

2017 Class Announced for the Limestone County Sports Hall of Fame

Eight new members will be honored as the Class of 2017 at this year's Limestone County Sports Hall of Fame banquet. This year's event will be held at the Limestone County Event Center on June 24. The banquet will start at 6:30 and tickets for the event will go on sale May 1 and can be purchased at the United Way Office in Athens. Price of the tickets is \$30.

This year's class includes, in alphabetical order: Jayne Clem (Coach), Calvin Franklin (Athlete), William (Bill) Legg (Athlete), Robert Malone (Athlete), Bill Ming (Athlete), Leslie Ramsey (Athlete), Dewayne Uselton (Athlete) and Thomas Woodroof, Jr. (Athlete).

"We are once again excited about our induction class," said LCSHOF president Jeff Hodges. "The 2017 class is a group of individuals who are well deserving for their accomplishments on the athletic field and also for the way they represented their schools and Limestone County while excelling in their respective sports."

Jayne Clem is an Athens native who established Wallace State-Hanceville Community College as a national powerhouse in fast-pitch softball. She guided Wallace State to two national championships and numerous state championships. Her career record at Wallace State was 823-217. She was twice named National Junior College Coach of the Year.

Calvin Franklin was a two-sport star at West Limestone High School. Earned All-County, All-Area and Honorable Mention All-State honors his senior season while leading the Wildcats to a state-runner up finish in football. Averaged over 16 ppg. for the Wildcats in basketball. Later played basketball at Northwest Shoals Community College and Athens State University.

William (Bill) Legg was a former football standout at Athens High School and later at Columbia Military Academy where he was selected All State and All-Mid South. Served in World War 11 and flew 23 combat missions over Europe. After being discharge from the service, he played football at Athens College (now Athens State University). Was a member of the IPRA (International Professional Rodeo Association) and served 25 years as the spokesman for the state of Alabama.

Robert Malone excelled as a multi-sport star at Trinity High School. Was an All-State selection in basketball for Trinity. Played football collegiately at Clark College and served as the team's punter. He also played tennis while at Clark College and help lead his team to the SIAC (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) championship.

Bill Ming is an Athens resident who starred as a football player and track and field athlete for Athens High School. He was a member of multiple state championship teams at AHS. The 1975 football team took home the honor while the Track and Field team won state championships in 1975 and 1976. He later played football at Middle Tennessee State University where he started four years as an offensive guard for the Blue Raiders.

Leslie Ramsey was an All-State basketball player at Ardmore High School. She scored 1,922 points during her three-year career at Ardmore. She earned numerous player of the year awards during her high school career including the 'Decatur Daily Player of the Year.' She accepted a basketball scholarship to Jacksonville State University and ran cross country for JSU as well.

Dewayne Uselton earned All-State honors in basketball at East Limestone High School while playing for 2004 LCSHOF inductee Jimmy Drake. He helped guide the Indians to the 1990 state championship averaging over 17.0 points and seven rebounds per game. In addition to being named 1st team All-State, he was also named 'Limestone County MVP' and 'Decatur Daily Player of the Year.' He later played two years at Martin Methodist College.

Thomas Woodroof, Jr. lettered four years on the Athens High School football team while starting three seasons at offensive tackle. Was co-captain of the

Golden Eagles 1975 state championship football team. Earned a football scholarship to Vanderbilt University. He was a four-year letterman for the Commodores and was named 2nd team All-SEC after his junior season.