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Dear Friends,

We are excited to gather tonight to recognize the accomplishments of 11 outstanding individuals with their induction into the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.

Each of these inductees stand for what is right in athletics. Thanks to individuals like these, athletics provide an arena in which values such as sportsmanship, dedication, teamwork, honesty, loyalty and self-discipline and practice are learned.

We hope that all supporters of athletics will respect and treasure the spirit of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame, which stands as a memorial to an American tradition.

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

Greg Bell

President, Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame

Banquet Agenda

Music/Video – Jim Matthews

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies – Stan Gibby

Spotlight of Inductees – Stan Gibby

Invocation – Don Webb

National Anthem

Dinner

Dinner Music/Video – Jim Matthews

Introductions:

Guests/Sponsorships – Larry Morris

Scholarship Recipients – Larry Morris

Induction Ceremony – Stan Gibby, Larry Morris, Jason Bowen, Stacy Ledwell

Response for Inductees – Robert Hodges

Closing Remarks – Jason Bowen



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Class of 2018

The Scottsboro City Council and Mayor would like to congratulate the 2018 inductee class of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.



Sitting: (l-r) Whitney Phillips, City Clerk; Robin Shelton, Mayor; Greg Mashburn, Council Member.
Standing: (l-r) Mike Ashburn, Council Member; Gary Stewart, Council Member;
Patrick Stewart, Council Member; Richard Bailey, Council Member

Welcome

from the Mayor of Scottsboro



On behalf of the City and the Scottsboro City Council, I want to welcome you to The Goose Pond Civic Center and the induction of the 2018 Class of the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame.

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

Congratulations to all of those who have been selected for the 2018 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 2018.

Robin Shelton
Mayor, City of Scottsboro



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John Blackwell



Bo Davis



Jason Hass



Robert Hodges



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Larrie Robinson



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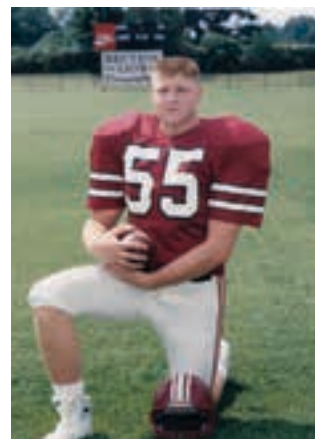
Paul Bell

A 1994 graduate of Section High School and a 1999 graduate of Lee University. A four-year letter winner in football, basketball, baseball and track at Section. Multiple honors in football, basketball and track. All-State basketball, honorable mention in football. Three-time state qualifier in track, placing top five in Shot/Discus all three years.

In basketball, received All-Sand Mountain and All-County honors. Helped Section attain a number five ranking and a record of 22-9 for the 1992 season, their first 20-win season in fifteen years. Led the Lions to a 21-10 record for the 1994 season and a berth in the Northeast Regional Finals.

Received multiple scholarship offers in football and basketball. Named Valedictorian for Section High School his senior year. Received basketball scholarship to Lee University in Cleveland Tennessee. At Lee, was four-time All-American (National Christian College Athletic Association), All-Academic for the TranSouth Conference making the Dean's list for six semesters.

When he finished his career at Lee, was the school's all-time points leader and second all-time rebounding. Had jersey retired in 1999 and was inducted into the Lee University Hall of Fame in 2004. Served as a graduate assistant at Lee for one year before beginning high school coaching tenures in Texas and Missouri.



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 - Don Jacobs
- Mickey "Guy" O'Brien
 - Pat Trammell
 - Don Webb

Class of 2015

- Colleen Cannon
- Sam Hambrick
- Eugene Harris
- Sam McCamey
- Donald "Lard" Moore
- James R. "Shorty" Robertson
 - Fred Thomas

Class of 2017

- Hugh Jefferson Stewart Jr.
 - Rod Tiffin
- Scotty Lankford

Class of 2018

- John Blackwell
 - Bo Davis
- Robert Hodges
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John Blackwell

A 1960 graduate of Scottsboro High School and 1964 graduate of Auburn University. Played basketball at SHS seasons of 1958, 1959, 1960. Was captain of the 1960 squad winning a district and conference championship. Selected All-District in 1959 and 1960 and named to the State's All-Tournament team for 1960.

Scottsboro varsity teams were 70-22 during his three seasons on varsity under Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. Carter. Was also a member of the Scottsboro football teams of 1958 and 1959. Received a basketball scholarship to Auburn University and served as captain of the 1964 team.

Received All-SEC honors for the 1963 season. Was named to the Sugar Bowl All-Tournament team for 1963. Was in NCAA Top Ten shooting percentage for 1963, member of Top Teams in Auburn History for 1962 and 1963, led the Freshman team of 1961 in scoring with 20+ points per game. Was a member of the Auburn Track team for 1964. Received an invitation and try-out with the NBA's St. Louis Hawks in 1964.



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Class of 2016

- Jerry Chrisman • Vince Hall

Class of 2017

- Robert Byrd • Rod Tiffin

Class of 2018

- John Blackwell • Bo Davis • Jason Hass
- Robert Hodges • Larry Nevels • Larrie Robinson

2018 Inductees



Robert "Bo" Davis

A 1957 graduate of Jackson County High School and a 1961 graduate of Auburn University.

Played football and basketball at JCHS. Was a member of the football teams of 1954, 1955 and 1956 with Hall of Fame member Pat Trammell. Scored 10 career rushing touchdowns and had 3 receiving touchdowns. Played basketball for Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. Carter in 1955-56 and 1956-57. Teams had combined records of 68-5. The 1956 team reached the Elite Eight and the 1957 team reached Final Four. Received a football scholarship from Auburn University and played for the Tigers for the 1959, 1960, 1961 seasons. Led the 1961 team in punting with an average of 36.9 yards on 55 punt attempts. Received a letter/questionnaire in October of 1959 from the Green Bay Packers who expressed interest in him as a draft prospect.



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STAFF, AND ALUMNI OF
SCOTTSBORO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

2018 Inductees

Jason Hass



A 1994 graduate of Scottsboro High School and 1999 graduate of Jacksonville State University. Played high school football for Hall of Fame Coach Larry Morris for the 1991, 1992 and 1993 seasons.

Selected Honorable Mention Offensive Line by Birmingham News for the 1993 high school season. For his senior season he was named among the top 50 prospects in the South and among the top 20 prospects in the state of Alabama.

Accepted scholarship offer to Jacksonville State University where he started every game during his four-year collegiate career. While at JSU, the school joined the Southland Conference for the 1997 season.

Was named All-Conference for 1997, Academic All-Conference for 1997 and All-American by Bob Griese Football Magazine for 1997.

Taught social studies and was assistant football coach at Scottsboro from 1999-2012. Served as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Huntsville High for the 2012-13 school year and returned to Scottsboro where he serves as Principal at Scottsboro Junior High School.





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Class of 2015


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Robert “Bob” Hodges

A 1957 graduate of Jackson County High School and a 1961 graduate from the University of Alabama. Played football for Jackson County High School from 1952-1956. Was selected to the North All-Star team in 1956.

Was selected Birmingham News Second Team All-State. Was point guard for basketball team of 1956-57. While at JCHS, he lettered in three sports (football, basketball and baseball). Played American Legion baseball in Scottsboro with team winning American Legion District Championship in 1956.

Received football scholarship to Auburn University and was co-captain of the Auburn freshman team in 6-0 defeat of the Alabama freshman team in 1957.

Also attended the University of Alabama, where he obtained his law degree. In 2004, wrote and published a biography of Hall of Fame coach Q.K. “Dusty” Carter. The book was titled “Dusty – Journey of a High School Coaching Icon”. Was elected Circuit Judge of Jackson County for two terms (1983-1995) and was appointed U.S. Administrative Law Judge, serving 17 years before retirement.





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Keesha Sanders King

A 1996 graduate of Paint Rock Valley School and a 2000 graduate of Troy University.

Finished her high school career as the most decorated individual athlete in Jackson County sports history. Participated in both basketball and track for the Lady Pirates.

Placed first or second in every AHSAA track event she participated in from 1991-1996. In 1994, she was state runner-up for the PRV track team as the only member of the team. She competed in every event and had five first-place finishes.

In track, she won 19 individual state championships, held four Class 1A State track records, five-time Jackson County track MVP, had two fifth-place finishes in the State Heptathlon. In basketball, she was selected All-County four times and All-Area four times.

Received a track scholarship to Troy University and was a three-time First-team All-Conference selection (1997, 1998, 1999). Was individual Conference Champion in the 400 meter hurdles for 1998 and 1999, Conference Champions in the 4x400 relay for 1999 and was a member of the 1999 Trans-America Athletic Conference Champions.



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C.B. "Red" Strickland, Class of '14

2018 Inductees
Paul Bell & Ronnie McCarver

2018 Inductees



Ronnie McCarver

1984 graduate of Scottsboro High School and 1992 graduate of Athens State. Played basketball at Scottsboro for the 1983 and 1984 seasons. Began his coaching career with Paint Rock Valley in 1992-93 with the team finishing with a record of 25-15. Has coached both varsity boys and girls' teams during his career (currently coaching both at Skyline). Has an overall record boys/girls of 641-274 (through 2017-18). Accomplishments include 1 state championship, 2 state runner-ups, 4 final four appearances, 3 Elite Eights, 16 Sweet Sixteen's, 16 Boys area championships, 2 girls area championships, 8 Jackson County Championships and 4 Sand Mountain Tournament titles. The state championship with Section in 2002-03 was the first for any Jackson County boys' team since 1969. Before beginning coaching at Skyline, the boys program had won two county championships in their first 37 years and McCarver won two over a five-year period. The 2016-17 Skyline girls won 25 games, the most in their program's history. McCarver is the only coach to take Woodville boys to the regional tournament. Is tied with Hall of Fame Coach Paul Cooley for most Jackson County Championships (through the 2018 season).



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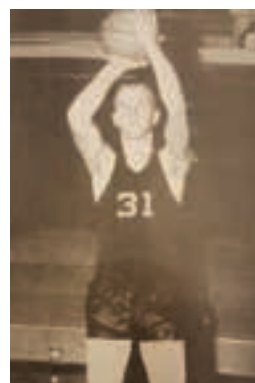
Larry Nevels



A 1961 graduate of Scottsboro High School and a 1966 graduate of Florence State College (Now University of North Alabama). Played football and basketball at Scottsboro High. With football, he was a member of the 1960 undefeated regular-season team under Hall of Fame Coach John Meadows. Was voted Birmingham News Class 2A All-State Honorable Mention in 1960. Was voted Birmingham Post-Herald 2A All-State. With basketball he was a key player from 1959-61 under Hall of Fame Coach Q.K. "Dusty" Carter. The 1959 team won the 8th District Class AA basketball tournament. For 1960 was awarded Northeast Alabama Conference All-Tournament. Basketball teams made state tournament appearances in 1959 and 1960. Received a basketball scholarship to Florence State and played for the Lions from 1961-1964. Was awarded All-Time Lions Letterman in basketball for 1962 and 1964. After college, taught and coached in the Jackson County School System and the Scottsboro School Systems from 1967-1974 before launching a successful business career.



SCOTTSBORO COACHING STAFF are from left, Larry Nevels, Wayne Brothers, Charlie Jacobs Head Coach, Morris Higginbotham and Bill Barker.



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Larrie Robinson



Born in Coffeerville Mississippi and graduated from Florence State, now the University of North Alabama. Robinson was a junior college Little All-American in 1949. After a four-year career in the U.S. Navy, he graduated from Florence State and then became a long-time assistant coach to Hall of Fame Coach John Meadows on teams from Butler (1966-68) and Scottsboro (1959-65). Was part of Scottsboro's 1965 State Championship staff. Became the head football coach and athletic director when Grissom High opened in the fall of 1969. The new school fielded a team for the first time and played a junior varsity schedule in 1969. The next year, his first senior team at Grissom finished 6-4, while the second topped that finishing 10-2. As AD at Grissom, he led one of the top overall sports programs in the state for 20 years. The Tigers won state titles in basketball, baseball, track, soccer, swimming and volleyball and one finished second in the state in football. Robinson's overall football coaching record is 114-88 in 19 seasons as a head coach. Coach Robinson credits his father for instilling a life-long credo: If your mind can conceive it and your heart can believe it, then your body can achieve it.



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Class of 2018 - Bill Tinker

**Former Inductees - Carl Bain • Pam Hicks Campbell • Billy Duncan
Carey Ellison • Glen Hicks • Sam Kenimer • Bill McGriff • Robin Gant Shirey**

2018 Inductees



Bill Tinker

A 1959 graduate of Pisgah High School and a 1963 graduate of Auburn University. Was a member of the 1959 Pisgah state basketball championship team under Hall of Fame coach Paul Cooley. The team finished 31-3 that championship season. The previous year, the Eagles finished 28-6, finishing as district champs and reaching the Elite 8. For the 1959 season, Tinker was selected second team All-State by the Birmingham Post-Herald and was selected first-team All-Tournament. Was a four-year letterman and three-year starter for the Auburn Tigers from 1961-63 seasons. Averaged 4.9 ppg and 2.8 rpg for the 1961 season. Averaged 11.8 ppg and 5.3 rpg for the 1962 season. Averaged 7.9 ppg and 4.7 rpg for this senior season of 1963. Selected Associated Press All-SEC third team for the 1962 season. After college, Tinker helped coach the Auburn freshman team and also coach high school basketball. After his coaching tenure, he began a new career in Sports Medicine working with the esteemed Sports Medicine expert, Dr. James Andrews. Tinker joins his brother Wallace in the JCSHOF.



Varsity Team

From left to right: Leszy Roberts, Jim Kirby, Huston Graben, Billy Tinker, Mac Davis, Judson Fritchett, Gladstone Evesett, Jack Norris, Roy Garren, Clifton Overicar. Bottom row: Tommy Palmer, C. B. Laney.



Headed, left to right: Fred Jones, Joe Whelan, Robert Perkins, Bill Cooper, James Hargis, Headed: Larry Adams, Billy Palmer, Joe Baker, Calvin Hargis, and Tommy Palmer.



2018 Inductees



Greg Bell

Began broadcasting Scottsboro High School athletics in 1987. Through the 2018 football season, has been behind the microphone for 352 consecutive Scottsboro football broadcasts. Has broadcast from 48 different stadiums with nine different broadcast partners. Became the full-time play-by-play voice of Scottsboro basketball in 1998 and has broadcast around 800 varsity games (girls and boys). Began broadcasting Scottsboro baseball and softball in 2012 and has broadcast two Scottsboro softball state-runnerup contests. Is the official statistician for Scottsboro football and provides the website www.scottsborofootball.com. Has conducted historical research projects on Scottsboro football, basketball, baseball and softball and maintains records for each sport. Was recognized by the Alabama Broadcasters Association in 2015 with their Award of Merit in sports broadcasting. Was the driving force behind the Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame and its formation in 2014. Has served as the President of the JCSHOF since 2014.



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Class of 2014



*Q.K. "Dusty" Carter (2007)



*Paul Cooley (2000)



John Meadows (2018)



*Mickey "Guy" O'Brien (1944)



*Sanders Russell (1982)



C.B. "Red" Strickland (2017)



*Dr. Pat Trammell (1968)

Class of 2015



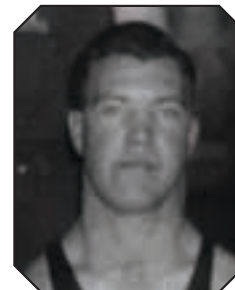
*Sam Hambrick (2011)



*James R. "Shorty" Robertson (1984)



*Donald "Lard" Moore (2005)



Robert Thrower (2015)

Class of 2016

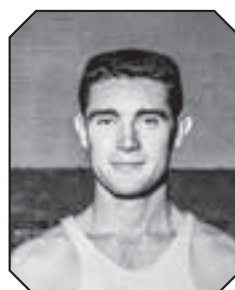


*Jerry Chrisman (1990)



A.W. "Woody" Hamilton (2018)

Class of 2017



*Hugh Jefferson Stewart, Jr. (2009)



*Dale McCloud, Contributor (2017)

**Deceased at time of induction*

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Past Hall of Fame

Inductee Bios



CLASS OF 2014



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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CLASS OF 2014



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



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



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



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



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



CLASS OF 2015

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



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



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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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



CLASS OF 2016

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



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



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



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

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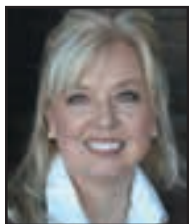
Vince Hall – Nicknamed “Flea” for his nimbleness in dodging tacklers and for his uncanny balance. Starred for the football Wildcats at Scottsboro High from 1978-1980. Received scholarship and starred for the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders from 1981-1984. Played in NFL pre-season games with the Washington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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

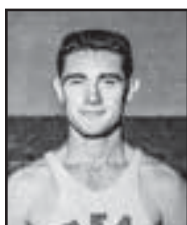
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Bill McGriff – Called a giant among men, his size and shooting propelled him to stardom at Pisgah High. Scored 121 points in four games of the 1954 state tournament and was named MVP. Received scholarship to Auburn and was named All-SEC his sophomore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



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



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



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- A nominee must be a native or have been a resident or have attended school or have coached or have worked in Jackson County, Alabama. Nominees may be or have been athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, team doctors, media, or any similar position who have made significant contributions to athletics and their respective communities.
- 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.
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- Any person may nominate someone to be considered for the Hall of Fame. The nominator is required to provide all necessary paperwork. An official nomination form may be requested at the following address: Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame, 815 West Willow Street, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768.
- All nominees will be screened intensively. Statistics, old record books, scrapbooks, newspaper and magazine stories or clippings, etc. will be considered when possible. Interviews about nominees may be sought by members of the Board of Directors when considered necessary.
- While each nominee's athletic achievements will be of prime importance and consideration, his or her post-athletic record, as a citizen, will be weighed. A person must have also proven worthy as a citizen by carrying the ideals of athletics forward into his/her occupational endeavors and community service.
- Induction shall be held annually at a time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors.
- 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.
- Completed nomination forms can be mailed to Jackson County Sports Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 759, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768 or dropped off at 815 West Willow Street, Scottsboro Alabama 35768.

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