

2008 Hall of Honor Inductees

Carson Davis, a 1961 MHHS graduate, is associate professor of geology and geography at Southern Arkansas University Magnolia. He also serves on the graduate studies faculty at the university. He received his Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the university of Arkansas and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Davis discovered fossils dating back to the late Cretaceous period. Davis and a colleague worked together to write and publish a paper on their find in the Arkansas Academy of Science.

Dr. Janet Riley Cathey is a physician and volunteer in Little Rock, Arkansas. She serves on many boards and volunteers in the public schools by teaching and developing programs. Upon graduating from University of Arkansas Medical Science, she received the Upjohn Achievement Award for outstanding resident in OB-GYN. She currently serves as an Arkansas Medical Society Delegate. Dr. Cathey graduated from MHHS in 1975.

Kevin L. Perkins began his career as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1986. Since then, his 21 year career has led him to Kansas City, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Atlanta along with three tours of duty within FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C. In 2006, Perkins was appointed as Assistant Director and Chief Financial Officer of the FBI. He is responsible for the FBI's \$6 billion annual budget and all financial aspects of the agency which employees 30,000 people in positions worldwide. Mr. Perkins is a 1978 graduate of Mountain Home High School.

Sherry Bowman Perkins, Ph.D., RN is also a 1978 graduate of MHHS. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Baylor University in 1982 and completed a Master's of Science from Texas Woman's University in 1986. In 1991, Dr. Perkins was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from the University of Kansas. For her doctoral research, she was awarded the outstanding Dissertation in Health Promotion. Dr. Perkins is currently involved with cardiac care work of the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland, and serves as Vice President for Patient Care Services. She is also Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. Most recently, Dr. Perkins was named a 2006 Johnson and Johnson Wharton Fellow.

Don Dempsey was coach and athletic director for Mountain Home from 1955-1958. He led the Bombers to a 37-7-1 overall record as the school's football coach. Dempsey helped lead the school to two District championships. Coach Dempsey was a member of the High School All-Star Football coaching staff in 1958. Dempsey left Mountain Home to become coach and athletic director at Arkansas Tech University. At Arkansas Tech, Dempsey became NAIA Area V Football Coach of the Year in 1971 and was named to the Arkansas Tech Hall of Fame in 1995. Other accomplishments include a Citation for outstanding service as Chief of Staff, 122nd ARCOM from the Department of the Army in 1982.

Leo Pitchford taught mostly Vocational Agriculture, occasionally Chemistry and Biology in the Mountain Home School System beginning in 1959. After retiring in 1974, he became active in many community activities. Just to name a few: 1951 helped to organize a Boy Scout Troup, help organize the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and served as its Treasurer for 2 years, advisor to the Future Farmers of America both at Norfolk and Mountain Home, received an Outstanding Teaching Award from the State Department of Vocational Education, and served as Mayor of Salesville for 3 years.

Mauzee Pitchford started teaching at Mountain Home in 1960. She began teaching 6th grade and then mainly Home Economics. She taught at the Mountain Home Schools until she retired in 1975. Since then, Ms. Pitchford has served as a community volunteer. A sample of her volunteer work would include, but not be limited to, election work volunteer, Baxter County Health Board, Baxter House Advisory Committee, KTLO weather reporter volunteer, Norfolk Elementary School Reading volunteer and many other boards and committees.

Norma Bryant has been awarded the 2008 Earnest Perry Award. Ms. Bryant served for 32 years as the secretary for 6 different principals at Mountain Home School. She served Principals Jerry Morris, Marvin Newton, J. W. Fain, Fred Dawson, Sheridan Kirksey and Jann Gott. In the words of Ms. Bryant, “I did it all; secretary, bookkeeper—whatever had to be done.”