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Rusk's Cody Glenn new Washington Redskin

Obama speaks to NAACP and Black America "We need a new mind set"



See full story page 3.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was formed by a group of blacks and whites in response to lynching and the 1908 race riot in Springfield, Ill., the political birthplace of President Abraham Lincoln. After a century spent fighting for racial equality and social justice, a black man is leading the nation. So it was only fitting that at the NAACP's Centennial Convention in New York City, attended by Black Voices, President Obama took the opportunity to thank the civil rights organization for laying the foundation of his success. "Because ordinary people made the civil rights movement their own, I made a trip to Springfield a couple years ago – where Lincoln once lived and race riots once raged – and began the journey that has led me here tonight as the 44th president of the United States of America," he told those gathered at the NAACP Spingarn Awards Dinner yesterday at the New York Hilton in Manhattan.

"Because of them, I stand here tonight on the shoulders of giants." His address, which he clearly enjoyed making, had the air of a homecoming. The preacher-like intensity he reached at its climax brought the crowd of dignitaries and NAACP members to its feet three times, with thunderous applause. Perhaps Obama's recent trip to Ghana had stoked the fire in his belly. "Michelle and I took Malia and Sasha to Cape Coast Castle, where captives were once imprisoned before being auctioned, where, across an ocean, so much of the African American experience began," he described. "We went down in some dungeons where captives were held. There was a church above the dungeons, which tells you something about saying one thing and doing another. We went through the door of no return, and I was reminded of all the pain and all the hardships, all the injustices and all the indignities, on the voyage from slavery to freedom."

EDITORIAL

Are we
players
on the
world
stage?



Maxine Session

Everybody is so busy. If you listen to what people are saying around you, Conversations are like sound bites from a movie clip....."School is starting soon. But it was just out, it seems, a few weeks ago. President Obama has been in office less than nine months and yet he has congress well on it's way to health reform. The question still remains unanswered.....Is Iran producing nucleu weapons ? What is the schedule for Monday night football and Friday night high school games?"

Meanwhile, Tyler Perry's next movie "I Can Do Bad By Myself" will be in movie theaters September 11th.

August 30, 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke before 200,000 people giving what has become known as one of the most powerful speeches ever given, the "I Have A Dream Speech" at the

August 30, 1963. Little did Dr. King or anyone else know then that forty-six years later the words from that speech would have resounded around the world in churches, community buildings, forums and yes the legislative chambers of government capitols.

No one knew just how powerful an impact those words would have on the hearts of many American people who for so long had characterized anyone different as inhuman and unworthy. Those words have made a difference in the rights and lives of all Americans...Black Americans, women, gays, the disabled, children and many, many others.

The civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed by President Johnson less than a year after King made his speech. He was very deserving of the Nobel Peace Prize which he was awarded in 1963. The United States is known around the world. It has been known as one of the richest and most powerful countries to be reconed with on all fronts. And though it talks a great story on human rights, it is well known around the world for its ill treatment of African Americans. The recent arrest of Professor Gates in his own home and the staggering number of African Americans in prison validated that! Now that a man with mixed ancestry of white and black is in the Whitehouse as President, America is being watched to see how this plays out. The world is watching the United States as though the government and citizens are actors on a stage. It will be interesting to read how history documents the story of is presidency..

New School Year is Coming—With New Immunization Rules

Even parents can't escape school tests. For you and millions of other moms and dads in Texas, August is the time to stand and deliver in exams covering parental skills such as fashion consulting, transportation planning, diplomacy and motivational speaking. Another major test, sometimes overlooked in the rush, is ensuring that your kids have all pre-school vaccinations required by the state of Texas. As of Aug. 1, state law changed regarding five mandatory shots. The changes primarily affect students entering kindergarten and seventh grade. Following are some basic study notes on those new requirements: Hepatitis A vaccine: Students entering kindergarten statewide must have had two doses of the hepatitis A vaccine. Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine: Students entering kindergarten must have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Older students must continue to meet the current requirement, which is two doses of a measles-containing vaccine and one dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine. Varicella vaccine: Students entering kindergarten and seventh grade must have had two doses. Students in other grades must continue to meet the current requirement, which is one dose of varicella vaccine.

Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (TDAP): Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose of TDAP vaccine. Students in seventh grade must have had a booster dose, but only if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8-12 must have had a booster dose of TDAP if it's been 10 years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Meningococcal vaccine: Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose.

The full list of current immunization requirements, along with other information on immunization, can be found on the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) immunizations web page: www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize.

More Immunization Basics

For some families, getting up-to-date on vaccinations involves more than just showing up at their family doctor's office or medical clinic. Determining what vaccinations are needed means checking a child's shot record — not always an easy proposition for parents who've frequently changed medical care providers.

The most convenient source of information is the ImmTrac immunization registry, kept by DSHS for children whose parents or legal guardians consented to have their immunization records entered into the database. If you've given your consent, you can call the DSHS Immunization Branch at 800-252-9152 or your local health department to get a copy of your child's shot record.

If you haven't yet registered your school-age child for ImmTrac, you'll need to supply written consent by completing, signing, and mailing or faxing a consent form to ImmTrac along with copies of any immunization records you have for your child.

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Rusk's Cody Glenn joins NFL Washington Redskins

by Maxine Session

The phones are ringing non-stop. The word is out. Cody is home! Cody is home! His phone is ringing with messages of congratulations, scheduled family barbeque and dinner for him, lunch invitations from former coaches and their families, speaking at Rotary meeting and requests for interviews.....television, newspaper and radio. And, just as exciting as it may sound, a shoot is scheduled for a Trinity Mother Francis television commercial for the Rusk Washington Red Skin and his cute little daughter MaKayla.

Cody dropped to his knees in prayer position each time he made a touchdown when he was a star running back for Coach Wayne Mahaffey at Rusk High School and when he was a running back for the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Some questioned the fact....was he actually praying? Anyone who has followed his football career from Rusk High School to the University of Nebraska and to the Washington Redskins NFL Football team would answer that question with a yes.

His eighth grade Eagle season was successful and a lot of fun. Early on the next year, scrimmages against opposing teams proved just as easy as eighth grade year for Cody. This gave him confidence to know that his love for the game of football could lead to something special. He knew that he had the skills to make this year as successful for the team and himself as the year before.

It was special to him to play for coach Mahaffey and become Rusk's high school football hero, earning the nickname C-Train while helping the Eagles earn playoff status with a 7-3 record his senior year. That year he rushed for 1,828 yards on 238 carries scoring 28 touchdowns.

Throughout most of Cody's high school football career his playing stats were compared to next door Palestine neighbor, Adrain Peterson. Adrian (A. D.) is now a star running back for the Minnesota Vikings. "The newspapers kept our stats and compared them every week



Cody Glenn, #57 Washington Redskins linebacker.

there for awhile," Cody stated. "We were back and forth with the lead in yards rushing and touchdowns until the Center game my senior year when I was ejected from the game." (Fans remember that night vividly. Each time Cody was tackled Center players on the bottom of the pile twisted his legs causing pain to his ankles and knees.) When he resisted, referees not knowing what was happening, ejected him from the game.

It was special to him to receive more than twenty scholarship offers to play college football and to have the continued support of the whole town when he chose to go a thousand miles away to play for Nebraska. "Now that's big!" Cody exclaimed. "Even tho I was 1000 miles away, by myself, I knew I could always count on them. Just to have that support from the whole town through out this whole journey has been wonderful. I want Rusk to know the town is special and that I am grateful. I thank them.

Cody played running back



Cody started his football career as #34 at Rusk High and continued with that number as a Corn Husker

position three years for the Huskers switching positions in the spring of 2008, to become a linebacker. His senior year he only played in nine games. In that time he made 51 tackles, six for loss and had four pass breakups, causing scouts to wonder what he might become with more experience.

April 2009 Cody was drafted by the Redskins in round 5. He said he was home doing homework and kind of half-way watching the draft picks by switching the channels back and forth. His phone rang. On the other end of the line was Washington Redskins' coaches Venny Sarato and Jim Zorn. They told Cody to watch the draft because his name was about to come across the screen. "I was so excited! A million things raced through my mind," Cody said. "It had been my dream to see my name go across that screen since I was a little kid. I was like a little kid at Christmas time!" He spent the next few hours and days getting in touch with family and friends, celebrating and sharing the excitement.

"I knew they were interested in me because they contacted me and my agent at Combine," Cody said.

Cody signed a four year contract with Washington. He says he knows this is just the beginning. He plans to work hard for the coaches to prepare for the upcoming season which begins with the game against the Giants on September 13th. His family and many of his friends dropped the Dallas Cowboys as their favorite team the day Cody's name streamed across the television screen. The day his name streamed across the television screen announcing his draft into the NFL.

Cody smiles and remains humble as is one of his strong characteristics. Cody says he wants young people to know that it is very important to surround yourself with the right kinds of people. Those who will only bring good things into your life as people, including the late Eddie Harris, have brought into his life. He said stay true to who you are. Set yourself apart from everybody else. Don't be afraid to be different by being yourself. If you want to be successful in athletics, listen to your coaches. They can make or break you. They are not there to do anything against you. It's their job to give you guidance by telling you what to do. Cody says he can call any of his past coaches for help now and get it if he needs it because they are all like family. It is special to Cody that he has his college degree. In May he graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor Degree in Sociology and a minor in Education.

"I always encourage other young people to get their education. Now that I have mine, I hope it will be an example to them," Cody said with a smile. He said living in Washington is good, even though he is very happy to be home. He is trying to see everybody because he does not know when he might get to come back for another visit. The better the Redskins play, the longer he will be gone. He won't complain. He hopes they go all the way to the Superbowl.

OBITUARIES

Lee Roy King

Services for Lee Roy King were held July 18, 2009 at Shady Grove CME Church, Rusk, Texas. Lee Roy King was born July 11, 1947 in the

Macedonia Community Atoy, Texas to the late John L. and Alice Floyd King. On July 2, 1973, he united in holy matrimony to Miss Rose Evelyn Session. To this union, he gained a daughter. Lee Roy and Rose later gained a son.

He graduated G.W. Bradford High School in 1966 and was employed at Rusk State Hospital 27 years, retiring December 2001. He was employed at Bonner Place Rehabilitation Center in Jacksonville, Texas at the time of his death. He was a faithful member of Shady Grove CME Church, Rusk, Tx., serving as a Steward, Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, and member of the choir. Preceding him in death: his parents, one brother, A.L. "Hot Shot" King, one sister, Ola Bell House, one grandchild, Caleb Hart.

He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife of 36 years Rose King, one daughter: Evette (Tony) Hart; one adopted son Jamodrik Williams both of Lufkin, TX. Three grandchildren: CheDaria, Cameron and Calissa Hart of Lufkin, Tx. Mother in law: Eula Mae Session; One sister: Mary Ann (Johnny) Session, Manvel, Tx.; Four Brothers: E. L. (Jewel) King, L. J. King and Ezell King all of Houston, Jay Lee (Vivian) King San Antonio, Tx.; Four sisters-in law: Ceresta (Meck) Garrett, LaTongila Robers, both of Lufkin; Peggy (George) Williams, Rusk and Marrolyn King Pete, Houston, Tx. ; One brother-in-law: Marvin House, Houston, Tx. A special friend Debbie Wood, Nacogdoches, Tx. Interment was at Plainview Cemetary, Ponta, Tx. under the directions of Mercy McGowan Funeral Home.

Mr. George Colston



Services were held July 15, 2009 at Blount Chapel Baptist Church, Rusk, Texas for Brother George Colston.

He was born August 16, 1912 in Nacogdoches, Texas to the late William and Hattie Harris Colston. He received his early education in Nacogdoches, Texas and later completed his education in the Shady Grove Public School. On November 11, 1939 he was united in Holy Matrimony to Miss Elsie Jones. To this union nine children were born.

Brother George confessed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Blount Chapel Baptist Church. He served as a faithful member and deacon until his death. He departed this life on July 10, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, one sister and two daughters Lorene Colston and Laurreta Colston Stewart.

He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife of 70 years Mrs. Elsie Colston, seven children, Irene Joyce, Rusk, Tx. ;Letha Northcutt (Thomas Northcutt) Jefferson, Tx.; Georgia Colston, Terrell Tx.; Roy Colston (Zalinda Colston) Rusk, Tx.; Euralane Harkless (Clifford Harkless) Tatum, Tx.; Linda Colston, Rusk, Tx.; Cynthia Howard (Aaron Howard) Tyler, Tx.; fourteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grand children and a host of neices, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were under the directions of Williams Funeral Home and Interment was at Woodville Cemetary.

When you ask God for His assistance, He hears your request, and in His own time, He answers. If you need more, ask more.

Onzia Simmons



Funeral Services were held May 16, 2009 for Onzia Simmons at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses Houston, Texas. He was born April 1, 1954, in Rusk, Texas, to the union of R.L. and Elmira

Simmons. Onzia was raised in Shady Grove, where he attended school. On April 2, 1974, he married Sylvia Edward. To this union three children were born: son Onzie Simmons Jr.; daughters Kyndela Simmons (deceased) and Rhea Simmons.

He was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness on January 15, 1977. Onzia's love for Jehovah was evident by the life he lived and the way he cared for his family. He passed away May 9, 2009, in Houston, TX. He remained faithful until the end. Onzia or "Little Brother," as he was affectionately known by family, loved fishing, playing dominoes and cooking.

He is survived by wife Sylvia Simmons; One son Onzia Simmons, Jr.; One daughter Rhea Simmons; Sisters and brothers: Bobbie Simmons, Rusk, Tx.; Robert & Rhonda Simmons, Pine Hill; Zen Simmons, Rusk, Tx.; John & Loretta Simmons, Reklaw, Tx.; James & Joyce Simmons, Houston; Tim & Marcia Simmons, Tyler; Rickey & Ethel Simmons, Houston; Kathy & Larry Lewis, Rusk; Stephone & Gabriel Simmons, Houston; Faye & Lester Gray, Henderson, Tx.; Andre' Simmons, Normel & Rueben Chatman, Mickey & LeAnn Simmons all of Houston, Tx.; Three brothers-in-law; Clint & Ruby Edwards, Ray & Cardie Edwards, Larry Edwards; Sister-in-law Dottie Lee and a host of neices, nephews other relatives and friends.

Services were directed by Unity Funeral Home Houston, Texas. Interment was at Plain View Cemetary, Ponta, Texas.

Velma Wallace

Services for Ms. Velma WilliamsWallace were held July 11, 2009 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church Rusk, Texas. She was

born June 14, 1909 on the Bradford mountain in Rusk, Texas. She was the ninth of fourteen children born to Sam and Cardelia Thompson Williams.



She is preceded in death by her parents Sam and Cardelia Thompson Williams; thirteen sisters and brothers; Tennie Thompson; Uncles, Garfield Thompson, and Epharam Thompson; and special son-in-law, Tommy Lee Owens.

Ms. Wallace worked for Dr. Cobble the Miller Family and many other families throughout her stay in Rusk, Texas. She loved caring for her children. Her parents were blessed with land which was later divided. Sis. Wallace donated the land that she was blessed with to G.W. Bradford School.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Wanda Burley Owens, Dallas, Tx.; one son Raymond Chandler, Rusk, Tx.; grandchildren; Rodney Jefferson, (Angela Hackney) Dallas, Tx.; Andre' Chandler, New York; Brandon Chandler, Dallas; Natasha Chandler, Atlanta, Georgia; Darrius Chandler, Wichitar Falls, Tx.; Ariel Chandler, Dallas; great grandchil Velmaasha Jefferson, Dallas; Special Neice Marilyn Ragsdale, Dallas; Special nephew William Watson, Rusk, Tx. and a host of neices, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The services were under the directions of Williams Funeral Home. Interment was at Rusk Memorial Cemetary, Rusk, Texas.

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In an effort to keep drivers protected in the event of a collision, Texas Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and state and local law enforcement joined forces for their annual Click It or Ticket campaign in the weeks preceding Memorial Day. For two weeks, May 18 through May 29, the stepped-up enforcement and public education campaign increased its public awareness with newspaper, magazine, radio, television, theaters and billboard advertisement throughout Texas. The target of these efforts? Those least likely to use safety belts: men ages 18 to 34. Both agencies are concerned about use of seatbelts, which help save lives and limbs, year round. But, the NHTSA – who has been tracking America's vehicular safety for 25 years, says that collisions and fatalities from those collisions increase significantly during certain holidays. Memorial Day is the first of those holidays, followed by Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

During the Click It or Ticket Memorial Day mobilization and crackdown, messages warned that the number of local and highway patrol officers would increase. But the most broadcasted advertisement showed patrol officers from every branch of law enforcement

coming seemingly out of nowhere, with emergency lights flashing, approach a vehicle and passenger who were not wearing a seatbelt. where the driver was not using his safety belt – stating that there are officers everywhere. The commercial was backed up with newspaper and billboard ads of patrol officers, ticketing both the driver and a recent observational surveys conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute reveal that a record high of 92.9 percent of Texas drivers and passengers are now buckling up, thanks in part to the Click It or Ticket effort. This usage rate is the highest Texas has reached since Click It or Ticket began in 2002. However, with the Texas population at 24,326,974 (U.S. Census Bureau), that means that more than 1.7 million Texans – or 7.1 percent of the Texas population – are not buckling while riding in a vehicle. So despite that Click It or Ticket is officially over, police officers and highway patrol are still on the lookout for anyone riding in any passenger vehicle that might not be using their seatbelt properly.

It's important to note that wearing seatbelts can protect anyone riding in a vehicle physically, but it can also shield riders from costly tickets.

Drivers are responsible for making sure that they and their young passengers are wearing a seatbelt. Failure to do so will result in a See Pg. 11

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Hollywood's Time

by Billy (Hollywood) Groves
Crockett, TX.

American Justice System... black men stacked in prison..

America. However, the problem of African Americans incarcerated in prisons and jails in America continues to bedevil and decimate the African American communities of this nation. America continues to go in the direction of blaming Black people and other minorities for all of the problems in our society. American justice has taken a "hard line" against Black people accused of crimes, even small crimes.



The American justice system is unrelenting and merciless when it comes to sending Black people to prison for long sentences. "Now look at what we have in America, young black men stacked up in prisons like cordwood?" We have more black folks locked up in America,

than all of the other nations prisons together. What tht says to me is that America has no plans of stopping the incarceration and modern day slavery of Black people in aAmerica. Everywhere you look, it seems like America is building more prisons and jails than schools and jobs. Thereally sad part of this modern day genocide is, you actually have

confused Black people who are cheering and applauding this racist behavior. There's a Bible verse that says "my people perish for lack of knowledge". That verse says it all about "Black Folks" in America, "we are perishing because we don't have the knowledge to defend ourselves against oppressive laws and racists.

In my mind, African Americans need to come out in great numbers and protest this genocidal behavior on the part of the U.S. judicial system; because "power concedes nothing without a fight". I once heard national Civil Rights Leader Quanell X of Houston say that , "the U.S judicial system builds prison close to where poor Black neighborhoods are because they know they will be able to trap the Black people of that community easily". The reason you don't hear "White American" complaining about the prisons of America, is because they get good benefits from prisons and White folks don't get put in there for raci

st or trivial reasons. At the end of the day, African Americans are going to have to stand up to this racist mentality in America of locking up

America. However, the problem of African Americans Black people at genocidal rates; if we don't, we will suffer the same fate as our slave ancestors. Furthermore, we must understand that "history does repeat itself". Nuff said! East Texas kudos go out to: President Barack Obama, Dr. Ruth Groves Watson, Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Darwin Campbell, Dr. Helen King, George King, Melvis Wooten, The Dead End Barbershop, Billy Harper, Dr. Brenda Atchison, Rev. Delvin Atchison, James McCullough, Chris and Lynn Martinez, Jerry Warfield, Victoria Essien, Bud Johnson, Col. Derrick McHenry, James (Palestine) Smith, T.C. the Great, Buddha Ali Shaw, Tre 57, Cartier Martin, Pam McKnight, Tamara Mullins and Rev. Detroit McCullough.

Before I get into my subject matter, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the death of musical icon Michael Jackson. Michael Jackson was a great singer and entertainer who changed America's race relations for the better through his long musical career and made our nation a better place. I will just say we lost a very important American hero who left giant shoes to fill!

For the first time in our Nation's history we have an African American as our President. Barack Obama, a Black man is our nation's 44th president and believe me, his election has made life somewhat easier for African Americans in

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Jarvis Christian College Holds Fall Semester Registration

Friday, August 21 Students are brimming with excitement for the new school year and the positive change taking place on the Jarvis campus! The campus scene is a sea of joyful reunions and optimistic anticipatory energy from new students, returning students, parents, faculty and staff. Fall semester registration and academic advising for Jarvis Christian College is set for Friday, August 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on the Hawkins, Texas campus. Registration activities will be held in the Charles A. Meyer Science and Mathematics Center for returning students and in the Olin Library and Communication Center for freshman and transfer students. Classes at Jarvis begin on Monday, August 24, and late registration will be held from August 24 through August 28. Resident students can begin moving into the dormitories. New students

must first check-in at Admissions. Students should report to the Fellowship Hall of the Smith-Howard Chapel to confirm housing and receive room keys. To help new and transfer students, special registration procedures have been designed on Friday, August 21, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to assist their registration process. Also, new student orientation continues through the week until Friday, August 21, so students can familiarize themselves with the campus and college procedures. Mrs. Felecia Tyiska commented, "Our new president, Dr. Cornell Thomas, as well as the faculty, and staff look forward to welcoming new and returning students for what promises to be an exciting and rewarding academic year!" Jarvis is still enrolling students and Mrs. Tyiska encourages prospective students to contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions immediately to enroll while there is still available housing. For more information about registration at Jarvis Christian College, contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions at (903) 769-5731, or e-mail officials at recruitment@jarvis.edu. You can also access the College website at www.jarvis.edu. Jarvis Christian College is a private, four-year, fully accredited, liberal arts institution located on U.S. Highway 80 in Hawkins, Texas. Jarvis awards the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees with majors and/or academic concentrations in a variety of specialized areas.

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L to R - Oliver Sturns, Rusk PD Chief Joe Evans, Rusk, City Manager, Mike Murray, Jerry Leviston.



Far L. -Melvin Session, Frenchie Henderson. Far R: John Griffith, Travis Session.

The Cherokee Brotherhood Association held its monthly meeting at 6:00PM Monday, July 27th. Newly hired Rusk Police Chief, Joe Evans, was the invited guest along with Rusk City Manager Mike Murray. Following the introduction of the chief each member introduced himself. The Chief gave a short overview of his experience in law

enforcement. A question and answer session followed with the chief and Mike answering questions relating to problems black citizens have experienced with Rusk PD and their policy and procedures. The next meeting will be held Monday evening August 31st at the Informer Conference Room with Dr. Jim Largent special guest.

YOUTH

J. B. (Justin) Sturns ready for Abilene Christian College



in the 2008-2009 season, where they played in the Pilgrim's Pride Bowl game which was broad-cast on MSN.

Sophomore year at Navarro, J. B. was the second leading rusher and he led the team in touchdowns.

August 4th he will begin his junior year at Abilene Christian College where he will play football for coach Mike Thompson. Coach Thompson said with his playing record, J. B. should earn playing time right away.

This summer, J. B. worked for the City of Rusk. He said he realizes that it won't be easy being away from home and having to adjust to a new campus and a new set of friends, but he is confident that he will soon adjust. "When things get hard you have to try a little harder and keep God first", He said. "When you go off to college, you have to just be yourself and not let others influence you. Me and all the other thousands of students who will leave home this fall, we will meet people from around the world, but we have to go off of what our parents taught us at home.

J. B. is majoring in Business Administration. He is the son of Marian Sturns Thompson and Linden Thompson and the grandson of Nerlene and Raymond Sturns.

East Texas football fans are beginning to ask, "Where is J. B. Sturns and what is he doing? Well, J. B., a 2007 Rusk High School graduate, completed two years at Navarro County Junior College in May and will play football and baseball at Abilene Christian College this fall. In his high school career as a RuskEagle, J. B. 's record speaks for itself with 6,553 yards rushing and 98 touchdowns. J. B. assisted Navarro Junior College in winning conference

Pageant Winners Announced



L to R: Ashley Adams, LaJuan Davis, Jr., Terrian Watts, Iyanica Cofer, Ta'Naisha Brown, , **Terria Watt**

Palestine, TX. - The Negro Historical Preservation Society held it's fourth annual Juneteenth Pageant June 18th at Story Elementary. The young pageant winners are: Ashley La Shae Adams, Miss Juneteenth Queen, daughter of La quinta Stephens and Luther Walker; grandparents are Ruby Jean and Charles Barrett. La Juan Davis Jr., Juneteenth King, son of Cheryl Davis and grandmother Lassie Davis, Terrian Watts Little Miss Juneteenth, daughter of LaTasha and Terry Watts, grandparents Joy and Ida B. Edwards; Ta'Naisha Brown, Little Miss Juneteenth, daughter of Lambernita and Marcus Brown, grandparents Jessie and Winnie Whitt; Iyanica Cofer, Jr. Miss Juneteenth, daughter of Lisa Cofer and grandparents Berto Clark and Bernon Swanson; Kamry Kinder, 1st Runner-up Jr. Miss Juneteenth, daughter of Leonas and Denice Kinder. Christie Alston, 1st Runner-up, Little Miss Juneteenth, daughter of LaCharles and Dorothy Edwards, grandmothers Ida B. Edwards and Marie Overton. Tanjunikqua Brown, Runner-up, daughter of Tambernita and Marcus Brown, grandparents Jessie and Winnie Whitt.

Happy 18th Birthday

Charnell Franklin

August 15th

Happy 18th Birthday

Jasmine Harris

August 1st

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Ashley Thirkill Awarded Scholarships



Ashley Daniel Thirkill

Ashley Danielle Thirkill, daughter of Karl and Stacey Thirkill, was born August 5, 1991 in Tyler, Texas. Growing up Ashley loved to play with dolls and play at Rocket Park with her sister, Karletta. Even though they were two years apart people still asked the question "Are you two twins?" But as the years went on, people started to recognize they were not twins. Third through

sixth grade Ashley was awarded numerous awards for A&B Honor Roll and perfect attendance. In seventh & eighth grade, she played basketball and participated in track as a shot-putter. In high school, Ashley became an athletic trainer, which aids in prevention of injuries as well as assisting athletes when injured. Ashley was inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) while in high school due to her academic achievements. The NHS only inducts students with a 90 or above GPA. She was also awarded All-State Academic Athletic Trainer, which is only given to student trainers who have been in the program for four years and have a GPA over 90. After graduation, Ashley plans to attend either Texas A&M Commerce or Tyler Junior College. She plans to major in Physical Therapy and minor in Athletic training. Ashley received a \$500.00 scholarship from Sweet Union Baptist Church and \$300.00 from the Larry Wallace Scholarship Fund.



Christine Tipps and George Grant were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. June 19, 2009, at Castle on the Lake in Jacksonville, Texas. The Ceremony was officiated by Rev. Don Crawford of Reklaw, Texas. A reception followed the wedding at the Castle. The bride is the daughter of Lestene Tipps of Houston, Texas and the late Melvin Tipps of Nacogdoches, Texas. The groom is the son of Ms. Elma Grant of Dallas, Texas. Melevlyn Hogg-Tutt of Nacogdoches, sister of the bride served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaid were Tameki Barnes of Henderson, Tessa Grant of Jacksonville, and Shana Forney of Nacogdoches. Chad Grant of Dallas, son of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Gary Barnes of Henderson, Slyvester Colston of Nacogdoches, and Caleb Tipps son of the bride of Reklaw. The bride is a graduate of Nacogdoches High School. She is 1992 graduate of Angelina College with an Applied Science Degree in Human Services and 2005 graduate of LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas with a BBA and 2007 graduate of LeTourneau University with a MBA. She is formerly employed with UTMB-CMC for 8.5 years as an Health Services Administrator/Manager. The groom is a graduate of Henderson High School. Courses completed at El Centro College in Dallas, Texas. He is an retired truck driver currently working for Wal Mart Stores.

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Sales Tax Holiday Offers Best Savings Ever for Budget Conscious

(AUSTIN) — Shoppers will save more than ever before during the annual sales tax holiday — which now includes more than two dozen school supply items in addition to clothing and backpacks. Families will save an estimated \$65.7 million in state and local sales taxes, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today.

The annual sales tax holiday weekend is coming up Aug. 21–23. State law designates the weekend of the third Friday in August for the sales tax holiday.

“Most families are on tight budgets and it can be a real challenge to buy kids the clothes and supplies they need for a new

school year,” Combs said. “To help out, the Legislature has added many school supplies to the list of tax-free items during the sales tax holiday. The tax break on school supplies alone will save families nearly \$9 million in state and local sales taxes this year.”

The sales tax holiday covers school supplies, school backpacks and most children’s and adults’ clothing and shoes priced less than \$100. Lists of tax-free clothing and school supplies can be found at www.txtaxholiday.org

The annual August tax-free shopping spree has saved shoppers around \$442 million since it began in 1999.

Ask A. J.?



What Veterans Benefits are available to Veterans in Cherokee County?

What Veterans Benefits are available in Cherokee County?

Located in the basement of the Cherokee County Courthouse is an office for the Veterans Service Officer. Telephone number (903) 683-4012. There are no Veterans medical facilities in Cherokee County. The officer can answer questions and provide information about Veterans Benefits.

There are no VA medical facilities in Cherokee County.

Veterans who need medical advice may always call the VA Network Telecare Center Hotline at (713) 794-8985 or toll-free 1-800-639-5137. Registered nurses, pharmacists, and administrative clerks at the VA Network Telecare Center are ready to answer veteran health care questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Lufkin, Texas

The Charles Wilson VA Outpatient Clinic will celebrate the opening of its new home at 2206 North John Redditt Drive in Lufkin with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 9 a.m. New

Surviving Spouse Benefits

Surviving spouses of military veterans are encouraged to inquire with the Cherokee County Veterans Service officer to see if they may be eligible for VA Survivor benefits.....

Veterans Educational Benefits Increase

Ask the Veterans Service Officer about increased veteran education benefits.



Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, received one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual. January 29, 2008 the Stephen F. Austin College of Education was named the James I. Perkins College of Education in his honor. Seated here, Mr. Perkins and Cody Glenn, Washington Red Skin Defensive Lineman, also former Citizens 1st Bank employee; Andrew Melontree of the Tyler Bank and Walter Session, Rusk city Councilman. They are viewing a thank you card to Mr. Perkins from Rusk State Hospital Employees and Superintendent Ted Debs for support given to RSH. The card is signed by each employee and has been framed and placed on display in the Rusk, Texas Bank.

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The main telephone number for the new clinic is (936) 671-4300 or toll-free 1-800-209-3120.

Cherokee Civic Theater 2009-2010 Schedule

Cherokee Civic Theatre is proud to announce their 2009-2010 season of shows featuring something for everyone.....music, dreams, drama and comedy. Come join us for:

"Little Mary Sunshine"

Book, Music & Lyric By Rick Besovan

Step back in time with Little Mary Sunshine, when the world was much simpler than today, when good meant good, bad meant bad, virtue was all, and justice always triumphed!

Directed by Debra Petri
October 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10

"A Christmas Story"

By Jean Shepherd

In the 1940s, a young boy dreams of owning a Red Rider BB gun. He sets out to convince the world that this is the perfect gift, but runs into opposition from his parents, his teacher and even Santa Clause.

Co-Directed by Karen Hendley & Judy Faye Garner
Produced by Nancy Washburn
December 3, 4, 5 & 6

"The Diary of Anne Frank"

By Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett

In 1942, a family of Dutch Jews hides in an attic from the Nazis. Just before the war ends, they are discovered and sent to concentration camps...an experience recorded in the famous diary of a young girl.

Directed by Jessica Breen-Ford
Produced by Camille Jones
February 11, 12, 13 & 14

"Noises Off"

By Michael Frayn

Follow the mayhem of a play within a play! See behind the scenes, how a second-rate theatrical troupe prepares to perform in a Broadway-bound play

Directed by Laura Cunningham
Produced by James Crump
April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 7 & 8

Cherokee Civic Theatre, located at 157 W Fifth Street in Rusk, is a non-profit organization with over 30 years of dedication to the people of East Texas. For shows, dates and tickets for our entire season please call 903-683-2131 or email at cherokeetheatre@yahoo.com. See you there!

ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

The Cherokee County Texas Democratic Women will hold a Fall Banquet and Silent Auction*

Sunday, September 20, 2009

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Lon Morris College, Wilson Administration Building,
2nd Floor Community Room, 800 College Avenue, College Ave. in
Jacksonville.

Mrs. Andrea White, wife of Houston's Mayor, Bill White, candidate for the U.S. Senate, will deliver the keynote speech. In addition, local Democratic Candidates will make remarks. All East Texans are welcome. Tickets for the dinner are \$30. each, student price is \$15. A table of 4 may be reserved for \$100. To reserve tickets, send payment to the Cherokee County Texas Democratic Women, P. O. Box 467, Rusk, Texas, 75785. For information contact: Joanna Reagan @ 903-825-6613, or Craig Caldwell @ 903-683-6209.



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What's Cookin'?

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Tasty Crock Pot Chicken

- 1.) 4 (5 Oz. chicken breasts (skinned and boned)
- 2.) 1 sm. cabbage, quartered
- 3.) 1 pound package of mini carrots
- 4.) 2 (14 1/2 ounce) Lg. can Mexican flavored stewed tomatoes
- 5.) 1 small chopped onion (optional)

Place all ingredients in a crock pot. Season to taste with salt (salt substitute) and pepper. Cover and cook on low 5 to 6 hours.

Easy Carrot- Apple Cake

1 package carrot cake mix
2/3 cup Crisco vegetable oil
3 eggs

1 cup applesauce

Combine mix, oil, eggs in medium size bowl and beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Add applesauce and beat 1 minute. Pour into greased and floured bundt cake pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees or until toothpick stuck in middle comes out dry.

Mr. Belton Session, Jr.

Belton Session, Jr. was born May 13, 1957 to parents Belton Session, Sr. and Pearl B. Session. Rusk County, Texas. He grew up in the Big Springs Community and graduated and graduated Carlisle High School. He was a member of Woodville CME Church and later St. Bettie's Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he remained faithful until death. He was married to Sharon Walker Session. They are the parents of one daughter and one son.

He worked at Anderson Hickey twenty-three years. Mr. Session passed Monday afternoon, June 1, 2009 in Henderson, Texas.

Survivors are: his wife, Sharon Session Walker; daughter, Ashley Session; son, Belton Diondre Session, both of Henderson; three brothers: Henry T. Session (Annie), Phoenix Arizona; Cornell Session, Roanell Session (Theresa) both of Henderson; special aunt: Dora Griffith; and a host of neices, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Mrs. J's 411 columnist begins new position with PISD



Furlich July
Arrington

Jacksonville, TX. - Furlich July Arrington, writer of this column, was hired as Director of Special Education for the Palestine Landmark Honors Academy July 3rd. She began her career in education in the New Summerfield ISD in 1994, later working with Dyslexic students in Bullard ISD.

She taught seventh and eighth grade special education students at Jacksonville ISD for the past several years.

Furlich is a 1988 graduate of Jacksonville High School. She attended Lamar University at Beaumont, Texas and graduated from Texas College, Tyler with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 2000. Mrs. Arrington has completed masters level classes at University of Texas Tyler and is

certified to teach Special Education, Reading and Language Arts.

Furlich is married to Steve Arrington and they have one daughter, J 'Nae. She is the daughter of Ferlicia July and the late Travis July.

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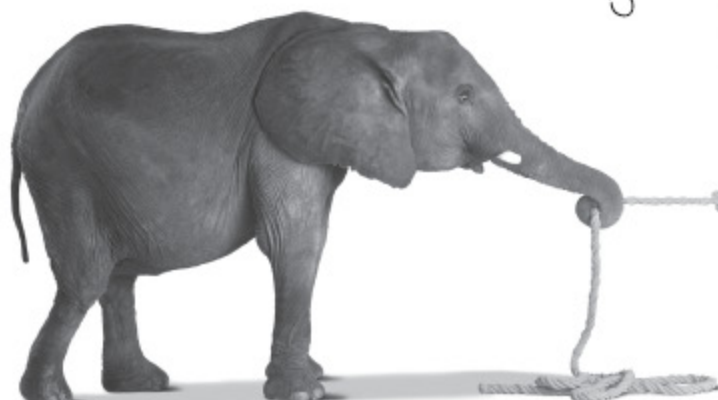
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Will Johnson, Scout Leader

Pictured to the left are Rev. Will Johnson (standing on left end) and the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Troups he led in the early 1950's.

On the front row seated to the far right is Bubba Lewis Bradley and James Allen Bradley.

To the far left seated second from the end is Wardell Gonzales.

The picture was taken downtown Rusk in front of First State Bank and Child's Piggly

Wiggly. It appears that they were seated on a bench on the south courthouse lawn with their backs to these businesses.

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