



Lewis Anthony (Deceased)



Born in 1907, Lewis Anthony graduated from Mauch Chunk in 1925. During his high school career he excelled at baseball.

A life long resident of Mauch Chunk/Jim Thorpe, he became a successful businessman, but was most noted for his involvement in community affairs. During 1953/54 he played a major role in the sponsorship, organization and establishment of Little League in the Jim Thorpe Little League program would not be the success it is today had it not been for Mr. Anthony's strong financial support and League Leadership during the early years of the League's program.

He was active in civic affairs, including the effort to unite Mauch Chunk and East Mauch Chunk in becoming Jim Thorpe.

He retired from his business in 1963 and served as a Carbon County Deputy Sheriff for several years. Married to the former Helen Niehoff for 49 years, Mr. Anthony passed away in 1977. He is survived by two sons Dr. Lewis Anthony of Green Bay, Wisconsin, & Mr. Ron Anthony of Wernersville, PA.





Judy Wells Romanisko



A 1960 graduate of Jim Thorpe Area High School, Ms. Judy Wells Romanisko graduated from Kutztown University in 1964 and has done graduate work at Penn State University, Wilkes University, and LCC.

In high school and college she was a cheerleader for three years each – the last two college years she was the Captain of the cheerleading squad.

She coached Cheerleading in Tamaqua Area High School from 1966 to 1968 and became the Coach at Jim Thorpe Area High School in 1981. She is now in her 25th year as the Olympian's coach and during that time span her squads have won over 70 individual

awards on the state and national level.

Some of these numerous awards include:

Eastern PA Cheerleading Invitational 1st place finish in '81 – '82

PA Cheerleading Invitational 1st place finishes in '90-'91, '93-'94, '94-'95 and '96-'97

National Cheerleading Association 1st place finished in '95-'96, '96-'97, '99-'00, '01-'02 and '02-'03

Over the years she has coached 31 NCA All-Americans and 8 UCA All Stars.

Judy was the Cheerleading coordinator of the Olympian Booster Club from 1976 to 1984, served as the Treasurer from 1980 to 1984, and in 1980 was selected as the Booster Club Woman-of-the-Year. She has been employed by the Jim Thorpe Area School District since 1971 and has taught English as a Second Language for 14 years. Since 1985 she has been the Director of the Bicentennial Chorus.

Judy is married to Tom Romanisko and they have two children, Tom & Julie, and two grandchildren.





Dave Malkin



In 1973 Dave Malkin graduated from East Stroudsburg State Teacher's College and began long and distinguished teaching and coaching careers at Jim Thorpe.

A 1964 graduate of Lansford High School, he distinguished himself on the baseball diamond by lettering and starting every game all four years and played three years of Legion Baseball for the Palmerton entry in the Lehigh Valley Legion League. He also lettered in football his junior and senior years, playing offensive halfback and safety and played one year of Spring Football at offensive running back for East Stroudsburg.

His post graduate athletic achievements included an eight-year, semi-pro baseball career as a pitcher and outfielder for the Tamaqua Travelers of the Pocono Mountain League – at the age of 35 he made the All-Star Team.

At Jim Thorpe he had a distinguished career as a coach, a physical education teacher for 31 ½ years and an Athletic Director for 5 ½ years. For 12 years he was an assistant football coach and also coached baseball for 12 years – including 7 years as head coach.

He was one of the most prolific coaches in the school's history. During his 7 years as head baseball coach his team qualified for the District Tournament 5 times, winning the Schuylkill League Division II North Championships in '83, '83, 86, and '89.

In 1983-1984 his teams won the Schuylkill Northern Division titles and the 1983 team was Tri-Champions of the Schuylkill League. In 1987 the team won a silver medal for finishing 2nd in the District XI Championship game, thus qualifying for the State Tournament.

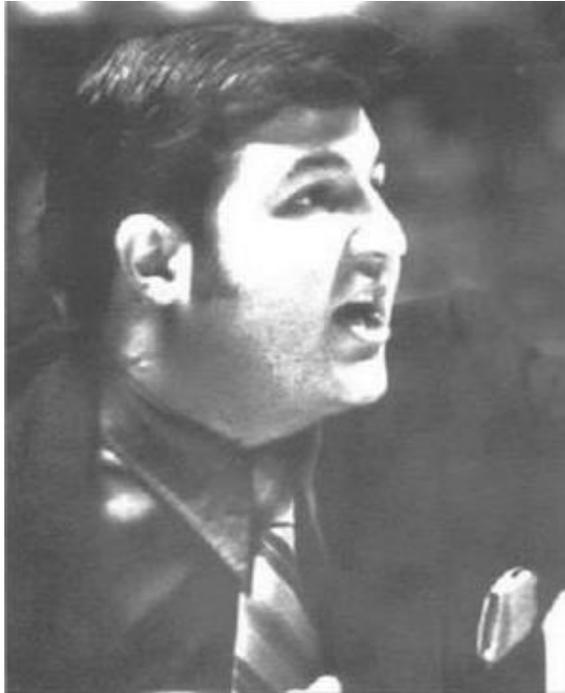
In 1986 he was voted Coach-of-the-Year in the Schuylkill League. Overall, Malkin's Schuylkill League record was 54 wins – 16 losses, for a .771 winning percentage.

Dave retired from Jim Thorpe in January 2004 after giving his entire career to J.T.A.H.S. His dedication and accomplishments will long be remembered. He is married to the former Ayn Lynn Berger and they have three children: Andrea, Jennifer and Sally.





George “Chuck” Hanna



A 1960 graduate of Lansford High School, ‘Chuck’ Hanna was a three year letterman on the basketball squad. He led his team to the 1960 Black Diamond League Championship and played in the Lansford Lions East-West All-Star Game and the Allentown B’nai B’rith All Star Tournament.

After graduating from Bloomsburg College in 1966, he began his coaching career at Southern Columbia and in 1968 they played in the District #4 Finals. From 1968 to 1970 he coached the Schuylkill Haven Hurricanes and the team played in the District XI Finals in 1970, losing to St. Clair. During the 1970 – 1971

seasons he coached the Schuylkill Valley Panthers.

Eventually, he ended up as the Head Coach of the Jim Thorpe Olympians from 1971 to 1973. Although his career as a basketball coach at J. T. A. H. S. was brief, his name will always be remembered with our other coaching legends.

The 1971 – 72 team; after winning the District XI Championship, played for the PIAA Class “C” Eastern Final and lost to the eventual State Champion, Mt. Penn. During the only PIAA final four tournament ever played, Coach Hanna rallied his players and the following day his team defeated Laurel Valley, from the Pittsburgh area, to bring home the only 3rd place finish in State History. The team finished the season with 21 Wins & 8 Losses. From 1973 to 1975 he was a Varsity Assistant Coach at Elizabethtown College Blue Jays. He attended graduate school at Bloomsburg University, Penn State, East Stroudsburg University and Temple University. He worked for Reader’s Digest Association from 1975 to 1996 and retired as a Senior Vice President in 1996.

Chuck is married to the former Janet Miller and they are the parents of two daughters, Jill & Susan, and grandparents of four granddaughters.





1985-86 Jim Thorpe Boys PIAA ---- Eastern-Finalist Basketball Team



The 1985-86 Eastern Finalist basketball team was only the fourth team, in Jim Thorpe Olympian sports history to become one of top four teams in the State of Pennsylvania. Also, it is the only Jim Thorpe basketball team to reach the finals of the powerful Schuylkill League since its entrance in 1981.

The team defeated Freeland for the Division Championship of the Schuylkill League, but lost the League Championship game to Panther Valley. However, they qualified for the District XI playoffs and, despite losing to Freeland in the first round, they defeated Schuylkill Haven in the Consolation Round. This victory qualified them for the State Tournament as the 3rd team out of District XI.

During the PIAA Class 'A' State Tournament the team defeated Lackawanna Trail and an undefeated (26-0) Galeton team. Reaching the Eastern Semi-Finals, they played Freeland, for the fifth time during the season, and defeated them 72-65. In the PIAA Eastern Finals against Bristol the Olympians were defeated, 81-52. For the season the team finished with an admirable record of 22 Wins and 8 Losses.

Leading the team was Head Coach, Don Herman. Assisting him were Assistant Coaches Dave McAndrew, Robert Kovac and Randy Rabenold. The Managers were Kellie Redline and Steve Rumley.

Team members included: Dave Brown, Tom Carrigan, Tom Chapman, Gino Duffy, Mike Kattner, Kevin Kurinec, Bill Moran, Bob Pope, Tony Ross, John Searfoss, Kyle Scheckler and Greg Strubinger.

