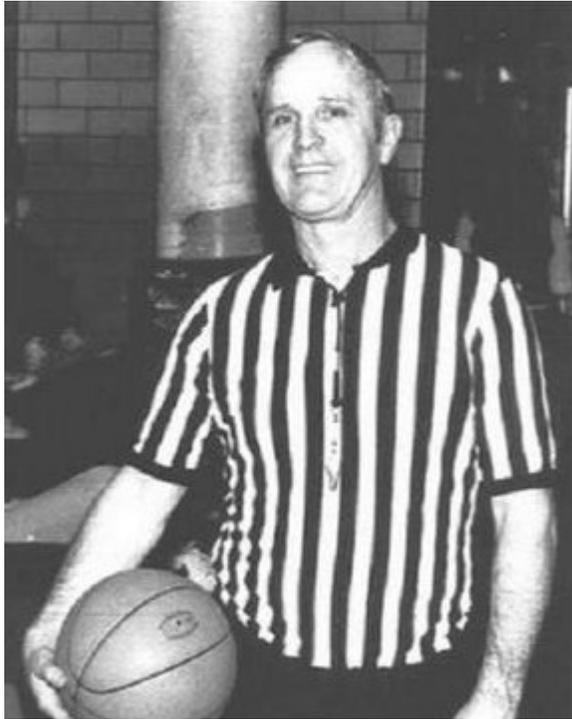




Norb Cadden



A former graduate of Mauch Chunk Catholic High School, current Bethlehem resident, Norb Cadden, Had an outstanding career (at both the scholastic and collegiate level) officiating basketball and football. During his 30-year stint as a high school official he refereed in the following leagues: Philadelphia Central, Philadelphia Suburban, Chestmont, Buxmont, and Central Penn. Between 1972 and 1977 he officiated the State Championship Basketball games (A,B and C) as well as numerous District and Interdistrict Playoffs. He served as president of the Delaware County (1959 & 1960) and Suburban Philadelphia (1968-1976) Officials and was the Assignor of officials for the Havertown Summer League (1968-1976).

On the collegiate level he was a member of the Collegiate Basketball Officials Association for 18 years. He officiated in the Ivy League, Big Five, and the Eastern College Athletic Conference and traveled throughout the country to other colleges and universities to referee on

“split crews.” Mr. Cadden was selected to officiate the M.A.C., NIT and NCAA Playoffs on numerous occasions. He directed the Wildwood Officials Clinic from 1968 to 1980, was the Observer of Officials for the Atlantic 10 Conference (1988-1989) and the ECAC (1981-1982), and the Assignor of Officials for all Community Colleges from 1970 to 1974.

On the football field he refereed in the Philadelphia Central, Philadelphia Suburban, Chestmont, Buxmont and Central Penn Leagues. In 1978 he officiated the Big 33 Classic at Hershey. He served as Commissioner of Officials for the Central League (1968-1981), was president of the Suburban Philadelphia Football Officials (1964–1967) and Secretary/Treasurer of this organization from 1968 to 1980.

Currently, he is the Assignor of Basketball Officials for Junior and Community Colleges in the Allentown-Bethlehem area and is an Observer and Rater of Officials for the PIAA during Inter-district Basketball Playoffs.

Mr. Cadden served in the U.S. Army for three years during World War II. He graduated from Muskengrin College (New Concord, Ohio) and worked 28 years for the General Accident Insurance Company, from which he retired in 1985 as the Supervisor of Claims. He is married to the former Beatrice Otto (Jim Thorpe), has three children (David, Noreen and Carolyn) and six grandchildren.





Jack Demick



The late Jack Demick was an outstanding varsity soccer and basketball player for East Mauch Chunk High School, from which he graduated in 1943, earning him induction into the 2000 Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 18 at Memorial Park Hall.

After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he graduated from East Stroudsburg State Teacher College in 1950.

During his collegiate career, he excelled in soccer and gymnastics. A four-year varsity soccer star, he played on the 1946 undefeated squad, was the leading scorer in 1948 and was selected team captain in 1949.

Ath the conclusion of the 1949 season, he was voted an All American Honorable Mention in the Middle Atlantic District by the National Soccer Coach's Association.

Demick was an outstanding gymnast who specialized in floor exercise and the parallel bars. He was a member of the precision drill team, which specialized in routines and exercises on the apparatuses and mats. In 1949-50 he was selected Captain of the Gymnastics Team.

After graduating from East Stroudsburg with a B.S. in Physical Education and Health, he received his Master of Education from Miami University (Ohio). Between 1952 and 1962 he taught in the Kettering School system in Kettering, Ohio.

In 1962, he became the principal of the J.E. Press Elementary School in Kettering, a position he held until his untimely death in 1986.

In recognition of his land and outstanding service to youth of Kettering, he was selected, posthumously, to the Chester A. Rousch Education Hall of Fame in 1988 - the highest reward that can be given in the Kettering City Schools.

Jack is survived by his wife, the former Alma Billig, and son, Dr. Robert A. Demick and his wife Diane Diedrich.





Jim Steidle



Jim Steidle's outstanding baseball career earned him selection as one of the 2000 inductees in the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 15 at Jim Thorpe Memorial Hall.

Steidle, currently a resident of Okemos, MI, graduated from East Mauch Chunk High School in 1948. He played American Legion Junior Baseball with the Mauch Chunk Legion in 1946 and 1947 and in 1948 he was a member of the East Mauch Chunk High and Mauch Chunk A.C. teams.

Steidle posted a 9-1 record in 1947 when the Legion team won the Tri-County League title. In 1948, East Mauch Chunk High won the Mountain League Baseball Championship with 1 12-0 record. In that season, Steidle was 8-0 and also pitched a

no-hitter against Weatherly, a one-hitter, two two-hitters and four shutouts.

Overall during the 1947 and 1948 seasons, his pitching record was 20-2.

He was scouted by the New York Giants, Philadelphia A's, Philadelphia Phillies and Detroit Tigers. In 1948, he received a contract from the Giants, but signed with the A's.

Eventually, he was signed by the Cincinnati Reds and assigned to Lockport (NY). His career was cut short, however by recurring shoulder problems.

For 15 years, he coached baseball at Bound Brook, NJ High School winning the Mountain Valley Conference and Somerset County League.

Steidle was a teacher for 41 years from 1954 through 1995.

He is married to the former Barbara Cyganowski (Nanticoke) and has two children (James Jr. and Susan).





Terry Watto



Dr. Terry Watto, D.MD, was one of the most outstanding athletes ever produced at Jim Thorpe Area High School.

A 1961 graduate, he earned 11 varsity letters in his four-year career (baseball '58-'61; football '58-'61; basketball '59-'61).

Because of his athletic success, Watto has been chosen as one of the 2000 inductees into the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame.

On the "diamond" Watto led his team to the Mountain League Championship in 1959 and two Black Diamond League Championships (1960-61). Individually, in 1961, he won the batting (.466 average) and pitching (4-0 record) crowns of the Black Diamond League, becoming the only player to win both titles in the same season.

In football he was one of the team leaders and participated in the UNICO All-Star game in the summer of 1961. He was unable to compete

his senior year due to a season-ending knee injury.

Watto was a key member of the 1959 District 11 Class C championship basketball team. In 1961, he was selected by the Associated Press to the All-State Honorable Mention Team and participated in the Lions Club All-Star game. Dr. Watto graduated from East Stroudsburg State College in 1965 with a B.S. in Education. He taught biology at Jim Thorpe High School for five years and then attended the University of Pittsburgh Dental School from which he graduated in 1974. He joined the U.S. Navy the same year and began an outstanding athletic career in numerous sports.

Dr. Watto retired as a Commander in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy in 1994. He currently resides with his family in Chesapeake, Virginia. He is married to the former Carole Rimsky (Jim Thorpe), and had two children (Stacey, and the late Todd Watto).





Richard "Fozzy" Kuhn



In 1975, Richard "Fozzy" Kuhn tore up the local gridiron with his outstanding offensive performances. It was his outstanding play that made him a member of the 2000 induction class into the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame at Memorial Hall.

In the word of his coach Barry Hackenberg, "he is probably the most natural athlete I've ever coached in my 14 years of coaching."

Having never donned a football uniform until he was a sophomore, he burst upon the local football scene in 1975, with a bang – he scored all of Jim Thorpe's points in the first three games against Weatherly, Pocono Mountain and Northwestern.

Kuhn went on to score 128 points in the season, becoming the leading scorer in the TIMES NEWS and Allentown Morning Call area.

He accounted for 1,569 offensive yards. He rushed for 1,176 yards on 130 carries – an average of over nine yards per carry – setting the single season rushing record; caught 15 passes for 271 yards - 18 yard average; and returned 11 kickoffs for 242 yards – a 22 yard average.

His 128 points came on 18 touchdowns 17 kicked extra points and one field goal.

He was also the Scholar Athlete in 1975-76 and excelled in basketball, having won varsity letters in two straight years.

Kuhn graduated from the University of Delaware in 1982 and is a Certified Public Accountant. He is married to the former Mary Alice Heaney and they have three children – Brendan, Erin and Caitlin. He is treasurer and managing officer of the Nesquehoning Savings Bank.





The 1948 Mauch Chunk Jr. American Legion Baseball Team



The 1948 edition of the Mauch Chunk American Legion Junior Baseball Team, managed by Mickey Hodor, finished the season with 21 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties. The Team captured the Tri-County American League Championship and won fifteen consecutive league games before losing the last game of the season to Slatington, 5 to 3.

In post season play the Chunker's captured the District 30 Championship by defeating Wilson Boro. in the best of a three game series, 2 to 1 and 10 to 3. Valley View, the District 13 Champions, was the next opponent and fell to the locals by scores of 4 to 2 and 6 to 5. The State Tournament match against Emmaus resulted in two consecutive ties (4-4 & 3-3) whereupon another "best of three game series" ensued in which Mauch Chunk fell, 3 to 2 and 6 to 1.

However, the season was not quite over for "our Champs." The legion team played two benefit games (for TO BUILD THE BLEACHER FUND) against the Brooklyn Legion Champs from New York City, winning both games, 5 to 0 and 5 to 2.

Outstanding individual performances highlighted the team's championship year. Six players (Art Stermer, Fritz Watto, Byron Halpin, John 'Doley' Smith, Ron Etrang, and Ron Mrozinski) had tryouts with Major League Teams – the Philadelphia A's, St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies. Three players signed major league contracts: Etrang and Stermer with the Philadelphia A's and Mrozinski with the Phillies.

The team led the league in batting with a .338 average and seven player averaged .300 or greater, Fritz Watto led the "hit parade" with a .508 average. Other leading hitters and their averages are as follows: John 'Doley' Smith - .472, Art Stermer - .386, Ron Etrang - .311, Byron Halpin - .306, George Kroclic - .303, and Don Sheehan - .300. Other league statistics included the Fielding Percentage (.954) and Runs Scored (179 for an 11.3 average per game).

Not to be outdone was the pitching staff led by Ron Mrozinski who was the leading pitcher in the League with a 7-0 record (10-1 overall). He averaged 15 strikeouts per game, had "double digit strikeouts" in every game and recorded 20 strikeouts against Wilson Boro in the district 30 Tournament.

Other members of the team included: Jimmy McElhenny, George Eck, Trevor Bruch, Jimmy Brosius, John 'Snuffy' Smith, Joe Clewell, Bert Steidle, Louis Huber, Charles Marzen, and Bernard Kuhla. Charles 'Chick' Rimsky was the business manager and Michael Hodor, Jr. was the batboy.

