



2004 Wall of Fame

Leo Mayfield

Former Teacher, Principal and Superintendent
Putnam City Schools

Leo C. Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mayfield, was born in Wayne, Oklahoma. He later moved to Byars where he attended primary and secondary school. After graduating from high school Mayfield attended East Central University in Ada for one semester then transferred to Northeastern State University in Tahlequah to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935. While at Northeastern he served as president of the Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, president of his YMCA chapter, assistant editor of the school newspaper and played basketball. As a senior he was voted "most likely to succeed" by the faculty. He then went to the University of Southern California to complete graduate work.

In 1936 he became a teacher and basketball coach at Hoffman High School. Mayfield then moved on to teach and coach track and basketball in Purcell in 1937 before becoming principal in 1939.

In 1940 he came to Putnam City to teach history, English and journalism. Soon he became junior high principal for two years before he was called to war in 1942. He was a chief petty officer in the US Coast Guard and a member of Jack Dempsey's physical training unit during this time.

After the war in 1945, he returned to Putnam City as a teacher and track coach. In 1947 he became principal of Putnam City High School and remained such until 1964. During this time he attended University of Oklahoma to earn a Masters in Education. In 1964 Mayfield became superintendent of Putnam City Schools. When he came to Putnam City in 1942 there were two to three thousand students and in 1978 when he retired, there were over 20,000.

Over the years, he has seen the school district grow not only in size but in the quality of education. Orchestra, summer school, in-service courses for teachers, central libraries, physical education in elementary schools, kindergarten classes and special education were all programs implemented by Mayfield. One of his dreams came true with the printing of the Putnam City Highlights. He always wanted a magazine explaining the school system thoroughly while remaining interesting to adults as well as the students.

Having built over 10 buildings, Mr. Mayfield emphasized character as he upgraded programs and facilities. He wanted Putnam City to be a traditional school with a progressive outlook. He led the way in making Putnam City one of the most outstanding districts in the state.



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Dr. Kenneth Cooper

Founder, President and CEO - Cooper Aerobics Center

When Kenneth H. Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., published his first bestseller, *Aerobics*, in 1968, he introduced a new word and a new concept to America. Millions of people started exercising, motivated by his preventive medicine research and a series of inspiring books. In short, a young Air Force physician who had once been a track star in his native Oklahoma had started a worldwide fitness revolution.

Born in Oklahoma City on March 4, 1931, Ken Cooper was the son of a dentist father, and a mother who always cheered him on at track meets and other athletic competitions. After graduating from Putnam City High School, he received a B.S. degree and an M.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma, an M.P.H. degree from Harvard University School of Public Health and is certified by the American Board of Preventative Medicine..

During his 13 years of military service, Dr. Cooper served as director of the Aerospace Medical Laboratory and worked with the National Aeronautics Space Administration. He developed the 12-minute fitness test and the Aerobics Point System, which today are used by the Army, Navy, Secret Service, several foreign military organizations, many U.S. and foreign corporations, and more than 2,500 universities and public schools.

By 1970 Dr. Cooper's dream was becoming a reality with the launch of The Cooper Aerobics Center. Stretching his international reach, Dr. Cooper has lectured in over 50 countries and authored 18 books. In Brazil, running is called *coopering* or *doing the cooper*, and the *cooperteszt* is the national fitness test in Hungary. In 1993, Putnam City Public Schools opened the Kenneth Cooper Middle School, located in northwest Oklahoma City.

Dr. Cooper sets an example for maintaining a healthy lifestyle by exercising at the Center on a regular basis, and his wife Millie, daughter Berkley, and son Tyler may also be seen *coopering*.



2006 Wall of Fame

Neil Woodward III

Commander, US Navy
NASA Astronaut

After graduating from Putnam City High School in 1980, Woodward went on to receive a degree in Physics from MIT in 1984. He then attended graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his master's degree in 1988 and joined the U.S. Navy.

He was commissioned in 1989, and earned his wings as a Naval Flight Officer in 1990. He reported to Whidbey Island, Wash., where he completed initial bombardier/navigator training in the A-6E Intruder and was then assigned to the Green Lizards of Attack Squadron 95. Woodward made two deployments with VA-95 aboard the USS

Abraham Lincoln in support of Operations Desert Storm (post-cease fire), Southern Watch, and Somalia. He was then assigned to the

Naval Strike Warfare Center in Fallon, Nev., where he served as

Weaponeering Officer and Contingency Cell Officer.

In 1995, he was selected to attend the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, and graduated with distinction in 1996. Upon graduation, he was

assigned to the Air Vehicle/Stores Compatibility Department at the

Naval Strike Aircraft Test Squadron. He cross-trained in the F/A-18 Hornet and tested stores and systems for the F/A-18B, F/A-18D, and F/A-18F aircraft. Woodward went to the Strike Aircraft Test Squadron when he was selected for the astronaut program in June 1998.

Woodward reported for NASA training in August 1998. Astronaut candidate training included orientation briefings and tours, numerous scientific and technical briefings, intensive instruction in shuttle and International Space Station systems, physiological training and ground school to prepare for T-38 flight training, and water and wilderness survival techniques. Woodward is currently on detached duty to NASA headquarters as the deputy director for Constellation Systems in the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate.



2007 Wall of Fame Honoree Carlan Yates, M.D.

Dr. Carlan Yates is a board certified orthopedic surgeon and native of Oklahoma, graduating from Putnam City High School in 1973. He completed his B.A. at Harvard University and then attended medical school at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. Dr. Yates completed an internship at the University of Oklahoma Department of General Surgery and his residency at the University of Oklahoma Teaching Hospitals, Department of Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Yates went on to complete fellowship in Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy at Orthopedic Research of Virginia. Dr. Yates has practiced orthopedic surgery and sports medicine in Oklahoma City since 1987. He was honored to serve in the United States Olympic

Committee Physician Program 1989 through 1996. His clinical practice merged with the McBride Clinic in 2001.

Carlan Yates has offered his services to many local high school and professional sports teams including Putnam City North High School, Edmond Public Schools, Lazy E Rodeo, OKC Blazers, OKC Redhawks and 89ers, OKC Spirit soccer, Twisters football, Coyotes roller hockey, Virginia Slims and Davis Cup tennis, Oklahoma Storm, Senior PGA golf, OKC Cavalry, and New Orleans/OKC Hornets.

Carlan Yates has two brothers, Alan and Gaylan and one sister, Joy. His father, Carlyle, taught at Hefner Junior High and his mother, Lois, taught at Central Intermediate. Carlan and his wife Debi have four children: Seth, Shea, Kaleb, and Carley.

Carlan's contributions to his profession and his community have been many. Supported by his family, Carlan has excelled and is a shining point of pride in the Putnam City Family.