

Trinkle, Trinkle Baseball Star

Local hero to be awarded major baseball honor

If you have ever wondered why fields or gyms are named what they are they are dedicated to respected people. People who have left their mark on this school. People who deserve to be recognized.

Kenneth Trinkle is one of those highly respected people. Trinkle baseball field was named in his honor. He set the standards high when he made it all the way to the major leagues.

Trinkle was born on December 15, 1919, in Paoli. He passed away in 1956, at the age of 56. In the summers he played American legion baseball. After graduating at PHS the year of 1937, he traveled to Thomasville, Georgia, where Trinkle started in the major leagues.

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baseball players, he served in World War II. This minor league player soon advanced to the major leagues and played for the New York Giants for six years. He also played for the Philadelphia Phillies for one year. By this point, he had 15 years of experience under his belt including the minor leagues.

After the first of next year, Trinkle is to be inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. This is a big success for many.

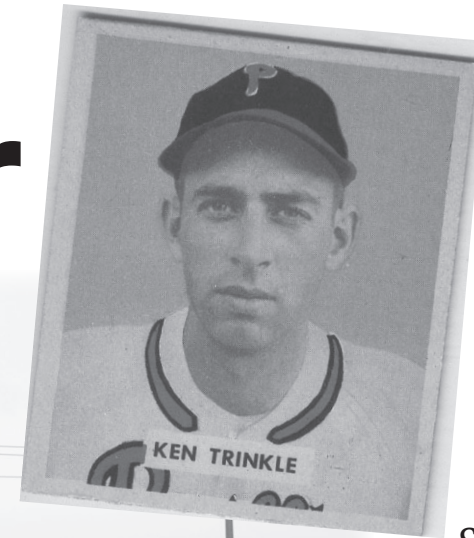
You can accomplish big things coming from a small town. Let teamwork, loyalty, sacrifice and perseverance mold the winners no matter where you come from.



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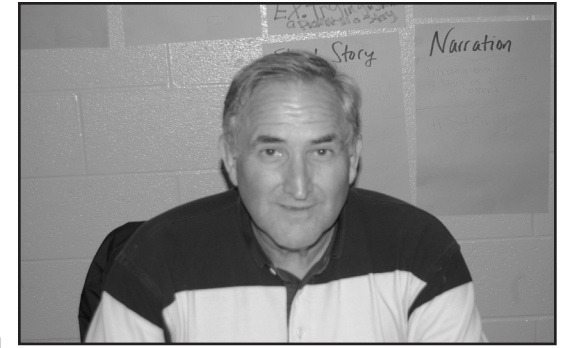


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(Left) A monument and plaque is located at the high school baseball field to honor Trinkle. (Above Right) Kenneth Trinkle's baseball card from 1949.



Interview with Steve Trinkle

Steve Trinkle is the son of Kenneth and works as a PHS aide



Q: Do you remember the field being named after him?

A: "Yes, we had a dedication. The commissioner came down. And Mr. Babcock spoke, I have a brother, him and my mother attended along with me."

Q: How do you feel about it being named after him?

A: "I think that it is a great honor."

Q: What do you remember about your dad?

A: "He died when I was 26, of a heart attack, May 10, 1976."

Q: What do you want people to know about your father?

A: "Probably that he played professional baseball. He lived in Paoli his whole life. When he finished playing professional baseball he came back to Paoli. During his off seasons he always came back."

Q: Why was the field named after your father?

A: "Most likely because he was the only Paoli high school student to go into professional baseball."

Q: Do you feel that you have to live up to certain expectations because of him?

A: "Not now, but I did when I was younger. I played sports because I liked it, not because he made me or because I felt like I had to, lots of people didn't know about my father playing in the big leagues, mostly old-timers who knew him, and now they aren't around."

Q: Are you more proud of your dad more now than you were then?

A: "No, it is the same. I am equally proud of him."

Q: Which teams did your dad play for in the majors?

A: "He played for the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Phillies."

Q: Is there anything else you would like to tell the readers?

A: "Yes, that my father will be inducted into the High School Baseball Hall of Fame on January 21, 2011."