

Joe Ammerman

Joe Ammerman is in his 44th year of broadcasting Jennings County High School sports, currently at WJCP Radio in North Vernon. He started his radio career as a color commentator on boys' basketball games in 1982-83 and took over as play-by-play voice for football, boys' basketball and baseball the following season.

Ammerman added girls' basketball in 1986-87 and softball in the 1990s to the programming calendar, and he long has hosted Panther Spotlight, a live coaches' interview program from a North Vernon restaurant.

A 1978 Jennings County graduate, Ammerman grew up in the northern part of the county and started part-time work at WOCH Radio in North Vernon in 1979. He became full time at the station in 1982 and began his tenure of calling sports that continues to this day. He also has served as a Morning Show host and sales representative during his time in radio.

Ammerman has served on multiple local boards over the years, including the Jennings County Extension Board, the Jennings County Community Foundation, the Jennings County Chamber of Commerce and the Muscatatuck Board of Realtors. He also enjoys being involved in local community theatre with the Jennings County Players as time permits.

He previously has been recognized with an IHSA Media Award in 2000 as well as Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Media Awards in 2002 and 2006. He also was inducted into JCHS Alumni Hall of Fame in 2015.

Ammerman and his wife, Kimberly, have three adult daughters – Natalie, Kelbi and Daphne – and four grandchildren.