

Vision Statement

In 2010-2011, the St. Francis Community Foundation will celebrate our 10th year of building philanthropy in St. Francis County.

Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame September 17, 2010

The Eleventh Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor eight athletes, one coach, and one individual for meritorious service into the 2010 Class.

This year's honorees include Jacob Dinwiddie, Toler Hutchins and Charles Phillips from Lincoln High School; Barbara Wilburn, Terry

Bradshaw and Houston Agnew from Forrest City High School after 1970; Vernon Turk, Bill Elsass and Curtis Merrell from Forrest City High School before 1970; and David J. Cohn for meritorious service.

The induction ceremony will be held on September 17, 2010 at the new Performing Arts Center at East

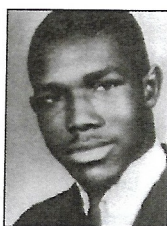
Arkansas Community College. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$10 each and they can be purchased at Baxter & Associates and The Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on the event or to place an order, please call 870-633-0780 extension 101.



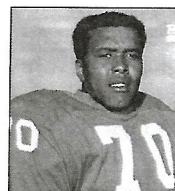
JACOB DINWIDDIE (deceased) graduated from Lincoln High School in 1967. He was a 5'9" 180 pound running back who was one of the most explosive backs in Lincoln history. He rushed for 25 touchdowns his senior year and was named All State.

In track and field, Dinwiddie was multi-talented. He ran sprints, middle distance, relays, as well as the broad jump. Those that saw him perform said he had the fastest feet they had ever seen.



TOLER HUTCHINS (deceased) was a 1963 graduate of Lincoln High School. He was a two sport athlete who played both basketball and football for the Tigers. Football was his best sport as he was as All State performer at wide receiver and defensive end. He earned a football scholarship to Rust College in Mississippi.

Hutchins joined the army in 1966 and was tragically killed in Vietnam in 1967. He left behind his wife Lena, two children, and a third on the way. Lena makes her home in Memphis, Tennessee.



CHARLES PHILLIPS is a 1961 graduate of Lincoln High School, where he played four years for the Lincoln Tiger football team. He was named All Conference and All State and won a football scholarship to the University of Illinois. After one season he joined the Marine Corp, where he played football. Following the service, he went to Illinois State University where he played three years for the Redbirds.

In 1971, Phillips began his teaching career. He served as a football coach, instructor, athletic director and dean of students for a variety of schools in Illinois and Indiana.

Phillips retired in 2003, and makes his home in Monee, Illinois.



BARBARA WILBURN is a 1984 graduate of Forrest City High School where she was a 3 year starter in basketball. She earned All Conference and All State honors. She received a basketball scholarship to Arkansas State University where she played 4 years. She also played professionally for 1 year in Belgium.

Following her playing days, she started her coaching career at Marked Tree High School. She is the only woman coach in America to be head coach of a boys basketball team. Her second team won the State Championship and she was named the boys basketball Coach of the Year. She has made the cover of two magazines and is currently under contract for a movie about her life.



TERRY BRADSHAW is a 1984 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was an outstanding basketball player for Hall of Famer Rodney Echols. Their team won a Conference Championship. As a senior, Bradshaw was named All Conference and All State, and was selected to play in the Arkansas High School All Star game.

Bradshaw earned a basketball scholarship to Hendrix College, where he played for Cliff Garrison, another Forrest City Hall of Fame member. Bradshaw now makes his home in Conway, Arkansas.



HOUSTON AGNEW is a 1982 graduate of Forrest City High School. He played football, basketball and ran track, but football is where he excelled. Houston was chosen All Conference and All State in both his junior and senior years. He received a football scholarship to Northwest Mississippi Junior College, where he was named All Conference and All American. He was the second leading rusher and the fourth leading scorer in the nation in Junior College football. He finished his playing career at Southeast Missouri State in Cape Gerardo, Missouri.

Houston now makes his home in Douglasville, Georgia, with his wife and his six children.



VERNON TURK is a 1941 graduate of Forrest City High School, where he was a 3 sport athlete - football, basketball, and baseball. In football, he earned All State honors as a quarterback in both his junior and senior seasons. He went to college at Henderson State Teachers College where he started at point guard for 4 years in basketball.

Following college, Turk returned to Forrest City where he worked and raised his family. He found time to play semi-pro baseball with the Forrest City Giants, where he was an outstanding catcher and hitter.

Turk currently lives in a retirement home in Memphis, Tennessee.



BILL ELSASS came to Forrest City in 1958 to coach junior high football, and coach he did. He coached 13 seasons with an 82-20-2 record, including 3 undefeated seasons. His teams scored 1605 points and allowed only 541. Elsass' teams were well disciplined and well prepared when they took the field. He also coached 3 District Champion track teams.

Bill left Forrest City in 1977 to enter private business with his friend and former player Jim Lindsey, a fellow Hall of Fame member. Today he is retired and lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

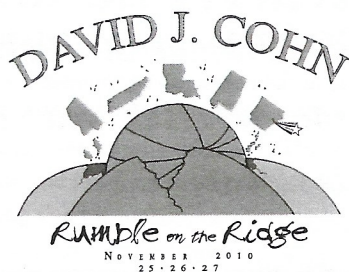


CURTIS MERRELL is a 1953 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was an All Conference basketball player and an All Conference/All State football player. He also served as student body president. Merrell is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, where he earned 11 letters in 4 sports. He coached high school basketball and football in Helena. His basketball team won the 1961 State Championship.

After his coaching career, he went into public school administration and served as Monticello School Superintendent from 1971 to 1984 and Director of Arkansas River Educational Co-op from 1985 to 2000.

Merrell retired in 2000 and makes his home in Monticello, Arkansas.

2010 Rumble on the Ridge



The 14th Annual David J. Cohn Rumble on the Ridge will be held November 25, 26, and 27th at Forrest City's Mustang Arena.

The Rumble, one of the top high school basketball tournaments in America, will feature teams from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. The action starts Thanksgiving Day with the first game tip off at 3:30 p.m.

This years lineup will feature some of the top players in America playing for Manila High School, Manila, Arkansas; Van Buren High School, Van Buren, Arkansas; Meridian High School, Meridian, Mississippi; Pleasant Grove High School, Pleasant Grove, Alabama; Minor High School, Adamsville, Alabama; Southwind High School, Memphis, Tennessee; Bosier City High School, Bosier, Louisiana; and Forrest City High School, Forrest City, Arkansas.

The Rumble on the Ridge has become a Forrest City tradition. Tickets are \$7 per day or a 3 day tournament ticket is \$15. Tickets can be purchased in advanced from the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce or Baxter & Associates at 870-633-0780 extension 101.

More tournament information is available on the Rumble on the Ridge website at www.rumbleridge.com



DAVID J. COHN graduated from Forrest City High School in 1973. He is being inducted for his meritorious service to Forrest City, Forrest City Public Schools, and Forrest City Athletics.

Even though David was not an athlete, he places a high value on athletics as well as education and charities. He sent the basketball and football teams to camps, provided funds for the golf program, sponsored the Rumble on the Ridge basketball tournament, was the lead contributor to building the Mustang

field house and the renovations of Sam Smith Stadium, and many more projects.

Cohn and his family have also generously given to the Forrest City Education Foundation and the St. Francis County Community Foundation. In order to do even more, he established the Forrest City Grocery Charitable Golf Tournament, which has raised millions of dollars to help make Forrest City a better place to live and work.