

Vision Statement

In 2011, the St. Francis Community Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary by continuing to fulfill its mission of building philanthropy by granting over \$30,000 to the St. Francis County area. These grants range from the local food pantry, boys and girls club, book purchases, and many other worthwhile causes. The SFCCF Board has 23 members who are active as donors, doers, and door openers.

Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame

September 23, 2011

The 12th Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor nine new members. The honorees are chosen from three eras: Lincoln High School, Forrest City High School before 1970 and Forrest City High School after 1970.

This year's honorees include: Freddie Brown '69, Johnny Jones '68 and James Pickett '65 from Lincoln; Cecil Forrester '43, Robert "Red" Barnett '57 and Randy Laws '64 from

Forrest City before 1970; and Greg Seawood '83, Lewis Jones '85 and Allen Perry '75 from Forrest City after 1970.

Forty-one years ago Lincoln and Forrest City became one. It was a difficult, turbulent time. At this year's Hall of Fame banquet we are paying tribute to the coaches and players who joined hands on the gridiron and the basketball court. These men deserve a lot of credit for the successful total integration of our school system.

The induction ceremony will be held September 23, 2011 at the Performing Arts Center at East Arkansas Community College at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Baxter & Associates or the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more Hall of Fame information or to purchase your tickets, please call 870-633-0780 extension 101.



FREDDIE BROWN is a 1969 graduate of Lincoln High School. He was known for his blinding speed. He played football and ran track for the Tigers. In football, he played

both halfback and cornerback and was feared by the opponents for his break away speed. In track, Brown ran the 100 yard dash, 200 yard dash, 4x100, 4x200, and the mile relays. He now makes his home in Forrest City.



JOHNNY JONES (deceased) was a 1968 graduate of Lincoln High School, where he played football under the legendary head coach Eugene Rooks.

Jones was co-captain of the Tigers. In 1966 and 1968 both teams went undefeated. Known as a fierce competitor, Jones led the team in tackles from his linebacker position.



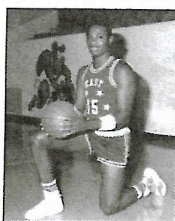
JAMES PICKETT is a 1965 graduate of Lincoln High School, where he played football, basketball and baseball. In football, he was the quarterback of the 1963 AAA Championship team. In addition, he was a defensive

back, punter, kick-off man, field goal kicker, punt returner and kick-off returner. In basketball, he played guard and made all-state in 1964. In baseball, he was a first baseman. Pickett served 18 years in the National Guard and two years in the Army. He makes his home in Pine Bluff, where he works for Jefferson Regional Medical Hospital as a security guard.



GREG SEAWOOD is a 1983 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a fullback on offense and a middle linebacker in defense. He started three years for the Mustangs and was named All Conference and All State his senior

year. Seawood was named the defensive player of the year for the East Conference and was selected to play in the Arkansas High School All Star game. He earned a football scholarship to the University of Central Arkansas where he played for former Mustangs Coach and University of Arkansas Assistant Coach Harold Horton. Greg makes his home in the Little Rock area.



LEWIS JONES (deceased) graduated from Forrest City High School in 1985. He was a silky smooth lefty basketball player who could go inside or outside. He earned All Conference and All State honors in both his junior and senior seasons. He culminated

his high school career by being named to the Arkansas East All Star basketball team. Jones earned a basketball scholarship to West Ark in Fort Smith. Following his athletic career, Lewis returned to Forrest City and served three years for the Forrest City Police Department. June 4, 2000, Jones was tragically shot and killed while working as a private security guard.



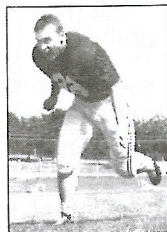
ALLEN PERRY graduated from Forrest City High School in 1974. He lettered in football for three years as quarterback and receiver. He earned All Conference in baseball and was named to the East High School All Star Team. Allen played football and baseball

at the University of Central Arkansas. In football he earned All AIC honors as a punter three times. He also earned All AIC honors as catcher two times. He played one season in 1979 in the old American Football League as a quarterback and punter where he was coached by the legendary Jimmy "Red" Parker. Perry makes his home in Forrest City and coaches in the Forrest City Public School System.



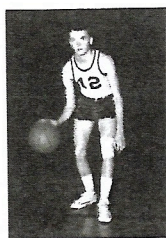
CECIL FORRESTER (deceased) was a 1943 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was an outstanding football player for the Mustangs, lettering four years. He was

named All District two year and was named to the Arkansas All State Team back when only 11 players were named state-wide. Cecil was a running back on offense and a linebacker on defense.



ROBERT "RED" BARNETT (deceased) was a 1957 graduate of Forrest City High School, and was an outstanding tackle, he was one of the fastest players on

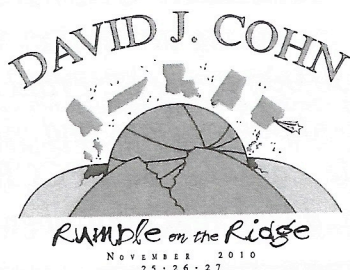
the team and made All Region, All State, All South and honorable mention All American his senior year. "Redbones" earned a football scholarship to the University of Arkansas, where he earned a letter as a member of the Razorbacks.



RANDY LAWS graduated from Forrest City High School in 1964. He lettered in basketball, football and track. In basketball, he started three years at point guard and led the Mustangs to the State

Semifinals his senior year. He was named All District and All State. In football, Randy was a quarterback and a defensive back and made the All District team his senior year. In track, he qualified as a junior for the Meet of Champs in the mile run. Randy makes his home in Forrest City.

2011 Rumble on the Ridge



The 15th Annual David J. Cohn Rumble on the Ridge is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend, November 24, 25, and 26 in the Mustang Arena. Games will begin at 3:30pm on Thursday and Friday and at 2:00pm on Saturday. There will be four games each day.

This year's Rumble will feature 6'4" guard Archie Goodwin from Sylvan Hills High School in North Little Rock. Goodwin is rated the #11 senior in America. Jarnell Stokes, a 6'8" forward from Southwind High School in Memphis, is rated #20 in the country. Ricardo Gaithers, a 6'7" senior from Riverside Academy in Louisiana, is rated #34 in America.

Top juniors include 6'7" Jonathan Williams of Southwind in Memphis, 6'9", Bobby Partis from Hall High School in Little Rock, and 6'10" Moses Kingsley from New Albany, Mississippi.

Forrest City's 6'8" Trey Thompson is rated the #25 sophomore in America and the #1 sophomore in Arkansas.

Tickets are \$7 per day or \$15 for a 3 day pass. More information is available on the Rumble on the Ridge at www.rumbleridge.com. You can also like us on facebook.

Forrest City Education Foundation New Endowment Funds

Members of the Forrest City Education Foundation would like Forrest City Alumni and citizens concerned with the welfare of the Forrest City School System to step up, and help build the Forrest City Education Alumni Endowment Fund for the Forrest City School District. This endowment fund would benefit all areas in the district. It could assist with the different clubs at the high school, maybe the art classes in the elementary school, or the band and choir. Please consider as an alumni of Forrest City High School or a concerned citizen, giving to this worthwhile endowment. All gifts may be mailed to SFCCF, P. O. Box 3002, Forrest City, Arkansas 72336, or you may email Robin Jayroe at stfranciscounty@arcf.org for more information.