



David Tousey was known as Wattsburg's "Intimidator" especially in football. David played for the Bobcats throughout senior high and was starting center in his senior year. His size and strength would overwhelm opponents, as he'd destroy oncoming tacklers or block several players at a time on pass plays. Dave also played middle guard on defense where running backs found it challenging to try to run the ball at #75. He did most of the team's kicking as well. Dave lettered in track, throwing shot put and discus in 1970 and 1971 and in 1972 was elected Sargent at Arms for the Bobcat Varsity Club. As the saying goes, "Out of adversity comes opportunity" and shortly after graduation, Dave was involved in a life-threatening motorcycle accident, and ended up losing a leg. During his long and arduous rehabilitation, he discovered his love for art and became a well-known name in and around the Art Community. Dave has won several awards for many of his pieces, which locals will recognize as scenes around the Erie, Pa. area. He has collectors all around the globe including Australia, China, Peru, Switzerland, and Africa. When asked one time how the change from motorcycle rider tough guy to famous artist has changed him, his response was, "The only thing different is that I have to watch my cussing, around the nice old ladies." Dave and his wife Terrie live in the Wattsburg School District where these days he enjoys the sport of fishing. Always having a big heart for the less fortunate, Dave shares his love of the sport by organizing fishing tours for inner city kids, who may never have the chance to experience the thrill of catching that "Big One" from a boat.