Hall of Fame Not Just for Holtz

New additions made to local museum

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Rosemary Mackall, director of development at the Lou Holtz Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame, chooses an old favorite from a jukebox in the 50s room at the East Liverpool museum. (Photo by Jo Ann Bobby-Gilbert)

EAST LIVERPOOL - Although named for a well-known college football coach, the Lou Holtz Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame is not limited to sports memorabilia but actually highlights a wide variety of local history.

The museum was started after Holtz, a Follansbee native who grew up in the city, left his coaching position at the University of Notre Dame and a venue was needed to display the memorabilia he had accumulated.

Holtz, however, had other ideas and declined the offer to showcase his accomplishments unless other Ohio Valley people in all fields, not just athletics, were honored.

These trade school scholarships were initiated in 1998 by Holtz.

As Holtz arrived on the scene at the Hall of Fame for a brunch earlier in the day, the sounds of renovations could be heard at the New Castle School of Trade vocational school across the street.

He and Giuliani were greeted by a line of firefighters and police officers from the city, Liverpool Township and Chester in honor of Giuliani's work with emergency responders in NYC.

During the annual induction banquet, Giuliani was named 2016 Most Distinguished American.

The first-ever MVP Award went to the Team Mojo Foundation of East Liverpool, founded by Bill Crawford.

Inductees were Calvin Jones, Gen. Robert P. McCoy, Jerry McKenna, Pete Wooley, The Lomba Family and Derek Wolfe.