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CMS Foundation/Alumni Association Announce the 2011 Hall of Honor Awards & Banquet

The CMS Foundation/Alumni Association is announcing the 2011 Hall of Honor Awards. The purpose of the Hall of Honor Awards is to recognize and honor former graduates of Clovis High School whose achievements, strengths of character, and citizenship serve as models to inspire and challenge today's students. The Foundation also gives a Top Cat Award to recognize and honor former faculty members and other individuals whose service to and in support of the Clovis Municipal Schools has been outstanding. The Hall of Honor display is located at Clovis High School.

The distinguished recipients will be honored at the "2011 Hall of Honor Banquet" on April 30th, 6:00 pm, at the Clovis High School Cafeteria, 1900 Thornton. The public is invited to this special event. Tickets can be purchased at the Clovis Schools Administration Office at 1009 Main Street. Individual tickets are \$30, couples - \$50, and tables of 6 - \$150.

The "1940's CHS Alumni" (1940-49) are especially invited and will be recognized at the event. This is also an excellent venue for all CHS Alumni to get together and enjoy the traditions of the great Purple and White!

The 2011 CMS Foundation/Alumni Hall of Honor Distinguished Inductees are:

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY CATEGORY

Randy Harris

1974 CHS Graduate

Randy Harris is the CEO and President of the Bank of Clovis. He has served on the New Mexico Military Base Planning Commission, New Mexico Finance Authority Commission, Clovis Chamber of Commerce, New Mexico Bankers Association, and Chaired Operation Keep Cannon.

Harris was named Clovis' Citizen of the Year in 2004 and received the Governor's New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award in 2006. He was named to the Eastern New Mexico Board of Regents in 2009. Harris is a strong supporter of the Clovis Schools and has sponsored the CHS 4.0 Senior Recognition Banquet since 1987.

GOVERNMENT & SERVICE CATEGORY

Brig. Gen. Ben T. Robinson

1965 CHS Graduate

General Robinson entered the Air Force in 1973. Prior to entering the Air Force, he served as a helicopter aircraft commander for the U.S. Army in South Vietnam where he flew 350

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combat missions. Some of his positions were as the first Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System Wing Commander, Deputy Director and Acting Director of Command and Control for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and Vice Commander of 8th Air Force. He retired as Commander, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, in 2002.

Some of his Awards and Decorations include: Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, and named ENMU Outstanding Alumni in 2010.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT CATEGORY

John Harris

1973 CHS Graduate

A three-time All-American at Lubbock Christian University, Harris was drafted by the California Angels and played professionally for nine years, spending three years in the major leagues with the Angels from 1979 to 1981. He played first base and outfield.

John Harris has spent over 20 years managing and coaching in professional baseball where he has been regarded as one of the finest hitting instructors by his peers and is known for his ability to recruit players. He was inducted into the Lubbock Christian University Hall of Honor in 1997.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT CATEGORY (awarded posthumously)

Norman Petty

1945 CHS Graduate

Vi Brady Petty

1946 CHS Graduate

Norman and Vi Petty were hit recording artists, independent record producers, and pioneers who helped shape modern pop music and changed the sound of rock and roll.

The Pettys founded the Norman Petty Trio, along with guitarist Jack Vaughn. In 1956, their major hit record "Mood Indigo" sold a half million copies, and in 1957, their song "Almost Paradise" was another success, and Norman won his first BMI writers award. Petty's most successful instrumental composition was "Wheels," and countless artists around the world have recorded it.

The Pettys are most famous for their recording studio in Clovis, New Mexico. The first big record from the studio was "Party Doll" sung by Buddy Knox in 1956. Petty produced 40-50 Buddy Holly records and co-wrote many of the songs. Most became million sellers as a single or on an album collection. They include: "That'll be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "It's So Easy," and "Everyday." Petty also produced the #1 1963 hit "Sugar Shack" by Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs.

TOP CAT AWARD

Norvil Howell

Mr. Howell was the CHS Band Director from 1956 to 1980 and the CMS Director of Music from 1980-1997. His high school bands performed with distinction and honor in Illinois, California, Washington, D.C., Florida, Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Under his direction, the CHS Band marched in the 1973 Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.

Under his leadership, the Clovis High School Band was named outstanding band in its class at several band contests and festivals.

Mr. Howell has served as NMMEA President, and honors include: ENMU Outstanding Alumni - 1995, New Mexico Activities Association Hall of Fame - 2004, New Mexico Music Educators Association Music Educator of the Year - 1988, and NMMEA Hall of Fame Award - 2001.