

MONTPELIER

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

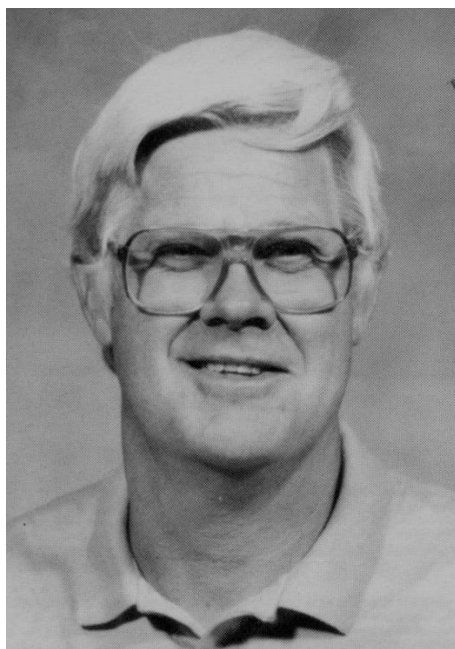


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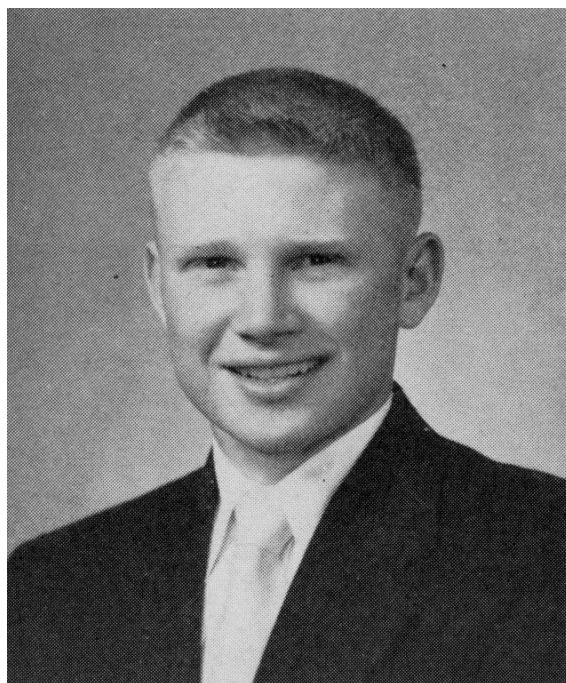
Hobert “Hobe” Krouse

Hobe is a 1949 graduate of Montpelier High School. During his playing days, Hobe participated in football, basketball, and track & field. Hobe attended Defiance College, where he played football and Indiana University where he earned his Masters Degree. Hobe was the head football coach for the Locomotives from 1964 thru 1981. He compiled a record of 86 wins, 76 losses and 6 ties. The 86 wins are still the most wins by any head football coach in Montpelier football history. During his tenure at MHS, Montpelier won league titles in 1969 and 1973. The most memorable season was the 1973 season that saw the Locomotives finish as the Class A state runners-up, losing to Middletown-Fenwick. Hobe was the 1973 NWOAL coach of the year and the Defiance Crescent-News coach of year. Other coaching honors included being selected as an assistant coach for the North-South football game, under former Ohio State Head Coach Earle Bruce and as an assistant coach in the Big 33 football game. Over the years, Hobe coached ten former Montpelier football players to all state honors. In 1979, Hobe was inducted into the Defiance College athletic hall of fame.



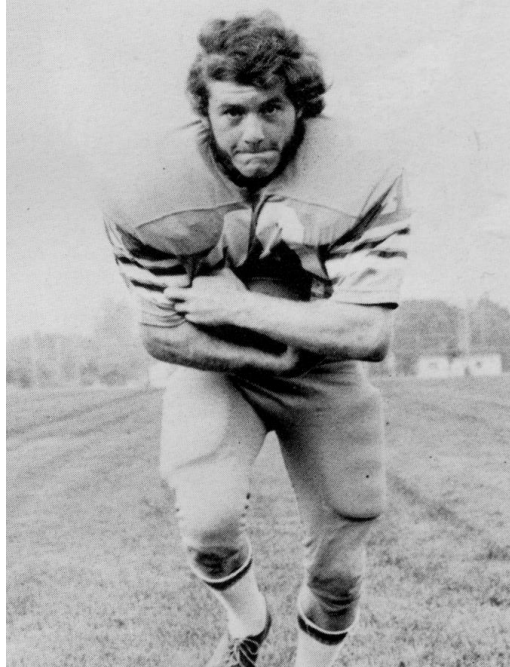
Delmar Karnes

Delmar is a 1956 graduate of Montpelier high school. In high school, Delmar golfed and played basketball. In golf, he was a league medalist twice and was a member of the 1954-55 and 1955-56 basketball teams which won the NWOAL title. Delmar attended Hillsdale College and Indiana University. Delmar took over the golf program in 1961. He had two different coaching stints as the head golf coach, from 1961-1972 and again from 1977-2008. Over the years, Delmar accumulated over 300 coaching victories and coached in 12 district tournaments. He also coached twice at the State competition, the last being in 1985 where he coached his son Rob. Delmar won two league championships as a coach, 1971 NBL & BBC and 1972 NBL and BBC titles. Delmar retired from teaching in 1993 but continued to coach golf for 15 more seasons before retiring in 2008. Delmar was considered a player's coach who cared about every individual he coached.



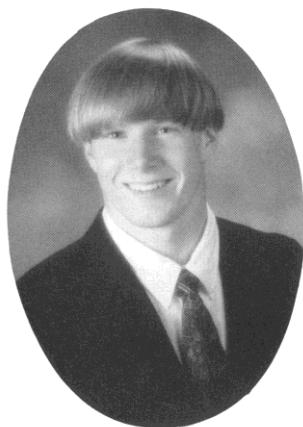
Ronald Whetro

Ron was a 1953 graduate of Montpelier High School. During his high school tenure, Ron participated in football, basketball and baseball with baseball being his favorite sport. During his senior season, Ron was a co-captain on the football team where he gained over 2000 yards as a QB and Halfback. He was named to the 1952 all NWOAL first team and the Toledo Blade All Star team. Ron attended Valparaiso University on a football scholarship and played on the varsity team his freshman season. In 1954, Ron was signed by a Detroit Tiger scout where he played in the spring training season in Florida but he never had his dream come true of being in the majors. Ron was drafted in the US army where he played football and baseball in Germany in 1959-1960. Both teams won league championships. Ron was always involved with sports. He coached youth baseball from 1961-1979. He became an official, working Junior High and High school baseball, basketball and football for over 25 years. Ron was also very active in the Montpelier Athletic Booster club for many years, always supporting the Locomotive teams. In 1983, Ron started the Sonny Whetro Award which was given to the top Montpelier High School baseball player each spring. There have been 31 individuals that have won this award including his son Ric. In December, Ron passed away and he will be greatly missed by his family and the athletic community in Montpelier.



Lynn Oberlin

Lynn is a 1975 graduate of Montpelier High School. After high school, Lynn attended Kent State University. During Lynn's time at MHS, he played football, basketball and baseball. In baseball, he batted .511 his senior season, was the team MVP and was selected to the BBC all-star team. In basketball, Lynn won the Defensive player of the year award twice, during the 1972-1973 and 1974-1975 seasons. Football was where Lynn made a name for him. He was the first Montpelier running back to collect over 3,000 rushing yards in a career. He, along with Tom Harrington, led the Locomotive rushing attack to the state championship game in 1973. Lynn was a three year letter winner for the Montpelier Football team. In 1972, he was 1st team All-NWOAL & NBL running back. In 1973 his football honors included, 1st team All-NWOAL & NBL offense, Crescent-News Back of the Year, UPI All-Ohio 1st team on offense and API All-Ohio 3rd team on defense. In 1974, Lynn was the team MVP, Kak Brown Award winner, 1st team all NWOAL & NBL (offense), 1st team API- all District 1st team (defense) and 2nd team All-Ohio (offense). Lynn also still has the school record for most carries in a single game. He carried the ball 30 times vs. Hicksville in 1973. He tied the mark set by Dean Dreher in 1965.



David Rose

David is a 1994 graduate of Montpelier High School. David participated in football, basketball and track & field. After high school, David played football at the University of Dayton for one year and Bowling Green State University for two years. David graduated from BGSU in 1998 and immediately went to Optometry School at The Ohio State University. As an athlete at MHS, Dave excelled in football and track. He won awards and set many records during his varsity career. David was a 1994 state qualifier in Track and Field and he placed 2nd in the division three meet. Football was where Dave received the most notoriety. David was a three year Varsity starter on the Locomotive football team that won a total 27 games during that three year span and made two post season appearances in the Division 4 play-offs. AS a sophomore, David started at LB and his play earned him 2nd team ALL NWOAL. As a junior, he earned ALL NWOAL 2nd team at LB and was 1st team ALL NWOAL as a running back. Dave led the Locomotives to a play-off spot for the first time since 1973. During the 1993 season, Dave enjoyed one of the greatest individual seasons in MHS football history. His accomplishments included being 1st team ALL NWOAL as a RB and a LB, 1st ALL Ohio as a RB, and was selected as an Honorable Mention RB on the ALL USA Today team. During that season, the Locos were 10-2 which is still a record for most wins by a team in a season and were Regional runners up in the Division 4 State play-offs. David finished the 1993 season with 290 carries, 1920 yards and scored 33 TD's. All three of these are still school records. For a career, David finished with 437 carries, 3,569 yards, scored 51 TD's and averaged 8.1 yards per carry, all still school records. David was the 3rd back in school history to eclipse the 3000 yards mark in a career beating Lynn Oberlin's record of 3,264 yards. Other football records David set while at MHS: Most rushing TD's in game (4), most TD's scored in a game (6) Longest kick-off return in a game (90 yds.), and most rushing TD's in a season (29) and total points scored in a season (198).