyton Jordan. At Stanford University, Doug Co-Captained the frosh team and earned three varsity letters. An injury cut short his senior year season. His freshman discus mark is fifth on the all-time list and his varsity mark currently places him twelfth all-time. Doug graduated from Stanford with a B.A. degree. He earned his M.A. degree from the University of California and Ed.D. degree from the University of LaVerne. He is currently in his sixth year as superintendent of the Brentwood Union School District. Doug and his wife, Jackie, live in Pleasanton. They have two daughters, Vanessa and Sarah.

The Liberty Union High School District Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to induct Doug Adams into the Hall of Fame for his outstanding athletic careers at Liberty Union High School and Stanford University.

THE KNIGHT FAMILY

Family

When the Luther Knight family moved from Pittsburg to Oakley, Liberty athletics became the beneficiaries of three outstanding athletes - Chris, Merle, and Steve. These young men contributed athletically to Liberty from 1965 until 1972 in baseball, basketball, and football. Chris, the oldest, attended Liberty from 1965 to 1969. He had a slow start athletically because he broke both legs while in the eighth grade and had to attend his graduation in a wheelchair. He missed his entire freshman year, but he started sports by lettering in JV football and JV baseball as a sophomore. Chris played two years of varsity football as the starting offensive left halfback. In his senior year, he was selected All-League and was elected Captain by his teammates. He was one of the East Bay's top 20 rushers. Chris also played two years of varsity baseball. He was selected All-League his senior year with a batting average of over .400. He was selected to the mythical All-Decade baseball team. He then lettered at Diablo Valley College in football for two years as a running back and was the leading rusher his first year. Chris graduated from D.V.C. with an A.A. degree and now lives in Arizona managing a sheet metal company. He is a skydiving instructor and is nationally ranked in parachute stacking.

Merle attended Liberty from 1966 to 1970 and participated in baseball and football. Merle lettered in freshman football, JV football and two years of varsity football. He was a starter on both offense and defense for two years. He was an Honorable Mention All-League selection at defensive back. He was a member of the 1969 undefeated Co-Championship Football Team. He played JV baseball as a freshman and varsity baseball for three years. He was an all-around player who could play both the infield and the outfield. Merle was selected All-E.B.A.L. his senior year. He had a very high batting average, and he tied a league record with four triples - two in one game. Merle went on to Diablo Valley College and played defensive back on the football team for two years. Merle received an A.A. degree at D.V.C. and works for P.G. & E. He lives in Livermore.

Steve was the three-sport brother who attended Liberty from 1968 to 1972. He lettered in varsity football, basketball, and baseball. In football as a freshman, he was the Most Valuable Player. He played three years varsity football and was a member of the

1969 undefeated Co-Championship Football Team as a sophomore. He was the Lion's leading scorer during his junior season. He was a starting player on offense and defense. In his senior year, he was All-League on both offense and defense, and he was selected All-East County on offense and defense. He was the team's Most Valuable Back and Most Valuable Player and Captain his senior year. The Shrine Committee in reviewing films said that he was the best pound-for-pound football player they saw. Steve played varsity basketball for four years, and in his senior year he was selected All-League, Team Captain and Co-Most Valuable Player. Steve lettered in JV baseball as a freshman then skipped baseball for two years. As a senior he lettered in varsity baseball and was selected Honorable Mention All-League and received the team's fielding award. As a fitting closure to his four years, Steve was selected as the Yearbook Athlete of the Year in 1972. Steve attended Diablo Valley College and San Jose State. He now lives in Brentwood. He has his general contractor's license and is a building inspector.



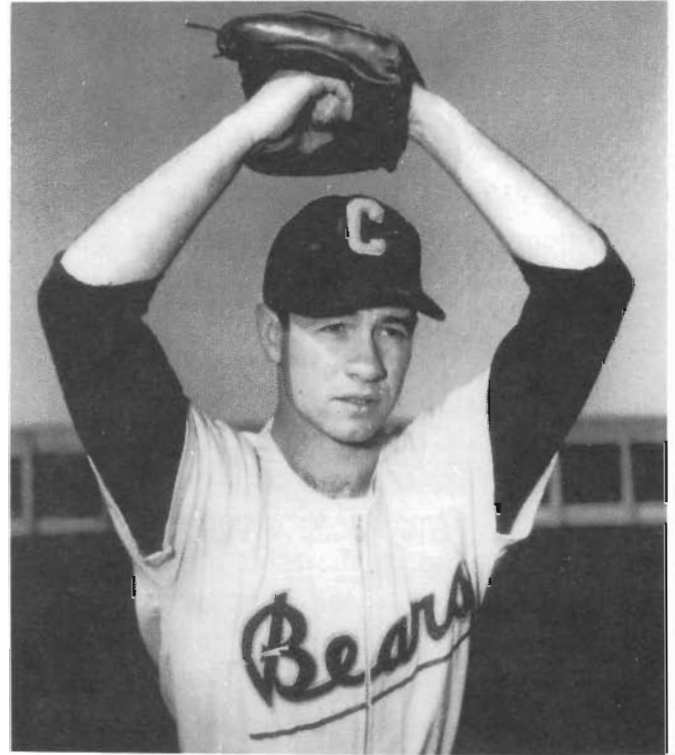
All of these young men were active in student government and band for all four years that they were at Liberty. For five years continuously, there was a Knight playing left halfback on Liberty's football teams.

Liberty was certainly blessed to have these three outstanding athletes and individuals who have gone on to be outstanding citizens. It is with extreme pride that we celebrate the induction of the Knight Family into the Liberty Union High School District Athletic Hall of Fame.

VERNON PITAU

Athlete - Coach

Vernon Pitau was a native of Byron who attended Liberty Union High School from 1944 until 1948. While at Liberty he was an outstanding four sport athlete. He earned varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track in his sophomore, junior, and senior years. In football Vern starred as a quarterback and defensive back as well as being an outstanding kicker. Vern was a victim of a freak accident at work during the summer before his senior year which crushed his left arm breaking the bones in several places. However, determination for an athletic career erased the doctor's prognosis, and he was back in the fall packing the ball as a quarterback. He played on the 1946 Championship Football Team. In basketball Vern was a forward, and in track he was a broad jumper and discus thrower. But, baseball was his main forte. Vern was pitcher with outstanding ability who often played short stop when not pitching in order to keep his bat in the lineup. He played on the Liberty 1947 Co-Championship baseball team. He had a great senior year. Vern won 10 games and lost only three for the Liberty team, pitching it to the number two spot behind Emeryville in the East Bay Counties Athletic League. He was not a weakling with the stick either, batting a nifty .306 for the year. He was selected to the County Prep All-Stars and played in the Post-Enquirer Prep Baseball Classic. Vern was offered a professional baseball contract by the Oakland Oaks of the Coast League but decided to attend college. After graduating from Liberty, Vern attended Modesto Jr. College where he played and lettered in baseball and basketball. After graduating from junior college with an A.A. degree, Vern attended the University of California in Berkeley on a baseball scholarship where he played and lettered for two years. After graduating from the University of California with a B.A. degree, Vern was inducted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea for two years (1952 - 1954). Upon returning from the service, he did post-graduate work at San Jose State where he received his teaching credential. Vern then began a teaching and coaching career at Turlock High School in 1956 and remained there until his untimely death in 1985. Vern is a coaching legend at Turlock High School where he successfully coached baseball, basketball, and football at various levels. From 1964 - 1975 he was the varsity football line coach. He



developed three high school All-American linemen and a number of his linemen were named to All-Northern California teams. The 1970 team was the CCC Undefeated Champions, and the 1972 team was the CCC Co-Champions. He also coached in the Optimist All Star Game in 1971. Vern is remembered as a remarkably principled man who was the epitome of fairness, consistency, and discipline that were the cornerstones of his philosophy that enriched the lives of all he touched. He had the innate ability to reach young people on a level that is sorely missed in many of our contemporary educational institutions. His relationship with students was one of mutual respect and trust.

Vern passed away in 1985 after a career of dedicated service to Turlock High School and his community. He is survived by his widow, Barbara of Denair, and their two children, Karen Coulon and Craig Pitau.

The Liberty Union High School District Athletic Hall of Fame is truly honored and proud to induct Vernon Pitau for his outstanding contributions to athletics at Liberty, Modesto Jr. College, and the University of California and for his outstanding teaching and coaching career at Turlock High School.

1978 GIRLS' CHAMPIONS

Team

Whitfield's Winners was the appropriate name given to the 1978 girls' undefeated track team. This team had a 6-0 record in the F.A.L. and a 9-0 record overall. They won the F.A.L. Championship and the North Coast Section 2-A Championship also. This was the first team in any sport, either male or female, to win a N.C.S. Championship in the athletic history of Liberty. Most of the girls on this team were on the 1977 F.A.L. Championship team. At the end of the 1978 season, they were unbeaten in 18 dual meets in a row. Many of the records set by these young women still stand at both the league and school level. Nine girls qualified for the N.C.S. 2-A Meet: Mari Lynn Johnson in high jump, long jump, and the hurdles and the 440 relay; Wendy Fortner in the discus and shot put; Viola Briseno in the shot put and discus; Mona Mendoza in the shot put; Cindy Robertson in the 100 and 220 yard dashes and the mile relay and 440 relay; Shelley Poerio in the 880 yard run; Helene Dawson in the 880 yard run and the mile relay; Carmen Orozco in the 440 and mile relays; Jeanne Gallegos in the 440 and mile relays. Mari Lynn Johnson was a triple winner at the N.C.S. 2-A Meet with a long jump of 16'11 1/4", high jump of 5'4", and ran the hurdles in 15.4 seconds. Wendy Fortner won the shot put and advanced to the Meet of Champions along with Mari Lynn. This



Top row (left to right): Lisa Schwitters, Mona Mendoza, Helene Dawson, Julie Hampton, Bonita Hamilton, Deb Robertson, Coach Barbara Whitfield

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LIBERTY TRACK TEAM



Shelley Poerio, Erica Jensen, Wendy Fortner,
 Debbie Hayes, Mari Lynn Johnson, Cindy

Atkins, Viola Briseno, Diane Loreda, Jackie
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Orozco, Rosalie Ramirez, Kathy Gavey, Nancy

was a very close knit group of athletes who worked very hard and pushed each other to be the best they could be. Mari Lynn Johnson was selected the Most Valuable Track Athlete on this team at the end of the season. Mari Lynn Johnson and Shelley Poerio were Co-Captains.

The Liberty Union High School District Athletic Hall of Fame is proud and honored to induct this outstanding team and all of its athletes and coach for their hard work, dedication and outstanding record.

SEASON RECORD

Liberty		Opponent
73	California-Benicia	36-11
78	Livermore	31
78½	Foothill	30½
55	*Miramonte	51
77	*Las Lomas	32
87	*Campolindo	22
73	*Acalanes	36
108	*Del Valle	1
95	*Alhambra	14

*F.A.L. Meets

9 Wins - 0 Losses **Overall**

6 Wins - 0 Losses **League**

F.A.L. Champions

N.C.S. 2A Champions

FRANK STONEBARGER

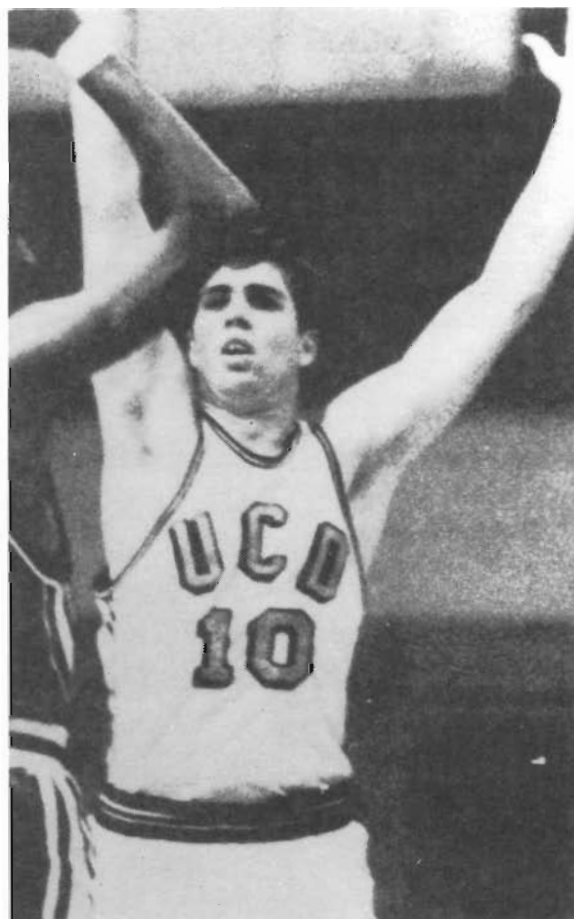
Athlete

Frank attended Liberty from 1961 to 1965 where he had an outstanding and varied athletic record over the entire four years. As a freshman, he played and lettered in three sports - frosh football, frosh basketball, and JV baseball. As a sophomore, he played varsity basketball earning his varsity letter and made second team All-E.B.A.L. He also swam on the "B" swimming team. In his junior year, Frank lettered in varsity basketball and was selected first team All-E.B.A.L. with a 20.9 per game scoring average. He set a single season scoring record of 378 points and was selected the Most Valuable Player and Captain. He scored more than 30 points in six different games. Frank also earned his varsity swimming letter as a backstroker. During Frank's senior year, he earned letters in four varsity sports. He played wide receiver on the varsity football team and was selected as an Honorable Mention All-E.B.A.L. In varsity basketball he was selected second team All-E.B.A.L., and he was the leading scorer in the league with an 18.5 point per game scoring average. He continued swimming and won his varsity letter, and he also lettered in varsity track as a high jumper. Frank was selected as the Yearbook Athlete of the Year in his senior year, and he was chosen to the Liberty All-Decade Basketball Team from 1960 through 1970. He was also selected to the Honorable Mention All-Quarter Century East Bay Basketball Team.

Frank went on to the University of California - Davis where he played basketball. On the frosh team he was the Captain. He was a three year varsity player at U.C.D. playing on three Far Western Conference Championships and three appearances in the N.C.A.A. Division II Regional playoffs. He was Honorable

Mention All-Conference for three years and was the fourth leading scorer in U.C.D. basketball history. He was also Co-Captain his senior year. Frank graduated from U.C.D. with a B.A. degree in psychology and went on to earn a M.A. degree in physical education. He taught and coached at Winters High School for two years. Frank now lives in Linden with his wife, Marsha, and their children, Gene and Allison.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that the Liberty Union High School District Athletic Hall of Fame inducts Frank Stonebarger for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Liberty Union High School athletics and University of California-Davis basketball.



BARBARA WHITFIELD

Coach

Barbara Whitfield came to Liberty in 1974 as a physical education teacher and girls' track coach. Thus began one of the finest girls' athletic records ever at Liberty.

Barbara toiled and trained her female athletes using her great knowledge and outstanding ability in track and field to personally demonstrate and motivate her charges. Her teams gained in experience and ability through her hard work. In 1975 her team was third in the F.A.L. Her 1976 team was second. In 1977 the Liberty girls won their first of three consecutive F.A.L. track titles. In 1978 she coached a team of 28 girls - Whitfield's Winners - to F.A.L. Championship and the North Coast 2-A Championship; this team was undefeated. This was the first Liberty team to win a North Coast Championship - boys or girls!

Again, in 1979 her team won the F.A.L. title. Through 1979 her track teams had a dual meet record of 42 wins and 6 losses and had 20 dual meet wins in succession until defeated by Acalanes in 1979. In 1978 Barbara was selected as the Flecto Northern California Coach of the Year. In 1979 she was chosen the F.A.L. Coach of the Year and the Contra Costa Coach of the Year. Barbara also coached girls' gymnastics - her teams were highly competitive.

Barbara was an outstanding athlete herself. She was a gifted all-around track and field athlete - a pentathlete. In 1976 she was an alternate on the U.S. Women's Olympic Team - women's javelin. She was a member of the U.S. National Team that toured Europe. She was an N.C.A.A. All-America in track and field in 1971, '72, '73 and '74, and she was the women's

National Champion in the javelin in 1973 and 1974. Barbara was inducted as a Charter Member of the Cal State University Hayward Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. She earned a B.S. degree in physical education and a M.A. degree in counseling from California State University Hayward.



Barbara left coaching to become a full-time counselor at Liberty and stayed until 1988 when she moved to Visalia where she now lives with her husband, Steve, and their son, Miles. She is a counselor for the Visalia Unified School District.

The Liberty Union High School District Athletic Hall of Fame is pleased and honored to induct Barbara Whitfield into the Hall of Fame for her impressive and outstanding coaching career at Liberty Union High School.

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A presidential thank you to all the members of the Board of Directors for their hard work to make this induction dinner a success—you are all super!!

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1992 Inductees

Theodore (Ted) Ohmstede- Contributor
Frank Stonebarger - Contributor
Lou Bronzan - Coach
Herman Urenda - Athlete
Floyd Reese, Jr. - Athlete
Arthur Honegger Family - Family
Brentwood Lions Club - Organization
Jack Ferrill - Coach

1993 Inductees

William (Bill) Bunn - Athlete
Bob Dal Porto - Athlete
Jack England - Athlete/Coach
Debbie Geyser - Athlete
Harry A. Geyser, M.D. - Contributor
Mike Rozenski - Athlete
1965 Football Team - Team

1994 Inductees

Jack Adams - Contributor
Keith Dawson - Coach
Manuel Tarango - Athlete
Tarango Family - Family
Robert Maiocco - Athlete
Jerry Miller - Coach
Ron Nunn - Athlete

1995 Inductees

David Borjon - Athlete
Stephen Bronzan - Athlete
Tara Clark - Athlete
Roy Ghiggeri - Athlete/Coach
Richard "Dick" Linn - Athlete
Stonebarger Family - Family

1996 Inductees

William Bristow - Contributor
Rick Fortner - Athlete
Dennis Pilati - Athlete
1951 Football Team - Team
Rochelle Ann Poerio - Athlete
Nicole Simoni - Athlete

1997 Inductees

Wendy Fortner Brown - Athlete
John Mundell - Athlete
Michele Stranahan - Athlete
Raymond Valverde - Athlete
Michelle Vestal, Athlete
Harold Wheeler, Athlete/Coach
1956 Baseball Team

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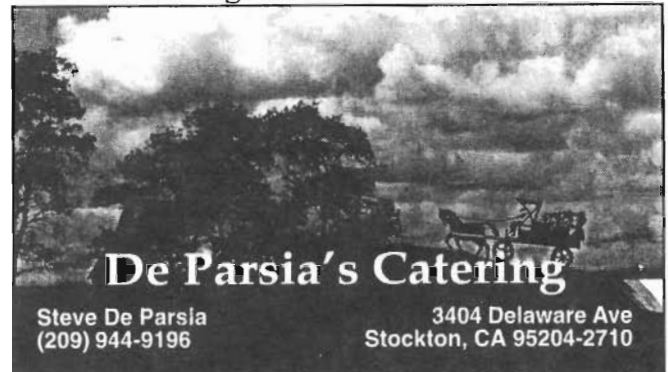
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On behalf of the Liberty Union High School District Athletic Hall of Fame, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Liberty Union High School Booster Club for their support and involvement.

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In fond memory of deceased Hall of Fame members

Ted Ohmstede	1992
Frank Stonebarger	1992
Arthur Honegger	1992
Kay (Mitzie) Honegger	1992
Bill Bunn	1993
Harry A. Geyser, M.D.	1993
Don Capozzo	1993
Larry Corgiat	1993
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Congratulations to all new inductees!



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