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Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame

September 28, 2018

The 19th Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor seven 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.

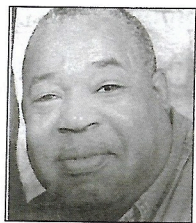
This year's honorees include: David "Dog" Rogers '70 and Jesse

Alvin Twillie '60 from Lincoln; Phil Hicky '60, and Fred "Freddy" Swan '60 from Forrest City before 1970; and Preston Echols '06, Sonny Lee '76 and Rickey Marlowe '81 from Forrest City after 1970.

The induction ceremony will be held September 28, 2018 at the Performing Arts Center at East Arkansas Community College at

5:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at Delta OfficeWorks, Forrest City High School or the Forrest City Area Chamber of Commerce.

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



DAVID "DOG" ROGERS is a 1970 graduate of Lincoln High School. He was a three year starter at the defensive back position on the Lincoln Tiger football team. David had 22 interceptions and averaged 12 tackles per game

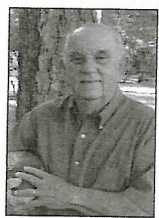
during his career as a defensive back for the Tigers. He was one of the hardest hitting defensive backs in the history of Lincoln football, causing several fumbles. David was a three-time Region 2A All-Conference defensive back and played on Coach Eugene Rook's 1968 undefeated Lincoln Tiger football team. He was captain of the 1969 and 1970 Tiger track team.



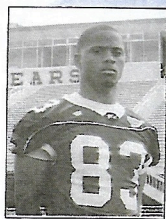
JESSE ALVIN TWILLIE (deceased) was a 1960 graduate of Lincoln High School. He lettered in football and was an All-District defensive back and offensive running back. Jesse was the Tiger team captain his junior and senior years. He was Lincoln High School's leading rusher his junior and senior years and gained over 1,000 yards per season. Jesse attended Philander Smith College on an athletic scholarship and lettered each year during his four year tenure. While at Philander, Jesse earned a BA degree in the Philosophy of Religion. He served his country honorably for four years in the United States Navy.



PHIL HICKY is a 1960 graduate of Forrest City High School. Phil was a football, basketball, and track letterman of the Mustangs. He was a member of the 1957 and 1959 undefeated Mustang football teams. The teams were Region 2AA championship teams. Phil was the starting halfback on the 1959 undefeated Mustang football team. He scored four rushing touchdowns during the 1959 season. Phil was a basketball starter for the Mustangs on the third place 2AA state tournament runner-up basketball team. At the time, this was the best state basketball finish for the Mustangs. He was a member of the 2AA District Championship track team and the team finished in third place at the 2AA state track meet. Phil maintains a successful law practice in Forrest City.



FRED "FREDDY" SWAN is a 1960 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a three year letterman in football for the Mustangs. Freddy played left offensive guard and pull-blocked for B Lindsey. He was two-time All-District and a member of the 1957 undefeated Mustang football team. Freddy played offensive center and defensive linebacker on the 1958 Mustang 8-3-1 conference championship football team and was named All-District Honorable Mention. He played center and linebacker and was co-captain of the 1959 undefeated Mustang football team. During his high school Mustang football tenure, Freddy played on Mustang football teams with a three-year record of 32-3-1.



PRESTON ECHOLS is a 2006 graduate of Forrest City High School. He lettered in football, basketball, and baseball for the Mustangs. Preston was a two-time 5A East All-Conference and All-State Mustang football player. He was selected to the 5A East Academic team, played in the 2006

Arkansas Activities Association All-Star game, and was a State Farm finalist for offensive player of the year. Preston played for Coach Scott Reed's 2005 football team and led the receiving group with 47 receptions for 959 yards and eight touchdowns. He accepted a football scholarship offer from the University of Central Arkansas. At UCA, Preston was All-Conference and a member of the Southland Conference All-Academic football team. Preston is an assistant principal at Conway Junior High School.



SONNY LEE is a 1976 graduate of Forrest City High School. He three year letterman in football for the Mustangs and he was selected co-captain his senior year. Sonny was a fullback for the Mustangs on the only state championship game appearance in 1975 under the leadership of Coach Al Miller. Sonny earned All-Conference and All-State honors as a fullback. He was selected to play in the 1976 Arkansas Activities Association All-Star game. At the University of Central Arkansas, Sonny was a two-year letterman on the UCA baseball team. He is a 32 year career science teacher and coach in the Austin (Texas) ISD.

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RICKEY MARLOWE is a 1981 graduate of Forrest City High School. He was a three year letterman in basketball. Rickey was a two-time All-State and All-Conference Mustang basketball player. He was known for his ball handling and passing skills and was extremely difficult to trap. Rickey controlled the 1980 4A East Mustang offense and anchored the Mustang defense during the team's 24-7 record and state runner-up finish for Coach Rodney Echols. He was a first team member of the 1980 All-NEA, Marion Invitational, and 1980 state tournament teams. Rickey served his country honorably in the United States Navy for 23 years. He does charity work for the Inland Men's Club in Murrieta, California.

Forrest City Education Foundation Teacher Scholarship Program

The Forrest City Education Foundation Teacher Scholarship Program is honored to be able to announce the 2018-2019 recipient of the annual scholarship, Erin Burgess.

This scholarship was established in May of 1998 and is funded through contributions from the faculty and staff of the Forrest City School District and the Forrest City Education Foundation. The purpose of this scholarship is two fold 1) It is to assist students who are attending college and are planning to major in Teacher Education; and (2) it is to retain our college graduates in Forrest City. Upon receiving a teaching degree and becoming certified to teach, the recipient is required to teach full-time in the Forrest City School District for a minimum of one year to receive full forgiveness of the scholarship/loan.

2018 Rumble on the Ridge



The 22nd Annual 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 four teams from Arkansas, two teams from Tennessee, one team from Alabama, and one team from Georgia. 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 Hoover High School from Alabama, Shiloh High School from Georgia, Bartlett High School from Tennessee, Southwind High School from Tennessee, and Conway High School, Earle High School, Little Rock Hall 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 and www.rumbleontheridgefc.com.

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