

The Montgomery County Basketball Hall of Fame (MCBHF) held its first meeting in September 2001. Bob Whalen, who has spent over fifty years researching county basketball, was the organization's founder. MCBHF's first class was inducted in January 2003, and included players or contributors from 1900-1915. Since then, MCBHF has generally inducted two, sometimes three, classes a year. Indiana Basketball Hall of Famers (IBHF) with Montgomery County connections received automatic inductions. A list of the MCBHF inductees is below, and those inductees also in the IBHF are hyperlinked to their respective profiles at IBHF's website.

MCBHF is a not-for-profit organization, and has fifteen members on its board of directors. If you would like to learn more about or contribute to the Montgomery County Basketball Hall of Fame please write them at 908 Cottage Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

#### **First Class (1900-1915) Inducted on January 11, 2003**

- Ernest "Rosey" Herron – Crawfordsville High School, 1910 & Wabash College, 1914
- Ralph Jones – First Crawfordsville H. S. Coach, also at Wabash College
- William "Big Bill" Sprow – Crawfordsville H. S., 1904 & Wabash College, 1908
- Henry Harter "Deac" Walter – Crawfordsville H. S., 1904 & Wabash College, 1909
- John Green – Crawfordsville H. S., 1914
- Ben Myers – Crawfordsville H. S., 1912 (started on 1911 state champion team)
- Clio Shaw – Crawfordsville H. S., 1911 (started on 1911 state champion team)
- Ralph Wicks – Crawfordsville H. S., 1904 & Wabash College, 1908
- John (J. D.) Blacker – Wingate High School 1913-1914 state champions
- Jesse Graves – Wingate H. S. 1914 state champions
- Justin Maloney – Crawfordsville H. S., 1907

- Leland Olin – Wingate H. S., 1914 – 1913-1914 state champions
- Noble Shaw – Crawfordsville H. S., 1914
- [Dave Glascock](#) – Crawfordsville H. S. Coach, 1911
- [Ward “Piggy” Lambert](#) – Crawfordsville H. S., 1907 & Wabash College, 1911
- [Homer Stonebraker](#) – Wingate H. S., 1913-1914 state champs & Wabash College, 1918
- [Jesse Wood](#) – Wingate H. S. Coach for 1913 state champion team.

### **Second Class (1916-1930) Inducted on July 19, 2003**

- Monte Grimes – Crawfordsville High School, 1917 (1<sup>st</sup> team all-state, 1916)
- Paul Groves – Crawfordsville H. S., 1929 (three year starter)
- Don Shelton – Crawfordsville H. S., 1919 (1<sup>st</sup> one-thousand point scorer)
- L. J. C. “Brandy” Freeman – Crawfordsville H. S. coach for 10 seasons
- Maurice Chadwick – Crawfordsville H. S., 1920 & Wabash College, 1925
- [Alonzo E. Goldsberry](#) – Wingate High School, 1920 & Wabash College, 1924
- Don Haffner – Crawfordsville H. S., 1929 (Leading scorer for two years)
- [Lee “Pete” Thorn](#) – Wingate H. S., 1916 & Wabash College, 1924
- Charles “Waxy” Blackford – Waynetown High School, 1927 (three year starter)
- John “Mobe” Cramer – Waynetown H. S., 1925 (four year starter)
- [Karl “Knobby” Dickerson](#) – Crawfordsville H. S., 1925
- [Robert “Pete” Vaughan](#) – Wabash College coach for 21 seasons

### **Third Class (1931-1945) Inducted January 3, 2004**

- George Barker – Waynetown High School, 1945 (1944 & 1945 sectional champs)
- John Bowerman – Alamo High School, 1939
- Ralph Capehart – Long-time Waynetown H. S. coach

- Bob Clements – Crawfordsville High School, 1942
- Cliff Davis – Long-time Montgomery County coach
- Ray Greve – Waveland High School, 1939 & Wabash College, 1943
- Bob “Burley” Grimes – New Ross High School, 1941
- Oscar Hybarger – Crawfordsville H. S., 1940
- Dick McGaughey – Crawfordsville H. S., 1937
- Pete Moore – Waynetown H. S., 1944 (starter for 1944 sectional & regional champs)
- Don Swarat – Crawfordsville H. S., 1943 (two year starter)
- Earl “Red” Gardner, Jr. – New Market H. S., 1941
- Paul “Pat” Malaska – Crawfordsville H. S., 1933 (four year starter)
- H. T. “Mac” McCullough – Crawfordsville H. S. coach for 6 ½ seasons
- Howard Williams – New Ross H. S., 1945

**Fourth Class (players or contributors before 1946 not previously inducted)**

**Inducted on April 17, 2004**

- Ed Ross – Crawfordsville High School, 1941 (Led team in scoring as Jr. and Sr.)
- Dallas Shull – Wingate High School, 1944 (three year starter)
- Greg Layne – Crawfordsville H. S., 1930 (two year starter)
- Leonard Greve – Waveland High School, 1937
- Forest Crane – Wingate High School, 1913 (starter for 1913 state champions)
- Homer Williams – New Ross High School, 1942
- Hugh Miller – Crawfordsville H. S., 1912 (6<sup>th</sup> man for 1911 state champions)
- Maurice Shelley – Crawfordsville H. S., 1920 & Wabash College, 1924
- Pierce Green – Crawfordsville H. S., 1945 (Led team in scoring as Jr. & Sr.)

- Leland “Bill” Melvin – Alamo High School, 1939 (three year starter)
- Rev. Nicholas McKay, special contributor – brought basketball to the Crawfordsville Y.M.C.A. in the early 1890s.

**Fifth Class (1946-1960) Inducted on October 9, 2004**

- Bill Greve – Waveland High School, 1955
- Charlie Arvin – Waveland H. S., 1946
- Lawrence “Whitey” Reath – Alamo High School, 1959
- Richard “Dick” Haslam – Crawfordsville High School, 1958
- James “Jim” Smith – Crawfordsville H. S., 1948
- Phillip “Phil” Warren – Crawfordsville H. S., 1955
- Tom Bowerman – Alamo High School coach for 22 years
- Richard “Dick” Haffner – New Ross High School, 1956
- Harold “Jack” Hester – Ladoga High School and New Market High School coach
- Dr. Russell “Rusty” Nichols – New Ross H. S., 1959 & Wabash College, 1963
- [Charles “Charlie” Bowerman](#) – Alamo H. S., 1957 & Wabash College, 1961
- [Richard “Dick” Baumgartner](#) – coached Crawfordsville H. S. for six seasons
- [Keith Greve](#) – Waveland H. S., 1951
- Bob Sosbe, special contributor - referee

**Sixth Class (1946-1960, 2<sup>nd</sup> round) Inducted April 2005**

- Dick Shull – Coal Creek High School, 1959
- Bernie Burk – New Ross High School, 1955
- George Gillis – Alamo High School, 1956
- Bill Boone – Ladoga High School, 1956

- Fred Johnson – Linden High School, 1960
- Bill Burket – Crawfordsville High School, 1959
- Bob Vail – Linden High School, 1959
- Gary Smith – Wingate High School & Coal Creek High School, 1954
- Bob Gooding – Waveland High School, 1947
- Bob Brock – Wabash College coach
- Bill Wheeler – Waveland High School, 1952
- Dave Horney – Bowers High School, 1955
- Ed Campbell, special contributor – radio announcer

**Seventh Class (1961-71 & special contributors) – Inducted October 15, 2005**

- Larry Grimes – Crawfordsville High School, 1968
- Daryl Warren – Linden High School, 1971
- Joe Pierce – Crawfordsville H. S., 1967
- Rick Haas – Coal Creek High School, 1969
- Bob Williams – Crawfordsville H. S., 1964
- Rich Douglas – Darlington High School, 1970
- Don Threlkeld – Darlington H. S., 1969
- Mike Mitchell – Waveland High School, 1968
- Steve Pierce – Waynetown High School, 1962
- Dave Williamson – Ladoga High School, 1970
- Leonard Lehman – Wingate High School coach for 1914 state champions
- [Emerson Mutterspaugh](#) – Montgomery County coach and athletic director
- Jack Gardner, special contributor – referee

**Eighth Class (1961-1971, 2<sup>nd</sup> round) Inducted April 8, 2006**

- Bob Reese – Crawfordsville High School, 1971
- John “Butch” Dale – Darlington High School, 1966
- Lee Fouts – Coal Creek High School, 1967
- Kelly Cochrane – Crawfordsville High School, 1968
- Don Evans – Waveland High School, 1964
- Phil Myers – Waveland H. S., 1967
- Phil Winger – Linden High School, 1965
- Jim Slavens – New Market High School, 1966
- Mike Melvin – Alamo High School, 1961
- Herschel Teague – Waveland H. S., 1963

**Ninth Class (1972-1985) Inducted October 14, 2006**

- Andra Harshbarger Hudson – North Montgomery High School, 1978
- Kim Long – Southmont High School, 1975
- Paula French – Southmont High School, 1978
- Mac Petty – Wabash College coach
- Chuck Kristen – North Montgomery coach
- Clint Dennison – Crawfordsville High School, 1973
- Pete Metzlears – Wabash College, 1982
- Gary Rice – Crawfordsville H. S., 1976
- Eric Froedge – Southmont H. S., 1980
- Kerry Seward – Crawfordsville H. S., 1979 & Wabash College
- Hal Shelton – North Montgomery High School, 1974

- Mark Hesser – Crawfordsville H. S., 1974
- Max Mercer – Southmont H. S., 1983

**Tenth Class Inducted April 2007**

- Matt McCarty – Crawfordsville High School, 1994
- Matt Petty – Crawfordsville H. S., 1989
- Josh Fitzwater – Crawfordsville H. S., 1998
- Darrin Haas – Crawfordsville H. S., 1993
- Travis Bowen – Southmont High School, 1998
- Kyle Shirk – Southmont H. S., 1992
- Lee Williamson – Southmont H. S., 1998
- B. J. Schlicher – North Montgomery H. S., 1996
- Jason McCormick – North Montgomery H. S., 1997
- Josh Estelle – Wabash College, 2000
- Shannon Hardesty – Crawfordsville H. S., 1987
- Kristin Miller Lakes – Southmont H. S., 1995
- Stephanie Williams Griswold – Southmont H. S., 1986
- Lindsay Rush – North Montgomery H. S., 1998
- Soni Eden – North Montgomery H. S., 1989

**Eleventh Class Inducted October 27, 2007**

- Maggie Bryant Wolcott – Crawfordsville High School, 1991
- Erin Rusk Bladyes – North Montgomery High School, 1995
- Kara McCormick – North Montgomery H. S., 1995
- Jack Roudebush – Wabash College, 1976

- Chad Tabor – Wabash College, 1999
- Brad Lighty – North Montgomery H. S., 1984
- Steve Simmons – Southmont High School, 1984
- Art Harpel – Waynetown High School, 1926
- Howard Melvin – Alamo High School, 1936
- Harry Gill – Crawfordsville H. S., 1901
- Harold Prosser – special contributor

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