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Welcome



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame, we welcome you to this very special evening.

Tonight, 12 new members join a special fraternity of men and women, as the Class of 2019 will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Each of these individuals stand for all that is good in athletics.

Thanks to individuals like these, athletics in Jackson County provide an arena in which values such as sportsmanship, dedication, teamwork, honesty, loyalty and self-discipline and practice are learned.

It is our hope that all supporters of athletics will respect and treasure the spirit of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame and the positive influence that it stands for.

We thank you for your attendance tonight and for your support of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.

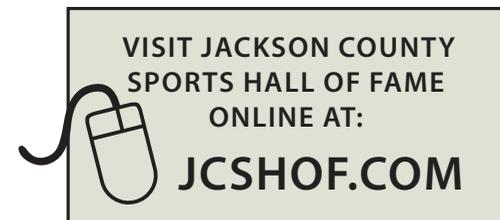
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BANQUET AGENDA

- ★ Music/Video *Jim Matthews*
- ★ Welcome *Greg Bell*
- ★ Master of Ceremonies *Stan Gibby*
- ★ Spotlight of Inductees *Stan Gibby*
- ★ Invocation *Marty Vernon*
- ★ National Anthem
- ★ Dinner
- ★ Dinner Music/Video *Jim Matthews*

- ★ Introductions:
- ★ Board Member Recognition *Greg Bell*
- ★ Guests/Sponsorships *Larry Morris*
- ★ Scholarship Recipients *Larry Morris*
- ★ Recognition of State Championship Teams
1944 JCHS, 1959 Pisgah High School
- ★ Induction Ceremony
*Stan Gibby, Larry Morris,
Jason Bowen, Greg Bell*
- ★ Response for Inductees *Mike Linville*
- ★ Closing Remarks *Jason Bowen*





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Welcome *from the* Mayor of Scottsboro



On behalf of the City of Scottsboro and the Scottsboro City Council, I want to welcome you to the Goose Pond Civic Center and the induction of the 2019 Class of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.

A special thanks to the committee members who have worked very hard the past few months to make tonight's event a very special night.

Congratulations to all of those who have been selected for the 2019 Class. Athletes and coaches from multiple sports are represented in this class. Jackson County has long been known for individuals achieving great goals during their high school and collegiate careers and this class is not different.

Also, a special thank you goes to the families of our inductees for their support during their loved ones careers and assistance in making this an extraordinary night.

Thank you for attending tonight and I hope you have an enjoyable evening as we reminisce, laugh, and even shed a few tears.

Again, congratulations to the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Robin Shelton, Mayor
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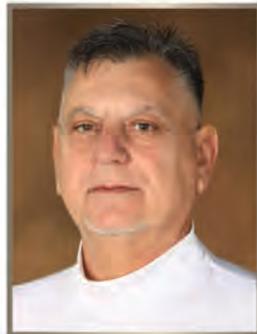
**Ronnie McCarver, Class of 2018
A.W. "Woody" Hamilton, Class of 2016**

CLASS OF 2019

Inductees



Kramer Bergman



Barry Chandler



Charles Cobb



Bambi Howland



Marshan Jolly



Darrell Kirk



Mike Linville



Windell Nix



John O'Linger



Ronnie Perkins



Merle Pruett



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Kramer Bergman

Barry Chandler

*Charles "Bambi"
Howland*



Mike Linville

Windell "Chick" Nix

John Olinger

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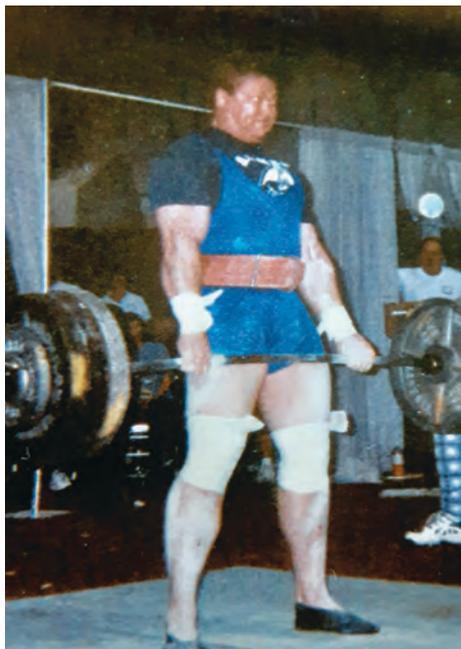




Kramer Bergman

Scottsboro native Kramer Bergman became a world-renowned body-builder before helping train athletes to reach their goals in numerous sports and competitions. Bergman grew up playing sports, including football and baseball, both of which he played while in junior high and high school.

As a defensive lineman and tight end, Bergman was a three-year starter and four-year varsity letterman for the Scottsboro Wildcats in football and was also a varsity letterman on the Wildcat baseball team, where he played center field. He received the 1979 Scottsboro High School "Wildcat Award" and was offered a football scholarship to Jacksonville State University, which he declined.



In 1980, Bergman received a walk-on invitation to Auburn University and was a starter on the JV team and assisted with scout team defense as a defensive end and linebacker.

Following college, he opened Kramer's Gym in 1982 and began training locals for wellness and competition. He also joined the competitive arena himself and became a champion.

- Among his major accomplishments:
- First Place Tall Class and Overall Champion, 1984 NPC Mister Alabama
 - First Place Tall Class and Overall Champion, 1984 NPC Mister Coastal USA
 - First Place Super Heavyweight Class, 2003 NPC Collegiate Nationals
 - Second Place Super Heavyweight Class, 2011 NPC Master's Nationals Age 50-plus
 - Fourth Place Super Heavyweight Class, 2013 International Federation of Body Builders North American Age 50-plus
 - First Place 308-pound weight class and overall best lifter, 1997 Southern Powerlifting and United States Deadlift Champion
 - First Place 308-pound Open Weight Class, 1998 World Powerlifting Association World Deadlift Championship
 - First Place 308-pound Age 35-plus weight class and overall best lifter, 1998 WPA World Deadlift Championship.
- Bergman takes great pride in assisting young athletes over many years in reaching their goals through personal strength



training. Those include state champion wrestlers Brandon Womack, Michael Cuthbertson, Kyle Cuthbertson and Chase Cuthbertson; football players Eric Scott and William Paulk, State track champions Lauren Johnson, Tom Esslinger and Lacie Mathis, along with National Powerlifting Champion Peyton Edmondson.

Bergman has also helped the training process for one NPC Mister Alabama Bodybuilding Champion, three NPC Miss Alabama bodybuilding champions, three NPC Masters Mister Alabama Bodybuilding champions and numerous other champions in major competitions. Whether it is for simple wellness or major competition, Kramer Bergman is the one name champions turn to.

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Barry Chandler

Barry Chandler was a two-sport high school standout who went on to an all-conference baseball career and later became a golf professional. Chandler played football and baseball for Scottsboro from 1977 to 1981. On the football field, he played quarterback, punter and kicker.

The 1980 team finished nine and three, advancing to the second round of the Class 4-A playoffs. Chandler holds the Scottsboro single-game record for longest punt of 82 yards against Grissom in 1978. He finished his career with 1,000-plus passing yards, one of nine Scottsboro quarterbacks to do so. As much as Chandler enjoyed his Wildcat football career, his real love was baseball and he excelled at the sport.

After hitting 15 homeruns his freshman season he was invited to a tryout with the Los Angeles Dodgers

organization. He played both third base and pitched for the Wildcats during his freshman season of 1978.

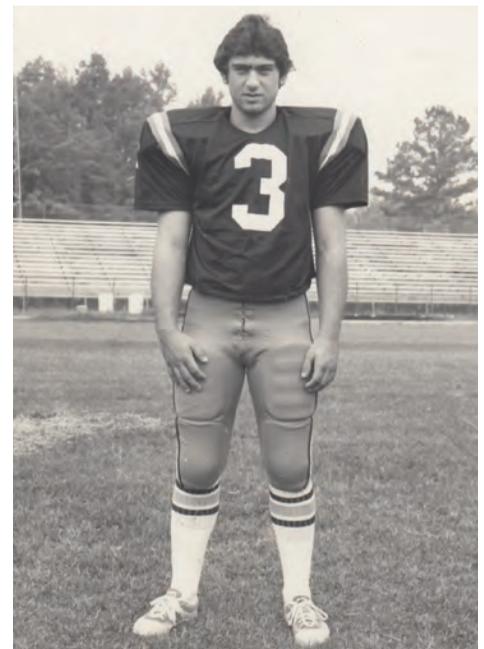
During his senior baseball campaign, Chandler hit ten homeruns and finished with a 12 and 1 record on the mound. The highlight of the season was a no-hitter against Albertville in a 11-0 Wildcat victory. The 12 wins is a Scottsboro single-season record. Chandler was heavily recruited for both baseball and football and eventually signed with Jacksonville State University to play both sports. When informed that he would not be allowed to play baseball for the Gamecocks, he decided to leave and enrolled at Columbia State Community College to play baseball. During his freshman season as a catcher at Columbia State, he hit 10 homeruns and finished with a batting average of .324.

For his efforts, he was selected All-Western Division First-Team catcher. His sophomore year at Columbia State was another success – a batting average of .399 and five homeruns, playing both catcher and third base. Again, Chandler was selected All-Western Division First Team.

He turned down an offer from the Boston Red Sox and signed to play his junior and senior years with Middle Tennessee State University.

As a starting third baseman for the Blue Raiders, senior season, batting .340, including a .380 batting average in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. He was voted first-team All OVC as a designated hitter. He was invited to a Cincinnati Reds tryout camp but decided to become a first-year graduate assistant at MTSU, coaching outfielders and hitters.

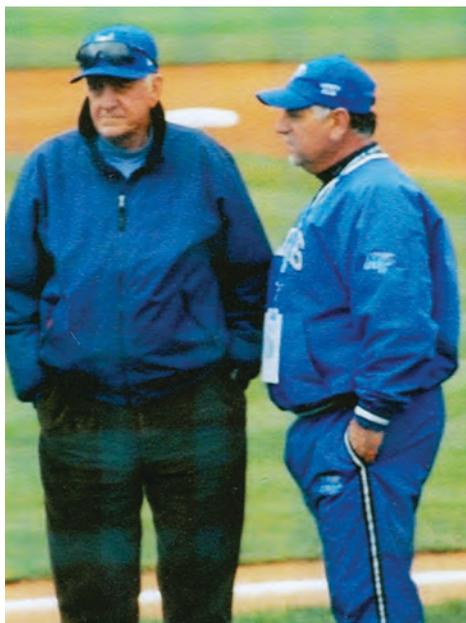
During his second year as a graduate assistant with the Blue Raiders, Chandler again coached hitters and Outfielders and the team had two players drafted



in the Major League Baseball draft. The Blue Raiders came through the loser's bracket to win the OVC Championship, falling in the South Regional to Missouri and Mississippi State.

In the fall of 1988, Chandler began pursuing a golf career, becoming a Class A1 PGA professional in 1991. From 2005 through 2008, Chandler served on numerous golf boards and assisted the City of Scottsboro in getting the rights for Goose Pond Colony to host the NJCAA Division Two National Championships. He was named Golf Professional of the Year for 2008.

Chandler still enjoys high school sports by officiating football, baseball and basketball and working with young athletes in their training programs for golf and baseball.





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ATHLETES ON THEIR INDUCTION TO
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Class of 2014
John Esslinger

Class of 2015
Colleen Cannon

Class of 2016
Melissa Thomas

Class of 2017
Rod Tiffin



Charles Cobb

Charles Cobb played a memorable role in the basketball success of G.W. Carver High School. Before the integration of Scottsboro High School, there was Carver High located in the city of Scottsboro.

The Dragons of Carver High played great basketball during the 1960's, led by such stars as Cobb. He entered the tenth grade at Carver in 1959 and was a very good athlete, excelling in baseball and basketball. Cobb, along with his cousin, Alvin Cobb completed the necessary missing players of a strong team with the 1959-60 season. Cobb led the 1960 team in scoring, averaging 23-plus points per game and making numerous all-tournament teams.

Carver High played teams from Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, including the memorable match-ups with Council High from Huntsville. From 1960 through 1963, the Dragons were widely known in North Alabama as being one of the top teams in the state.

The 1961 team is regarded as the best, defeating such schools as Howard of Chattanooga and winning the NAHSAA Tournament at Alabama A&M University. During the 1961 campaign, Cobb led the team in scoring, averaging 30-plus point per game, making several all-tournament teams and being selected as the MVP of the NAHSAA Championship in which Carver came out the winner.

The 1962 Dragons were led by Cobb again as he scored 30-plus points per game and finishing as the state runner-up for the tournament for black schools. He was selected to the Alabama State Championship All-Tournament Team for his efforts. That 1962 team finished with a 29 and 9 record. Cobb was a strong



long-range shooter and was regarded as a scoring threat as soon as he entered front-court. Long before the three-point shot became legal in basketball, many of Cobb's shots were falling from that range.

It is estimated that Cobb scored more than 1,200 points in his career between 1959 and 1962. Cobb is the only All-State basketball player to attend Carver High School. He joins his son Vincent Cobb as inductees into the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.

Cobb is dedicating his induction to the memory of his late-mother, Mrs. Mary Marie Harris Cobb who passed away in 1965.





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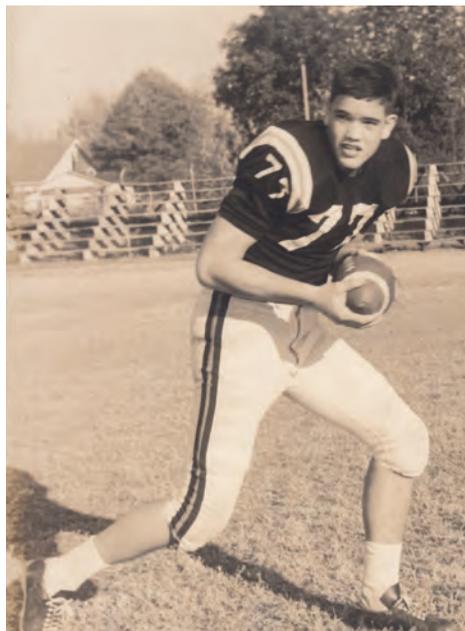
Charles "Bambi" Howland



He was born Charles Stewart Howland, but was known by everyone as Bambi, a nickname given to him by his grandfather when he was a young child because his mother would read the classic Disney Book to him and his brothers over and over.

A 1961 graduate of Scottsboro High School, Howland played basketball for Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter. That 1961 campaign, Howland's senior year would be the only season he would wear the black and gold of Scottsboro High School.

Howland played his junior year at Sewanee Military Academy but became homesick and returned to Scottsboro. Howland played an important role for Carter's Wildcats, helping them to a 28 and 4 record. His season high points came in a 78-52 win over Crossville in which



he scored 36 points. He led the team in scoring with at least 383 documented points. He posted double-figures in points at least 19 times during the season.

The 6'5" standout received first-team All-State honors from the Birmingham Post-Herald. Howland also played football for Scottsboro during the 1960 season.

His basketball success caught the attention of Alabama head coach Hayden Riley who offered him a scholarship to play for the Crimson Tide. He also received a basketball scholarship to The University of the South and a football scholarship to the University of Tennessee but chose to go to Tuscaloosa.

During his sophomore season, Howland played in all 26 games, averaging 4.8 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game as Alabama finished 14 and 12, including a 65-59 victory over number three Kentucky at Foster Auditorium. Kentucky's lineup included names such as Cotton Nash, Pat Riley, Larry Conley and Louie Dampier. He scored in double figures five times with game highs of 11 against Delta State, Chattanooga and Auburn. During his junior season, he played in 25 of 26 games, averaging 4.8 points per game and 4.6 rebounds per game as the team finished 17 and 9, including a 63-58 win over number eight Tennessee at Foster Auditorium.

One of Howland's good friends was fellow-Scottsboro native Pat Trammell who help him around campus and introduced him to football greats like Billy Neighbors, Ray Perkins, Ken Stabler and Joe Namath. Despite the four-year age difference, Trammell treated Howland like his little brother and made sure he met all the big people on campus.

Howland majored in industrial arts at Alabama and returned to Scottsboro



following his senior year to begin working and raising a family. At the age of fifty, he graduated from Athens State College with a bachelor's degree in physical education and worked as a teacher and coach in the Scottsboro City School System. He spent 17 years in the system, 14 of them working with the Scottsboro basketball program. His final year in the was 2008.

During his years of service at Brownwood Elementary School, Howland's students saw him as more than just their PE coach—they saw him as a friend, a grandparent, a referee, instructor and sometimes even a doctor.

The kids may not have known his name as Charles, he was Coach Bambi to them. Howland passed away in July of 2015.



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Marshan Jolly



Marshan Jolly was an all-state football player who helped Stevenson High School win a state Championship before putting together an all-conference career at Middle Tennessee State.

Jolly played both football and basketball for the Panthers. He was the point guard for the Panthers basketball team under Hall of Fame head coach Carl Bain and was selected All-Jackson County by the Daily Sentinel. Jolly started as a Split End/Flanker for the 1977 football Panthers and garnered All-County and Offensive MVP honors as Stevenson claimed the Class 2A state title. The Panthers won 13 games, their only loss to rival Marion County Tennessee.

During Jolly's senior season of 1978, the Panthers cruised through their first nine games, posting five shutouts before losing to rival Bridgeport High in the season finale.

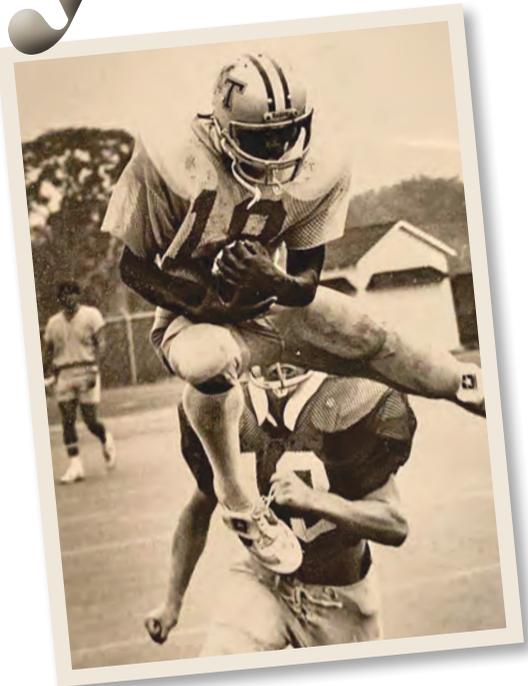
Jolly played safety, split end and flanker in 1978, earning numerous honors, including All-County, All-Sequatchie Valley and All-State by both the Birmingham News and the Montgomery Advertiser.

His football efforts earned him a scholarship with the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders, where he lettered for the seasons of 1981, 1982 and 1983. Jolly led the Blue Raiders in Receiving for 1981, catching 19 passes for 246 yards. He finished tied for the receiving lead for the 1982 season with 15 catches for 209 yards and two touchdowns. Jolly finished the 1983 season as the team leader in receiving, catching 39 passes for 613 yards and four touchdowns. For his career, Jolly had 73 catches for 1,068 yards and six touchdowns. He posted three 100-plus yard receiving games during his career.

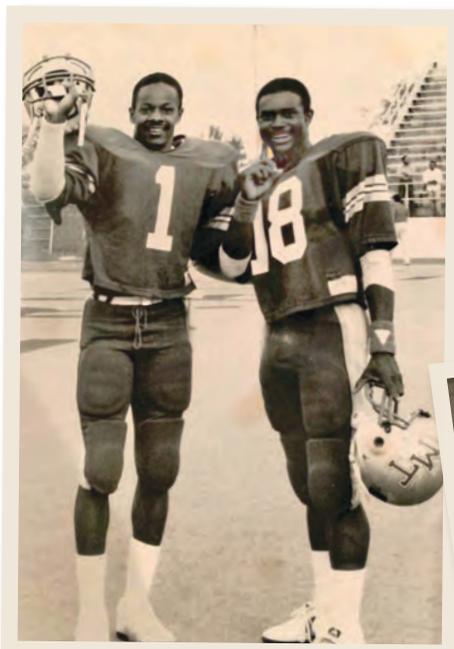
His career high was 132 yards against Savannah State in 1983. Jolly also had 116 receiving yards against Tennessee-Martin and 103 yards against Morehead State, both coming during the 1983 season.

During his career, the Blue Raiders were 22-10.

Jolly was an All-Ohio Valley Conference selection for 1983 and selected as New York Times All-American Honorable Mention Team.



During his career at Middle Tennessee, Jolly was selected to the Dean's List and MTSU Conference Athletic Honor Roll. Jolly now resides in Stone Mountain, Georgia and is very active in community projects.



Congratulations and Roll Herd

to the 2019 inductee

Coach Darrell Kirk

former 2016 inductees

Carey Ellison, Coach A.W. "Woody" Hamilton,

Coach Glen Hicks, Kerry "Huck" Lacy

and former 2014 inductee

Coach C.B. "Red" Strickland

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Kerry "Huck" Lacy



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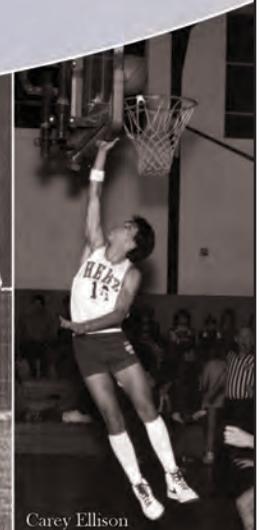
A.W. "Woody"
Hamilton



C.B. "Red" Strickland



Darrell Kirk



Carey Ellison



Darrell Kirk

From an early age, Darrell Kirk, son of Sidney and Beulah Kirk, could be seen with either a baseball, football, or basketball in his hand. As a result, he excelled in all three sports at Bridgeport High School from 1974 to 1977.

Kirk was fortunate to play varsity basketball for Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame coach Kenneth Storey. He was a starter on the team from 1975 to 1977, and he made All-Jackson County First Team his senior year. In football, each year from 1974 to 1976, Kirk earned first-team honors

as All-Jackson County, All-Sequatchie Valley Conference and the Chattanooga Times All-Tri-State team.

In 1976, he was named Jackson County Most Valuable Offensive Player and Sequatchie Valley Conference Most Valuable Lineman. One of Kirk's finest performances was in the 20-7 upset of undefeated and number one ranked South Pittsburgh. He caught a touchdown pass, played two plays at quarterback and completed passes for a touchdown and a two-point conversion. He ended the game with fifteen tackles on defense and a fumble recovery. Another outstanding game was against

Section his senior year when he returned two punts, caught two passes and had a 95-yard kickoff return for a total of five touchdowns. While playing four years of varsity baseball for Coach Storey, Kirk earned All-Jackson County first team in 1975, 1976 and 1977. As the 1977 Jackson County Co-MVP, Kirk led the Tigers to the County, Area, and District Championships and was invited to participate in the East-West Shrine Game. He finished his high school baseball career with 102 hits, 12 homeruns and a batting average of .537, all school records. Kirk signed a baseball scholarship with Cleveland State Junior College, but a shoulder injury requiring a fourth surgery prevented him from participating.

He attended Northeast State Junior College for one year, and in late July of 1978, Kirk received a phone call from University of Alabama Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant asking him if he was interested in playing football in Tuscaloosa. He joined the team as a walk-on but unfortunately sustained a career-ending shoulder injury. Kirk finished his education and began his coaching career at Northwest Georgia High School.

In 1984 he became the head football coach at North Sand Mountain where he guided the Bison to their first playoff appearance in school history.

In 1988, he was voted Jackson County Coach of the Year. In 1991, Kirk became head varsity girls' basketball coach at North Sand Mountain. In the 1992-93 season, the Lady Bison were Area co-champions, had a school record of 25-5 and were ranked number two in Class 2A. Kirk was named Jackson County Coach of the Year.

From 1994 to 2009, Kirk was principal at Bryant Junior High School and Bridgeport Middle School. He retired, but in 2017 became the head Men's and women's golf coach at Northeast Alabama Community College.

Kirk and his wife, Donna, have a son, Cody, a daughter-in-law, Brooke, and two grandsons, Brody and Parker.



Congratulations to the
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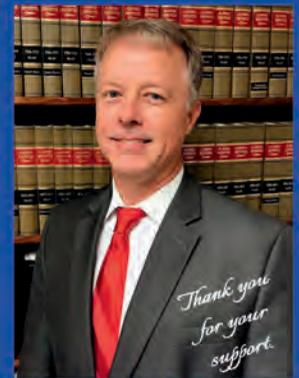


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Mike Linville

Mike Linville was a dangerous outside shooter who helped the Scottsboro Wildcats win a state championship.

Linville joined the Scottsboro basketball program as a freshman in 1964. He put in his time on the Junior Varsity squad, occasionally moving up to the varsity during tournament games. His JV efforts earned him a starting spot on the varsity roster for his junior season of 1967.

And what a magical season that would turn out to be for the team known as the Scotties. Led by Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter, the Wildcats suffered only four defeats while winning 29 games for the 1967 season. Two of the losses were to Huntsville, each time by five points. Linville hit in double

figures 29 times during the season, his high mark of 22 coming against Coffee in the Deshler tournament.

That late season loss to Coffee would be the last time the Scotties would lose during the campaign. Linville and the Wildcats went on a 12-game winning streak, sweeping through the region and state tournament. In the six games making up the region tournament and state tournament, Linville hit in double figures five times. In the Class 3A state tournament, he scored 10 against Eufaula, 17 against Alexandria and 18 against Fayette in the title game. When the season was over, Linville had tallied 475 points, an average of 14-point-four points per game. Linville was selected to the 3A All-Tournament team for his outstanding play.

Linville and the Wildcats prepared for another state tournament run during the 1968 season but fell short of qualifying with a loss to Lee Huntsville in the Region tournament. Linville hit in double-figures in 29 of the 30 games of the 1968 season.

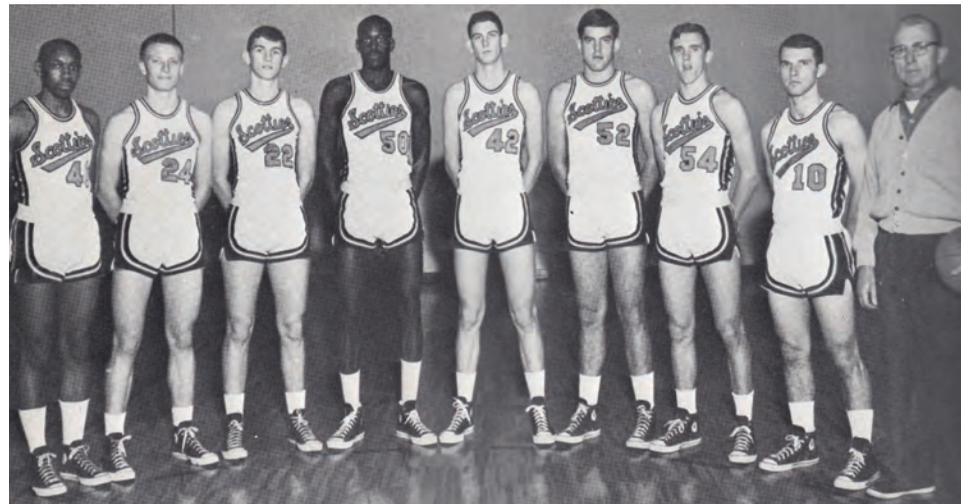
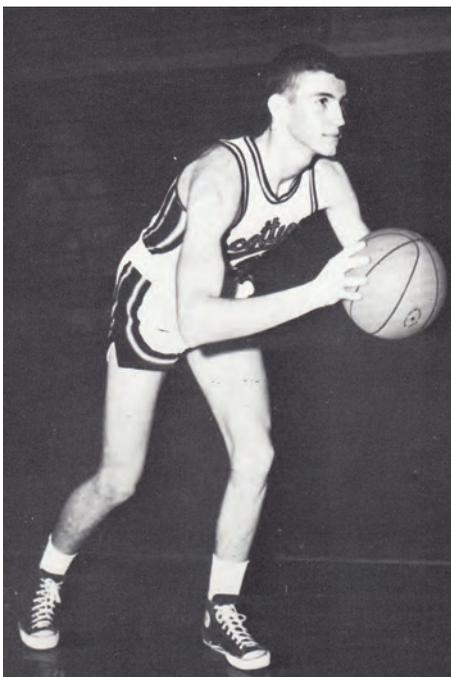
His high mark of 30 came against Section in an 88 to 68 Scottsboro win. Linville scored 576 points during the Season, an average of 19.2 points per game. He was named team captain, All-State honorable mention, All-County and All-Region.

For his two-year varsity career, Linville scored 1,051 points and to date is number 14 on Scottsboro's single-season scoring list. For both the 1967 and 1968 seasons, he scored in double-figures 29 times. Only one other player has hit in double-figures in a single-season more times than Linville.

He is one of 15 players in Scottsboro-documented basketball history to score over one thousand points in a career. Linville scored in double-figures in 58 of the 63 varsity games that he played.

Linville received a basketball scholarship to Florence State where he played basketball for the Lions.

He served as a basketball official for 12 years for the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

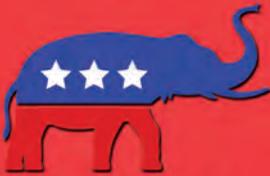


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Windell Nix



Windell "Chick" Nix was a point-scoring machine for Jackson County High School before putting together a successful high school coaching career.

Nix was part of one of the greatest runs of basketball in the history of what was then Jackson County High School.

In a time when it was rare for a sophomore to be playing on the varsity team, Nix played and started for Hall of Fame coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter's Wildcats. The 5'4" Nix helped the Wildcats to a 26-9 record for the 1955 Season that included Hall of Famers Donald Moore and Hugh Stewart. The 1955 team took home the Jackson County Tournament Title and went on to qualify for the state tournament, falling to Tuscaloosa High in the championship game.

During that sophomore season, Nix scored 375 points

including what was then a school-record 41 against Stevenson High in a 110-43 victory. The 1956 team, the junior season for Nix would also include Hall of Famers Donald Moore, Hugh Stewart, Pat Trammell and Bo Davis.

The 1956 Wildcats won 30 of 33 games, again taking the Jackson County Tournament title, winning the district tournament and again qualifying for the state tournament.

Murphy of Mobile ended their title hopes with a first-round 65-60 win. Nix led the team in scoring with 778 points, an average of 23.5 points per game. The 778 points set a single-season Wildcat record that still stands to this day. His senior season, the last official season as Jackson County High School saw the Wildcats finish at 37 and 2 and coming up just short again in the state tournament.

The Wildcats fell To Fayette in a third-round game and defeated Jacksonville 89-71 in the consolation game which would be the season finale for a squad that featured an eventual five Hall of Famers.

Sideline by a foot injury during the season that caused him to miss 16 games, Nix still scored 450 points, averaging 19.6 points per game. High school career highlights for Nix include 1,603 points, ranking number two all-time in Scottsboro basketball history. His 41 points against Stevenson in 1955 ties him for number six in single-game points.

Nix finished with eight 30-plus-point games, tied for third all-time with Pat Trammell. He also notched forty-six games in which he scored in double-figures.

His teams were District Champions all three seasons, Jackson County tournament champions all three seasons, had two final four appearances and one elite eight appearance.

All his scoring marks came without the benefit of the three-point shot which would not be implemented into the high school game for another thirty years. Nix was named First Team All-State for the 1955 season.

Nix went on to play collegiately for Jacksonville State University where he lettered for the seasons of 1961, 1962 and 1963. He led the Gamecocks in scoring for



the 1961 and 1963 seasons and finished his JSU career with a record of 43-19. The Birmingham Post-Herald named him Small College All-State for the 1961 season.

Nix went on to coach basketball in high school with stops at Cleburne County High and Geraldine High. With Geraldine High from 1968 to 1973 and another stint with the Bulldogs from 1985 through 1990, his teams had a record of 189-149 with his 1973 team winning an area championship and appearing in the state tournament. His Geraldine teams of 1986, 1987 and 1989 also made state tournament appearances.

Along with a Hall of Fame head coach and future Hall of Fame teammates, Nix and company enjoyed one of the greatest runs of basketball success in the history of the Wildcat program.

Though small in stature, he was a giant on the hardwood.



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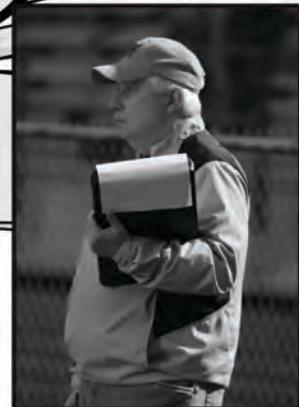
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John O'Linger

John O'Linger and fellow Jackson County Sports Hall of Famer Pat Trammell helped Jackson County High School post numerous wins on the football field before helping Alabama win its first national championship under Paul "Bear" Bryant. O'Linger played center and defensive line for the Wildcats under head coach Jack Cornelius for the seasons of 1955, 1956 and 1957.

During that three-year span, Wildcat teams won 22 games, eleven of them shut-outs. Their best season came in 1956, the last as Jackson County High School. The Wildcats finished 9 and 1, their only loss suffered at the hands of Etowah 25-24. O'Linger, along with teammates Pat Trammell and David Webb were set to graduate in the spring of 1958 and Alabama's new head football coach came calling. Paul "Bear" Bryant had been hired to revive a Crimson Tide program that had endured four straight losing seasons. Bryant met with the three Wildcat football stars and told them that if they would sign on and come to Tuscaloosa, he would make them national champions

by the time they were seniors. Many thought Bryant's claim to the trio was pure arrogance, however all three signed with Alabama to play for the Crimson Tide.

O'Linger, at 180 pounds, thought he knew what hard work was all about, but nothing like what was demanded from Coach Bryant. O'Linger, one of 12 children worked on the farm to help the family pay rent with a portion of their crops. They milked cows and set the can by the road for the dairy to pick up.

When he wasn't in school, he drove a truck for Cecil Word at the lumber company. O'Linger said that Coach Bryant nearly killed him and the only edge he had was that he would never quit. He says that he told his brother that he had given up many times in his heart, but would come back to Scottsboro and talk with Hall of Fame Coach John Meadows, who had replaced Jack Cornelius as Scottsboro's head football coach. He said that Coach Meadows would build him back up and send him back to Tuscaloosa ready to try again.

A number of Coach Bryant's first recruits walked away from the team, but not O'Linger or Trammell. They both stayed to the end, finishing the 1961 season 11-0 and winning the National title that they dreamed of back in 1957. That 1961 team is regarded by some as the Best All-Time team to ever play in the Southeastern Conference and one poll voted it the third best college Football team of all-time. During the 1961 season, Alabama posted



six shut-outs, five of them in a row and defeated Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl 10-3.

Following graduation from Alabama in 1962, O'Linger went into high school coaching. He served as head coach at Minor High for the 1965 and 1966 seasons and at Anniston High from 1967 through 1970. He was voted Calhoun County Coach of the Year in 1969 and AHSAA All-Star Coach in 1970. O'Linger left coaching after the 1970 season and retired from Roadway Express, enjoying fishing, golf and Alabama football.

Late in his life, diabetes would take both his legs and his eyesight. He spent the last days of his life in assisted living, where he played checkers every day with Maureen Gay.

O'Linger said it was unusual friendship between the two but she was like a grandmother to him. With hard work and a never-quit attitude, John O'Linger became a champion, on and off the field.





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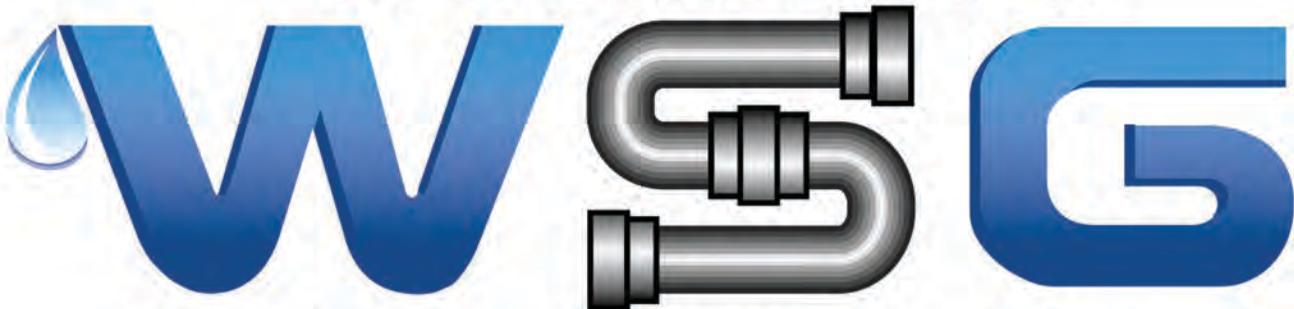
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Ronnie Perkins

Ronald Dean Perkins was a basketball and baseball star who became the second Woodville athlete to play sports on an athletic scholarship.

As a baseball standout for the Woodville Panthers, Perkins earned a varsity letter for 1978 through 1983. High points in his Panther baseball career happened on both the mound and at the plate. He fanned 10 opposing batters in one game and had a career batting average of .624.

Perkins was selected All-County and All-Area on the diamond for the seasons of 1981, 1982 and 1983. He also excelled on the hardwood, earning a varsity letter for three seasons as a starter for the Panthers. He finished his Woodville basketball career with 1,424 points, an average of 20 points per game while pulling down an average of 11 points per game. For his excellent play, Perkins was selected All-County and All-Area for the seasons of 1981, 1982 and 1983.

He received a baseball scholarship to Snead State where he started at least one game at every position except catcher during the 1983 baseball season.

After the one year with the Parsons, Perkins went to Shelton State where he was a member of their inaugural baseball team, earning permanent team captain honors and finishing with a batting average of .347 and an ERA of 4.43.

Perkins enjoyed being around the games so much that he served as a volunteer coach for both basketball and baseball teams at Woodville High from 1998 through 1994.

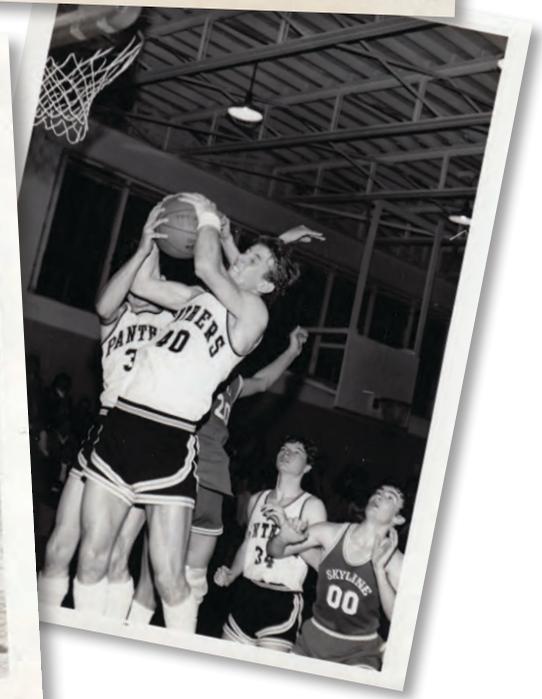
From 1998 to 2012, Perkins served as a volunteer softball, basketball and Football coach at DAR. While helping the Lady Patriots softball program, they reach the playoffs for the first time in school history.

While serving as a volunteer assistant with the Patriots football program, the middle school program enjoyed success with an undefeated season. From 2013 to 2015, Perkins served as a contract coach within the DAR football program and saw the varsity reach the state playoffs for the first time in their history.

He currently serves at the clock operator for DAR junior varsity and middle school football games.

Always involved in the game and with helping develop young athletes, Perkins was the founding President of the Grant Baseball/Softball Association and served in that capacity from 2001 to 2004.

Today, Perkins still enjoys attending the games and enjoys watching his son Zack serve as an assistant with the Scottsboro football program.





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Merle Pruett



Merle Pruett

Merle Pruett helped the tradition-rich Section basketball program win its first state championship while setting a state tournament record that stood for decades. Pruett was a three-year varsity letterman for the Lions from 1967 through 1969.

Known for his unstoppable fade-away, the 5'10" point guard set three records during the 1969 state championship game, leading the Lions and Hall of Fame Coach C.B. "Red" Strickland to its first state title.

Pruett scored 47 points in the 1969 title game, a record that stood for 39 years before being broken

in 2008 by future Auburn Tiger Frankie Sullivan. More impressive was that Pruett's record-setting effort came against a 6'7" center from U.S. Jones of Demopolis and also without the benefit of a three-point shot.

He set two other records during that same 1969 state tournament—17 field goals in a state title game and most total points in a single tournament with 80. He scored 20 against Priceville, 13 against Jemison and the record-setting 47 against U.S. Jones.

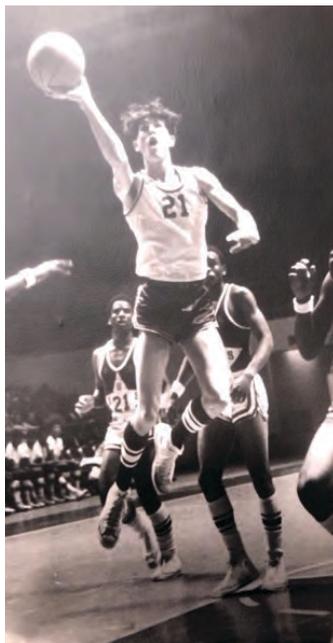
His record of most total points in a single tournament stood until 1990.

During the state title run of 1969, Section won every tournament they played in and Pruett was selected All-Tournament in each one.

Prior to the 1969 season, Pruett garnered an all-tournament spot for both the Jackson County Tournament and the Sand Mountain Tournament.

For the 1969 campaign, Pruett was voted Jackson County Tournament MVP and also selected to the All-Tri-State Team, consisting of players from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

Pruett was the shortest player selected to the team and was only 1 of 2 players from the state of Alabama.



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James Drain



James Drain, Owner

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James Drain



Born in 1931, James Drain grew up in the hard times of the Great Depression. Drain, one of six children, was born in the small community of Grove Oak on Sand Mountain.

Drain's early childhood was spent right in the middle of the depression and his family felt the effects. His mother and father did whatever possible to survive.

The family moved to Arkansas in 1940 and the nine-year-old Drain picked cotton and strawberries to help the family out.

Drain moved several more times, but this time on his own. At 17, he borrowed \$25 and took a bus to Detroit to live with an uncle, who unknown to Drain had moved without leaving a forwarding address. From there it was to Chicago and finally back home to Alabama in 1963. He began farming with a business partner from Georgia.

The hard-working Drain put his heart and soul into the farming job and became a big success.



In 1969, Drain was named The Outstanding Young Farmer in Terrell County Georgia. After being poisoned by pesticides, Drain's doctor told him to get out of farming or he would die. He sold his farm and equipment and moved back to Alabama in 1971.

After coming home, Drain took the money made from farming and purchased Burger Chef in Scottsboro. Knowing nothing about the fast-food business, Drain and his family rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

In 1982, he was recognized as Burger Chef's Franchisee of the Year, and shortly after receiving the honor learned that Hardee's had bought out Burger Chef. By 1983, he was the owner of a Hardee's in Scottsboro.

Drain's restaurants were named the 2009 Hardee's Franchisee of the Year. Over the years, he has served on many boards and received many awards for his work, such as a key to the city of Scottsboro and the Million Dollar Club of Hardee's.

A part of his community-related work is the sponsorship of the Scottsboro High School football program's Kickoff Cookout. The annual event began in 1983 and continues today. The cookout gives Scottsboro Wildcat fans the opportunity to come to Trammell Stadium and meet each year's players, coaches, cheerleaders and the band. Drain and his family provide everyone with a free meal during the event.

Drain is also involved in the Scottsboro basketball program's "Meet the Wildcats" event prior to the start of each high school basketball season.



In addition to his sponsorship of Scottsboro athletics, Drain and his restaurants work with local fishing tournaments that benefit area civic groups and fund-raising efforts like the Castin' and Catchin' Tournament and the TOC Tournament.

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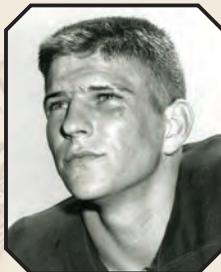
MICKEY "GUY" O'BRIEN*
(1944)



SANDERS RUSSELL*
(1982)



C.B. "RED" STRICKLAND
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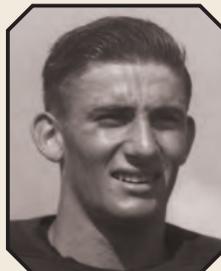


DR. PAT TRAMMELL*
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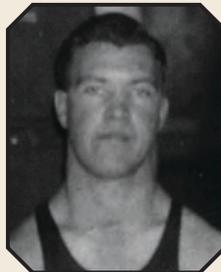
SAM HAMBRICK*
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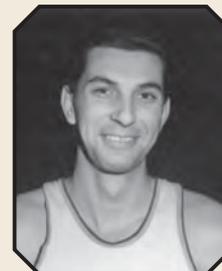


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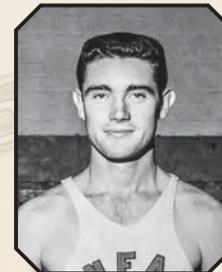
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DALE MCCLOUD*
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Q.K. "Dusty" Carter:
During a 38-year head coaching career with stops at Paint Rock Valley and Scottsboro, Carter posted a record of 714-303. His fast-break style produced seven State Tournament teams with Scottsboro winning the title in 1967.



Robert "Foots" Clemens:
Played football and basketball for the Jackson County High Wildcats. The bruising back was recruited by the Georgia Bulldogs and led them in rushing in 1952 and 1953. Was Drafted by the Green Bay Packers and played the 1955 season. One of only two from Jackson County to play in the NFL.



Paul Cooley:
Won 536 games serving as head coach for Pisgah High and Scottsboro High. Three of his Pisgah Eagle teams won State championships. 28 of his Pisgah players and 7 from Scottsboro went on to play collegiately.



John Esslinger:
The legendary Track and Cross-Country coach guided his teams to 41 state championships. Three times his Scottsboro teams won Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor State Track titles during the same school year.



Don Jacobs:
A four-sport athlete at Scottsboro High (football, basketball, baseball and track). While playing for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama, won two National Championships. Went on to a Successful college and high school coaching career including a State Championship at Oneonta.



Ray Maxwell:
Played football for the Pisgah Eagles from 1968-70. Recruited by Paul "Bear" Bryant and was a three-year letterman for the Crimson Tide. Alabama teams posted a record of 54-5, winning five SEC championships and one National Championship.



John Meadows:
Coached football in Alabama for 24 of his 34 years, posting a record of 185-47-7. His Scottsboro team was named 1965 State Champions by the Birmingham News. A three-time Coach of the Year in Alabama. Is also in the Jacksonville State, Pickens County, Madison County and Morgan County Halls of Fame.



Larry Morris:
Served as head coach at Scottsboro from 1991-2004, the longest-tenure of a head coach in the school's history. Also served as an assistant from 1974-1990. Compiled a football record of 90-66 during his tenure. Served as Athletic Director at SHS from 2005-2012 with Wildcat teams winning 17 State titles under his watch.



Mickey "Guy" O'Brien:
Has an unsurpassed record of winning five state basketball titles during a brief 14-year coaching career at Geraldine, Jackson County High and Gadsden. His teams won a combined 427 games, losing only 47. Passed away in 1944 at the age of 39.



Vincent Robinson:
A basketball and football standout at Bridgeport High from 1984-87. Played two seasons at Memphis State and one at Tennessee-Chattanooga. Was Captain and Team MVP of the 1989 team that went to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

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Sanders Russell:

A harness racing legend, winning 1,116 races and more than 20 major stakes with World Records in 1946 and 1955. Total earnings were over \$2,000,000. Began harness racing while in school and won his first race in 1915. A member of the Alabama State Hall of Fame, Class of 1971.



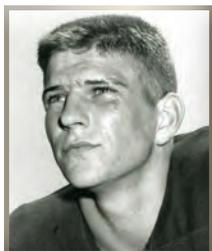
C.B. "Red" Strickland:

Coached basketball for 34 years at Skyline, Section, Geraldine and North Sand Mountain. Posted career record of 705-264. In 20 years at Section, his 1969 team won the State Title and finished runner-up another season.



Wallace Tinker:

A basketball standout for both the Pisgah Eagles and Auburn Tigers. Led Pisgah to a state title and later coached at his alma mater. All-SEC at Auburn in 1967, 1968 and 1969. Led Auburn in scoring and rebounding his Senior season.



Dr. Pat Trammell:

A two-sport star at Scottsboro High, he went on to All-American status at the University of Alabama. His leadership sparked Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's 1961 Crimson Tide team to the National Championship. Finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting.



Don Webb:

A two-sport star (football and basketball) for the Scottsboro Wildcats. Was a member of the 1965 State football title team. Held Scottsboro's single-game scoring record for 48 years. Started three years at Auburn as defensive back and punt returner.

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Colleen Cannon:

Easily regarded as the "greatest" female athlete from Scottsboro High School. A multiple-sport star for the Wildcats. Was a member of the first girls' basketball team at Scottsboro and played in the first girls State Basketball Tournament. Participated in swimming and track at Auburn University.



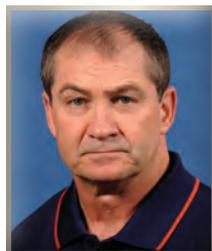
Sam Hambrick:

Longtime assistant basketball coach at Scottsboro High School and was a key assistant to Q.K. "Dusty" Carter. Credited by many varsity players at preparing them for success while on the lower levels. The gym at Scottsboro High School was named in his honor in 2000.



Eugene Harris:

Was a standout basketball player for Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter at Scottsboro High. Received a basketball scholarship to Florida State University and was a four-year starter and three-year letter winner. Is FSU's 13th all-time leading scorer. Has served as basketball coach on both the high school and collegiate level.



Phillip Lolley:

Served as head coach at Stevenson High and North Jackson High upon the consolidation of Stevenson and Bridgeport. North Jackson team won the 1993 state championship. Was on the staff at Auburn University for their 2010 National Championship and won a professional championship with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos.



Sam McCamey:

A standout basketball player for Scottsboro High under coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter and was named to the North Alabama All-Star team. Played collegiately for MTSU, Martin Junior College and Oral Roberts University. Was part of ORU's first ever post-season appearance in 1972. Was selected in the 8th round of the 1972 NBA draft by the Boston Celtics, but a medical condition detected in a physical prevented him from playing professionally.

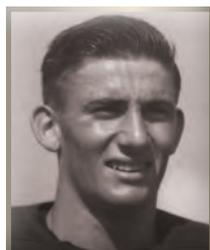


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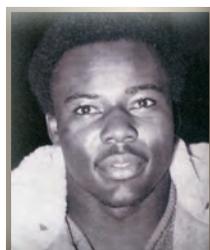
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Donald "Lard" Moore:
Known as a rebounding ace for the Wildcats of Jackson County High School from 1955-1957. First player in Alabama basketball history to make All-State squad three years in a row. Was chosen to play in the 1957 North-South All-Star game and led the North team in scoring and rebounding to defeat the South All-Stars.



James R. "Shorty" Robertson:
Played football and basketball for Jackson County High School in the early 1940's. After transferring to the University of Alabama from Wake Forest, played football, basketball and baseball for the Crimson Tide. Played in the 1945 Sugar Bowl and 1946 Rose Bowl.



Tyrone Robinson:
A four-sport athlete at Bridgeport High School (football, basketball, baseball and track). Received a football scholarship to the University of Tennessee and played for the Volunteers from 1983-1986. Lettered in 1985 and 1986.

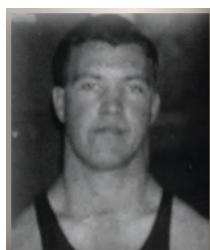


Ken Storey:
Coached varsity boys basketball at Bridgeport High from 1968-1988. Won 316 games during his varsity career and was named Coach of the Year in Jackson County for 1984-85. Also had coaching stints at South Pittsburg Tennessee and Marion County Tennessee. The gym at Bridgeport was dedicated and named for him in December of 1999.



Fred Thomas:
An outstanding shooter for the Jackson County High School Wildcats from 1945-1948. Was named first-team All-State in 1947 and State Tournament MVP. Played collegiately at Florence State. Served as teacher/administrator in the Scottsboro School System from 1966-1992. Officiated basketball for 37 years and was an official in the state basketball tournament three times.

CLASS OF 2016



Robert Thrower:
Played basketball and baseball for the Princeton Pirates from 1944-1949. Was named MVP of the state basketball tournament in 1949, receiving the O'Brien Trophy. Set an individual scoring record for all-time tournament play with 94 points in four games. Played for Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter.



Jerry Chrisman:
A standout football and basketball player under Hall of Fame coaches John Meadows and Q.K. "Dusty" Carter. Is one of four players to have won a state championship in both football and basketball at Scottsboro.



Billy Duncan:
Has won eight softball championships while serving as head coach of the Pisgah Lady Eagles. His teams have posted 800-plus wins during his tenure at Pisgah. Is a four-time ASWA Coach of the Year. His teams won five consecutive state titles from 2001-2005. Has had 40-plus players receive athletic scholarships. Softball field at Pisgah named in his honor in 2014.



Carey Ellison:
Pisgah girls' basketball teams have won three state titles under his leadership. His varsity teams have won 500-plus games during his tenure. Has coached basketball on the varsity, JV and Junior High level. Was named 2003 Class 3A Coach of the Year. In 2016, the Jackson County Coaches Association voted to name the girls' County Tournament Trophy after him.



Vince Hall:
Nicknamed "Flea" for his nimbleness in dodging tacklers and for his uncanny balance. Starred for the football Wildcats at Scottsboro High from 1978-1980. Received scholarship and starred for the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders from 1981-1984. Played in NFL pre-season games with the Washington Redskins in 1985. Inducted into the MTSU Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 2006.

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CLASS OF 2016



A.W. "Woody" Hamilton

A longtime basketball coach on all levels in Jackson County. Posted over 1,000 total wins (all levels) in 40 years of coaching in Alabama and Georgia. Served as the first head football coach of the North Sand Mountain program in 1965.



Glen Hick

A winner of 700-plus coaching wins during a career that began in 1977 at North Sand Mountain High School. Other coaching stops include South Pittsburg Tennessee, Dade County Georgia and Fort Payne High. Spent one season on the college level at Wallace State-Hanceville. Named 1993 Class 2A Coach of the Year.



Pam Hicks Campbell

A standout player for the Pisgah Lady Eagles, averaging a double-double her junior and senior seasons. Was a starter as the Lady Eagles went undefeated in the regular season and tournament play during the 1981 and 1982 seasons, winning two state championships. Was named All-State her senior year.



Kerry Lacy

A three-sport star at North Sand Mountain in football, basketball and baseball. Drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 15th round of the MLB draft for 1991. Made major league debut as a member of the Boston Red Sox on August 16, 1996. In a two-season career, posted a 3-1 record and three saves in 44 appearances.



Gretchen Prince Wilbanks

Starred in basketball for the Paint Rock Valley Lady Pirates, scoring 3,809 career points. First-team All-State for two seasons and named Class 1A Player of the Year. Was chosen to play in the World Scholar Athlete Games along with 2,200 youth from the United States and 109 other countries. Was offered a contract with the San Diego team of the WNBA.



Robin Gant Shirey

Played basketball for Pisgah High from 1978-1982. Her varsity teams went 84-5 during her playing career, winning the 2A titles in 1981 and 1982. Was voted 2A tournament MVP in 1982. Helped establish and coach the first volleyball team at Pisgah High.



Melissa Thomas

All-State basketball player for the Scottsboro Lady Wildcats four consecutive years (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988). Holds the ladies scoring record at Scottsboro with 1,601 points. A walk-on scholarship recipient at Mississippi State, receiving All-Academic honor three years. An avid mountain biker, was the 2006 Marathon National Champion and 2003 National Endurance Mountain Bike Champion.

CLASS OF 2017



Carl Bain

An all-star player turned in to an all-star coach. After a successful playing career at Pisgah High and in college at Southern Union, Bain became head coach of the Stevenson High Panthers in 1971. In 17 seasons at Stevenson, the Panthers had eleven 20-plus win seasons. Served two seasons as head coach of North Jackson. A career record of 329-178.



Tony Baker

Served a successful stint as head varsity boys' coach at Woodville High, leading teams to numerous rankings in the Class 1A polls and winning five area tournaments. As the head baseball coach, took the Panthers to the semi-finals. Served on the Jackson County Board of Education for six years. Was inducted into the Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.



Robert Byrd

Referred to by many as the toughest player to suit up for the Scottsboro Wildcats. First-team All-State in 1962 and selected to play in the Alabama All-Star game in 1963. Played Semi-pro football for the Huntsville-based Alabama Hawks in 1967, 1968, 1969. Was a member of the last Scottsboro High team to play on Thanksgiving Day.

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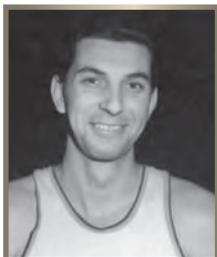
CLASS OF 2017



Vincent Cobb
A star basketball player for Hall of Fame Coach Carl Bain at Stevenson High. Finished as the all-time leading scorer and rebounder at Stevenson, totaling 2,238 points and 1,118 rebounds. Led the Panthers to two state tournament appearances in 1981 and 1982. Considered as one of the best shooters in Jackson County basketball history.



Sam Kenimer
At 22 years of age, became head coach of the Pisgah Eagles in 1961. In two tenures Pisgah football, Kenimer won 85 games and had nine winning seasons. Is credited with starting the baseball program at Pisgah in 1981. Football stadium was named in his honor in 1994.



Scotty Lankford
Was a two-year letterman in basketball at Scottsboro High under Hall of Fame coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter. Led Wildcats to a berth in the 1959 state tournament and led the team in scoring enroute to a 29-4 season record. Named first-team All-State by Birmingham Post-Herald.



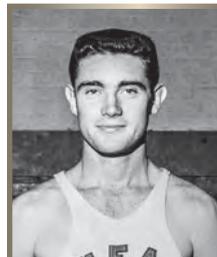
Donald Ray Lawson
A true three-sport star at Bridgeport, played football, basketball and baseball for the Tigers. Received a baseball scholarship to Vanderbilt University and had a successful career with the Commodores. Was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 1980 June draft but elected to remain at Vandy.



Dale McCloud (Contributor)
Served as the long-time football statistician for Bridgeport High and North Jackson High. Developed and operated the football website for North Jackson Chiefs football. Passed away in December of 2017.



Bill McGriff
Called a giant among men, his size and shooting propelled him to stardom at Pisgah High. Scored 121 points in four games of the 1954 state tournament and was named MVP. Received scholarship to Auburn and was named All-SEC his sophomore season. Spent a short time coaching before going on to successful business career.



Hugh Jefferson Stewart Jr.
A highly decorated basketball player at Jackson County High School. Played for Hall of Fame coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter and also was a standout baseball player for the Scottsboro Rebels. Played both basketball and baseball while in college. Is among four members of the 1956 Wildcat basketball team to be inducted into the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.



Rod Tiffin
A multi-sport athlete in high school and college and turned that into a highly-successful college coaching career in track and field. Played high school sports at Scottsboro High and collegiately at Auburn University. Became the head track coach at Samford University in 2008 and is a 12-time Southern Conference Coach of the Year.

Past Hall of Fame

CLASS OF 2018



Paul Bell

A 1994 graduate of Section High School and a 1999 graduate of Lee University. Was a four-year letter winner at Section in football, basketball, baseball and track. Received numerous honors at Section including All-State in basketball and was named valedictorian his senior year. Received a basketball scholarship to Lee University and finished his career as the school's all-time points leader and second all-time rebounder. Was inducted into the Lee University Hall of Fame in 2004.



John Blackwell

A 1960 graduate of Scottsboro High School and a 1964 graduate of Auburn University. Scottsboro varsity basketball teams had a combined record of 82-13 during his three seasons under Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. Carter. Was named captain of the 1960 team and was named to the State's All-Tournament team for 1960. Received a basketball scholarship to Auburn and was captain of the Tigers for 1964. Received All-SEC honors for the 1963 season.



Robert "Bo" Davis

A 1957 graduate of Jackson County High School and a 1961 graduate of Auburn University. Played football and basketball for JCHS and was a member of football teams of 1954, 1955, 1956 with Hall of Famer Pat Trammell. Played in two elite eight's and one Final Four as a member of the Wildcat basketball teams of 1956 and 1957. Received a football scholarship to Auburn and led the team in punting for the season of 1961.



Jason Hass

A 1994 graduate of Scottsboro High School and a 1999 graduate of Jacksonville State University. Played for Hall of Fame Coach Larry Morris at Scottsboro and received Honorable Mention Offensive Line by the Birmingham News for his senior season. Received a scholarship to JSU and started every game during his four-year career as a Gamecock. Collegiate honors include All-Conference, Academic All-Conference and All-American by Bob Griese Football Magazine. Has served the Scottsboro school system as a teacher, coach and administrator.



Robert "Bob" Hodges

A 1957 graduate of Jackson County High School and a 1961 graduate of the University of Alabama. Played football for JCHS from 1952-1956 and was selected to the North All-Star team in 1956 and also Birmingham-News Second Team All-State. Lettered in football, basketball and Baseball at Jackson County High. Received football scholarship to Auburn University and was co-captain of the Auburn freshman team of 1957. Was elected Circuit Judge of Jackson County for two terms and appointed U.S. Administrative Law Judge.



Keesha Sanders King

A 1996 graduate of Paint Rock Valley High School and a 2000 graduate of Troy University. Finished her high school career as the most decorated individual athlete in Jackson County sports history. Placed first or second in every AHSAA track event she participated in from 1991-1996. Received a track scholarship to Troy University and was a three-time First-Team All-Conference selection for 1997, 1998 and 1999.



Ronnie McCarver

A 1994 graduate of Scottsboro High School and 1992 graduate of Athens State. Began a Hall of Fame coaching career with Paint Rock Valley with the 1992-93 season. Has coached both varsity boys and varsity girl's teams during his career. Has won over 700 varsity games during his career, including one state championship, two state runner-ups and four Final Four appearances.



Larry Nevels

A 1961 graduate of Scottsboro High School and a 1966 graduate of Florence State College (now University of North Alabama). Played basketball and football at Scottsboro under Hall of Fame coaches Q.K. Carter and John Meadows. Was voted Birmingham Post-Herald All-State and Birmingham News All-State honorable mention. Received a scholarship to Florence State and played basketball from 1961-1964. Served as a teacher/coach in both the Jackson County school system and the Scottsboro school system before launching a successful business career.



Past Hall of Fame

CLASS OF 2018



Larrie Robinson

A longtime assistant coach under Hall of Famer John Meadows. Was an assistant with the 1965 State Championship Scottsboro Wildcats. Came to Scottsboro as an assistant and served with Meadows from 1959 through 1965.



Bill Tinker

A 1959 graduate of Pisgah High School and a 1963 graduate of Auburn University. Was a key member of the 1959 Pisgah state championship basketball team under Hall of Fame coach Paul Cooley. For his junior and senior seasons at Pisgah, the Eagles had a record of 59-9. Received All-State and All-State-Tournament honors for the 1959 season. Received a scholarship to Auburn University and was a four-year letterman and three-year starter for the Tigers. Was selected Associated Press All-SEC third team for the 1962 season.



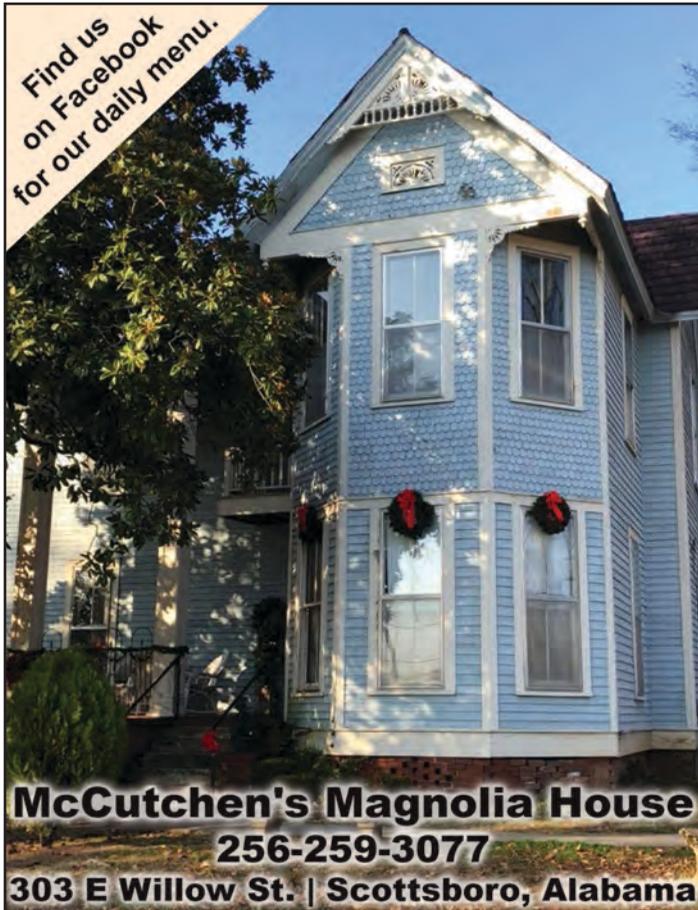
Greg Bell

Longtime radio voice of Scottsboro High School football, basketball, baseball and softball programs. Serves as statistician and record keeper for all four programs. Was recognized by the Alabama Broadcasters Association in 2015 with their Award of Merit in broadcasting. Was the driving force behind the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame and its formation in 2014. Has served as the President of the JCSHOF since 2014. the driving force behind the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame and its formation in 2014. Has served as the President of the JCSHOF since 2014.

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- Exceptions may be allowed for residency to be ten (10) years continuously, even if the nominee's achievements were made prior to moving to Jackson County.
- A nominee must be at least 40 years old at the time of induction or inactive in the athletic category for at least five (5) years.
- Any person may nominate someone to be considered for the Hall of Fame. The nominator is required to provide all necessary paperwork. An official nomination form may be requested at the following address: Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame, 815 West Willow Street, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768.
- All nominees will be screened intensively. Statistics, old record books, scrapbooks, newspaper and magazine stories or clippings, etc. will be considered when possible. Interviews about nominees may be sought by members of the Board of Directors when considered necessary.
- While each nominee's athletic achievements will be of prime importance and consideration, his or her post-athletic record, as a citizen, will be weighed. A person must have also proven worthy as a citizen by carrying the ideals of athletics forward into his/her occupational endeavors and community service.
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times in 34 games. They defeated rival Scottsboro twice in three contests, the loss a 66-64 overtime thriller in the Scottsboro Invitational Tournament.

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and fell to Section in the Jackson County Tournament.

Pisgah once again qualified for the state tournament and came out as State Champions for the first time in the history of the program.

The Jackson County High School Wildcats had just missed the 1943 state title, falling to Parrish of Selma in a third-round game.

The 1944 Wildcats bounced back with a purpose and started the season with a record of 8-0. Under Hall of Fame Coach Mickey O'Brien, the Wildcats lost only three games while winning 26.

The Wildcats won

all four of their state tournament games, defeating Sylacauga, Lanier, Ramsay and Lexington in the title game 32-29. Haskel Little scored 46 points during the tournament, followed by 41 from Ray Collins.

It would be the final season for Coach O'Brien who passed away in June of 1944 at the age of 39 from complications following an appendectomy.

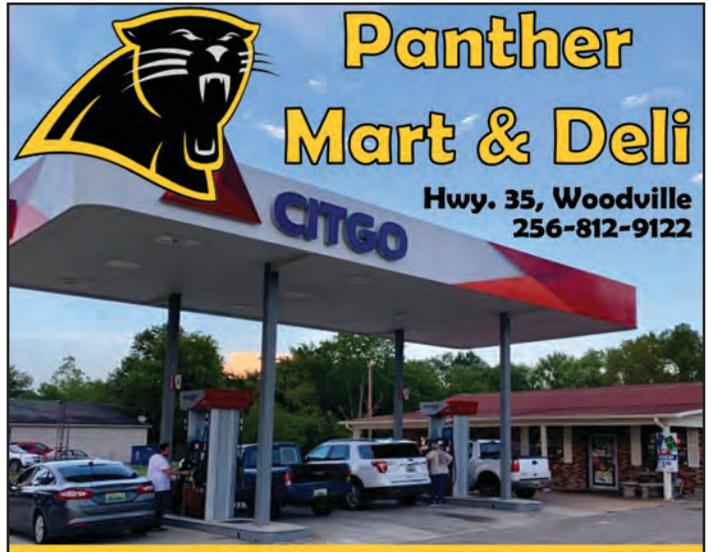




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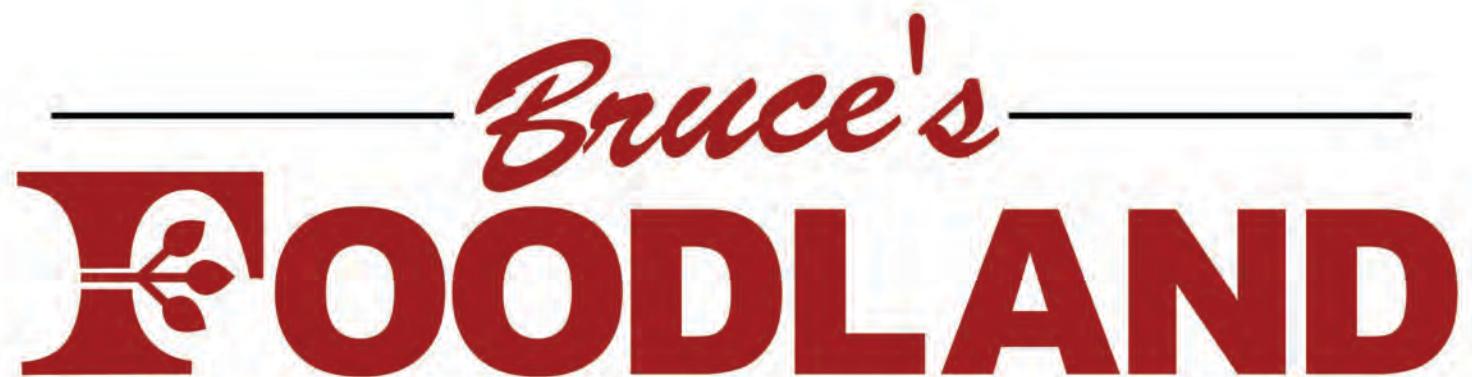





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