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1962. Mike Hastings, Harvey Huffstetler and Brian Waters are the first members from the modern era, which is for contribution 1963-now. Brian Zettler was honored as the first friend of WHS athletics. The 1992 state championship football team was also honored in its 20th anniversary season.

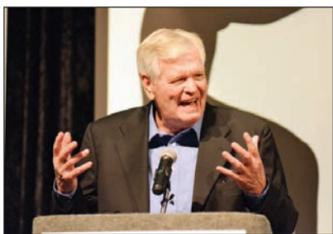
Following a dinner and slideshow of the inductees, the ceremony began as the voice of the Indians, Ken Roberts emceed the event.

"There really was nothing to celebrate the legendary athletes Waxahachie has," Roberts said in his opening monologue. "This effort began to tell the stories behind the ladies and gentlemen, whose names are on our buildings and sporting facilities across town."



Photos by Scott Dorsett/Daily Light
John Phillips, coach of the 1992 State Championship Team accepted the award. The Texas State 4A Champions in Football for 1992 with a perfect season with 585 points for 16 wins and 0 losses. The team clinched the title against A&M Consolidated in a 28-24 victory before an estimated 14,000 in attendance at the Houston Astrodome under the leadership of Coach Scott Phillips. View additional photos from the induction online at www.waxahachietx.com

The first member to receive his glass trophy signifying his induction was Richard Chapman. After graduating from Waxahachie High School in 1950, Chapman went on to play football for Rice.



Harvey Huffstetler (WHS Class of 1966) was named an All District and All State Basketball Player from 1964-1966. He was part of the 1965 State basketball team finals and the 1965 State Baseball Champions. He continued his sports career at Stephen F. Austin State University, and from 1969-1971 was an All Conference Basketball Player and Team Captain. In 1970, he was part of the team that captured the National NAIA Championship, and in 1971 was drafted by the ABA Dallas Chaparrals.

He was selected as one of the school's three MVPs for the Cotton Bowl in 1954.

"I'm very honored to be a part of this first class," Chapman said. "Back in the day, I was always on a



Mike Hastings (WHS Class of 1962) received four WHS letters in golf, three in football, and one in track and field and set the then WHS high jump record in 1962. He received a golf scholarship for the University of Arkansas, where he lettered in golf for three years. He qualified for the U.S. Amateur Championship in 1964. After winning numerous awards and championships through the years, Hastings received the Northern Texas PGA Senior Tour Championship Amateur Champion and Player of the Year.

mission to do well in football and in academics."

Chapman most certainly excelled at both as he turned down a first-round NFL draft selection to pursue a PhD in nuclear physics. He has authored

more than 100 technical papers and been granted many U.S. Patents.

Following him was baseball great Paul Richards. Mike Hastings and Waxahachie mayor Buck Jordan spoke on behalf of Richards.

"I've accepted many awards on behalf of Paul," Jordan said. "And each time, I'm grateful to do it because this was a man that I respected more than any other."

Richards is probably most known around town as being the namesake to Richards Park, the home of the Indian baseball team. In his playing days, he was a part of the Indian team, which won 65 straight games and nine straight state titles from 1919-1927. He played for the Detroit Tigers when they won the 1945 World Series and managed the Chicago White Sox and Baltimore Orioles.

Williams coached the WHS basketball team from 1948-1979 and led the team to the state championship in 1959. His



Richard Chapman, at right, (WHS Class of 1950) was an outstanding football player, achieving his WHS letter for two years. He was recruited by many colleges and went on to play for Rice. Chapman was selected as one of three MVPs representing Rice in the Cotton Bowl in 1954. He earned the Bob Quin Award later that year, along with many other awards and honors during his athletic career. Chapman turned down a first-round draft selection to pursue a PhD degree in nuclear physics.

daughter Nancy spoke for him.

"He wanted me to say one thing at his funeral and that was that he loved children," Nancy said. "That's the kind of man he was. But I also wanted everyone to know that he was a man among men."

Williams was inducted into the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches in 1988. He is also the namesake of the J.W. Williams Gymnasium at the high school.

Hastings received four WHS letters in golf, three letters in football and one in track and field before he graduated in 1962. At the podium, he told stories about when he was younger, but also took the time to talk about the relationship between players at Waxahachie and Turner back in the day.

"We used to get together and play pick up football and basketball games against the greats of Turner like Chuck

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having three of their classmates recognized as Who's Who and Hall of Fame inductees this year.

Being inducted into the Who's Who of Waxahachie High School was not something Larry Stoffregen was trying to attain when he began his life as a student, but he said it is one memory that will stand out to him for the rest of his life.

As Stoffregen took to the podium, he joked about how his wife informed him that saying hello and good-bye would not serve as a very adequate speech amidst his peers. He added that his wife has served as a special education teacher for years and practices on him often, so he normally follows her advice.

Although he had several humorous moments throughout his acceptance speech, Stoffregen became very serious as he recalled growing up in Waxahachie.

"This is such a unique place to grow up," he said. "It has been the perfect town for me to be born and raised in. It is the kind of town where every student knows every teacher and every teacher knows every student. It's the kind of place where you never have to worry about high crime rates and everybody looks after one another. It is by far the best city in Texas."

He said being bestowed this honor can never be grasped until the book is opened and a person is given the opportunity to see all of the names that have gone before.

"But it's an absolute honor to have my name on that list," Stoffregen said.

A former classmate and Who's Who inductee Helen Zsohar expressed her thankfulness for being able to be a part of the association and to re-



Photos by Scott Dorsett/Special to the Daily Light
Who's Who Inductee Helen Zsohar of the class of 1962.

ceive such an honor. And although her career ended in Utah, she was very grateful that it began in Waxahachie.

"I chose my career path as a nurse very early in life," Zsohar said. "And it was because of the influence of one very special lady, Mrs. McAdams our school nurse."

Zsohar said she never would have broken out of her shy girl mold if it hadn't been for McAdams.

"She helped me realize that I needed to step forward and succeed in a way that would make a difference," she said. "She also encouraged me to volunteer during my senior year at what was then the Waxahachie Hospital."

"I owe her and my fellow classmates a debt of gratitude for always pushing me to be better and become the person I am today," Zsohar said.

She never knew what McAdam's vision for her was, but she said it definitely turned out to be a great one.

"I'm honored to be a part of this great association and to be a member of the class of '62," she said.

Hall of Fame inductee Jan Beer said he stands before his former classmates and visitors to con-



Who's Who Inductee Larry Stoffregen of the class of 1962. View additional photos from Saturday's luncheon online at www.waxahachietx.com

vey the value of coming from a place like Waxahachie.

"As a student of Waxahachie High School I had the great honor of playing on the football team," Beer said. "Playing football had a very positive effect on my life and taught me many of life's lessons."

Beer said not having the privilege of growing up on the same economic and social status as most of peers often times made him feel inadequate. But on the playing field he felt like that was his turf and it gave him an opportunity to shine.

"I never really considered myself leadership material when I was in high school," Beer said. "But during my sophomore year one of my coaches saw great potential in me and made me a captain of the team."

Beer said that was a very defining moment in his life, because that is when he realized that every challenge he faced was molding him into a future warrior.

"Learning the valuable lesson of winning and losing has stayed with me my whole life," he said. "And understanding what was and wasn't important in life is what I took from

those years." Beer said he can never repay anyone from his past for the valuable lessons he's learned. He said the only thing he can do now is hopefully pass those lessons on to others who have come after him.

About WHS Ex-Students' Association

In 1960, Cecil Burton had the idea to put together an organization that would enable WHS ex-students to reunite and revisit the old school days with each other during Homecoming weekend. Burton contacted a few of his friends, Bill and Charlene Pitts, Lillian Neal and George Brown about this idea. Through their combined efforts to maintain ties with their fellow graduates, promote school traditions and pride in the community, they gave birth to this new organization in 1961. Since then, the Waxahachie Ex-Students' Association has had more than 40 presidents and has given thousands of dollars in scholarships.

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BOYD

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Boyd has worked his way up the ranks at Irving being promoted to assistant fire chief in March 2010. As fire chief, Boyd will report to the city manager. His responsibilities at the department will include managing and overseeing the activities and operations of all fire department functions, 48 firefighters, one administrative assistant and three fire stations. Boyd's first day on the job will be Nov. 5.

"This is an exciting opportunity to come home to Ellis County and serve in a great community like Waxahachie. It is going to be a big task to fill Chief Hudgins' shoes. He is a very honored man and gave 26 years to this fire



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department. He has done this city a great job in the fire department. I look forward to the challenge," Boyd said.

"Everything that I have been told and see is that this fire department is in good shape. I have got a good group of guys, the support of the city and its citizens. We are very grateful for that. Our job is to serve and protect. We want to always keep in mind those that we serve and help out. We will do anything to help a citizen," the new chief said.

Boyd said one of the first steps that he wants to take is to get to know the firefighters in the department and how the department operates.

As he gets settled in he wants to develop a three to five year plan for the department's future.

Boyd said is very excited to be here and looks forward to a long tenure here in Waxahachie.

Councilman Kevin Strength said that Boyd's experience would be valuable to the community. "We are really excited about having Chief Boyd come here to Waxahachie. We think that he will take the fire department to the next level. Chief Hudgins has done such a fine job bringing it up from where we were to where we are now," Strength said. "Since he (Hudgins) is retiring, I think that Ricky will do a really good job. We are glad to have him. He knows the area and he is a man of integrity and we are really glad to have him."

Waxahachie Fire

Department Capt. Don Alexander agreed with Strength that he would be a good fit for the department. Alexander served on the panel that reviewed possible candidates for the fire chief position.

"We are excited. All three of the candidates were excellent choices, but I think that Ricky will be a great fit," Alexander said. "We are really excited to be a part of the process. We are grateful that the city allowed the firefighters association to have a representative on the panel. We all support Mr. Stevens decision and look forward to working with Chief Boyd and taking us into the future."

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LEGACY

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participant)

5K Winners Male

Youngest participant
Ethan Lipsey
19-under Estan Lipsey
20-29 Josh Bostwick
30-39 Kelly Riddle
40-49 Donovan Ross
50-59 Jack Franks
60-above Trinidad Ponce

10K Winners Female

Youngest participant

Hannah Thedford
19-under Hannah Thedford
20-29 Erica Noles
30-39 JoBeth Huber-Willis
40-49 Darla Stapleton

10K Winners Male

20-29 Tyson Bisora
30-39 Reggie Ginitis
40-49 Edwin Lipsey
50-59 Sam Nance
60-above Don Higman (also oldest participant)

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The 2012 Legacy Run raised more than \$20,000 with more than 500 runners participating in Saturday's 5K and 10K events to benefit the Education Foundation for WISD.

VOTING

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ference Center, 1 Community Circle in Midlothian
1 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Palmer City Hall, 113 W. Jefferson in Palmer

Oct. 29-Nov. 2

7 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Elections/Voter Office, 106 S. Monroe St. in Waxahachie
8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Acorn Building, 101 Live Oak South Building in Red Oak
8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the En-

nis Sub-Courthouse, 207 S. Sonoma Trail in Ennis
8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle in Midlothian
8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Palmer City Hall, 113 W. Jefferson in Palmer

Application for ballot by mail should be mailed to: Jane Anderson, Early Voting Clerk, 106 S. Monroe St., Waxahachie, TX 75165. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Oct. 30, 2012.