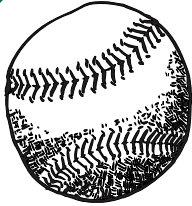
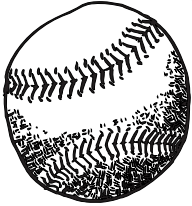




LEOPOLIS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



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PAST HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

1946 Championship Team	2003
Brunner, Albert "A.N."	2003
Huebner, Wally	2003
Kristof, Floyd	2003
Kristof, Tom Sr.	2003
Sousek, Alex	2003
Steinke, Allen "Swamy"	2003
Thiel, Art	2003
Ashenbrenner, Duane "Buckshot"	2004
Kristof, Allen Sr.	2004
Messherschmidt, Art (Fan)	2004
Pederson, Orlin and Shirley (Fan)	2004
Steff, Ty	2004
Steinke, Melvin "Butch"	2004
Stezenski, Joe	2004
Thiel, Bert	2004
Conradt, Marshall	2005
Mitchell, William "Billy"	2005
Otto, Vern "Nails" (Fan)	2005
Kristof, Steve	2005
Vierbicher, Roland "Red"	2005
Cervany, George	2006
Kresl, Matt	2006
Paiser, Arlie (Fan)	2006
Peterson, Roger	2006
Clement, Frank	2007
Kristof, Carol and Rita (Fan)	2007
Kristof, Peter	2007
Schultz, Jerry	2007
Kazda, Pat	2008
Kristof, Veronica (Fan)	2008
Otto, Rick	2008
Thiel, Kevin	2008
Paiser, Harold	2009
Sazama, John	2009
Zimdars, Ron	2009

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LELAND & SABINA CARROLL
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Leland Carroll and Sabina Ready were married on September 2, 1961. This year will mark forty-nine years of marriage. They were blessed with ten children; James, David, Patrick, Lee Ann, Gregory, Thomas, Vincent, Valerie, Sabina and Mary.

Sports talent may be in the genes as Leland's grandfather Louis Paul Leroy (Chief) was a pitcher in Major League Baseball from 1905-1910. Louis pitched for the New York Highlanders and the Boston Red Sox. The Highlanders became the New York Yankees in 1913. Also making his major league debut in 1905 was Ty Cobb.

Leland and Sabina were very active in all of their children's lives, which included sports. It all started many years ago as they came to watch their kids play Little League in Leopolis. All six of their sons played baseball for the Bulldogs.

To this day you can still see Leland and Sabina cheering for the Bulldogs. Sabina said that some of their children's games were on the same night and they "had to run steady to sporting events."

In interviewing Leland and Sabina one thing stood out, "family." Their family has always come first. What a testament for parents in today's world. They are dedicated Christians not afraid to show their Faith. Many of their children were also involved in the Church Choir. Leland would sometimes decline overtime because it took time away from being with his family. Instead of having the two pictures on their plaque they are receiving they chose to put their family picture on it.

Leland served his country in the United States Air Force from 1952-1956. Sabina has played the organ at St. Mary's for many years. Both have been closely involved in 4-H, church and their community. Leland is still an avid pedal biker, logging twenty six thousand miles in the last five years.

I believe we will be seeing several of the Carroll's sons before us in the not so distant future.

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ORVILLE PEVONKA
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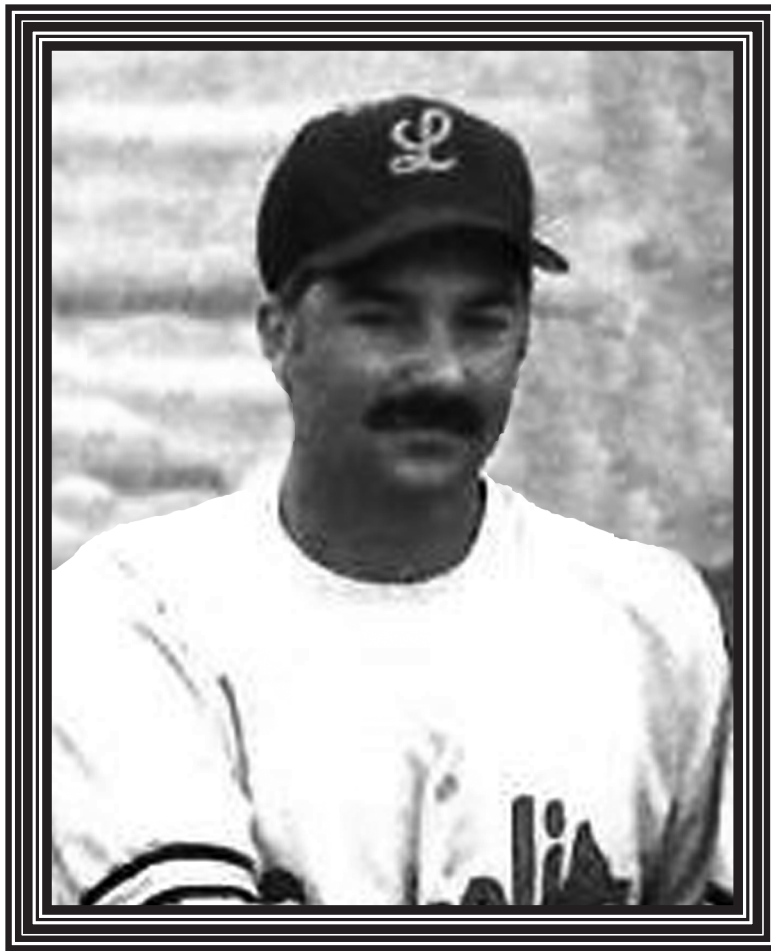
Born in 1925, 85-year-old Orv Pevonka's baseball memories are very fresh in his mind. The son of Joe and Mary Pevonka, Orv started playing baseball like every other male in Leopolis at the time.

Orv played as catcher for the Marion high School until he graduated in 1942. Orv is listed in the record books as also playing for Leopolis in 1942 although he may have started a few years earlier. Orv played his entire career with Leopolis, mostly playing third base and catcher.

The 1946 season was an interesting one. Orv started out the 1946 season with Leopolis but was called to duty in service to his country in 1946, the same year Leopolis won the B.A.B.A. grand championship game over New London. That game was a very strange set of circumstances. Orv played in what he thought was the championship game in New London on September 22, 1946. However the game ended up tied 8-8 after 15 innings before being called due to darkness. The game was finished the next week in Leopolis. During this time frame, Orv was called to duty and missed the final game won by Leopolis.

Orv played through about 1962 and continued to help coach a few years at third base. Orv said "I had a lot of fun with the guys. After the game we had a beer and more often than not more than one." Orv married his wife Irene after being introduced on a blind date. They have been married 48 years and have five daughters: Marcia, Karla, Debra, Kristie and Sandra. They also have seven grandsons.

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KELLY THIEL
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Born in 1962, Kelly Thiel joins his grandfather Art, dad Bert, and brother Kevin in the Leopolis Baseball Hall of Fame. Kelly started his baseball career as a Leopolis Little Leaguer. Continuing his career at Marion High School, he played baseball all four years receiving the most improved player award as a junior. He was also a recipient of the “Bud Balderson” award and was named team captain in his senior year. In 1980 Kelly went to the State High School Championship game and lost to Flambeau. Kelly was a pitcher and shortstop at Marion High School. Kelly also played American Legion Ball with Marion. Kelly played Junior College Baseball in Iowa. Kelly signed a contract to play professional ball with the Baltimore Orioles. But at the end of spring training he was released.

Kelly started playing B.A.B.A. Baseball at the age of 15 in Leopolis. His career spanned 22 years. Kelly played the last two years with his nephews in Caroline. One of Kelly’s coaches Steve Conradt stated “It was a great honor to be around Kelly. As a young Leopolis coach I needed to learn a few things about coaching. Kelly helped me out and I will never forget the many great games we were involved in. One game against Caroline we were getting beat pretty bad. It was almost the fifth inning and it was raining. Kelly called into the dugout for the “cleat” cleaner. Billy Lohrentz stood and wondered what was that? I knew right away what he was doing. I stalled as long as I could in the dugout while I located a popsicle stick to clean his cleats. I have had some great players to be associated with, and Kelly is one of the top.”

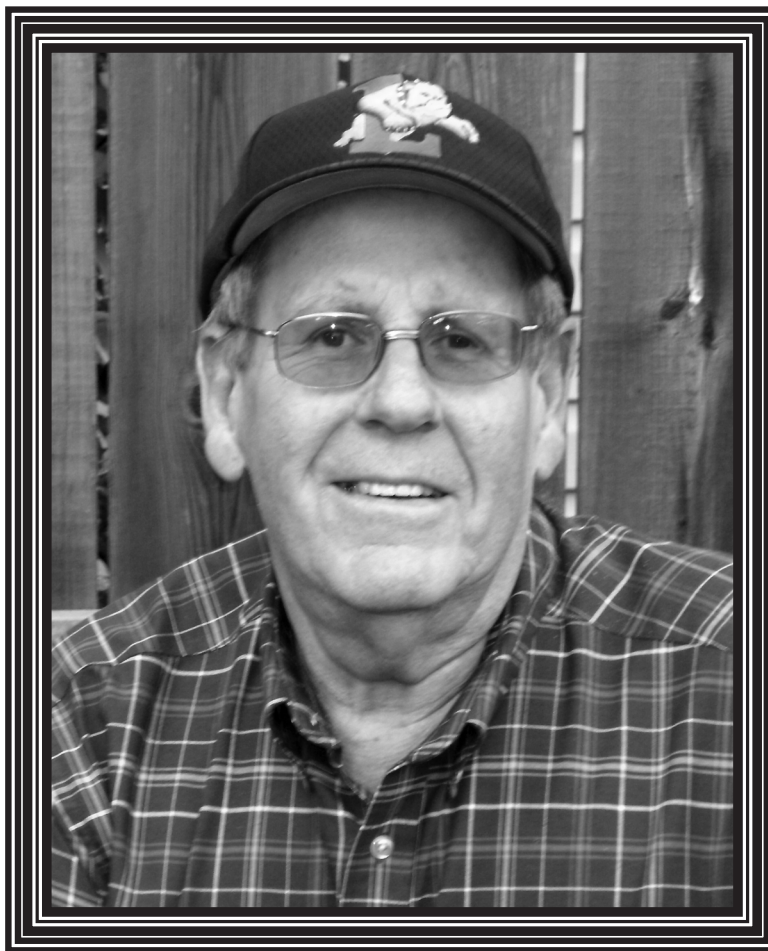
Some of the most memorable moments for Kelly were playing in 1982 against Waupaca for the right to play in the Grand Championship game, and playing in the 1995 Grand Championship game against Menominee. Both of which ended up as losses. Kelly will never forget the opportunity he had playing for his dad Bert and having brothers Greg, Kevin and Brian on the team. The back to back no hitters he played in at the Marion Tournament. One was pitched by his brother Brian. The home run and double he hit off Bob Wichman. Bob went on to play Major league Baseball for many years. One year Kelly had the opportunity to hit for the cycle. Needing a home run to complete the cycle Kelly noticed a pinch hitter coming up to bat for him. John Reminger hollered out that Kelly needed to bat to try and hit for the cycle and the pinch hitter sat down. Kelly then proceeded to belt a home run over the center field fence.

Kelly’s batting average was around .320. He played many years at shortstop and took to the mound when needed. His many home runs will be remembered.

Kelly wanted to acknowledge the many players he had the opportunity to play baseball with, especially Jim Carroll. Kelly said “we were side by side many years.” He enjoyed playing with all the veterans and he won’t forget Louis Hawpetoss his Little League coach, and high school coach and legend John Bartelt.

Kelly & Kelly Thiel have a daughter Jaiden age seven. Kelly works for the USDA Wildlife Services in Rhinelander.

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ORVILLE WESTPHAL
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Orv Westphal was born in 1946. He is the son of the late Clarence and Anna Westphal. You may remember his dad Clarence “Spitzer” Westphal mentioned in many of the old record books as one of the best pitchers of his time.

Orv started his baseball career as a catcher in Shawano Little League. He recalls playing on the Pirates with fellow neighbor and Leopolis Hall of Famer Marshall Conradt. Their friendship and baseball careers continued into Shawano High School. Orv was the team’s catcher in his junior year, the year Shawano made it to the State Championship game vs. Kenosha (game they lost 3-2.) In those days, there was no special divisions for the size of your high school.

After high school Orv played for the Clintonville Legion Team. The same year after losing to Kenosha 3-2 in the high school championship game, Clintonville Legion made it to the State Legion Championship game. It was again against Kenosha. Again, they lost by the same score of 3-2. Orv’s Legion Coach Don Jirschele stated, “Orv was a damn good catcher – one of the best around. On top of that, he was a good kid to have around.”

Orv remembers Clintonville had Dan Neumeier as pitcher and Marion had Ken Frailing. Both went on to pitch professional baseball. Orv was a left-handed batter and said Frailing was the last person he wanted to bat against.

Orv started playing for Leopolis in about 1963. He caught Leopolis Hall of Fame pitcher Allen “Swampy” Steinke. Orv said, “Swampy was easy to catch. So easy you could catch the ball with a pliers.” Orv played and caught for Leopolis through the mid 1970s and was known as one of the best defensive catchers around. Fellow Leopolis Hall of Famer Floyd Kristof always said “make sure you get Orv Westphal in the Hall of Fame. He was one of the best catchers I ever saw.” Records indicate his batting average wasn’t too bad either. Hovering around the .310 mark. Not known for his speed he was quick with the one-liners that kept the team loose.

After playing for Leopolis Orv went on to coach the Shawano Legion Team for several years. Then he coached the Shawano Lobos to two Dairyland League Championships.

Orv and his wife Judy have been married 43 years. The marriage could have ended after one day as Orv delayed the honeymoon a day so he could play ball the day after the wedding. That alone should be enough to get somebody from Leopolis in the Hall of Fame! Orv and Judy have two sons Todd and Jason. They have five granddaughters. Orv also served his country in the United States Army from 1968-1970.