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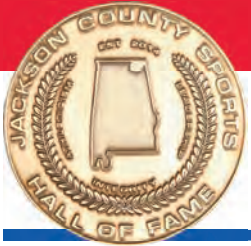


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## Welcome to the 2016 Third Annual Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

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 will welcome eleven new members into the Hall of Fame. These new members have achieved outstanding accomplishments during their playing and/or coaching careers at all levels of athletics – high school, college and on the professional level. 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 giving 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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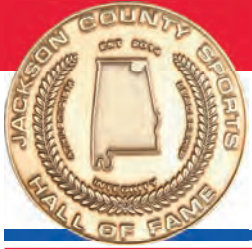
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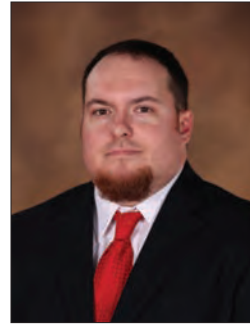
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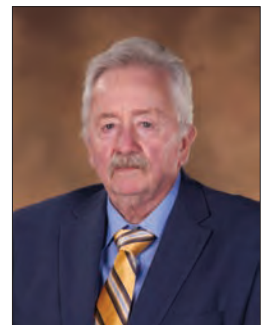
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# Class of 2016

**The Scottsboro City Council  
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congratulate the 2016  
inductee class of the  
Jackson County  
Sports Hall of Fame.**



Sitting: (l-r) Stephen Kennamer, City Attorney; Whitney Phillips, City Clerk; Robin Shelton, Mayor.  
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 2016 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 2016 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 2016.

Robin Shelton, Mayor  
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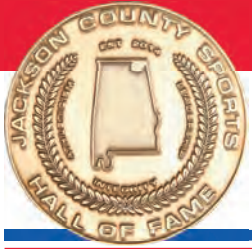


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### Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame 2016 Inductee Banquet

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Master of Ceremonies – Stan Gibby

Spotlight of Inductees

Invocation – Tony Baker

National Anthem

Dinner

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Guests – Greg Bell

Sponsorships – Rhonda Wheeler

Induction Ceremony – Stan Gibby, Greg Bell, Larry Morris,  
Rhonda Wheeler, Jason Bowen

Response for Inductees – Glen Hicks

Special Recognition/Presentation – Larry Morris

Closing Remarks – Jason Bowen



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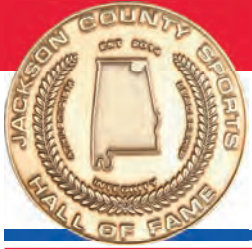


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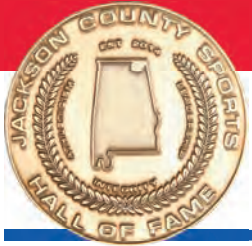


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## Jerry Chrisman

Jerry Chrisman was a Scottsboro High School icon, both as a student-athlete and later as an assistant coach to two other Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame members.

The tall and slim Chrisman starred in both football and basketball for the Wildcats under Hall of Fame coaches John Meadows and Q.K. "Dusty" Carter.

Chrisman is one of only four players to have won a state championship in both football and basketball at Scottsboro, as the Wildcats were named 1965 state football champs by The Birmingham Post-Herald and the 1966-67 Wildcat basketball team claimed the state championship with a 26-5 record and a state title game win over Fayette County 67-51.

Chrisman was named first-team all-state tournament and also selected All-District 8 for the season. The Wildcat receiver also caught two touchdown passes in Scottsboro's 1965 Civic Bowl win over Notre Dame of Chattanooga, helping the Wildcats to a perfect 10-0 season.



Chrisman played basketball for the Snead State Parsons from 1967-1969 and at Athens College from 1970-71.

Following college, Chrisman taught and coached one year at Guntersville before returning home to Scottsboro to teach and serve as an assistant basketball coach under Hall of Fame coaches Q.K. Carter and Paul Cooley.

In 1979, Chrisman became principal of Nelson Elementary School and held that position until his death in February of 1990.

As one of his former students said of the teacher, coach and administrator, "I am so glad Jerry Chrisman is being inducted into the Hall of Fame. You talk about a class act – great coach and a builder of character. I was blessed by God to have him in my life when I was in high school."





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## Billy Duncan

Billy Duncan had never coached softball when he became Pisgah's head coach during its transition from slow pitch to fast pitch softball. But 17 years later, he has built one of the state's winningest and most respected programs.

A graduate of Woodville High School in 1992, Duncan began his softball tenure at Pisgah with the 1999 season. Through the 2016 season, Duncan's Lady Eagles have posted a record of 799 wins, 222 losses and one tie. Pisgah has won eight state championships (2001-05, 2008, 2011 and 2013) and been a state runner-up four times. The Lady Eagles have played in the state tournament 17 of his Duncan's 18 seasons as coach.

The 2011 Lady Eagles set the state and national home run record. Duncan has more than 40 players



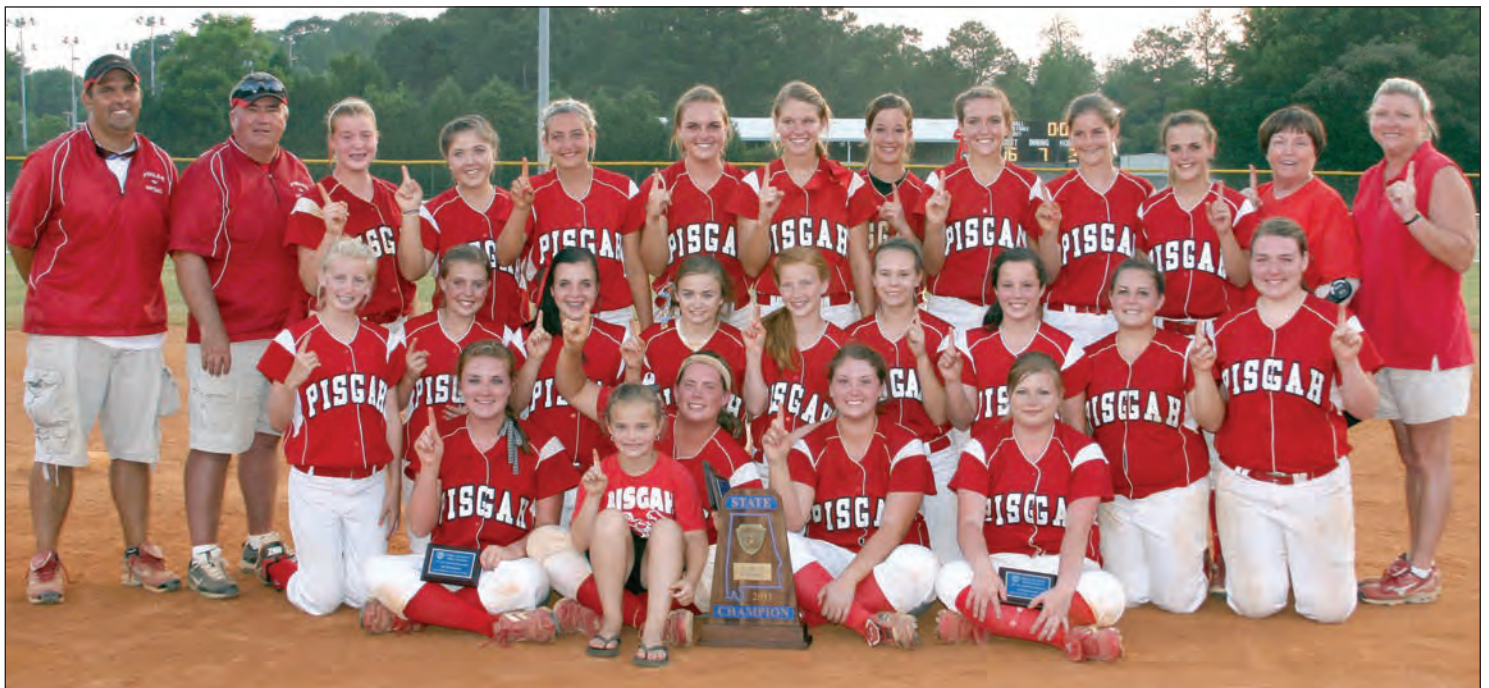
receive athletic scholarships and has coached two Gatorade Player of the Year recipients and two high school All-Americans.

Duncan is a four-time ASWA Coach of Year and his 2002 team achieved a No. 16 national ranking USA Today. He was named coach of the North squad for the North/South All-Star game in 2006 and was also named 2013 South Regional Coach of the Year.

In 2014 Pisgah High School honored Duncan by naming its softball field Billy Duncan Field.

Along with serving as head softball coach at Pisgah, Duncan served as a basketball coach during his time at PHS.

In 2016, Duncan became Pisgah High School's principal and he is also the school's athletic director.







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## Carey Ellison

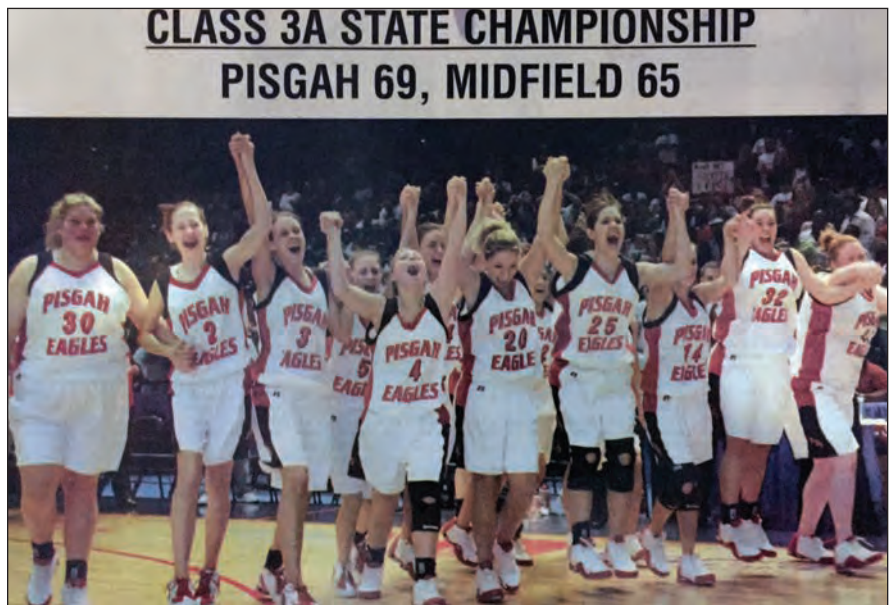
Carey Ellison set his standard for his head-coaching tenure with the Pisgah girls basketball program during his first season, guiding the Eagles to the 1996-97 Class 3A State Championship. And the Lady Eagles are still living up to that standard two decades later under Ellison's direction.

All totaled, Ellison has coached in 976 games, all at Pisgah, with a record of 792 wins and 184 losses. Ellison has coached the junior varsity boys, junior varsity girls, junior high girls and varsity girls basketball teams during his time at PHS.

Ellison entered the 2016-17 season with a varsity coaching record of 502-142. His teams have won 14 area tournament championships, have had 19 state playoff appearances, won 10 Jackson County Tournament Championships, seven Sand Mountain Tournament titles, eight Northeast Regional championships and three state championships (Class 3A titles in 1997 and 2005 and a 2A title in 2003). Ellison's Lady Eagles have been state runner-up five times and their current 16 regional tournament appearances is an AHSAA Northeast Regional record.

Ellison was named 2003 Class 3A Coach of the Year after leading his Lady Eagles to their second state title. Ellison serves on the state basketball committee for the Alabama High School Athletic Association and has held that position for ten 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 Jackson County Tournament's Girls Basketball Trophy in his honor due to his past success.





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## Vince Hall

Vince Hall earned the nickname “Flea” during his football playing career and his opponents quickly found out why, as the hard-to-tackle running back starred first at Scottsboro High School and later at Middle Tennessee State University.

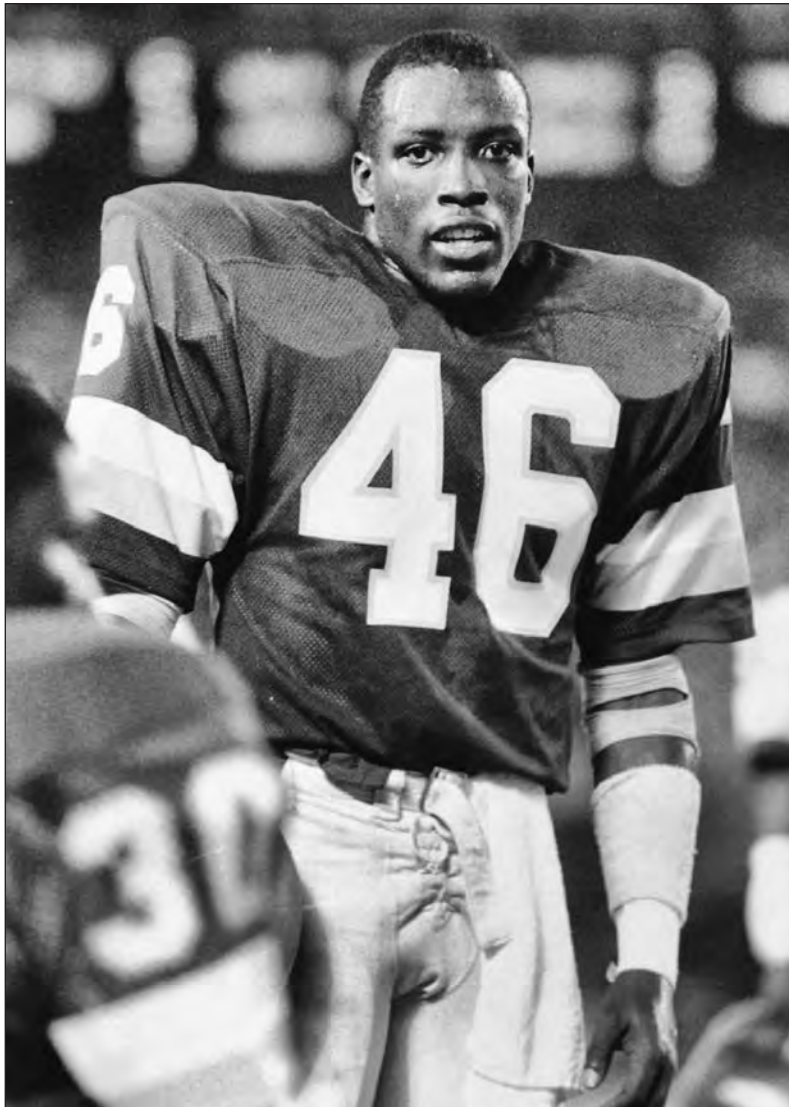
Hall played for the Wildcat during the 1978, 1979 and 1980 seasons.

In the 1979 season opener against Huntsville, Hall returned a kickoff 92 yards for Scottsboro’s only score of the game. As the Wildcats closed out the 1979 season with a 12-7 win against Arab, Hall rushed for 149 yards and a touchdown.

His greatest success in the black and gold came in 1980 as he helped lead the Cats to a nine and three record and two rounds in the state playoffs. During the 1980 campaign, he scored nine rushing touchdowns, had two receiving touchdowns and passed for a touchdown. In a 14-7 win over Albertville, Hall rushed for 202 yards and both Wildcat touchdowns.

Hall received a scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University and starred for the Blue Raiders from 1981-84. The Blue Raiders were 33-13 during his tenure as running back and he was on the field when MTSU advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoff semifinals in 1984.

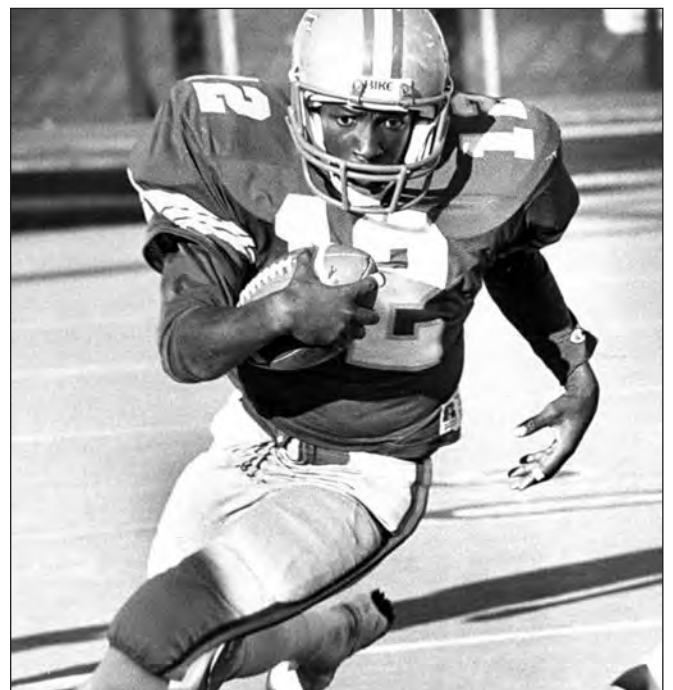
His accomplishment include 18 100-yard rushing games and three 200-yard rushing game and topped the 100-yard mark in 10 of the team’s 14 games his senior season.



For his efforts, Hall was named to All-OVC teams in 1983 and 1984, was named OVC Offensive Player of the Year in 1984 after rushing for a new single-season MTSU school record 1,439 yards.

Hall played in NFL preseason games with the Washington Redskins in 1985 and was released just prior to the start of the regular season.

Hall was inducted into the MTSU Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 2006.





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Vincent Robinson  
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A.W. "Woody" Hamilton  
Class of 2016



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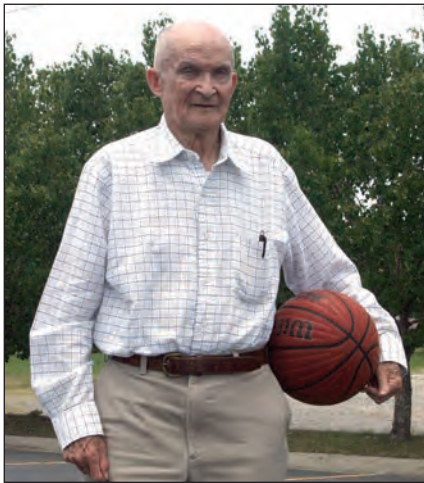


## A.W. "Woody" Hamilton

A.W. Hamilton, known to everyone as "Woody" impacted the lives of students and players all across Jackson County during the many stops during his career in education and coaching.

Hamilton began his coaching career at Woodville High School and later began the Recreation Program at North Sand Mountain. Hamilton was the head coach when the lights were turned on for the first game for the NSM football program in 1965.

During his tenure at Bridgeport, he and fellow Hall of Famer Ken Storey coached every team. During this time, Bridgeport High School and Middle School enjoyed tremendous success at all levels of basketball. Hamilton was instrumental in helping coach Hall of Famer Vincent Robinson to a record of 36-3 and the Jackson County Championship.



Hamilton was also part of starting another program within Jackson County, as he was coach for the Skyline Vikings first varsity basketball game. He led them to the Elite Eight that first season. Hamilton also coached the Skyline varsity girls basketball teams from 1990-1994, taking just six varsity girls, grades 9- 12, and developing them into a competitive program with the 1994 team finishing in the Elite Eight. He also coached the Skyline junior varsity girls for four seasons, winning one county championship.

At Section, Hamilton worked as a playoff scout for 10 seasons for both boys and girls teams. While doing this, he was part of the 2003 Section boys' Class 1A state championship and the 2012 Section girls' Class 2A state championship.

Hamilton has been a stable and permanent fixture in sports in Jackson County for the past fifty years, spending 34 seasons on the sidelines and 10

years as a scout. Hamilton never wavered from a challenge and took teams that were less than desirable by most and developed them into stable and successful programs.

As one former player said, Hamilton has given his life to the improvement of high school athletics in Jackson County.





# Congratulations and Roll Herd

to the this year's 2016 inductees

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**Coach Glen Hicks**

**Kerry "Huck" Lacy**

and to former 2014 inductee

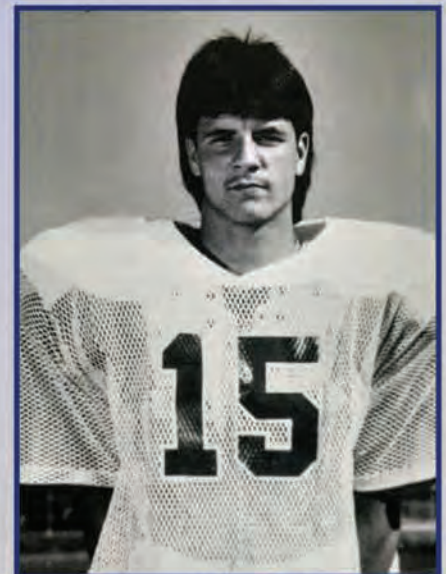
**Coach C.B. "Red" Strickland**

## **NORTH SAND MOUNTAIN**



Coach A.W. "Woody" Hamilton

Coach Glen Hicks



Kerry "Huck" Lacy





## Glen Hicks

Glen Hicks built a winning program at North Sand Mountain High School, and he did so in a “Run and Gun” fashion. Known for his up-tempo style, Hicks took it to the next level in the late 1980’s and early 1990’s when he instituted Loyola-Marymount’s fast-paced offense called “The System” and his teams began lighting up scoreboards like never before.

His teams regularly scored 100-plus points per game as Hick’s NSM teams put together a 326-150 record during his run from 1977-1993.

Hicks left North Sand for the college ranks spending one season at the helm of the Wallace-Hanceville program before returning to NSM from 1995-2003. Again the basketball program excelled with a record of 138-110 during that second tenure.

Hicks’ NSM teams won nine area championships, six Sand Mountain tournament championships, eight Jackson County Tournament Championships and made four Elite-Eight appearances. He was named Class 2A Coach of the Year in 1993 after leading the Herd to a 29-4 record and an Elite-Eight appearance.

Hicks had nine different players to make All-State teams during his tenure at NSM.

Hicks headed to Georgia following the 2002-2003 season and began yet another successful run at Dade County High School in Trenton, Ga. In 12 seasons, the Dade County program won 211 games with Hicks as head coach and posted four 20-plus win seasons and seven post-season appearances, including one Elite Eight spot and one sweet sixteen spot.

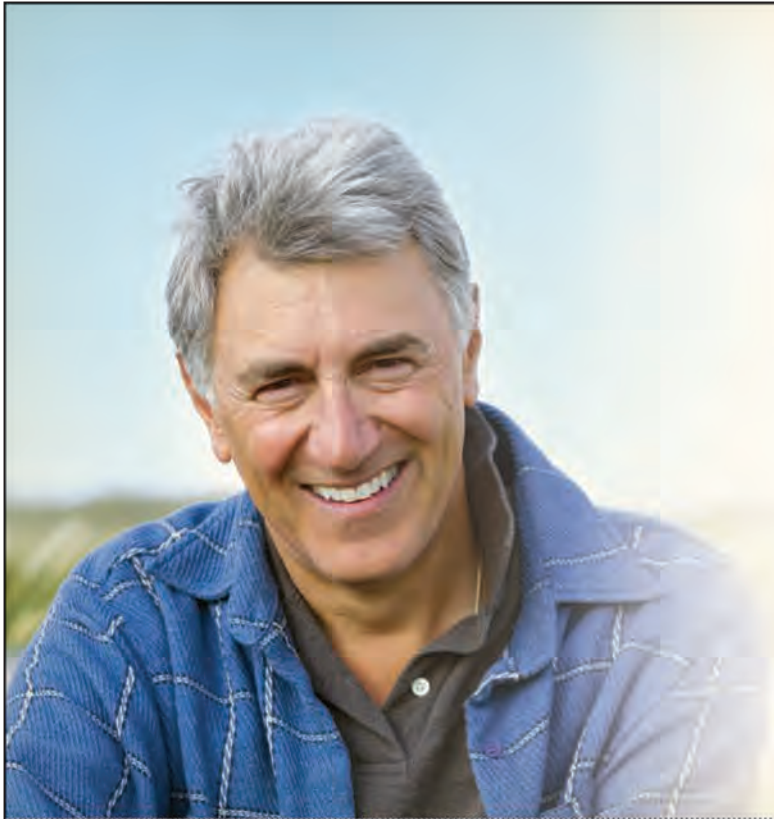
Hicks next stop was one season at South Pittsburg (Tenn.) during the 2015-16 season before returning to Alabama with his current head coaching position with the Fort Payne Wildcats. Earlier this season, he won his 700th career game after entering the 2016-17 season with a 696-391 record.



As a high school player at Pisgah, Hicks starred for the Eagles and helped teams win two Jackson County Tournament championships and one Sand Mountain Tournament title.







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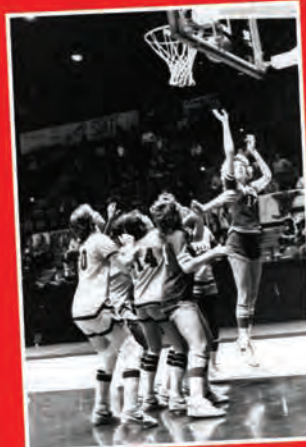
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# *Pam Hicks Campbell*

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## Pam Hicks Campbell

Pam Hicks Campbell played a key role for the Pisgah High School girls basketball teams of 1981 and 1982, helping them become the first local teams to win girls basketball state championships.

Campbell was a force in the paint and averaged a double-double her junior and senior seasons as a starter. The 1981 Lady Eagles finished as 2A state champs with a 31-0 record while the 1982 Lady Eagles claimed the state title with a 30-1 mark.

The Lady Eagles went 84- 5 during her playing career and those teams won 48 straight games from 1978-1982. She was selected to the Class 2A All-State team her senior season.

After graduation from Pisgah High School in 1982, Campbell signed a basketball scholarship to play for the Snead State Lady Parsons. She stepped into a starting position her freshman season and during her sophomore season with the Parsons, her field goal percentage was in the top-five for all junior college players in the state of Alabama.



Lipscomb University in Nashville saw the impact Campbell made for the Lady Parsons and signed her to play for the Lady Bison for her remaining two years of eligibility. At the end of her tenure at Lipscomb, Campbell graduated with top honors with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

After completing her education, Campbell taught at Woodville Elementary School for almost 29 years. Many of those years she coached varsity girls basketball and softball for the Lady Panthers.

Campbell is still an avid sports fan who currently resides in Grant, Alabama.





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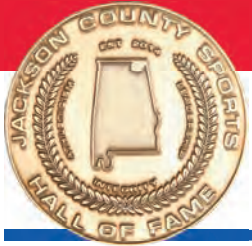
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## Kerry Lacy

Kerry Lacy's athletic career ranged from being a three-sport all-state performer for North Sand Mountain High School to toeing the pitching mound at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox.

Lacy was named first-team all-state as a punter and placekicker following NSM's 1989 football season. He was named first-team all-state in basketball following the 1989-90 season and was named first-team all-state as a pitcher following the 1990 baseball season.

His standout performances were part of both basketball and baseball seasons led by coach Glen Hicks, who joins Lacy in this Hall of Fame Class of 2016.

Lacy was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 15th-round of the 1991 Major League Baseball June Amateur Draft from Chattanooga State Technical Community College. Lacy paid his dues in the minor leagues, spending six seasons with teams in the Texas Rangers organization. The Rangers traded Lacy to the Red Sox in 1996 and at 24 years of age and after appearing in seven games at Triple-A Pawtucket he received the call to the majors to join the legendary Red Sox.

Lacy made his major league debut on Aug. 16, 1996 against the California Angels at Fenway Park. Lacy was called in to pitch in the ninth inning with the Sox trailing 6-3. The first batter he faced was Randy Velarde and Lacy retired the first major League batter he faced on a groundout to third base. He completed his debut with one inning pitched, striking out one and walking one. Lacy appeared in 10 more games that season compiling a record of 2-0 with nine strikeouts.

In 1997, he started the season at Triple-A Pawtucket prior to joining the big league team. Appearing in 33 games with the Red Sox, Lacy was 1-1 with 18 strikeouts. His last game on the major league level was Aug. 21, 1997 against the Oakland A's. He spent 1998 on the injured list and tried a major league comeback with the Triple-A Iowa Cubs in 1999. He retired from baseball in



2001, Lacy had compiled a major league record of 3-1 in two seasons with the Boston Red Sox.

Known as a tough opponent regardless of the sport played, Lacy accomplished a dream coveted by many young men and that was playing in the big leagues.

Lacy currently resides in his hometown of Higdon.







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Gretchen getting some basketball advice from her coach and father, Eddie Prince.





## 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. Her team lost in the championship game.

Was chosen to play in the Alabama/Mississippi All-Star game. She contributed two (2) 3-point shots in the last two minutes of the game to seal the victory at 73-66. 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.





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## Robin Gant Shirey



Robin Gant Shirey was a key figure in the Pisgah girls basketball championships runs of 1981 and 1982 in which the Lady Eagles became the first local school to win girls basketball titles. Along with fellow Class of 2016 inductee Pam Hicks Campbell, Pisgah varsity teams went 84 and 5 during Shirey's playing career.

During the period from 1978 through 1982, Pisgah won the Class 2A state championship twice, finishing the 1980-81 season with a perfect record of 31-0. A year later, the Lady Eagles once again claimed the Class 2A title finishing with a mark of 30 and 1. Following the 1981 state title season, Shirey was named 2A tournament most valuable player. Pisgah's 1979-80 team finished 23 and 4 and Shirey received All-County and All-Area honors for her outstanding play.

During her four-year playing career, the Lady Eagles won 48 straight games. Shirey received a basketball scholarship to Jacksonville State University joining her sister Sonya who also received a scholarship two years earlier. Shirey graduated with special honors in Elementary Education.

In the fall of 2009, Shirey helped establish and coach the first volleyball team at Pisgah High School. Shirley currently teaches elementary physical education at her alma mater, Pisgah High School.



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## Melissa Thomas

Melissa Thomas was a star basketball player at Scottsboro High School and Mississippi State University, later becoming a cycling and marathon champion.

While in high school at Scottsboro, Thomas was a multi-sport standout in basketball, track and swimming. On the hardwood from 1984 through 1988 Thomas finished her career as Scottsboro's all-time leading scorer with 1,601 points, a record that still stands nearly 30 years later.

Thomas holds Scottsboro's girls basketball record for most career double-digit scoring games at 72, and was the Lady Wildcats' leading scorer for all four seasons she played. She also led the team in rebounds for the 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons. She received all-state and all-area honors all four seasons as a Wildcat.



Thomas also lettered in track for the 1984 and 1985 seasons and in 1988 was honored as the Class 6A, Region 8 winner of the Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete – holding a 3.95 grade point average and ranked fourth among the Senior class. As a competitive swimmer Thomas set the Scottsboro record for 13-14 year old breaststroke in 1984 which remained unbroken for almost 20 years. She was a member of the 1984 State Championship medley relay team and was state champ in the 13-14 year old breaststroke and 13-14 year old individual medley.

Thomas received an academic scholarship to Mississippi State University and made the Lady Bulldog basketball team as a walk on. As she excelled on the court, Thomas was awarded an athletic scholarship. From 1988 through 1992, Thomas played in over 95 games for State, scoring over 400 career points and being named co-captain for the 1991-92 season. She was a four year letter winner and was named Academic All-SEC for 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92.

Thomas became involved in mountain biking and has won or placed in numerous competitions throughout the United States.



Among those competition honors are the 2006 Mountain Bike Marathon National Championship, 2003 National Endurance Mountain Bike Championship, United Kingdom Marathon Mountain Bike Championships plus many top five places in Xterra World Championships, a combination of swimming, mountain biking and running.



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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, Robertsdale, 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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## Past Hall of Fame Inductee Bios

### 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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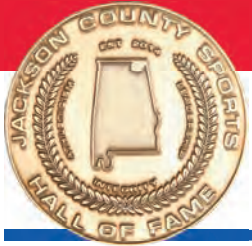
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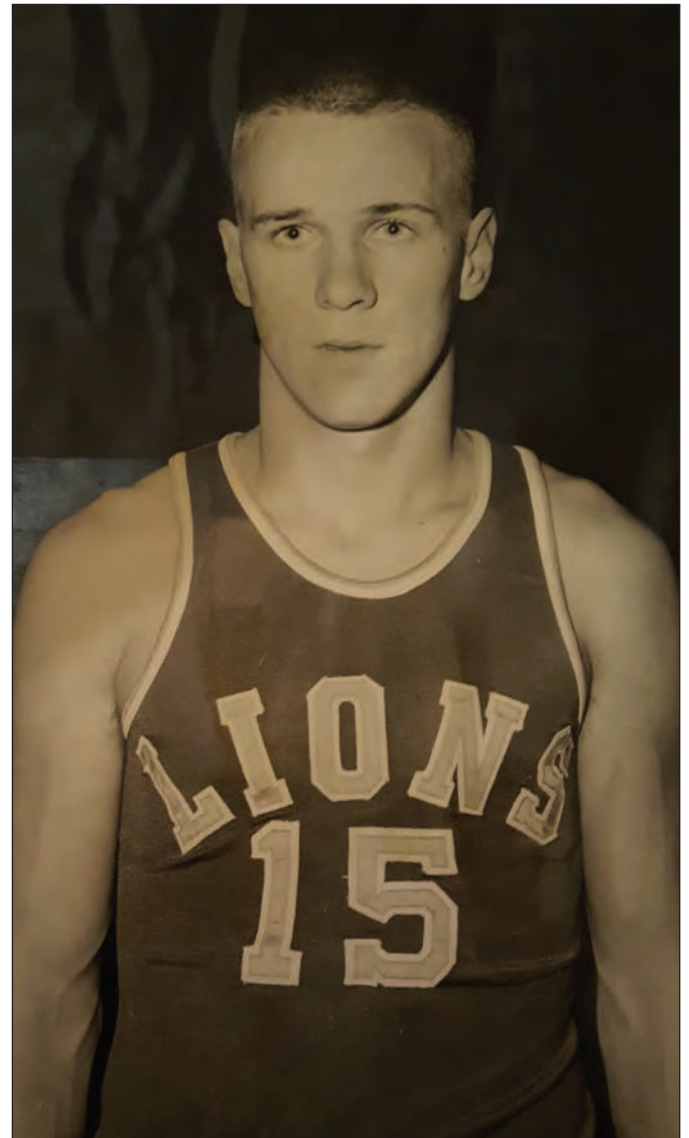
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One of the goals of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame has been to give back to student-athletes with a scholarship. Beginning this spring that goal will become a reality. We will be awarding a female and a male student-athlete with a scholarship to help in furthering their education. We are currently taking scholarship applications from student-athletes from every high school within the school systems of Scottsboro and Jackson County.

We are able to initiate the scholarship program for this spring through a generous donation by the Larry Nevels family. Mr. Nevels was a student-athlete at Scottsboro High School who was able to attend college through an athletic scholarship. Following a teaching and coaching career, Nevels owned and operated a successful business in Jackson County.

Mr. Nevels passed away in 2016 and his children, Allison Nevels Autry, Jim Nevels and Lance Nevels requested that memorials in his behalf be made to the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame to assist deserving student-athletes from Jackson County with furthering their education. We are extremely honored

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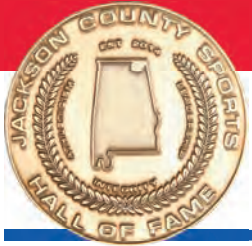
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2. Exceptions may be allowed for residency to be ten (10) years continuously, even if the nominee's achievements were made prior to moving to Jackson County.
3. A nominee must be at least 40 years old at the time of induction or inactive in the athletic category for at least five (5) years.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Induction shall be held annually at a time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors.
8. Once a person is nominated, he/she will be considered each year for induction for a period of three years, without further nominations. Following the three-year period, re-nomination will be required.
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