



Jeff Dodson
2008 Award of Merit Recipient

Jeff moved to CW in 1972 with his wife, Karen, and daughters, Tammy and Malinda. Since that time, he has been involved with community sports then school sports supporting both his children and now grandchildren. He began his school involvement in sports in 1978 by volunteering for track and junior high basketball.

For the 2002 and 2003 seasons, Jeff became the softball coach of the middle school team. During this time, he organized the construction of the current junior varsity softball diamond dugouts—drawing up blueprints, raising money to pay for them, and getting volunteers and construction workers to build them. He also arranged for the donations of the middle school score board and organized its installation. Jeff helped with the installation of the infield drain tile on the high school softball diamonds.

In 2004, Jeff became the JV Assistant Coach of the softball program and for the 2005 and 2006 seasons was the Varsity Assistant Coach. Through the years, Jeff has helped prepare and maintain the diamonds, fields and fences.

After having quadruple bypass surgery in 2006, Jeff helped the Canal Winchester sports programs in different ways than what he had done in the past. So, in 2007, he was able to donate a new washer, dryer and platform to the high school football program. In 2008, he donated and installed shoulder pad racks in the high school football locker room along with donating the materials and paying for the locker room floor to be painted.

Jeff says he could not have accomplished everything that he has without the help of dedicated parents of the ball players and the contributions of many organizations and workers throughout the years. He would like to thank all of them for their support. He gives his thanks for this great honor of being named into the Canal Winchester Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2009.