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Ohio Track & Field and Cross Country Officials Association Award

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The Greater Youngstown Track Officials Association would like to congratulate John Daubenspeck for being awarded the 2017 Ohio Track and Field and Cross Country Officials Association Contributors Award at an awards banquet held in Columbus on January 20th.

Mr. Daubenspeck has been involved in Track & Field in various capacities for over 30 years. John served as head coach for East Palestine winning 7 track conference championships and one district track title as well as 4 cross country conference championships and one county title during his 17 seasons as head coach. In addition to his duties as coach he has been a licensed track official for 30 years where he currently serves as local rules interpreter and had previously held the position of President. John rounds out his tremendous service to the sport with his duties as the coordinator of the Suburban Cross Country League; this league includes 41 schools from Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull, Ashtabula and Geauga Counties.

In addition to his latest honor John has received numerous previous awards including the Ethics and Integrity Award from the OHSAA (2001), Distinguished Contributor Award from the Ohio Track and Field Coach Association (2011), The Fred Dafler Sportsmanship Award from the GYTOA (2013) as well as 7 STAR awards from the Columbiana Country ESC for his service as a teacher at East Palestine High School.

John and his wife Pam (pictured below) are residents of Austintown.



About the Greater Youngstown Track Officials Association (GYTOA)

The GYTOA is a member association of the OHSAA located in the Youngstown Area. We are dedicated to the training of our over 100 member Track and Cross Country Officials from the Mahoning Valley. We strive to provide the fairest competitive atmosphere for the student athletes we serve. We work with local high school and middle school coaches to ensure all fully understand what's and why's of the rules of this sport and take an active role in the education of the students.

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