

Lebanon High School will induct six new members onto its Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies planned Friday, Dec. 14 between games of a basketball doubleheader with Wilson Central. Nominations were solicited from the public, with the actual Hall of Fame class determined by a committee of Lebanon High coaches, boosters, former athletes and one member of the Sports Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2012 includes:

**Hester Gibbs** - Head coach of the Lebanon High boy's basketball team from 1963 – 1991, Gibbs also served as head football coach for two seasons, with brief stints as baseball and golf coach. His basketball record was 500-302 and his teams made three appearances in the TSSAA state tournament (1969, 1972 and 1985). His teams won five district championships.

Gibbs was named Mid-State Coach of the Year on three different occasions and in 2005 he was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. The playing surface in the LHS gym is named in his honor.

**Campbell Brandon** - Between the years of 1965 – 1992, Brandon went 679-194 at Lebanon High, giving him the most wins in the school's athletic history – and when compiled with his 69 victories during a three-year stint at Lascassas, the second-most in state history. His Devilette teams went to nine TSSAA state tournaments, winning the Class "L" state championship in 1971 followed by second place finishes in 1975, 1978 and 1982.

Five times he was named the Mid-State Coach of the Year and in 1994, he was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. The LHS gymnasium has been named in his honor.

**Jim Andrews** - Winner of 12 varsity athletic letters during his days as a student-athlete at Lebanon High, Andrews was perhaps best know for his basketball abilities where he earned the

name "Moon-greaser" for his leaping ability.

He was a two-time all-conference selection in basketball and football and was named All Mid-State in football after his senior year. Captain of three sports as a senior, he was named MVP of both the basketball and football squads. A 1949 graduate of LHS, he earned a basketball / football scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University after he was voted "Best Boy Athlete" by his classmates.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he also helped his service baseball team to the North African Championship in 1954.

**Brenda Arnold Brown** - Brenda Arnold, LHS Class of 1971, is considered to be one of the greatest players to come out of the Blue Devilette basketball program. A high-scoring forward for the 1971 TSSAA Class L state champions, she was voted all-district, all-region, Mid-State Most Valuable Player and was named MVP of the state tournament after helping lead her team to a record of 30-2.

There's certainly plenty of Blue in her bloodlines, as her father Jack along with brothers Butch, Chuck and Bobby were all football standouts during their careers at Lebanon High. Athletics had remained a huge part of Brenda's life as she and her husband -- Tennessee Tech football coach Watson Brown -- are the parents of two former college athletes -- daughter Ginny and son Steven.

**Harold Dean Greer, Jr.** - A 1953 LHS graduate, the late Mr. Greer goes down as one of the most highly-decorated athletes in school history. A two-way standout as well as an All Mid-State and All-State pick for the Blue Devils, he signed with Georgia Tech, then transferred to MTSU where he earned All-OVC and Little All-America honors as an offensive lineman.

He captained the Blue Devils, as well as the post-grad squad at Castle Heights, the GT freshman team and the varsity team at MT. A veteran, he rose to the rank of Captain in the US Marine Corps and worked for many years as the General Manager of the Lebanon Woolen Mills. The namesake of the Parks & Recreation headquarters in Baird Park, Mr. Greer died Nov. 22, 1992.

**Betty Rushing** - Longtime coach and educator, the late Betty Rushing spent three decades (1967-1996) teaching physical education and coaching a variety of sports at Lebanon. She coached ninth grade girl's basketball, varsity volleyball and softball as well as boy's and girl's tennis.

Several of her former players have kept her memory alive with the annual Betty Rushing Tennis Clinic -- a fundamental tennis camp for beginning players. For years, Mrs. Rushing was a courtside staple at LHS basketball games, keeping the varsity scorebooks. She died July 4, 2007 following an extended illness.