



## **The Wabash Valley All-Sports Team**

The Wabash Valley All-Sports Team is made up of senior athletes who have excelled in a sport during their high school careers. These young athletes are selected by the sports team at WTWO with assistance from area coaches, and come from all sports and all schools across the Wabash Valley.

Sponsored by Terre Haute Savings Bank and WTWO-TV, the idea for this team began in 2004 when Bart Colwell, president of THSB, and Jason Pensky, sports director at WTWO, met to discuss a way to honor student athletes who excel in all IHSAA sports – not just the ones that are the most popular or well known. The first banquet was held May 12, 2005.

The athletes, two family members, their principals, coaches and athletic directors are invited to attend an annual banquet in May where the athletes each receive a trophy. A short program of film footage from the most recent athletic season is shown, and at the conclusion of the banquet a drawing is held for one male and one female athlete to each receive a \$2,500 scholarship from Terre Haute Savings Bank.

In 2007, an award was presented in honor and memory of Travis Smith, who was a member of the 2006 All-Sports Team for the sport of golf. Rather than being awarded solely on the basis of athletic ability in any given sport, this award will be given to an athlete who exhibits the attitudes of kindness, fairness and respect that Travis showed to everyone around him. The Travis Smith award will be presented annually at each All-Sports Team Banquet.

Lastly, one special teacher, coach, or administrator will also be honored with the Legacy of Commitment Award. This award is based on his or her unwavering dedication to high school students and athletes.