

# NORTHWEST WRESTLING

## *Hall of Fame*



### *~ Don Schalmo ~*

#### *Contributor*

Don Schalmo grew up in Jackson Township and graduated from Jackson High School. Afforded limited opportunity to play sports, he grew up and working on a large farm. As a junior FFA member he was in the top two percent of the state. His senior year he finished as one of the top three Ohio “American Farmer Scholars” of the year. He and his wife, Carol, moved to Canal Fulton in 1956. Their four children were raised in Canal Fulton, graduated from Northwest High School, and received college degrees. He has always had a deep interest in sports of all kinds. All four of his children were active in sports while at Northwest High School. Don has continued an active role in the local sports programs. As Booster Club President, he was instrumental in the original Annex development. In 1972 he and a few others signed a personal note for the construction. Under his supervision as the “Straw Boss” the annex was completed in ninety days at a cost of approximately \$27,000. The final pay off was made in seven years. This is the same five thousand square foot annex utilized and shared by the present day wrestling, football and other athletic teams today. Over the years Don has continued to be active in community athletic programs and booster clubs. He is past president of the Little League Baseball League and helped form the local Pee Wee Youth Football League. He served as its Athletic Director for eleven years. In 1997 Don completed the building of two thousand houses in seven counties and sixteen **SUPER 8 MOTELS** in Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. He and Carol enjoy attending the Canal Fulton Rotary Club and have enjoyed following the high school and college progress of their five grandchildren.

## *Class of 2006*

