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Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association

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PVILCA TRAVELLING MEMORABILIA



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The University of Texas at Austin in partnership with the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (DDEC) has provided a museum that has produced a one of a kind exhibit of the PVIL Years from 1920 to 1970 . This museum has allowed the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Assn (PVILCA) to display for view trophies, newspaper articles, records, state championships, jackets and many other artifacts. There is also a Travel Exhibit of the PVIL memorabilia at the UIL Building. The PVILCA has been recognized by the University of Texas as a Community Leader for it's Annual Leadership Awards Program held at George Washington Carver Museum (GWC). The PVILCA has received great assistance from President Bill Powell, Vice President Gregory Vincent and the



Left to right: Robert Brown, Bonetha Christopher Assist. Principal, Bill Roseman, Tim Kenebrew, Principal

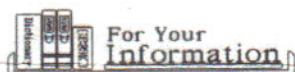
ON THE ROAD WITH ROBERT BROWN

Students at Kirbyville High School got a glimpse back in time at an amazing history when the Prairie View Interscholastic League (PVILCA) visited the school with a presentation of how the organization played a critical role in developing African American students in the arts, literature, athletics and music from the 1920's through 1967. PVIL Coaches Association members, Bill Roseman and Robert Brown are making their way through local elementary, middle and high schools to help educate local students and preserve the history of the PVIL.

Roseman is a Magnolia Spring native and lives in Houston and Coach Robert Brown is the PVILCA Chairman of the Board. Together the two have traveled to seven school districts in only five days to share and spread a passion that has spanned generations. Kirbyville

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DDEC Staff at the University in providing and preserving this history. Without the assistance of The University of Texas and the UIL this project of partnership would not be as successful as it is today. February is the traditional month designated by AISD and the nation as "Black History Month." In keeping with this tradition, the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association (PVILCA) extends an invitation to your congregation (adults and children) to visit and tour the PVILCA Exhibit at the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement Center (DDEC) located at 1009 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702..tours can be arranged by contacting Edward L. Roby (Executive Director) at 512-461-72 45.

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Carver sprinter inducted to Lincoln University Hall of Fame

The former Baytown George Washington Carver High School football and track & field athlete, Albert Wheatfall was recently inducted into the Lincoln University Hall of Fame in Jefferson City, Missouri as a track athlete. Wheatfall played high school sports in Baytown and was a two sports athlete at the George Washington Carver High School. He was a member of Carver's 1958 football state championship team and was a running back. In 1958, he won the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash state championships and ran the anchor leg on the 440-yard relay team that also won the state championship.

Albert was a member of Carver's 1959 track & field championship team and finished second in the 100-yard dash behind Aubrey Hawley of

**Albert Wheatfall**

Weldon High School-Gladewater and second in the 220-yard dash behind Homer Jones of Douglas-Pittsburg. Wheatfall again ran the anchor leg on the 440-yard relay team that won the state championship. After graduating from Carver high school, Wheatfall earned a track & field scholarship to attend Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. In 1962, he was voted MVP of the Midwest Athletic Association for his accomplishments at Lincoln University in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and 440-yard relay.

A champion track athlete for Lincoln University, Albert Wheatfall set school records in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and the 440-yard relay during his time with the Blue Tigers. I remember being an 8th grader who was moved up to the freshman track team and had an opportunity to see Albert Wheatfall practicing on the track at the old Memorial Stadium and running at track meets. Wheatfall had one of the best running forms I've ever seen for a high school sprinter. I also witness that he had no one else on the track team at that particular time that could run with him or give him any real competition. He was in a class by himself. Albert never had any real competition until he participated in state competition. He was the type of sprinter whom I personally think only ran as fast as he had to run to win. His only two losses, taking 2nd place that I can remember in high school was at the state track meet in 1959 against Aubrey Hawley in the 100-yard dash and Homer Jones in the 220-yard dash. He never saw either one of those guys because he was told to watch someone else. I truly believe that if he had known about either of those two other guys and was running as fast as he was capable of running, he could have beaten both Hawley in the 100 yard dash and Homer Jones in the 220-yard dash that day.

I also remember Lincoln University running at an annual Texas Southern University track meet in the early 60's. Albert was running the anchor leg for the Lincoln University Blue Tigers track team. Florida A & M University sprinter Bob Hayes (Bullet Bob) was anchoring their 440-yard relay. Bullet Bob got the baton in front of Albert Wheatfall and Albert walked him down to win that race. Bob Hayes grabbed one of his legs after crossing the finish line and after realizing that Wheatfall had beaten him. I and many others witnessing that race thought that nothing was hurting Bob Hayes, except his pride, because Albert Wheatfall walked him down on that track at the old Jeppesen Stadium that day. All you could hear in the stands during that race was whuuuu...

The recent induction of Albert Wheatfall into the Lincoln University Hall of Fame is the second Hall of Fame induction for this outstanding Baytown track athlete. Wheatfall was also inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association (PVILCA) Hall of Fame in 2011 as a former George Washington Carver High School track athlete.

BY J. WARREN SINGLETON

"The Ring"



George E. Adams
Raymond Baylor
T. J. Bell
Leroy Bookman, Jr. III
Clifford "Cliff" Branch
Charles Brown
Leroy "Lumberjack" Brown
Robert Brown
James R. Bundage
Vernon Carathers
Jackie Carr
Reginald C. Christopher
Rev. Jimmie Cobbin
Dwight Davis
Elgin G. Davis
Robert L. Dickson, II
Charles "Doc" Dockery

Karl Douglas
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Cleve Freeman, Jr.
Oscar W. Fresch, Jr.
Nathaniel A. Gillespie
Ronald "Buck" Goodbeer
Oscar G. Greenwood Sr.
Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Johnny E. Harper
Spencer Harris III
Ellis Hubbard
Freddie James
Oliver E. Jenkins

Henry Johnson
Marshall Land, Jr.
Robert Houston Land
Jeff Lewis Jr.
Coy Limbrick, Sr.
David Q. Marks
Milton Morgan
Lucious Newhouse, Jr.
Monroe Nichols, Jr.
Ruben E. Phillips
John "J.D." Richardson
Dr. Thurman Robins
Anthony Sampson

Gene L. Sampson Jr.
Robert B. Sanders, Jr.
Joseph Warren Singleton
Robert "Blue" Smith
Johnny Tardy Jr.
Lee E. Thomas
Thomas "Tom" Valley
Franklin D. Wesley Jr.
James "Froggie" White.
Jesse E. Yates
Horace Young

Current Life Members

"You are the grease in the wheel."

2006

Jack Bellingier
Robert Brown
Ellis Davis, Jr.
Herman Gabriel
Arthur Gillum
Clyde Glosson
Charles Herbert

2007

Charles Brown
Jackie Carr
John Codwell, Jr.
Glennor Davis
Walter E. Day
Ronald Goodbeer
James "Bo" Humphery
Alvin N. Jackson
James C. Mays, Sr.
Stanley R. Mays
King Arthur Prayther
Dr. Thurman Robins
Edward Roby
Ray Seals
William L. Sims
James Wanza
Gene Washington
Franklin D. Wesley, Jr.
Walter Yates, Sr.

2008

Weldon O. Baker
Oliver "Show" Brown
Coger H. Coverson
Jefferson Davis, Jr.
Joseph Melvin Dixon, Sr.
Willie Floyd
Charles Frazier
George Gray
Charles Green
Roland Hayes
L.L. Jackson
Don A. James
Freddie James

2008 continued

R. "Ralph" Johnson
Ed Jones
James Jones, II
Kirby Jones
Joe Leonard, Sr.
Vickie Minor
Michael Mitchell
Homer Norville
Marvin Pettway
Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.
Lewis Ritcherson
Lewis H. Ritcherson, II
Edward G. Robinson
Hensley Sapenter, Jr.
Dr. T. A. Sims
Brannen G. Temple
James A. (Froggie) White
James "Clint" Williams

2009

James Alexander
Roosevelt Alexander
Leon Carr
Kenneth Curl, Jr.
Donald "Mantan" Dickson
Thomas "Bill" Edwards
Albert Fair, Jr.
Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Charles "Tex" Harrison
Dan Haskins
Eddie Hughes
Arnell Stripling Johnson
Ralph Jones
Chauncey King, Sr.
Freddie Maura
Ross E. Lewis
Ocell Miller, Jr.
Nicholas Overton
Luther C. Robinson
Dave Smith
Robert J. Tapscott

2009 continued

Albert "Big Al" Walker
Horace Young

2010

Joe Curtis Baker
Leroy Bookman, Jr.
Leroy Bookman, Sr.
Lorenzo Cole
C. H. Collins
Enoch Noble Dixon, Jr.
Cleve L. Freeman Jr.
Charles L. Fisher
Charles L. Garcia
Gentris Hornsby
Edwin Johnson
Johnnie Means
Charles O'Saw
Rodney D. Saveat
John Smith, Jr.
Waylan D. Wallace, Jr.

2011

Dr. William C. Akins
Howard O'Neal Aldridge
S. A. Anderson
Billy Earl Beasley
Jerry Lewis Blair
Tommy Bookman
Billy "Bill" Brown
James "Bo" Bundage
Timothy Carr, III
Lawrence A. Collins
Willie Frank Dearion
Robert L. Dickson, II
Charles "Doc" Dockery
Nathaniel A. Gillespie
Spencer Harris, III
John Hightower
Beverly Day Humphery
Dr. Jesse Henry Hurst, II
Oliver E. Jenkins
Henry Johnson

2011 continued

Coy K. Limbrick
Timothy C. Moon, Jr.
Rathers Alvin Norwood
J. M. Richard
Pervis Rosemon
William F. Rosemon
Joseph Warren Singleton
John A. Truitt, Jr.
Dr. Gregory J. Vincent
Joe D. Washington, Sr.
Delvin Williams
Nicholas "Nic" Williams
James R. Wilson

2012

Tommy L. Amerson
Brady Beauregard
Willie Blackmon
Clinton Booker
Albert L. Breed
Ben L. Cavil
Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil
John Luther Clayton
Sullie Eugene Cobbin
Charles Ray Cone
Felix L. Cook, Jr.
Larry Edwards
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Arthur L. Haggerty
Desmond Henerson
Goree "Coach" Johnson
James D. Kennedy
Lester L. King
Leroy Marshall
Lewis M. Marshall
Marcus Mosley
John E. Payton
Tommy Pierson
William A. Stell
Johnny Tardy, Jr.
Clarence W. Weatherspoon
Jesse E. Yates

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2013

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Donald L. Bennett
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Anthony Dwight Brown
Vernon Carather
Reginald C. Christopher
Jimmie Cobbin
Robert L. "Bob" Crawford
Elgin Davis
Louis Dotson Jr.
Rev. Iria Ephriam
Charles Ferguson
Oscar Willie Fresch, Jr.
Jimmy C. Gales
David Arthur Hall, Sr.
Charles "Hands" Harris
Arthur Ray Henderson
Nathaniel "Nate" Henderson
Warnie Hill, Jr.
Melvin Houston
Donald R. Johnson
Sandra E. Jones
Vernice Denman Kindle
Robert Houston Land
Louis Dotson Jr.
Monroe Nichols, Jr.
Griggs Owens, Jr.
Rev. Ruben E. Phillips
Verna Reece Powers
John D. Richardson
Julius Shanklin
Robert "Blue" Smith
William A. Stell
Joseph Summerfield
George Richard Thomas
Frederick "Ricky" Warren
Clifton Williams
Malone Woods, Jr.
Harry Wright
Travis Alton Wright

2014

Raymond Allen Jr.
Herbert C. Anders
Freddie James Anderson
A. G. Booker
Carolyn Sadberry Brown
Dr. Johnny E. Brown
Leroy Brown, Jr.
Louis C. Carr Sr.
Terry Vernon Cooper
George Daniels Jr.
William Denman
Frederick "Peanut" Ferguson
Morris W. Freeman
Bennie Lee Harris

2014 continued

Charles James
Marion "Blue" Johnson
Marshall Land Jr.
Jackie Lathan
Bertha E. Means
Milton "Milt" Morgan
Elahi Bradley-Muhammad
Lucious Leon Newhouse Jr.
D. C. Nobles
Beatrice L. Pace
Mary Lena Cooper People
John L. F. Powers
JoAnn Bean Rawls
Sidney L. Sadler
Lee E. Thomas
Thomas "Tom" Valley
John H. Walker
Johnny Walker
Roger Whitaker
Tanuya T. Worthy

2015

Clifford Branch
Deloris Johnson
Jeff Lewis
Sammie Taylor

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students learned about our very own, Brady Beauregard, who was a teacher and coach at Kirbyville High School from 1956-1967. In 1963, Beauregard led Kirbyville to the PVIL-1A State Championship, defeating Smithville, 64-45, in the title game. His 1967 Kirbyville team was also a state finalist, only losing to Mt Enterprise with a heated score of 61-39. After retiring, Beauregard enjoyed fishing and other outdoor activities. He passed away March 19, 2001.

The PVIL has had its share of challenges, but continues to thrive, overcoming each hurdle placed in front of them. According to the UIL Texas website, the PVIL was originally called the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools. The PVIL served as the governing body for extra-curricular activities for Texas' African American high schools. The history of the Prairie View Interscholastic League began in 1920 when the League was organized by the Colored Teachers State Association of Texas and the Negro School Division of the State Department of Education. In 1923 the TILCS came under the authority of Prairie View A&M College, thereby becoming the Prairie View Interscholastic League.

The structure and format was similar to the UIL. PVIL competitions included athletics, typing, declamation, music and extemporaneous speaking. The PVIL staged state championship games in football, basketball, baseball and track. At its peak, it enrolled 500 schools. Many famous former PVIL students include Barbara Jordan, Gene Upshaw, Charley Taylor and Joe Greene. The PVIL proudly served as the main academic and athletic competition organization for Texas' African American students for most of the 20th Century.



Jimmie Emanuel

Fallen legend: Bastrop mourns loss of educator, public servant

Although Coach Jimmie Lee Emanuel was a native of Oakwood, Texas where he was born on December 3, 1923, he became an undisputed leader in Bastrop County. A graduate of Prairie View A & M University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and a Master's Degree in Educational Supervision, he was a motivating figure in his church, education and community. He began his teaching career as an Ag

Teacher/Coach in Granger, Texas where he organized the first African American football team at Crispus Attucks High School in 1949.

While there, he led his teams to the Class A State Basketball Tournament three times. When he came to Bastrop County in 1958 he was employed in a similar position at Mary A. Brown High School in Smithville, Texas. While in Smithville, his team won the State Championship in Football in 1963, and runner-up at the State Basketball Tournament. His basketball teams returned to the state tournament for three consecutive years.

From 1965 to 1972 he was employed as a supervisor and teacher at the Gary Job Corps Center in San Marcos. He returned to public education from 1972 to 1985 in the Bastrop Independent School District as an award-winning teacher/coach for thirteen years. His time at BISD culminated 36 years of outstanding service as an educator, coach, and friend to many. In 2012 he was inducted into the Bastrop High School Sports Hall of Fame and the Prairie View Interscholastic League (PVIL) Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was presented with a Hall of Fame Ring in July 2013. He was not only an educator, but also a faithful servant in the religious community. He served as a Deacon of the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Smithville, Texas, and Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Cedar Creek, Texas. Having served

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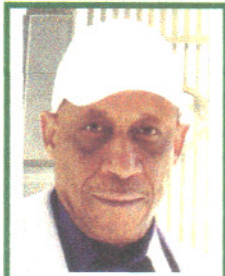
We, the members of the PVILCA, offer our sincere condolences to the families of Jimmie Emanuel, Lewis Marshall, Tommy "Chris" Pierson, James Green, Sr. Isaac Robinson, Samuel Roberson, Sr., and Desmond Henderson.



Lewis Marshall

Lewis Melvin Marshall, at age 80 transitioned to glory on Saturday, March 7, 2015. He was born on June 11, 1934 in Austin, Texas. He was a long time member of Second Baptist Church. He served as President of the Men's Chorus and member of the Deacon Board. He was also a devoted teacher, coach and administrator for many years

working in the Edgewood and San Antonio Independent School Districts. In addition, he was passionate about the welfare of older citizens of his community. He was elected to serve as "Texas Silver-Haired Legislator" from 1996 to 2008 and has been a member of the "National Silver Haired Congress" since 1997. Lewis leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, and many friends and family members



Tommy "Chris" Pierson

Tommy Pierson, affectionately known as "Chris", graduated in 1966 from Booker T. Washington in Conroe, Texas where he was a star football player. Chris continued his education at Prairie View University, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Army, receiving an Honorable discharge in 1975. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 26 years. In addition to being a mason,

Chris was a Life Member of the PVILCA. He loved his family and friends. Watching sports was his favorite pastime with football being number one. Chris leaves his wife, Alesia and many relatives and friends.



James Green

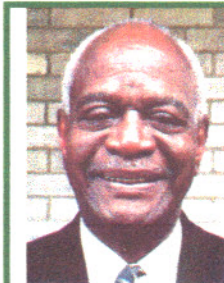
James Homer Green died peacefully on August 24, 2014. In 1953, James graduated from Houston's Wheatley High School where he was an All-City track and football player serving as team captain. He earned a B.A. degree from Texas Southern University in 1957. Coach Green positively impacted the lives of many students at the junior high level at E.O. Smith,

Harper, Lockett, and Attucks. He then moved to the high school level coaching at his alma mater, Wheatley, Jack Yates and ending up at Booker T. Washington where he took his teams to four straight trips to the state high school playoffs. Coach Green was a member of many coaching organizations. His wife of 45 years, Lizze Marie Duncan Green, preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn two sons and many relatives and friends.

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over 45 years as the Building Fund Committee Chair, he supported the church in many capacities. As one of the trustees, he ensured that the Providence Primitive Baptist District Tabernacle was purchased and built while serving as financial secretary for many years. Civic service was a key element of his life, as he loved serving his community. He served over 30 years on the City of Bastrop Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as in the Bastrop Central Appraisal Review Board, Bastrop County Retired Teachers Association, Bastrop Senior Citizens Center, and was a 33rd Degree Mason.

Aside from all the successes he had as an educator, and the time he devoted to his church and community, he was a family man who successfully raised three children - Sandra, Jimmy and Roderick. He also was blessed to have three loves in his life that helped him in keeping his family intact with Doris, Bettye Faye and Lue Ruth Emanuel by his side in the stewardship of his family. I am proud to have known Mr. Emanuel. He was a man I am proud to have called a good neighbor and role model. We as a community looked up to him for his leadership. He will definitely be missed, but due to his numerous contributions, his legacy will live on through his works and his descendants. God Bless Coach Emanuel and the Emanuel family.



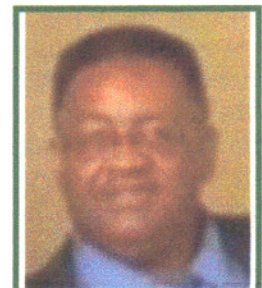
Isaac Robinson

Isaac Robinson graduated from Austin's L.C. Anderson in 1964 where he was an exceptional football player. He was named All-District linebacker in his senior year. In July 2014, Isaac was inducted into the PVILCA Hall of Fame. He was an avid businessman working at IBM, the State of Texas, as an independent printer and eventually venturing off

into entrepreneurship as owner of Publisher's Marketing House. He was on the board of The Austin Optimist Club and The Rotary Club. He served as a faithful member of Friendly Will MBC serving as chairman of the Finance Committee, member of the Senior and Male Choirs, chairman of the Educational Committee. The Austin community will miss Isaac.



Samuel Roberson, Sr



Desmond Henderson, Sr.

"May the Peace of The Lord Be With You."

2015 PVILCA Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor Banquet July 18, 1:30 p.m.



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Jerry LeVias



Warren Wells

Hebert's LeVias, Wells top 2015 PVILCA HOF/Hall of Honor class

Beaumont Hebert's Jerry LeVias, the first black scholarship football player in the Southwest Conference, and Warren Wells, one of the all-time great wide receivers, will be among over 100 inductees into the 2015 class of the PVILCA Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor Induction ceremonies set for July 18, 1:30 p.m. at the Westin Galleria in Houston.

Other notable inductees include, quarterbacks Karl Douglas (Houston Worthing) and Leo Taylor (Jack Yates), tight end Rhome Nixon (Yates), and basketball center Dwight Davis (Worthing). A meritorious award will be presented to Capt. Paul J. Matthews of the National Buffalo Soldiers Museum.

The PVILCA's annual banquet has grown with each year setting a new record for attendance. Last summer's event had a gathering of over 800 in San Antonio and another large crowd is expected for the Houston event. "We're delighted that the banquet's popularity has grown along with our organization's membership," said Robert Brown, PVILCA board chairman. "Our motto is 'Remembering the Past With Pride,' and the banquet typifies that. It's a day for reunion, camaraderie, remembrance, appreciation, and recognition. Through the years, there have been so many incredible people – coaches, athletes, administrators, and others – who made the PVIL experience something special, and for many of them this is the only public recognition of their participation and service. "The existence of the PVIL and its all-black schools is a time we won't see again, so this is a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come out and share in the recognition with their own sense of pride. And we have another outstanding class of inductees this year." LeVias tops the list. He starred as a quarterback at Hebert, but in 1966 when he suited up at Southern Methodist University he was a wide receiver for head

coach Hayden Fry. LeVias was the first black scholarship athlete in the Southwest Conference and the second black football player in the Southwest Conference. (John Westbrook, a running back, was a walk-on at Baylor and played in a game for the Bears one week before LeVias' debut.) LeVias was an All-American (athletic and academic) as a senior and twice led the league in receiving and left SMU with numerous school and conference career records. With the Houston Oilers, he was selected to the 1969 American Football League All-Star Team. He is a member of both the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

Wells was an exciting receiver with speed and sure hands at Hebert, Texas Southern University and with the Oakland Raiders. He was a 12th round pick by the Detroit Lions in 1964, played one season there, but was called to the Army for two years. After his discharge, he signed with the Raiders and played four seasons becoming the prime deep target for quarterback Daryle Lamonica, who became known as the "Mad Bomber."

In Wells' best season, 1969, he caught 47 passes for 1,260 yards and 14 touchdowns, leading the American Football League in receiving. He was twice named to the Pro Bowl (1968, 1970). Prairie View's great defensive back Ken Houston, an NFL Hall of Famer, has said of Wells: "Warren was the original 'Dr. Doom.' He was cold-blooded."

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