# Second Annual Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame



February 4, 2005

"Excellence On And Off The Field!"

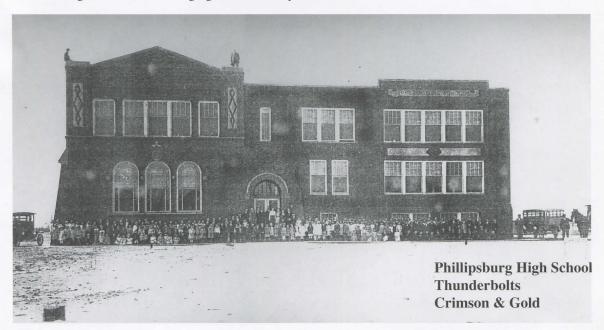


# Yesterday





Randolph High School was granted a charter by the State of Ohio in 1903. The first school building was in what is now known as the Tietzman building. Growth continued for Randolph schools and the Tietzman building could no longer accommodate the growing school population. In 1924 a new Randolph High School building was completed to take care of the growing number of students. The new Northmont High School opened in the fall of 1959, and the old Randolph High School became the new junior high school. The building is now the O.R. Edgington Elementary School.



Phillipsburg High School was organized in 1906 with classes held in the township hall. In 1919 land from Montgomery, Darke, and Miami counties became the Phillipsburg Consolidated School District. A new building was built and served Phillipsburg until the new Northmont High School opened in 1959. The existing building is now Phillipsburg Elementary School.



### Established August 11, 2002

Being named to the Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be awarded to former athletes', coaches, administrators, or boosters by the Northmont Athletic Department.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor individuals who have made lasting and significant contributions to the Northmont Athletic Department and perpetuated the spirit of pride and loyalty that is a cornerstone of the Northmont community.

The qualifications of candidates must possess the following criteria: 1) Student/Athletes of Phillipsburg, Randolph, or Northmont High Schools, 2) Nominees must have distinguished themselves as a member of the Northmont coaching staff, 3) nominees must have distinguished themselves in the area of administration, or 4) nominees are a dedicated fan of the Northmont athletic program. All candidates must have been out of school for at least 10 years.

The volunteer selection committee makes nominations and considers those received from alumni and the community. Members can nominate anyone from any era. Nominations must be submitted by March 1 of the preceding year. Nominations are researched and discussed, and a final list of candidates is then presented along with the detailed biography. Post high school athletic achievement, be it college, pro, or amateur, is not a consideration.

The committee sets no quotas by sex, sport, school, or era. Members are unbiased and fair-minded. Also, the committee is sworn to strict confidentiality of all discussions resulting from this process so as to protect the candidates and maintain the highest standard of integrity.

The Hall of Fame Committee accepts nominations at anytime. Nominators should provide as much detail as possible as to why they believe the candidate is worthy of induction. Nomination does not assure induction, only consideration. All nominations are archived and discussed with diligence. It is also recognized that a process such as this is not perfect. Given the number of schools, years, and candidates, it is possible a worthy candidate could be overlooked. This is why community and alumni nominations are highly encouraged.



# The Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame would like to thank the many devoted individuals that helped make the Athletic Hall of Fame a reality.

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#### **Northmont Fight Song**

Fight on Northmont High let our fight song lead us on. Win for Northmont High let our echoes fill the air Thunderbolts on field and court and in the classroom, too On to win victorious always loyal and true.

Northmont every proud, green and white we'll follow you.





#### **Northmont Alma Mater**

Northmont High in days to come As the years behind us roll; See our sons have risen from thee Sturdy heart, pure of soul. We will pledge our love forever.

#### The Hall of Fame Committee

Morgan Davis - Class of 1960 - J.S. Davis Company - Posthumous

Karen Emery - Retired Northmont teacher/coach for 31 years-currently Northmont boys golf coach Dr. Gale Mabry - former Northmont teacher-high school administrator-currently superintendent of Northmont City Schools

Patrick Masters - Meadowdale High School Football Coach for 18 years-Northmont administrator 11 years

Sally Murphy - Retired Randolph/Northmont teacher-coach/counselor 42 years-academic counselor at Sinclair Community College

Phil Nussman - Class of 1981 - Manager of Transportation Relizon

Robin Spiller - Class of 1973 - former teacher/coach and currently athletic administrator at Northmont High School



# 2005 Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame

elcome to our second annual Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame induction. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee has been planning for this wonderful event. We have been combing yearbooks, talking with alumni and community members from Phillipsburg, Randolph, and Northmont to help us make this a memorable evening for all involved.

This evening is a time for all of us to be able to share our "Green Pride" and the rich athletic tradition that Northmont carries from Randolph and Phillipsburg High Schools. Whether we are a Thunderbolt or a Bobcat we share a common bond and new Northmont experiences. Tonight's festivities have been made possible by the generous donations and support from Peoples Bank of Clayton, graduates, and Northmont residents.

It is with great Northmont pride that we welcome you to this year's induction, where we honor the past and look to the future. Northmont Athletics, "Excellence On and Off the Field of Play."

Sincerely,

Robin Spiller

Athletic Administrator/Assistant Principal

Deli D. Spiller

Northmont High School

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# The Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Dinner

#### **February 5, 2005**

#### Dinner - 6:30 p.m High School Commons

#### Class of 2005

Larry Binkley
Lee Bohlender
Arthur Glenn Brumbaugh
Dorothy Fore Burkhart
George Demetriades
Jerry Fisher
Dave Gilbert
Paul Harper
Larry Kain



John Kelley
Mark Miller
Nanette Payne
Peg Meece Ralston
Arlene Kessler Rasnic
Amy Estridge Ross
Todd Saul
Robin Spiller
Steve Spirk

# In Memory

# Morgan Davis

July 8, 1944 - October 15, 2004



organ was the quintessential "Friend of Northmont." His support began during his days as a student in the Randolph and Northmont School District and never wavered. He was a 1962 graduate of Northmont High School. He was an excellent basketball player and a member of several championship teams. After high school Morgan attended Ohio Northern University.

Morgan was Vice President of the J.S. Davis Company, a member of the Clayton United Methodist Church, and a member of the Downtown Dayton Partnership. He was very active in the Junior Achievement program and received the Spirit of American Enterprise Award in 1981. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Ohio Northern University.

He never lost his enthusiasm or interest in working with young people and education. Through the years he developed a lengthy resume of involvement in education. His contributions to the Northmont Schools were recognized when he was inducted into the Northmont Roll of Recognition in 1992. His plaque read, "Educational Advocate and Friend."

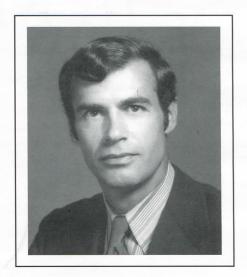
Morgan served on many committees within the school district. He was on the Roll of Recognition selection committee and had started a "History of Northmont" project. The "Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame" was one project, above all, that held his interest and his attention. Morgan felt very strongly that a Hall of Fame was needed to recognize all athletes and it needed to encompass the three districts that came together to form Northmont. He was an original member of the committee and provided valuable leadership to get the Athletic Hall of Fame established.

The Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame would not have come into being without the efforts of Morgan Davis. The athletes of the past, present, and future, have an opportunity to be recognized because Morgan had the vision to pursue what was fair and right for all.

#### **Athletic Hall of Fame - 2005 Inductees**

#### LARRY BINKLEY \* - ATHLETE

arry was a 1953 graduate of Randolph High School. While he participated in football, track and baseball, basketball was the sport in which he won the most honors. Larry played basketball for four years, earning three varsity letters. He was a member of the Montgomery County League Championship team his junior and senior years. He was a member of the All Tournament Team in 1951-52 and 1952-53. He was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the Montgomery County Tournament in 1953. He was on the Randolph team that went to the Southwestern District State Tournament. The Bobcats lost in the final game to the team that eventually went on to win the championship. Larry was selected to the All District First Team in 1953 and the 2nd Team All Ohio Class B. As a four-year letterman in football he accrued additional athletic honors. Larry was consid-

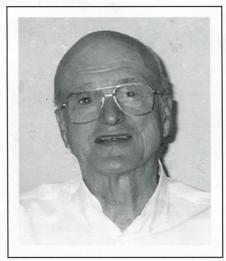


ered one of the area's finest halfbacks. He was co-captain of the 1953 team. During this era, the Bobcats were either league champions or co-champions. Larry also made a name for himself as

a sprinter in track.





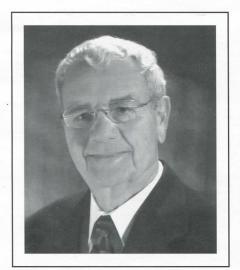


ee was a 1947 graduate of Phillipsburg High School. While Lee was active in basketball, baseball and Itrack, it was in basketball that he won the most honors. As a baseball player, Lee made the 1946 and 1947 County All Star Team as Phillipsburg finished in third and second place. In 1946 he was also named to the Tournament All Star Team. In basketball Lee was know as Phillipsburg's fast scoring forward. He lead all the county and city teams with 310 points in 20 games. In one game he scored 36 points to the opponents 32 points. In another game, Lee scored the team's total 19 first half points. In 1947 Phillipsburg won the Montgomery County Tournament and Lee was selected as the Most Valuable Player. The honor was repeated when Phillipsburg won the Dis-

trict Tournament and Lee was again selected as the Most Valuable Player. The team went to the State finals and were State Runner-Up in 1947. SPORTS

\*Posthumous

#### ARTHUR GLENN BRUMBAUGH - ATHLETE



rthur or Glenn as he was known in high school was a 1949 graduate of Randolph High School. He was a participant in football, basketball and track. Glenn enrolled in Randolph High School his sophomore year and despite the fact that he had had no prior experience in competitive athletics, he immediately became active in sports and began earning multiple honors. He earned three letters in football. He was a member of the Little Buckeye League championship team in 1947, 1948, and 1949. In basketball Glenn earned additional honors. He earned two varsity letters, was a team co-captain and the leading scorer for the 1948-49 basketball team. Records from his spring sporting activities are incomplete. Glenn participated in track for three years for which he earned two varsity letters. Glenn reigned as Homecoming King during his senior year.





#### DOROTHY FORE BURKHART - ATHLETE

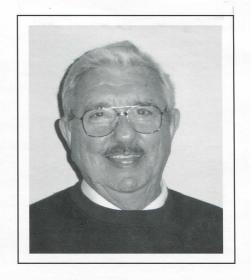
orothy graduated from Northmont in 1963. During this era all the girls activities were centered in the Girls' Athletic Association. There were interscholastic sports, intramural activities and opportunities for leadership development. Letter awards were based on points accrued. Points were earned for service and leadership as well as athletic participation. Dorothy was so active in all aspects of GAA that she was the high point achiever all four years. She also was a GAA officer for three years. The GAA officers planned and carried out all fund raising events which was a monumental task since GAA was totally self supporting. Dorothy was a three-sport athlete. She played reserve volleyball and basketball her freshman and sophomore year and then was on the varsity team her junior and senior year. She was a varsity field



hockey player for four years, playing center forward her junior and senior year. She was captain of the field hockey team in her senior year and was voted the "Most Valuable Field Hockey Player" in 1962. She was truly a standout athlete and role model for all who followed.

#### GEORGE DEMETRIADES - COACH, EDUCATOR

eorge taught in the Northmont School District from 1962 – 1994. He was the men's varsity soccer coach for 16 years. During this time his teams won 15 conference championships, two state championships, and made three other semifinal appearances at state tournaments advancing to semi-final play. His career record at Northmont was 276-43-18. The T-Bolts outscored their opponents 1519 to 304. George worked hard to establish a solid soccer foundation through the SAY soccer program. He also coordinated the Dayton North Soccer Camp. His effort was well spent. Northmont became known as a soccer powerhouse. His successful teams produced 23 all state players and nine all midwest players. George was named Coach of the Year



for the Dayton area in 1978 and 1988 and Dayton North Area Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1988. His undefeated season and state championship team earned him the title of Coach of the Year in 1988. George was inducted into the Ohio Soccer Hall of Fame in 1991.

#### JERRY FISHER - ATHLETE





s a 1963 graduate of Northmont High School, Jerry participated in football, cross country, baseball, and basketball. It was as a basketball player that Jerry won many honors and awards. Jerry was a varsity starter for the Thunderbolts in 1961-62 and 1962-63, two of the five consecutive years the T-Bolts won the league championship. In both years he was selected as a member of the Southwestern Buckeye League First Team. In his senior year Dell magazine listed Jerry as a Pre-Season Basketball All American. As a junior Jerry was the team top scorer with 310 points. He set a record in '62-'63 for 115 steals in a single season. This record still stands today. Jerry went to Miami University on a basketball scholarship. After college he began a long teach-

ing and coaching career which culminated at Northmont. During his years at Northmont he coached the men's basketball varsity for four years and the women's varsity basketball team for nine years.





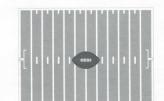


#### DAVE GILBERT - ATHLETE



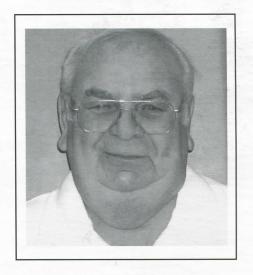
ave was a 1989 graduate of Northmont. He was a three-year starter in baseball playing 3rd base and pitching. He earned the nickname of "Mr. Automatic" because he seemed to get a hit every time he came to the plate. He was an excellent student as well as a ball player. Dave played on two greater Miami Valley Championship teams and on one district championship team. As a sophomore he was 2-0 as a pitcher with a 1.44 ERA. He carried a batting average of .318 and was selected to the All GMVC 2nd team as third baseman. During his junior year, his pitching record went to 1–1. His batting average went up to .430. He was selected to the All GMVC Honorable Mention team as a third baseman. He earned many honors during his senior year. His pitcing record was 4–0 with an ERA of 1.21. His batting average was .365. His senior

year he was on the All GMVC First Team, All Area First Team, All Ohio Team and a Northmont Co-Most Valuable Player.



#### PAUL HARPER - ATHLETIC BOOSTER

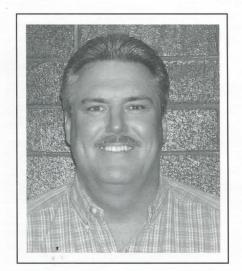
Paul was an athlete in his own right at Northridge High School from where he graduated in 1949. He was a strong offensive and defensive lineman well known for his blocking powers. He was also a member of the Polar Bear track team. After high school Paul was drafted into the Army and served in Korea. In 1971, Paul was asked to run a Band Parents concession stand at the old Randolph stadium. His tireless efforts paid off when, in 1976, he was offered a part-time job working for the Northmont Athletic Department. In this capacity he was responsible for the maintenance and preparation of all the athletic fields. Every site had to have Paul's approval before a team took to the field. As Northmont grew and the facilities grew he had more competition venues and practice



fields to maintain. His standards never decreased. He meticulously maintained each site. He took great pride in his work and made sure that each field was ready and safe on which to play. Now retired from his full time job, he still maintains his position with the Northmont Athletic Department.

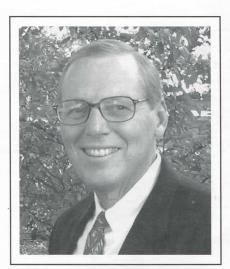
#### LARRY KAIN - ATHLETE

arry was a 1971 graduate of Northmont. In the minds of many people he was "Mr. Football." While football was his main sport he also played basketball and ran track. He was inducted into the National Honor Society in 1970 and was Junior Class President. During his junior year he was named defensive player of the game and for the week based on his efforts in the Vandalia game. He was named the Most Valuable Defensive Back for the Thunderbolts. He also earned a spot on the All Southwestern Buckeye League Defensive Squad and was named to the All Miami Valley Squad. In his senior year he earned more accolades for his football achievements. He was on the All SWBL Defensive Squad, All Miami Valley Squad, and All Ohio Defensive Squad. He



was also named to several All American Academic Teams. He was selected and played in the Ohio High School All Star game in Canton, Ohio. After an outstanding football career at Ohio State, he was drafted by the Pittsburg Steelers. Injuries cut short his promising career.

#### JOHN KELLEY - ATHLETE

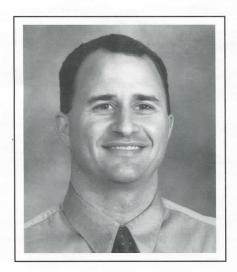


John was a 1964 graduate of Northmont. While he was an outstanding football player he also was on the track and wrestling teams. He was the heavyweight wrestling champion for the Southwestern Buckeye League. He had his sights set on the State Wrestling meet until knee surgery ended his 23-1 wrestling season. John was a member of the 1963 undefeated SWBL championship football team. His many honors include his selection to the All SWBL team, Journal Herald All Greater Dayton Team and Honorable Mention All Ohio. John was selected to play in the North – South Ohio All Star Game in Canton, Ohio. Academic honors also came John's way. He was inducted into the National Honor Society. He also graduated in the top 10% of his high school class. Following high school John attended Ohio State on a football scholarship. He was the starting left guard his junior and senior years. He was given the

Outstanding Senior Athlete Award at OSU in the spring of 1968.



#### MARK MILLER - ATHLETE



s a member of the 1988 graduating class of Northmont, Mark devoted most of his time to baseball. While he also played football, he left his mark in the record books of baseball. Mark had one of the greatest senior seasons a baseball player could have. His team won 25 games in the Greater Miami Valley Conference. The team went on to win the sectional and district championships before losing in the regional championship bracket. Mark was selected as the Most Valuable Player, All GMVC, and All Area and All State in his senior year. He was also 8–1 as a pitcher, batted .400, and played a strong outfield. Many of his records still stand in the books. He is #1 in homeruns, #1 in runs batted in, and #2 in base on balls. As a pitcher he is #7 in strike outs.







#### NANETTE PAYNE - ATHLETE

an was a 1985 graduate of Northmont High School. She was a talented athlete earning 10 letters during her high school years in volleyball, basketball and softball. In volleyball, she was one of two freshmen to make the varsity team. She was All Greater Miami Valley Conference Second Team her sophomore and junior years. In her senior year she was named to the All GMVC First Team. Softball was her sport of excellence. In 1982 and 1983 the team won their league championship. Nan was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year in 1983 and was the Most Valuable Player of the year in 1984. Nan was named

to the All GMVC Second team in 1983 and 1984 and to the First Team in 1985. She was selected to the 1984 and 1985 All Metro



DDN Select First Team. After attending the University of Michigan on a soft-ball scholarship, Nan has continued her involvement with softball coaching at Buffalo State College and Capital University.

#### PEG MEECE RALSTON - ATHLETE

Peg was a member of the 1960 graduating class of Northmont High School. During her four years at Randolph and Northmont she contributed to the growth and excellence of the girl's athletic programs. Her involvement as an outstanding athlete, leader, and a role model has few equals. She always gave 100% of her efforts to all activities. Peg was a four-sport athlete. She played field hockey, volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was such an outstanding athlete it would be difficult to categorize her in one sport above another but, softball would have to be the most frequently mentioned sport. She was a tremendous hitter, rarely failing to get on base. If records were kept from 45 years ago they would show Peg carried over a .500 batting average. Had all star teams been in existence back then, Peg would have been selected to many of the teams. As an officer



of GAA, president her senior year, she provided valuable leadership and service in making athletic opportunities available to all girls. In her senior year, Peg was voted the GAA Girl of the Year.







#### ARLENE KESSLER RASNIC – ATHLETE



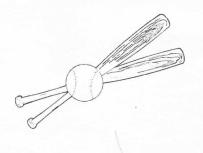
rlene was a member of the last graduating class, 1959, of Randolph High School. She was a natural athlete and participated in all sports that were available to the girls. She was particularly strong in volleyball, basketball and softball. While the leagues were not as structured as they are today there was still a strong level of competitive interscholastic opportunities available. She also participated in intramural bowling leagues. Softball was the sport in which she excelled. Throughout high school she maintained a batting average of .530 to .560. She also set a record for the most stolen bases. In volleyball and basketball she was also outstanding, earning accolades for her skill and play. She received several "most valuable player" awards. Arlene's athletic career extended many years beyond high school until injuries forced her to seek other avenues of

achievements. While a fierce competitor, her play was always fair and friendly. As a little league coach she was patient and inclusive, developing skills and good sportsmanship in all her players.

#### **AMY ESTRIDGE ROSS – ATHLETE**



Any played on State Championship Soccer teams for three consecutive years. In 1989 she was named to the soccer All Conference Second Team. Amy's athletic reputation for excellence centered on her softball skills. She lettered four years in softball. She remains one of the premier pitchers of Northmont. Her softball awards were numerous: Second Team All Conference, First Team All Conference two years in a row, All Ohio Honorable Mention, All State Second Team in 1989 and All State First Team in 1990. Amy was also named the "Dayton Daily News" Athlete of the Week. Amy had some personal bests in softball. For many years she held the record for 211 strike outs, the most in a single season. She also holds the record for the most strike outs, 14, in a State Tournament game.





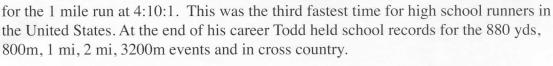


#### TODD SAUL - ATHLETE

he earned four letters in cross country and three in track and field, setting many records along the way. He was captain of the cross country team in 1980. Todd was named to the All Conference Cross Country Team in 1978, 1979 and 1980. He participated in three State Championship Cross Country meets where his best time was fifth in the state. He was named as a West Central Ohio Track and Cross Country Coaches Association All Star in cross country in 1979. Todd was named to the All Conference Track First Team in 1979, 1980 and 1981. He participated in the State Championship Track meets twice. Todd was All Conference Track First Team in 1979, 1980 and 1981. In 1981, Todd set



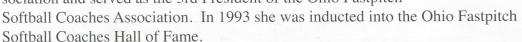
the Welcome Stadium District Track meet record





#### **ROBIN SPILLER**

Rothlete at Northmont. She is a 1973 graduate of Northmont. After completing her education at Eastern Kentucky she returned to Northmont and began her teaching, coaching, and administrative career. As a softball coach she has few who can rival her success. Robin coached softball at Northmont for 18 years and compiled a 299 win record. Her teams earned seven Conference Championships, three District Championships, a District Runner-up title, and a Regional Championship Runner-up title and one Regional Championship. In 1990 Robin took her team to the final four in the State Tournament. Robin's effort to develop fastpitch softball in the State of Ohio have been very successful. She was one of the founding members of the Ohio Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association and served as the 3rd President of the Ohio Fastpitch







#### STEVE SPIRK - ATHLETE

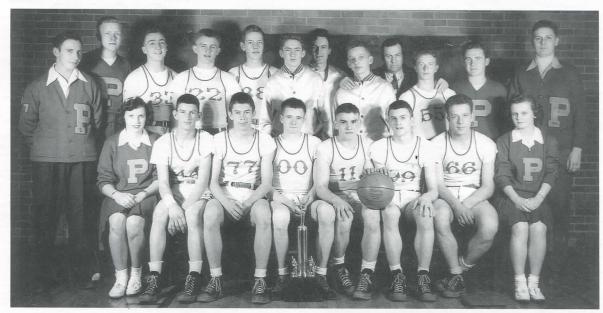




teve Spirk, a 1977 graduate, was one of Northmont's most outstanding soccer players. Since there was no freshman soccer team, his participation as avid team player was during his sophomore, junior and senior years. In 1975, as a sophomore, and again in 1976 he was selected Northmont's Most Valuable Offensive Player. He won a position on the All State Soccer team all three years and won the title of Most Valuable Player his senior year. Additionally he was named to the All American team in 1977. His college years were marked by more achievements, setting school scoring records at Wilmington College and becoming a four-time NAIA All-American. Continuing his dedication to athletics and soccer, he coached a junior varsity team and also devoted seven years to the men's varsity soccer team as an assistant coach under Mr. Demetriades. In 1992 he was inducted into the Wilmington College Hall of Fame.

#### **Athletic Hall Of Fame Inductees - 2004**

## PHILLIPSBURG 1947 BASKETBALL TEAM DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AND STATE RUNNER-UP



Standing left to right: Manager Jim Reed, Cheerleader Charles Strain. Players, Ralph Hoke, George Maurer, Dale Falknor, Junior Hartman, Vincent Mitchell, Jim Kroplin, Coach Doc Pumphery, Rusty Wombold, Cheerleader Bob Durst, Manager Jim Yost. Seated, left to right: Cheerleader Norma Myers, Players Vernon Loughman, Sammy Haines, Captain Perry Mayo, Deo Schaurer, Lee Bohlender, Dwight Peffley, Cheerleader, Theola Maurer.



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Susan Morris Hawley



Ron Hawley



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#### Athletic Hall Of Fame Inductees - 2004 - continued



Bill Krintzlline



Jack Lintz



Kris Mangen



Sally Murphy



Craig Newburg



Gregg Nischwitz\*



Kristy Orre



Raymond "Doc" Pumphrey Sr.\*



Chester A. Roush



Wendy Hacker Stevens



Connie Walton



Mary Alice Wolf Baup



Bill Yensel\*



Ben Zechar

\* Deceased



# **Today - 2005**



# **Northmont High School**



In 1944 talk began about additional consolidation of schools. A plan was suggested for the school districts of Randolph, Clayton, Phillipsburg, and Brookville to join into one large district with a new complex of buildings to be constructed in a central location. Brookville voters rejected the consolidation concept. The voters of Phillipsburg, Clayton, and Randolph Districts approved the consolidation. The consolidation became a reality in 1957. The new Board of Education purchased a 55-acre farm at the corner of Crestway and National Road. A contest was held among all the school children to choose the new name of the consolidation. Patty Bowser won the contest with the name Northmont, a contraction of North Montgomery County. The students from each high school wanted to keep something from their schools in the process of consolidation. It was decided to use the Phillipsburg mascot of the Thunderbolts and the school colors of Randolph, kelly green and white. The transition was completed and Northmont High School opened in the school year 1959-1960.

# Congratulations to Inductees!

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