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The Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame Recognizes and Honors

The 1946 Kannapolis American Legion Post 115 Baseball State Champions

The 1968 Logan Tigers North Carolina 3-A State Championship Basketball Team

The 1971 Northwest Cabarrus High School North Carolina 3-A State Championship Baseball Team

**2018 Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame
Inductees**

Kenneth Argo

A.L. Brown High School Graduate – 1952

- **Outstanding three sport athlete in football, baseball and track, 1950 -1952. (J.W. Cannon/A.L. Brown High Schools). Also played baseball for Kannapolis Post 115 American Legion team.**
- **Ken was the first Cabarrus county high school football player to be named a national high school All-American in 1951. One of forty-four so honored.**
- **He was selected to the All-South Piedmont Conference Football Team in 1951 and was named to the Greensboro Daily News All-State Football Team that same year.**
- **Ken was also selected to play in the annual North Carolina East-West All-Star football game in 1952.**
- **He competed in track & field running the 100 and 200 yard dashes as well as all relay events.**
- **Was starting outfielder for the A.L. Brown baseball team 1950 - 1952**
- **Ken was Junior class vice-president at J.W. Cannon high school and Senior class president at the newly formed A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis, 1952.**
- **He was later named to the A.L. Brown High School Hall of Fame.**
- **Ken graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and served two years in the United States Army.**
- **He served in various management positions with Cannon Mills prior to retiring.**
- **Ken has been very active in community service organizations such as the United Way and Rotary Club as well as serving as a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Kannapolis.**

Audrey Lee Smith Bost

Concord High School Graduate – 1998

- **An outstanding athlete in basketball, volleyball and softball 1995 – 1998.**
- **Audrey Lee was selected to the All-Cabarrus County Women’s Basketball teams 1996, 1997 and 1998 and named Cabarrus County Female Player of the Year in 1997 – 1998.**
- **Additionally she was selected to the All-South Piedmont Conference Basketball teams in 1996 – 1997 and 1997 – 1998 and named South Piedmont Conference Player of the Year 1997 – 1998.**
- **The Charlotte Observer named Audrey Lee to its All-Piedmont Women’s Basketball teams in 1996 - 1997, 1997 and 1998.**
- **She was selected to play in the 1998 North Carolina/South Carolina All-Star Basketball Classic.**
- **Named to the All-South Piedmont Conference Volleyball team in 1996 and 1997. She was team Captain and most valuable player in 1997.**
- **Selected to the All-South Piedmont Conference Softball team in 1996, 1997 and 1998.**
- **Named Cabarrus County “Female Athlete of the Year” 1997 – 1998.**
- **Named NCHSAA Scholar Athlete, N.C. Governors School 1996 -1997 and 1997 – 1998.**
- **Graduated from North Carolina State University with Masters Degree in Education and Administration. Presently serves as Dean of Students at Vance High School.**
- **Audrey Lee is the daughter of Hall of Fame member E. Z. Smith III.**
- **She and her husband Ladd Bost have two daughters, Lilly and Grace Bost.**

Bruce G. Hardin

Graduate of Chase High School — 1962

- **Graduate of Appalachian State University 1965**
- **From 1989 - 1999 Coach Hardin was Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at A.L. Brown High School, his teams won two North Carolina 3A State Championships, 1989 and 1997.**
- **A.L. Brown's overall record in football under Coach Hardin was 121 wins and 24 losses, winning 8 conference championships**
- **Coach Hardin was selected as North Carolina head coach for the annual Shrine Bowl Game in 1996 and was selected as an assistant head coach in 1991.**
- **In 1988 he was selected as head coach for the West in the annual North Carolina East/West football game.**
- **He was named NCHSAA Coach of the Year in 1997 and named the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Athletic Director of the Year in 1999.**
- **Coach Hardin's achievements in coaching extend far beyond his years at A.L. Brown High School.**
- **His high school teams overall record in football was 332 wins 110 losses.**
- **They appeared in 24 state playoff games winning three state championships and 17 conference championships.**
- **Finished runner-up in three state championship football finals.**
- **He also spent time coaching collegiately as an assistant coach at both the Citadel and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.**

Brenda Thompson Helms

A. L. Brown High School Graduate - 1958

- **Outstanding Ladies Basketball Star Forward for the Wonders 1955-1958.**
- **Brenda started as a sophomore and had high scores of 32, 30, 25, 25 and 22, scoring double figures in 11 games.**
- **In her junior year Brenda, led the team to a 15-8 record. Had high scores of 61, 48, 47, '46, 42, 42 and 40; scoring double figures in 21 games and set the South Piedmont Conference Tournament Scoring Record of 132 points in 3 games. She was selected to South Piedmont Conference Basketball All-Conference and All-Tournament Teams.**
- **In her senior year, Brenda led team to a 20-2 record, finishing undefeated in the South Piedmont Conference at 14-0. The team won the South Piedmont Conference and Tournament championships and won WNCHSAA Championship by defeating Hickory 60-46. She was Wonderettes Team Captain and selected Most Valuable Player.**
- **She set the South Piedmont Conference scoring record of 82 points in a single game against Albemarle. Also had high scores of 54, 50, 47, 47, 46, 46, 46, 45, 43, 37; scoring double figures in 21 games. She finished top scorer in South Piedmont Conference in 14 regular season games with 518 points and finished the 1958 season scoring 888 points; averaging 37 points a game.**
- **Brenda was again selected to the South Piedmont Conference Basketball All-Conference and All-Tournament Teams**
- **She was also selected to and played in 1958 East-West Ladies Basketball Game.**
- **Brenda retired from Bank of America in 2005.**

Tracy Illya Johnson

A. L. Brown High School Graduate - 1985

Outstanding two sport Athlete for the Wonders in football and track & field - 1985

- **Tracy played fullback and linebacker for the 1984 Wonders Division 3A State Runner-Up football team, which finished with a 13-1 record. During this year he made 19 touchdowns, scored 114 points and gained 732 yards.**
- **He was named to the All-South Piedmont Conference Football Team, All-Cabarrus County Football Team, and All-Piedmont Football Team in 1984. He was also selected to the North Carolina All-State Football Team.**
- **Tracy was chosen to play in the 1985 North Carolina East-West All-Star Game.**
- **He was offered and accepted a full athletic scholarship to Clemson University.**
- **From 1985 – 1989 Tracy played fullback for the Clemson Tigers, leading the team to 4 Bowl Appearances, winning three.**
- **He set a Clemson touchdown rushing record in a Bowl Game by scoring 3 touchdowns against Penn State in a 35-10 victory in the 1987 Florida Citrus Bowl.**
- **After his college career Tracy was drafted by the Houston Oilers in the 10th round of the 1989 NFL Draft.**
- **He played 8 seasons in the NFL — Houston Oilers 1989, Atlanta Falcons 1990-1991, Seattle Seahawks 1992- 1995, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers 1996.**
- **Tracy is married to Sephanie and they have sons Jalen, Myles, 'Devan and Dash.**
- **After retirement from the NFL, he and Sephanie now own and operate Clothing Manufacturing in Duluth Georgia.**

Kenneth A. Moser

Mount Pleasant High School Graduate - 1960

- **Ken was a three sport star athlete at Mount Pleasant High School, playing football, basketball and baseball from 1957 – 1960.**
- **He was Co-Captain of the football team in 1959 and was selected to the All-Cabarrus County and All-Area football teams in 1959.**
- **In basketball, Ken led Mount Pleasant in scoring his senior year as well as leading the conference in scoring. He was named to the All-Conference Basketball Team in 1959-1960 and was Co-Captain of the Tiger basketball team.**
- **Ken played baseball for the Tigers 1958-1960 and also played for Concord Post 51 American Legion Baseball Team 1959-1960. In addition to being an outstanding pitcher, he also played first base for both teams. Post 51 American Legion team was coached by CCSHOF member Beatle Auten.**
- **Ken played on the freshman basketball team for Wake Forest University during the 1960-1961 season and was also a member of the Wake Forest 1961 Cross-County Track Team. He was president of the 1960-61 freshman class.**
- **He is a 1965 graduate of Wake Forest University, where he was president of the senior class. He received a BA Degree from Wake Forest University in 1965 and his JD Degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1968.**
- **His civic contributions have included: Former Member and President of the Wake Forest University Law School Alumni Council; Board of Visitors Wake Forrest University School of Law; Salvation Army Boy's Club; Winston-Salem/Forsyth County United Way; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Winston-Salem Arts Council etc.**
- **Married to Mary Nam Moser, they have sons Kelly F. and John K. and daughter Ashley M. Veneziano.**
- **Ken retired in 2012 after 43 years of practicing law.**

James Clary Phillips

Concord High School graduate – 1957

- **Attended Concord High School from 1948 — 1950.**
- **Joined the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War , serving until 1954. He then returned to Concord High School to continue his studies.**
- **In 1949, Clary played on the Concord Boys Club North Carolina State Championship 125 lb. football team.**
- **He joined the Concord Boys Club Boxing team in 1948 and boxed for the team through 1950. Clary began as a 98 lb. Flyweight later moving up to the 112 lb. Bantamweight class.**
- **Clary won the Jr. Flyweight Golden Gloves Championship in Burlington in 1949. He then won the main event as a flyweight in the Polio Drive Benefits Fight Event in 1950 in Concord.**
- **In 1950, was invited to spend the summer training with the U.S. Marine Corps boxing team at Camp Lejeune but the Korean War interrupted the opportunity.**
- **Clary was runner-up to the North Carolina/South Carolina Open Division 112 lbs. Champion in 1964 in North Carolina's Golden Gloves Tournament.**
- **Invited to fight in the 1964 Carolinas Golden Gloves Tournament in Charlotte but head cut injury caused by a head butt in previous fight did not heal in time for next fight and prevented the opportunity.**
- **Clary fought his first formal fight when he was 14 years old and fought his last formal fight in 1964 when he was 29 years old. For his career Clary finished with an 18 – 2 record.**
- **He is a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Concord and has been active in the church choir for 40 years.**
- **Clary has acted with The Old Courthouse Theatre in Concord for 10 seasons. He served one season on The Board of Directors and won a best actors award. Presently sings with The Piedmont Choral Society and has been a member for approximately 10 years.**
- **Married to Rebecca (Becky) Linker Phillips; Daughter, Anne Michelle Phillips Swayney, Son, James Michael Phillips; Grandsons, Elias Jordan Rutemiller and Dylan Tyler Rutemiller.**
- **Attended Appalachian State Teachers College and Queens College.**

Tolonda Rose Simmons

A. L. Brown High School Graduate – 1985

- Played basketball for the Lady Wonders from 1982 – 1985, and was a starting forward as a sophomore 1982 – 1983.
- During the 1983-1984 season, selected to the All-South Piedmont Conference Girls Basketball team; selected to the 5-player All-District 5 Girls Basketball Team and was named Co-Captain and A.L. Brown Girls most Valuable Player.
- As a Senior in 1985, the team won the South Piedmont Conference title with a 16 — 0 record. She was selected A.L. Brown Girls Most Valuable Player and also selected to the All-South Piedmont Conference Girls Basketball Team.
- Enrolled at UNC Charlotte attending from 1985 – 1989 and playing college basketball for the 49ers those four years. In 1987, was a starting forward for the Athletics in Action at the 1987 U.S. Olympics Festival.
- After college, she spent the next four years as Women's Basketball Coach at Barber-Scotia College.
- She returned to UNC Charlotte in 1993 as an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach and Recruiting Coordinator for the Charlotte 49ers.
- From 2001 – 2003, was Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Winthrop University and from 2006 - 2008 Assistant Women's Basketball Coach for Providence Day High School during two state title seasons.
- She became the Head Women's Basketball Coach for the Hickory Ridge Lady Bulls High School team in Harrisburg in 2012.
- Under Coach Simmons leadership, the Lady Bulls became a force in the Conference and in 2017 they won the 3-A South Piedmont Conference title and made their way on to the State 3-A Championship finals. They lost to Northern Guilford High School in the state title game but finished the season with an outstanding 31-1 record.
- In 2018 Hickory Ridge High School was assigned to the Southwestern 4-A Conference. Again the Lady Bulls under Coach Simmons had an excellent year going 26-2 and winning the conference but losing to Audrey Kell in the quarter final round of State Championships.
- In 2013, Tolonda established in the memory of her late brother, Todd Kevin Rose, who died of leukemia in October 2012, the “Be The Match Drive”. This Drive requests that people sign up for the bone marrow test which could possibly be a match for people nationwide who are suffering from leukemia, lymphoma, or sickle cell anemia.

Donald Eugene Argo

A.L. Brown High School Graduate – 1954

- **Outstanding football and baseball player, 1951 – 1954.**
 - **Football Co-captain for the 1953 season.**
 - **Selected to the 1953 Shrine Bowl as a defensive tackle.**
 - **Selected to the All-South Piedmont Football Team by the Greensboro Daily News.**
 - **Named to the North Carolina Prep School All-State Football Team in 1953.**
 - **Selected as a Starting Tackle for the West in the Annual East-West All-Star game in 1954.**
 - **The 1953 Little Wonders football team had seven shutouts; held their opponents to 45 points and scored 245 points.**
 - **Played outfield for the A.L. Brown Little Wonders baseball team which won the South Piedmont Conference Title in 1954.**
 - **The A.L. Brown baseball team won the coveted WNCCHSAA Baseball Championship by beating Hickory High School 3-2 in 1954.**
 - **Attended North Carolina State University 2 years before entering the U.S. Army.**
 - **Owned and operated Argo and Sons Electric Company and U-Cart Concrete.**
 - **Married Nancy Lisk Argo and they had three sons; Kirk, Todd and Craig Argo.**
 - **Don E. Argo passed away on March 24, 2008.**
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William Fred Chapman

J W Cannon High School Graduate - 1934

- **Outstanding Athlete in all three major sports: Football, Basketball, and Baseball 1930-1934.**
- **Star Running Back/End on Little Wonders Football Team.**
- **In 1932 J W Cannon joins the South Piedmont Conference. Fred is chosen as Team Captain.**
- **Selected to All-South Piedmont Conference Football Team in 1932 and 1933.**
- **Star Forward on Basketball Team 1932 -1934, Team Captain 1934.**
- **Starting Shortstop on Baseball Team 1930-1934, All-South Piedmont Conference Baseball Team 1934.**
- **Starting Shortstop for Wingate Junior College 1934.**
- **Signed professional baseball contract with Washington Senators 1935. Played Minor League Baseball 14 Seasons 1935-1940 and 1946-1953 for teams associated with Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Boston. Games 1568, At-Bats 5736, Hits 1603, Batting Average .279**
- **Played Major League Baseball with the Philadelphia Athletics 1939-1941. Games 76, At-Bats 187, Hits 36, Batting Average .193**
- **Served in the United States Navy 1942-1946.**
- **Coached Kannapolis Post 115 American Legion Baseball Team 1954–1956.**
- **Worked as a Foreman in Dye Department of Cannon Mills Plant 1 1954-1983.**
- **Married to Mrs. Rosa Ella Quinn Chapman, daughter Jane Lynn , son William Fred Jr.**
- **Fred passed away on 27 March 1997, age 80.**

John G. (Johnny) Pare

1938 Graduate of Miami (FL) Senior High School – 1938

- **Catcher in high school baseball 1936 -1938**
- **Signed professional contract in 1938 and began playing in the Florida State League.**
- **In 1939 signed with the Concord Weavers Class D North Carolina State League. It was then that he met and married Evelyn Staton of Concord.**
- **Johnny caught 1,672 consecutive innings for the Weavers between 1939 and 1940.**
- **In 1943 he signed with the Baltimore Orioles of the AAA International League and was hitting .375 when he suffered a severe case of the flu from which he never fully recovered.**
- **1946 was named to manage the Tampa Baseball of the Florida State League winning the Florida State League Championship.**
- **In 1947 Johnny managed Greenville, NC of the coastal Plain League. He and the family then returned to Concord for good.**
- **In 1952 Little League Baseball began in Concord and Johnny volunteered to organize the league and coach one of the teams. This began his impact on Concord youth. He loved teaching baseball to the youth of Concord.**
- **The 1953 Concord National All-Stars, coached by Johnny Pare and Cliff Evans, won the North Carolina Little League State title, advancing to the Regionals where they lost 2-1 to the eventual Little League World Series Champion Birmingham, Al.**
- **Johnny continued as a major league baseball scout for the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox.**
- **He coached baseball teams at different levels in and around Concord including the Concord American Legion Post 51 baseball team which he coached 1955-1957.**
- **John and Evelyn had five children, Ron, Carol, Philip, Janet and Alisa. John joins his son Ron as the first son and father members of the Cabarrus County Sports Hall of Fame**
- **Johnny Pare passed away on February 25, 1998.**

R.T. "Dixie" Upright

Attended J W Cannon High School 1940-1943

- **Outstanding Left-Handed Baseball Hitter and Player for Semi-Pro Baseball Teams 1939-1943. Due to WW II, J W Cannon High School did not field a Baseball Team.**
- **Served in the United States Army during WWII 1943-1945.**
- **Played Baseball in the Cabarrus Semi-Pro League 1945-1947.**
- **Signed a professional baseball league contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates 1947, age 21. Batting Averages his first four seasons with 6 different Pirate teams were .364, .279, .287, .262, .347, and .302.**
- **Played for the Chicago White Sox Minor League Teams 1951-1952. Also played Minor League Baseball for the Chicago Cubs 1953, St Louis Browns 1953, Chicago Cubs 1954, Chicago White Sox 1955-1956, Kansas City Angels 1957-1958**
- **Major League Baseball Debut was on April 18, 1953, with the St Louis Browns. Hit his first and only Home Run off future Hall of Fame Pitcher Bob Lemon.**
- **In 1958, he hit .343 with 17 homers and 116 RBI for the Amarillo Gold Sox, earning him a Western League All-Star Team Selection.**
- **Minor League 12 Year Career — Games 1327, At-Bats 4815, Hits 1498, Home Runs 141, Batting Average .311**
- **Was a baseball Scout for Memphis Chickasaws 1958-1962.**
- **Dixie was an active Community Leader with the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, United Way etc. and a lifelong member of North Kannapolis Baptist Church where he was a deacon and Sunday School teacher.**
- **He was the recipient of North Carolina Volunteer of the Year Award from Governor James Hunt.**
- **Dixie was married to the late Marcelle Milloway Upright.**
- * **He passed away on November 13, 1986, age 60.**