

Milton “Rudolph” Powell

The mascot representing the Chickasha High School has changed through the years. As seen on the 1930’s class ring, the mascot was a “newly hatched baby chick”. Later the mascot image grew to be a version of a “Rooster”. During 1946, that Rooster developed into the “Fightin’ Chick”.

Milton “Rudolph” Powell of the Chickasha High School, Class of 1946, drew an image of the Rooster in boxing gloves. This idea became the emblem that was used to decorate everything for CHS and its teams.

Albert Milton Powell was born January 28, 1928 to Mr. and Mrs. Bodie J. Powell in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Milton attended Chickasha Schools all twelve years. He was a band member and a photograph of him in his uniform is on view at the Grady County Historical Society Museum, (415 W. Chickasha Avenue, Chickasha, Oklahoma). Following graduation, Milton enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. Through military service with tours in Japan and Korea interrupted his education he returned and received his degree. He worked in public relations during most of his professional career but art remained a pursuit. His skills as a cartoonist were recognized and he worked for the Oklahoma City Times in the editorial department. In addition, Powell’s cartoons were syndicated in the San Francisco Chronicle. Following his newspaper career, Powell began a surf-board business in California. The boards featured his original designs. After selling the business in 1989, Powell returned to Oklahoma. He died February 1, 1999 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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Mr. Powell was inducted into the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 2006.