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Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame

September 16, 2016

The 17th Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor eight 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: Johnny Byers '66 and Theodis Harris

'68 from Lincoln; Raiford Whittenton '48, J.B. Cook '57 and Tommy Clark '60 from Forrest City before 1970; and Karrie Barton '86, Tonya Norment '93 and Adam Roth '97 from Forrest City after 1970.

The induction ceremony will be held September 16, 2016 at the Performing Arts Center at East

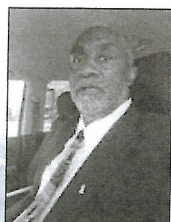
Arkansas Community College at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased at Times Herald Printing or the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more Hall of Fame information or to purchase your tickets, please call Dr. Rodney Echols at 870-817-8381.



JOHNNY BYERS is a 1966 graduate of Lincoln High School. He lettered and played fullback on the Tiger football team. Johnny was given the nickname "The Hammer" by his teammates.

The nickname was given because of Johnny's bone crushing blocks and punishing running style. Johnny's successful blocks and touchdown runs led the 1964 and 1965 Lincoln Tiger football teams to the AAA Conference Championships. Johnny served as co-captain of the undefeated 1966 football team.



THEODIS HARRIS is a 1968 graduate of Lincoln High School. He was one of Lincoln High School's most prolific Tiger basketball scorers. He was captain of the 1967 and 1968 Lincoln Tiger basketball teams.

Theodis averaged 20 points per game his sophomore season and 25 points per game his junior and senior seasons. He was All-Conference and was named to several All-Tournament teams. Theodis' number 15 basketball jersey was retired by Lincoln head coach Eugene Rooks.



TOMMY CLARK is a 1960 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a two year letterman in football and track. Tommy was the starting defensive end on Coach Jim DeVazier's 1959 undefeated (11-0)

Region 2AA Championship team. He was named All-Region his senior year. Tommy attended Arkansas State University on a football scholarship and had an outstanding career as an end for the Indians.



J.B. COOK is a 1957 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was the starting fullback for the 1954 and 1955 Mustang football teams and was a two-year letterman. J. B. was known for his hard

nose running style of running over tacklers. As the fullback for the 1955 Region 2AA Championship Mustang football team, he was 2AA All-Region and All-State. The Jim DeVazier coached team was 9-1-1. An Arkansas Gazette sports writer wrote "Cook is not exceptionally fast, but runs with his head about two feet off the ground and is hard to stop".



RAIFORD WHITTENTON is a 1948 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a three year letterman in football. Raiford played safety on defense and was an accurate passer. He was one of the best broken field runners in the district and state. One of his best runs was for 97 yards and a touchdown. Raiford was an All-District halfback in 1946 and 1947 and was named to the 1947 All-State team.



KARRIE BARTON is a 1986 graduate of Forrest City High School. Karrie played middle linebacker, offensive, and defensive tackle for the Mustangs. On defense, he led the team in tackles with season highs of 87 as a sophomore, 95 as a junior, and 120 as a senior.

During his senior year, Karrie was named Defensive Player of the week three times. He was a two-time All-Conference player and All-State. Karrie played in the 1986 All-Star game. He accepted a football scholarship to Northwest Mississippi Community College and later transferred to Henderson State University.

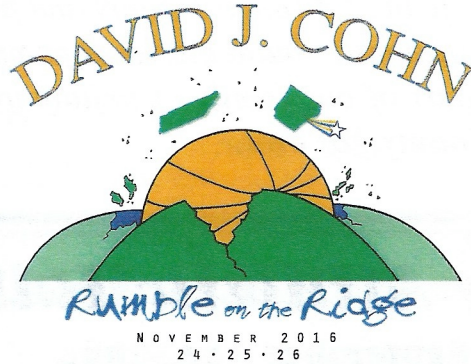


TONYA NORMENT is a 1993 graduate of Forrest City High School. Tonya was an All-Conference and All-State basketball player for the Lady Mustangs. She accepted a scholarship to attend Coahoma Community College to play basketball. While at Coahoma, Tonya was named player of the year, averaged 31.5 points per game, named to the MACIC All Tournament team, and MACIC MVP. In February of 2016, Tonya was named to the Coahoma Community College Hall of Fame. Tonya transferred to Jackson State University and was named SWAC Newcomer of the Year for the SWAC All-Tournament team.



ADAM RAUTH is a 1997 graduate of FCHS. He played the number one golf position for four years and was Medalist 36 times for the Mustangs. Adam was one of Arkansas' top ASGA juniors during the summers of 1995 and 1996. He played in three State Championships. Adam signed a scholarship to play golf at Arkansas State University and played in three NCAA Championships. After college, he turned pro and played on Gateway, Emerald Coast, and Hooters Tours.

2016 Rumble on the Ridge



The 20th Annual David J. Cohn Rumble on the Ridge will be held November 24, 25, and 26th at Forrest City's Mustang Arena.

The Rumble, one of the top high school basketball tournaments in America, will feature six teams from

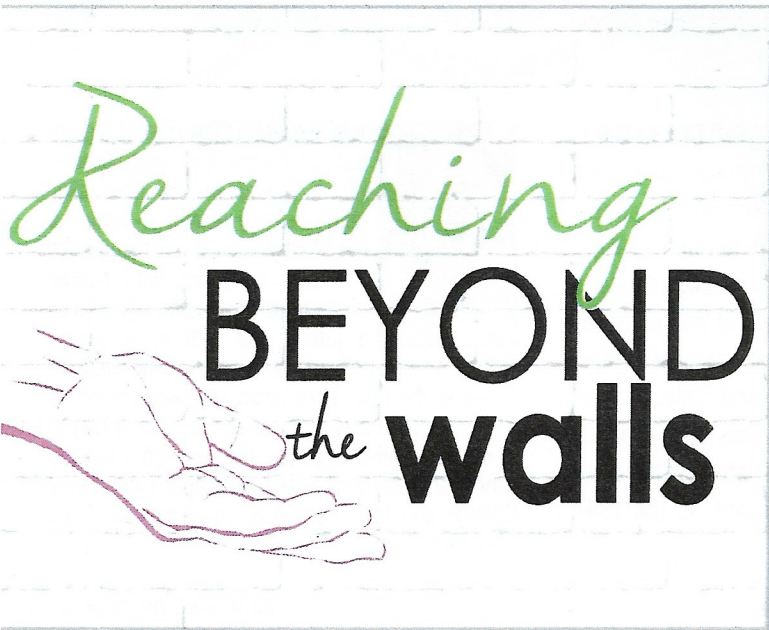
Arkansas, two teams from Tennessee. The action starts Thanksgiving Day with the first game tip off at 3:30 p.m.

This year's lineup will feature some of the top players in America playing for Raleigh-Egypt High School and Memphis Mitchell High School from Tennessee and El Dorado High School, Little Rock Parkview High School, North Little Rock High School, Conway High School, Blytheville High School and Forrest City High School all from Arkansas.

The Rumble on the Ridge has become a Forrest City tradition. Tickets will be \$7 per day or a 3 day tournament ticket will be \$15. Tickets can be purchased in advanced from the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

More tournament information is available on facebook - Rumble on the Ridge High School Basketball Tournament.

The New 2016 Endowment with St. Francis County Community Foundation



"This fund shall be used for Salem Baptist Church in Forrest City, Arkansas to help others through community activities and programs such as athletics, spiritual guidance, Bible study, moral training and other needs which will enhance quality of life and help to create productive members of society."

To make a donation to this endowment please make your tax deductible check payable to:

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