

Roast & Toast Banquet – March 10

The Cabot Scholarship Foundation Twentieth Anniversary Roast and Toast Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 in the Cabot Junior High North Cafeteria. The event will honor students who are receiving scholarships from the foundation this year.

The Cabot Scholarship Foundation was formed in 1992 by the Cabot Centennial Committee to encourage and recognize academics in Cabot schools. The Roast and Toast Banquet is the Foundation's only fundraising event. Due to the tremendous growth at Cabot High School, community support is greatly appreciated. Donations are accepted throughout the year at Cabot Scholarship Foundation, 200 West Main Street, Cabot. Last year, the Foundation awarded 92 scholarships worth a total of \$93,550.00.

This year's honoree for the Roast and Toast Banquet is Eugene L. "Laddie" Crouch. He will be roasted by James Handley, Ken Hatfield, and Mike Malham. John C. Thompson will be the master of ceremonies, and Reverend David "Buzz" Crouch, Gene's brother and Pastor Emeritus of Searcy First Baptist Church, will deliver the invocation.

Eugene L. Crouch was born in Helena, Arkansas, and raised in nearby Lexa. A 1961 graduate of Barton High School, he attended the University of Arkansas on a football scholarship, graduating with a B.S.E. in 1965.

He held coaching positions in Brinkley and El Dorado schools before beginning a 25 year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation that included assignments in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York City, New York; Rapid City, South Dakota; Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Little Rock, Arkansas.

Upon retirement for the F.B.I. in January 1995, Gene taught and coached in Cabot Public Schools, retiring in 2003. His support of Cabot's sports programs continues to the present with his regular attendance each season at most sports competitions.

Gene was married to the former Sue Wood until her death in 2013. Their sons, Lad and Andy, attended Cabot schools and both were active in Cabot athletics.

Gene is an active member of Cabot United Methodist Church and Rolling Hills Golf Association. He was a Cabot Rotarian for many years, being honored as Rotarian of the Year for 2008-2009.

Tickets for the event are available for \$30 per person or \$240 for a table of eight.

Tickets may be purchased from the Cabot Scholarship Foundation members, which include John C. Thompson, Cal Aldridge, Nina Butler, Fred Campbell, Carole Jones, Stephen Tipton, Mike Verkler, and Angela Wallace, or from Cabot High School in the main office.