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Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame

September 22, 2023

The 23rd Annual Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor eight new members this year. The honorees are chosen from three eras: Lincoln High School, Forrest City High School before 1970 and Forrest City High School after 1970.

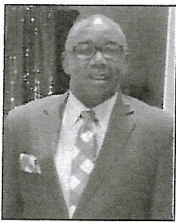
This year's honorees include: 1966 Undefeated Lincoln Football Team and Ronald Hub Cap

Williams from Lincoln; Walter Gene Prewett and Johnny McDaniel from Forrest City before 1970; from Forrest City after 1970; Barney Freeman, Ryan Gree, Cassandra Jackson Taylor, Chris Williams and Raoul Carlisle for Meritorious Service.

The induction ceremony will be held September 22, 2023 at the Performing Arts Center at East

Arkansas Community College at 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 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 Fredrick Freeman at 870-270-6853.



RONALD HUB CAP WILLIAMS

Hub Cap in 1969. An outstanding defensive back, Hub Cap was a key member of the 1969 Lincoln High School undefeated football team. A graduate of the University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff, his post

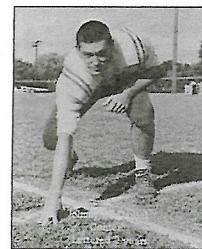
college career includes coaching football at Wynne High School, Track and Marianna and Helena High Schools and Volunteer Coach at Earle High School. He is well known for coaching young men and women to become champions in track and field, having won multiple conference and state championship in track.



RAOUL CARLISLE is

receiving a Meritorious Award. He was a great sports writer for the Forrest City Times Herald and one of the best known sports

writers in America. Raoul was a world traveler covering various sporting events, attending 31 of 32 Kentucky Derbies, covering major college football games and participating in numerous college football bowl games. Raoul passed away in November 1981.



JOHNNY MCDANIEL is a

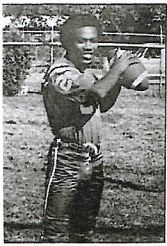
Forrest City High School graduate of 1962. He achieved all conference status, secured the best defensive player award, selected for the all-star football game,

selected for the NEA All Tournament Team and Carlisle Sportsmanship Award.



1966 FOOTBALL TEAM this undefeated Lincoln Football Team faced a transition period with the departure of long time Coach Livingston leaving and being replaced by Coach Eugene Rooks. The teams offense changed from the traditional 3 running back (T offense) to a two back with a flanker receiver. This undefeated Lincoln Team under the direction of Head Coach Eugen Rooks implemented a high scoring offense and physical defense that led the team to a 9-0 undefeated season.

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BARNEY FREEMAN was a three-year letterman in football for the Forrest City High School Mustangs. He was a starter at quarterback on offense and a strong safety on defense, a dual threat. He played on special teams as a punt returner and kick off returner. He also served as captain for the 1980 Mustangs. He was selected to the 4A East All-Conference team as a senior.



CASSANDRA JACKSON TAYLOR is a 2008 graduate from Forrest City High School. She was a awesome basketball and softball player. In basketball, she achieved all conference and all state honors during 2006-2008. She was leading scorer and rebounder during her 2008 basketball season. Her softball achievements include all conference and all state honors during 2006-2008, and all Tournament Team She was inducted into the Arkansas Softball Hall of Fame. She became a member of the Lady Diamonds State & Lady Yankees Traveling Softball Teams. Her team became the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Busch Classic Softball Champions. She earned All Tournament Team honors during 2022 Busch Classic Softball ILS Season.



RYAN GREEN graduated from Forrest City High School in 2012. A superb track star, Ryan secured the honors of 5A East Triple Jump Champion (2012), 5A East High Point Award (2011 & 2012), 5A East 100, Dash Champion (2012, 5 A East 200m Runner Up (2012, 5A State Qualifier in 100m Dash and 5A Qualifier in Triple Jump (2015).



CHRIS WILLIAMS is 2005 graduate of Forrest City High School. In basketball, he achieved All Conference during 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 seasons, selected all Ruble Team in 2004 and selected all state tournament team in 2005. His basketball teams advanced to the state semifinals during his sophomore season. He graduated from the University of the Ozarks as a 4 year letterman. He was named all conference and American Southwest Conference during the 2009-2010 season. He achieved honors finishing within the top 5 in scoring and rebounding in the conference during the 2009-2010. Chris finishes 2nd as all-time 3 point percentage, (48%) during the 2009-2010 season.



Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame Honors the Memory and Many Years of Service of the Late Mr. Walter Prewett



Walter was born and raised in Forrest City. His parents were: Walter Albert Prewett and Nell Jean Harris Prewett. He married Mary Margaret Smith and had three children: Jenny, Susan, and Walter, Jr. Jenny and Susan live in FC on the "Prewett Farm" and Walter, Jr. resides in Glenview, IL. His mother, sister (Mary Elizabeth), daughter (Susan), and grandson have followed in his "path" in the teaching career.

Walter spent many years in the community running the City Swimming Pool, Boy Scout Leader Troop #122, member and Sunday School teacher of the First United Methodist Church, president of the Rotary Club, and participated in many community efforts.

Walter graduated from FCHS in 1944. He started on the high school football and basketball teams. After high school graduation, Walter joined the Navy, traveling the world and then returned to FCHS to become an assistant football coach with Coach Jim DeVazier and Coach Ed Henderson. His

nain teaching duty was the D.E.D.O. (Distributive Education and Diversified Occupation) instructor.

He received certificate and awarded the Varsity A Letter in basketball from Arkansas State College Athletic Association. He received a Bachelor and Master's Degree of Science in Education.

From being a classroom teacher, he became the Director of ESEA, Title One Programs for the district. After he 1974 tornado, he was hired as FC School District Superintendent and was instrumental in rebuilding the Forrest City High School facilities and athletic programs.