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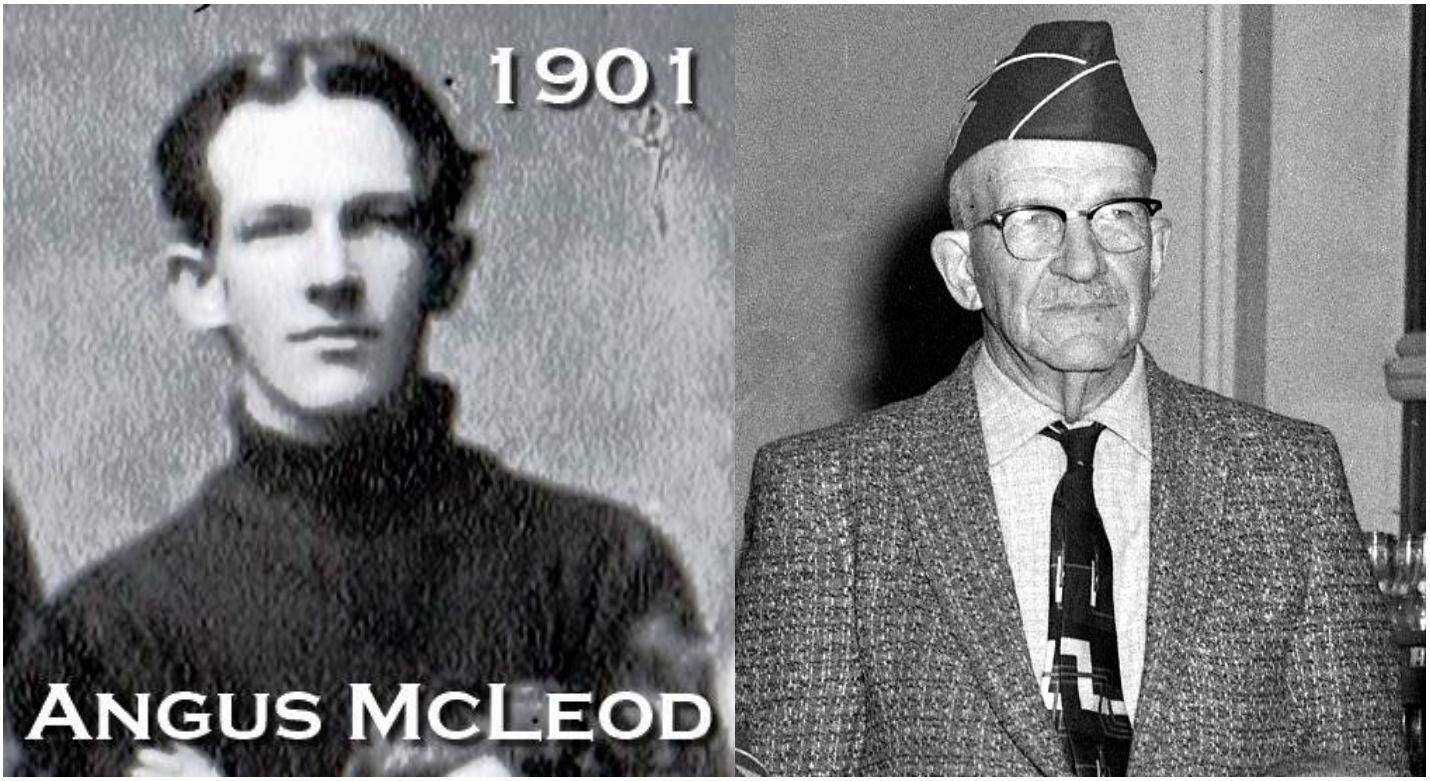
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#1 Mr. Angus McLeod



EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1901 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON OCTOBER 29, 1976

PASSED AWAY ON JULY 18, 1985



THREE ERAS of Butte High football are represented by Dalton Dawson, from left, Angus McLeod and Bob McLaughlin. McLaughlin first lettered in 1952, and will be inducted into the Silver B's at Friday night's Butte-Missoula Sentinel football game at the East Junior High athletic complex. Dawson, who earned his first Bulldog football monogram 50 years ago, will enter the Golden B's, while McLeod, who lettered at Butte High 75 years ago, will be the first to join the Diamond B's. (Staff photo by Walter Hinick)

Ex-Bulldog McLeod in a class by himself

By H[illegible]ON WILLSE
Standard Sports Editor

There are several Silver B's, not so many Golden B's, and only one Diamond B.

Ninety-one-year-old Angus McLeod, who earned his first football letter at Butte High in 1902, will be inducted into the Diamond B's at Friday night's Butte-Missoula Sentinel game here.

The Diamond B's is for former Bulldog gridders who lettered for the first time at least 75 years ago, and McLeod is the only known living person who fits that bill.

Players who lettered for the first time in 1927 will be inducted into the Golden B's at the game, and those who earned monograms in 1952 will join the Silver B's, the 25-year honorary.

Golden B's to be honored are Swede Johnson, Al Dahlberg, Pitts Nevin, Bob Breen, Ed Dugger, Jerry Sullivan, Ted Nagel, Johnny Inkret, Charles Prelsnik, Shine Schneller, Frank Ball, Willie Inkret, Dalton Dawson, Harry Evans and the late Bill Janhunen, Connie Jaccard, Ray Erickson and Dave McNally, father of the former Baltimore Orioles pitcher.

The new Silver B's are Dwaine Annala, Frank Becky, Stan Dugdale, John Herzog, Bob Hoy, Kenny Jones, Fraser MacDonald, Bob McLaughlin, Melvin Mattingly, Ivan Oswald, Randy Park, Beanie Parke, Frank Parrett, Bernard Shontell, George Tierney, Larry Tromly, Bud Maxson and Dan Naranche. Maxson and Naranche are both deceased.

McLeod, who has been attending the Silver B's festivities for several years, is living proof that linemen outlive quarterbacks. McLeod, a big man, played left guard for Butte High from 1900-03. He graduated in 1904.

Football isn't the game now that it was, said McLeod, who believes that today's linemen are slighted.

"I don't think the game is as interesting to watch as it used to be," said McLeod. "There are only certain men on the team who seem to be doing everything. They should give the linemen the chance to be doing something to be noticeable to the crowd. You don't hear them talk about the linemen. It's the guy who's got the ball. Linemen should get more to do."

Leafing through football history books, you get the idea that McLeod is right. Linemen shared equal billing with backs in the early years, and some were placed on an even-higher pedestal, players like Yale's Pudge Heffelfinger, Germany Schulz of Michigan, Fats Henry of Washington and Jefferson and Herman Hickman of Tennessee and Yale.

McLeod also complains that there's too much passing, too. "They don't hit the line and expect to run it through there nowadays."

McLEOD, who lives with his daughter Dorothy and a grandson at 2522 S. Main, recalled Butte playing Anaconda, Missoula, Helena, the Ft. Shaw Indians and the School of Mines when he was a Bulldog.

"They were mostly practice games for the other teams," observed McLeod, but Butte won most of them, he added.

McLeod said high school football was notorious then for having "ringers" in the lineup as ineligibility was no problem. Teams were bolstered by strong 20- and 22-year-olds, he noted. "1903 was the first year (at Butte High) that they were all students."

Very few players then had helmets, said McLeod. "We all had to let our hair grow to protect our heads. Most had their hair parted in the middle so they could have a heavier head of hair."

McLeod, whose wife Josie died approximately 30 years ago, did more than play football for the Bulldogs. A good student, he gave the graduation address to the 1904 class. "There was a girl who was smarter than me, so I don't know why they picked on me," he said.

McLeod, who said he went to the University of Michigan "to keep out of the mines," wound up working 39 years for the Anaconda Co. as a mining engineer. He majored in civil engineering at Michigan, but didn't play football for Fielding Yost's famous "Point-a-Minute" teams.

He retired in 1958, but said he prefers to be active. "That's one of the things I don't like about this business of retirement — not enough exercise."

Born in Hebron, Neb., Jan. 6, 1885, McLeod moved to southern Utah with his family when he was a boy, "thinking there was going to be some mining activity there, but things didn't turn out so well." The family then headed north for Butte, where they had relatives. His father was a homesteader, but changed because "the mining business was flourishing, and unions were in need."

McLeod, a unique man, belongs to the B's, a unique organization, because of the brainchild of a group of men in 1940. Given much of the credit for forming the Silver B's were Duke Schroeder, Butter Driscoll, Midge Griffith, Wreck Donnelly, John Curtis and Herb Bretherton. It's believed to be one of the only — perhaps only — organizations of its kind in the country.

In addition to the annual fete for former Bulldogs, the group sponsors a dinner for Butte High gridders at the end of each season.

Current officers are: George Tarrant, president; Alex Chavez, vice president; Bill Hawke, historian; and Glenn Welch, secretary-treasurer. Chavez will take over as president next year.

Friday's festivities will start with a pregame dinner for the B's at 5:30 at East Junior High School. A spokesman said those who attend should use the Grand Avenue west entrance. The doors will open at 5.

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Obituaries

Angus McLeod, 100

Funeral services for former Butte High athletic and academic standout Angus R. McLeod, 100, will be Monday at 11 in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Fisher and Summit Valley Lodge 123 AF&AM officiating. Burial will be in Mount Moriah Cemetery.



McLEOD

He died Thursday evening at an Ennis nursing home, where he celebrated his 100th birthday early this year with a mention on the NBC Today show.

Mr. McLeod was born Jan. 6, 1885, on his family's farm near Hebron, Neb. When he was 15, the family left farming and turned to mining, arriving in Butte in 1900 after a short stint in Utah.

He was a standout football player for the 1903 Butte Bulldogs and was the class of 1904's co-valedictorian at Butte High.

After high school, he attended the University of Michigan where he earned a degree in civil engineering. He returned to Montana and spent the next 40 years as a licensed surveyor, establishing drainage systems and doing underground engineering studies for the Anaconda Minerals Co.

He retired in 1965 as a surveyor and went to work as a watchman in Idaho for a few years before returning to Butte to live with his widowed daughter and her two sons at 2522 S. Main.

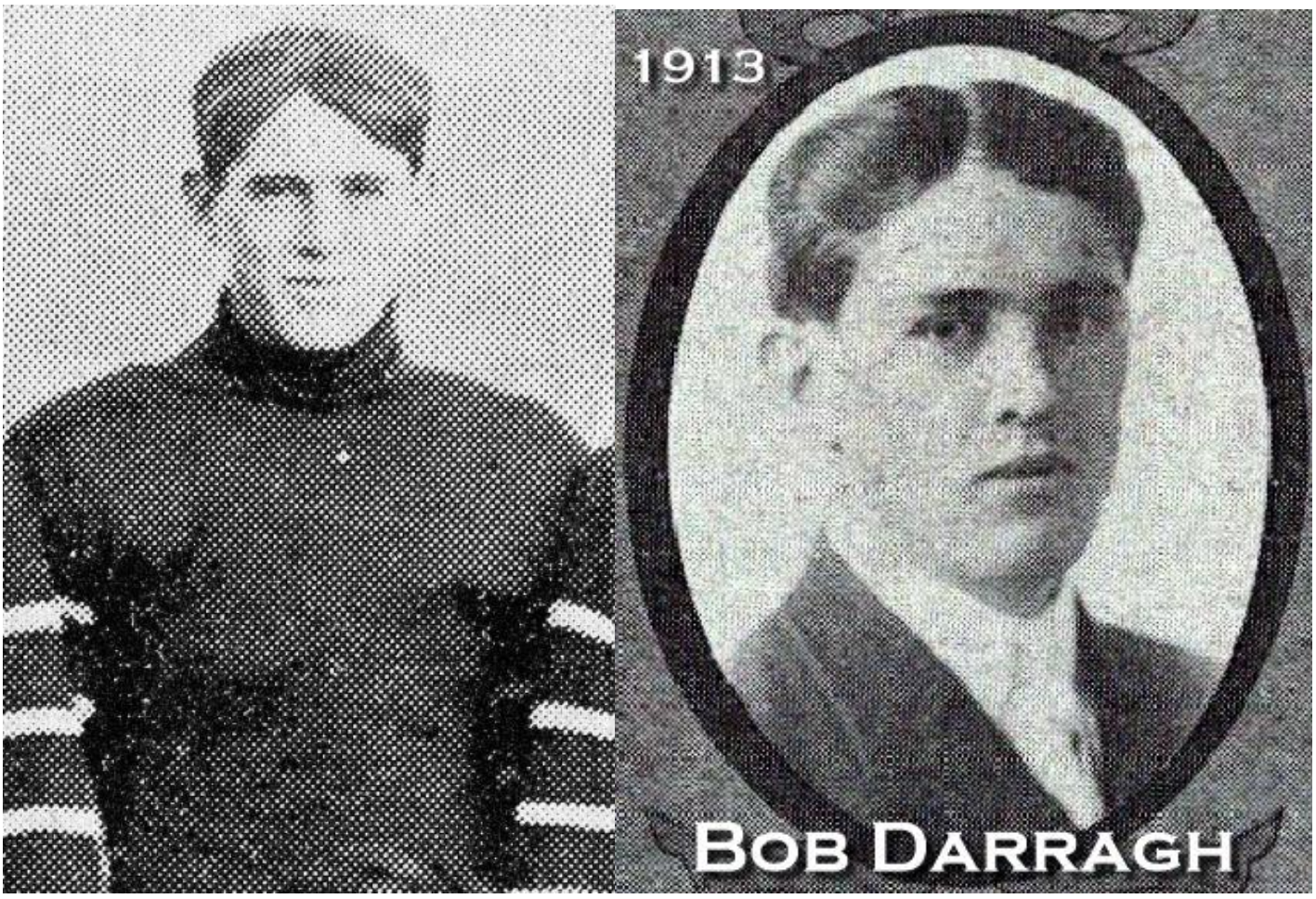
In a 1979 Montana Standard article about his feats as an athlete and engineer, Mr. McLeod attributed his longevity and that of his then-99-year-old brother to "keeping good care of ourselves."

A non-drinker, he said he didn't miss the days when "every other door on Park was a saloon."

He was an honorary past master of the Summit Valley Lodge 123 AF&AM and the last of the legendary Diamond B's, a club of those which earned their first football letter at Butte High 75 years or more ago.

He married Katherine Libby when he was in college in Michigan. She died in 1949. His daughter, Dor-

#2 MR. BOB DARRAGH



EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1911 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON OCTOBER 16, 1987

PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1988

A first and a second for Silver B's

By Hudson Willse
Standard Sports Editor

Dan McElroy says he'd still be in the stands for Butte High football games even if sons Jon and Curt weren't on the sidelines coaching the team. That goes for away games, too.

But there's no doubt that having had three football-playing sons have made the sport that much more enjoyable for McElroy and his wife, Peg, whom he says gets more excited watching games than he does, and claims she's not that far behind in football knowledge, either.

They've covered a lot of territory over the years watching their sons play high school and college football, and coach, too.

Jon graduated from Butte High School in 1965, Dan Jr. in 1968 and Curt, an assistant coach for the Bulldogs, in 1979.

When Jon was playing for the Montana State Bobcats, Dan toiled for the Bulldogs. Dan later went on to star for Montana Tech's great teams of 1970-71, and Curt sparkled for both the Bulldogs and the Montana Grizzlies.

"WHEN I WAS a kid we (the family) went all the time," said Jon, the Bulldogs' head coach since 1976, who will be inducted into the Silver B's honorary for Butte High football lettermen Friday, the same time his father is inducted into the Golden B's honorary.



THE McELROYS, DAN, left, and Jon, right, shake hands with Silver B's historian Bill Hawke at the East Stadium. The McElroys will be inducted into the Butte High football honorary Friday, Jon in the Silver B's and Dan in the Golden B's. (Staff photo by Aloha Johnson)

Jon was a member of the 1963 team, which will be honored at a dinner at East Middle School Friday. Dan Sr. played for the 1938 team, whose lettermen also will be saluted at the fete, as well as be introduced at the Butte-Missoula Hellgate Class AA football game at the East Stadium Friday night.

It will mark the first time that a father and son have been inducted into the honorary the same year since it was organized in 1940, said Silver B's historian Bill Hawke, who will celebrate his 77th birthday Saturday.



DARRAGH

At the same ceremony, Bob Darragh will become only the second Diamond B to be inducted. He earned his first football letter at Butte High in 1911, a year the Bulldogs played the Ft. Shaw Indians. Darragh, a lineman, also played in 1912, when Butte High won the first of four straight state championships, according to Hawke.

Darragh, who lives with a daughter in Pocatello, played for the Centerville team of the old Independent League after high school.

The late Angus McLeod is the only other ex-Bulldog to be inducted

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into the Diamond B's.

"I ALWAYS WANTED to go to Butte High because my dad went there," said Jon McElroy. "I wasn't that good in football until I was a sophomore. I liked basketball better."

After starring for the Bulldogs, McElroy, now 40, went to Montana State, where he played split end until the second game of his junior year when he was switched to strong safety.

Dan, now 66 and a retired Teamster and railroad worker, was a senior tackle for the 1938 team in the days of single-wing, non-platoon football when everyone played both offense and defense.

The team was coached by the legendary Swede Dahlberg and Hawke was the line coach and scout. Ben Tyvand manned the all-important tailback spot enhanced by triple-threat players, Archie Jackelini played halfback and Bill Doble was the quarterback.

THE SQUAD consisted of about 40 players, and only half of them lettered, said the senior McElroy, who noted that he was the only one in the family who didn't play for a state championship team at Butte High.

Which adds up to more than the 12 who lettered in 1928 during Hawke's days as a Butte High player. Hawke, who also played for the 1929 Butte High team, went on to perform for the Montana Grizzlies in 1931-33.

Although he didn't play college football like his sons, the elder McElroy went on to play for the Englewood team of the old Independent League and for the Butte Buzzies, who played teams from other cities, including the Seattle Ramblers, and were founded by Charlie Judd and coached by Bob Sparks.

OTHER 1963 LETTERMEN who will be inducted into the Silver B's Friday, according to Silver B's secretary-treasurer Glenn Welch, are Byron Crooker, Dennis Henderson, Toivo Kortes, John Semansky, Joe Tobin, Gary Barker, Jerry James, Ron Kautzman, Hal Rosich, Jim Street, John Elich, Bob Holly, Jim Melvin, John Sutey, Calvin Vine, Ray Becky, Fred Jozovich, Bill Sever, Dick Wilson, Bill Fraser, Ron Koehler, Jack Potter, Larry Schumacher, Virgil Aldous, Bill Bretherton, Andy Kankelborg, Russ Markwald and Rick Sparks.

Other 1938 lettermen who will be inducted into the Golden B's, besides Dan McElroy, Tyvand, Jackelini and Doble, are Tom Craver, Sam Leeper, Dan Callison, Paul Murray, Ralph Stodden, Dewey Ducich, Chauncey Park, Jim Driscoll, Fred Miles, Doug Edwards, Eli Milodragovich, Wilbur Shepard, Quincy Park, Sam Thomas, Bob Sorenson and Frank Flanick.

Pete Schonsberg is president of the Silver B's and Jack Allen is vice president.

Obituaries

Robert Darragh, 95

Mass of Christian Burial for retired Anaconda Co. employee, sports enthusiast and naval aviation pioneer Robert D. Darragh, 95, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Patrick Church.

He died Tuesday at his daughter's home in Pocatello, Idaho.

He was born to John and Winifred (Mullen) Darragh in Busterville, Mont., New Year's Eve, 1892 and grew up at 103 Missoula Ave. in Centerville. He attended the Mullen and Blaine grade schools and Butte High, where he played guard on the football team.

Mr. Darragh played in the Butte Independent football league for Centerville and the Reno Reds into his 30s, serving as team captain. He was a member of the Butte High Silver B'z, Golden B'z and last year gained membership in the Diamond B'z, 75 years after lettering in sports. He was a member of the Butte Serra Club, and Knights of Columbus.

He enlisted in the Navy during World War I and was assigned to naval aviation.

Mr. Darragh worked for Anaconda as a blacksmith helper and later as a timekeeper. In 1937, he began working for the company's group insurance department until he retired in 1958 at age 68.

He married Mary Rodgers in St. Patrick Church in 1926. She died in 1980. Also preceding him in death were six brothers, Archie, J.E., Jack, Ed, Hank and George, and a sister, Winifred.

Survivors include a son, Robert D. Darragh Jr. of Oakland, Calif.; a daughter, Rita Darragh of Pocatello; and four grandchildren.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. A parish vigil will be in the mortuary Friday at 7 p.m.

Daniel Donohue, 77

Daniel James Donohue, who worked for the Anaconda Co. for more than 30 years, died Saturday at Crest Nursing Home. He was 77.

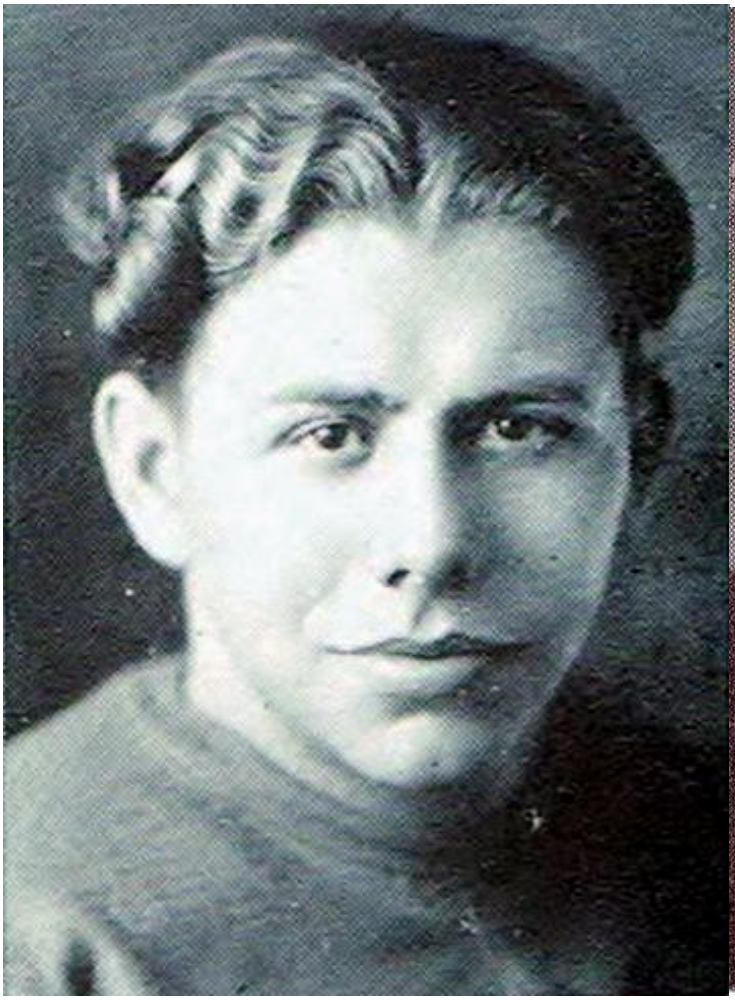
Born Sept. 17, 1911 in North Dakota, he moved at a young age with his family to Butte. He graduated from St. Patrick Grade School, Christian Brothers High School and St. Mary's Prep School in Minneapolis. Mr. Donohue also attended the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., for one year.

During World War II, he worked at an aircraft plant in San Diego. He then returned to Butte and worked for the Anaconda Co. until retiring in 1976.

Mr. Donohue is survived by a sister, Evelyn McConville of Florida; and his former wife, Rosemary Donohue of Spokane, Wash.

At his request, there will be no funeral service. Cremation is planned with interment of ashes at Mountain View Cemetery. Duggan Dolan Mortuary is in charge.

#3 MR. WILLIAM "BILL" HAWKE

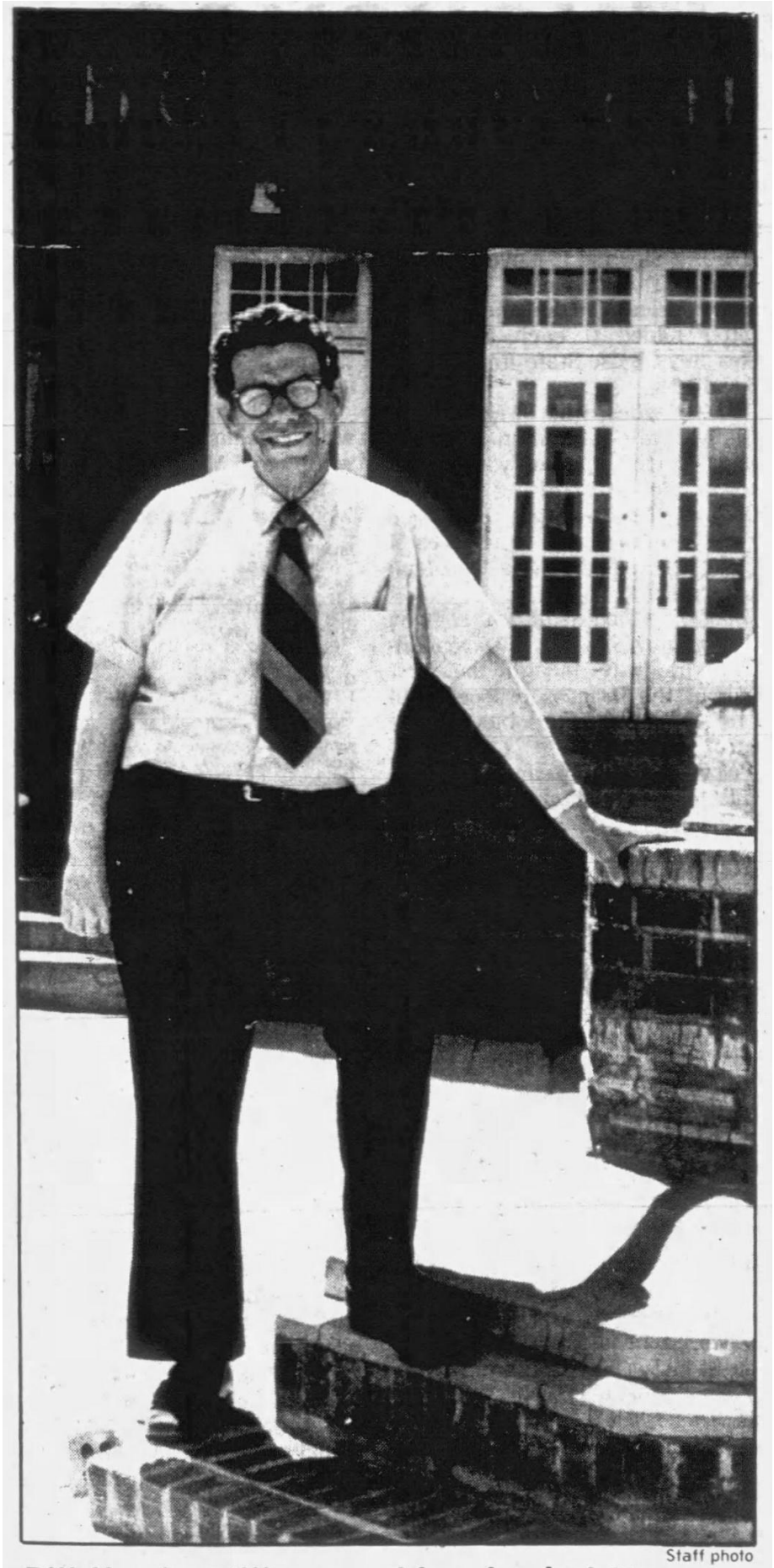




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Staff photo

Bill Hawke still serves his school at 80

Butte High's Bill Hawke dead at 92

Veteran coach served city through a 40-year career

By Bruce Sayler
of The Montana Standard

He taught not only students, but also teachers. He coached not only athletes, but also coaches. And Bill Hawke did it in a 40-year career.



Hawke

Hawke, one of Butte's more beloved sports and education figures, died Tuesday evening in a Butte nursing home at the age of 92.

Hawke and Swede Dahlberg were synonymous with the Butte High sports scene through much of the last century. Hawke was involved in athletics at Butte High School, coached by the legendary Dahlberg, before graduating in 1930. He then joined Dahlberg's staff after graduating from Montana State University (now the University of Montana) in 1934.

"He graduated from Missoula in 1934 and started with Swede the next year," Hawke's son, Bob, said Wednesday. "He retired in 1974 —

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40 years. He was with Swede in football until about the mid-'50s and was head basketball coach in the early '50s. He coached track all the way through — shot put, discus and javelin. He was a state champion javelin thrower himself, and he loved the weights."

Hawke was inducted into the Butte Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. He was an assistant track coach for 30 years, assistant football coach for 17 and basketball for 14, affecting three generations of Butte students during his coaching and teaching career.

His only stint as a head basketball coach came in 1952-54, and his 1952 team won the Southern Division for the state's larger schools.

He contributed to five state football championships, one state basketball title and five state track crowns while on the Butte High staff. Hawke coached many individuals to state championships in track events.

"A losing season at Butte High was unthinkable," Bob Hawke said. "Dad had the freshmen and sophomores, and he and Swede worked together with the jayvees and varsity. They didn't have 10 coaches like it is now. Butte football is a fabulous tradition."

As an athlete, Hawke started on the 1928 and 1929 Butte High football teams, helping the 1929 squad to an undefeated state championship season and earning All-State honors. He won the javelin championship at the 1930 state track meet.

Hawke then went to play college football for the Grizzlies in the early 1930s, a time, Bob Hawke reminded, when Montana played the larger schools in the West such as Southern Cal, UCLA and Washington.

Hawke captained the 1933 Grizzly football team and had the distinction of being the oldest living Grizzly at the time of his death, Hawke's son, Steve, noted.

The Golden B's and Silver B's Butte High football honorary, of which Hawke served as historian for more than 20 years, had planned to honor him at this year's banquet. He was to be the only third Diamond B — a Butte High football letterman of 75 years ago — ever inducted by the organization.

"He had a fabulous memory," Bob Hawke said.

Steve Hawke said that even though his father battled with Alzheimer's disease the last few years, he could still easily recall names, events, scores and statistics from athletic competitions of decades ago.

A good coach in all sports he attempted, Hawke's forte remained teaching the art of throwing the shot put and discus. His son, Bob, was a state record-holder for many years and went on to a championship track career at Wisconsin of the Big 10 Conference.

Bob Hawke said his dad looked for coaching tips in magazines and while watching film, and that he conversed often with Randy Matson, a Texas A&M and Olympic standout of the 1960s and 1970s, about throwing techniques.

"He studied it," said Bob Hawke, a 1964 Butte High graduate and Butte Hall of Fame member.

Hawke taught several subjects, including Montana history, biology, geography and physical education at the junior high and high school levels. He started the Butte High intramural program in the 1960s for students who wanted to participate in sports, but who were unable to be part of varsity programs.

"He was a very popular teacher," Bob Hawke said.

The sons recalled that their father's competitive fires flamed early. His parents moved to Butte early in the 1900s, but Bill was born in England when his mother returned there for the birth. She and Bill quickly came back to Butte, and he was brought up in the bustling Mining City.

"He was known for changing churches to wherever had the best baseball team," Bob Hawke said with a laugh.

The wake will be held Friday at 5 p.m. at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Services are 2 p.m. on Saturday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

A full obituary is expected for Friday's paper.

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William Hawke, 91

William Thomas "Bill" Hawke of Butte and Ramsay died surrounded by his family Tuesday, a month-and-a-half short of his 92nd birthday.

William Thomas Hawke was born at Goon Havern, Cornwall, England, on Oct. 17, 1910, to Martha Ball Hawke and Thomas Hawke of Butte. His mother had returned to England during her pregnancy, as she vowed she would "have no wee child in a mining camp!" Martha returned to Butte when Bill was about 18 months old.



Hawke

Bill was raised in Butte along with his sister Marjorie and enjoyed a successful athletic career at Butte High. In 1929, his senior year, he was all-state football player for the state champion Bulldogs, and was all-class champion in the javelin. Bill's parents and sister were great fans and supporters, traveling by train all over the state to watch him play. His parents valued education for their children above all else.

Bill earned a full scholarship to the University of Montana, where he was captain of the Grizzly football team and class president. He graduated in 1934. He was the oldest living Grizzly football letterman.

Bill taught and coached at Butte High School for 40 years. He was a memorable teacher to many students of biology, history and geography and an even more memorable coach. He was assistant football coach for many years, a very successful track coach and also ran an inter-mural sports program.

Bill met Elva I. Anderson while on vacation visiting family in California in 1940. They married on March 20, 1941, in Butte after a whirlwind courtship. Always an avid outdoorsman, Bill took his new bride to Yellowstone National Park on their honeymoon.

Within months of their marriage, Bill entered the Army Air Corps and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant. Elva followed him from base to base for a time and eventually went to be with his family in Butte to await the birth of their first son, Billy.

Bill returned to his young family and his teaching position following World War II, and the family purchased their home in Ramsay just in time for the birth of their second son, Bob. Three more children, Steve, Tom and Connie were born to them. The house in Ramsay remains the family home.

Bill retired in 1974, and he and Elva enjoyed many years of travel and adventure, including trips to Mexico, Hawaii, Florida and Great Britain, among many others.

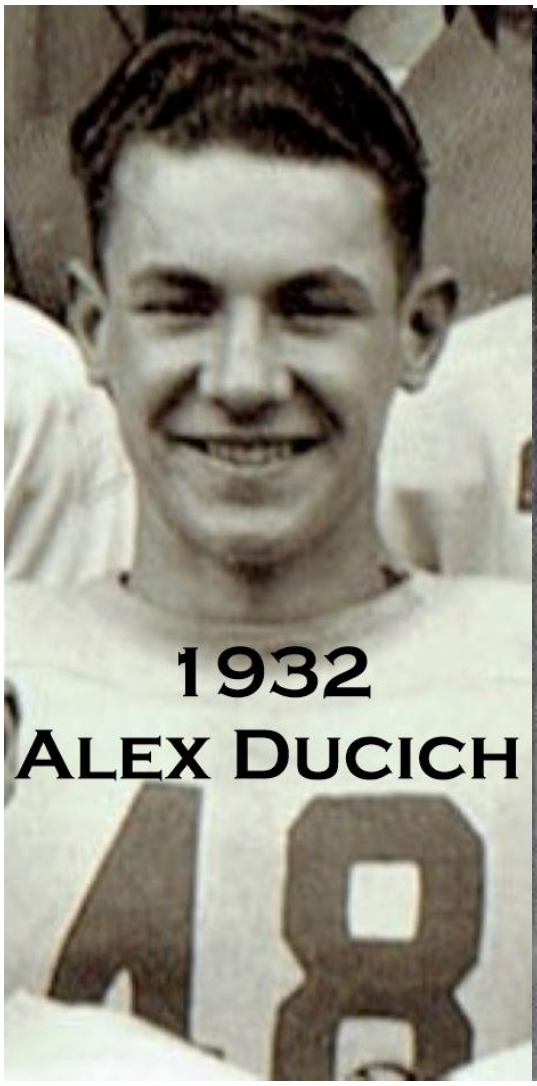
In 1991, Bill was inducted into the Butte Sports Hall of Fame. He served the Silver B's as class historian from 1972 until 1994 and had an encyclopedic memory of Butte sports history. This year, he became a Diamond B, marking 75 years since his first Butte High sports letter. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed many hours in the backcountry, teaching those skills to his family. Nothing gave Bill more joy than his family.

He is survived by his beloved Elva; their children, William "Billy" Hawke of Helena, Bob (Sandra) Hawke and Steve (Noel) Hawke of Billings, RT "Tom" (Shaun) Hawke of Big Bear City, Calif., and Connie (Dave) Hawke Bull of Polson; grandchildren, Jennifer Hawke, Billings, Tim Hawke and Preston Bull of Bozeman, Sarah Bull, Seattle, Tanna and Colter Bull, Polson; sister, Marjorie Hawke Flynn, Billings. His niece, Nan Flynn Jones, great-nephews, Cameron and Logan Jones, great-grandniece, Sydney Jones, also reside in Billings. Niece Diane Carney and nephew Wayne George reside in Florida. Bill is also survived by family in England, including cousins Freda and Ron Keep of Reading, England, who visited him the week before his death, as well as cousins Frank and Jean Hawke of Cornwall, their children and families, and Arthur and Mollie Tamblyn of Avon.

Bill's remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home where friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Rich Rice officiating. Interment: Sunset Memorial Park.

Memorials: William T. Hawke Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Butte High School.

#4 MR. ALEX "AL" DUCICH

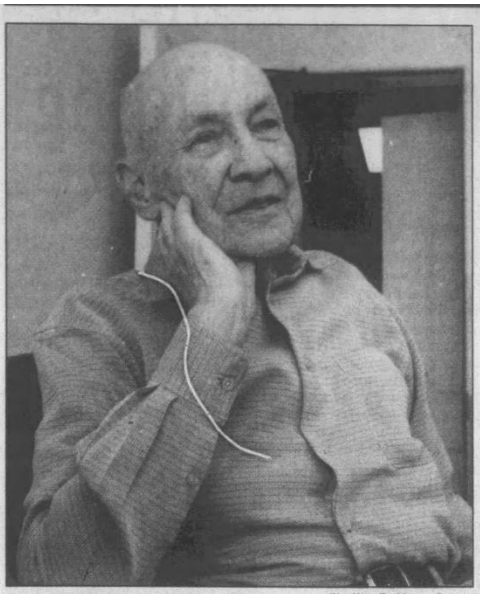




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ALEX DUCICH 91, sits and discusses his playing days with the Butte High Bulldogs. Friday night Ducich will be honored at Silver B's Night as only the fourth Diamond B in the history of the organization.

Diamond in the rough

Al Ducich will be honored as only the fourth Diamond B

BY BRUCE SAYLER
of The Montana Standard

The trek to Walsh Field was freezing in gray October and November afternoons. Ice crystals hovered in the thick air and the bustle of early 1930s Uptown Butte was in nearly full stream as classes let out of Butte High School for the day. Evenings seemed colder, much colder then than now, but the activity of the city was intense and constant.

The route took the young football players to practice, a long walk from the Main Street building to where West Elementary School now stands. What is now Naranche Stadium was, at most, a thought in 1932 and certainly not yet a realization.

"Swede (Dahlberg) walked behind us with a big paddle," remembered Alex "Al" Ducich about the legendary Butte High coach and how he encouraged the stragglers to move along. "Sometimes, he'd leave a little bit late and you'd better be at the field when Swede got there."

Walsh Field has since been renamed for Dahlberg. On warmer days, the field was so dusty some of the boys chewed tobacco to keep their mouths moist and from choking on the dirt.

The 91-year-old Ducich is being honored Friday night at Silver B's Night for the football Bulldogs as only the fourth Diamond B in the history of the organization. The Silver B's organization is an honorary for Butte High football lettermen. Those who first earned their letters in the sport 25 years before are taken in as Silver B's, and those who did so 50 years prior are honored as Golden B's. Ducich first letttered 75 years ago in 1932.

The group was founded in 1940 by Butte men Herb Bretherton, John Curtis, William "Wreck" Donnelly, John "Butter" Driscoll, Midge Griffiths, Billy Myers and Duke Schroder. The first man

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Silver B's Night set for Friday's game

Silver B's Night is set for Friday at Bulldog Memorial Stadium when and where Butte High will play host to Helena Capital in a Class AA Conference football game. The kickoff is planned for 7 p.m. where this year's inductees, from the 1982, 1957 and 1932 initial lettering years, will be introduced prior to the kickoff and after they have been feted at a 5:30 dinner meeting in the East Middle School cafeteria next to the stadium. Doors for the dinner will open at 4:15. Those attending are to enter through the south door nearest the football stadium. It is for Silver B's (including Golden and Diamond B's) only and no guests or alcohol will be allowed. Those participating in the pre-game

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to be honored as a Diamond B was 1901 letterman Angus McLeod in 1976. He is deceased as are fellow members Bob Darragh and Bill Hawke. Darragh first lettered in 1911 and was honored in 1986, and Hawke, long Dahlberg's right-hand man and a much respected coach in his own right after his playing career, was inducted in 2002 for his 1927 letter.

"Swede was pretty darn strict and I think you had to be," said Ducich in an interview at the Waterford senior living facility where he now resides. "Previous generations in Butte were pretty tough. A lot of them (players) went to Miles City (reform school) and came back."

Ducich said he preferred basketball, but played some football because, "I thought it was a he-man sport." An injury suffered playing baseball in the summer of his junior year prevented him from playing football the rest of his high school days.

Games were played at Clark Park. The same field was used and abused for baseball all through the summer and so when football arrived, the surface was hard as concrete. The talk was that no grass could grow in Butte at the time due to the proliferation of industrial-related toxins. None was growing on the Clark Park ballfield.

"In 1931 we played Miles City for the state championship at Clark Park," Ducich said. "It was 22-below and the worst day of my life was when Dahlberg called out 'Ducich!' and I had to go in. The dirt was frozen and it took off a yard of skin everytime you fell down."

Ducich was born in Butte on Sept. 27, 1916, the son of a miner. The family moved to Phililpsburg when Ducich was 5 so his father could work his own claims.

"Then my mother moved the family after the vein ran out," he said, indicating his father stayed behind, determined to find another lode. "It wasn't good."

Guard was the glory position on the Dahlberg teams, Ducich said.

"Dahlberg played guard and as far as he was concerned, that was the only guy who did anything," the former fullback remembered.

His Butte High team varsity numbered 26 in members. Two other units played behind them, including the "Reds," a third string that competed in a league called the Youth Independent League. The squad was also known as the "thirds,"

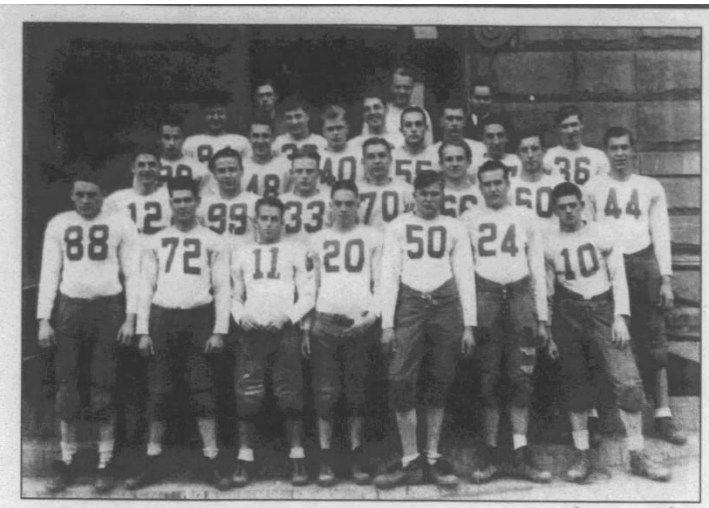


PHOTO COURTESY OF AL DUCICH

NO. 70 AL DUCHICH stands in the middle of a team photo of the 1932 Butte High Bulldogs. Friday night Ducich will be honored at Silver B's Night as only the fourth Diamond B in the history of the organization.

Ducich said and often included players who had fallen from favor with Dahlberg.

Ducich grew up on the corner of East Broadway at Oklahoma across the streat from a steam bath house.

"The League of Nations was born on the East Side," he joked, "because we had everything (nationalities) there.

"We used to say that when we walked to school the other people would hide their kids because the East Siders were coming."

The football letter sweaters were prized and hard-earned possessions. Ducich said the boys never gave their sweaters or their rings won to their girlfriends because there might be an argument and/or breakup and the player might not get them back. So it was a matter of priorities.

"It was a whole different ballgame then," he said, unfolding one of his wool letter sweaters, still in perfect shape, for his visitors to see.

Montana sports legends Milt Popovich and Bob O'Malley were two of Ducich's teammates on the Butte High teams. He was part of a state basketball championship team and a thrower on a state track championship squad.

After graduation, Ducich went on to the University of Southern California to study.

"It was tough going to Southern Cal with all these Notre Dame fans around here," he joked. "Then, I married an Irish girl. And my son-in-law (Dan Harrington) is a died-in-the-wool Centralite and Notre Damer. I'm against both of them, but I wouldn't trade him for anything. We have a dollar bet every year on the Notre Dame-Southern Cal game."

Ducich attended USC for two and a half years, paying $25 per quarter and had a job as a cleaner in the student union building. Then he received an appointment to the U.S. Militray Academy at West Point and returned to Butte in 1935 to study for academy entrance. After testing, he was held as an alternate, Ducich said. No opening developed.

Ducich joined the Army Air Corps for World War II and was enrolled in pilot school. He said that two weeks before he was to be presented with his wings, he was hospitalized with a bleeding ulcer.

"That pretty much threw me out of it," he said.

So, he went on to Montana Tech before completing his electrical engineering degree requirements at Montana State University. A 42-year career with the Montana Power Co. followed. The "defunct" part has left a bitter taste. He said he lost $1.8 million in the retirement plan when the company became the TouchAmerica communications company and wound up bankrupt.

But his working days were happy times, Ducich said. He enjoyed the Montana Power Co. and was part of its negotiating team for labor contracts.

"I always wanted higher wages for the workers," he said, "because the white collars would get the same raise."

Playing sports, remained large in Ducich's memory. It was important.

"Growing up in Butte, the highlight was the sports," he said. "I loved sports, was sports-minded."

He said Butte's reputation worked to the Bulldogs' advantage on the field.

"We were the biggest city and (high) school in the state," he said. "And we had some toughs, I mean real toughs, in town, too. So, a lot of the time when we played a game, the guy across the line really was afraid of you."

But basketball might have formed his best memories, and stories.

"Our beating Anaconda in the state championship in basketball in the old Tech gym," he said was one of his top memories. "And we beat the Globetrotters at Tech, too. Not in school. I was playing for Natural Gas in Butte, an independent basketball team and we ruled the state for two years in independent basketball."

Another story and memory was sparked.

"Ray Gallant coached Western then and he also had coached our Natural Gas team," Ducich said. "He asked us to come down to Dillon and scrimmage his Western team. Well, we beat them. And (later in the evening) when we entered the Moose cafe (Moose's Pool Hall), all hell broke loose. It was a fight like you wouldn't believe.

"I carried out Jack Penny, a kid who'd played for Central and was playing with us on the Natural Gas. He was a redhead, about 6-foot-4. He'd been cold-cocked and I carried him out to the car. Pretty soon the front window went out. And then the counter started rocking."

And so the Butte boys fled the scene.

"Five patrol cars and a Butte police car were waiting for us at Nistler," Ducich continued. "So I'm a jailbird as well as everything else. Montana Power paid our bail and we got a helluva lecture from that judge."

The Bulldogs traveled by bus to some of their games when Ducich was in high school. But mostly they traveled by train, with overnight stays, and often parents and other boosters rented another car on the line. They had good times.

Ducich has kept active in the Silver B's organization since his 1957 induction, regulary sending in dues and attending the annual dinner. He said he does not go to games much anymore because of failing eyesight, but keeps up with the Bulldogs and his other favorites on the radio and television.

But, he does plan to be at Bulldog Memorial Stadium Friday night to be honored as a Diamond B along with this year's induction classes of Silver and Golden B's. The introductions before the Butte High-Helena Capital kickoff will be preceded by the organization's annual dinner in the East Middle School cafeteria. It is a members-only event.

Ducich said he still remembers his induction night 50 years ago.

"My father-in-law (Bill McCarthy, who lettered in 1905) brought me," he said. "At that time it was popular to bring your protege and introduce you for the ceremony,"

And Ducich later became an officer, serving a term as president.

"Shadow Thompson conned me," he said. "At that time, it wasn't an election. It was an appointment."

The group eats and talks at its annual gathering, so the reports have said. Then they amble on over to the football stadium to be introduced and recognized in front of the crowd.

The ceremony will be repeated Friday night, under the lights. And 91-year-old Al Ducich will take one more walk across the turf.

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Silver B's find a rare diamond

Diamonds are pretty rare. Diamond B's might be even rarer.

The Silver B's Butte High football men's honorary will have a chance to honor a living local legend next month when Alex Ducich is recognized for having lettered for the Bulldogs 75 years ago.

Ducich will be only the fourth Diamond B in the honorary's history, the organization's secretary/treasurer, George Paul, said. He first lettered in Butte High football in 1932 and is being celebrated this year along with the 1982 letterwinners going into the Silver B's and the 1957 lettermen heading into the Golden B's.

This year's Silver B's Night is set for Oct. 19 at Bulldog Memorial Stadium when and where Butte High will play host to Helena Capital in a Class AA Conference football game. The kickoff is planned for 7 p.m. where this year's inductees will be introduced prior to the kickoff and after they have been feted at a 5:30 dinner meeting in the East Middle School cafeteria next to the stadium.

Doors for the dinner will open at 4:15. Those attending are to enter through the south door nearest the football stadium. It is for Silver B's (including Golden and Diamond B's) only and no guests or alcohol will be allowed. The cost is $12 per person and reservations, due Oct. 18, may be made by phoning Paul at 723-4321 (work) or 494-5350 (home) or historian Dan Peters at 782-5325.

Those participating in the pre-game ceremonies are encouraged to wear their Silver B's or Golden B's Cap and Pin, Paul said. He reminded that annual $5 dues are due and can be paid at the dinner or sent to hijm.

Terry LeProwse is the organization's president and Doug Conway the vice president.

The letterwinners being inducted this year follow:

Silver B's (1982) — Rob Collins, Terry Faulkner, Bill Hanley, Mike Hanley, Tom Hemmert, John Kelly, Steve Killoy, Cory Lean, Ed McDonald, Rick Rowling, Kelly Sullivan, Anthony Tangaro and Mark Willse.

Golden B's (1957) — Jack Allen, John Badovinac, Gary Evans, Fred Grimm, Marvin Hash, Al Hockaday (deceased), Bob Harrington (deceased), Joe Hoff, Jim Killoy, Tom Laird, Harley Lewis, Jim Salmonsen, Pete Schonsberg, Bob Sessions (deceased), Jack Shevalier, Joe Sicotte and Richard Stedman.

Diamond B's (1932) — Alex Ducich.

Obituaries

Alexander Ducich, 95

Best described as a "gentleman" and a "gentle man," Alexander C. Ducich peacefully passed away on Sept. 18, 2012, at Copper Ridge Nursing Home.



Ducich





Alex was born Sept. 27, 1916, in Butte, to George and Sophia (Kekich) Ducich. His family moved to Philipsburg in 1920 where he attended grade school through his freshman year of high school. He moved back to Butte with his mother and siblings in 1932, finishing his high school education at Butte High School. He was an avid athlete and lettered in football, basketball and track. He was extremely proud of being a "Diamond B." Alex attended the University of Southern California, but had to return to Butte to help his family during the Depression. He was very proud to be a member of the Army Air Corps division during World War II. Much later, he attended the University of Michigan and finally completed his degree through Montana State University.

Alex's career with the Montana Power Co. started at age 15, when his mother could not pay her electric bill. She offered her strong son to work off her bill (no child labor laws at that time). He began digging ditches for Butte's future gas lines, as well as, working in the steam heat tunnels. He served as district manager of the Gas Division, later became a vice president, and after retirement served many years as an advisor to the board. Alex felt there was no better place in the world to work than the Montana Power Co.

Alex was extremely proud of his Serbian Orthodox heritage and faith, rich in its folklore, music and traditions. He was also very grateful to have been born and raised in "The Greatest Place on Earth," the U.S.A.

After a courtship that lasted 11 years, Alex married the love of his life, Dorothy McCarthy, Sept. 12, 1949. They were blessed with three children, Dan, Dixie and Kris.

Alex was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Ducich; mother, Sophia Ducich; father and stepmother, George and Ida (Henry) Ducich; brothers, Danilo and Dewey Ducich; sister, Angelina Ducich; as well as sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and Leonard Land.

Alex is survived by and will be greatly missed by his children, Dan (Cindy) Ducich, Dixie (Dan) Harrington, Kris (Colleen) Ducich; grandchildren, Ali Ducich, Stefan Ducich, Kymee (Jake) Wagner, Krista Harrington, Katie Ducich, Nikki Ducich and Ryan Ducich; great-grandchildren, Brea Wagner and Bryden Wagner; sister-in-law, Dode Riley; and many Ducich, Kekich, Bukvich, Land, McCarthy and Riley cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Our family would like to gratefully acknowledge the wonderful care given by the Copper Ridge staff, Highlands Hospice and Dr. Kirwan Webb. We would also like to thank Big Sky Senior Living for 11 great years preceding his move to the Copper Ridge.

Pre-visitation is from 9 to 10 a.m. in Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Church. Services will follow at 10 a.m. Entombment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. A celebration of Alex's life will be held at the Holy Trinity Hall from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Memorial donations are preferred to the Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Church, Highlands Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Express condolences at **www.mtstandard.com/obits.**

Eddy Lampe, 59

Edward Ray Lampe, 59, of Anaconda, left this world on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012.

Known as "Eddy" to his family and close friends, he loved truck driving, big motorcycles and his family.

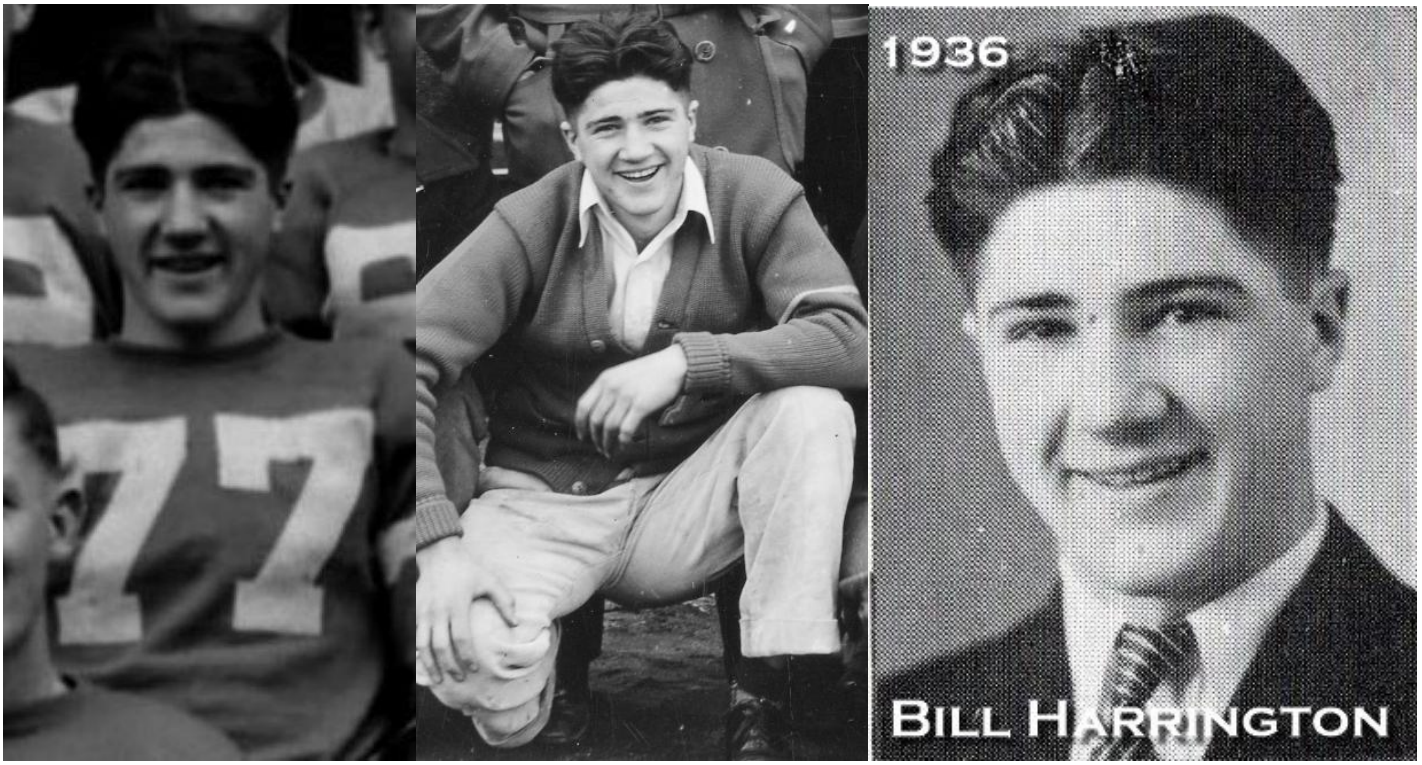
Friends are asked to join the family at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in the Washoe Park Pavilion for a potluck celebration of Eddy's Life. The family requests no alcohol.

Ronald MacDonald

Ronald MacDonald died Sept. 23, 2012, in Community Hospital of Anaconda.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Christian Church, 220 N. Main St., St. Ignatius, followed by a reception.

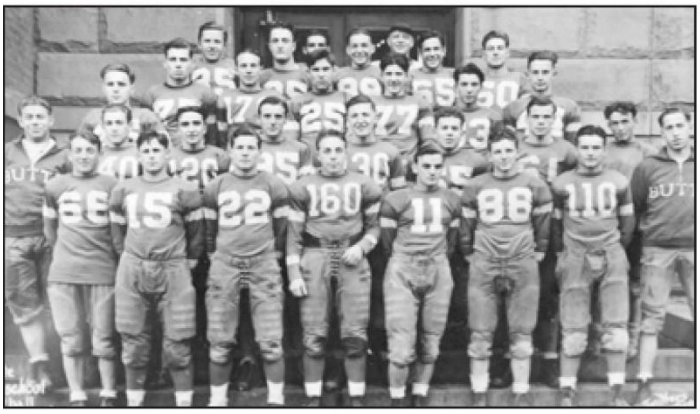
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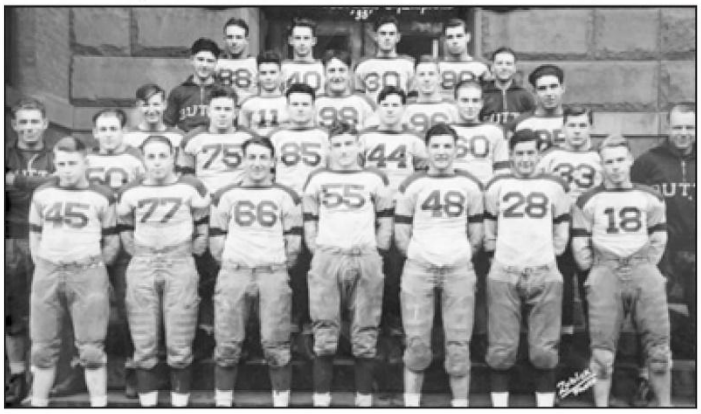


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A DIFFERENT ERA



"Being a Diamond B means I've lived a pretty long life."

Former BHS football player Bill Harrington

"Swede (Dahlberg) was pretty tight on giving letters. So, the two-platoon system later has upped the Golden B's."

Former BHS football player Al Ducich



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FORMER BUTTE HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYER BILL HARRINGTON, right, is being inducted into the Diamond B's before Friday's game between the Bulldogs and the Bozeman Hawks. Harrington joins Al Ducich, left, as the only other living member of the Diamond B's. Harrington is No. 77 in the team photos shown above.

Bill Harrington to join Al Ducich as only living members of Diamond B's

BY BRUCE SAYLER
of The Montana Standard

As dirt football fields went, the one at Clark Park was pretty nice. Grass surfaces were a luxury seldom afforded by Montana schools in The Depression years.

"Most fields were dirt fields," Bill Harrington, now 91, and a Butte High football first-time letterman in 1934, said. "There were no grass ones hardly at all.

"In the cold weather, it got pretty tough."

So did the opposition in those times.

"The first game we played on grass was in Miles City. The guy I lined up against was at the reform school. Their quarterback, Louie Miller, was from Butte and I think his brother was the last guy hanged in Montana.

"Most of the Miles City team was from Butte."

Harrington is an inductee this year to the special Diamond B's portion of the Silver B's Butte High football honorary. The Silver B's enrolls membership from first-time Bulldog letterwinners of 25 years priors. The Golden B's are for 50 years removed from the first experiences on the gridiron.

The Diamond B's are even more special — 75 years past their Butte High football debuts. Harrington is one of only five to achieve the honor. He and 2007 inductee Al Ducich are the only ones still living.

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Angus McLeod, Bob Darragh and Bill Hawke were the previous honorees.

Inductions are to be Friday at East Middle School next to Bulldog Memorial Stadium. The 5:30 dinner meeting and induction ceremony will precede the group's 6:40 p.m. introductions and attendance at the Bozeman-Butte High 7 p.m. game in the stadium.

Kidney dialysis treatments in Arizona will prevent Harrington from being on the scene. He is still a Butte resident where he grew up and eventually successfully owned and operated ice cream parlors and diners. He has remained a staunch Bulldog supporter.

So while he receives treatment, Harrington and his wife, Rita, stay with a son, Tim, in Tucson. He was interviewed by telephone in a group setting in which family friend Bob Crippen, Silver B's officers George Paul and Dan Peters, and also Ducich, an old pal and teammate, attended, too.

Harrington clicked off scores, opponents and calendar dates from bygone days as if they were still as clear as new glassware.

"We lost to Missoula 18-12 and Helena 9-6," Harrington said. "Billings beat Lewistown 68-0 and was the state champion. Butte beat Billings 20-0 and then Butte beat Lewistown 13-12 on Thanksgiving Day.

"We got chased off the field by the Lewistown crowd. Bob Shoemaker was the last one on the bus and he hit a guy over the head with a (metal) water bucket."

Harrington said the Lewistown fans had their reasons for being angry.

"We weren't the best gentlemen then," he said.

Harrington and Ducich predicted the number of Golden B's and Diamond B's will grow in membership as time progresses, and not just because easier living conditions and advances in medicine have extended lives.

"Being a Diamond B means I've lived a pretty long life," Harrington, a former 5-foot-11, 170-pound guard and linebacker, said.

Both played for legendary coach Swede Dahlberg and he rewarded seldom as tough times required tough handling.

"Swede was pretty tight on giving letters," Ducich, now 93, said. "So, the two-platoon system later has upped the Golden B's."

"Swede never swore, but he was a strict disciplinarian," Harrington said. "In grade school, Bart Riley was my coach. I was a fullback and I thought my name was 'Bonehead!'"

Harrington said he liked the hitting and tackling involved playing linebacker as better of his two positions. He preferred defense. He wore No. 77, which had been popularized in Butte by another gridiron legend, Milt Popovich.

"He played the year before," Harrington said. "I don't remember if I just got it or if Popovich gave it to me. I know I sure tried hard to get it."

Remembrances included that championships aside, the Butte High-Butte Central game was the most important one on the schedule, students from the two schools socialized a lot and got along well out of the arena and that they joined together in their dislike for Helena.

The Bulldog team was tremendously talented by 2009 standards, for sure. Harrington said 14 members went on to play college football, including Al Brown and Al Bukvich at Southern Cal, Jim Adams and Joe Tomich at Oregon State, Ed Robbins at Long Beach (Calif.) Junior College, Hugh Edwards and Harry Shaffer at Montana, Jack Reinwand, John Vollmer at Montana State, Freddy Deschenes at Gonzaga and Jack Thompson at Stanford.

Ducich and Harrington traded jabs over a track meet held 70-some years ago. Ducich's football career was ended by a heart condition discovered during a baseball game in Missoula.

"All of us were praying for him on the field," Harrington remembered. "And somebody said Ducich will outlive all of us."

Anyway, the track meet saw Ducich and Harrington on the same team. Harrington not only anchored the mile relay, but also the two-mile relay. They were apparently run back-to-back at the then-held state relays in Great Falls.

"We won the mile and were second in the two-mile," Harrington said.

"I remember you pooping out," Ducich said and laughed and then shook his head. "He ran a good 440, but then the 880 ..."

"Ducich always blamed me for us taking second," Harrington replied.

The Bulldogs filled Clark Park's stadium every home game, drawing 7,000 or more each time. They were all day games. The "Pigpen" was especially packed and volatile. It stood at the south end of the field and where the younger kids entered free, but had no seating and jockeying for viewing position was constant and intense.

"You learned how to fight in a hurry," Harrington said.

Harrington said the team did play some night games, but they were on the road. A highlight of the 1934 season was a 19-0 win over Ogden, which won the Utah state championship that year, he said. The conditions were hard and rough with slight padding, flimsy helmets and no facemasks.

It cost a nickel to ride the streetcar, carrying the kids to the Winter Garden hall on Park Street and to the Columbia Gardens for dances.

"The Columbia Gardens were so beautiful, you couldn't believe it," Harrington said, wistfully. "There was not a nicer place in the country than the Gardens and the pavilion. We went to the Columbia Gardens ever since I was a little kid. We went to all of our proms there."

Harrington said he remembered being on the field once when a punter booted the ball 90 yards "from one goal line to the other" in a game with Billings. And he almost scored a touchdown once, even as a lineman. It almost happened in the Ogden game when an Ogden returnman let loose a Butte High punt inexplicably and Harrington scooped it up.

"I picked it up and ran it right into the team," he said. "If I had gone outside, I would've scored a touchdown. I was a guard, so it was the only time I got to touch the ball."

The sports, the games were good respites from the realities of the Depression. Families were hungry, but yet the teams fared well, Harrington said.

"There was a really bad (miners') strike in 1934, too," he said. "Kids' dads were out of work. But we had enough to eat. We had roast beef sandwiches for meals on road trips. We got treated pretty well."

But the cheaper streetcar transportation and the even cheaper walking were how folks got around then.

"I didn't have a bike as a kid," Harrington said. "I lived on Lewisohn and I don't think anyone up on the hill had enough money for a bike."

So, he walked to work, too — at Sterritt's ranch in Brown's Gulch, which was a seven-mile one-way hike from where Butte High was then located. He worked weekends on the ranch, catching a ride on the milk truck Monday mornings to school.

Harrington and Ducich were part of a group of six school friends who pooled their money and bought a car after high school graduation to drive to southern California. Some stayed and played football and some stayed and just played. Most went to school.

"They were close friendships made in football," Tim Harrington said. "Dad had fun with these guys his whole life.

"He likes it here in Tucson. He loves it in Butte."

2009 HONOREES

1984 Silver B's — Pat Ahrens, Steve Anderson, Dean Ericson, Stacy Fleming, Eric Jacobson, Dave Killoy, Henry Klobucar, Paul McCaughey, Sandy McDaniel (deceased), Dan McGee, John Michelotti, Rob Mirich, Bob Nelson, Jim Opie, Jody Piercy, Joe Price, Jeff Riley, Karl Rosston, Pat Ryan, Bob Sampson, Greg Smith, Cory Thomas, Mike Walsh and Randy Walund.

1959 Golden B's — Gene Allen, Gary Carle, Bill Clark, Charles Gale, Bob Given, Mel Johnston, Cliff Knapp, Jerry Laird, John McHugh, Paul Miller, Jack O'Billovich (deceased), Jerry Olds, Ross Oliphant, Barton Penny, Lewis Schneller, Gary Selby, George Strohl and Mel Wattula.

1934 Diamond B's — Bill Harrington.

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William S. Harrington, 91

William S. Harrington died peacefully in his Tucson, Ariz., home on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. He was surrounded by family members in his final days and died just short of his 92nd birthday. He will be buried in Butte which he loved so deeply.



Harrington

Bill was born in Butte on March 27, 1918. He was preceded in death by his parents, Timothy P. and Catherine (Downing) Harrington; his daughter, Kathy; his brothers, Victor, Tim and Charles; and his sisters, Mary Frances and Kathleen.

Bill is survived by his wife of almost 69 years, Rita (Schara), sons and daughters-in-law, Bill Jr. and Dee (Helena), Judge Charles and Marci (Tucson), Tim and Sherill (Tucson); and daughters, Maureen and Graham Poole (Los Gatos), and Colleen and Dr. Philip Carter (Tucson); his 14 grandchildren, Tobin Capp and wife Sarah, Dr. Joe Britton and wife Michelle, Mark Britton and wife Brigid, Marissa Bostwick and husband Scott, Shauna Gliss and husband Jochen, Chris O'Brien and wife Katie, Dr. Kristen Carter and husband Victor Pesqueira, Melinda Albert and husband Gary, Chad Carter and wife Candi, Kristina Harrington, Michael Harrington, Mark Harrington, Adam Harrington, Aron Harrington; and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his in-laws: Margaret Ross, Irene Humber, Thomas Schara, Jim Schara, Carol and Tony Filicetti, Mardell Schara and Carol Schara.

Bill attended Immaculate Conception School, Butte High School, Long Beach Junior College in California and the Montana School of Mines. He worked in the geology department of the Anaconda Co. as a young man but spent most of his life in his own business. Bill's business career in Butte spanned more than 55 years and lasted until 1993 when he retired. During his long and successful career he owned Harrington's Ice Cream Stores, Harrington's Restaurant, Merchandise Outlet and other businesses.

Bill competed in football and track at Butte High School and Long Beach Junior College. One of his distinct privileges and proudest achievements was to be one of only five Butte High School lettermen inducted into the Diamond B's.

As a young man he was chairman of the Butte Exchange Club Committee which ran the grade school track and field events at Naranche Stadium. Bill's avocation was boxing. He promoted professional fights in Butte and judged professional fights throughout the state of Montana. Bill was very active in politics. He was a member and served as president of the Young Democrats and also served as president of the Silver Bow County Democrats. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1952.

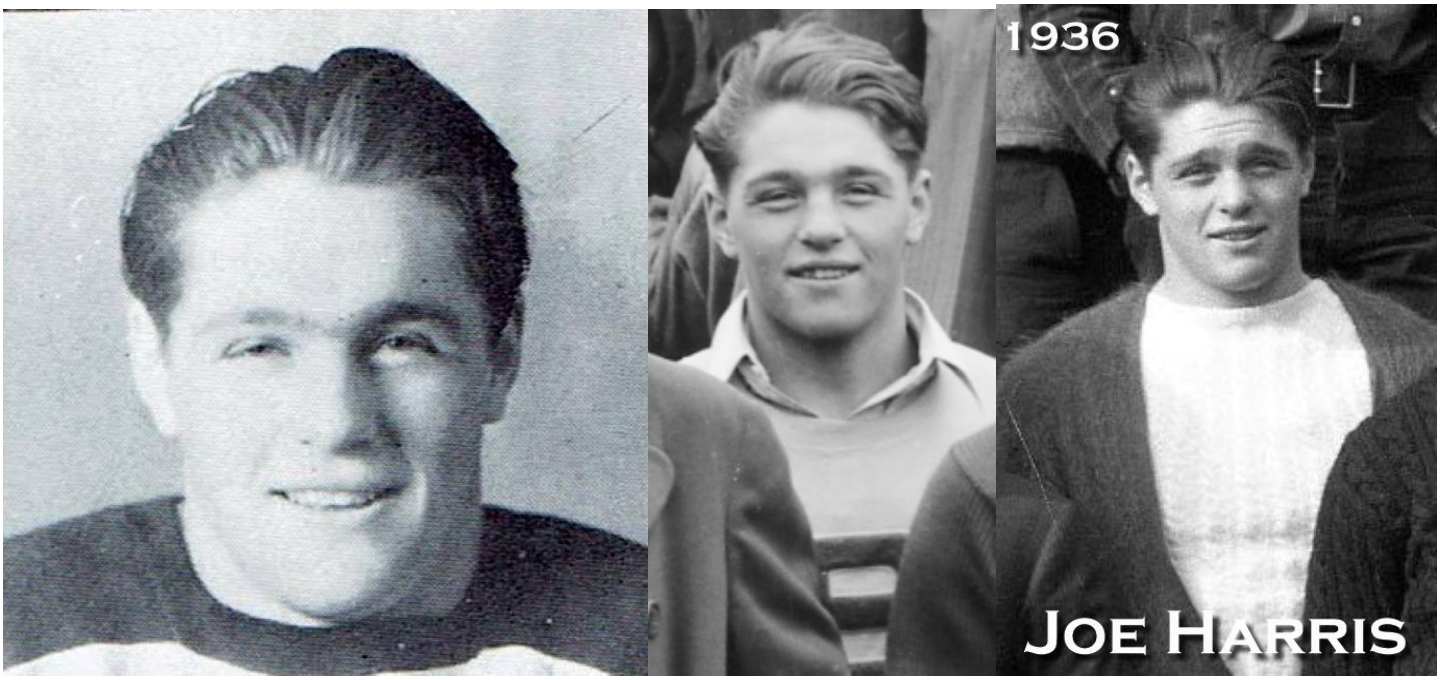
Bill was exceedingly proud of his Irish Heritage. He had a keen Irish sense of humor which he kept right up to his last days with us. How fitting it is that this loving man went to heaven on St. Patrick's Day.

Relatives and friends may call after 5 p.m. Sunday in the Duggan Dolan Chapel. Parish Vigil services will be conducted at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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#6 MR. JOE HARRIS



EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1935 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2010

A Diamond B in the rough



Butte's Joe Harris marks 75th year after lettering for Bulldogs

By Bruce Sayler
of The Montana Standard

Imagination wasn't needed a whole lot on the offense of the Butte High football teams of the later 1930s. Eso Naranche ran the ball. It worked.

"Today, they pass the ball a lot and run it a little," commented Joe Harris. "Back then, we ran the ball and only passed once in awhile, the other way around. We gave the ball to 'Gunner' (Naranche) and said 'follow us.'"

Harris was a mainstay of those Bulldog teams, first as a center and lettering as a tackle in 1935, his sophomore year, for taskmaster coach Swede Dahlberg.

"We did very good, won

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JOE HARRIS poses for a photo recently at the Crest Nursing Home. Harris is being inducted into the Diamond B's, 75 years after lettering for the Butte High football team.
Courtesy photo



Diamond ...

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championships in 1936 and '37," he recalled. "Eso was a good guy to play with. If you were supposed to go one way, he went with you — The Gunner, we called him — whether it was good, bad or indifferent."

Harris is himself a rarity. Dahlberg was known to be quite stingy about the lettering of his Butte High athletes. So to earn the monogram as a sophomore was quite the achievement. Friday night, Harris will realize another rare feat when he is inducted as a Diamond B into the Silver B's organization.

The Silver B's is a football honorary for those who lettered at Butte High 25 years ago. It also includes the Golden B's, the first-time letterwinners of 50 years ago, and the occasional Diamond B, 75 years after lettering for the Bulldogs.

Harris, who turns 92 on Oct. 17, said he plans to be at the induction dinner Friday night, which is to be held at the East Middle School cafeteria before Butte High plays Helena Capital next door at Bulldog Memorial Stadium in a showdown of two undefeated Class AA football teams.

Many of the boys from the 1930s Bulldogs stepped up for their country when World War II broke out in 1941 with the bombing of Pearl Harbor forcing the United States into the battle. Harris was one who did. So was Naranche.

The two had also played together at what is now the University of Montana for a couple of years before war was declared. Harris joined immediately in 1941 and served in the Army Air Corps, stationed at a base in England in the motor pool.

"Four years, four months and four days," he recounted briskly.

Naranche was one of the men who did not return. He died in action in 1942 and the football field located next to Butte High School, on the north side, was named in his memory shortly thereafter.

Harris resides in the Crest Nursing Home, but seems to be in pretty good health. He showed good endurance in a recent interview and carried himself straight as he walked across the room. His wit was wry and his memory sharp.

"They treat you real good out here," he said as he sat on a bed with a view toward the lawn on a bright, sunny late summer afternoon. "I've found that out."

He couldn't help but direct a good-natured jab, however.

"Out here, they do the thinking for you," he said and then gestured toward his bathroom. "The only thing I have control over is that little room over there."

The retired lettercarrier has experienced a burden of heartbreak, having been widowed three times because of cancer. He helped rear three sets of stepchildren, a son and a daughter in each case. They remain close. Family members are hoping to help him attend the weekend festivities.

Being around football again, at least in conversation and memory, should be joyous for him.

"We all had a good time is the best I can say," he said about his days as a Bulldog player. "Swede had us do what we wanted, as long as it was up to his standards."

The one-time player said the leathery old coach was actually more lenient than a good many of the Bulldogs' parents during those years of The Great Depression.

"But we couldn't get away with anything," Harris quickly inserted, adding that his own father was "quite a stickler" for proper behavior and citizenship.

So was the school environment, it would seem. Harris said that principal Scott Fries certainly was.

"If he thought you were doing something wrong, he'd choose you and take you down to the gym," Harris said with a nod of his head and emphatic shake of his pointed finger.

Football was played at Clark Park in Harris' days, and hockey was on the Holland Rink, which was located just off Montana Street on the land now home to Les Schwab Tire and a Safeway store. He worked a little bit beside his father for the post office during Christmas rush, but, otherwise, only held jobs as a teenager during summers helping with the haying on area farms and ranches.

Through the decades he has kept up with football. After his return from the war, he played three years in the Independent League for the Inglewood team. He has been an avid fan forever and still views it on television every chance he can get. He verified by commenting on the recent Navy-Maryland and Boise State-Virginia Tech games he watched this last week.

"Today's game is a close proximity to what we played," he said. "The difference is in what you wear. We bought our own sweatshirts for the year. A helmet was just a little leather hat on your head. Facemasks? What was that?

"One guy on our team played with a facemask, a leather strap. It was because he had a broken nose."

Straight noses on men were probably harder to find in Butte then than used turn signals are today.

"Everybody broke their nose if they played," he testified, tracing the top of his own with a finger to point out evidence, adding that concussions were probably pretty common, too.

The equipment was decidedly skimpy and the conditions were less than cushy.

"Playing at Clark Park, hard as a rock," Harris described with a frown.

"It was a good league," he said of the Independent League, a semipro organization largely sponsored by mining interests. "There were a lot of good ballplayers. All were former high school players. It was a tough league that played at Clark Park."

The tough players probably all had nicknames, too. It's a Butte way. Harris said he earned his.

"We were practicing down at the Cinders and (assistant coach) Bill Hawke called for me to go in," Harris recalled.

Harris, though, had taken a seat, leaned back against a wall and fallen asleep, he demonstrated.

"He said, 'Hey! Sleepy! Get in there!' " Harris said through a smile. "Good old days."

Helmets were passed out each game from a cardboard box and jerseys were tossed to prospects and players the first day of practice. It was communal property. Little was customized or even personal.

Silver B's historian Dan Peters, a former Butte High player and coach, as well as teacher and administrator, visited with Harris about memorabilia the Diamond B had donated to the organization, including programs, a scrapbook, photos and clippings. Harris' mother, Esther, was diligent about keeping the scrapbook updated , labeled and precise.

"The only time I really think about those days is when I see these things," he said, and he was able to name all the players displayed in photos on a mat for the 1936 team. It is believed Harris is the last surviving member of the team, Peters said.

"It seems we were always playing Billings for state championships," Harris said.

Harris grew up on The Flats, first on property his parents and grandparents shared at Paxson and Holmes on opposite ends of the lawn, he said. They moved closer to town later.

Silver B's secretary-treasurer Don Dwyer asked Harris if it really seems like 75 years since he first played for Butte High. Harris was straightforward.

"Yes, especially when I look at the calendar," he answered.

Harris will join 2007 inductee Al Ducich as the only living Diamond B's. Just four others were even taken into the club before they passed on — Angus McLeod, Bob Darragh, Hawke and Bill Harrington. Following Harris' ceremony on Friday, three of those inductions will have taken place in the last four years.



Joseph Harris, 92

Joseph Harris died Thursday morning, Nov. 11, 2010, in a local nursing home.

He was born in Butte Oct. 17, 1918, to James and Esther (DesJardins) Harris. He attended local schools and was a member of the Butte High Class of 1938, the first class to graduate from the new high school. He also attended the University of Montana.



Harris



Joe served in the Army during World War II and returned to Butte where he worked as a mail carrier from 1947 until 1977. Joe was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 240, Butte Sports Hall of Fame and this past September was honored as a Diamond "B."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cecelia LaPalm Harris, who died March 27, 2004; daughter, Barbara Talbott; and son, Jimmo Hill.

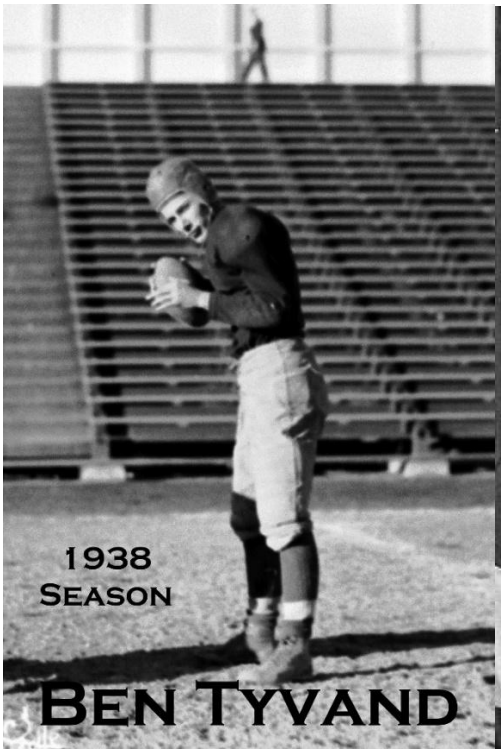
Survivors include his children, Arlene and Tom Anderson of Butte, Donald and Carol Brady, Bettie J. Lone and Dr. Jack Kyllingstad, all of Seattle; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joseph's remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home where funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 11 a.m. Monday. Cremation will follow.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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#7 MR. BEN TYVAND







EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTERS DURING 1937 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 30, 2015

Ben Tyvand joins Diamond B ranks

By Pat Ryan
of The Montana Standard

In conjunction with Silver B's night at Butte High's game with Missoula Hellgate, the Bulldog alumni organization gets to bestow a special honor Friday.

Former Bulldog football letterman Ben Tyvand will be on hand, as he becomes one of the few players inducted into the Diamond B's — a group that celebrates the 75th anniversary of the player's first letter.

Tyvand, now 91, earned his first letter as a junior in 1937, playing for legendary

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Bulldog head coach Harry "Swede" Dahlberg.

Tyvand recalled being impressed with Dahlberg's command of the game of football, but questioned some of his basketball knowledge.

"Basketball wasn't a big sport then, Tyvand said. "I don't think coach could even dribble. But he was a great guy and he was dandy on track."

Tyvand was on a pair of state championship track teams — running a 220-yard leg of the two-mile relay in both of them — and explained some of the other things that have changed over the years.

"Back then you could only take 10 men to the state track meet," Tyvand said. "There were no divisions or classifications, and to letter, you had to place at the state track meet. I was not a very big fellow at 160 pounds, but I placed fourth in the shot put."

Tyvand's Bulldog football career didn't begin until he was a junior. He explained that he entered Webster grade school early, and was small for his class when he got to high school.

"I went to get my equipment and they were making fun of me," Tyvand said. "They ran right over me and I was so small I couldn't do anything."

He did, however, play in the "employed boy league" which held games at Cinders Park.

"The Butte Reds were generally the winners because they were organized and had equipment. They had some pretty good coaches," Tyvand said.

The Reds had been unscored upon for a couple of years when Tyvand intercepted a Reds pass and took it back for a touchdown. Reds coach Bill Hawke had some words for the young Tyvand.

"Bill Hawke was mad, and told me I needed to go out for football."

Tyvand played end and later wingback for the Bulldogs.

"In our backfield we had a Drigich, a Ducich, a Milodragovich and myself — three Serbs and a Norwegian," he said with a chuckle.

Tyvand's first season was Butte High's first season playing at Naranche Stadium, which was then known as Butte High Stadium, since Eso Naranche was still a senior in high school.

Tyvand was again a teammate of Naranche in 1940 at the University of Montana before both went off to fight in World War II. Naranche was killed in North Africa in 1942, while Tyvand made it back after fighting with the 91st Infantry Division in the Allied campaign through Italy.

Tyvand resumed his collegiate football career in 1946, and served as a co-captain of the 1947 Grizzlies.

Tyvand recalled his final year playing for UM was the team's first time playing an 11-game schedule. The Grizzlies played Colorado State on Thanksgiving Day and played at the University of Hawaii on Christmas Day.

Tyvand, who still wasn't overly large at 177 pounds, relied upon speed in his earlier years, but had some knee troubles in 1941 that slowed him down a bit.

"They didn't operate on you in those days," he said. "They just cast you up and send you back."

Following his playing career, Tyvand took his teaching degree and later Master's degree and put his football knowledge to work as a coach. His first stop was in Dillon from 1948-56.

"I had some luck there," Tyvand remembered. "We were a smaller team in the B class with teams like Deer Lodge and Hamilton. We tied Polson in the championship game in 1952, then won the championship in 1954 and in 1956 too."

Tyvand then took over as head football coach in Anaconda from 1956-59.

"My success at Anaconda was minimal," Tyvand explained. "The year before, Anaconda had won the championship in the A division, and then after I applied they put us in the Big 10 with the biggest schools in Montana. Livingston and ourselves were the smallest schools, and we had some success against them, and we did beat Bozeman one year."

Tyvand moved to Wallace, Idaho, in 1959, where he taught and coached for 18 years.

"Then, lo and behold, I wanted to come back to Montana for retirement benefits," Tyvand said.

He was hired as a guidance counselor and history teacher in Victor, where he was also named the school's basketball coach.

"I succeeded a guy who won zero games," Tyvand said. "And you know how many games I won? Zero.

"That's when they gave me the principal's job. That was curtains on my coaching career."

Tyvand, who now resides in Missoula, said he made it back to Butte for his Silver B's induction, but was busy coaching for his Golden B (50 years) honor.

"I'll be there for the Diamond B's," Tyvand said.



Ben Tyvand of Butte Back From War to Help Grizzly Teams

Ben Tyvand from Butte, letterman in varsity track and starting left halfback of the 1941 Montana State university football eleven—one of Montana's best under Coach Doug Fessenden—is back on the campus and eager to get back into harness after three years in the infantry in which he saw service with the rugged Fifth Army in Italy.

As a sophomore in '41, Tyvand stood out for his competitive spirit as he reeled off yardage against teams like Brigham Young, Montana State, North Dakota University, Washington, and U. C. L. A. from his tailback spot.

The speedy back's brilliant start in college football was cut short in November of 1941 when he suffered a leg injury playing against Idaho. Tyvand won a varsity track letter the following spring, competing in the hurdles and relay events. The return of intercollegiate track to the Montana campus this spring will find Ben one of the many candidates.

Tyvand is one of the more than 70 gridders who have already reported to Coach Fessenden in preparation for the 1946 season. Montana's schedule features an opener against Colorado A. and M. in Missoula, and four more games inside the state, including the Butte Bobcat-Grizzly classic Oct. 19.



BEN TYVAND

Obituaries

Ben Tyvand, 94

Ben Tyvand is no longer the oldest living Grizzly football player. Ben died in the early morning hours of Nov. 30, 2015, secure in the fact that the Grizzlies of 2015 were heading to their second playoff game. He was 94 years old.



Tyvand



Born on Jan. 14, 1921, in Butte to Henry and Lota Tyvand, Ben (Judge) spent many memorable summers with his brothers, Hank (Trapper) and Ray (Rock) at the family cabin at Dewey on the Big Hole River.

Ben graduated from Butte High in 1938, where he was a multi-year letterman in basketball, football and track. Until his senior year, in basketball he played the critical position of center since in that era after each basket there was a jump center. A couple of years ago he was recognized as a Diamond "B", reflecting 75 years since he earned his first letter for the Bulldogs.

Following high school graduation, Ben played football and basketball and participated in track for the Grizzlies until his college years were interrupted by Pearl Harbor. From 1942-1945 he was a member of the 91st Infantry Division (Powder River, Let 'er Buck). The Division participated in three battles in Italy; the Rome-Arno, North Apennines (Gothic Line) and the Po Valley. Until his death he relished memories of the Italian people he met while in service there. He was honorably discharged in October 1945.

After the war, Ben returned to the University of Montana where he again played basketball, football, and participated in track for the Grizzlies. Ben was co-captain of the 1947 football team. Ben received his bachelor's degree in education from the University in 1948.

Ben's teaching career started at Beaverhead County High School in 1948, as a history teacher. Ben transferred his athletic expertise to coaching in Dillon where he coached football, basketball, and track.

After a successful seven-year run with the Beavers, Ben became the head coach of the Anaconda High Copperheads from 1955-1959. During his Anaconda stay, he was the coach of the Fabulous Freshman team, which included Wayne Estes, who later was an All-American at Utah State.

Following Anaconda, Ben moved to Wallace, Idaho, where he spent 19 memorable years as a teacher and a coach of all sports. While at Wallace he received his master's degree from the University of Montana and he became the school's guidance counselor.

The affection of his Wallace players and students was expressed recently with the establishment of a scholarship in his honor. Students and players from wherever he taught remained friends through Ben's final illness, visiting and calling him frequently. His impact upon his students is an aspiration for any teacher or coach. Ben ended his career in education in Victor, Montana where for the first time he coached girls' basketball. After a short period of time, he also became the principal at Victor. After three years, he retired.

Just prior to his move to Victor, Ben married Mary, his wife of nearly 40 years. They shared many adventures including a couple of car trips to the East Coast and a trip to the Summer Olympics in California. They attended all Grizzly football home games and were from the start, enthusiastic Lady Griz fans.

Ben enjoyed a long and vigorous retirement. He drove school bus for Beach Transportation where he made many friends. During the summers, he could be found on almost a daily basis on the University golf course. He competed in masters' track meets until his early 70's, and kept himself in marvelous physical condition with a workout at the gym three days a week. Ben was also a superb dancer and he and Mary were often seen on the dance floor on weekends, gracefully gliding across the room to favorites such as Bad, Bad Leroy Brown. He and Mary also took enormous pride in their lawn and garden as he could be seen early in the morning tending to the watering and never letting the grass go a week without being treated to the lawnmower. In the spring, a favorite pastime was to sit in the bleachers at Dornblaser Field with his stopwatch monitoring the Grizzly track meets as well as attending nearly every high school meet held at Dornblaser.

Ben was preceded in death by his brothers and his daughter, Leslie.

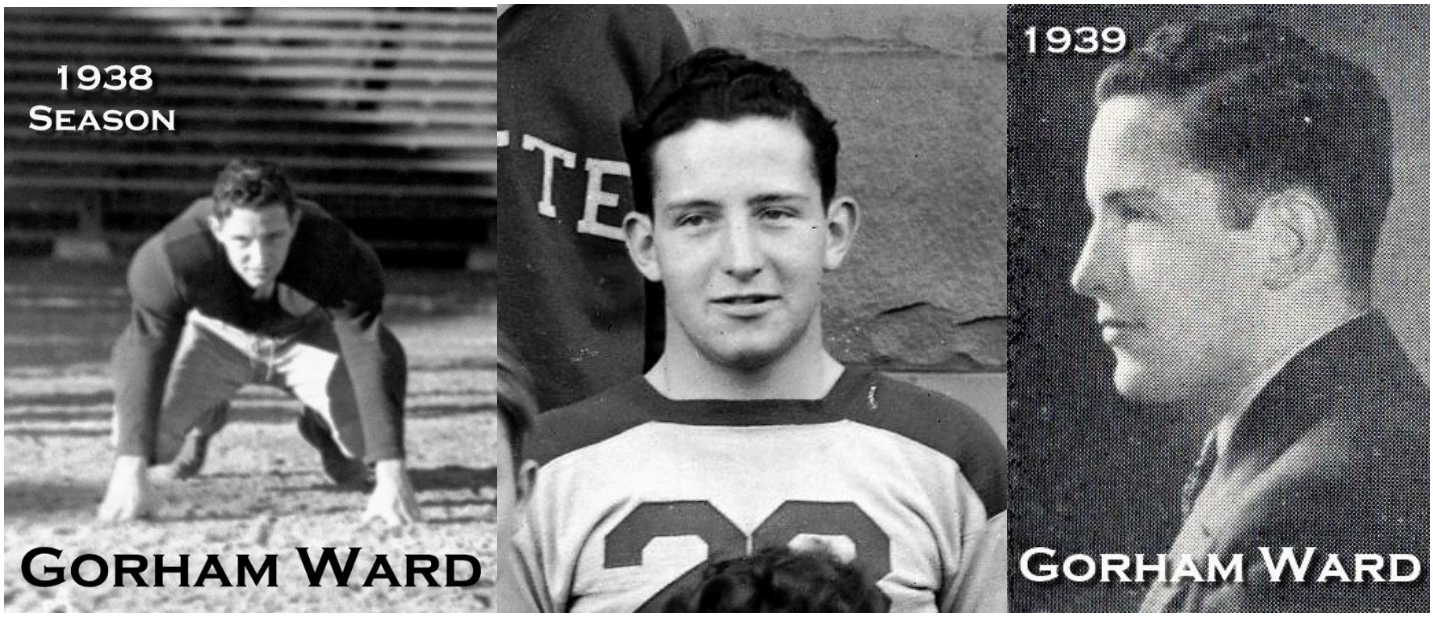
In addition to his loving wife Mary, Ben is survived by his daughter, Charlene Bader and her family; step-children, Pat Dowdall (Susanne), Mary Anne Dowdall, Colleen Dowdall (Jay Gilmartin) and Karen Dowdall-Sandford (Christopher Sandford); grandchildren, Brendan, Colin and Michael Dowdall; Adam, Eric and Tara Bucy; Siobhan, Patrick and Bridget Gilmartin; and Nicholas Sandford; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Ben's family thanks Partner's Hospice and the caregivers from Addus Healthcare who entered our home, caring for Ben and his loved ones.

At Ben's request, there will be no service. Donations in his memory may be made to the Ben Tyvand Scholarship Fund at: Wallace Sr. High School, 1 Miners Alley, Wallace, Idaho 83873.

Express condolences at www.mtstandard.com.

#8 MR. GORHAM WARD



EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTERS DURING 1937 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13, 2018



January 11, 2017

Mr. Gorham Ward

1211 Kendi Ln.

Fallbrook, CA 92028

Dear Mr. Ward:

Hello Mr. Ward…my name is Scott Paffhausen and I am currently the Historian/President of the Butte High Silver B's Organization. Currently Mr. Dean Ericson (Secretary/Treasurer) and I are running the Butte High Silver B's. I am not sure if you are familiar with our "ONE-OF-A-KIND" organization? We believe that it is the only one of its kind in the United States of America. I will give you a brief history of our organization so maybe you can understand why we are all so PROUD of it! The Butte High Silver B's Football Organization was formed during the summer/fall of 1940…Officers and a Board were elected and the "new group" held its "First Annual Meeting and Dinner" on October 11, 1940 in the Butte High Cafeteria prior to the football game. The ONLY criteria to become a Silver B is that the individual must have played football for Butte Public High School and that individual must have earned his Varsity Football Letter! The group decided that this organization was going to induct and honor individuals 25-years after they earned their 1st Varsity Letter…calling them Silver B's. The group also decided to

honor individuals 50-years after they earned their 1st Varsity Letter…calling them Golden B's. And finally, the group decided to honor individuals 75-years after they earned their 1st Varsity

Letter…calling them Diamond B's. Specific Caps and Pins were awarded to the organizations' members.

The very 1st football team in Butte High School's history played in 1893. At the group's 1st meeting on October 11, 1940 "ALL Butte High Letter Winners" from 1893 up to and including the 1915 team, were inducted as a large initial group. The group held a banquet prior to the football game and then attended the game as a group. There was a special section reserved at Butte High Stadium for the group to watch and support the 1940 team and cheer them on to victory. Following the completion of the 1940 season, the Butte High Silver B's hosted a 2nd function…a "Lettermen's Dinner" for the 1940 team. All individuals who earned their Varsity Football Letter were treated to a banquet to celebrate their season. This TRADITION has carried on now for 77 consecutive years…we just held our 77th annual Lettermen's Dinner on December 7, 2016 to honor this year's squad.

This is the 1st year that Dean and I have fully run this organization. Mr. Don Dwyer was the Secretary/Treasurer of this group since approximately 2008 and he ran the organization pretty much by himself…tons of work for one individual! Don is currently battling cancer and asked Dean and I to take over for him approximately last March. All of Don's hard work is greatly appreciated! I took over the Historian position and put MANY HOURS into making our database as current and as accurate as possible. I used many different online sites and found contact information for many of our members who were probably not contacted for a long time…if ever at all. WHEN WE RECEIVED YOUR RETURNED POSTCARD IN DECEMBER…IT BROUGHT A HUGE SMILE TO MY FACE! The hard work was worth it…we found a long lost member who so happened to be a Diamond B.

Mr. Gorham Ward…I would like to CONGRATULATE you for earning your First Varsity Football Letter for Butte Public High School in 1937! You became a Butte High Silver B 25-years later in 1962…I am not sure if you were ever

contacted for this function? You became a Golden B 50-years later in 1987…once again I am not sure if you were ever contacted for this function? And finally you became a Diamond B 75-years later in 2012. I know you were not contacted for this function because I had a minimal role in this group at that time. PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL APOLOGY, AS WELL AS AN APOLOGY FROM THE BUTTE HIGH SILVER B'S FOR NOT LOCATING YOU UNTIL NOW!

The Butte High Silver B organization has recognized only 9 former players as "Diamond B's" throughout our history. Mr. Gorham Ward, you are our 10th…CONGRATULATIONS! You should have been inducted on September7, 2012 at our 73rd Annual Meeting and Dinner.

That evening your teammate Mr. Ben Tyvand was honored and inducted as our 7th Diamond B. Ben attended the meeting and was awarded a plaque for his achievement and was honored on the field at the 50 yard line prior to the game. You would have also been recognized that evening as our 8th Diamond B…once again we are very sorry! The following "Butte High Players" are the only 10 individuals to become Diamond B's...I have included the year they earned their 1st Varsity Letter and the year that they were inducted as a Diamond B. We would officially like to welcome you to the group!

1.) Angus McLeod	1907-1976
2.) Bob Darragh	1917-1986
3.) Bill Hawke	1927-2002
4.) Al Ducich	1932-2007
5.) Bill Harrington	1934-2009
6.) Joe Harris	1935-2010
7.) Ben Tyvand	1937-2012
8.) Gorham Ward	1937-2012
9.) Ralph Stodden	1938-2013
10.) George Paul	1940-2015

We have had a Diamond B plaque made up for you which reflects the exact date that you should have been inducted as well as the organization's officers at the time. Please accept it from the Butte High Silver B's Organization…along with our apology for being so late. It is our honor to have you as a member of our organization! We would also like to invite you to our upcoming 78th Annual Meeting and Dinner which will take place in September of 2017….not sure if you are able to travel. It would be our honor to have you attend…and we would be able to recognize you properly during the pre-game ceremonies. We are not sure if this would be possible for you to attend or not?

Once again, my name is Scott Paffhausen and I am currently the Historian/President of the Butte High Silver B's. Mr. Dean Ericson is the Secretary/Treasurer of our organization. I would love to hear from you so that we know your package arrived. I have also included a few photographs that might bring back some fond memories of your days in Butte, MT. My home

phone # is (406) 782-0226 and my cell # is (406) 490-9956. Dean Ericson can be reached at (406) 490-5419. Looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your time.

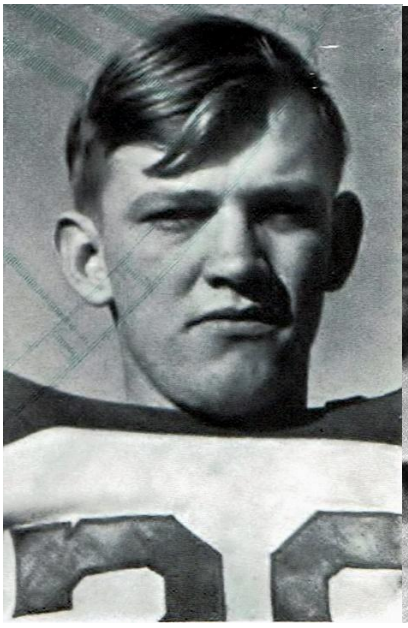
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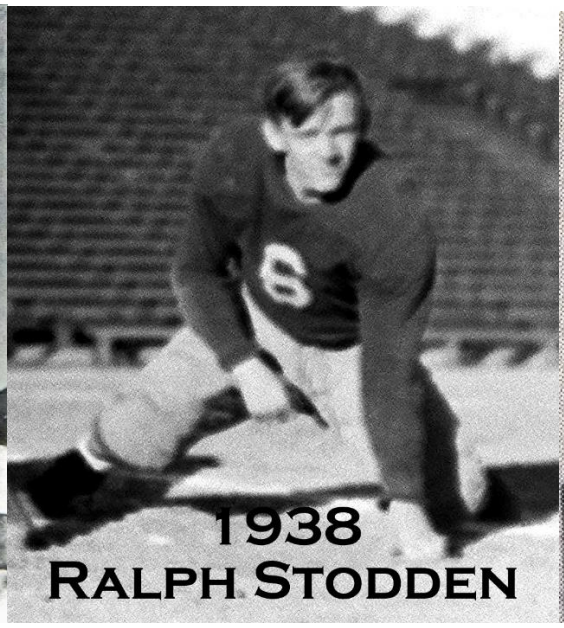
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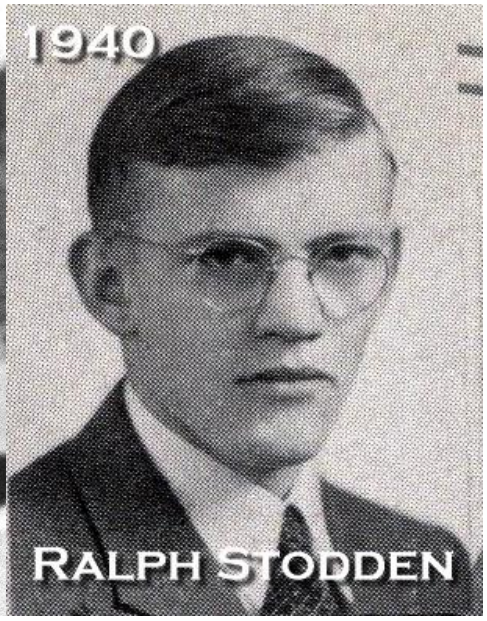




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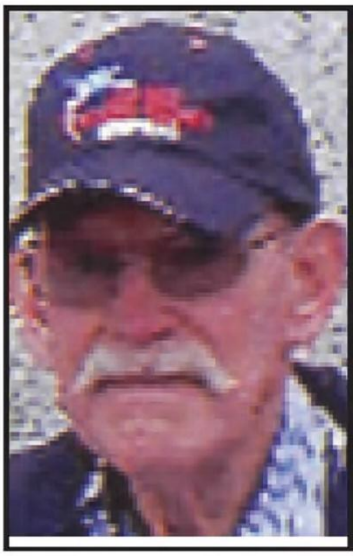
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Silver B's welcome Ralph Stodden

THE MONTANA STANDARD



Stodden

The Silver B's, an honorary group for men who first lettered in football at Butte High 25 years ago, are set to honor 1938 Bulldog letterman Ralph Stodden as the club's eighth Diamond B in the organization's history.

A Diamond B is a player who graduated from Butte High and lettered with the football program at least 75 years or more ago.

The banquet will be at the Butte High School gymnasium, with doors opening at 4 p.m.

The meeting and dinner will be at 5:15. Inductees and members will then attend the Butte High game at

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Naranche Stadium, located next to the high school. Pregame introductions will be conducted. the kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Stodden played and lettered for the Bulldogs during the 1938 and 1939 seasons and was a guard for the Butte team.

In 1939 he was selected for the third team in Montana's Big Six All-Stars. He was also named honorable mention in the Associated Press All-Star poll of 1939.

After graduation, Stodden joined the army as World War II broke out and served his country with the Second Corp doing munitions demolition.

Ralph would later marry his wife, Gertrude, in 1945, and they remained together until her passing in 2007.

The Stoddens raised four children while Ralph worked for the U.S. Forest Service and later full-time on a ranch that he owns.

Banquet tickets are $12 per person and annual dues are $5. Contact Don Dwyer, 494-1493, or Dan Peters, 498-3876, for reservations. It is a members-only meeting and banquet. No guests or alcohol will be allowed.

Ralph Winfield Stodden

Ralph Winfield Stodden passed away Monday afternoon, March 23, 2015, in a local nursing home. He was born Dec. 15, 1921, to Winfield "Spike" and Reta (Edwards) Stodden and was named for an uncle who died in the mines on that same date in 1915.

Ralph attended the Garfield School, Washington Middle School and graduated from Butte High.

He was selected for the All-State Football team and was proud to be inducted as the 8th Diamond "B" in 2013.

Growing up, Ralph spent his summers on the family ranch on Basin Creek, which he would later own and operate.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, serving his country during World War II in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was proud to be able to travel to Washington, D.C., in 2013 on the Big Sky Honor Flight and view the WWII Memorial.

Upon returning from his service in World War II, he married Gertrude "Gert" Halpern on Dec. 8, 1945 and together they celebrated 61 years of marriage before her death in 2007. From this union four children were born, Phillip Ralph, Wayne Scott, Pamela Sue and Roberta "Bobbie" Lee.

Ralph worked for the National Cash Register Co. He and Gert lived in Great Falls and Billings until returning to Butte to run his grandmother's ranch in 1950. He was self-employed until 1957, when he began his career with the U.S. Forest Service. During this time he worked trails, campgrounds and roads and retired as the fire control officer in 1983.

Ralph's hobbies included camping, bowling, rock and arrowhead hunting, flower gardening, jewelry making, collecting antiques and all aspects of ranch life. He was a founding member of the Silver Bow County Weed Board, served on the Silver Bow County Fair Board and was a 4-H leader for many years.



Stodden





Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gert, and her parents; his brother, Bob, and wife JoAnn; sisters-in-law, Florence Arnold and Pauline Weinstein (Artie); and brother-in-law, Leonard Widelock.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Sonia Stodden and Wayne and Sandy Stodden; and daughters and son-in-law, Pam and Gary Parisi and Bobbie Stodden. Grandchildren include Beau (Miranda) Parisi and Autumn (Eric) Schwenk. Also surviving are his great-grandchildren, Katlynn, Frankie, Grace (with whom he shared a love of horses), Colbie and Jake Schwenk, Delaney Parisi; and his sister-in-law, Evelyn Widelock; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. The Stodden family will receive friends beginning Friday morning at 10 a.m. in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home where memorial services for Ralph will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. A reception will follow in Wayrynen-Richards Community Center. Memorials in memory of Ralph may be made to the Highlands Hospice.

Dad, as you often said to us when we did something that pleased you, we now say to you, "Pretty good, Johnny!"

#10 MR. GEORGE PAUL

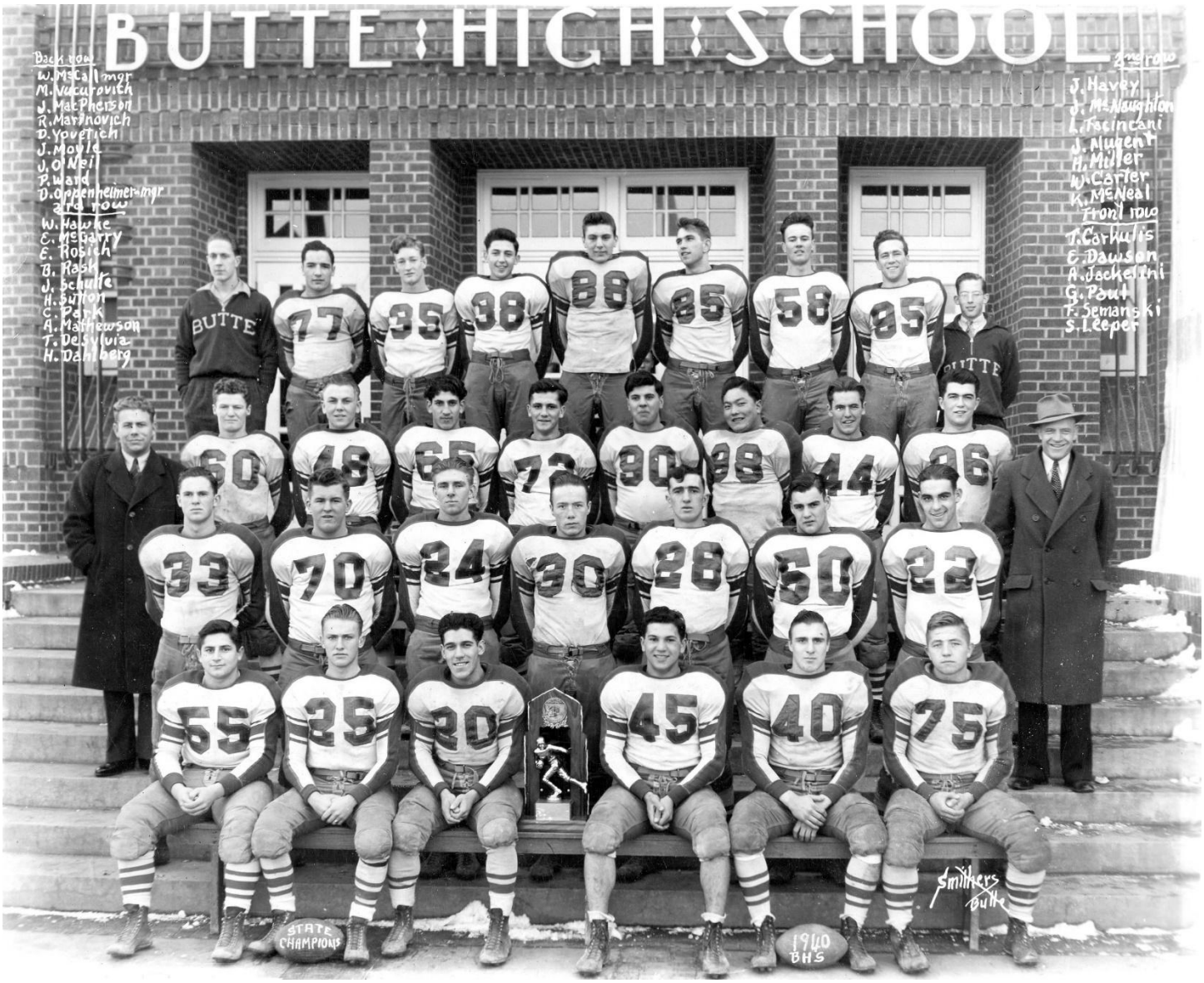




EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1940 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 11, 2015


BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL
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W. McCallmon
M. Nukurovich
J. MacPherson
R. Marinovich
D. Yovetich
J. Mavich
J. O'Neil
P. Wand
D. Oppenheimer-mgr
3rd row
W. Hawke
E. McGarry
E. Rosich
B. Rask
J. Schulte
H. Sutton
C. Park
A. Matthewson
T. DeSylvia
H. Dahlberg
2nd row
J. Havey
J. McNaughton
L. Focinconi
J. Nugent
H. Miller
W. Carter
K. McNeal
Front row
J. Carhulis
E. Dawson
A. Jacheimi
G. Paul
F. Semanski
S. Leeper
BUTTE
STATE CHAMPIONS
1940 BHS
Smithers Butte



George J. Paul, 92



Paul

George J. Paul, 92, was born Feb. 21, 1923, to Namen and Kaffa Paul in Zedae, Syria.

He died Aug. 11, 2015.

George came to the United States when he was nine months old. George was the youngest of five children. George attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Butte High in 1942. George excelled in track and football and was a member of the 1942 state football champions and was the last member of the Diamond Bees.

In 1943, George joined the Air Force where he was an airplane and engine mechanic. After being honorably discharged from the service, George returned to Butte and worked various jobs as a truck driver for Ryan Butte; a hoistman at the Stewart and Mountain Con; and retired from the operating engineers for McKinley School. George married Beverly Trvithick and they had two daughters, Judy and Terri. George and Beverly later divorced. In 1972, George married Georgia (Mickey) Hansen. They enjoyed traveling to handball tournaments and to Vegas for Pangini tournaments. George enjoyed playing handball especially when he would beat Bob. George was conducted into the Handball Hall of Fame.

After retirement George took up golf. George enjoyed going to golf tournaments with Bob and Jim. They had many fun and exciting times.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Namen and Kaffa; sisters, Sister Mary Ann and Sister Rose Virginia and Victoria Paul; his nephew, John Paul; brother, Kelly (sister in law Victoria); daughter, Terri Paul; and wife, Mickey.

George is survived by his daughter, Judy Davis and son-in-law, John Davis; granddaughters, Stacey Comba (Shaun Comba) and Shauna Charles (Kenny Charles); great-grandchildren, Parker, Brooke, and Kamyrn Comba; his loving companion, Roseann Beck and her daughter, Robin Phillips; nephews John, Pat, and George, all of Great Falls; and niece, Barbara Johnson of Washington.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Salvation Army or to the donor's choice.

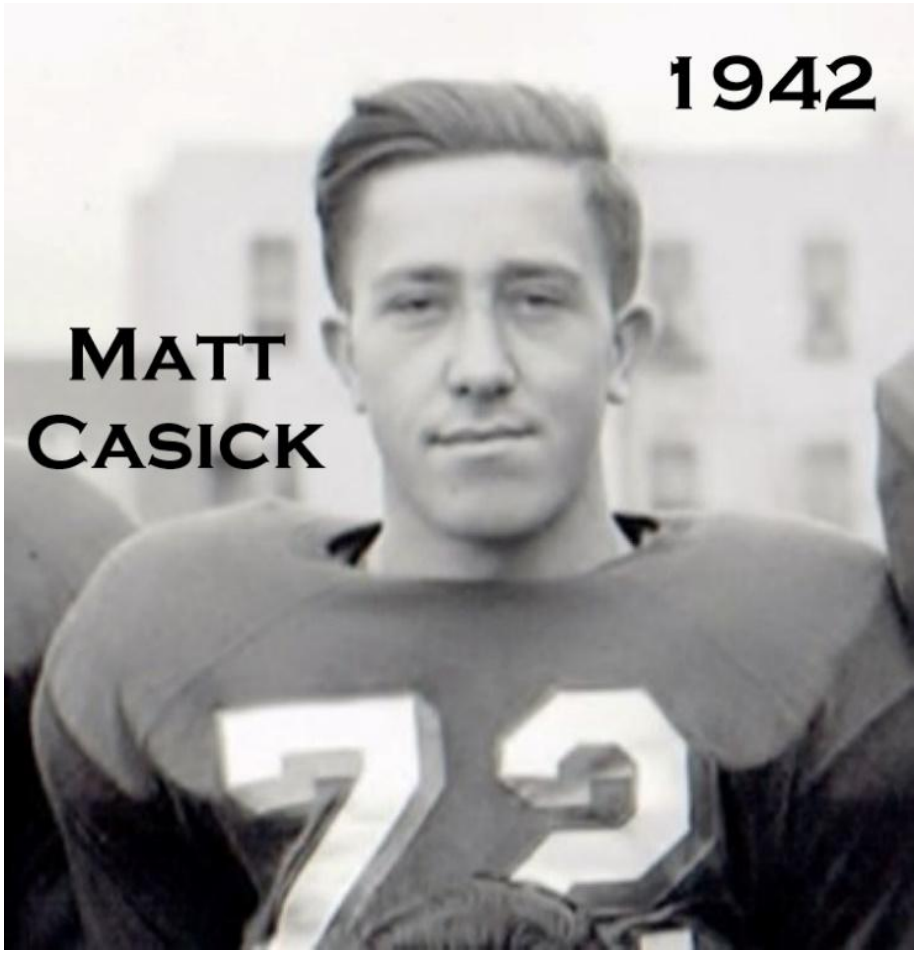
A special thank you goes to Lauren, Michelle, Tonya, Andrew (AKA Danny), and staff at the Marquis; also a thank you to his senior companion Andy.

A Memorial Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, with Father Robert Hall, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the Mass.

Inurnment of George's cremated remains will follow at Holy Cross Columbarium with military honors. Please use the airport side entrance due to another service at the cemetery.

Express condolences at www.wayrynen-richards.com or www.mtstandard.com.

#11 MR. MATT CASICK



EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTERS DURING 1942 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 23, 2017



Matthew Peter Casick, 92

Aug. 29, 1925-Dec. 23, 2017



Mr. Matthew Peter Casick passed away Saturday evening, Dec. 23, 2017, at Genesis Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born in Butte Saturday, Aug. 29, 1925, to Peter and Louise (Oreskovich) Casick. Matt attended Butte schools and graduated from Butte High School where he was an All-State football player. He also played football for the University of Montana and proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and was held as a POW. Following his safe return, Matt returned to Butte where he met Agnes T. Moore, a nurse at St. James Hospital. They were married in January of 1956 in the chapel at the hospital. She preceded him in death on September 1, 2002.

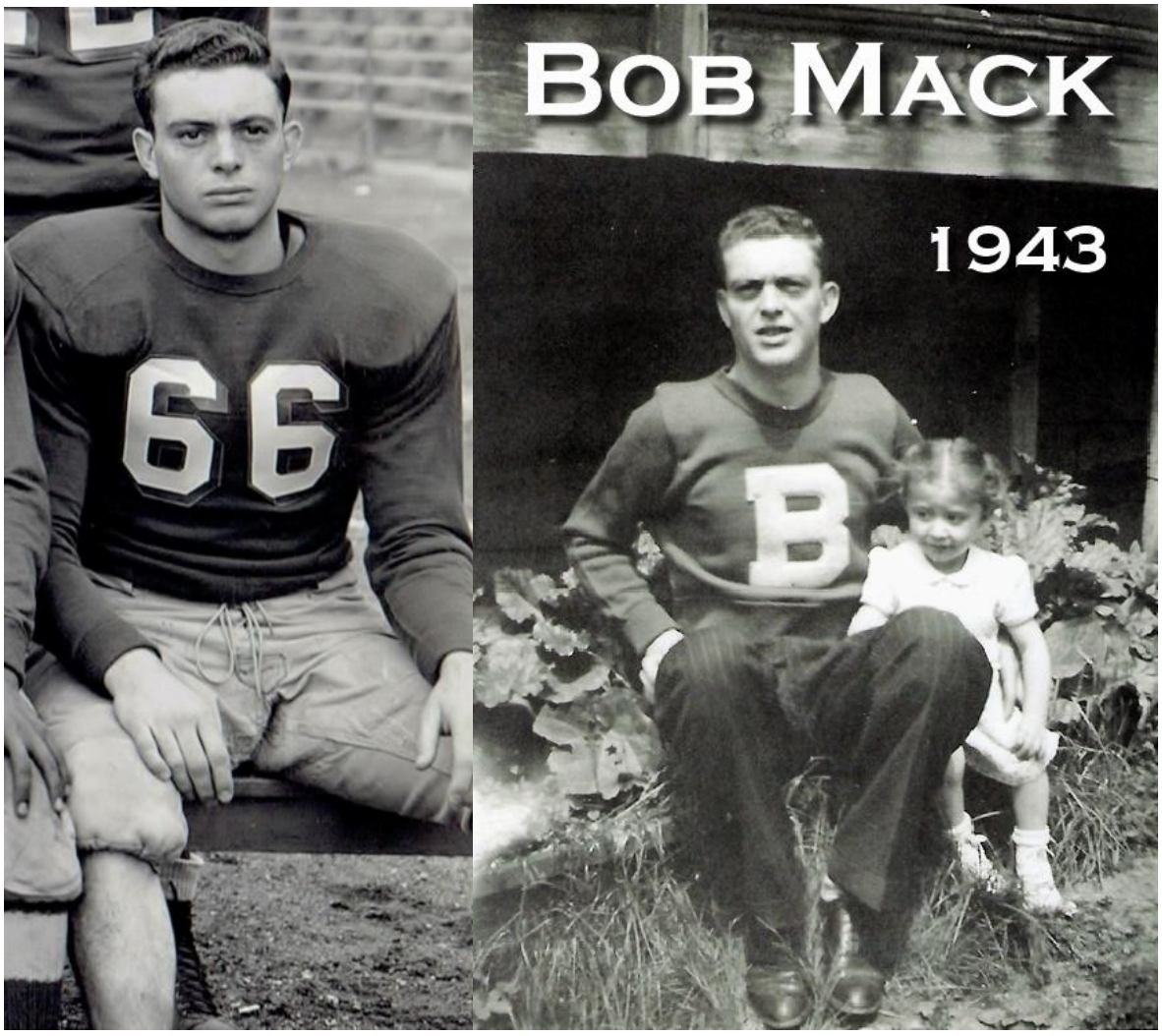
Matt worked as a boilermaker for the Anaconda Company until its shutdown in 1983. A lifelong football fan, he was a longtime season ticket holder for the U of M Grizzlies. He was honored for his standout football career by being named the eleventh Diamond "B" by Butte High School this past fall.

Besides his wife, Matt was also preceded in death by his six sisters – Sally Parker, Catherine Fitzsimmons, Rose O'Neill, Mary Herberholz, Dorothy Berger, and Helen Walsh, two nephews and one niece.

He is survived by his brother, Steve Casick of Butte and numerous nieces and nephews including John Herberholz of Tacoma and Travis Herberholz of Bozeman. A very special thank you is extended to the staff at Genesis for the kindness and gentle care they gave to Matt while he was in their care.

Private funeral services have been conducted and entombment was in Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum. Express condolences at www.wayrynen-richards.com. www

#12 MR. BOB MACK



EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTERS DURING 1942 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 12, 2018


Butte Public High School
BOB MACK
THE BUTTE HIGH SILVER B'S OF BUTTE, MONTANA TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THIS FORMAL RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE DIAMOND B'S TO MR. BOB MACK ON THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PLAYING HALFBACK ON THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM OF BUTTE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND EARNING HIS FIRST VARSITY LETTER IN 1942. MR. MACK IS THE 12TH BUTTE HIGH BULLDOG HONORED AS A DIAMOND B IN THE PROUD 78-YEAR HISTORY OF THE BUTTE HIGH SILVER B'S.
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SEPTEMBER 15, 2017
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Robert N. Mack



FORT WORTH--Robert "Bob" N. Mack, 95, of Fort Worth, Texas passed away peacefully on Monday, November 12, 2018 surrounded by family.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: 3:30pm, November 29th, 2018 at Ridglea Christian Church, 6720 W. Elizabeth Lane, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the **Rev. Neil Pointer Scholarship Fund** c/o Ridglea Christian Church.

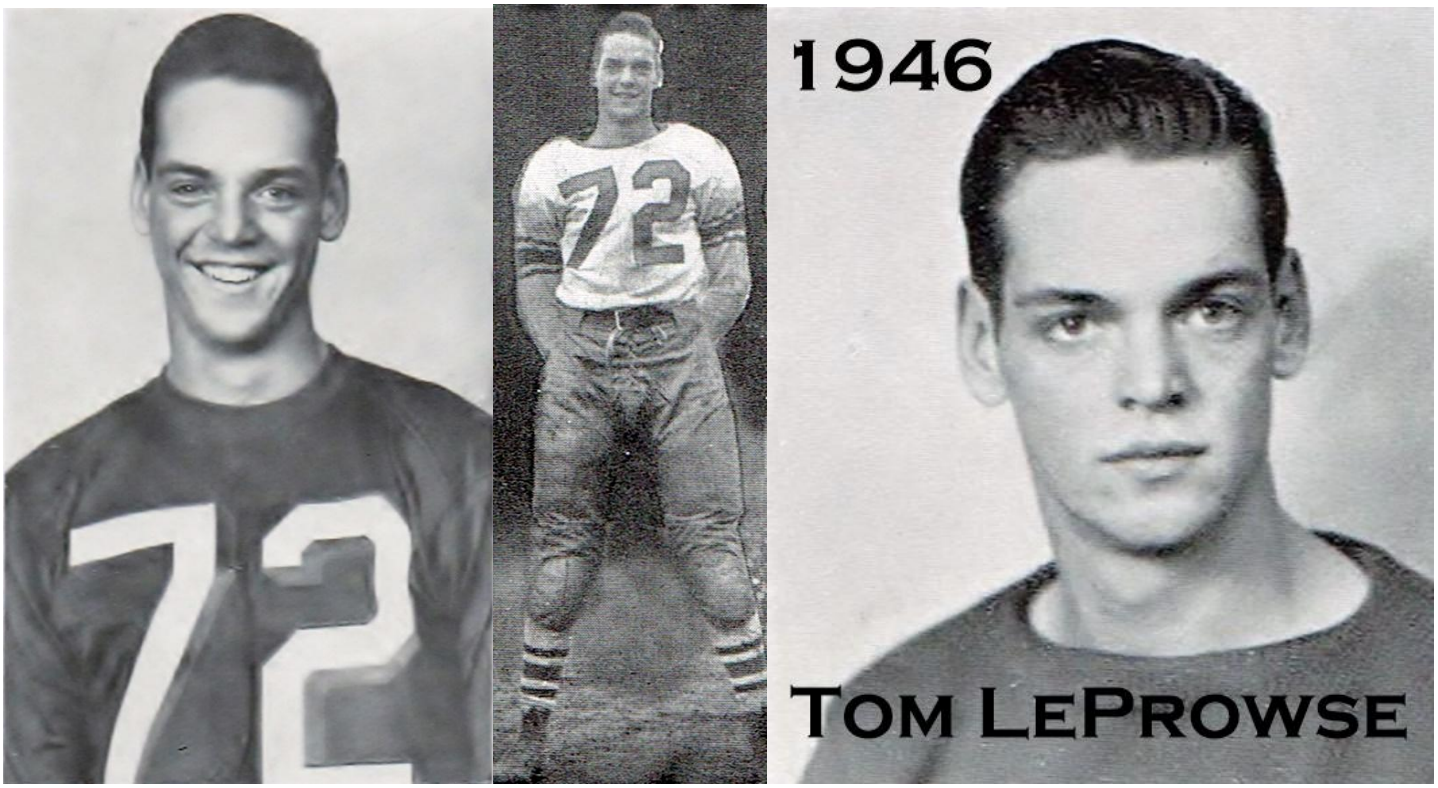
Bob was born on December 22, 1922, on the North Fork of the Madison River in a log cabin outside of Norris, Montana. He graduated from Butte High School in Butte, Montana where he played football and was a member of the Silver B's Letterman Association for over 76 years. He attended the University of Idaho.

Bob served his country in the Navy in both World War II and the Korean War. He spent over 50 years in the gambling industry in Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe.

SURVIVORS: Denise Mack Pointer and her husband Gary N. Pointer. DDS, his grandchildren, Stephen Pointer and his wife, Lynn and Lauren Pointer Blake and her husband, Andrew; 4 great-grandchildren; Ryker, Theo, Scout and Linus, all from Fort Worth, Texas; Leif and Pat Mack of Reno, Nevada and Dan Mack of Kansas City, Kansas.

View and sign guestbook at
www.star-telegram.com/obituaries

#13 MR. TOM LEPROWSE



EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1944 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON OCTOBER 11, 2019

PASSED AWAY ON MAY 12, 2022

Bulldogs of 1994 to join Silver B's

Members of the Butte High School football team of 1994 will join the ranks of the Butte High Silver B's on Friday, October 11 before Butte High hosts Kalispell Flathead in a Class AA contest which will be held at storied Naranche Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

The Silver B Organization is composed of men who earned their Varsity Football Letters at Butte Public High School 25 years ago or more. Scott Paffhausen is the President/Historian, Dean Ericson is the Secretary and Matt Pelletier is the Treasurer of the group. There are also inductions for Golden B's, players who earned their first varsity football letter 50 years ago, and Diamond B's, players who lettered 75 years ago.

This year will see the inductions of those who first lettered for the Bulldogs in 1994 as Silver B's, in 1969 as Golden B's, and in 1944 as Diamond B's.

The 80th Annual Meeting and Dinner (1940 – 2019) will be in the Butte High School Gymnasium with doors opening at 4 p.m. The meeting and dinner will start at 5:15 p.m. It is a Members Only meeting and dinner, no guests or alcohol will be permitted. The new inductees and members will then attend the Butte High game at Naranche Stadium, to cheer on this years' version of the Butte High Bulldogs football team.

Banquet tickets are $19 per person, and annual dues are $5 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Scott at 406-490-9956, Dean at 406-490-5419 or Matt at 406-560-6090.



MONTANA STANDARD PHOTO

Naranche Stadium will play host this year's Silver B's induction on Oct. 11.

2019 Inductees

1994 Butte High Silver B's – The 1994 squad was coached by Rick Carriger. This was Carriger's 1st year as the Head Coach at Butte High School.

Bryan Armstrong, Josh Burns, Jamie Carden, Bob Carpino, Allen Chatriand, Jared Conklin, Dave Crnich, Tim Davison, Charley Dick, Steve Edwards, Andy Eliason, Brian Foss, Jerry Foster, Frank Green, Billy Grmoljez, Mike Holmes, Scott Jablonski, Joe Klimpel, Fred Krepps, Mark Kuchtyn, Kelly Lee, Dave Manley, Jaric McElroy, Dustin McGillvray, Eric McNabb, Joe Murphy, Pat Noonan, Jamie Ouellette, Ben Petritz, John Powers, Dan Quilici, Ian Quist, Wes Raiha, Darin Rowland, Eric Ryan, Jeff Ryan, Matt J. Shea, Matt M. Shea (DEC), Bob Shifty, Josh Shutey, Bob Smith, Mario Smith, Curt St.Pierre, Ryan Stosich, Joe Tafelmeyer, John Walker, Joe Wegley and Ted Zahn.

1969 Butte High Golden B's – The 1969 squad was coached by Sonny Lubick and this was his final season as the Bulldog mentor. Sonny went on to have a long and illustrious career as a college football coach.

Mike Battiola, Rick Chatriand (DEC), Herman "Skip" Johnson (DEC), Greg Kautz, Ed Kelley, Chris Milodragovich (DEC), Bernard Morgan, Scott Reynolds, Dee Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, Brandt Thomas, Bob Toshoff, Mark Townsend and Greg Wonnacott (DEC).

1944 Butte High Diamond B's – The 1944 squad was coached by the legendary Harry "Swede" Dahlberg.

This year we are honoring the lone surviving letterman from the 1944 squad as the 13th Diamond B in the history of the organization. Mr. Tom LeProwse was a young sophomore during the 1944 season and was the starting Center for Butte High School. Tom earned Honorable Mention All-State in his first year of Varsity competition for the Bulldogs!

The remaining first year lettermen from the 1944 squad are now deceased. The Silver B's would still like to honor the following gentlemen from the 1944 team:

Jack Cohn, Harry Dahlberg Jr., Bill Hatcher, Bill Kambich, Harlan "Lefty" Lowney, Milan "Snitch" Marsenich, Jim Morrissey, Bill Robinson, William "BJ" Smith, Dan W. Sullivan, Glenn Welch and Joe Zderick.





Tom LeProwse, Montana sports icon in Butte and Bozeman, dies

MONTANA STANDARD STAFF REPORT

Tom LeProwse, a standout for the Butte High Bulldogs and later an instrumental sports figure at Bozeman High School, died Friday. He was 94.

The death was confirmed by Tom's nephew, Jim LeProwse.

During the 1940s he was a star football player for Butte High and went on to play for Montana State in 1947.

After his playing career, the Butte native stayed in Bozeman.

According to a 2007 article from the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Tom LeProwse spent 30 years working at Bozeman High School. He coached football from 1953-73 and taught PE from 1953 until he retired in 1982.

The Chronicle also reported that in addition to coaching track and field, Tom LeProwse started both the wrestling and gymnastics programs at Bozeman. The annual high school wrestling tournament held at Bozeman was dubbed the Tom LeProwse Bozeman Wrestling Invitational in 2005.

"I think the main thing you get from Tom is that he cared passionately about the city of Butte and the people of Butte, and also about the things that he did for Bozeman," said Butte High wrestling coach Cory Johnston.

No funeral announcements have been made.

Thomas A. LeProwse, 94





BUTTE — We sadly announce the passing of our beloved father, Thomas A. LeProwse, an exceptional man who loved life and treated people with respect. He passed away peacefully on May 12, 2022, at the age of 94.

Tom is survived by his children: Sandy (George) Wright; and children: Kristine Ann and Travis (Kristie); Sheryl (Kim) Christophersen; and children: Bill and Lindsay and her significant other Rory Grinde, Sheila (David) Pestcoe, Scott (Teresa) LeProwse, Stacey (Stephanie) LeProwse, and children: Terry (Whitney) (their son, Eli), Tessa, Aaron, and Johanna. He is also survived by his brother, Jim (Barbara) LeProwse; sister, Bev LeProwse; sister, Margaret (Jim) Strauss; sister-in-law, Lola Mae LeProwse; two godchildren: Jeremiah and Kristopher; as well as numerous nephews; nieces; and many special friends of the family.

Tom was born in Butte, MT ("Butte America") on December 4, 1927, to Oliver "Archie" and Sophie (Maier) LeProwse where they lived close to his grandparents' dairy, Miners Dairy. With the passing of his mother when Tom was just 10, he quickly became an independent "cuss" enabling him to make the streets of Butte his playground. Oh, the stories Tom could share about growing up in Butte! Tom's father later married Helen Taylor.

Tom attended Butte High School, graduating in 1947. He became active in football playing for Swede Dahlberg from 1943 to 1946. Tom only missed one quarter and three plays, lettering three years for the Bulldogs. Tom helped them advance to the championship game in 1945. Ever since his high school days he was very active in the coveted Butte High Silver B's Football Organization. Tom never missed the annual banquet and finally realized his dream of becoming the 13th "Diamond B" in 2019 when he reached his 75th year as a member.

No surprise that Tom was selected to the first East West Shrine Game where he kicked off then ran downfield to register the first tackle of the game. His passion for the East West Shrine Game never faltered and he attended every year. He was looking forward to going again this year where he will be in spirit.

Following the East West Shrine Game Tom eloped with the love of his life, Joan Kumor, on August 23, 1947. Tom and Joan decided to begin their life together in Fort Benton where Tom had spent most of his summers. The plan was that Tom would work with his best friend from high school, Kenny Scott, at Kenny's grandmother's farm. Tom and Joan's plans changed quickly when he was offered a football scholarship at Montana State College.

At Montana State, Tom continued his success as a star football player before starting his legendary coaching career at Bozeman Senior High School. As the football coach for the Hawks, Tom gave Sonny Holland his first coaching job and always joked that he taught Sonny everything he knew about football.

He was a legend in coaching and instrumental in the development of football, wrestling, gymnastic, swimming, and track programs at Bozeman Sr. High. Tom also promoted the wrestling program throughout the state of Montana. Rightfully earned, Tom has been referred to as the "Godfather of Bozeman Sr. High Athletics."

At Bozeman High School, Tom is still the winningest all-time football coach for the Hawks. He led the Hawks from Class A to Class AA, laying the foundation for a program that almost always ranks among the best in the state. LeProwse led the Hawks to three state titles in swimming and one in wrestling. Overall, his football, wrestling, and track teams won 30 divisional titles. After retiring from coaching, Tom was a wrestling official for 20 years. Bozeman's invitational wrestling tournament is one of the best in the state. It is named in honor of Tom. This past January, Tom was there to watch the tournament and congratulate the winners.

Tom is a founding member of the Montana Coaches Association where he served as President, the Montana Wrestling Referees Association, and was an avid Hawk and Bobcat Booster. He was inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame, Butte High Hall of Fame, and Montana Coaches Hall of Fame. He was a part of the M Letterman Club as well as the MSU Steer-a-Year Club from which he proudly sported his Steer-a-Year belt buckle most every day. In addition, Tom was a member of the Breakfast Optimist Club and, along with his late friend Earl Bradford, they were fundamental in building the Bozeman Ponds that everyone enjoys to this day.

Tom and Joan enjoyed college and NFL football and attended 15 Super Bowls. Let's not forget that even up to age 93 he rarely missed a Hawk or MSU football game. While in the hospital during his final days, he watched the livestream of the MSU 2022 football scrimmage and Good News Bobcat Nation, Coach says the Cats look good! He loved visiting and fishing in Alaska with family. He even caught a 42 lb. king salmon which he proudly displayed at his home. Tom's love for golf was unwavering. He spent most of his summers on the links at Valley View Golf Club where he played until he was 93. He also made annual treks to Arizona in the winter months to spend time with family where he played golf every day meeting new friends.

Tom loved to hunt with his sons, sons-in-law, grandson Bill, brothers, nephews, and numerous friends. Over the last few years, the guys managed to include Tom on all the hunting trips until in 2019, at age 90, he rode his horse for the last time before he finally decided it was time to pack it up.

Tom and Joan purchased their ranch north of Bozeman in 1964. His love of ranching from his days in Fort Benton made this an easy transition, where he raised cattle and did custom haying. He enjoyed his horses and loved to take anyone who asked to ride up his mountain behind the ranch to the delight of many people. Tom was grateful he was able to live in his house where he enjoyed the views of the valley and visits from friends and family alike until his passing.

Tom is preceded in death by his wife; his parents; granddaughter, Shelby Rae Christophersen; Joan's father, Raymond Kumor (stepmother Mary Lou); mother, Mae Scollard; brothers: Albert, William (wife, Lois), Bob; sister, Ruth; sisters-in-law: Barbara Fischer (husband Jim) and Norma LeProwse.

The family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Mike Herring for his many years of caring for Tom as well as the staff at Bozeman Health for making him comfortable during his last days.

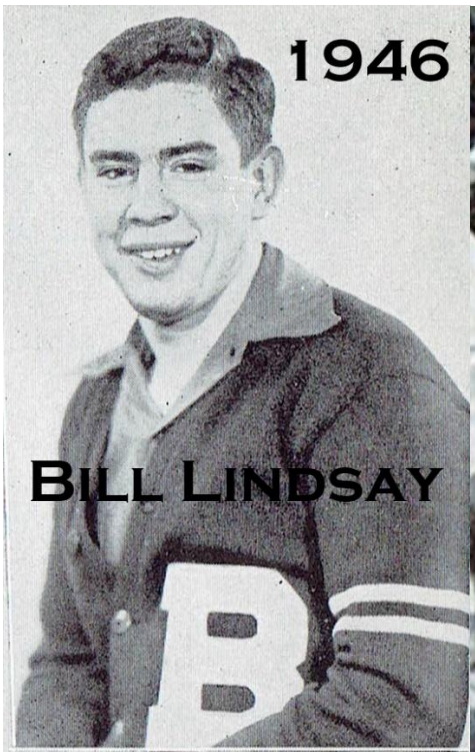
Donations can be made to Bozeman Sr. High Booster Club Scholarship Fund, c/o BSHS Athletic Dept, 205 N. 11th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715; "M Club" or "Bobcat Club Annual Scholarship Fund", c//o MSU Alumni Foundation, P.O. Box 172750, Bozeman, MT 59717-2750; Butte Silver B's Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. 4655 Butte, MT 59702; or the local high school athletic program of your choice.

The celebration of Tom's life will be held at the Montana State University Strand Union Ballroom at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 16. A link to the livestream can be found on the Dokken-Nelson website in Tom's obituary.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com

For more **OBITUARIES,** please see Pages A5 & A7

#14 MR. BILL LINDSAY







EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1945 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

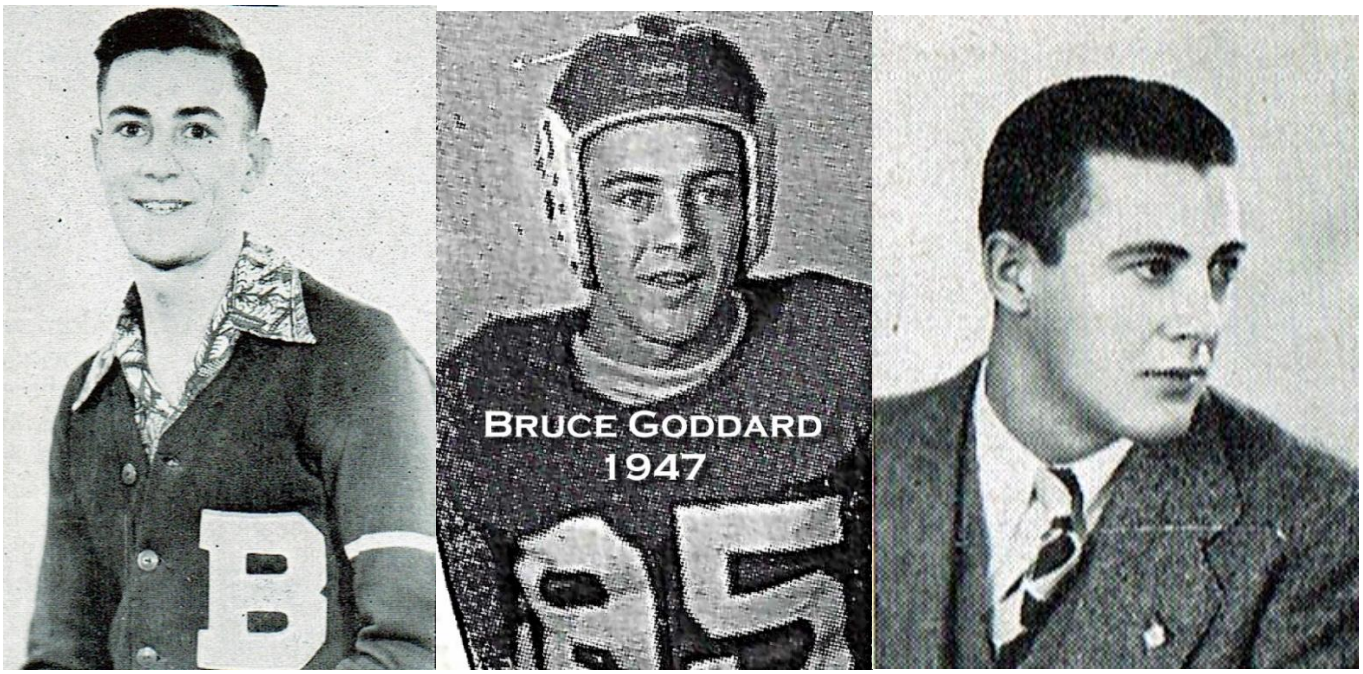
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Butte Public High School
BILL LINDSAY
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BUTTE HIGH SILVER B's
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020
OFFICERS:
PRESIDENT/HISTORIAN: SCOTT J. PAFFHAUSEN
SECRETARY: DEAN ERICSON
TREASURER: MATT PELLETIER
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#15 MR. BRUCE GODDARD





EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1946 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON OCTOBER 8, 2021


Butte Public High School
BRUCE GODDARD
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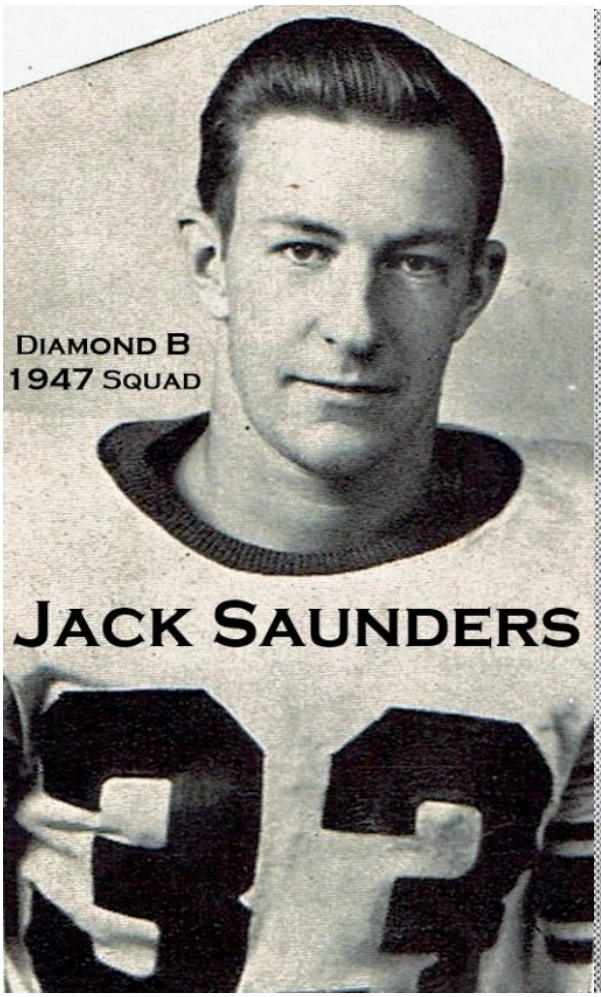
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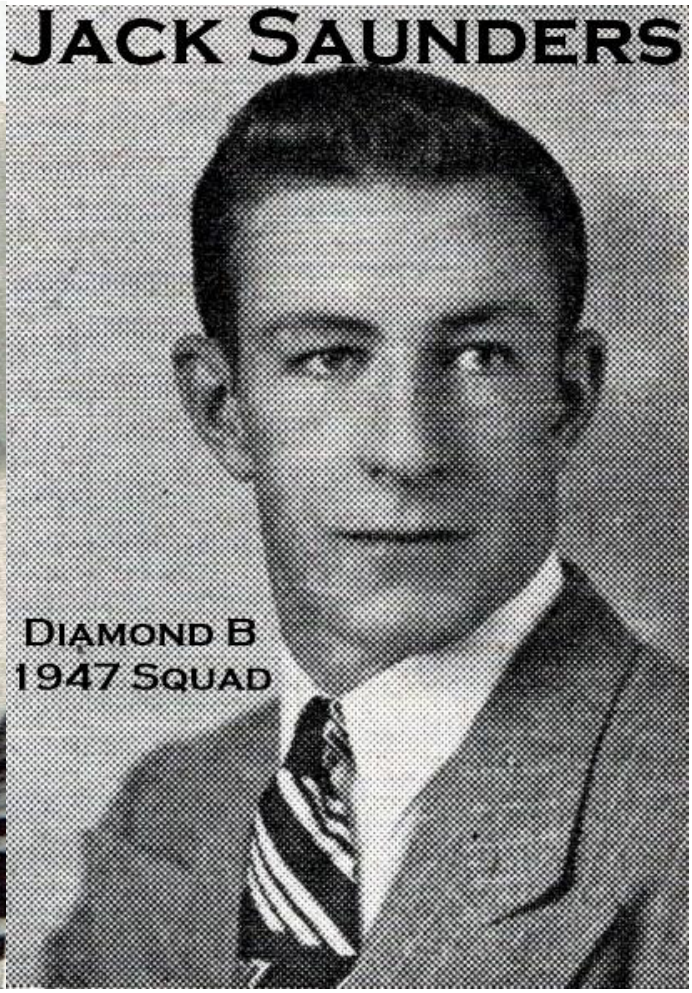
15th Diamond B in Butte High Silver B History



BRUCE GODDARD

#16 MR. JACK SAUNDERS





EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTERS DURING 1947 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 1, 2026

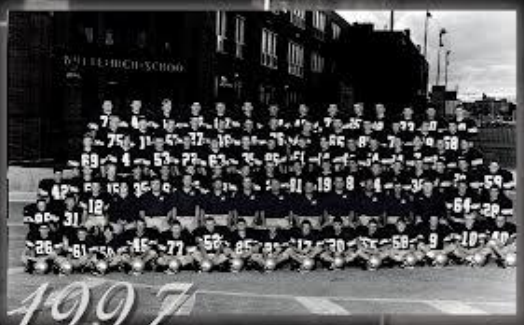
2022 PROGRAM

B FOOTBALL

"A Tradition Like No Other"

The 83rd Annual Silver B's Night

Join us in inducting the 1997 (Silver), 1972 (Golden) and 1947 (Diamond) B's. Friday, September 23rd, 2022



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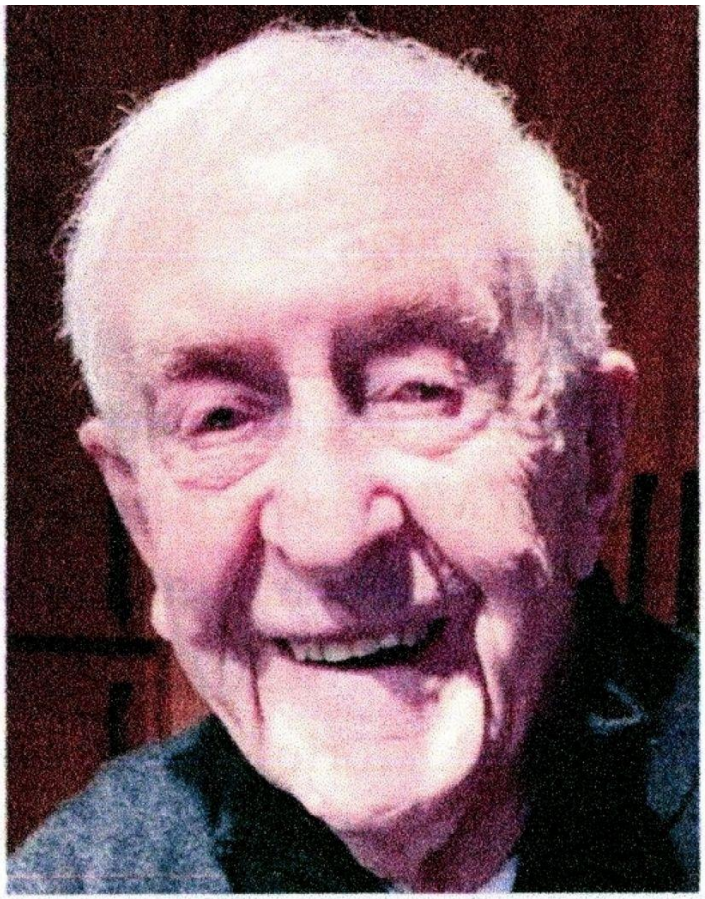



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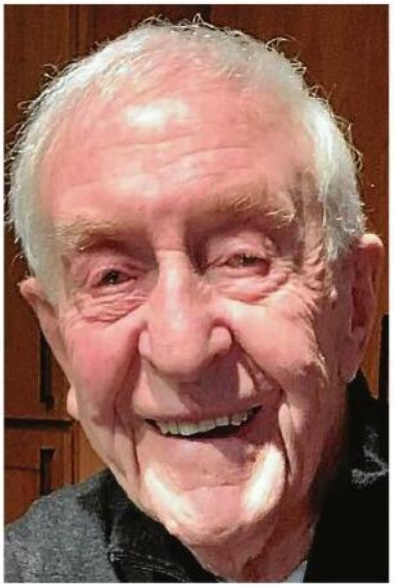


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He fell in love with his high school classmate, Bertie Bailey, and they were married in April of 1951. Jack's Air Force duties soon took them to the Texas Gulf, where he excelled in electronics and was assigned to maintain radar systems on B-36 bombers until his honorable discharge in 1955, at which point the couple returned home to Montana

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Outside of family and work, Jack had one hobby: fly-fishing, preferably on the Big Hole River. The family spent countless days camping and fishing by Glen. He was a master fly fisherman, known for his ability to cast a wet fly all the way across the river dropping it perfectly on the edge of the bank.

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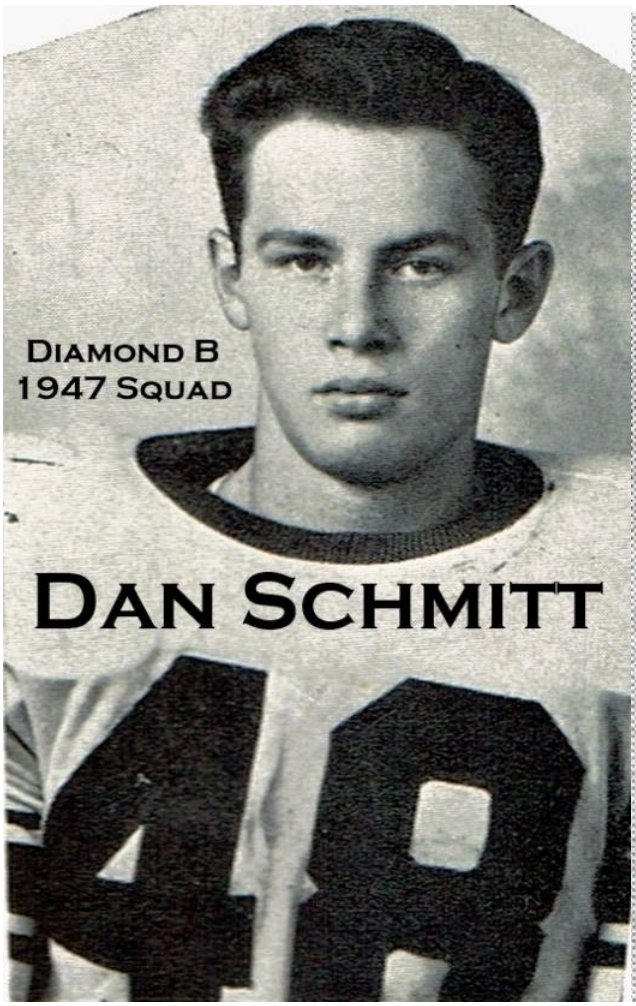
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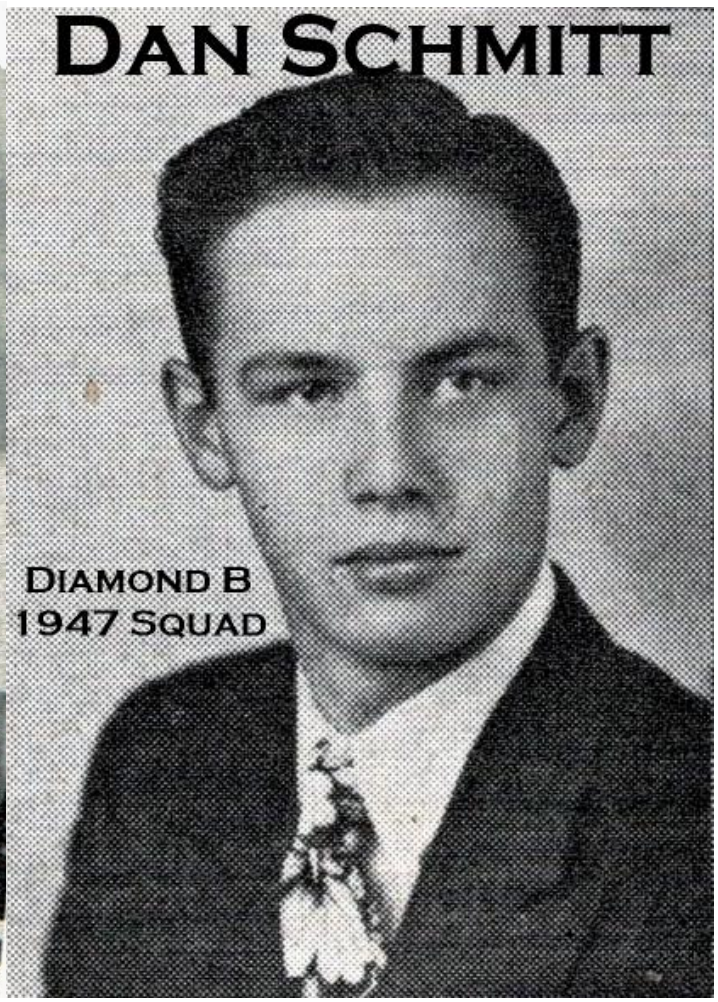
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Saunders Family Endowed Scholarship. Send checks with 'Saunders' in memo line to: Carroll College — OIA, 1601 N. Benton Ave., Helena, MT 59625, or call 406-447-4406 for memorial via credit card, or to the charity of your choice.

A Funeral Mass will be held at noon on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at the Cathedral of Saint Helena with a reception to follow.

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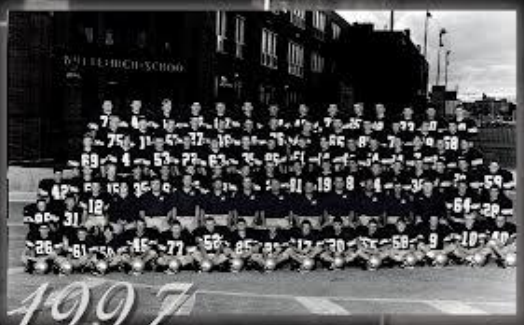
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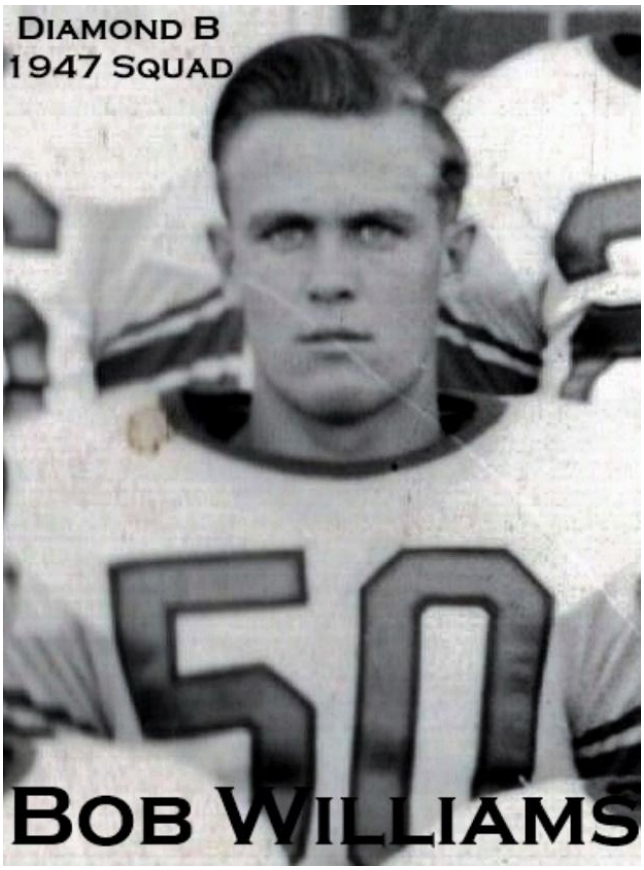
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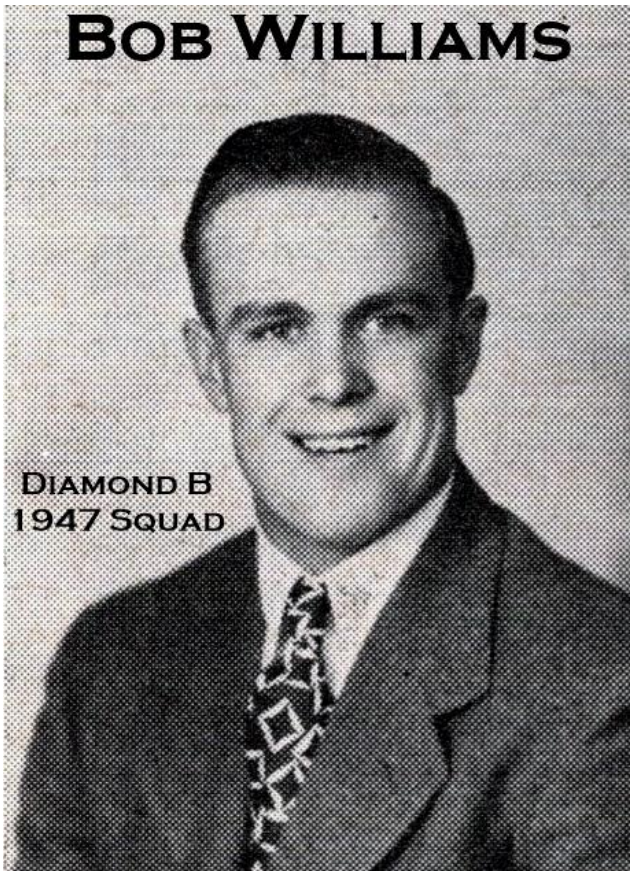
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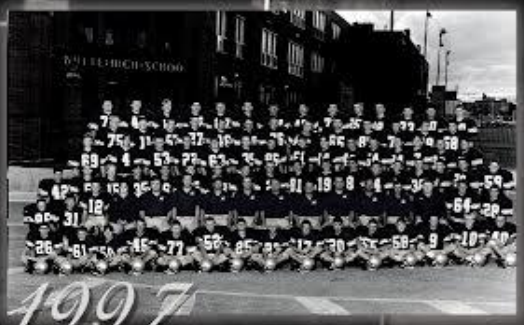
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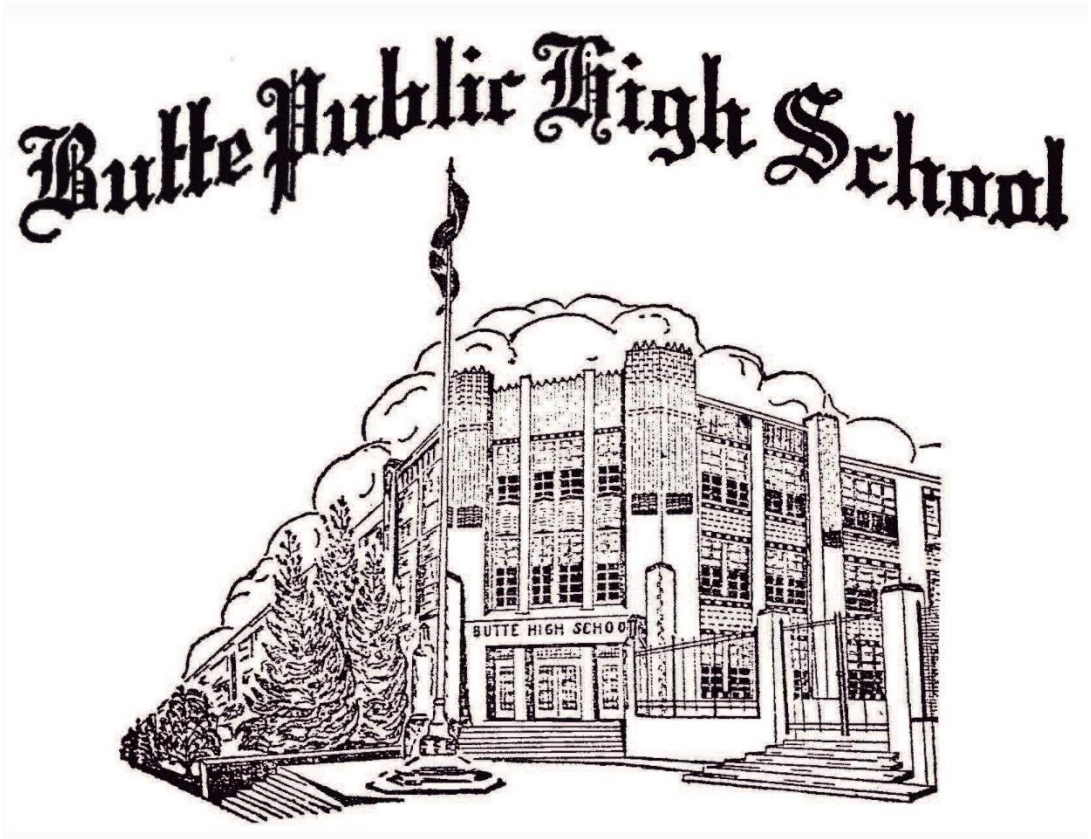
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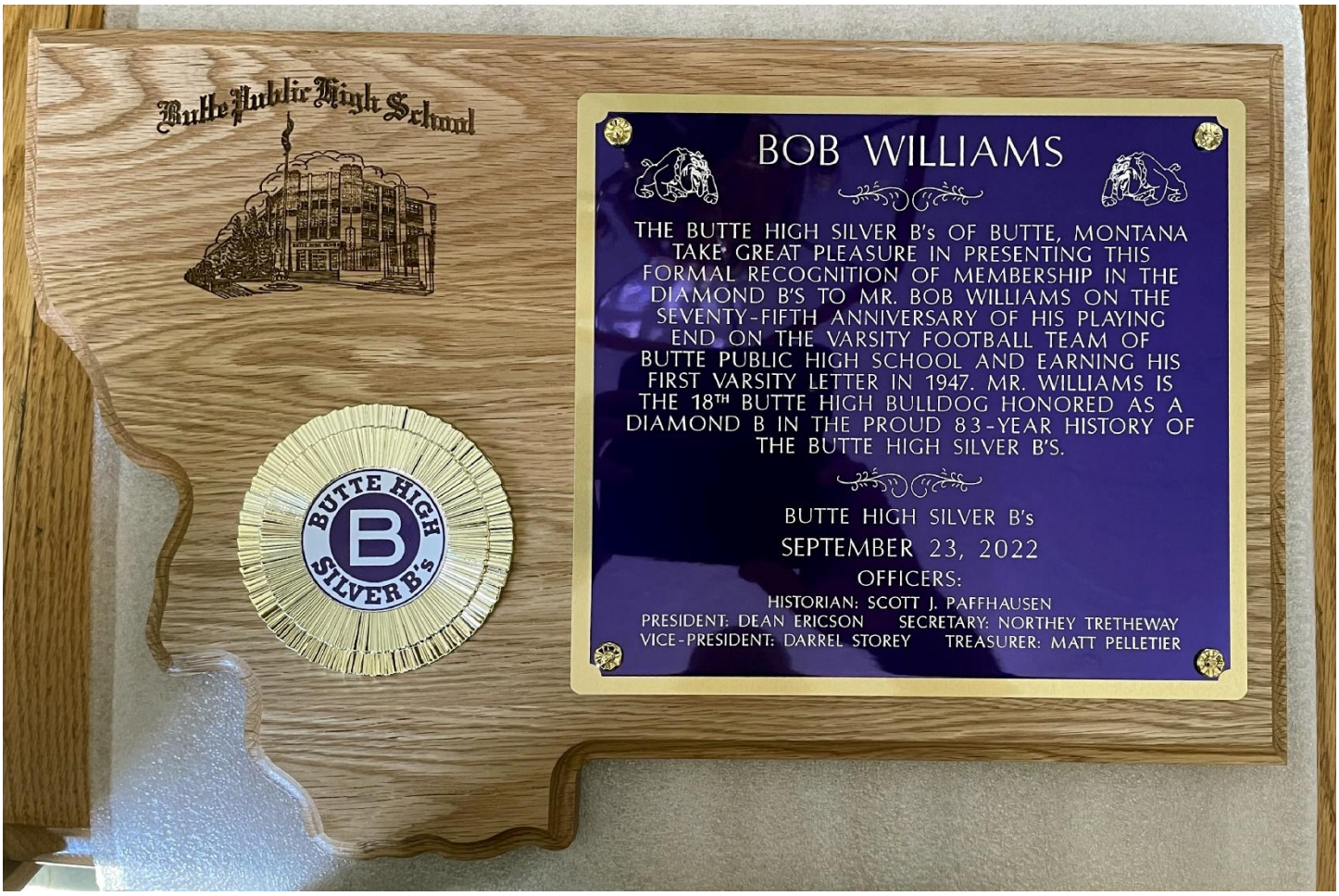
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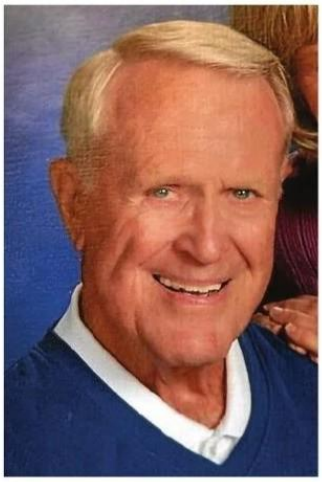
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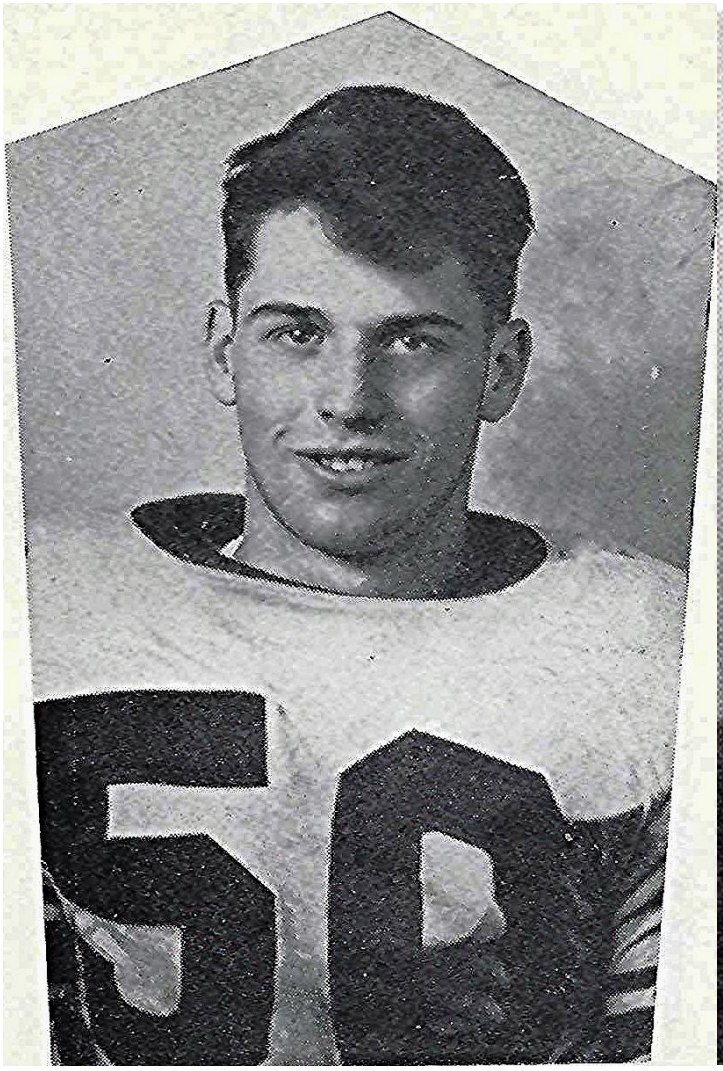
Bob became addicted to golf as a caddy at the age of 12, where he said one of the highlights was caddying for Byron Nelson in 1945. Bob continued to play golf almost to the age of 90.

Services are pending. Please visit www.fremchfunerals.com for updated for service information.

Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. He will be missed by many friends, and especially by his family.

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#19 MR. DON MCAULIFFE





EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1948 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON OCTOBER 6, 2023

Silver B's to honor 19th Diamond B on Oct. 6

COURTESY OF THE BUTTE HIGH SILVER B FOOTBALL ORGANIZATION

Diamonds are quite rare. Diamond B's might be even rarer.

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Banquet tickets are $24 per person, and annual dues are $5 per person. Members are asked to please R.S.V.P. with prepayment for the event by Friday September 29, 2023. This is critical so that we have an accurate head count to supply to our caterer, so they have time to order the proper quantity of food. Members can fill out and return the top portion of their 2023 brochure via US Mail or they can pay online by accessing our website at buttehighsilverbs.com. All mailings can be returned to Butte High Silver B's P.O. Box 4655 Butte, MT 59702.

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84th Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony October 6, 2023

SILVER B INDUCTEES (1998 Squad) – The 1998 squad was coached by Steve Schulte. This was Schulte's 2nd year as the Head Coach at Butte High School.

Bryan Arntson, Tony Ballensky, Anton Brennick, Mike Browne, Jaison Carriger, Jason DeJohn, Mike Dotson, Tucker Downey (DEC), Eric Johnson, Jake Larson, Troy Lopuch, Luke Lowney, Ryan Mickelson, Mick Morris, Pat O'Connell (DEC), Josh Petersen, Ross Richardson, Fred Siebert, John Skeldon, Scott Snow, Josh Stearns, Chris Tierney, Ryan Todorovich, Tyler Triniman, Zach Ueland, and Keith Vinecke.

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Don Becker, Tom Burns (DEC), Don A. Davis, Don Dwyer (DEC), Rick Edwards, Jeff Heard, Jeff Jamison, Jim Janhunen (DEC), Bernie Jurenic (DEC), John Killoy, Mark Kinzle, Ron Lebsock, Rene LeVeaux, Dan Mondloch, Gordon Murray, Bill O'Connell, Bob Quilici, Ed Semansky (DEC), Dave Smith, Pat Sullivan, Tom Trostle (DEC), and Kerry Weightman.

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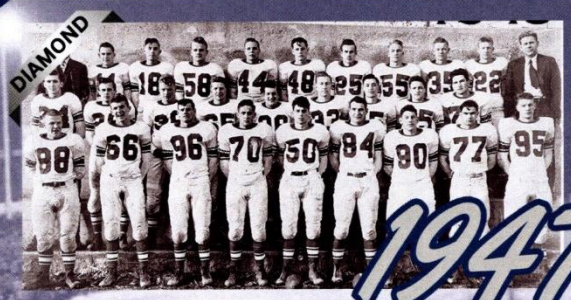




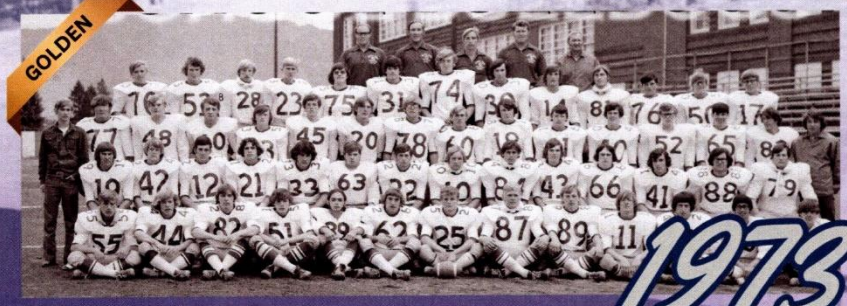

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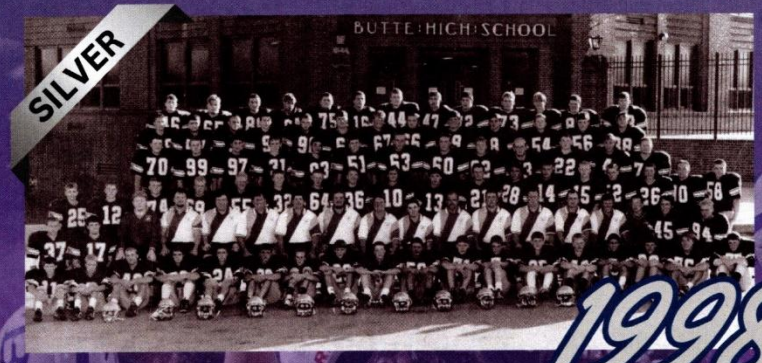
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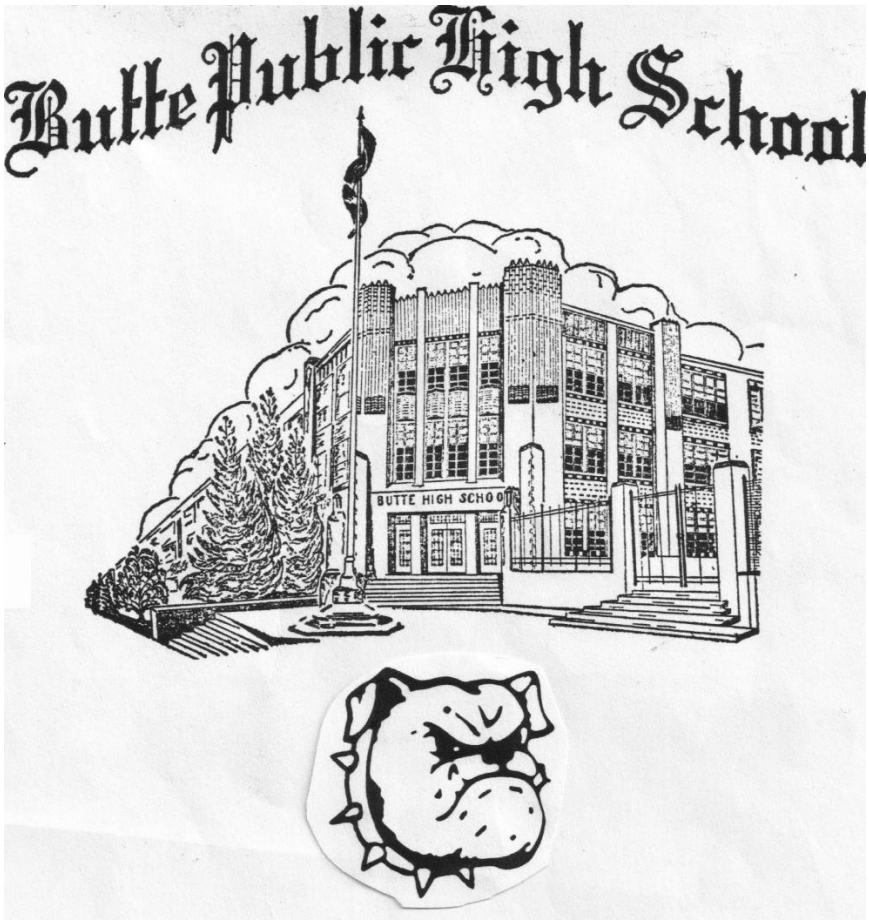
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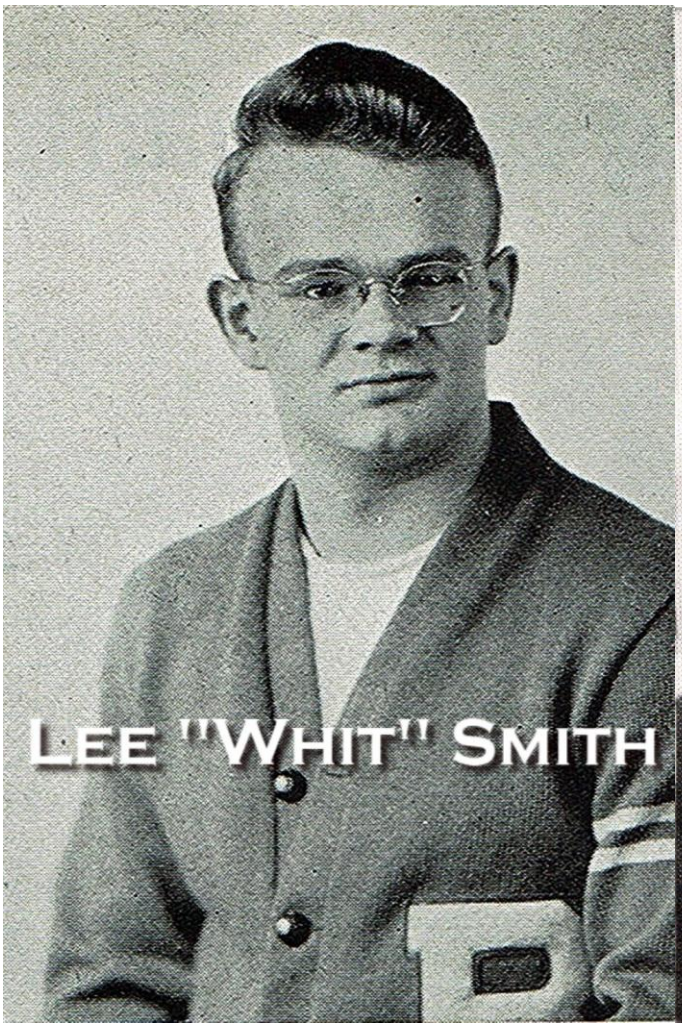
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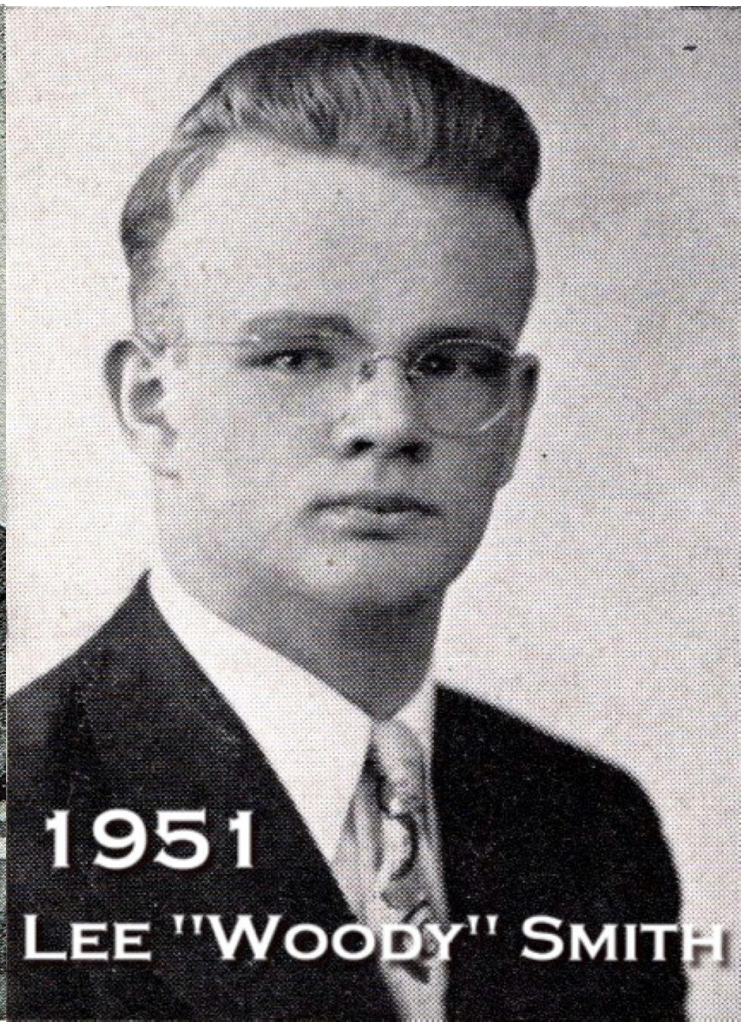





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#20 MR. LEE "WHIT" SMITH





EARNED 1ST VARSITY LETTER DURING 1949 SEASON

INDUCTED AS DIAMOND B ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Silver B's Track Down Another Diamond B

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85th Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony September 20, 2024

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Jake Alt, Curtis Cooney, Mac Coyne, Pat Crossman, Corey Cutler, Travis DeMers, Bryan Edwards, Chad Erwin, Kiel Ferko, Shawn Fredrickson, Eric Halvorsen, Dan Hayes, Justin Powers, Shane Reilly, Chad Rogers, Dave Solan, Kyle Thomas and John Watts.

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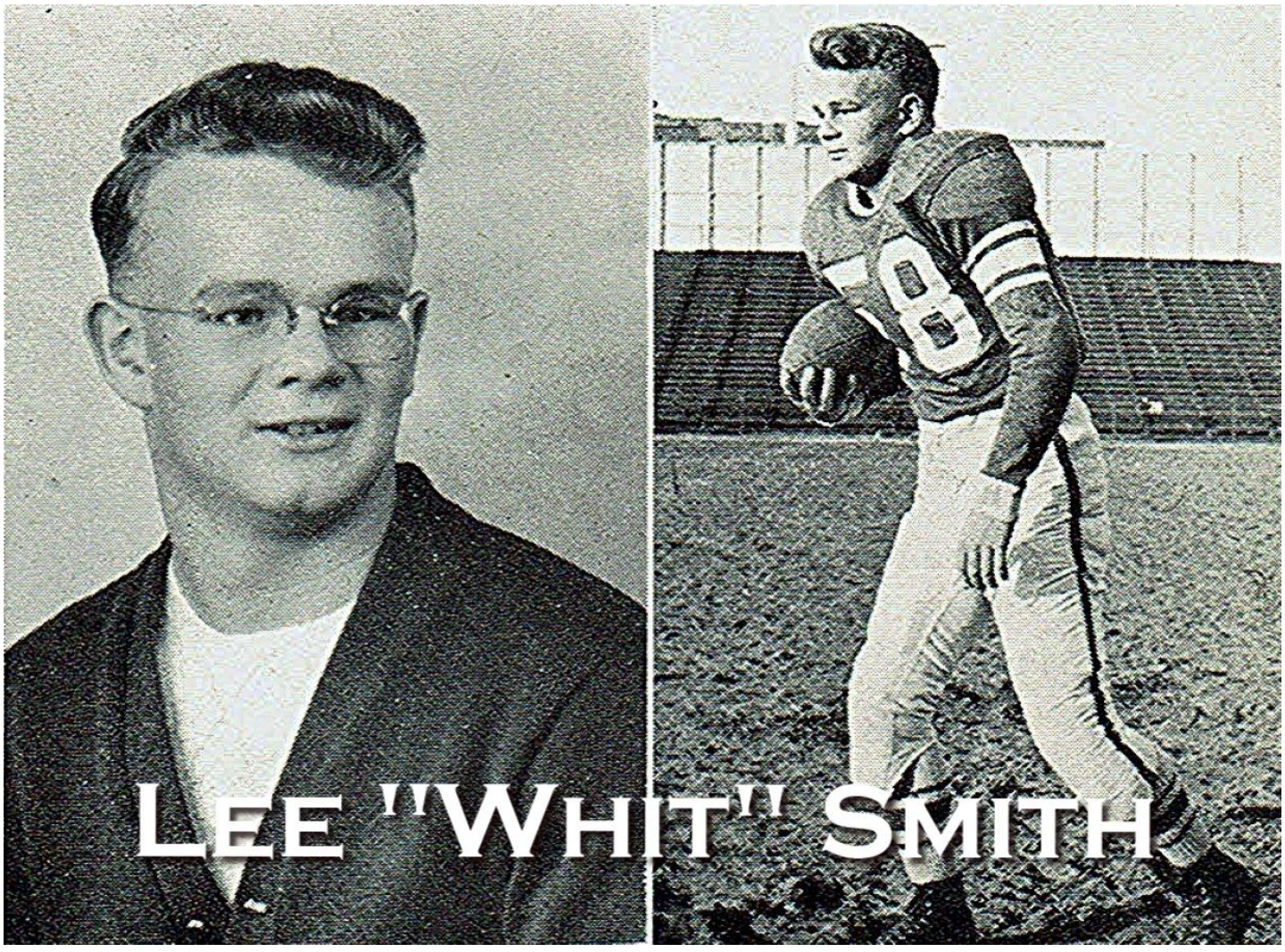
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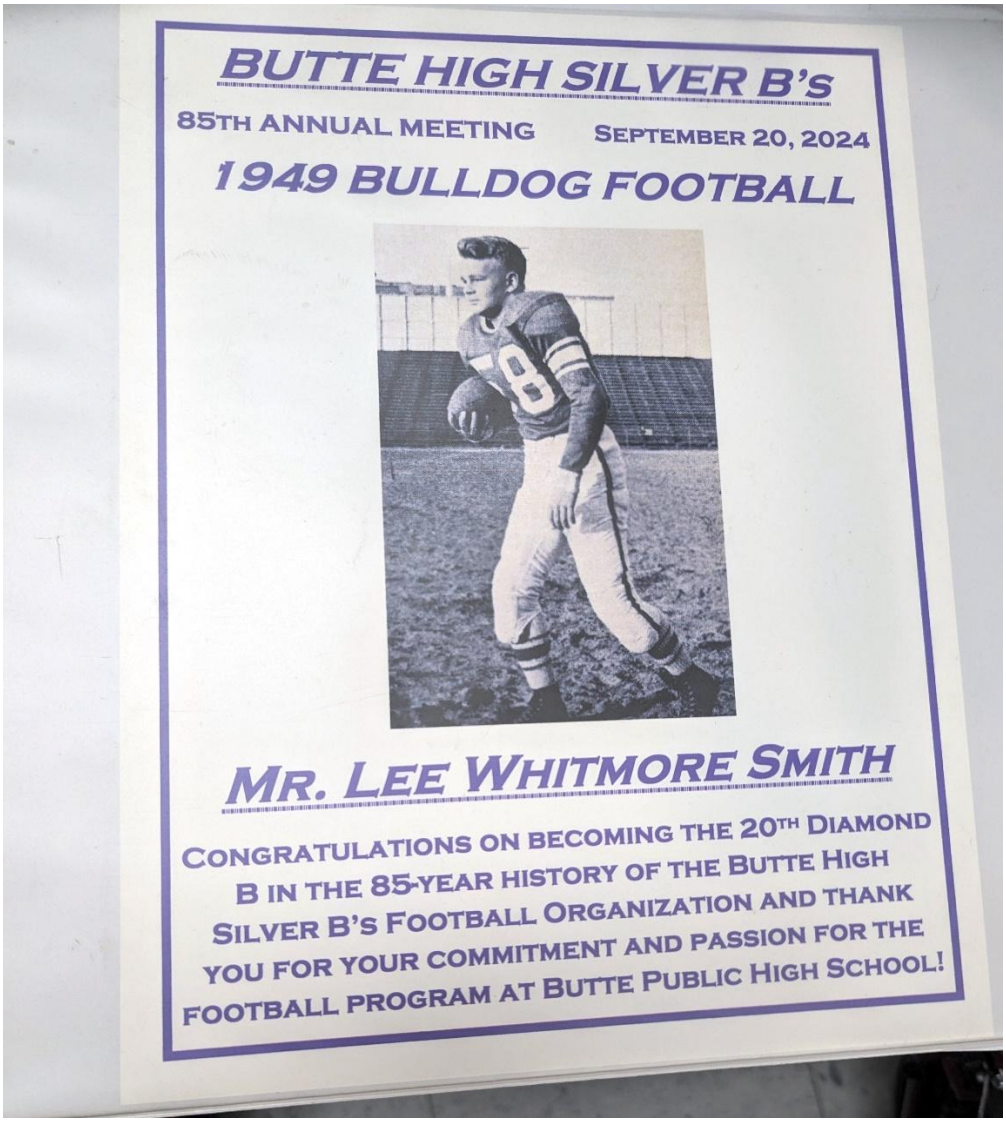
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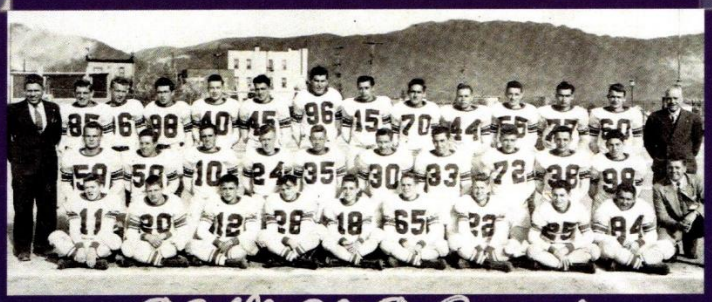

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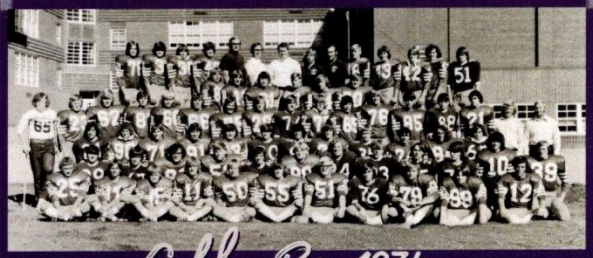

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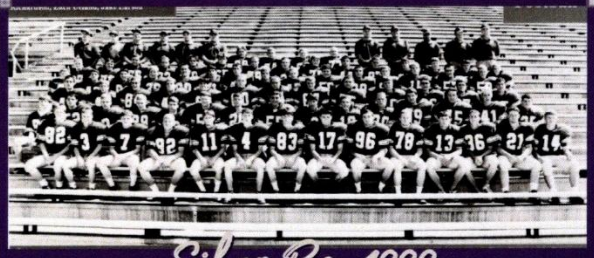
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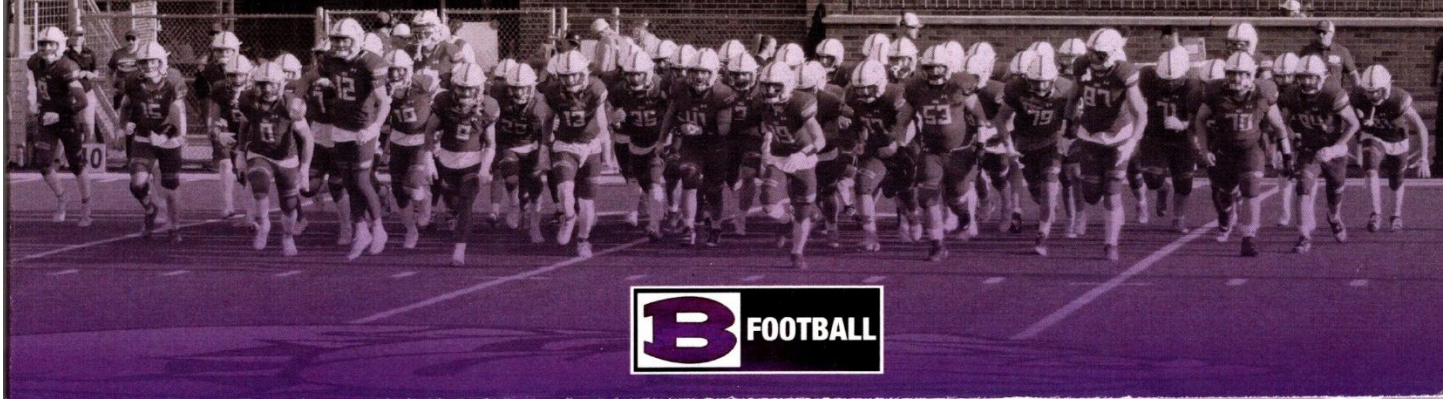


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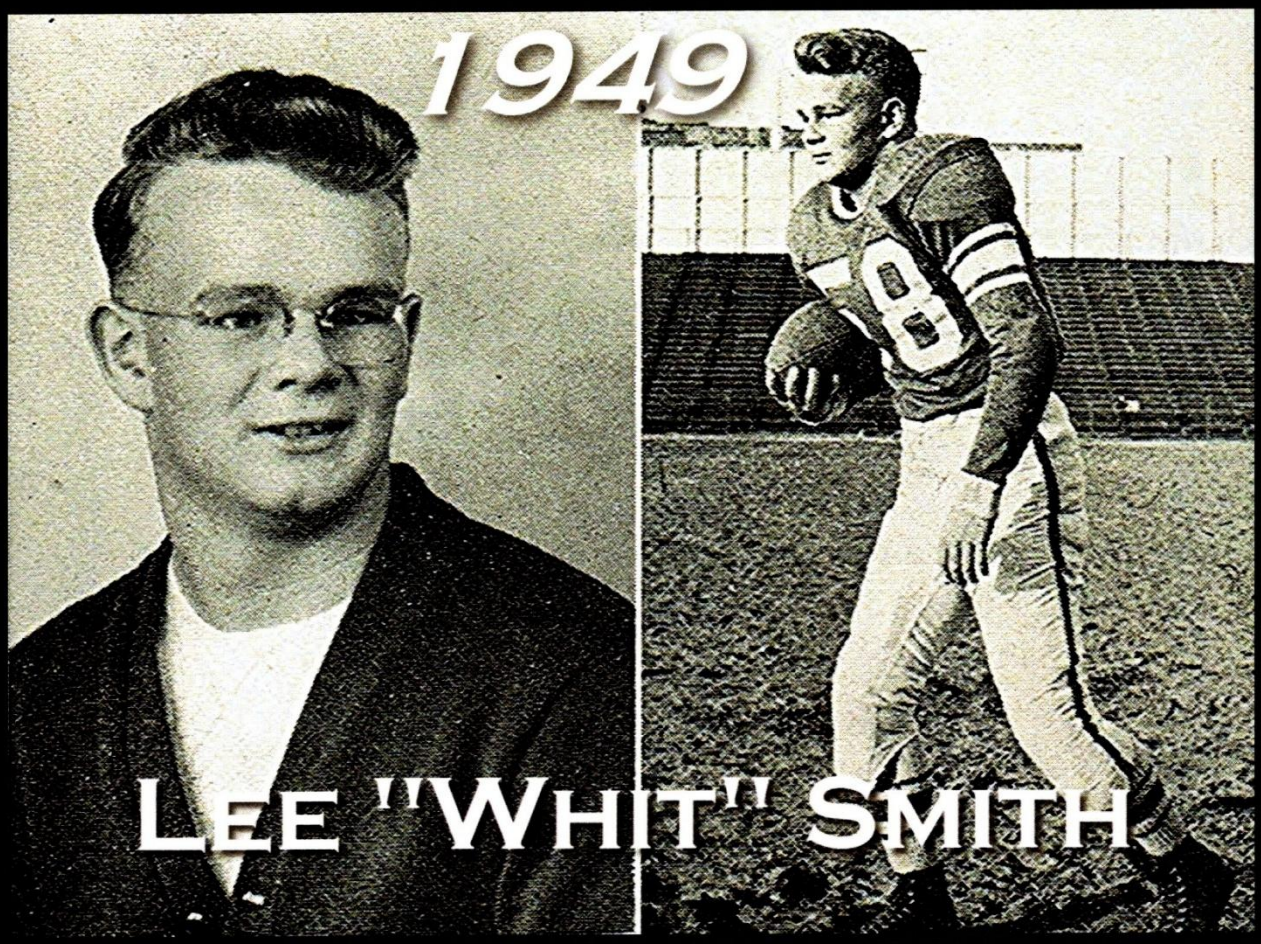
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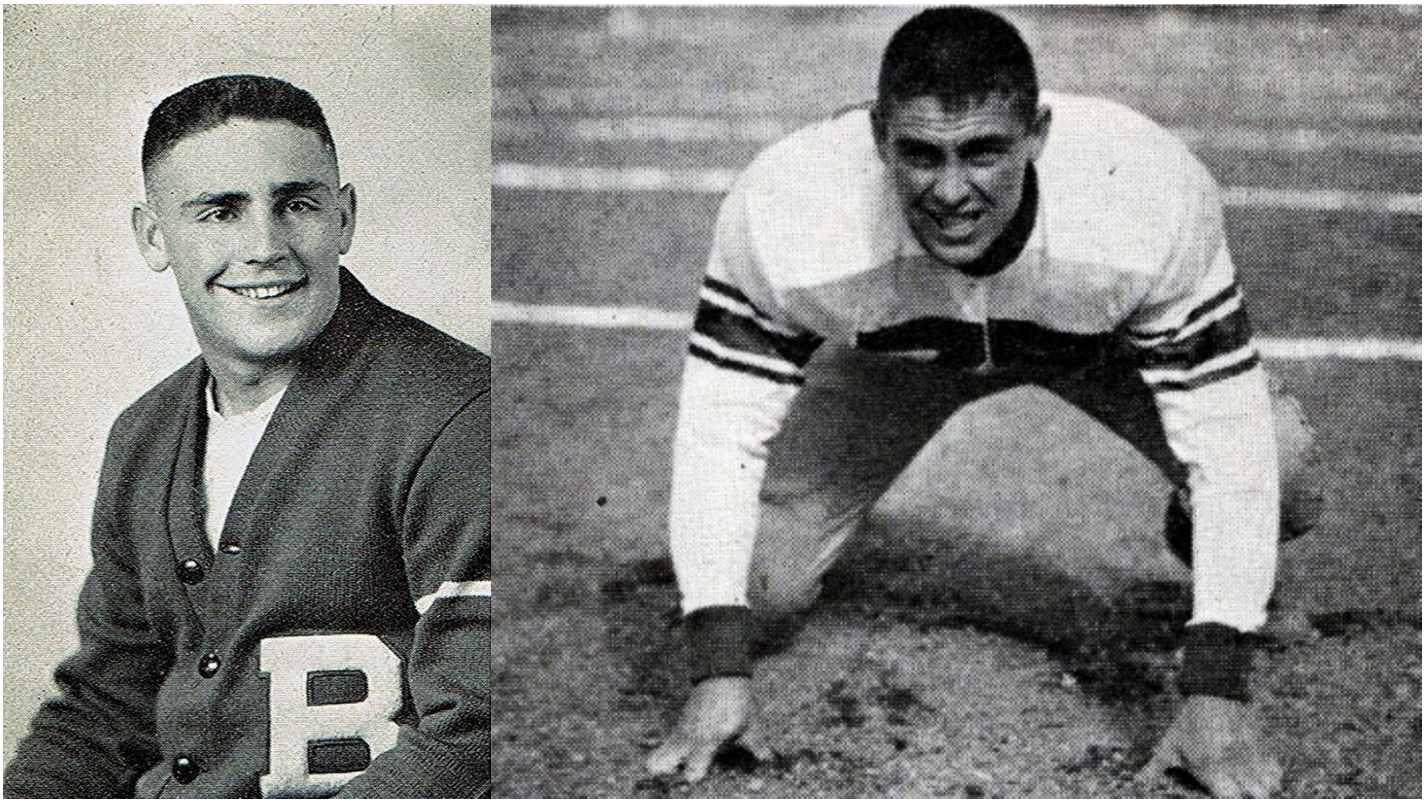
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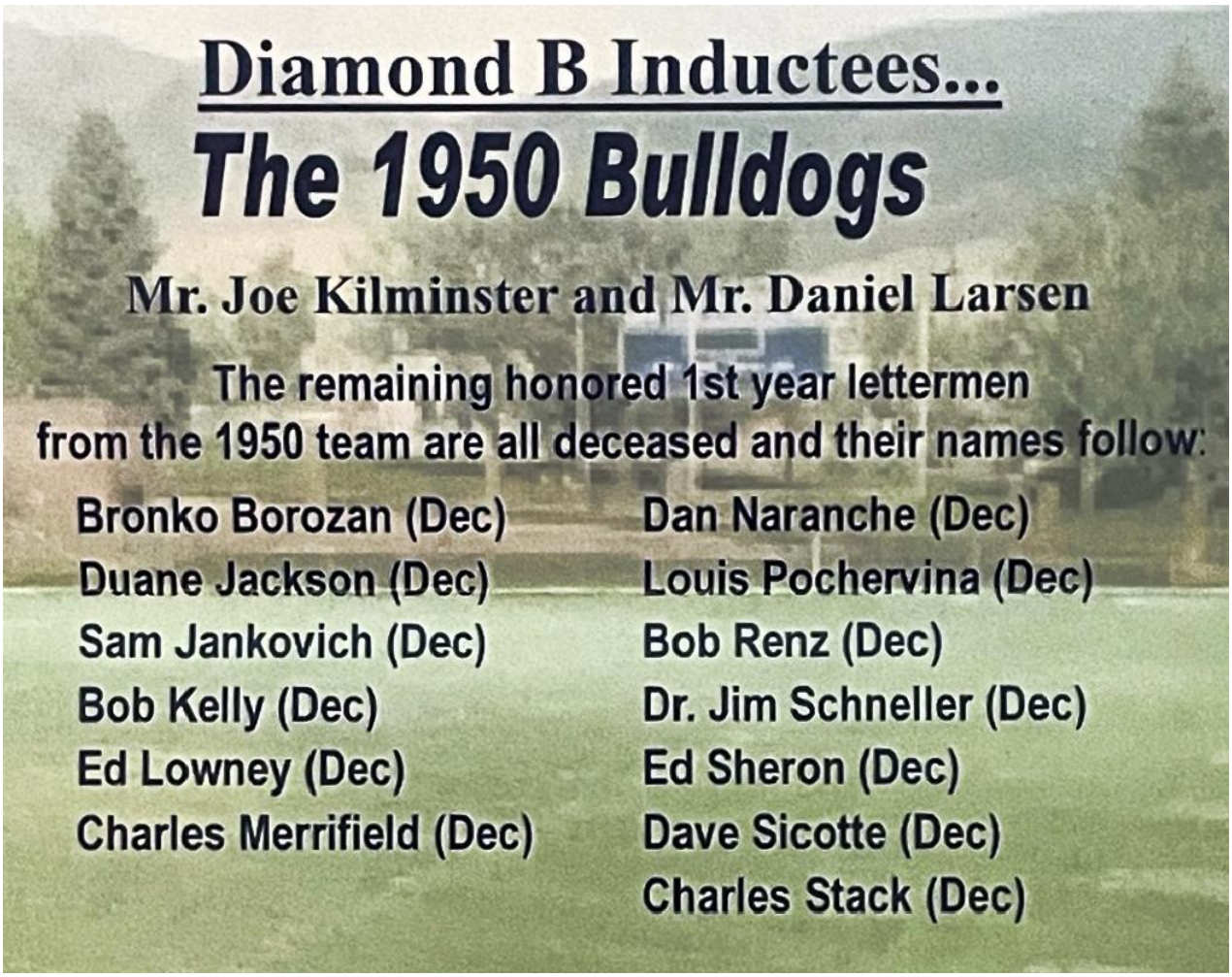
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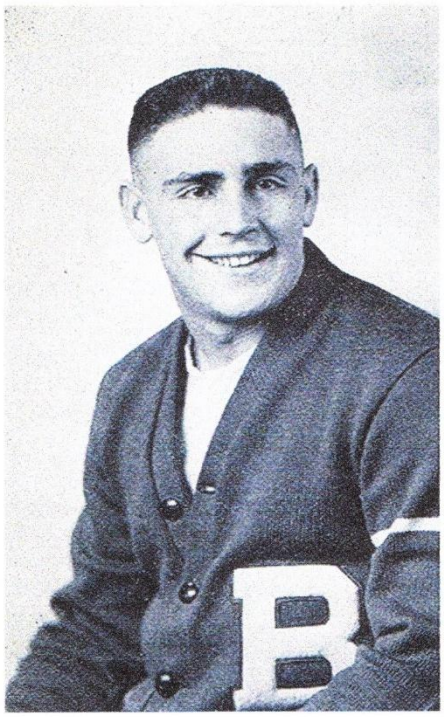

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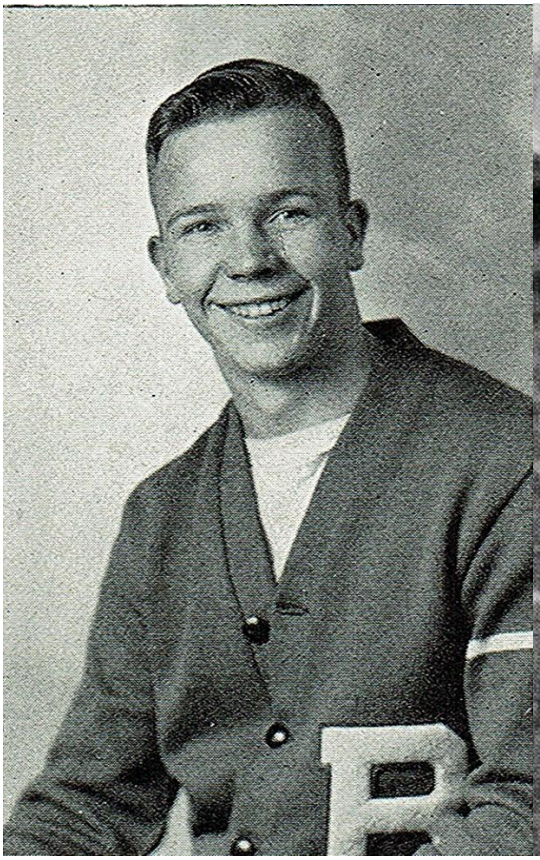
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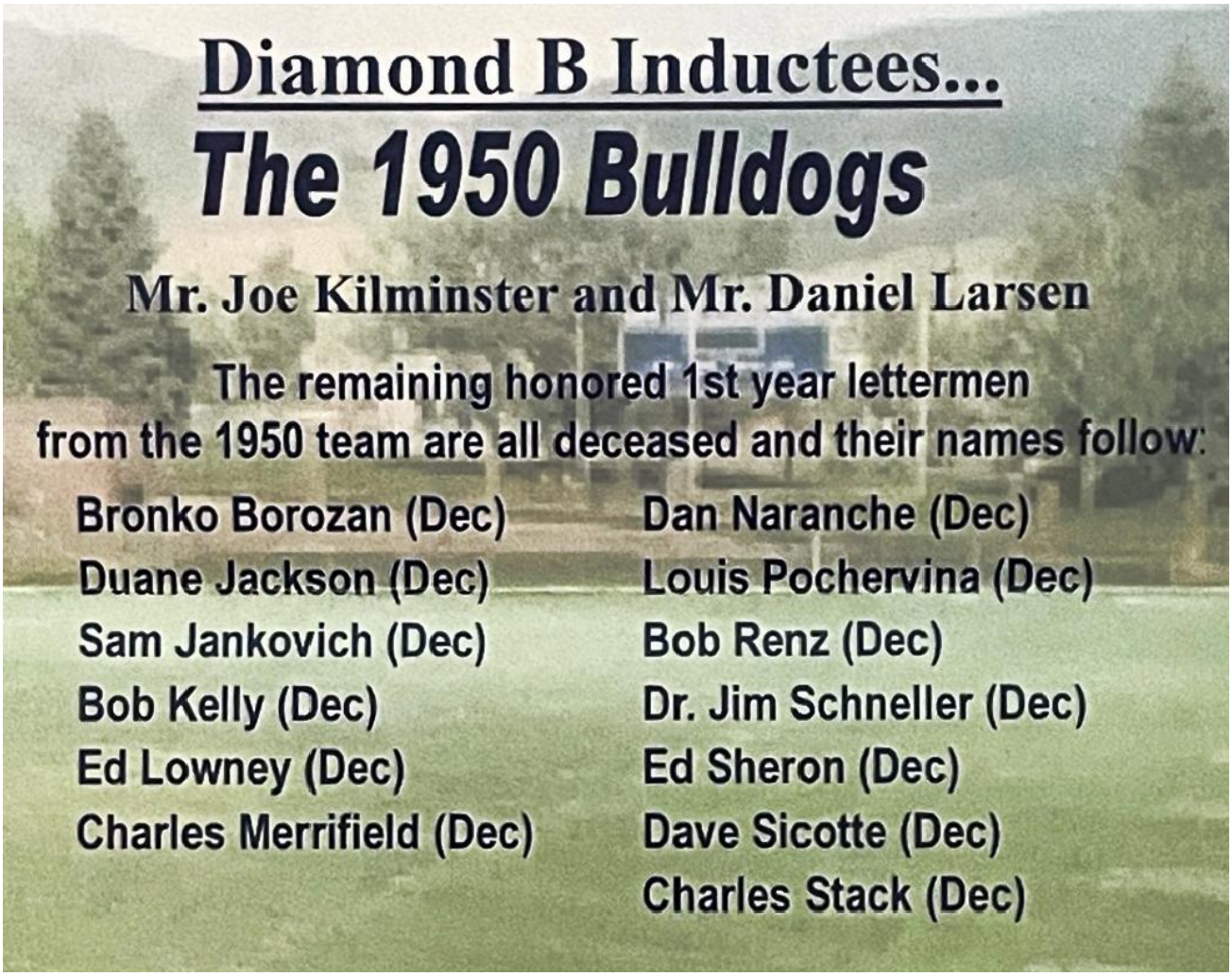




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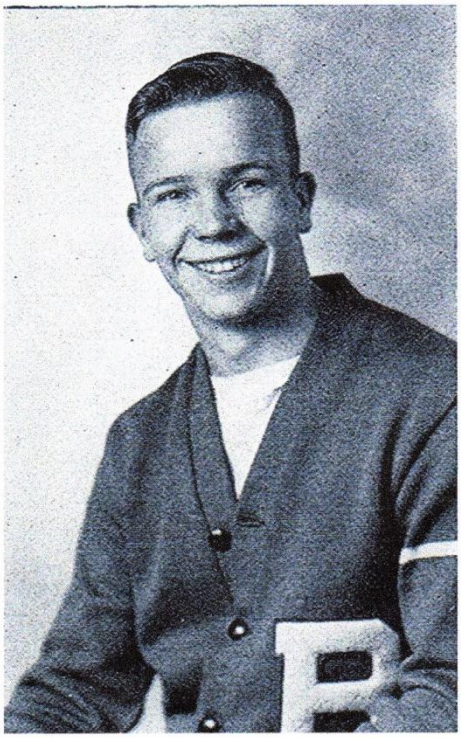

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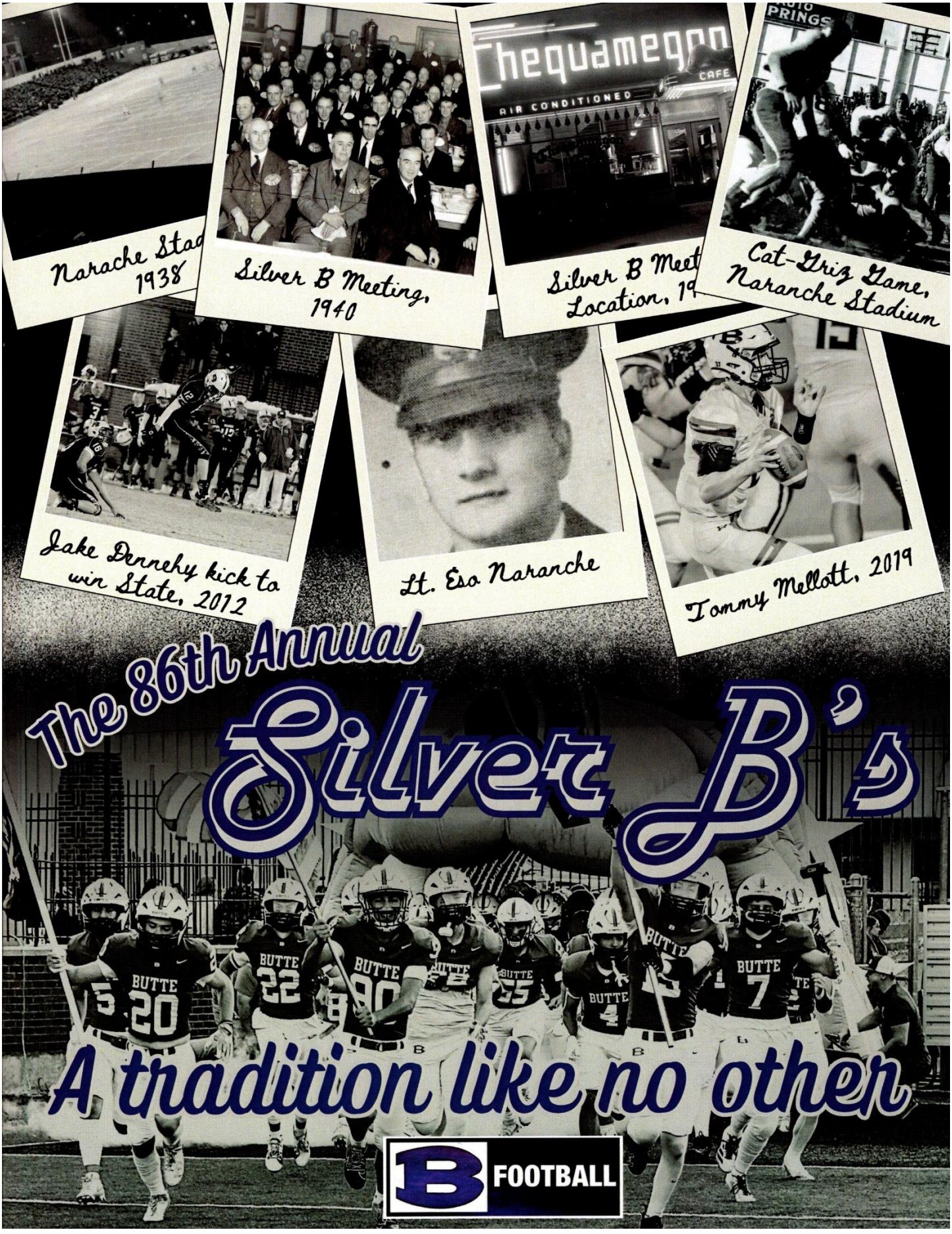
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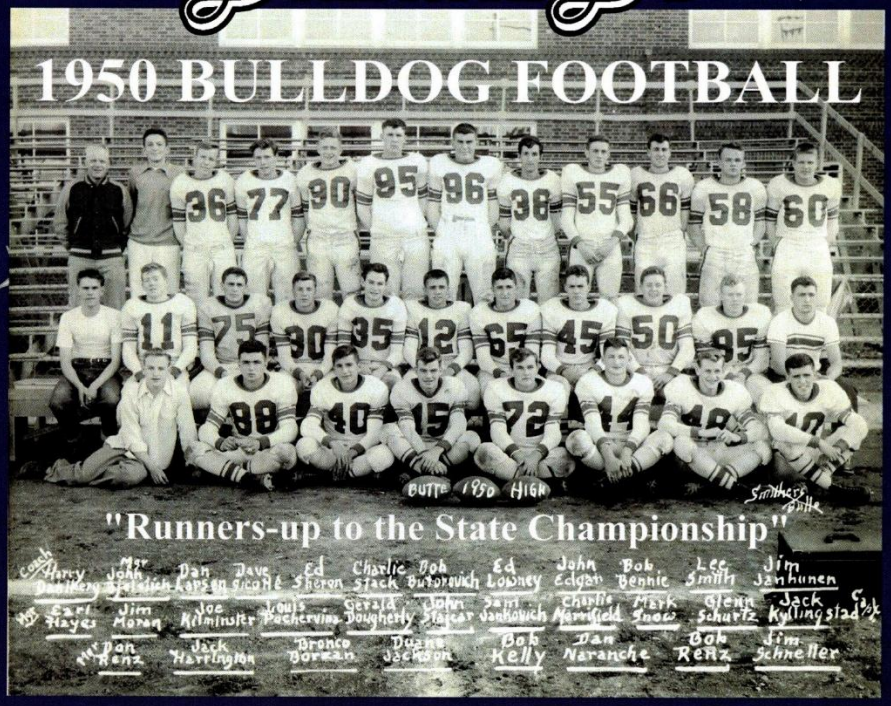
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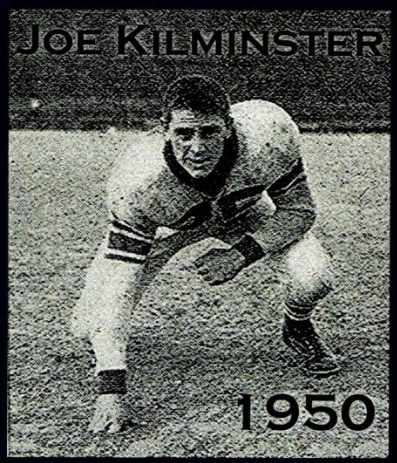
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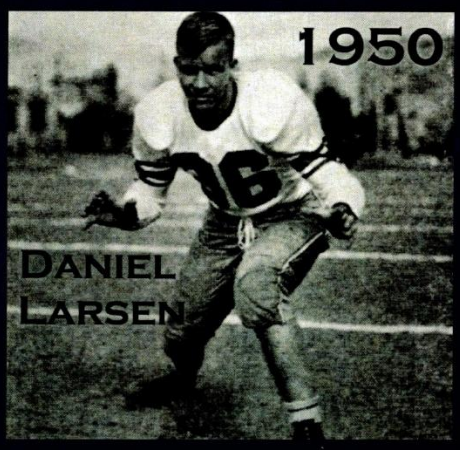


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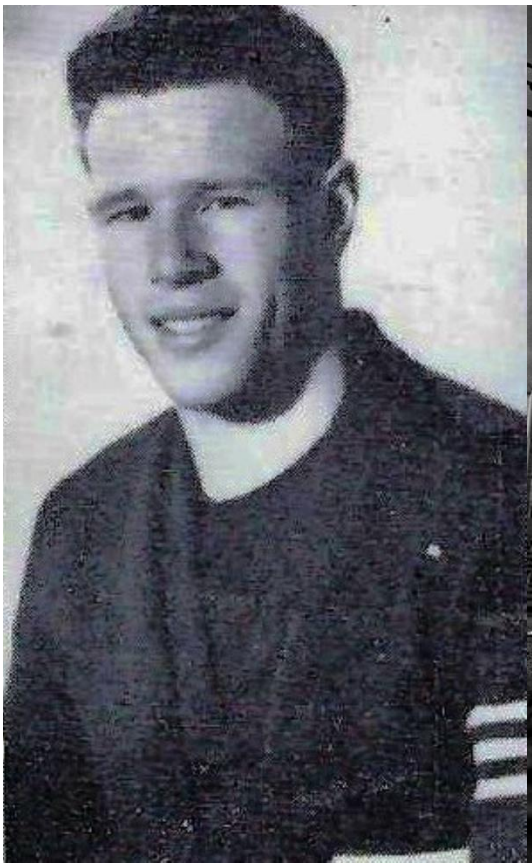
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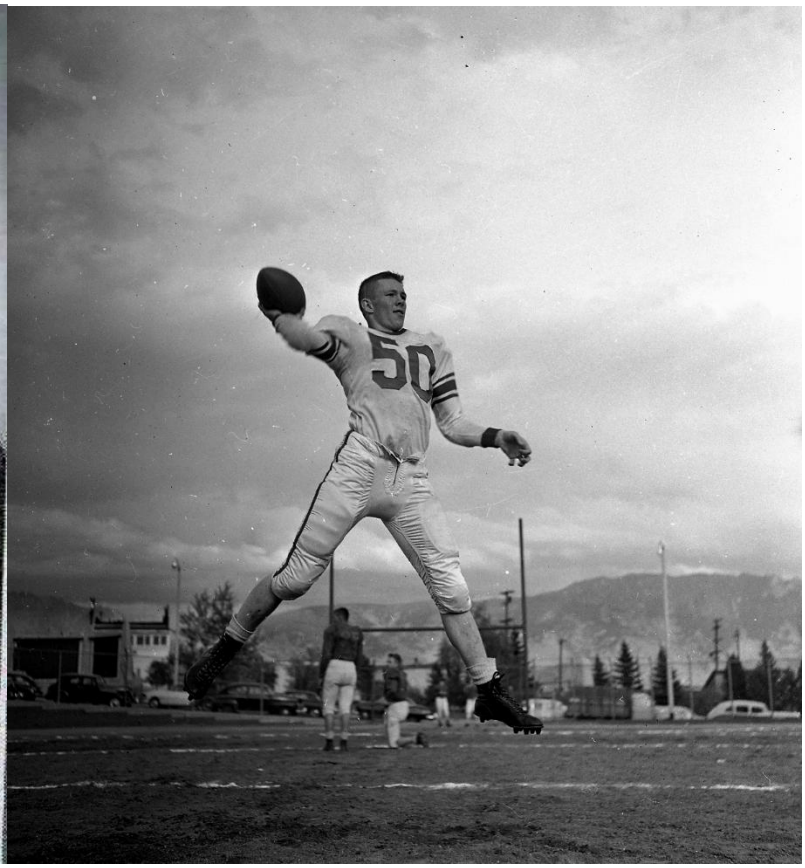
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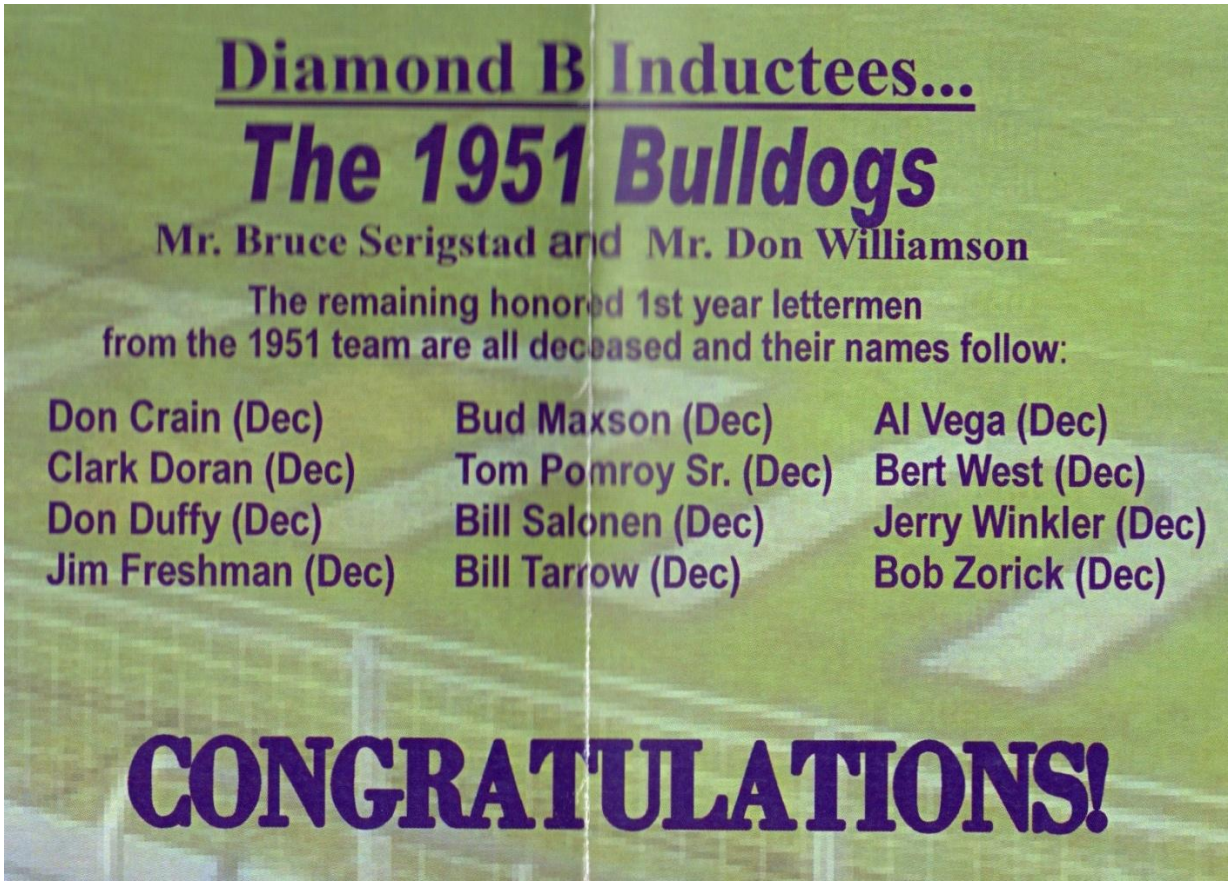




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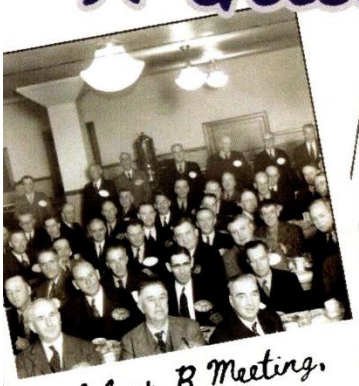
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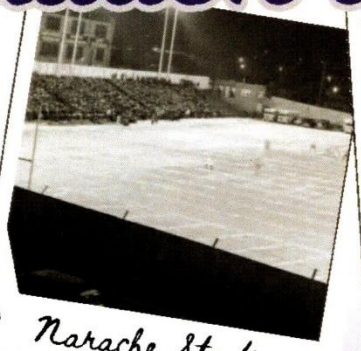
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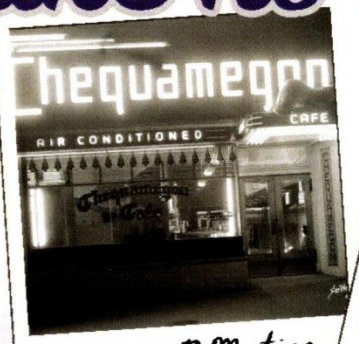
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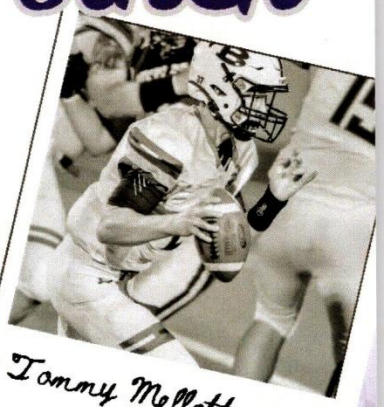
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Naranche Stadium, 1938



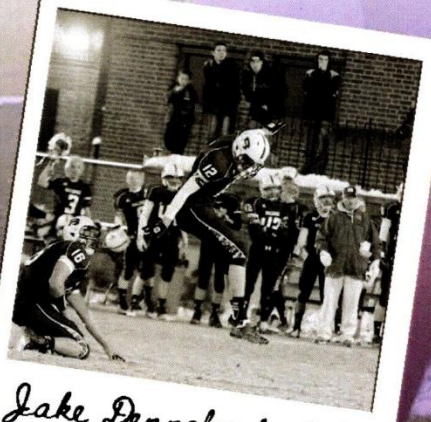
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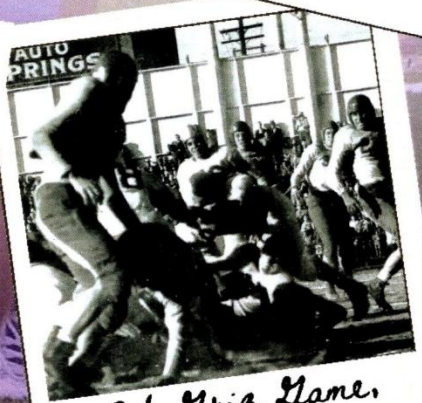
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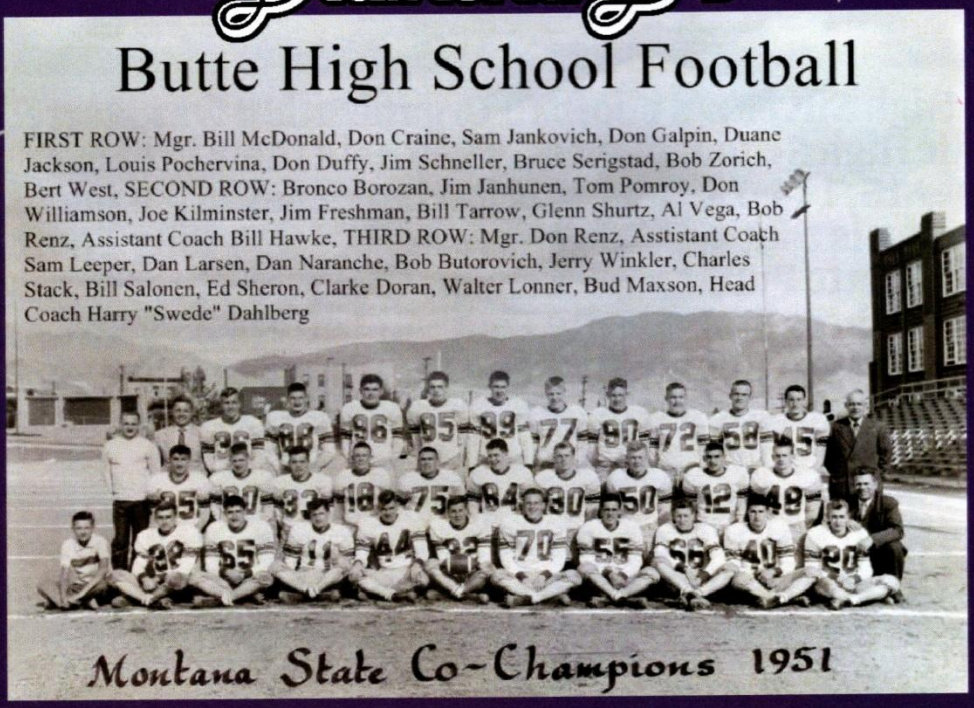
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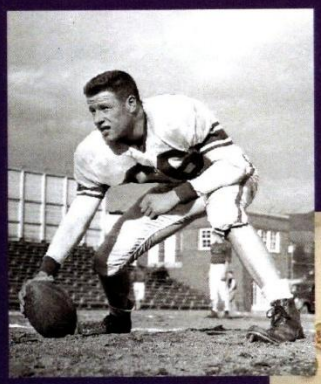


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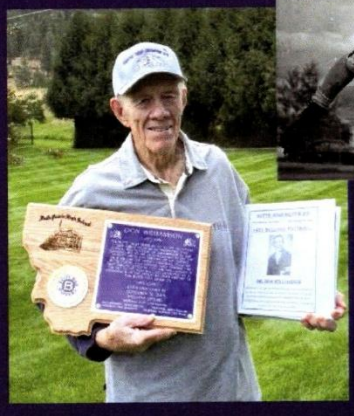
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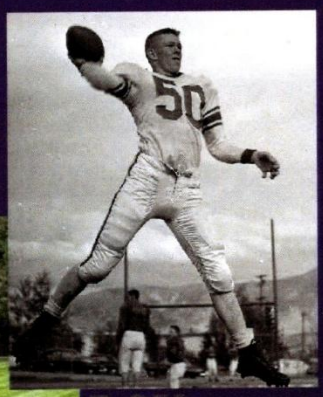
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