

# DWIGHT TROJANS



**Back Row:** Maddie Bossert, Ceci Soto, Shannon Cain, Kapri Krople, Abbi Groves, Molly Snyder, Blake Banks, Jordan Partney, Lyndey Krug

**Front Row:** Haley Kosik, Jenna Foose, Mjellma Asllani, Sage Ozment-Herr, Jordyn Tilley, Lexi Hauert, Emily Soto

# WEST TEAM COACHES

## CHRIS THORNTON HEAD COACH

*Stockton High School*

Chris Thornton graduated from Minooka Community High School in 1993 and Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. While at Northern Illinois, Chris was a two-time Letterman in Football playing Offensive Tackle. He previously coached Oswego High School's Freshman Line (2001-2005) and Stockton High School's Varsity Offensive and Defensive Line. Chris has been head coach at Stockton High School for 7 years and also teaches Physical Education and Drivers Education. He holds a record of 47-27 at Stockton with 4 playoff qualifiers, 2006 quarterfinal appearance, 2011-12 Conference Champions, and 2012 Class 1A State Runner Up

**Wife:** Shelley

**Children:** Bailey (8) and Addison (4)



## MARK GROUNDS ASSISTANT COACH

*Jacksonville High School*

Mark Grounds graduated from Eureka High School in Eureka, MO in 1987 and Illinois College in 1991. While at Illinois College, he was a 4 year Letterman and 3 year starter at defensive tackle. Chris was on the Illinois Republican Staff from 1991-1995. He previously was the Assistant Line Coach at Jacksonville High School (1993-94) and the Offensive Coordinator/Line Coach at North Park University (1995-2000). Mark has been Head Coach at JHS since 2000 with an overall record of 69-53.

**Wife:** Monica



## JOHN HAMMANN ASSISTANT COACH

*Stockton High School*

John Hammann graduated from Carlinville High School in 2000 and Illinois State University in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in History Education. He has been the Stockton High School Assistant Football Coach for seven years, the Warren High School Head Varsity Basketball Coach for one year, and the Stockton/Warren Head Freshman/Sophomore Baseball Coach for eight years. John has several different roles serving the Stockton Football program, including Freshman/Sophomore Coach for three seasons and Varsity Defensive Coordinator for four seasons. During this time he also served as a position coach for quarterbacks, wide receivers, defensive ends, and defensive backs. John's team accomplishments include: four-time playoff qualifier, 2006 Quarterfinal Team, 2011 and 2012 Conference Champions and 2012 Class 1A State Runner Up.



## DAVE JACOBS ASSISTANT COACH

*Jersey High School*

Dave Jacobs graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Illinois College and later received a master's Degree from Illinois State University. He has coached at the following schools: New Berlin High School from 1987-1990 with a record of 9-9 as the Head Coach, Chatham-Glenwood Assistant Coach from 1991-1992, Illiopolis head Coach from 1993-1994 with a record of 10-8, Rochester Head Coach from 1995-2004 with a record of 43-48 and five playoff appearances, Champaign Central Head Coach from 2005-2009 with a record of 21-27 with three playoff appearances, University of Illinois Volunteer Assistant in 2010, Jersey High School Head coach from 2011-2012 with a record of 12-8 and went 12-1 in 2012. He is credited with building five High School Football Programs with an overall record of 95-100 and has led three different teams to the playoffs.



## TIM NELSON ASSISTANT COACH

*Marquette Catholic High School*

Tim Nelson was recently named the new Head Coach at Dupu High School in 2013. Nelson was an assistant coach for one season at Marquette Catholic in Alton under Rick Reinhart before taking over in 2008. In Nelson's 5 years as Head Coach of the Explorers he compiled a 33-19 record, .635 winning percentage, 2 Conference Championships, and 5 IHSA playoff appearances. He led the Explorers to the 2012 Class 4A Quarterfinals this past fall. Nelson played for 2 Hall of Fame coaches during his prep days—Rick Reinhart at Bethalto Civil Memorial and Ric Johns at Harden Calhoun winning the 1992 State Championship. Tim works at Thompson Reuters in Creve Coeur, Missouri as an Implementation Specialist.

**Wife:** Casey



## NAT ZUNKEL ASSISTANT COACH

*Mercer High School*

Nat Zunkel graduated from York Community High School and Illinois Wesleyan University. He previously coached at Kankakee, Homewood-Flossmoor, York, and Mattoon. Nat is currently the Head Coach at Mercer County High School. While at Mercer, he has led the Golden Eagles to a 42-6 record including 3 conference championships, 2012 Class 2A State Champions and 14-0 record.

**Wife:** Sandy

**Children:** Paul (11), Luke (9), and William (8)



# WEST TEAM PLAYERS



## TANNER MATLICK #8 QUARTERBACK

*Mercer County High School  
Coach Nat Zunkel*

**Parents:** Kyle & Tina Matlick

**Football:** 4 year Letterman, two-time All LTC Conference QB, All State QB

**Other:** Basketball 3 year Letterman, Baseball 4 year Letterman,



## DYLAN SCHULTZ #12 WIDE RECEIVER

*Orion High School  
Coach Chip Filler*

**Parents:** Jeff & Kris Schultz

**Football:** 4 year letter winner, 2 years 1 team WCC conference player, 1st team all state player 2013, 1st team all area player.

**Other:** 4 year letter winner basketball, all state honorable mention, 3 year letter winner track, placed 5th in 110 and 300 hurdles at state track meet 2013



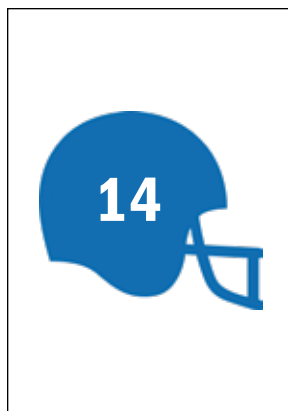
## ANDREW CLIFFORD #9 QUARTERBACK

*Lake Forest High School  
Coach Chuck Spagnoli*

**Parents:** Mike & Paige Clifford

**Football:** 2 year Letterman, All Conference, All-County, two-time All Area, All State Hon. Mention

**Other:** Lacrosse 4 year Letterman, Captain, and All conference, COR, Kairos, IL Boy's State, Men's Club, Investment Club



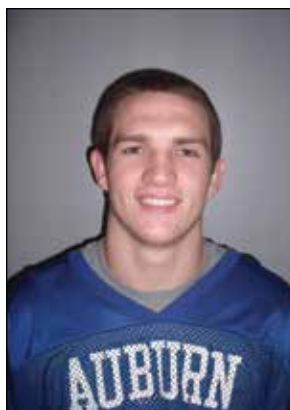
## KANE STEGER #14 WIDE RECEIVER

*Belvidere High School  
Coach Matt Weckler*

**Parents:** Kurt Steger

**Football:** 2 year Letterman, 1st Team All Conference

**Other:** Basketball 4 year Letterman, All Conference Basketball, Honor Roll, B-Club, Deca, Breast Cancer Walk, Walk for diabetes, helped tutor elementary kids



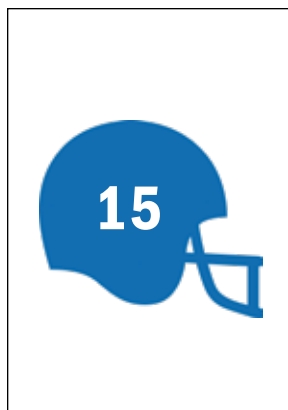
## AUSTIN MUENCH #10 WIDE RECEIVER

*Auburn High School  
Coach Dave Bates*

**Parents:** Ed & Tawny Madaus

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, two-time All State, two-time All Area, two-time All Conference, Auburn High School records for: Most Points, Most TD's, Most Receptions, Most Receiving Yards, Most 200 Yard Rushing Games

**Other:** Baseball 4 year Letterman, three-time All Area, three-time All Conference, three-time Silver Slugger Award, Basketball 3 year Letterman, two-time All conference, Hon. Mention All State, Youth basketball coach, community food bank Christmas delivery, Youth basketball & football camp volunteer



## JACK KWIATKOWSKI #15 WIDE RECEIVER

*Oswego High School  
Coach Brian Cooney*

**Parents:** Greg & Barb Kwiatkowski

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, 1st Team All Conference, three-time 1st Team All Area, two-time Captain, All State Hon. Mention, Team MVP, School Records for: Career Catches, Receiving yards and TD's

**Other:** Basketball 3 year Letterman, three-time Basketball Captain, A Capella Choir, Captains Council, Panther Reading Club, Camp Hope



## TYLER McLEMORE #11 WIDE RECEIVER

*Alton High School  
Coach Jeff Alderman*

**Parents:** Marc & Yvette McLemore

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, two-time All Southwestern Conference, Belleville News Democrat All Area, Knights of Columbus DB of the week

**Other:** Basketball 3 year Letterman, Student Council, Power of the Peers, Volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club of Alton as a camp advisor



## DAVONTE WILLCOX #21 RUNNING BACK

*Warren TWP. High School  
Coach Dave Mohapp*

**Parents:** Erik & Kelinda Willcox

**Football:** Team MVP, All Lake County Hon. Mention

**Other:** Basketball, KSKJ

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**BRADY WESTART #22**  
**RUNNING BACK**

*Elmwood-Brimfield High School*  
*Coach Todd Hollis*

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, 2012 Peoria Journal Star Small School Player of the Year, All State, three-time All Conference, holds 10 Trojan football records



**ZACH NELSON #32**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**

*Mercer County High School*  
*Coach Nat Zunkel*

**Parents:** Todd Nelson & Kelly Moss  
**Football:** 2012 All Western All Area, All Conference Lincoln Trail, Player of the game 2A Championship game, 2011 2nd Team All Lincoln Trail, 2nd Team All Western Area  
**Other:** 4 year wrestling Letterman, Wrestling 2nd place at 145 in 2011, 2nd place at 152 in 2012, two-time All State in wrestling



**BRENDAN STEWART #23**  
**RUNNING BACK**

*Carlville High School*  
*Coach Chad Easterday*

**Parents:** Jeff & Danette Stewart  
**Football:** 4 year Letterman, IL Boys State, Honor Roll, Leadership Ceremony Attendee, three-time MVP, three-time Alton Telegraph Player of the Year, Springfield State Journal Register, Honorary Captain of the All Area Team, All State Running Back, Team All Conference Running Back, All Conference Linebacker  
**Other:** Mission trip to Memphis, TN, Macoupin County Fairgrounds cleanup, Christmas Market cleanup, "Take it to Town" community service work for Macoupin Center for the Developmentally Disabled, Relay for Life setup



**RYAN SWEENEY #33**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**

*Warren TWP. High School*  
*Coach Dave Mohapp*

**Parents:** Michael & Mary Sweeney  
**Football:** MVP Senior Year  
**Other:** Wrestling, Baseball



**DEKOTA DOERR #30**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**

*Metamora High School*  
*Coach Pat Ryan*

**Parents:** Craig Doerr  
**Football:** 4 year Letterman, two way starter all four years, three-time captain, two-time MVP, two-time All Conference, two-time All Area, All State Hon. Mention  
**Other:** Basketball, Track & Field, IBA, Home coming court, Synder Village retirement community, St. Jude Run



**AUSTIN BADEN #34**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**

*North Boone High School*  
*Coach Aaron Sullivan*

**Parents:** Kevin & Lavonna Baden  
**Football:** 1st Team All Conference, 1st Team All State  
**Other:** Basketball All Conference, Baseball All Conference, Track & Field All Conference, coaching, Spirit Club, Natural Helpers



**JAMAAL RICHARDSON #31**  
**DEFENSIVE BACK**

*Oswego High School*  
*Coach Brian Cooney*

**Parents:** Lincoln & Vikki Richardson  
**Football:** four-time Captain, All Conference, All Area  
**Other:** Basketball three-time Captain, Student Leadership Conference, Captains Council, Big Brother/Mentor to neighborhood Kindergarten, five-time Varsity Athlete

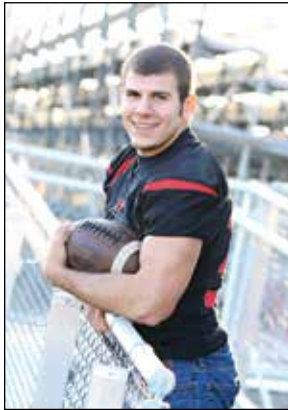


**ZACH JACKSON #35**  
**DEFENSIVE END**

*Richwoods High School*  
*Coach Roland Brown*

**Parents:** Steve & Andrea Jackson  
**Football:** two-time All Conference, Coached JFL  
**Other:** Baseball, JROTC Marines, MCJROTC-Sons of American Revolution Medal for Military Excellence, Military Order of World Wars Medal for Exemplary Leadership, Military Knowledge and Outstanding Military Character, American Officers Association Medal-Exemplary Officer Leadership, Iron Mike Award for Most Physically Fit, Non-Commissioned Officer Ribbon for Excellent Leadership, Physical Fitness Achievement Ribbon, Best Drill Cadet Ribbon, Longevity and Fidelity Ribbon, Habitat for Humanity, Church project to repair bathrooms and cabins in Angola, special needs camp volunteer

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## ZACH INSKEEP #40 LINEBACKER

*Erie/Ptown Coop High School  
Coach Chuck Milem*

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, two-time All Conference, Big Rivers Co-Player of the Year, All Western IL, Clinton Herald Player of the Year, two-time ALL Area, two-time Panther Award, two-time Captain, Offense Award  
**Other:** Basketball 3 year Letterman, two-time All Conference Hon. Mention, and Captain, Baseball 3 year Letterman, two-time All conference Hon. Mention Catcher, All Area Hon. Mention Catcher, 3rd Place Class 2A State, Leo Club FCA, Spirit Club



## JAKE LANG #44 LINEBACKER

*Tremont High School  
Coach Louis Wicks*

**Parents:** Arthur & Merrra Lang

**Football:** All State MLB, two-time offensive lineman

**Other:** Basketball



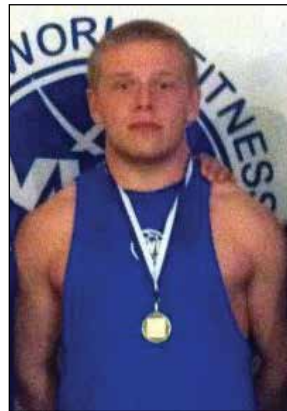
## JORDAN HARR #41 LINEBACKER

*Carrollton High School  
Coach Nick Flowers*

**Parents:** Andrea Harr

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, All State, All State Academic Team, Hawk Pride Football Club

**Other:** Basketball 3 year Letterman, State Runner Up, Baseball 4 year Letterman, State Champion, National Honor Society, Student Council, First Baptist Church



## JACK JOHNSON #45 DEFENSIVE END

*Antioch High School  
Coach Brian Glashagel*

**Parents:** Frank & Cathy Johnson

**Football:** Schuman NUC Combine LB MVP, Schuman NUC 5-Star Showcase Top Performer, Schuman NUC, Top Prospect Camp Elite Invitee, Schuman NUC U-100 Invitee, USA U19 National Football Trials, NUC All Combine Team, Captain, Defensive Lineman of the Year, Defensive MVP, All Conference, IL All Star Game

**Other:** Ping Pong Tournament, Basketball Tournament at local parks district



## SETH McDONALD #42 LINEBACKER

*Sandwich High School  
Coach Dusty Behringer*

**Parents:** Brook & Adona McDonald

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, All State, two-time All Conference, three-time All Area, Team MVP, Defensive MVP

**Other:** Basketball 3 year Letterman, Illinois Leadership Seminar, Willowcrest Nursing Home Volunteer, The Conservation Foundation, Sandwich Youth Tackle Football



## CHARLES TRENT #46 DEFENSIVE END

*Waukegan High School  
Coach Nick Browder*

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, two-time All Conference, All Lake County, two-time Defensive Lineman of the Year, two-time varsity starter



## ZACH PATTAT #43 LINEBACKER

*Byron High School  
Coach Jeff Boyer*

**Parents:** Peggy & Brian Pattat

**Football:** two-time All Conference, All State, conference leading rusher

**Other:** Track & Field



## KYLE MOORE #50 CENTER

*Newman Catholic High School  
Coach Mike Papoccia*

**Parents:** Jeff & Angela Moore

**Football:** Academic All State, All Conference, All Area, All Metro, Captain, voted most inspirational, MVP

**Other:** Basketball Captain, Baseball, School Musicals, Liturgical Choir, Church Choir, Feed the Children, Food Drive/Stock the Pantry, National Honor Society

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## STEVE HAWLEY #51 CENTER

*Stockton High School  
Coach Chris Thornton*

**Parents:** Andy & Leslie Hawley

**Football:** two-time Captain, two-time All Conference OL & DL, All State OL & DL, three-time Most Valuable Lineman, 1A State Championship Runner up

**Other:** Wrestling, FFA Vice President, Band, Chorus, High School plays, Middle School Mentor, Member of Stockton High School's IHSA Class D State champion Music program.



## DEREK BRACKETT #63 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

*Galesburg High School  
Coach Tim Dougherty*

**Parents:** Dewey & Kim Brackett

**Football:** 2 year Letterman, Western Big 6 All Conference Lineman, Western Big 6 Academic All Conference, Captain

**Other:** SSA, G-Club, Yearbook Advisor, Galesburg Youth Football Camp, 4 year Honor Roll



## ROLANDO LUNA #60 DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

*Beardstown High School  
Coach Aaron Elmore*

**Parents:** Emilio & Maria Luna

**Football:** 4 year Letterman, All Conference, Best Defensive Lineman of the Year, SJ-R All Area Defense, Do or Die Bowl participant

**Other:** Track & Field 3 year Letterman, Basketball Letterman, FFA, volunteer work at church



## JONAS ROBBINS #64 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

*Rock Falls High School  
Coach Jay Mammosser*

**Parents:** Linda S. Underwood

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, All Academic Conference, All Conference honorable Mention 2012

**Other:** Baseball 2 year Letterman, Wrestling Letterman, National Honor Society, BLIND, Spanish Club, ACE, Little football camp, T-ball and cancer foundation, Future Wrestling Camp



## CLAY FINKLEA #61 DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

*Quincy High School  
Coach Rick Little*

**Parents:** Clay & Krista Finklea

**Football:** 3 year Letterman, KHQA Breakout Plater, two-time Western Big-6 All Conference Offensive Line, two-time All Area Offensive Lineman, Captain, Team MVP

**Other:** Baseball, Tutor and mentor at Dewey Elementary School, Leader at the Crossing Church, Leadership Club



## THOMAS KUTSCHKE #65 DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

*Lake Forest High School  
Coach Chuck Spagnoli*

**Parents:** Ed & Sue Kutschke

**Football:** two-time All Conference, All County, All Area, NSC Lake Defensive Player of the Year, Captain

**Other:** Baseball, Men's Club, Link Crew, SALT, COR Youth Group



## JAMES TORGESON #62 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

*Springfield High School  
Coach R.J. Luke*

**Parents:** Kevin & Janice Torgeson

**Football:** 4 year Letterman, All Conference, All State, Hon. Mention Central State 8 All Conference, 6A Academic All State

**Other:** Track & Field 3 year Letterman, two-time 3A state Track & Field qualifier in shot put, two-time Central State 8 All Conference, Central State 8 shot put and discuss champion



## RYNE BLANTON #66 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

*Richmond-Burton High School  
Coach Patrick Elder*

**Parents:** Duane & Madeline Blanton

**Football:** 3 Year Letterman, All State Team Honorable Mention, NW Herald First Team All Area Football Team, All Conference, Most Valuable Lineman, Most Valuable Defense, Co-Captain.

**Other:** Baseball 3 Year Letterman, two-time All Conference, Baseball Co-Captain, Basketball, High Honor Roll, Honor Roll 4 Years, Link Crew, President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete, Senior Leadership Award, Senior Athlete of the Year

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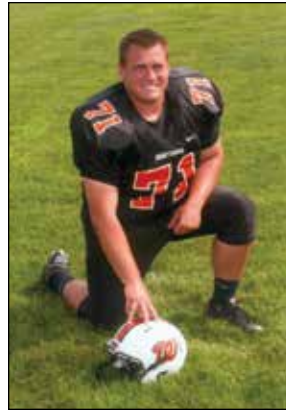
**MICHAEL SMITH #67**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**

*Annawan-Wethersfield High School*  
*Coach Brandon Johnston*

**Parents:** Amy Rieder

**Football:** 4 year Letterman, All State Offensive and Defensive Lineman, All Conference Offensive and Defensive Lineman, AW Junior Football camp, Annawan Junior Football camp

**Other:** Basketball 3 year Letterman, Track & Field 2 year Letterman, FFA: Historian, FCA, LEAD, Spanish Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, JKB, Braves Basketball Camp, Raked Elderly people's leaves, Hazter and Nordstrom Equipment Sale



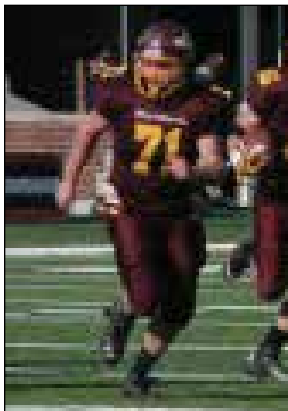
**BROCK HOOVER #72**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**

*Washington High School*  
*Coach Darrell Crouch*

**Parents:** Stuart & Cindy Hoover

**Football:** 4 year Letterman, voted Lineman of the year by teammates, 1st Team All Conference, 1st Team Journal Star All Area

**Other:** Baseball, Track & Field, worked for local food pantry, Easter Seals volunteer



**JACOB BRUNNER #70**  
**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN**

*Stockton High School*  
*Coach Chris Thornton*

**Parents:** Mark & Beth Brunner

**Football:** Letterman

**Other:** Baseball Letterman, FFA Officer, Honor Roll for all four years of high school



**LUIS ECHEVERRIA #73**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**

*Grant High School*  
*Coach Kurt Rous*

**Parents:** Luis Echeverria & Patricia Pedroza

**Football:** All Area, All Conference

**Other:** Track & Field, All Conference (Track), Cheerleading, All Conference (Cheerleading), 3rd Place State Cheerleading, Bulldogs In Government



**CODY MCKILLIP #71**  
**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN**

*Rockridge High School*  
*Coach Jason Kirby*

**Parents:** Angela & Jim McKillip

**Other:** Track & field, Wrestling, Baseball, Student Council Treasurer, Crime Prevention Secretary, Rocket Crew, Spanish Club, Student Council Food Drive



**LUKE MEADOWS #74**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**

*Rochelle High School*  
*Coach Kevin Crandall*

**Parents:** Scott & Kris Meadows

**Other:** Baseball, Wrestling

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## DALTON KEENE #80 TIGHT END

*Jacksonville High School  
Coach Mark Grounds*

**Parents:** Steve & Rose Keene

**Football:** 4 year Letterman, three-time All State, KHQA Tri-State, Air Force All American, three-time All conference, three-time All Conference All Academic, All Area, School Records: Single Season Game Receptions (13), Career Receptions (160), Career Receiving Yardage (2,755), Career Receiving TD's (32), All Time Career Scorer (302 Pts.), four-time MVP)

**Other:** Basketball 4 year Letterman, Athletic Office Worker, Volunteer referee and scorekeeper for youth basketball, youth football camp, Volley for the Cure, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Kiwanis Pancake and Sausage volunteer



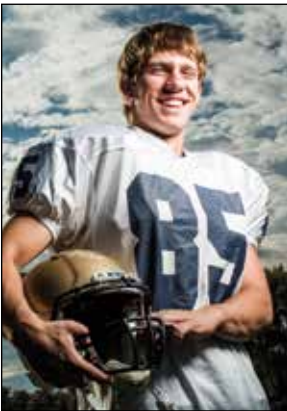
## SAM RYAN #82 DEFENSIVE END

*Metamora High School  
Coach Pat Ryan*

**Parents:** Pat & Nancy Ryan

**Football:** All Conference, All Area

**Other:** eight-time Varsity Letterman, Basketball, Track & Field, Madrigals, Snowball



## ELLIOT KOWALSKI #81 TIGHT END

*Ottawa Marquette High School  
Coach Tom Jobst*

**Parents:** Derek & Andrea Kowalski

**Football:** 4 year letterman, Co-Captain, led the team on defense with 87 tackles - earned the Golden Helmet award, All-Area 1st Team - Offense and Defense, All-State Honorable Mention

**Other:** National Honor Society, Running Start Program - earned an AA and an AS from Illinois Valley Community College, Student Council, Student Ambassadors, Key Club, Fine Arts Club, Order of the M, Crazy Cru (student cheering section), earned over 300 service/volunteer hours helping the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, and coaching both football and basketball youth camps at Marquette Academy, Basketball and Baseball 3 year Letterman and Co-Captain, Sunrise Rotary - September Student of the Month, Century Club and Knights of Columbus Scholarship recipient, Crusader Spirit Award, Academic Top 10.