

OHS Memories

Summer/Fall 2018

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2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Steve Erdman, Chairperson – OHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

Five individuals have been named to the Owatonna High School Athletic Hall of Fame:

- Beth Christensen – Class of 2008
- Andrea Jurgens – Class of 1996
- Sean Murphy – Class of 2005
- George Soukup – Class of 1956
- Marc Wiese – Class of 1991

These individuals will be recognized on Friday, September 14, 2018, at Owatonna High School. The public is invited to a reception and program in the OHS Commons beginning at 3:00 PM. Returning and new inductees will be recognized that evening during halftime of the Owatonna / Rochester John Marshall Hall of Fame football game.

The OHS Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 1995. Its purpose is to give special recognition to outstanding athletes,

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Calendar of OHS Events

- **Homecoming Parade**
Sept. 21, afternoon, downtown Owatonna
- **Homecoming Game**
Sept. 21, 7 PM, OHS Field
- **Symphony Orchestra/Concert Choir**
Oct. 25, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **Fall Play**
Nov. 8-10, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
Nov. 11 1:30 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **OHS Bands**
Nov. 15, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **Varsity/9th Grade Choir Concert**
Nov. 19, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **Holiday Concert**
Dec. 20, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **Winter Musical**
Feb. 29-March 2, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
March 3, 1:30 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **Orchestra Concert**
March 5, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **All City Choir**
March 7, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium
- **Band Concert**
March 14, 7 PM, OHS Auditorium

WWI Puts New High School Plans on Hold

By 1915, extreme crowding and unsafe conditions at Owatonna High School on Main Street had become a real concern. Students joked about it in their newspapers and shared many opinions on it.

The first high school building burned down in 1882 and was replaced by a brick building at the same location. Both buildings occupied the former Washington Elementary site.

Owatonna passed a \$250,000 referendum in 1916 to build a new high school and hired local architects Jacobson and Jacobson, OHS graduates, to design plans for the building on Grove and School Streets. When America went to war, the new school construction was delayed until the country returned to normalcy.

In 1920, another \$250,000 referendum passed to

cover the increased building costs. Ground broke for the new school in April 1920. The new school included a gym and a swimming pool, with plenty of space for students. The community took great pride in the building they constructed.



Owatonna High School, 1921

Area Events:

- September 7-8: Paint the Town Pink (Blooming Prairie)
- September 15: Cornerstone Car, Truck, Motorcycle and Tractor Show (2 PM, Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church)
- September 23: CultureFest (Wilson Elementary)
- October 19-21 and 26-28: "And Then There Were None" (an Agatha Christie mystery, LTO)
- October 26-31: Spooktacular Festivities
- October 27: Trick or Treat Trail (Manthey Park)
- October 31: Trick or Treat Downtown (downtown Owatonna businesses)
- November 1-3: The Hunt is On (craft shows around town)
- November 2: Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar (8 AM, Owatonna Hospital)
- November 29: Lighted Holiday Parade (6 PM, downtown Owatonna)
- November 29 – December 2: "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" (LTO)
- November 30 – December 2: Hometown Holiday Weekend (downtown Owatonna)

For details on community events, please contact the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and Tourism or visit their website, <https://owatonna.org/>

Join us September 27, 6:30PM at the OHS Museum for our Fall Work Night and you too can help preserve OHS history. Meet at the Tennis Court Doors.

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Chamber Workforce Efforts Focus on Students & Alumni

By: Brad Meier, Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Have you thought about returning to Owatonna some day to live and work? Do you live in the area, but are looking for new opportunities?

The workforce initiative, SteeleCoWorks, is connecting students and young adults to job and career opportunities in the area. With a population of 26,000, Owatonna is a regional center that

includes great jobs, shopping, parks, and a sense of community, all in a safe environment.

If you have questions about opportunities “back home”, contact our Workforce Coordinator - Anisha Zak at 507-993-1790, or email anishazak@workforcedevelopmentinc.org.

OHS 50th Hockey Reunion

Boys’ hockey became a reality in Owatonna 50 years ago due to the drive and dedication of Ken Austin, Dudley Otto, and Ken Wilcox. To celebrate 50 years of hockey in Owatonna, a golf tournament and banquet will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, for all hockey alums, coaches, family, friends, and fans of OHS Hockey.

Golf

Where: Brooktree Golf Course

When: Saturday September 22nd, 2018, 10AM

Registration: Deadline is 9-10-18

Banquet

Where: Fairgrounds Foundation Building (Four Seasons Centre)

When: Saturday September 22nd, 2018, 5PM

Registration:

- Send the names of people attending and your email address. If you played boys’ hockey, please estimate the years you played (youth hockey and/or high school).
- Include \$20/person if mailed on or before September 8th. Send \$30/person if mailed after September 8th.
- Mail to: Huskies Blue Line Club, PO Box 962, Owatonna MN 55060

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Old Traditions, New Garments

by Ginny Thompson

As the 2017 Owatonna High School Carolers embarked upon a busy December packed with performances, they wore new robes for the first time in four decades. In a nod to history, the style of the robes has not changed. The new robes, however, are lighter, fit better, and are designed to offer more freedom of movements and gestures.

The OHS Christmas Carolers came into existence in the 1940s. The group was

organized by Carol Marx, publisher of the Owatonna Photo News. They did not have the long robes during those early years; they wore their own coats and scarves, plus the boys wore long underwear that was dyed either red or green. In 1947 they were outfitted with corduroy tams and long, red or green capes. For a number of years they walked from the high school to their performances and back, until at some point in the 1950s, a kindly Owatonna bus driver began donating his time off to bus them around town.

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coaches, and community members who made significant contributions to the OHS athletic program. There were ten inaugural Hall of Fame inductees in 1996. Each year thereafter, five new Hall of Fame members have been selected. With the induction of the 2018 Hall of Fame class, there will be 120 members in the Hall. Full list of inductees is below.

For more information, visit the hall of fame website at www.ohshalloffame.com.

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The 2017 group consisted of three dozen students, most from the concert choir. They performed nearly 100 times in various locations around town, including: churches, businesses, the hospital, assisted living facilities, the Art Center, all elementary and middle schools, and, of course, the holiday concert. Chris Harris, OHS Director of Choirs and Carolers, hopes to continue this joyous Owatonna tradition for the community to enjoy.

1996 Charter Inductees

Avold "Ave" Kaplan – 1918
Herb Joesting – 1924
Herb Jurgensen – 1936
Jerry Springer – 1948
Bill Kottke – 1951
Bob Henry – 1962
Noel Jenke – 1965
Dan Halvorsen – 1969
John Buxton – 1972
Mary Lou (Jandro) Boyd – 1973

1997 Inductees

Bill Dugan – 1951
Roy Minter – 1954
Dan Boeke – 1972
Sarah Buxton – 1976
Mark Killen – 1978

1998 Inductees

Ed Keefe – 1930
Ed Steinbauer – 1937
Dan Kosmoski – 1975
Joni Meilahn – 1976
Bruce Bates – 1983

1999 Inductees

George Manthey – 1930
John Idstrom – 1978
Jennifer (Nelsen) Johnson – 1980
Jeff Goergen – 1983
Everett Berg – 1967-1990

2000 Inductees

Clarence Kaplan – 1925
Dan Horecka – 1974
Tom Diedrich – 1982
Kim Bass – 1985
Dick Black – 1955-1985

2001 Inductees

Paul "Don" Bengtson – 1952
Chris Herzog – 1987
Matt Holland – 1989
Chad Kolander – 1990
Ken Bey – 1955-1985

2002 Inductees

Richard "Dick" Schradle – 1950
Charles "Chuck" Peterson – 1957
Sue Erickson – 1979
Earl Bruhn – 1954-1985
Jerry Peterson – 1966-1995

2003 Inductees

Charles "Chuck" Fuller – 1957
Al DeLaitsch – 1972
Becky (Kirchgasler) Heimerl – 1976
Dave Carothers – 1987
Len Olson – 1985-1997

2004 Inductees

Marvin Hartwig – 1945
Eugene Etherton – 1946
Winston Folkers – 1953
John Herrmann – 1974
Chris Mussman – 1986

2005 Inductees

Marshall Matejcek – 1946
Paul Stoltz – 1950
Scott Golberg – 1977
Tim Warner – 1981
Jeff Malo – 1984

2006 Inductees

Don Mullenmaster – 1937
Dennis Yule – 1965
Sarah Parks – 1983
Pat Bogen – 1990
Paul Becker – 1944-1954

2007 Inductees

Jack Bengtson – 1948
Barry Peterson – 1971
Jennifer Nash-Wright – 1982
Pete McEnaney – 1983
Ken Austin

2008 Inductees

Wayne Grubish – 1952
Ron Diedrich – 1954
Bob Bedney – 1964
Mike Dalland – 1970
Renee (Jandro) Albert – 1981

2009 Inductees

William "Bill" Paukert – 1949
Cordell Guse – 1958
Randy Christey – 1974
Ron McCann – 1975
Tonja Worrell – 1990

2010 Inductees

Sue (Strand) Masemer – 1978
Pat O'Brien – 1979
Phil Bates – 1980
Keith Krenke – 1987
Mark Randall – 1991

2011 Inductees

Cheryl (Stoltz) Edstrom – 1974
Kirk Golberg – 1982
Mark Hansen – 1988
Chris Urbain – 1988
Stephani (Leonard) Tobin – 1991

2012 Inductees

Tom Byrne – 1953-1979
Craig Hartwig – 1970
Mark Kristo – 1972
Leilani (Granowski) O'Connor – 1980
Shelly (Bishop) Boorman – 1996

2013 Inductees

Dudley Otto – 1968-1987
Jim Haigh – 1960
Mark Kottke – 1975
Patty (Clemens) Smith – 1976
Ted Gustafson – 2000

2014 Inductees

Sandy Boss – 1969-2008
Kam Hyland – 1996
Ron Jacobsen – 1957
Jill Meilahn – 1973
Gary Ridge – 1970-2001

2015 Inductees

Ed Draheim – 1968-1998
Jody (Neuleib) Young – 1982
Scott Kostelecky – 1986
Matt Skala – 1999
Mike Lundstrom – 2000

2016 Inductees

Dale Timm – 1967-1991
Todd Hale
Tim Braaten – 1964
Joe Kiley – 1978
Laura Kenow – 1984

2017 Inductees

Jim Herzog
Ron Phillips – 1972-1996
Marshall Wright – 1966
Tricia Hoffmann – 1993
Nicole McCann – 2004