

Vision Statement

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Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame

September 14, 2012

The 13th Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor ten 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: Bill Johnson '63, Samella Hancock '65 and Tyrone Johnson '70 from Lincoln;



BILL JOHNSON was a 1963 graduate of Lincoln High School. He was quarterback for the Tigers, where he earned All State honors and led the team to the AAA Conference Championship. Johnson continued his education at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff. He spent 34 years working in various Information Technology positions for the Federal Government, earning numerous awards. Bill currently resides in Kansas City, Missouri where he dedicates much of his time serving the youth of his community. He is married, has one daughter and two grandchildren.



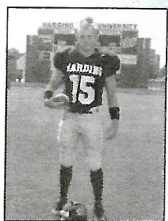
SHEDRICK DUMAS graduated from FCHS in 1987. He was a two way starter for the Mustangs, playing defensive end, defensive tackle, offensive guard and offensive tackle. He earned All Conference honors in '85 and '86, and was named All State in '86. Dumas went on to play offensive guard at Henderson State, where he earned Honorable Mention AIC in 1989/90, and All AIC honors in 1991. He is currently employed in Memphis, TN as a parent counselor at Maceo Walker Middle School.

Linda Rauscher Harrington '49, Jim Beazley III '56, Rodger Taylor '70 from Forrest City before 1970; and Shedrick Dumas '87, Mike McCain '98, and Dwight Lofton from Forrest City after 1970 and Oscar Collins for Meritorious Service.

The induction ceremony will be held September 14, 2012 at the Performing Arts Center at East



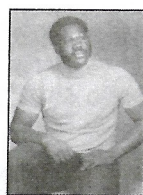
SAMELLA HANCOCK graduated from Lincoln High School in 1965. She played forward for the Lincoln Tigerettes. Hancock averaged 20 points per game in both junior and senior high school. She was voted most valuable player in junior and senior high. She was selected team captain every year from 8th to 12th grade. She was also homecoming queen. Hancock makes her home in Flint, Michigan.



MIKE MCCAIN graduated from FCHS in 1998. He played football, basketball and baseball. In football, he was a 3-year letterman, named to the Super Sophomore team, and earned All Conference honors in '96 and '97. He lettered in basketball for 2 years as well. In baseball, McCain was a 4-year letterman and was named All Conference for 3 years. After graduation he attended Shelby State Community College where he was a 1 year letterman in baseball. McCain transferred to Harding University where he was a 2 year letterman in football, and was awarded the Iron Bison Award in 2002. McCain has coached for over 10 years and currently serves as Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach at Searcy High School.

Arkansas Community College at 5:00 pm. 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.



TYRONE JOHNSON (deceased) was a 1970 graduate of Lincoln High School, where he played basketball and football for the Tigers. In football, Johnson was a fierce tackler and competitor on the field. There were times when he did not practice with the defense against the offense because of his great competitiveness and hard hits. He played on the 1968 and 1969 teams and their record was 19-1. They were conference champions during the undefeated 1968 season. He started and co-captained the 1968 and 1969 football teams. He made Region 2AA All-Conference each year. After graduation he moved to Little Rock and attended Philander Smith College for 1 semester. He became an ordained minister. Pastor Johnson served the Community of Faith Lutheran Ministry until his death in March of 2007.



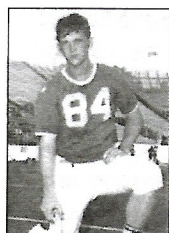
DWIGHT LOFTON is the head basketball coach for the Forrest City Mustangs. In his 15 seasons at FCHS his teams have won 217 games, while losing 177. His teams have eight straight winning seasons and have qualified for the State Tournament every year since 2003. His 2006-07 team played Jonesboro for the State Championship and lost in a heart-breaker. Twelve of Lofton's players earned college scholarships, including Marcus Britt, Stephon Weaver and Kelson Stewart, who all received D1 scholarships.



LINDA RAUSCHER HARRINGTON (deceased) was a 1949 graduate of Forrest City High School. Harrington lettered in basketball for three years and was named All-District in 1948. She led the Fillies to a District Championship in 1948. In addition to basketball, Harrington was a band majorette and cheerleader. She was employed by the Forrest City School District for over 30 years as a PE teacher and later became the Dean of Girls at Forrest City High School.



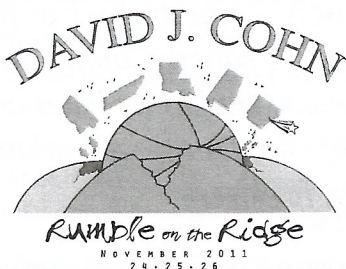
JIM BEAZLEY III was a 1956 graduate for Forrest City High School. Beazley was a three year letterman for the Mustang football team. As a junior, he scored 63 points and ranked in the top 10 scorers in Arkansas. His 1955 team won the District 2A Championship and Beazley was voted All District. During his senior year, he scored 5 touchdowns and kicked 30 PATs, scoring 60 points for the Mustangs. After graduation he earned a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Mississippi. He resides in Forrest City and has managed the Forrest City Water Utility for over 40 years.



RODGER TAYLOR (deceased) was a 1970 graduate of Forrest City High School. He earned 9 letters at FCHS, three each in football, basketball and track. In basketball he was twice named to the prestigious NEA All

Tournament team. He was named All District and All State his senior year in both football and basketball. He was selected and played in the High School All Star football game in 1970. Rodger also played basketball and football in college. He was an engineer for Union Pacific Railroad.

2012 Rumble on the Ridge



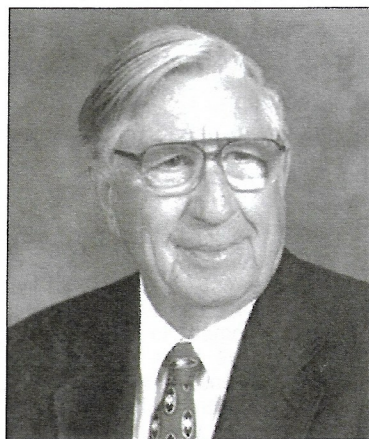
The 16th Annual David J. Cohn Rumble on the Ridge will be held November 22, 23, and 24th at Forrest City's Mustang Arena.

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

This year's lineup will feature some of the top players in America playing for Piney Woods High School, Piney Woods, Mississippi; Jonesboro High School, Jonesboro, Arkansas; Southwind High School, Memphis, Tennessee; Clarksville High School, Clarksville, Arkansas; Hall High School, Little Rock, Arkansas; Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Gadsden City High School, Gadsden, Alabama 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



OSCAR COLLINS has been a supporter of Forrest City Athletics for over 50 years. He came to Forrest City in 1959 where he coached 7th grade football and basketball, having an undefeated season. In 1961 he moved up to the high school where he served as coach, teacher and assistant principal. In 1970 Collins was named principal of FCHS.

This was no easy task as integration was mandated, but he was up for the challenge. He played a vital part in unifying FCHS and Lincoln, welcoming students with open arms. He remained principal until his retirement in 1993. Collins resides in Forrest City with his wife Doris. He has 3 children and 3 grandchildren and he can still be seen in the stands cheering on the Mustangs.