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Lou Holtz/Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame

EAST LIVERPOOL – Urban Meyer, head football coach at The Ohio State University, will be the featured guest speaker at this year's Lou Holtz/Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame induction banquet to be held June 24 at the St. Florian Hall in Wintersville.

Meyer, who was inducted in 2009 as a Distinguished American at the Hall of Fame, is a three-time national Coach of the Year.

The Class of 2013 inductees include Bridgeport native and baseball great Phil Neikro, now of Georgia, and Marianna Milajecki of Wellsville, a long-time teacher at St. Aloysius School.

Neikro, who is known as the "Grandfather of the Knuckleball," was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997. His 318 career victories are the most by a knuckleball pitcher.



Lou Holtz

Milajecki, a Polish immigrant, has endured and overcome many hardships in order to follow her dream of teaching, to practice her devotion to her religious faith, and to pass along her mastery of the English language to generations of students.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Jim Render, a former East Liverpool High School assistant football coach from 1965-67. He currently coaches at Upper St. Clair High School in Pittsburgh, where he has won five WPIAL football championships and reached the state finals four times, winning twice. He has won more games than any high school football coach in Western Pennsylvania history with a current record of 364-113-5 with five WPIAL titles and two state championships in 42 years of coaching.

The Six Family of Chester and Newell will be honored with the Family Heritage Award. Brothers Norm, Wayne, Leonard and Lester, now deceased, and their families will receive special recognition at this year's event. From construction and real estate holdings to recycling, hospitality and riverfront operations, the name Six surfaces in virtually every aspect of the region's daily life. Their involvement in education, religion and athletics throughout the Tri-State has been well documented, as has their spirit of generosity and leadership.

The "Do Right" Award, which recognizes a person or organization for "exemplary conduct," will be announced at a later date.

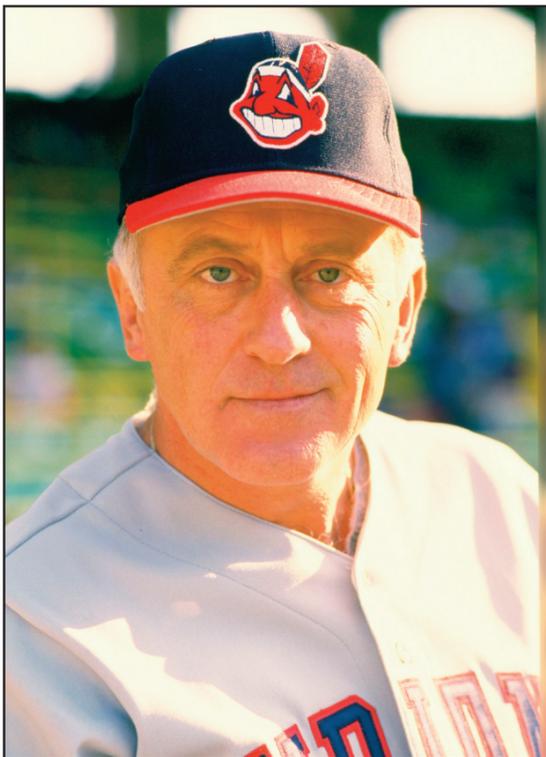
Tickets for the dinner, which serves as the Hall's primary fundraiser, are on sale now at the Hall of Fame for \$100, half of which is tax deductible. Tables seating 10 are available for \$900. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with appetizers available at 6. Dinner is Cornish hens and beef stroganoff, along with spring vegetables, red potatoes, and a dessert of fruit mousse. Coach Holtz will address the crowd with his motivational and entertaining remarks.

Also June 24 at the St. Florian Hall at 5:30 p.m. is the Hall of Fame's education banquet honoring students receiving the Life Improvement Scholarship and teachers receiving the I Believe in YOUth grants. In addition to hearing Coach Holtz, those at the education dinner will hear presentations from Jim Connelly, inducted in 2002 as a Hall of Fame Distinguished American, and from Amber Lattner, who was an All-American soccer player at Notre Dame. Students and teachers will be provided a buffet-style chicken dinner.

Each guest at the dinners will receive a special gift commemorating the Hall of Fame's 15 year of operation.

Businesses interested in sponsoring this year's event may contact Development Director Rosemary Mackall at the hall. Various sponsorship levels are available, offering dinner tickets, program and banner recognition, special thank-you gifts and, at certain levels, attendance at a private meet-and-greet event with Coach Holtz and this year's inductees.

Those interested in more information may view the web site at www.louholtzhalloffame.com or call 330-386-5443

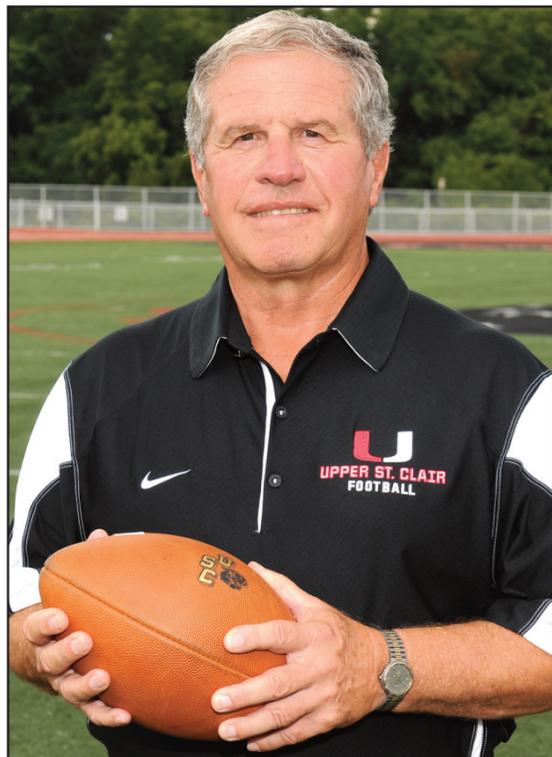


PHIL NEIKRO
member of the Baseball Hall of Fame

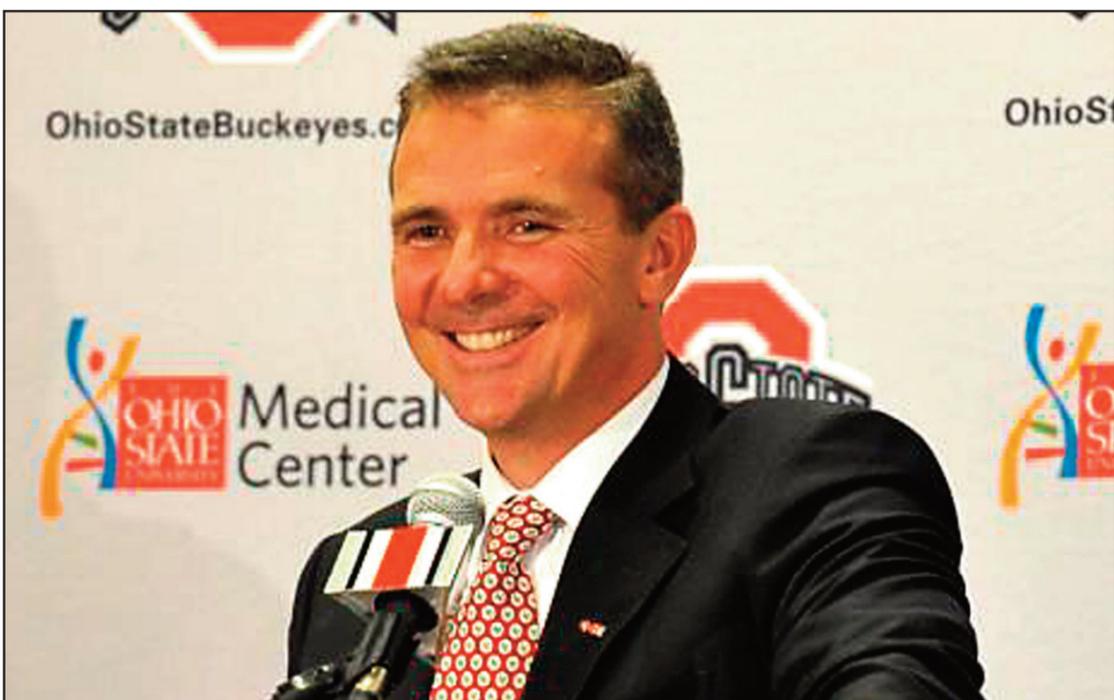


MARIANNA MILAJECKI
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2013 Hall of Fame class



JIM RENDER
football coach at Upper St. Clair High School



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The LOU HOLTZ/UPPER OHIO VALLEY HALL OF FAME, which opened in 1998 in the former Bank One building on E. Fifth Street, is a museum of "sports, history, motivation and more." The idea originally was conceived as a facility to celebrate the achievements of East Liverpool's favorite son, legendary football coach Lou Holtz. When approached, Holtz initially declined and later relented, providing that the concept be expanded to also recognize residents and natives of the Upper Ohio Valley in all fields of endeavor who serve as inspirations for the area's young people. Holtz also expressed his desire for the hall to help preserve the rich cultural heritage of the communities that make up the valley.

The Hall is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. There is no admission fee, however donations are welcome. Those interested in more information may view the web site at www.louholtzhalloffame.com or call 330-386-5443.