

Central District

Bruce Benedict

Westerville, OH

Bruce graduated from Greenon High School where he was a member of the track and field and cross country teams. He attended The Ohio State University and graduated in 1974.

Bruce is the officials' coordinator for Otterbein University. He has been a track and cross country official for 15 years, and been state meet clerk, regional starter, district clerk, and primarily a starter or clerk for local meets.

Bruce was the winner in 2010 of the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Track and Cross Country Coaches Association. Along with Rick Campbell, he is the presenter of the Shaw Report at the State Track and Field Clinic.

Northwest District

Richard "Dick" Switzer

Fostoria, OH

Dick was best known for his 63 years as time keeper for Fostoria High School. He was a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge, and was a 36 year employee of Union Carbide.

Dick was a 1939 graduate of Fostoria High School and was inducted into the Fostoria Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Switzer passed away March 8, 2013. He became a Track and cross country official at age 88. He worked many district and regional track meets before becoming an official. He is believed to be the oldest in the state to hold such certification. He was a member of the Redmen Club and Booster Club of Fostoria High School many years.

He was a member of Fostoria City Council and owned a local semipro baseball team.