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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and thank you for your interest and attendance. Tonight, we welcome ten new members into the Hall of Fame along with our first-ever Hall of Contributor Award. These new members have achieved outstanding accomplishments during their playing and/or coaching careers at all levels of athletics. Many have also served their communities through teaching and educational administration. All have brought special recognition to Jackson County Alabama with their accomplishments. Many people are truly indebted to these individuals who have touched the lives of so many through their efforts. Tonight, we recognize them with their induction into a special fraternity of men and women – The Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame. It is our hope that all supporters of athletics will respect and treasure the spirit of the Hall of Fame, which stands as a memorial to an American tradition.

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**The Scottsboro City Council
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Standing: (l-r) Gary Stewart, Council Member; Patrick Stewart, Council Member;
Tony Wallingsford, Council Member; Keith Smith, Council Member; Jessica Butler, Council Member.



Welcome from Scottsboro's Mayor

On behalf of the Scottsboro City Council, I want to welcome you to The Goose Pond Civic Center and the induction of the 2017 Class of The Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.

A special thanks to the committee members who has 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 2017 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 no 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 2017.

Robin Shelton, Mayor
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Banquet Agenda

Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame 2017 Inductee Banquet

- Music/Video – Jim Matthews
- Welcome – Greg Bell, Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame President
- Master of Ceremonies – Stan Gibby
- Spotlight of Inductees – Stan Gibby
- Invocation – Stacy Ledwell
- National Anthem
- Dinner
- Dinner Music/Video – Jim Matthews
- Introductions
- Guests/Sponsorships – Greg Bell
- Special Recognition (Scholarship Recipients and 1962 Carver High Team) – Larry Morris
- Induction Ceremony – Stan Gibby, Greg Bell, Larry Morris, Jason Bowen, Robert Clemens
- Response for Inductees – Rod Tiffin
- Closing Remarks – Jason Bowen

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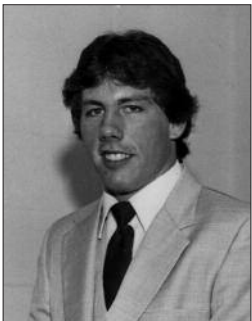
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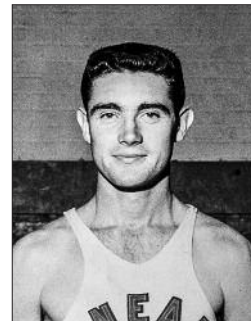
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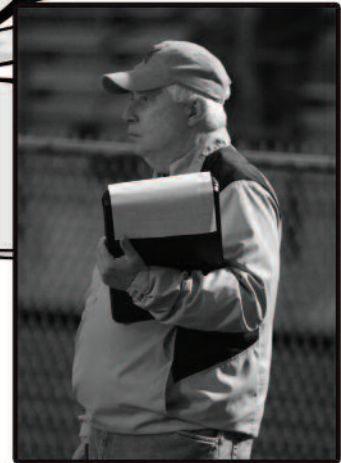
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Donald Lawson
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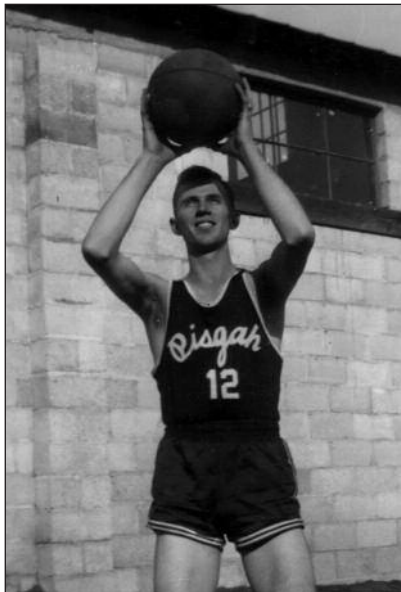
Tyrone Robinson
Class of 2015



Carl Bain

Carl Bain was an All-Star player who turned into an All-Star coach. A 1952 graduate of Pisgah High School, the tall and slim Bain was a major contributor to successful Pisgah teams from 1949 through 1952. Among their best records was a 23 and 5 season in 1950 and a district championship. The Eagles reached the 2A tournament in 1950, losing 49-45 to Valley. Before making the move to high school, Bain was part of the 9th grade team at Rosalie which finished undefeated with 32 wins in 32 games. Bain received All-District Eight honors in 1951 at a time when there were only two classifications in the entire state.

After graduation, Bain went on to play at Southern Union College in Wadley Alabama. He was named captain of the 1957-58 team and was selected All-Region Seven. After college, Bain began a teaching and coaching career in the Jackson County School System and was named head coach of the Stevenson High School Panthers varsity boys team starting with the 1971-72 season. In 17 seasons as head coach at Stevenson High, the Panthers won at least seven area titles, seven Jackson County Titles and had eleven 20-plus win seasons. Only twice did the Panthers lose more games than they won. Bain served on the coaching staff of the North squad of the Alabama High School All-Star game three times and was named Jackson County Coach of the Year three times and one-time recipient of the Sequatchie Valley Coach of the Year award. Bain's Panthers reached the Elite 8 in 1980 and the Final Four in back-to-back seasons of 1981 and 1982.



In all, Bain coached four All-State or All-Tournament players including Vincent Cobb, who goes into the Hall of Fame Class of 2017 with his former head coach. In addition to coaching the varsity boys team, Bain served as the first varsity girls basketball coach at Stevenson High. With the consolidation of Stevenson and Bridgeport High Schools in 1988, Bain served as the head coach of the new North Jackson Chiefs for two seasons. His career record was 329 wins and 178 losses. The gymnasium at Stevenson Middle School, which was one-time Stevenson High School was named in Bain's honor in 2017. Bain's basketball career from player to coach started with the presidency of Harry S. Truman and ended with that of George H. Bush.



Congratulations and Roll Herd

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Kerry "Huck" Lacy

and to former 2014 inductee

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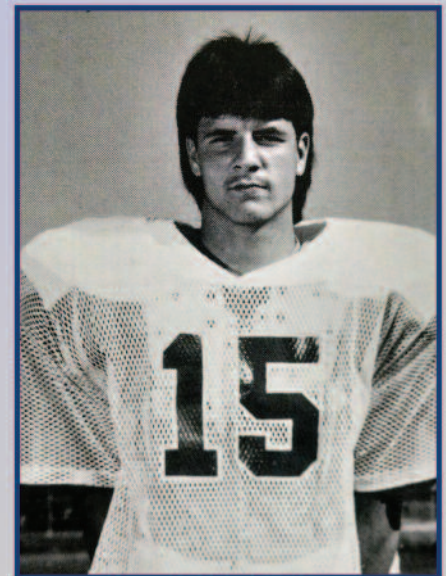
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Coach Glen Hicks



Kerry "Huck" Lacy



Tony Baker

Tony Baker made his mark as an athlete in neighboring Madison County, but made his mark as a coach in Jackson County. The tall and athletic Baker was a three-year starter on the New Hope Indians varsity basketball team for coaches R.A. "Pig" Carpenter and Herman Roberson. Named All-County in 1965 and received the 1965 Alabama High School Athletic Association All-Tournament Award in helping to lead the Indians to an area title. Baker served as captain of the 1966 team, receiving All-County and All-Conference honors as the Indians won the Madison County Championship. As a Senior at New Hope, Baker led the county in scoring with 14 points per game and in rebounding with 22 boards per game. Baker also played football at New Hope and was a member of the 1966 Madison County Champion Indians, scoring 16 touchdowns on the year.

Baker received All-County honors in football from the Huntsville Times and received Class 3A, Second Team All-State honors from the Birmingham Post-Herald. He received scholarship offers from junior colleges in Florida, Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma and Alabama. Baker settled on a scholarship with Snead College in Boaz and was a two-year starter with the Parsons. The team won the 1968 Alabama Junior College Tournament and represented Alabama in the Regional tournament in Georgia. Baker was named to the Alabama Junior College Conference All-Tournament team. He served as co-captain of the 1968 Snead team. After his time at Snead, he signed a scholarship with Athens College and graduated from there with a BS in Education.



After college, Baker went on to coach basketball and baseball at Woodville High School. During his tenure at Woodville, the Panthers were ranked in the 1A polls in basketball several times, won five area tournaments, won five Christmas and Thanksgiving Tournaments. Baker's Panthers lost to Stevenson 66-64 in the finals of the 1982 Jackson County Tournament. With baseball, the Panthers reached the semi-finals on the state baseball tournament losing to Mars Hill in a best-of-three series. Baker served six years on the Jackson County Board of Education and was a teacher, coach and principal at Woodville High School for 23 years. An avid hunter and fisherman, Baker and his fishing partner, Gene Roberts, won the 2000 Anglers Choice Mercury National Bass Team Championship Tournament in Granbury Texas. Baker was inducted into the Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame in April of 2008.



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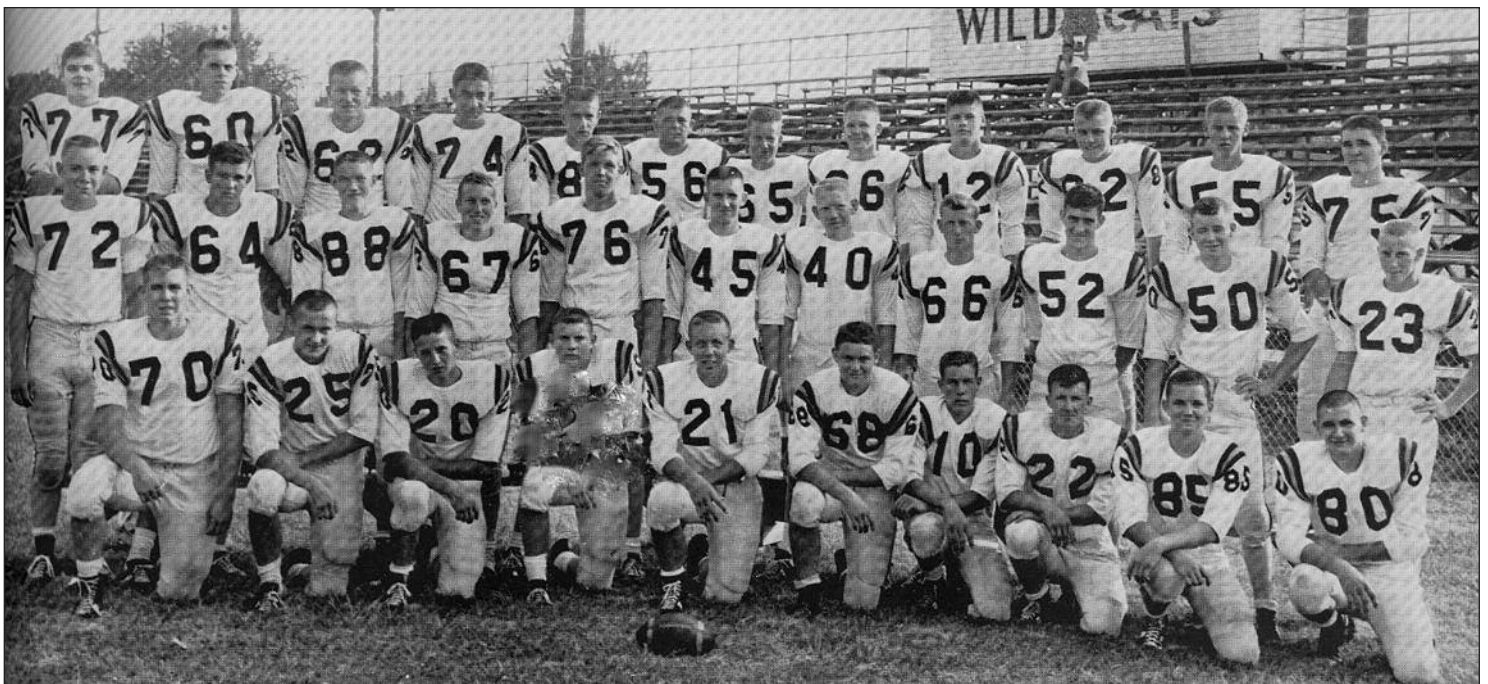
Robert Byrd

Referred to by many as the toughest player to ever suit up for the Scottsboro Wildcats, Robert Byrd was a gridiron star for Hall of Fame Coach John Meadows. Byrd played linebacker, end and fullback for the Wildcats. Said Coach Meadows about Byrd you just turn him loose. He was unusual because of his strength, which came from working at a sawmill. He was much stronger than the other boys. It was said by many that coach had to pull Byrd from practice at times so that the others wouldn't get hurt and would be available for the upcoming game.



Among his honors were All-County in 1959, All-Conference in 1961, First Team All-State by the Birmingham News and Birmingham Post-Herald in 1962. Byrd was selected to play for the north squad in the Alabama All-Star Game in 1963. Byrd signed with the University of Alabama but played his collegiate ball at Jacksonville State University. A published article in the Anniston Star stated that Byrd averaged 15 tackles per game for his high school career. Scottsboro football teams were 30-6-4 during his playing career and the defense allowed only 7.65 points per game. Byrd was selected as a linebacker on the Scottsboro Wildcat team of the 1960s.

Byrd played semi-pro football for the Huntsville-based Alabama Hawks in 1967, 1968 and 1969, starting at linebacker all three years. Byrd was part of the last Scottsboro football team to play on Thanksgiving Day. The 1962 game with Oneonta early in the season was postponed due to weather and later played on Thanksgiving afternoon in Scottsboro. The Wildcats, ranked number seven in the state at the time, defeated the Redskins from Oneonta 12-7. A coaches' film of that game is available on the website, ScottsboroFootball.com.



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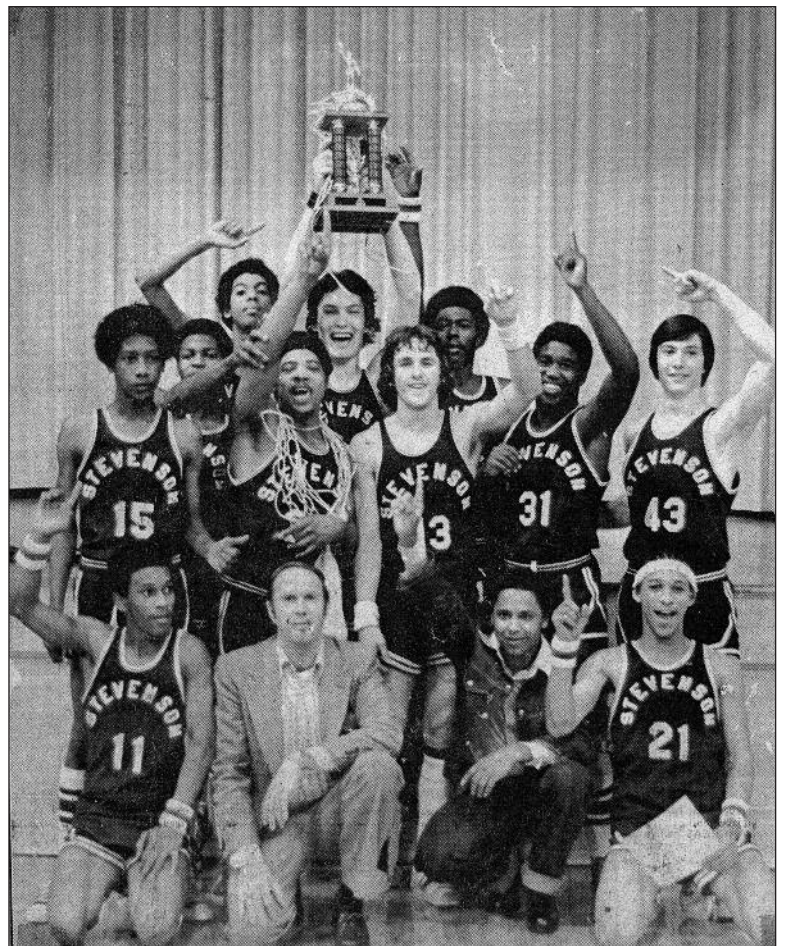
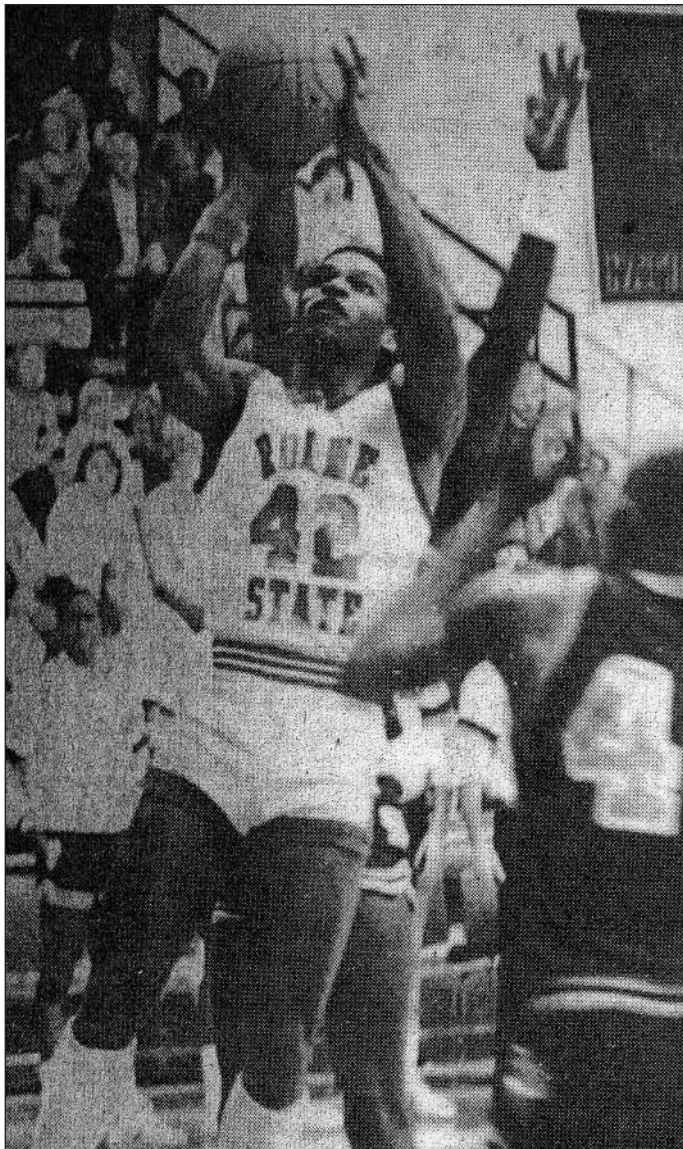
Vincent Cobb

Vincent Cobb re-wrote the record books at Stevenson High School on the way to an unforgettable basketball career. Referred to by Hall of Fame Coach Paul Cooley in 1980, "Cobb is one of the finest sophomores I've ever seen". Cobb played for the Stevenson Panthers from 1981 through 1983 and joins his former coach, Carl Bain, in the Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

Cobb finished his career as the all-time leading scorer and rebounder at Stevenson, records that will stand forever with the 1988 consolidation of Stevenson High with Bridgeport High to create North Jackson High School. During his career, Cobb scored 2,238 points and pulled down 1,118 rebounds. His numerous honors include All-County MVP in 1982 and 1983; All-Area 1981, 1982, and 1983; First-Team All-State, All Tri-State, Sequatchie Valley All-Conference, Sequatchie Valley MVP and Honorable Mention All-American in 1983. Cobb led the Panthers to two state tournament appearances in 1981 and 1982. His best game in the state tournament came in 1981 as he scored 27 points and pulled down 24 rebounds. Cobb received a scholarship to play at Roane State Community College in Tennessee and averaged 17 points per game and 11 rebounds per game as a freshman. His best game with Roane State came as a sophomore in December of 1984 when he scored 29 points and had 18 rebounds.

Cobb graduated from University of North Alabama in 1990. He was ordained as a deacon in 1995 and

licensed to preach in 1998. Cobb served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1988 to 1994 and received several service medals. Cobb will go down in Jackson County basketball history as one of the best shooters to ever play the game.





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Sam Kenimer

Some of the most successful years in Pisgah football history were guided there by the coach in which the field is named after. Sam Kenimer was a 1956 graduate of Dade County High School in Trenton Georgia and a 1961 graduate of Jacksonville State University. Kenimer served two tenures at Pisgah for a total of 14 seasons as head coach of the Eagles. At 22 years of age, He became head coach for the first time right out of college and served in that post through the 1970 season. During that tenure, the Eagles won 65 games, lost 24 and tied five. Kenimer's 1967 team garnered a post-season berth in the Class 3A playoffs. Two weeks following their last regular season game, the Eagles traveled to Muscle Shoals and fell 20-19 to Colbert County who would lose to Russellville the following week in the 3A state title game.

During that first 10-year tenure, Kenimer partnered with Hall of Fame coach Paul Cooley, serving as B-Team head basketball coach and varsity assistant for teams that won the 3A state championship in 1964 and 1966. Kenimer founded the school's track and field program and would lead it during this tenure as well. After the 1970 season, Kenimer made what he would call the toughest decision of his career by stepping away from the Eagle football program to pursue a Master's degree. During that seven-year break, he received his Masters from the University of Montevallo. In 1978, with a need to bring stability back to the football program, Kenimer was once-again called on to lead the Eagles. From 1978 through 1981, Pisgah was 20-19-1. In all, Kenimer-lead teams posted a record of 85 wins, 43 losses and six ties. In those 14 seasons, Kenimer had 9 winning seasons; three 9-win seasons and three 8-win seasons.

Kenimer is credited with starting the baseball program at Pisgah High School in 1981. He served as an assistant with the baseball program from 1984 through 1986 and served as Principal of Pisgah High from 1982 through 1989. During his time as Coach, Kenimer would have eight players receive all-state honors. His two-most decorated players were Hall of Famer Ray Maxwell, and Roger Pruett. On September 15, 1994, five years after departing Pisgah High School, his service to the school, program and community was recognized with a Jackson County Board of Education resolution naming the Pisgah football stadium "Sam Kenimer Stadium".



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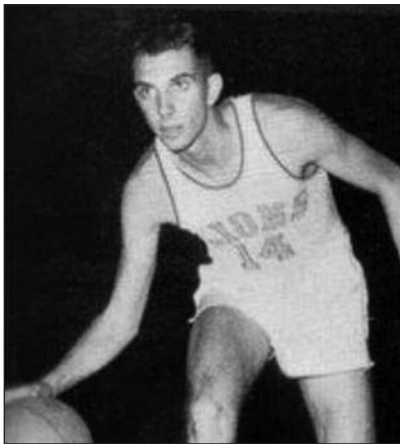
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Scotty Lankford

James Scott Lankford, known as Scotty to friends, family and teammates was a basketball and baseball standout at Scottsboro High School for Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter. Lankford was a two-year letterman in basketball, serving as captain of the 1958-59 team. Lankford led his teammates to the Northeast Alabama Conference Tournament Title, the 8th District Title and a berth in the 1959 State Tournament. Lankford led the team in scoring enroute to a 29-4 season record. Along the way, Scotty was named the Northeast Alabama Conference MVP, All 8th District and First-Team All-State by the Birmingham Post-Herald. According to the Post-Herald, Lankford was one of the top two vote-getters selected for the 1959 team by coaches and sportswriters. In describing Lankford's play, Coach Carter stated that Scotty is a deluxe passer that does everything well.

Scotty was also a standout baseball player, playing on a revived Wildcat program that won the Northeast Alabama Conference baseball title. In the summer of 1959, he joined the Scottsboro Rebels, an amateur baseball team comprised of local baseball standouts, including no fewer than nine collegiate players. In an interview with Scottsboro's Daily Sentinel, Rebel Coach Dusty Carter deemed the lefty first-baseman "as good at that position as anyone he's ever coached." Lankford signed a basketball scholarship



with Florence State College in 1959. Immediately seeing playing time, he became a prominent member of The "Hustling Eight from Florence State". In 1960, FSC won their district and became the first basketball team in school history to participate in a National Championship Tournament.

In 1961, Scotty enlisted in the United States Air Force, eventually being certified as a combative measures (judo) Instructor in 1963. In 1964, he won the Midwestern AAU Judo Championship in the 180-pound class held at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. Upon an honorable discharge from the Air Force, he returned to Florence State on a basketball scholarship. But his time on the hardwood ended in 1966 due to injuries. Lankford graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He was employed by Alabama Power Company for 35 years, retiring in 2007.



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Donald Ray Lawson

A true three-sport star, Donald Lawson excelled on the gridiron, hardwood and the diamond for the Bridgeport Tigers. Lawson received first and/or second team All-State honors in football in 1979 by the Birmingham News, Birmingham Post-Herald and the Montgomery Advertiser. Lawson was called one of the toughest players to suit up for the Tigers during his career.

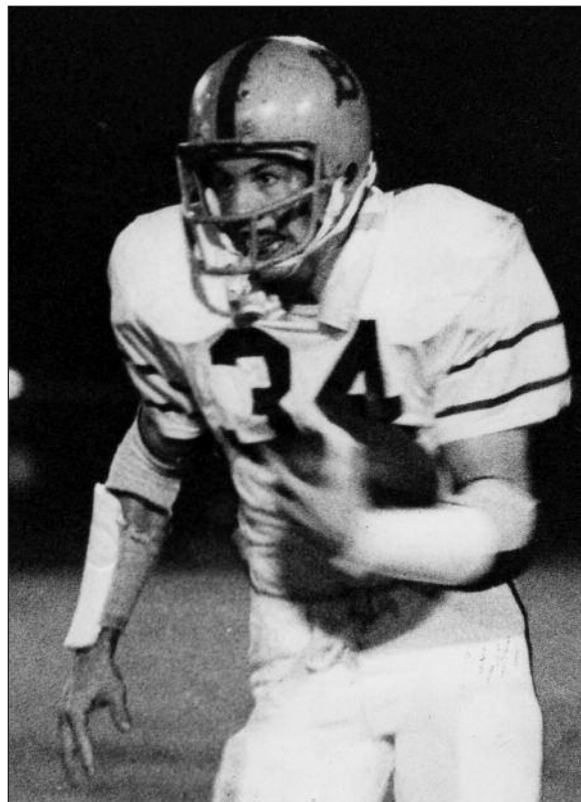
As soon as the football season was over, Lawson could be found in the gym preparing for the Tigers' basketball campaign. He was named All-Sequatchie Valley in basketball for the 1979-80 seasons, averaging 20 points per game. His first two loves were football and baseball and seeing that he was a bit small to play college football he opted for baseball and made his mark on the diamond. Lawson batted 450 his senior season at Bridgeport in 1980, gaining All-American recognition and was named Most Valuable Player for the East-West All-Star game in Hartselle and was selected to the North squad of the North-South All-Star baseball game.

Lawson signed a baseball scholarship to play for the Vanderbilt Commodores and in one game during his freshman season, ripped a homerun and drove in five runs in a game against MTSU. During that freshman campaign, Lawson stole 11 bases in 12 attempts. He was selected by the Pittsburg Pirates in the 1980 June draft but elected to remain at Vanderbilt. During his sophomore season at Vandy, Lawson

hit 320 with four homeruns and 10 stolen bases.

The one thing that people will tell you they admire most about Lawson is his strength during tragedy. Following a fishing accident during high school that took the life of his father and in which he was severely injured, Lawson was seen on the playing field within two months of that accident. Another misfortune that Lawson overcame was just prior to his junior season when he came up one hour short of the required NCAA academic rules and he had to sit out a year. He did not let that dampen his spirits

and he committed himself to hours on end, both on the field and in the classroom in making another comeback for his final year of eligibility. His power was evident during that final season with the Commodores as he missed tying the school record for single-season homeruns by two. The record was 15 and he hit 13 round-trippers during a season in which 10 games were rained out.



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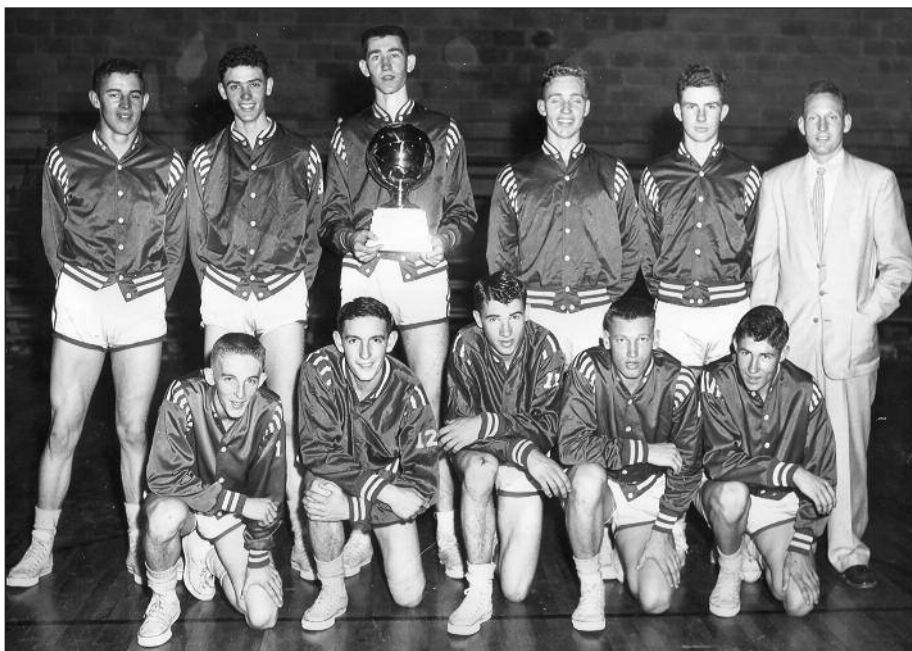
Bill McGriff

He was called a Giant among boys and his size and shooting propelled him to basketball stardom. At 6-foot, 7-inches tall, Bill McGriff set records almost every time he took the floor for the Pisgah Eagles. From 1952 to 1954, McGriff was recognized as one of the most able players in the sport. During his high school career he received numerous honors – All-County, All-District, All-State and Most Valuable Player. In the Class 2A state tournament of 1954, McGriff set a state record by scoring 46 points in a single game – hitting 18 field goals and 10 free throws. He scored a total of 121 points in four games of that 1954 State Tournament and was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player. Pisgah’s 1954 team, led by McGriff finished with a 30 and 2 record, reaching the final four. The Eagles swept through the first three rounds before losing to Dothan 61-51 in the title game.



McGriff joined fellow teammate Teddy Traylor as First-Team All-Tournament selections for the 1954 season. During the tournament, McGriff scored 46 against Opelika, 34 against McGill of Mobile, 28 against Carbon Hill and was held to 13 points against Dothan in the title game, one of the lowest point totals of his career. In one game against Scottsboro during his career, McGriff scored 50 points for the Eagles while the rest of the team tallied eleven. For a time and it may still hold true today, it was believed that the mighty McGriff held every Pisgah basketball record.

McGriff received a scholarship to play for the Auburn Tigers and made an impact in the SEC as a sophomore. He was selected to the All-SEC Sophomore team and named Sophomore of the Year by the Associated Press as he averaged 15-point-6 points per game. Said Auburn head coach Joel Eaves of McGriff, “he had to tangle with some of the



country’s best post men in our early games, and he has handled them all creditably.” McGriff earned letters for his sophomore, junior and senior seasons at Auburn. He led the team in scoring and rebounds for the 1955-56 season, scoring 15.9 points per game and averaging 10.2 rebounds per game. After college, McGriff spent a short time coaching high school basketball at Douglas High in Marshall County, where he took the team to the state tournament for the first time in the school’s history. McGriff went on to a successful business career including the founding of the Gorham’s Bluff community near Pisgah.

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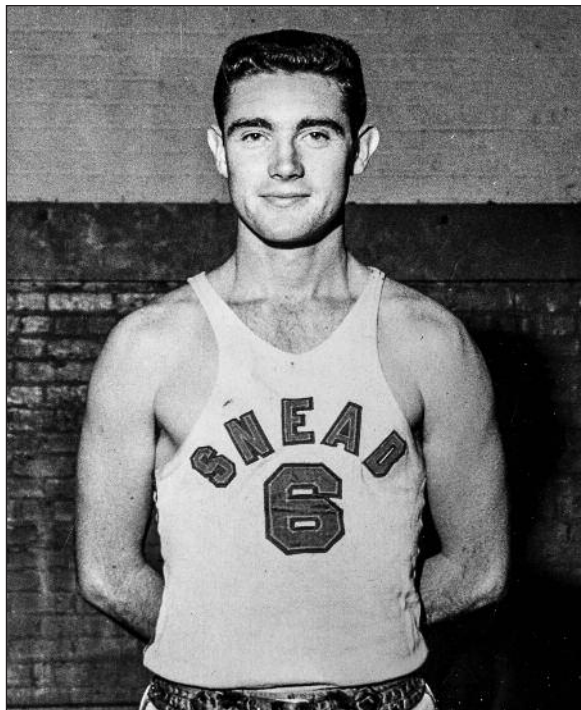
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Hugh Jefferson Stewart, Jr.

Hugh Jefferson Stewart Jr. was a highly decorated basketball player at Jackson County High School who became a two-sport standout at the college level. A 1956 graduate of Jackson County High School, Stewart played basketball from 1953 through 1956 for Hall of Fame coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter. During his career, Stewart was named All-County, All-District, All-State in 1955 and All-American in 1956. Stewart averaged 24 points a game for the 1956 season for a Wildcat team that finished 31 and 3 and reached the Elite Eight. The 1955 Wildcats reached the final four, losing to Tuscaloosa 68-57 in the Class 2A State Championship game. Stewart was in the 8th grade when Carter spotted him in a physical education class. Carter described Stewart as "left-handed and quick as a cat". Stewart, who lived near Carter would frequently watch Boston Celtics games on television in the Carter home on Saturday's. To date, Stewart



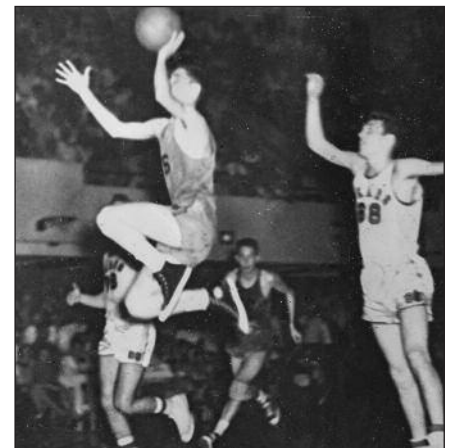
becomes the fourth member of the 1956 Wildcats to be inducted into the Hall of Fame as he joins teammates Pat Trammell and Donald Moore and head coach Dusty Carter.

Stewart landed basketball scholarships, first at Snead for the 1957-58 season where he was named a team captain. As a Parson, Stewart was selected All-Dixie Conference and the MVP of the Rotary Tournament in Florida. After his time was up at Snead, Stewart received a scholarship to Huntington and was selected captain. Stewart played baseball while at Snead and was a member of the initial baseball team at Huntington.

Carter's influence on Stewart led him into high school coaching once his college education was complete. Stewart spent ten seasons on high school sidelines, first at Boaz, then to Arab and on to Anniston before heading to Scottsboro where he served as a teacher for 20 years. A member of the highly regarded Scottsboro Rebels baseball team, Stewart's talents were recognized by the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League in 1960. Representatives of the Phillies attempted making contact with Stewart but he was not informed of their



interest by his dad who did not want him to pursue a professional sports career. Stewart passed away in March of 2009.



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Rod Tiffin

Rod Tiffin succeeded as a multi-sport athlete before building a highly-successful college coaching career in track and field. Tiffin played football, basketball and ran track at Scottsboro from 1980 through 1985. His basketball efforts earned him a scholarship to Snead Junior College from 1985 through 1987. Following his two years at Snead, Tiffin transferred to Auburn and became an important part of their track and field programs. Tiffin set several records as an All-SEC standout decathlete. He was ranked fourth on Auburn's all-time list when he scored 3,590 points in the pentathlon. Tiffin previously held the seventh-best javelin mark in Auburn history. Tiffin received his bachelor's degree in economics from Auburn in 1990 and began a very successful coaching career.



Tiffin served one year as the head track-and-field and cross-country coach at UAB where he had been an assistant the two previous years. At UAB, he coached 33 Great Midwest individual champions and five All-Americans and was named coach of the year during the indoor and outdoor track seasons. One of Tiffin's first All-Americans at UAB was Vonetta Jeffery who set eleven school and conference records. Jeffery became a member of the United State bobsled team and was the first black female to win a Winter Olympics gold medal. At Alabama, while working with Crimson Tide head coach Harvey Glance, Tiffin's field event crew amassed 17 school records, 20 All-American honors, eight SEC conference championships, three NCAA titles, a gold medal at the World University games, two Olympic team berths and two World Championship berths.



Tiffin became head coach at Samford University in 2008 and made immediate impacts with his women's cross-country teams. A 12-time Southern Conference Coach of the Year, Tiffin's programs have earned six conference championships during his tenure and swept the conference's women's indoor and outdoor titles in 2017. The 2018 season will begin his 11th season at the helm of the Bulldogs' program and while already having made a significant impact

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Dale McCloud, Contributor

In every high school athletic program, there are volunteers who silently work behind the scenes to help promote the student athletes who participate and the team as a whole. Dale McCloud was one such person. Tonight, Dale is looking down on us with pride and humility as he is being honored as the Hall of Fame's first-ever Contributor recipient.

McCloud graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1969, a school that he loved dearly. With his own time and resources, McCloud set up a statistics tracking program and compilation system at Bridgeport High and compiled stats for the school from 1970 through 1987. During this time, he also performed scoreboard and clock duties at Tiger basketball home games. When needed, he assisted with scorebook duties for away games and at times would help Hall of Coach Ken Storey with B-Team coaching duties. He would tell you that when on the bench with coach, the Tigers never lost a game.

In 1986, McCloud created a computerized database application to allow the tracking and reporting of high school football statistics, making Bridgeport High School the first in the Tri-State area to use computers for tracking football statistics. Upon the merger of Bridgeport High School and Stevenson High School in 1988, McCloud set up the football statistics program for North Jackson High School and began compiling and tracking



the statistics using a newly, self-created computerized database system. In 1997, McCloud applied for and received the internet domain njhschiefs.com. He began storing the North Jackson football stats online and providing access to the school records and statistics to visitors worldwide. The site is still active today, marking 20 years of service to the North Jackson Football Program.



After a courageous battle with cancer, McCloud passed away in late November from health-related issues. McCloud's daughter, Brooke McCloud Smith is accepting this year's award on behalf of her father.





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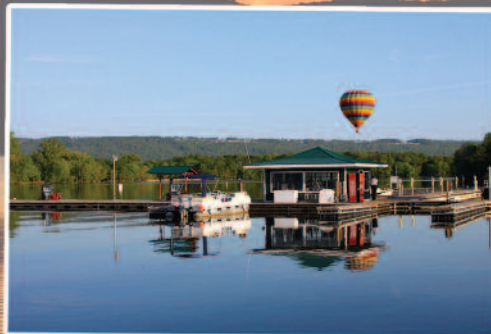
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The majority of that team returned for the 1961-62 season and reached the state championship tournament for black schools that was held in Montgomery. Though they did not win a state title, the Dragons completed a

memorable season as State Runner-Up for the 1962 season.

Eight of the thirteen members of that team are still living and join us tonight for special recognition of that season. Those living members are Alvin Cobb, Charles Cobb, Allen Cothron, John Wesley Henry, Bobby Johnson, Charles Johnson Jr., William Johnson, and Dr. Isaiah Robinson. Deceased members of the team are Head Coach Richard Johnson, George F. Tolliver, Kenneth D. Johnson, Levi Ellison and James Cothron.





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Q.K. "Dusty" Carter

Coached basketball for 38 years—24 at Scottsboro and 14 at Paint Rock Valley—where he posted an outstanding winning percentage of 71 with an overall 714-303 record. His fast-break style of play produced seven state tournament teams with Scottsboro winning the title in 1967. He retired in 1975 but has served as assistant coach at Geraldine and Skyline for the last eight years. A graduate of Calhoun County High and Jacksonville State.



Robert "Foots" Clemens

Played football and basketball at Jackson County High School. All-TVC in 1950, named to the North/South High School football game in 1951. Named to basketball All-Tournament team in 1950. Played college football at University of Georgia. Was the team leading rusher in 1952 and 1953. Named alternate captain of the 1954 squad and named to the North/South All-Star game in Miami. Drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1955 and played one year in the NFL. Coach High School basketball 1955-56 in the Atlanta Georgia School System. Teams were City Champions in basketball. From 1973-74 coached Atwater/Merced Junior Football; teams were League and Area Champions. 1954 All-SEC Scholastic, 2007 University of Georgia/National Football Foundation Collegiate Hall of Fame. Is one of only two players from Jackson County High School to play in the NFL. The other played in 1923 (the second official year of the league).



Paul Cooley

Coached basketball for 23 years, 17 at Pisgah and 6 at Scottsboro. His Pisgah teams compiled an overall record of 410-103 and won three state championships. With a career record of 536-150, he was named tri-state coach of the year twice. Twenty-eight of his Pisgah players and seven at Scottsboro went on to play college ball.

A graduate of Arab High School and Jacksonville State University.



John Esslinger

A graduate of Lee High School (Huntsville) and Jacksonville State University. This legendary track and cross country coach at Scottsboro High School—24 years as head coach and 8 as assistant—has guided his teams to 41 state championships, including the 25th cross country crown in 2009. Has 43 combined state titles in cross country and track and field. Three times his teams won cross country, indoor and outdoor state track titles during the same school year. Also a member of Madison County Sports Hall of Fame.



Don Jacobs

Played football, basketball, baseball and track at Scottsboro High School. Had more than 2,000 yards total offense as a wishbone QB at Scottsboro High. Rushed for 823 yards and passed for 1,200. Averaged 41 yards per punt, as a place-kicker, he hit 33 of 35 extra points and a 42 yard FG. Honors include All-State, MVP, All-Region, All-Tri-State, Best Offensive Back. In basketball, his honors include All-Region, Best FT Shooter and MVP. Earned 14 high school letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. Played QB for Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama. Won 2 National Championships and was on teams that had combined 44-4 record. Coached at Jacksonville State, Livingston, Southwest Louisiana, West George, Troy State collegiately. High School stops at Luverne, Robertsedale, Central Coosa, Elkmont and Oneonta.



Ray Maxwell

Played high school football for Pisgah 1968-70. Played linebacker and fullback. First team all-state honors, Jackson County MVP. Played tackle for University of Alabama under coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, 1970-1975. Three year letterman. While at Alabama, team had combined record of 54-5. Maxwell was on teams that won five SEC Championships and 1 National Championship. Is retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Gadsden and currently a Juvenile Probation Officer in Etowah County.



John Meadows

Coaching football in Alabama schools for 24 of his 34 years, he compiled record of 185-47-7 and won a state championship at Scottsboro in 1965. He also won a state title during 11 years of coaching in Tennessee. His teams won over 75 percent of their games giving him an overall career coaching record of 271-76-7. He was state coach of the year in Alabama three years and in Tennessee two. In the Jacksonville State, Pickens County, Madison County and Morgan County halls of fame.



Larry Morris

Morris, a Scottsboro High School and Jacksonville State graduate, coached football at SHS from 1974-1991 as an assistant, then became the head football coach from 1991-2004 – the longest tenure in school history – and compiled a 90-66 overall record. He also served as head track coach for eight years and assistant wrestling coach for 10. He served as athletic director at Scottsboro from 2005 until his retirement in 2012 and was named AHSAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2012. He also served on the AHSAA District 8 Board from 1999-2012 and on the Central Board from 2007-12. Scottsboro teams captured 17 state titles under his watch.



Mickey "Guy" O'Brien

Has an unsurpassed record of winning five state basketball championships in a brief 14-year coaching career at Geraldine, Jackson County (Scottsboro) and Gadsden where he posted an overall record of 427-47, a winning percentage of 90. Before his untimely death in 1944 at age 39, he won two state titles at Geraldine and three at Jackson County. A graduate of Tallapoosa County High and Auburn University.



Vincent Robinson

Basketball and football standout at Bridgeport High School 1984-87. In 1984, scored 48 points against Plainview. In 1985, averaged 32 points per game and 18 rebounds per game. All-State basketball and football in 1985; All-County and All-Region. Most valuable in state McDonald All-American game. Player of the Year and MVP in Alabama. Played two years at Memphis State University and one year at UTC. Was Captain of UTC team in 1989 along with Team MVP and carried team to Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament. In Top 10 of Senior Class at Bridgeport High School.

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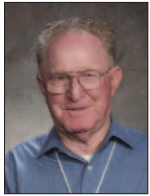
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CLASS OF 2014



Sanders Russell

Born 4/26/1900 in Stevenson Alabama. Graduated from Jackson County High School and played baseball and tennis at Auburn University. Began harness racing while in school and won his first race in 1915. The U.S. Trotting Association's official records credit him with 1,116 first place finishes, 531 seconds and 503 thirds. He won more than 20 major stakes with world records in 1946 and 1955. His total winnings were over \$2,000,000. Inducted into 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 high schools with a career record of 705-264 and seven Sand Mountain championships. During his 20 years at Section he won a state championship in 1969 and reached the finals another year. He also guided two other teams to the state tournament. He coached in the state all-star game and received many coach of the year awards. A graduate of Pisgah High School and Jacksonville State University.



Dr. Pat Trammell

Born in Scottsboro, Alabama on July 11, 1940. In 1961 he was chosen as an All American quarterback at the University of Alabama, and his leadership sparked Coach Bryant's first national championship team. In 1961 he also became the first Crimson Tider to pass for more than 1,000 yards and only 2 interceptions. He played in the Liberty, Bluebonnet and Sugar Bowl games. A fierce competitor and winner, he epitomized what Coach Bryant wanted in a quarterback. Pat earned his M.D. at the Medical College of Alabama in 1966 but tragically lost a battle with cancer December 10, 1968.



Wallace Tinker

Played basketball at Pisgah High School. In 1964 was All-County, All-Sand Mountain, All-State, All-American and a State Champion as Pisgah won state tournament. Was voted MVP of the tournament. In 1965 was All-County, All-Sand Mountain, All-Area and invited to play in Alabama's All-Star game. In 1966, signed to play college basketball at Auburn University. Was All-SEC in 1967, 1968 and 1969. Lead team in scoring and rebounding his senior year. Coached at Pisgah High School 1970-1976. Retired from 27 years of teaching at Pisgah High School in 1997. Was recruited by several NBA teams including the New York Knicks, Atlanta Hawks and Kentucky Colonels of the ABA. Was included in Auburn's Top-100 basketball players of all time. Made the first goal in Beard-Eves Coliseum and was invited back to the last game before Auburn moved into their new facility.



Don Webb

Played football and basketball for Scottsboro High School. Starting quarterback and safety on the 1965 State Championship team. All-time SHS record holder for most interceptions in a season with 10. All-time SHS record holder for most interceptions in a game with 3. Honors include All-Tri-State First Team in football and All-State Honorable Mention. In basketball, started as a junior and senior and averaged 20 points per game. Held Scottsboro's single-game scoring record for 48 years until the 2013-14 season with 50 points against Bridgeport. Selected to play in Alabama All-Star Game and the North/South basketball game. Received football scholarship from Auburn University. Started three years as defensive back and returned punts. As a junior, tied Vince Dooley with most interceptions in a season with 6. Third all-time record holder with 13 interceptions in a season. All-SEC Honorable Mention. Coached high school football before going into business for himself.

CLASS OF 2015



Colleen Cannon

Easily regarded as the "greatest" female athlete from Scottsboro High School, was a multiple sport star for the Wildcats. Was a member of Scottsboro's first ladies basketball team and played for three years including the 1977-78 team which played in the very first girls state basketball tournament in Huntsville. After graduation from Scottsboro High, attended Auburn University and was a member of the Tiger swim team for one year and track team for two years. After a highly successful career as a professional triathlete Cannon founded "Women's Quest" in 1992, an adventure program for women designed to enrich the lives of females. During her competition years, she was World Champion in 1984 and National Champion in 1988 and 1990. She also was a multiple U.S. National team member.



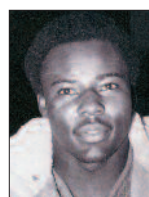
Sam Hambrick

A graduate of Paint Rock Valley High School (Princeton) in 1947. Earned degrees from Florence State Teachers College in 1954 and Alabama A&M University in 1976. Coached basketball at East Limestone High School from 1953-1957. Teams included 7th-9th grade with a known record of 79-26. Served as a key assistant coach to Q.K. Carter and others at Scottsboro High School from 1957-1979. Served as B-Team coach, Junior High, 7th-9th grade teams. Known record of 538-125. Served as the head coach of the Scottsboro girls varsity program for one year. Junior High Region Champions seven times and second place four times. Credited by many varsity players as preparing them for success while on the lower levels. Gym at Scottsboro High School named in his honor in 2000. Served on the Scottsboro City School Board from 1986-1992.



Eugene Harris

Graduate of Scottsboro High School in 1973 where he was a standout basketball player for the Wildcats under coach Q.K. Carter. Received a basketball scholarship to Florida State University where he graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education degree. Was a four year starter and three year letter winner for the Seminoles. Is the FSU 13th all-time leading scorer. Had a very successful coaching career following his playing career at FSU, both on the high school and college level. High School stops include Florida High School (Tallahassee), Pelham, Rickards (Tallahassee), Smiths Station. College stops include assistant coach jobs with Cliff Ellis at South Alabama and Clemson, Auburn, Alabama, Georgia State, Florida A&M and Jacksonville State University. Has recruited and coached NBA players such as Horace Grant, Elden Campbell, Dale Davis, Chris Porter, Marquis Daniels and Alonzo Gee.



Tyrone Robinson

Starred for the Bridgeport Tigers in football in the late 1970s/early 1980s. As a QB/FS for Bridgeport, received numerous honors including Jackson County Player of the Year, All-County (three years), All-Sequatchie Valley Conference (three years), All-State by Montgomery Advertiser. Also played basketball, baseball and ran track for the Tigers. Received a football scholarship to University of Tennessee and played for the Vols from 1983-1986. Played in a total of 17 games recording 21 tackles and 13 assists plus one sack. Lettered in 1985 and 1986.

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Phillip Lolley

Born in Butler Alabama and graduated from South Choctaw Academy in 1973. Attended Livingston (West Alabama) and graduated in 1981 with his masters. Began a very successful coaching career in 1978 at Warrior Academy serving as head football coach. In four years at the private school, had a record of 25-18.

Served as defensive coordinator for Demopolis High School from 1982-1983 with the team winning two area/region titles and posting a record of 20-5. Hired as head coach at Stevenson High School beginning with the season of 1984. With the Stevenson Panthers (1984-87), won one area title and a record of 28-16. With the consolidation of Bridgeport and Stevenson High Schools, was named head coach of the new North Jackson Chiefs. From 1988-98, his teams had a record of 90-36, winning seven area titles and one state championship (1993). Hired at Auburn University in 1999 and served as strength coach, working with outside linebackers and defensive backs and was Auburn's Director of NFL Relations from 2004-2008. Was on staff for 2010 Auburn National Championship. From 2014-Present is coaching with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. On Saturday November 29th, the Eskimos won the Canadian Football League's Grey Cup Championship game making Coach Lolley one of very few coaches to be part of championships on the high school, college and professional levels.



Sam McCamey

Graduate of Scottsboro High School and played his senior season for the Wildcats in 1967-68. Was a member of the North Alabama All-Star team of 1968 and MVP of the Scottsboro Christmas Tournament. Prior to playing/attending Scottsboro High School, starred for the all-black school in Scottsboro, the Carver Dragons from 1965-1967. Received a four year basketball scholarship to MTSU and played one year 1968-69 before transferring to Martin Junior College for the 1969-70 season. From 1970-72 was a key player for the Oral Roberts University Titans in Tulsa Oklahoma. In 54 games, averaged 13.7 PPG and 9.4 RPG. Was part of ORU first ever postseason appearance (1972 NIT Tournament). Was selected in the 8th round of the 1972 NBA draft by the Boston Celtics. A medical condition detected in a team physical prevented him from every playing professionally.



James R. "Shorty" Robertson

A 1943 graduate of Jackson County High School and 1947 graduate of the University of Alabama. Robertson was born in Princeton in 1924 and the family moved to Scottsboro at age 10. Played football and basketball at JCHS for the Wildcats. Lettered three years in football 1940, 1941, 1942 playing right halfback. Played guard and forward in basketball in 1941, 1942 and 1943. Was selected second team all-state in basketball for the 1943 season. Attended Wake Forest University for the 1943-44 school year and played wingback for the Deacon Demons in 1943 (receiving his letter). After transferring to the University of Alabama, played football, basketball and baseball for the Crimson Tide. A football letterman for 1944, 1945 and 1946 playing in the 1945 Sugar Bowl and 1946 Rose Bowl. Was All-SEC Honorable Mention in basketball for the 1945 season and played leftfield for the Tide baseball team in 1945. Assistant football and basketball coach at Livingston State Teachers College 1949-50 and served as football/basketball referee in the 1950s. Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee Member 1978-1984. Served on numerous church and community committees until his death in 1984.



Donald "Lard" Moore

Moore was known as the Wildcat rebound ace for Jackson County High School in the years of 1955, 1956, 1957. A family nickname of "Lard" was given to him early in his life and those that knew him referred to him mostly as "Lard". The six foot three inch center was considered by many coaches as a top prospect in Alabama. He averaged double-digit rebounds and the same in scoring for most games. All-State basketball selection in 1955, 1956, 1957. Captain of the 1957 basketball squad and selected to All-Tri-State team. First player in Alabama basketball history to make All-State squad three times in his high school career. Was chosen to play in the 1957 North-South All-Star game and led the North team in scoring and rebounds to defeat the South All-Stars.



Ken Storey

A graduate of Pisgah High School in 1957 where he played basketball. Attended Snead College in Boaz and participated in basketball, Cross Country and Baseball for the 1960 seasons. Transferred to Athens College and played basketball in 1961 and 1962. Coached varsity boys basketball at Bridgeport High School 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 High School and Marion County High School (TN). In April 1993 Chattanooga News-Free Press honored him as All-Area Coach of the Year and bestowed All-Area recognition to six of his players. Has also coached girls volleyball and softball at South Pittsburg. Spent 39 years coaching/teaching. Bridgeport Gymnasium dedicated and named for him in December of 1999.



Fred Thomas

A 1948 graduate of Jackson County High School and 1957 graduate of Florence State Teachers College. Starred in basketball for JCHS from 1945-1948. An outstanding shooter, was named first-team All-State in 1947 and state tournament MVP. Received a basketball scholarship to Florence State and started as a guard. During his freshman season, averaged 10.3 points per game; 11.2 PPG as a sophomore and 11.2 PPG as a junior. Graduated with a year of eligibility remaining. Was named Mr. Sportsman in 1957. Taught and coached at Section Jr. High from 1954-56 and 1961-66. Also taught and coached at Woodville from 1957-1961. Teacher/Administrator in the Scottsboro School System from 1966-1992. Officiated basketball (junior high/varsity/college) for 37 years and was an official in the state basketball tournament three times.



Robert Thrower

Graduate of Princeton High School where he played basketball and baseball for the Pirates from 1944-1949. Was voted MVP of the state basketball tournament in 1949, receiving the O'Brien Trophy. Scored 96 points in four games of the 1948-49 District Tournament, a tournament record. Scored 25 of Princeton's 39 points against Cold Springs in a game to decide who would make the State basketball tournament. Help Princeton establish a new team scoring record for state tournament play (team scored 183 points in four games). Broke the old scoring record with 25 points against Livingston, then broke that record by scoring 26 against Fyffe in the consolation game. Set an individual scoring record for all-time tournament play with 94 points in four games. Was named first-team All-State for the 1948-49 season. Played for legendary coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter.



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Jerry Chrisman

A graduate of Scottsboro High School in 1967. Was a standout football and basketball player under HOF coaches John Meadows and Q.K. Carter. Is one of four players to have won a state championship in both football and basketball at Scottsboro. He was a member of the 1965 state championship football team and a member of the 1966-67 state championship basketball team. Caught two touchdown passes in the 1965 Civic Bowl win over Notre Dame. In basketball was named First-Team All-State and was also selected All-District 8. Played on scholarship at Snead State College from 1967-69 and at Athens College from 1969-71. Following college, he taught and coached one year at Guntersville before returning to Scottsboro to teach and coach under two HOF coaches, Q.K. Carter and Paul Cooley. In 1979, he became principal of Nelson Elementary School and held that position until his death in February of 1990.



Billy Duncan

Born in Guntersville and attended/graduated from Woodville High School in 1992. Had never coached softball when he became Pisgah's head coach during its transition from slow pitch to fast pitch softball. From 1999 to present has served as head softball coach at Pisgah High School. Through the 2016 season he has a record of 799-222-1 with 8 state championships, 4 state runner-ups. Teams have reached the state tournament in 17 of 18 seasons; won five straight state titles from 2001-2005; his 2011 team set state and national homerun record; has had over 40 players receive athletic scholarships; has coached two Gatorade Player of the Year recipients and two high school All Americans. Duncan is a four-time ASWA Coach of the Year and his 2002 team achieved a number 16 national ranking in USA Today. In 2014, Pisgah's softball field was named Billy Duncan Field in his honor. Duncan is the current Principal and Athletic Director at Pisgah High School.



Carey Ellison

Graduate of North Sand Mountain High School in 1985 and a graduate of Jacksonville State University in 1991. Has coached basketball in Jackson County since 1991. Has coached JV Boys, JV Girls, Junior High Girls and Varsity girls. All totaled, Ellison has coached in 976 games as a coach at Pisgah with a record of 792-184. Entering the 2016-17 season, his varsity record is 502-142 all with the Pisgah Lady Eagles. His teams have won 14 Area Tournament Championships, have had 19 playoff appearances, won 10 Jackson County Tournament Championships, 7 Sand Mountain Tournament Championships, 8 Northeast Regional Championships, 3 Alabama State Tournament Championships, 5 State-Runner Ups, 16 Regional Tournament Appearances (AHSAA record for NE Regional). Was named 2003 Class 3A Coach of the Year. Ellison serves on the state basketball committee for the AHSAA and has held that position for 10 years. That committee is responsible for the all-star player selection for the North/South All-Star games and the Alabama/Mississippi All-Star team. In 2016 the Jackson County Coaches Association voted to name the Girls Jackson County Tournament Trophy after him due to his past success. Ellison and Paul Cooley (boys) are the first two recipients to receive such honors in the history of high school sports in Jackson County. Ellison was a three-sport standout in high school at North Sand Mountain and was selected All-County in football, basketball and baseball his junior and senior seasons.



Vince Hall

Nicknamed "flea" for his nimbleness in dodging tacklers and for his uncanny balance, Hall starred for the Scottsboro Wildcats during the 1978, 1979 and 1980 seasons. Hall is one of six Wildcats to rush for a TD, pass for a TD and catch a TD pass during the same season. Hall received a scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University and starred for the Blue Raiders from 1981-1984. The Blue Raiders were 33-13 during his tenure as running back and was on the field when MTSU advanced to the NCAA 1-AA playoff semi-finals in 1984. His stats include (18) 100-yard rushing games and (3) 200-yard rushing games as well as 100 yards in 10 of 14 games when he was a senior. Named to All-OVC teams in 1983 and 1984. OVC Offensive Player of the Year in 1984 and set MTSU's single-season rushing record in 1984 with 1,439 yards. Played in NFL pre-season games with the Washington Redskins in 1985. Inducted in the MTSU Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 2006.



A.W. "Woody" Hamilton

A longtime high school basketball coach of all levels (Junior High, Junior Varsity, Varsity) for both boys and girls programs. Attended and graduated from both Jacksonville State University and the University of Alabama. Has over 1,000 total wins (all levels) in 40 years of coaching with stops at Bridgeport, Woodville, North Sand Mountain, Flat Rock, Skyline, Stevenson and Rossville Georgia. Was the first varsity football coach of the North Sand Mountain football program in 1965 and was the coach for the Skyline Vikings first varsity basketball game. During his tenure at Bridgeport, he and fellow Hall of Famer Ken Storey coached every team with Bridgeport High School and Middle School enjoying tremendous basketball success. Worked as a playoff scout at Section for ten years playing a part in the 2003 Section boys Class 1A State Championship and the 2012 Section girls Class 2A State Championship.



Glen Hicks

A 1974 graduate of Pisgah High School. Graduated from Jacksonville State in 1976 and from UAB in 1977 with Masters in History Education. Served as head basketball coach at North Sand Mountain High School from 1977-1993 seasons with a record of 326-150. Left NSM for one season at Wallace-Hanceville before returning to NSM from 1995-2003 seasons with a record of 138-110. Became head coach at Dade County Georgia in 2003-04 and coached there through the 2014-15 season with a record of 211-119. Was head coach at South Pittsburgh TN for 2015-16 season with a record of 7-12. Will be starting his first year as head coach at Fort Payne for the 2016-17 season. Posted his 700th career varsity win on December 6, 2016. Was named 1993 ASWA Class 2A Coach of the Year. While at NSM won nine area championships, six Sand Mountain Tournament Championships, eight Jackson County Tournament Championships and made four Elite Eight tournament appearances. Had 9 different players make All-State teams while at NSM. While a player at Pisgah, won two Jackson County Tournament championships and one Sand Mountain tournament title.

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Pam Hicks Campbell

Graduate of Pisgah High School in 1982 and of Lipscomb University in 1986. Was a standout player for the Lady Eagles basketball team, averaging a double-double her junior and senior seasons. Was a starter for the Lady Eagles as they 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 season. Played basketball at Pisgah from 1978-1982. Her varsity teams went 84-5 during her playing career, winning the Class 2A state championship for the 1980-81 season, finishing with a perfect 31-0 record. The 1981-82 team also claimed the 2A state title finishing with a 30-1 record. From 1978-82 her Pisgah teams won 48 consecutive games. Signed a basketball scholarship to play at Snead State. Her field goal percentage during her sophomore season was in the top five for all junior college players in the state of Alabama. Lipscomb signed her to play for her remaining two years of eligibility. While playing for the Lady Bison in Nashville, she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Taught at Woodville Elementary School for almost 29 years. Many of those years, she coached varsity basketball and softball for the Lady Panthers.



Kerry Lacy

Graduate of North Sand Mountain High School in 1990 and attended Chattanooga State Technical Community College. Was a three-sport star at NSM playing football, basketball and baseball. Was named first team all-state in football as punter by ASWA and place kicker by Birmingham News. Named second team all-state in basketball by ASWA for 1988-89 and first team all-state in basketball by ASWA for 1989-90. Named first team all-state for baseball by ASWA for 1990. Drafted by the Texas Rangers in 15th round of MLB baseball draft for 1991. Made major league debut as a member of the Boston Red Sox on 8/16/96. In a two-season career, posted 3-1 record with a 5.59 ERA and three saves in 44 appearances including 27 strikeouts and 56.1 innings of work. After missing the 1998 season due to injuries, played three more seasons in the minor leagues before leaving professional baseball.



Gretchen Prince Wilbanks

Started as Point Guard in 8th-12th grades at Paint Rock Valley High School where she led the Lady Pirates in scoring, totaling 3,809 points during her High school career. She averaged 37 points per game her Senior year in high school. She was named All-County, All-Area, 1st Team All-State (2 years) and Alabama 1-A Player of the Year. Was chosen to play in the World Scholar Athlete Games at the University of Rhode Island along with 2200 youth from the United States and 109 other countries. Was chosen to play in the Alabama/Mississippi All-Star game. After High School, she was recruited by more than 150 colleges. She signed with Northwest Shoals Community College where she led in scoring and assists. Her team won the Alabama Jr. College Tournament which earned her a trip to Tyler, Texas to play in the National Tournament where they finished 4th in the Nation. After Jr. College, she signed with West Alabama where she led in scoring with an average of 15.6 points per game, dished out 4.5 assists per game. She was named to All Gulf South Conference both years at West Alabama. She was the all-time field goal leader with an average of .453. She was placed third on the school's career list for her 125 Three Point shots. Was named Gulf South Conference Player of the Year in 1996-1997. She held a Gulf South Conference record of 15 steals in one game. After college, she was invited to try outs for the WNBA in Kansas City where she was offered a contract with a San Diego team. She declined the contract and got married.



Robin Gant Shirey

A 1982 graduate of Pisgah High School and a 1985 graduate of Jacksonville State University. Played basketball at Pisgah from 1978-1982. Her varsity teams went 84-5 during her playing career, winning the Class 2A state championship for the 1980-81 season, finishing with a perfect 31-0 record. The 1981-82 team also claimed the 2A state title finishing with a 30-1 record. Was voted 2A tournament MVP. The 1979-80 team finished 23-4 and she received All-County and All-Area honors. From 1978-82 her Pisgah teams won 48 consecutive games. Graduated JSU with special honors in Elementary Education. In the Fall of 2009, helped establish and coach the first volleyball team at Pisgah High School.



Melissa Thomas

Played basketball at Scottsboro High School 1984-88. All-State in 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988. Owns Scottsboro's career scoring record in basketball with 1,601 points. Also lettered in track. Set records in Summer Swim Team competitions. Region 8 Class 6A Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete Award Winner and Salutatorian of Scottsboro High School. Received academic scholarship to Mississippi State. Walked on basketball team and received a full athletic scholarship. Played in over 95 games as a Lady Bulldog. Academic All-SEC 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92. Four-year letter winner, two-year starter and co-captain of the 1991-92 team. Participant in Mountain Biking and has won or placed in numerous competitions throughout the United States. 2006 Marathon National Champion and 2003 National Endurance Mountain Bike Champion. Won or placed in numerous other events during her career.



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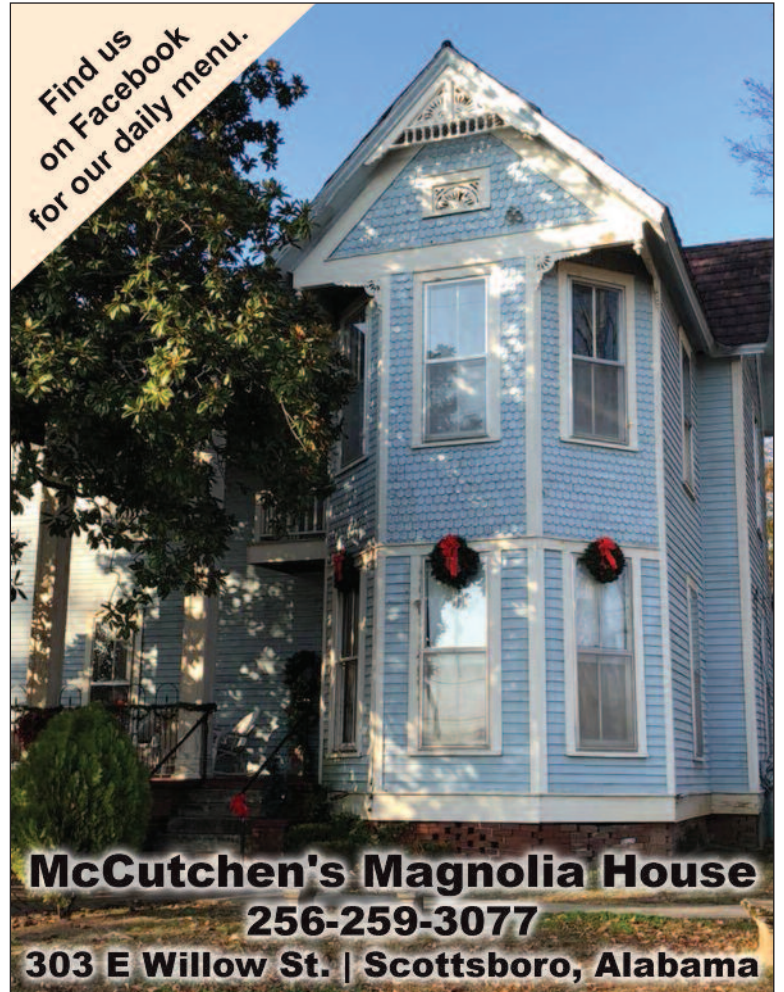
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