

*Leopolis Baseball Club
Hall of Fame
Inductees*



July 20, 2014

Hall of Fame Committee Members

*Orlie Pederson - Chairman, Joe DeBaker - Secretary, Pete Kucksdorf,
Tom Kristof, Rick Otto, Roger Peterson, and Bob Kristof*

1946 - 1st BABA GRAND CHAMPIONS - Leopoldis



Left to right: Ty Stefl, Melvin Steinke-Manager, Floyd Kristof, **Emereth Brunner**, Bob Heinl, Allen "Swampy" Steinke, Joe Stezenski, Allen Kristof, Curt Kresl, Jim Brunner, John Sazama, Riggs Brunner, Harold Paiser, and A.N. Brunner-B.A.B.A.Commissioner,
Kneeling - Warren Schmidt-Batboy. *Missing:* Orv Pevonka and Stan Sazama.

1978/1979 Leopoldis Bulldogs



Back: Kevin Thiel, Dave Aschenbrenner, John Reminger, Tom Zimdars, Duane Aschenbrenner, Brian Thiel, Tom Kristof-Sr, Bert Thiel

Front: Ron Zimdars, Steve Kristof, **Orlie Pederson**, Rick Otto, Pete Kristof, Kelly Thiel, Jim Kristof, Jim Carroll
Bat Boys: Tom Kristof-Jr and Gary Aschenbrenner

Thank you all for coming to the 2014 HOF Induction Ceremonies.

IN MEMORIAM

2014 brought great heartache with the loss of four very close family members and true bulldog supporters.

We will begin our ceremony with a moment of silence.



Peggy Jo Pederson

July 11, 1956 - January 5, 2014



Libbie (Brunner) Zoglman

August 20, 1940 - January 7, 2014



Jeffery Sousek

May 30, 1965 - April 7, 2014



Floyd Kristof

May 14, 1922 - May 1, 2014

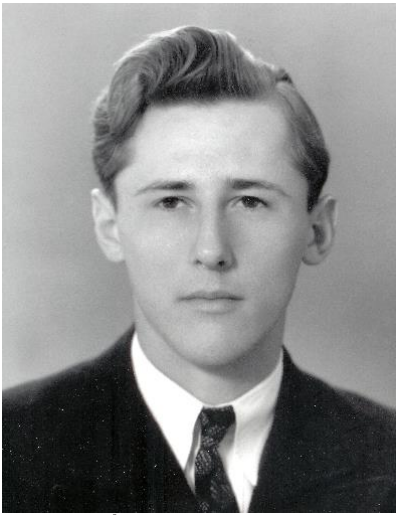
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LEOPOLIS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME



Emereth Brunner
July 20, 2014

Emereth Brunner was born in Leopolis on New Years Eve in 1922 to A.N. and Elithe Brunner. He grew up just down the street from here, alongside a brother Merlin, and three sisters Letitia, Ramona and Libbie.



He attended Leopolis Grade School and graduated in 1941 from Marion High School. In a 1940 Mario, it shows a busy Emereth active in FFA, Forensics, Choir, Glee Club, Football, Basketball, Track and Baseball, plus he played Clairinet in the Band. Emereth served 2 years in the US Army, in WW II in Europe as a TEC5 specialist sighting in Artillinary guns. When he returned to Leopolis, he sold real estate with his Dad.

In 1948 he married Mary (Augustus) Schulte in Gresham.

In 1953 Emereth and Mary began a 42 year farming career 1st in Underhill and then Green Valley. Emereth and Mary hosted the "Brunch on the Farm" in 1989.

Emereth was a Rotarian, Farm Bureau Board Member and a visionary who was part of the "Shawano Co. 2020" program and on two occations selected "Outstanding Senior Citizen of Shawano County". He became a Farming Ambassador with the VOCA- (Volunteers Overseas Cooperative Assistance) traveling to Poland 1991, the Ukraine 1992, Albania in 1993 and Moldavia in 1996. In October of 1996, following a presentation about his trip to Moldovia, Emereth suffered a fatal heart attack after delivering his passion of bringing farming and business together. He and Mary raised four children on the farm. Jeff (Ann) – from California, Peggy from Madison, Mary Beth (Mike) Smale – from Illinois and Andrew. Andrew preceded him in death. Mary passed away



in 2012.

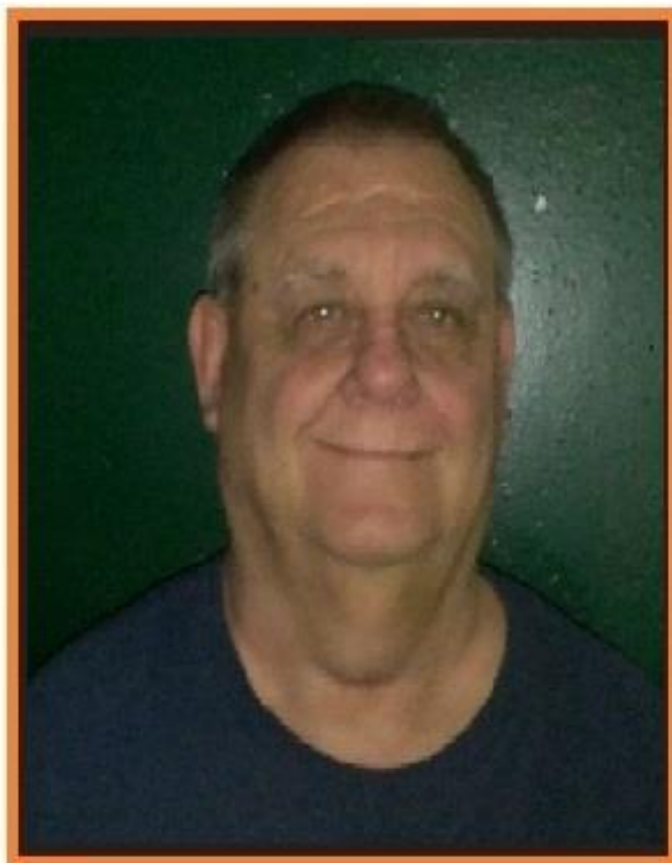
Emereth's Leopolis Baseball life spanned about 10 years, batting around .230, mostly playing the outfield, and filling in at 3rd at times. The Shawano Leader called him "The HERO of the Game", hitting a bases loaded triple in the 5th inning of game 1 of the 2 game 1946 BABA Champion Games. 1946 League Stats also show Emereth even pitched 7 2/3 innings giving up 5 runs, 8 hits, 3 Walks and 5 Strikeouts.

God bless Emereth and the entire Brunner family and we thank them all for joining us here, to know what the Brunners have meant to Leopolis Baseball.



The Leopolis Baseball Club is honored to Induct Emereth Brunner into the Leopolis Baseball Hall of Fame.

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Orlie Pederson
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Orlin (Orlie) Pederson, was born on March 22, 1950 to Orlin Sr. and Shirley Pederson. Orlie grew up at the family Tavern in downtown Leopolis alongside a brother Duane who passed away in 1978 from Leukemia. Orlie attended the Leopolis Grade School and graduated from Marion High School in 68. Orlie was one quick little kid... He wrestled 4 years @ 145 lbs., played football all 4 years, ran track 3 years and played baseball 1 year. After High School Orlie ventured off to college in La Crosse. I think Orlie spent his study halls at the "Old Style" brewery tours, as Orlie's professional career would place him on either side of the Bar...



Some of us can remember when Orlie and Clayton McHugh worked at the Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay, sharing an apartment with Peter Kristof. You didn't want to stop in for a visit before about 2 in the afternoon, or you didn't know what you would see. When Orlie moved back to Leopolis, You could find Orlie behind the bar at the infamous "Happy Corners" and then go home and tend bar at the family owned Pedersons' Bar. Then Orlie met the Love of his life Peggy Jo Olsen who he eventually married in April 1979. Orlie and Peg owned and operated the family tavern together for the past 35 years, until Peggy Jo passed away very un-expectantly earlier this year.

Orlie's Leopolis Baseball Career started with pitching on Swampy Stienke's little league team, and catching on the Junior league Team. In 1968 he began hovering the outfield, playing for number of different managers: Floyd Kristof, Swampy Stienke, Buckshot Aschenbrenner, Tom Kristof and Bert Thiel. Orlie had good speed, so he was in to pinch run when there was a need to score a run. Orlie ended the 1970 season in style against Big Falls. In the top of the 11th inning Orlie threw out a runner trying to score from second. Then in the bottom of the 11th, he hit a Walk off Home Run off Bill Radies to win the game. Orlie retired from playing after about 14 years with a lifetime .220 batting average.

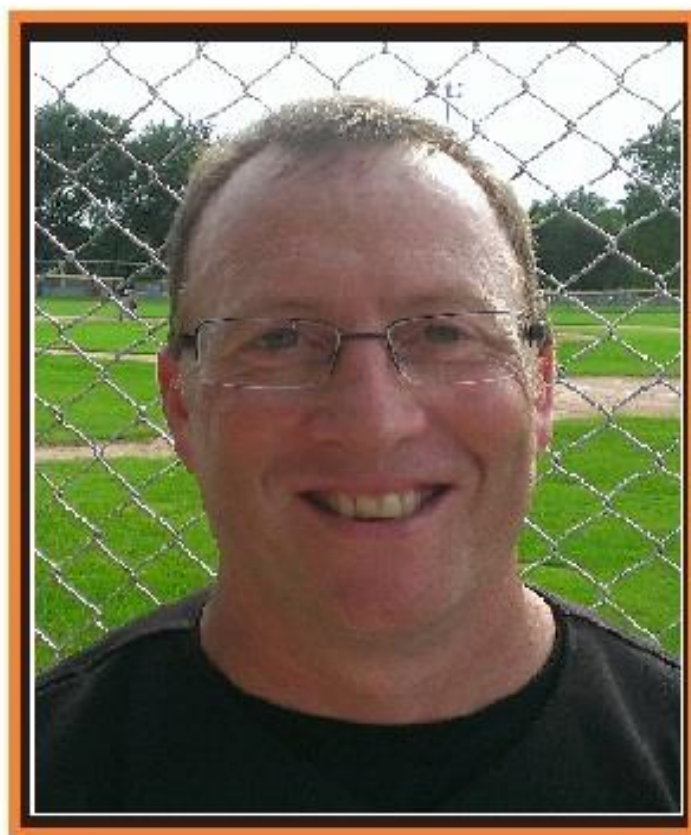
Other Memorable games came in Tigerton.

Once he ran so hard to run down a ball, he ran into the board fence and got his knee stuck in it. Then the Homerun that wasn't - hit a Homerun in the Tigerton tournament walking to dugout Umpire says "You're out". "What do you mean you're out I hit a Homerun". Umpire proceeded to tell Orlie that he missed home plate. Well argument ensued after. When asked if he saw Orlie missed home plate the umpire said "no, but my son did". Needless to say the umpires last name Shue and so was the catchers. So the story ends with Orlie having the longest Triple in Leopolis history. Orlie stayed involved with the BABA league, as East/West Division president for 10+ years and was BABA League Commissioner about 15 years ending in 2006.



Congratulations Orlie on your Induction into the Leopolis Baseball Hall of Fame.

LEOPOLIS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME



Pat Carroll
July 20, 2014

Pat Carroll was born to Leland and Sabina Carroll on June 4th, 1965. Pat grew up in Leopolis with 9 brothers and sisters. (James, David, Lee Ann, Greg, Tom, Vincent, Valerie, Sabina, Mary) He attended the Leopolis Grade School and graduated from Marion High School in 1983, lettering in Cross Country, Wrestling and Baseball. After High School, Pat ventured on to Chicago to spend 2 years at DeVry Institute of Technology, before transferring to Fox Valley Tech to obtain an Associate's Degree in Electronics Technology in 1992. Pat followed that up with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Lakeland College in 1997.

Pat married Julie Richter in October of 1996 and they have 2 children. Thad and Isabelle, both inherited a plethora of athletic genes from both Pat and Julie.

Pat's Bulldog career spanned some 20 years, he probably played all positions at one time or another. His favorite was shortstop while his least favorite was catching. He spent the most time playing first base. Pat batted a career .277 batting average. Pat recalls - "Playing with my brothers and friends was always great. We would have races before the games to see who was the fastest on the team." "There was always a comradery and competitive nature in the team and it was always a joy to be a part of that."

Pats' most memorable game was the Grand Championship game against Menominee. Pat says "The emotional level was so much higher than any other game. Plus, the added excitement in the prior games as we keep getting closer to reaching this game."



Today, Pat currently works for NISC (National Information Solutions Cooperative) in the Shawano branch as a programmer. NISC specializes in Telecom and Utility solutions. He has recently gotten back into baseball, coaching some youth baseball. He's currently the Shawano Jr Legion team manager and really enjoys being back on the field.

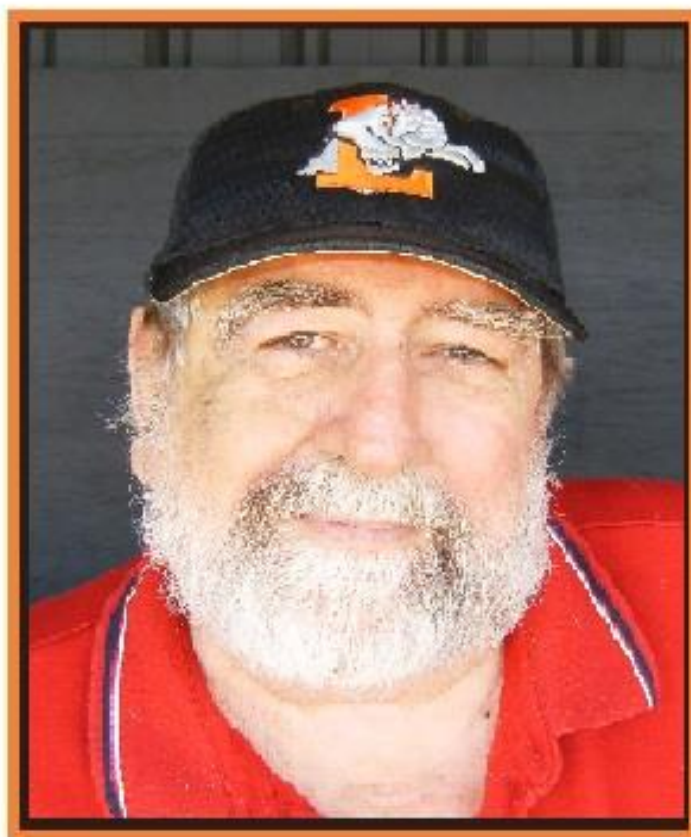


Pat is an avid bicyclist with the Shawano Freewheelers bicycle group along with his Dad. On July 4th, you probably saw Pat running the Leopolis Triathlon, plus a number of times over the past 20 years, alongside his brothers, and now days his kids. He still wears one of the 1995 sweatshirts around the house.

The Carrol name is prominent in the Leopolis Hall of Fame. Pat Joins his brothers Jim and Greg and Parents Leland and Sabina (as fans) in the Leopolis Baseball Hall of fame.

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Joe DeBaker
July 20, 2014

FAN INDUCTEE

Joe DeBaker was born on October 16, 1946 in Leopold to parents Al and Cora DeBaker. Youngest of 4 children, Joe joined a brother Eugene, and sisters Patricia and Karen. He grew up fishing the banks of the Embarrass River with his mom Cora, attended the Leopold Grade School, (which he manages the distribution list for its yearly reunion). After graduating from a mediocre Marion High School career, and too small to play sports, Joe moved down to the UW-Madison, graduating in 1969 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. In 1967 Joe married his longtime sweetheart Diane Neuman of Tigerton over a Christmas break from College. After college, Joe and Diane left Wisconsin as Joe went to work for Eastman Kodak in Kingsport, Tennessee, spending 30 years in Research and Development, retired and moved back to Leopold. Joe and Diane have 3 children Marsha (Rick) Milhorn, Brian (Melissa) DeBaker, and Laura DeBaker. 5 grandchildren and one step great granddaughter.

Starting in the 70's, every summer Joe and Diane took a 2 week vacation here in Leopold over the 4th of July and he got to see 2 or 3 Bulldog games. He especially remember watching the Kristof and Thiel boys along with Rick Otto and Ron Zimdars and others during their heyday have some great games against Tigerton in those years, especially when one of Tigerton's best players was his brother-in-law Charlie Kielblock. When Joe was here over the 4th, baseball wasn't his only past-time. He along with Orle Pederson, his brother-in-law Dick Potrykus, and Bob Kristof would bring the Shalagoco to its knees. You couldn't keep Joe from a ball game tho...After leaving one vehicle at Weasel Dam on Saturday night with a broken fan belt, Fido's Scout died on Sunday morning after a round of golf before the Leopold at Shawano game. After meeting some nice folks at Dick and Seikos bar, Joe and Bob decided they needed to take a cab to the game from that nearby Shawano Lake bar. Joe was the diehard Bulldog fan...in 1995, Joe and Diane drove almost 2000 miles over the Labor Day weekend to watch the Bulldogs in the BABA Championship game in and against Menominee. Joe says "I didn't think if we waited another 50 years I'd be around for the next one."

Many of us remember that Joe (alongside Ruth Kristof) ran in one of the early Leopold Triathlon's - his First and Last...years later, while still in TN, Joe received a package from Steve Conradt containing a pack of drag queen tickets and a 6-pack of BLATZ beer with a request to run for "queen". Joe was honored to be elected the FIRST 4th of July "Leopold Drag Queen", since he was such an adorable "mock wedding" bride at Floyd and Veronicas 50th wedding anniversary. Over the next 10 years, Joe spent a lot of time bar hopping on ticket runs with drag queen tickets to get other members of the "Soup Gang" elected queen.

For the last 15 years Joe served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Leopold Baseball Club, retiring this year. He says "The worst part of the job was having to stay at the ball park until the Concession Stand closed so He could take the receipts home."

Today, Joe and Diane still live in Leopold, do a little golfing and pitches horseshoes once a week. For the past 5 years he has served on the Herman Town Board, currently serving as Town Chairman.

Congratulations Joe on your Induction into the Leopold Baseball Hall of Fame.

*PAST LEOPOLIS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
with year of induction*

1946 Championship Team	2003	Otto, Rick	2008
		Otto, Vern "Nails" (Fan)	2005
Ashenbrenner, Duane "Buckshot"	2004		
		Paiser, Arlie (Fan)	2006
Brunner, Albert "A.N."	2003	Paiser, Harold	2009
Brunner, Emereth	2014	Pederson, Orlie	2014
		Pederson, Orlin and Shirley (Fan)	2004
Carroll, Gregg	2013	Peterson, Roger	2006
Carroll, Jim	2011	Pevonka, Orv	2010
Carroll, Leland and Sabina (Fan)	2010		
Carroll, Pat	2014	Reminger, John Jr	2011
Cervany, George	2006		
Clement, Frank	2007	Sazama, John	2009
Conradt, Marshall	2005	Sazama, Stanley	2013
Conradt, Steve	2013	Schultz, Jerry	2007
		Sousek, Alex	2003
DeBaker, Joe (Fan)	2014	Stefl, Ty	2004
		Steinke, Allen "Swamy"	2003
Heinl, Bob	2011	Steinke, Melvin "Butch"	2004
Hoffman, Todd	2012	Stezenski, Joe	2004
Huebner, Wally	2003		
		Thiel, Art	2003
Kazda, Pat	2008	Thiel, Bert	2004
Kresl, Matt	2006	Thiel, Brian	2012
Kristof, Allen Sr.	2004	Thiel, Kelly	2010
Kristof, Carol and Rita (Fan)	2007	Thiel, Kevin	2008
Kristof, Floyd	2003		
Kristof, Jim	2013	Vierbicher, Roland "Red"	2005
Kristof, Peter	2007		
Kristof, Steve	2005	Westphal, Orville	2010
Kristof, Tom Sr.	2003		
Kristof, Veronica (Fan)	2008	Zimdars, Ron	2009
		Zimdars, Bill, Sylvia, Shelly (Fan)	2011
Messherschmidt, Art (Fan)	2004		
Mitchell, William "Billy"	2005		