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Marvin and Elaine Willibey, Athletic Contributors

Marvin is a 1961 graduate of Montpelier High School, and Elaine is a 1962 graduate of North Central High School. They were married in May and will celebrate 63 years of marriage this year — a partnership built on family, faith, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to their community.

They are the proud parents of two children: Teresa Hunte, a 1984 Montpelier graduate who lives in Hillsdale, New Jersey, near New York City, and Doug Willibey, a 1988 Montpelier graduate who currently lives in San Diego, California. They are also blessed with two grandchildren, Andrew Hunte of Hillsdale, New Jersey, and Ryan Rix of Eugene, Oregon.

Marvin and Elaine have been members of the First Presbyterian Church in Montpelier for more than 60 years, and for nearly that long, they have been faithful supporters of Montpelier athletics. Between them, they have attended Montpelier sporting events for nearly 65 years — with Marvin attending even earlier, and Elaine following athletics at North Central before that.

Both Marvin and Elaine grew up as farm kids, where daily chores always took precedence over sports. Marvin played one year of junior high basketball, and Elaine participated in the Girls Athletic Association at North Central.

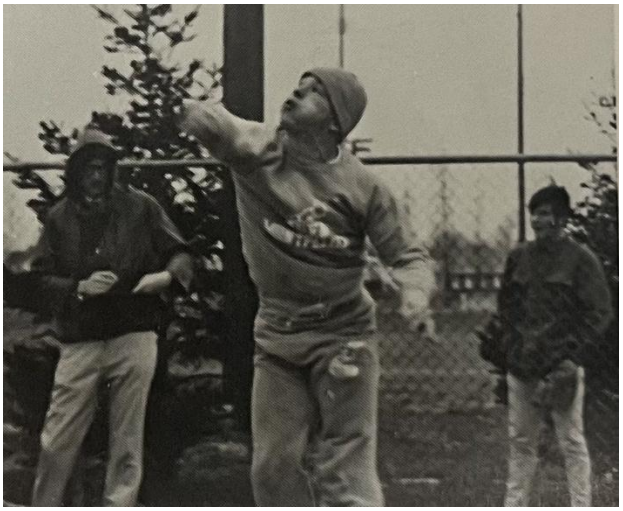
While their athletic participation was limited, their dedication to supporting student-athletes has been lifelong. Over the years, many people told them, “When your kids get out of school, you’ll quit going to the games.” Marvin and Elaine always responded the same way: they went to sporting events before they had kids, so why would they stop going after their kids were out of school?

For a time, loyalties were divided when Montpelier and North Central played one another. Elaine remained a North Central fan — until a defining moment. When their daughter Teresa was in kindergarten, she said to her mom, “When the two teams play each other, Mom, I suppose you’re going to yell for the other team.” From that moment on, Elaine became a Montpelier fan, and she’s been cheering for the Locos ever since.

Both Marvin and Elaine have been retired for about 20 years. Marvin retired from Bryan Custom Plastics after nearly 40 years, and Elaine retired after serving as the Williams County Treasurer for nearly 32 years. Elaine went on to volunteer at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania for 15 years, with Marvin proudly serving as her chauffeur — and happily watching baseball games all day long.

This Hall of Fame induction honors more than years in the stands. It recognizes loyalty, service, tradition, and a genuine love for young people and high school athletics. Marvin and Elaine have supported generations of student-athletes, not for recognition, but because they believe it matters.

Marvin and Elaine would like everyone to know how truly humbled and honored they are to be inducted into the Montpelier Athletic Hall of Fame.



Dean Dreher – Class of 1969, Montpelier High School

Dean Dreher stands as one of the most accomplished and influential student-athletes in the history of Montpelier High School, a standard-bearer whose excellence in athletics, leadership, and service continues to resonate decades after his graduation.

A 1969 graduate of Montpelier High School, Dean was a dominant multi-sport athlete whose impact on the football field was nothing short of extraordinary. A four-year letter winner, he

excelled on both sides of the ball, earning 2nd Team NWOAL honors at linebacker in 1966 and Honorable Mention All-NWOAL recognition at fullback in 1967. His senior season in 1968 cemented his legacy, as he was named All-Ohio and selected as a Prep High School All-American—an elite honor reserved for the nation's top high school players.

Dean's individual performances remain legendary. He rushed for 305 yards in a single game, ranking third in school history and holding the school record from 1968 until 2005. He also scored four touchdowns in a single game, second-most in school history, a record that stood from 1967 to 1990. These accomplishments reflect not only his physical dominance but also his competitive drive and football intelligence.

Equally impressive was Dean's success in track and field, where he distinguished himself as one of the finest throwers in Ohio. He qualified for regionals in the shot put in 1967, placing seventh at the state meet that year. His upward trajectory continued with a third-place finish in the shot put at the 1968 state meet, along with a state qualification in the discus. In 1969, Dean reached the pinnacle of his high school track career by finishing second in the state in the shot put. That same year, he set the Montpelier High School shot put record with a throw of 57 feet, 7 inches—a mark so exceptional it stood unbroken from 1968 through 2025.

Dean's athletic excellence earned him the prestigious 1968 KAK Brown Award, recognizing outstanding achievement and character. He also set a shot-put record at the Toledo Blade Relays, a record that remarkably still stands today.

Following high school, Dean continued his remarkable athletic career at Ohio Northern University. There, he became a three-time All-American football player and set the school's career scoring record. His contributions to the program were so significant that he was inducted into the National Football College Hall of Fame at Ohio Northern. In 1974, his football journey extended to the professional ranks when he signed with the Jacksonville Sharks of the World Football League.

Beyond athletics, Dean dedicated his life to service. He built a respected career in public service, ultimately retiring as the Fulton County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. In this role, he exemplified integrity, leadership, and compassion—qualities that defined him just as clearly as his athletic achievements.

Dean Dreher's legacy has been recognized through his induction into the Williams County Hall of Fame, and his influence remains deeply woven into the fabric of Montpelier High School athletics.

Dean passed away in 2007, but his legacy lives on through his family and the countless lives he touched. He was the son of Cletus “Pete” and Marian Dreher, the beloved husband of Kathy Dreher-Morawski, and the proud father of Hillary Moore, Hannah Mouch, and Hope Vukcevich.

Dean Dreher’s name represents excellence, perseverance, and service. His induction into the Hall of Fame is a lasting tribute to a life lived at the highest level, both on and off the field.



Denise Starr- Class of 1981 Montpelier High School

Denise Starr-Calvin, a 1981 graduate of Montpelier High School, is remembered as one of the school’s most accomplished and versatile athletes, excelling in both Track & Field and Volleyball during an outstanding four-year career.

In Track & Field, Denise made an immediate impact at the state level. As a freshman in 1978, she earned 5th place in the 440 Dash and 4th place in the 880 Medley at the State Meet. She continued her success in 1979, again placing 5th in the 440 Dash while improving to 3rd place in the 880 Medley. Her junior season showcased steady excellence and competitive consistency among Ohio’s top athletes.

Denise’s 1980 season stands as one of the most remarkable in Montpelier history. She set the school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.8 seconds, a record that still stands today. That same year, she earned 2nd place at the State Meet in the 400-meter dash and was a key member of the 1600-meter relay team, which set a school record time of 4:11.6—another mark that remains unbroken. The relay team also qualified for the State Meet, further highlighting

Denise's leadership and contribution to team success. She capped her high school track career in 1981 with a 6th-place finish in the 400-meter dash at the State Meet, closing out four exceptional years of competition.

In addition to her track accomplishments, Denise was a standout on the volleyball court. She earned All-NWOAL First Team honors in both 1979 and 1980, demonstrating her athletic versatility and competitive drive across multiple sports.

Athletics remained a lifelong passion for Denise beyond high school. She participated in numerous 5K races and achieved a personal milestone by completing a marathon in 2012, reflecting her enduring commitment to fitness and personal challenge.

Denise graduated from International Business College with a degree in accounting and currently resides in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Dave. She is the proud mother of three children and grandmother to eight grandchildren. Recently retired, Denise looks forward to traveling, attending Ohio State football games, spending time with family and friends, and fully enjoying this next chapter of life.

Denise Starr-Calvin's athletic excellence, record-setting performances, and lasting impact on Montpelier athletics make her a truly deserving member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2025.



2003 Baseball Team – State Final Four

The 2003 baseball team stands as one of the greatest teams in school history, earning its place in the Hall of Fame through grit, resilience, and an unbreakable bond. Under the direction of first-

year head coach Jay Jerger, this remarkable group embraced the challenge of high expectations and delivered one of the most memorable post-season runs in program history.

The roster was a veteran-led squad, consisting of 10 seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore, blending experience with emerging talent. Their commitment to excellence was reflected in conference recognition, as five players earned All-NWOAL honors:

- Tony Pawlowicz – First Team
- BJ Ogden – First Team
- Chase Thomas – Second Team
- Drew Shepard – Honorable Mention
- Greg Willibey – Honorable Mention

The Locos completed the regular season with an 11–7 overall record and a 3–5 mark in the NWOAL, but it was in tournament play where this team truly defined itself.

In Sectional play, the team defeated Hilltop in a hard-fought 3–2 victory, setting the tone for what would become an unforgettable postseason. The momentum carried into Districts, where the Locos defeated Edgerton 3–1 in the semifinals and followed with another 3–1 win over Stryker to claim the District Championship (the first district championship since 1987).

The Regional Tournament showcased the heart and character of this team. In the regional semifinal against Mohawk, the Locos secured a 1–0 victory, highlighted by a timely hit from David Malone that scored Tony Pawlowicz in the top of the second inning. The game featured outstanding defense and a tremendous pitching performance from senior Chase Thomas, who recorded a four-hit shutout.

The regional final against Leipsic became one of the most dramatic games in program history. Trailing 4–0, the Locos battled back with timely hits from Chase Thomas and Chris Schlosser, and a home run by Tony Pawlowicz. Strong pitching from Joe Bohner kept the team within reach, allowing the Locos to tie the game at 4–4 in the fourth and fifth innings. After falling behind again in the sixth, the team rallied once more, tying the game in the bottom of the seventh on a Pawlowicz single that scored Thomas. The comeback was completed in the bottom of the eighth when junior Greg Willibey stepped to the plate (with one out) and did the impossible. Greg took the first pitch over the centerfield fence for a walk-off home run, sending the Locos to the State Final Four.

In the state semi-finals, the Locos faced state-ranked Newark Catholic and battled for 10 innings before falling 2–1, fueled by a gutsy pitching performance from Joe Bohner. Though the season ended one win short of a state championship game, the legacy of the 2003 team was firmly cemented.

This team will forever be remembered for great pitching, strong defense, and timely hitting, as well as for being a group of hard-working, blue-collar players who played the game the right way. They were a tight-knit group, united by friendship, trust, and togetherness both on and off the field. Their season was defined by their motto: “One Team, One Dream.”

The 2003 baseball team’s legacy endures as a symbol of perseverance, teamwork, and excellence—forever deserving of its place in the Hall of Fame.