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## Norman Griffith Wind Turbine Research Scientist for the National Wind Institute



Norman Griffin grew up in the Reklaw area and has accepted his dream job. He is also a soldier in the United States Army since 2003, 142 Infantry, actively serving his country in the National Guard. See story page 3.



EDITORIAL



Maxine Session, editor

Keeping a daily journal or diary can one day become a source of historical information

As a teenage most of my friends and I kept diaries, letters from each other and notes about school activities. Along the way, much of it has been lost. I was just thinking recently, what if I still had my old diaries? It would have made an interesting book of historical information today. I ran across an article recently that was published in the Black Chronicles, a newspaper printed June 1, 1896. It was information that I don't remember reading prior to this time. It reminds me that if it happened and nobody wrote it down, then it didn't happen. I am printing a portion of it as follows.

**Negro Inventor Flourish**

May 30, 1896 - Boston

In our modern age, a machine that can be depended on not to fail is called "the real McCoy". The phrase may bring immortality to black inventor Elijah J. McCoy, son of runaway slaves. McCoy holds more than 50 patents for inventions.

Happy Birthday

Charnell Franklin

His greatest achievement was a device which has made it possible to oil machinery while it is running, greatly increasing efficiency. McCoy is one of many black inventors whose devices have influenced recent developments in transportation and machinery. Two years ago, George H. Murray, a Negro Congressman responding to attacks on his race, made this evident to his white fellow lawmakers when he submitted a list of 92 patents awarded in the past 30 years to black inventors.

**Makes Shoes**

The earliest patent granted a Negro went to freeman man Henry Blair of Maryland in 1834 for a corn harvester. In 1846, Norbert Rillieux patented a vacuum pan that revolutionized the refining of sugar. The shoe-making machine of Jan Matzeliger, patented in 1883, reduced the steps of making shoes by hand to one simple operation. This increased the income from shoe manufacturing in New England alone 350% and sales of American shoes overseas rose 16 million dollars.

**The Greatest**

In 1888, a white newspaper, the *American Catholic Tribune*, called Granville Woods "the greatest electrician in the world for his improvements for railroad and electrical equipment. His electrical devices were so advanced that on two occasions Thomas Edison tried to patent them also. Woods sued Edison in Court, proving that he was the first to develop and patent the ideas.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. Interim President and CEO National Newspaper Publishers Association 1816 12th Street, NW, 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20009

July 2, 2014 marked the solemn 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Baines Johnson signing into law the 1964 Civil Rights Act. I use the term "solemn" to describe that incredibly historic and awesome "victory" moment in the United States for the Civil Rights Movement. After so much sacrifice and bloodshed across the nation in the decades-long struggle for racial justice and equality, the 1964 Civil Rights Act finally became the law of the land. Speaking on behalf of the Black Press of America, we paused to celebrate that 50-year milestone. Yet we also take the responsibility today to rededicate our newspapers to be the clarion As the NNPA prepares we renew our commitment to continue to be the consistent and time-trusted source of news and information vital and critical to the empowerment

of more than 45 million Black Americans. It is important to note that Black Americans now spend annually in excess of \$1.2 trillion primarily as consumers in the domestic economy of the United States as well documented by the research of Nielsen Holdings N.V. The issues concerning the economic wellbeing of our families, businesses and communities are a high priority for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). We must, therefore, remain vigilant and active to ensure the improvement in the quality of life for Black Americans and for all people in the United States as well as in the global society to celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 2015, we reaffirm the need to protect the gains that have been made in the area of civil rights while making further steps forward to increase the sustainable economic development of Black Americans and others. -

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# Norman Jay Griffin, Jr. Wind Turbine Research Scientist for the National Wind Institute

~by Maxine Session

Like many East Texas graduates, Norman Griffin left Rusk to get an education. Now still a very young man, he has gotten his education, traveled and gained much experience as he climbed toward the career of his dreams.

Mr. Griffin recently accepted a position at Texas Tech University as a Wind Turbine Research Scientist for the National Wind Institute at Reese Technology Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Norman received his undergraduate degree from McMurray University in religion with a minor in history in 2007. He attended Harding University three years, Henderson State University for one year and has been certified as a Wind Turbine Specialist through the direction of Texas State Technical College. He has traveled and has been a part of operations in Ireland, Scotland and obtained most of his wind certifications in New Castle, England.

Mr. Griffin was a major part of constructing the wind farms that cover the plains of west Texas that combine to be the largest Wind Farm in the world.

His involvement in other wind projects in the United States include: Laurel Mountain Wind Farm in Elkins, West Virginia, Alta 1 Wind Farm in Mojave Desert, California, Bent Tree Wind Farm near Albert Lea Minnesotawind Wind Farm in Floydada, Texas and a host of other sites in Kansas, Iowa, and Idaho. He has been a United States Soldier since 2003.

Norman had this to say. "I would like to tell any and every young man out there who is trying to find his way, that there are no excuses not to do the best with what you have. I grew up without a lot of bells and whistles. I had my mother as both a mother and a father, but she made sure we had what we needed. As a teenager I had issues. There were a lot of people who predicted that I would never make anything of myself. I had a choice, one, be what some expected me to be; another black male statistic or two; doing

what God wanted me to do, make a difference in other people's lives and by doing so He has taken care of me and mine. I have traveled to several other countries doing missionary work. I give thanks to the Rusk Church of Christ for sponsoring all of my trips over seas. My own personal quote is, "Don't talk about the would haves, do them so they will become could have's for someone else!"

Norman grew up in the Reklaw area and attended Rusk schools. He played an active part in Rusk High School football, basketball and track teams.

After graduating Rusk High School in May 2000 he began his undergraduate education on both a choir and football scholarship at Harding University. Singing in the choir and playing running back on the football team was no easy challenge, but he mastered it. He attended Harding three years, joined the Army and transferred to Henderson State University in Arkansas.

Although Norman, his wife DeQuisha and their five beautiful children live in Lubbock, they often find themselves visiting with his mother Zonie B. Hogg Griffin, in Reklaw.

Norman says he sees his mom as a very ambitious mother. "She raised four children on her own, sister Maronicha M. Lyles who lives in Tyler, brother Henry D. Hogg of Reklaw, and sister Angie Griffin of Reklaw, never giving up on her dreams for them.

Norman is also a poet and writer. He has been writing a book of poetry for the past five years. The book entitled, "Letters To Myself," will be published within the next year.

Norman says he is thankful to God for all He has accomplished at such a young age, even with the negativity from his high school years. He says he is most proud of making black history at Texas Tech University in 2014. He is the first African American Wind Turbine Research Scientist at Texas Tech University.



Mr. & Mrs. Norman Griffin and two of their children, D'Morea and Olivia. Not pictured Prentis, Bricion and six month old Arriana.



Norman having a little fun after climbing a 320 foot Siemens wind turbine, preparing to hook up the rigging behind him in order to replace a main bearing.



Norman getting ready to take off his equipment and call it a day.



# Minority Teachers Abandon Classrooms

Blacks, Latino Educators Find Other Professions

by Stacy M. Brown  
Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspaper



school district in America today, you will notice that the students often do not look much like the teachers. In fact, in some areas, the students don't look anything like their teachers," said Ulrich Boser, a senior fellow at CAP. "There is a significant demographic gap in the largely white teaching profession and an increasingly diverse student population," he said.

Released on July 7, the report revealed that black and Latinos are more likely to work and remain in high-poverty, hard-to-staff urban schools and districts than their white counterparts; in fact, they often consider it their duty to do so. What's more, minority teachers usually are committed to the success of children of color, and

they affect a wide range of student academic outcomes, the report's authors said. They also serve as powerful role models for all students and prove that teaching can be a viable career for minorities. Deandra Francis, of Northeast who holds a Master's of Public Administration, said there are three major hurdles facing minorities who aspire to become teachers.

"After working at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the Teacher Prep Student Support Services program, we found that black, low-income, first-generation college students had barriers that prevented them from completing their education degrees," Francis said. "Because it's required by most states and higher education institutions to pass the Praxis I and II exams as well as all required courses, minorities

have not been able to do so and they change their "The second barrier is the financial and family majors to something more compatible," she said. obligations which may hinder future progress toward an education degree and the third barrier that I propose has to do with culture."

Melissa Mesku, also of Northeast, who works for New Worker magazine, said she once taught at a high school in a poverty-stricken New York neighborhood and circumstances made it difficult for her to continue her career.

"I'm a woman of color and I taught English as a second language [ESL] for refugee and immigrant students and most of the newer teachers were also minorities at my school," Mesku said. "I stayed for a year. Coming from a disadvantaged economic background, I simply couldn't afford to continue to live on a teacher's salary. If I wanted upward mobility, I had to move on to more lucrative work, especially considering the difficulties and commitments required to work in a hard-to-staff school and spending my own money to clothe and feed students and working 13 hours per day with no resources or books."

While the Center for American Progress report outlined the barriers facing educators of color in the public school system, it also provided recommendations. (Courtesy of the Center for American Progress) Minorities are significantly underrepresented in public schools, despite the fact that the number of black and Latino students have increased. A new report from the Center for American Progress (CAP) in Northwest — "The Leaky Pipeline for Teachers of Color: Getting More Teachers of Color into the Classroom" — revealed that while much has been done in the past 25 years to substantially increase the number of minority teachers, high levels of attrition has offset that success. "If you spend time in almost any major

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# Luella Abraham Denman & Oscar B. Denman, Sr. family gathers for reunion



Jacksonville, TX. - July 5, 2014 decedents of Luella Abraham Denman and Oscar Denman gathered for a family reunion at the Edge event center located West of Jacksonville on Hwy 79. The late Virgie Williams, Irene Ross, Lovie Cook, Hazle Session, Earnest Denman, Lucille Foreman,

Oscar B. Denman, Jr. and Willie B. Harrison are Denman children. Charles Denman was present. Elizabeth Rivers lives in Rusk. Grandchildren and great grands gave the history of their parents. The next reunion is planned for 2015. For information contact any family member or

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## Delanger Ray Foreman awarded Stewart scholarship



L to R - Elmer Stewart, Delanger Ray Foreman, and Ray Foreman. Mr. Stewart presents the 2014 Laurretta Stewart Scholarship in the amount of \$800. to Ray, a 2014 RHS graduate. He is attending McMurry University of Abilene, Texas, where he will play football. He is the son of Tonya and Ray Foreman and the grandson of Ollie and Evelyn Foreman. The scholarship is awarded annually to a RHS graduate in memory of Elmer's wife Laurretta who was a teacher for many years.

## Geraldine Harrison named Mt. Pleasant CME Church Pastor



Rev. Geraldine Harrison of Tyler began her assignment at Mount. Pleasant CME Church this month.

Pastor Harrison comes from Hopewell CME Church of ARP where she was Associate Pastor under Elder Donald Madlock for the past five years. She is originally from Dallas, but relocated to Tyler after getting a B. S. Degree in Religion Texas College. She is currently an Administrative Assistant at Texas College. Pastor Harrison says, "I am very excited about coming to Rusk. I plan to get to know the people, the community and other church pastors. The doors of the church have a record of always being open to those who need them and we want to keep it that way. We are only the gate-keepers. We encourage those who don't have a church home to find one. We would love to have you make Mount Pleasant your home."

Worship service is held at 11:00 A.M. Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 10:00am. The church is located at 138 Reeder Street, Rusk, Texas.

## Mount Olive Baptist Church and The Cherokee Brotherhood Association Celebrate Spouses



Pictured L to R - Maxine Session, Sonya Sturns, Lisa Session, Lanell Session, Essie Hart, Ann Leviston and Mildren Griffith.

Rusk, Texas -July 19, 2014 the wives of the Cherokee Brotherhood Association were recognized by their husbands for contributions to the family, church and community. They were treated to a catered dinner and each man presented his wife a gift and words of love and appreciation.

Mistress of Ceremony was Sandra (Honey) Brown. Superintendent Donnie Timmons, Pastor of Shady Grove COGIC was the speaker for the occasion.

Those assisting with the celebration were Dana Martin, Daphne Session, Delneshia Morris, Frona Overstreet, Tangie Hart, Tameka Foreman, Delois Sturns, Marian Sturns, Sheronda Sturns, Shady Grove COGIC and Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir.

Oliver Sturns, President, Melvin Session, Vice President, Walter Session Secretary, John Griffith Treasurer, Jerry Leviston Chaplain and Pastor of Mt. Olive, Sam O'Neal, Jerry Hart food coordinator, Michael Session Assistant Food Coordinator, Phal Carter Chaplain, Travis Session, Tracy Session Parliamentarian and Calvin Summers.



# Carter Denman Glenn together again

# Central Texas Annual Conference of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Held



L to R - Rev. Dr. D. F. Madlock, Presiding Elder, Bishop Lawrence Reddick Presiding Prelate, and Rev. Dr. D. R. Madlock, Sr. Presiding Elder.

Dr. Adrian Denman, Anthony Denman and baby, Cody Glenn, Makayla Glenn, Mattie Carter, Max Carter, Marcus Carter and Krystal Ward Carter. Anthony, Marcus and Cody, high school friends and family, recently met at home in Rusk. They enjoyed catching up with each other on marriage, family, fatherhood and career. After leaving Rusk High Anthony played football with the Nebraska Corn Huskers and NFL with the Carolina Panthers, Cody played football with the Nebraska Corn Huskers and NFL with the Baltimore Colts and Washington Redskins and Marcus played football with Southern Methodist University and Sam Houston State University. Two of them have stayed connected with football as coaches and two of them as business owners.

The Ninety-Ninth Session of the Central Texas Annual Conference was held July 27 - 30, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Tyler, Texas. Host church for the conference was Cole Hill C.M.E. New Pastor assignments are: North Tyler District Kenneth Cane - Benson Memorial, Betty Rogers - Cole Hill, William McCallister - Miles Chapel, Geraldine Harrison- Mount Pleasant, Greenie Phillips - Shady Grove, Lonnie Johnson - Hopewell,

Geraldine Harrison - Walnut Grove. Tyler district assignments: Darlene Collins-Church Hill, Jason Peoples- Miles Chapel Crockett, Margaret Adams- Mt. Mariah, Orenthia Mason - St. James Tyler, Gary Weaver- Woodville Rusk, Leroy Redwine - Henderson, Tommy Starks - Greely Garrison, Matthew Madlock - Pennell Chapel, William F. Johnson - Mt. Nevelton, T. J. Davis, Jr. Wesley Chapel.



Max Westley Carter and Trinity Small enjoy pizza and fresh peaches off the tree as he waits for his other cousins and family to arrive to celebrate his 3rd birthday on June 16th.



Destyne and Eddie Harris enjoy picking pears. They recently celebrated their birthdays. Destyne turned 7 July 24th and Eddie 6 July 28th.



# What's Cookin'

## Mama's Meatloaf

- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1 egg
- 1 med. onion
- Salt/pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons chilli powder
- 1/2 cup tomato catchup
- 1/2 cup chopped bell pepper
- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 2 cans tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar(optional)

Combine ground beef, breadcrumbs, broth, egg, onion, bell pepper, 1 teaspoon chilli powder, tomato paste into large bowl. Mix ingredients well. Add salt and pepper. Part mixture into two loaves. Place in large casserole baking dish.

Place in 350 degree oven 25 minutes. Take out and drain excess drippings. Pour sauce over loaves and return to oven for 30 minutes.

Directions for Sauce:  
Place in bowl 2 cans tomato sauce, 1 teaspoon chilli powder, 1/2 cup tomato catchup. Add salt and pepper and 1 teaspoon brown sugar.

## Homemade Cornbread

- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 extra large eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 Tablespoon sugar
- 1 Tablespoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt



Add 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil to 9 inch baking pan or iron skillet.

Place in 400 degree oven 2 minutes or until hot.

In large bowl combine liquid ingredients: eggs, milk, oil. Add dry ingredients: cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Mix well stirring until smooth.

Pour mixture into hot pan. Bake 30 minutes or until golden brown.



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# History of the Cherokee Brotherhood Association

About 1971 the Rusk CB Club came into existence. This was a group of men who had Citizens Band radios installed in their cars and they used the radios to communicate with each other, and truckers and other CB radio owners as they passed through the area. The Citizen Band radio was a system of short distance radio communications where 40 people could communicate on one line, but only one at a time could speak while the others listened. Some of these men were: Tommy Shedd, John Richard Cook, John Wayne Bradley, Drew Morris, Jimmy Turner and Billy Joyce.

In about 1975 the CB Club began to fade out. Tommy Shedd who was the President, talked with LeRoy Ballard and Walter Session about organizing a service club that could help the community. They formed the Cherokee Brotherhood Club using the same letters C & B Club. They hosted two events a year: (1.) A community Barbeque and (2.) A Christmas visit to the three local nursing homes to distribute apples, oranges and peppermint candy to the residents. Some of those who joined in with Tommy, Le Roy and Walter were Irvin Conley, C. S. Hart, Freddie Hart, and Drew Morris who made money donations. Herman Bradley reconstructed the large barbeque pit located on Bradford Campus. John Francis Cook barbequed the meat for the community barbeque on that pit each year on that campus

where the community barbeque was held. After he passed away Cle Session barbequed the meat. The wives and other community women provided beans, salad and other condiments for the barbeque. Community baseball games were held on the field at Bradford Campus during the barbeque.

The men did not hold formal meetings, but they worked hard each year soliciting donations and paying out of their pockets for the meat and fruit. Tommy Shedd, the president was always excited about the nursing home activities and the community picnics. With the help of Walter and LeRoy, he inspired the meat and fruit purchases and the sacking and delivery. He was very inspirational, often getting his family and others involved in what ever had to be done.

By 1996 the membership boasted of additional men, additional activities had been added and short informal meetings were held. Tommy remained the President. Some of those who joined were: Larry Dearman, Jerry Hart, Billy Joyce, Melvin Session, Eddie Harris, Darryl Sturns, Frenchie Henderson. By this time the organization adopted FM 343 from highway 69 West to Crockett Street as part of the Texas Adopt A Highway program and picked up the trash along the highway 3 to 4 times a year. The community barbeque had become the Labor Day Back to School Picnic and moved to the IC Conley Park. School

supplies were purchased for those children who had a need for them. Walter Session was the activities coordinator and Jerry Hart the cook who prepared the food. Darryl Sturns and Mark Green became active. Additional visits were made to the nursing homes preparing hot dog and hamburger lunches for the residents.

In the early 2000's Tommy's health began to fail but he continued to work hard. Larry Dearman became president. Eddie Harris passed away and LeRoy Ballard and Billy Joyce soon after.

April 2006 the following were officers and members:

Melvin Session, president

Walter Session, Sec.

Frenchie Henderson, Tres.

Phal Carter, Chaplain

Jerry Hart, Food coordinator

Oliver Sturns

Travis Session

Tommy Shedd

John Griffith

Tracy Session

Phal Carter

By now the organization was holding monthly meetings and addressing community issues such as black males being excluded from participating in athletics if they wore braids, Cherokee county hiring practices on courthouse staff and African American Students Low test scores in math. Reading and science in RISD.

The 2008 Officers: Oliver Sturns-Pres., Melvin Session - Vice pres., Walter Session - Sec., Frenchie Henderson Tresurer and Phal carter Chaplain. 2009 new members Sam'Oneal and Jerry Leviston were welcomed and Floyd Franklin Soon after. Tommy Shedd founder and president of the organization for more than 20 years passed away in February 2010.

Today the Cherokee Brotherhood

boasts of strong Christian men who are active in their churches and families as God has setout for MAN to do. They are responsible for the spiritual well being of their families and are also role models for young men to follow. They have added to the branding of the name as an organization that our town can be proud of.

(1.) The Back To School Labor Day Picnic has grown.

(2.) The Juneteenth Parade and Celebration teaches about the history and culture of African Americans and is one that the community looks forward to participating in (3.) Scholarships

are given to students each year as an incentive to getting an education

(4.) Some members Volunteer in RISD classrooms and serve as Mentors to the Students

(5.) Christmas Gifts and school supplies are provided for families in need of them.

(6.) Emergency funds have been provided to families who have gone through extra ordinary circumstances.

The Present Membership is:

Oliver Sturns - President

Melvin Session - Vice President

Walter Session - Secretary

John Griffith - Treasurer

Jerry Leviston - Chaplain

Phal Carter - Assistant Chaplain

Tracy Session - Parliamentarian

Travis Session

Sam O' Neal

Jerry Hart - Food Coordinator

Michael Session - Assistant Food

Coordinator

And newest member - Calvin

Summers.

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written by Maxine Session

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3. In the Sermon on the Mount, who did Jesus say rain fell upon?
4. True or false? According to Exodus, the quail appeared each morning.
5. In Acts, at which city did Paul draw attention to God's kindness in sending rain?
6. Ezekiel prophesies an earthquake when Isreal is attacked by whom?
7. What was the first plague with which Moses struck Egypt?
8. According to Zechariah 14:17, why will God withhold rain?
9. What did God send to make the water recede after the flood?

(Answers on page 11)

## Texas Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide medical coverage for more than 4 million low-income Texans.

The programs cover half of all children in the state and help provide care for two-thirds of people in nursing homes. In Texas, all CHIP services and most Medicaid services are delivered through managed care health plans under contract with the state. Nursing Home Transition to STAR+PLUS Moved to 2015

To allow more time to address stakeholder concerns, HHSC has postponed moving nursing facility residents into STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care to March 1, 2015. HHSC will continue working with stakeholders to ensure a successful transition. HHSC is hosting a series of information sessions on several Medicaid managed care initiatives. Visit the Medicaid Managed Care Initiatives page for more information, including frequently asked questions, timelines and maps.

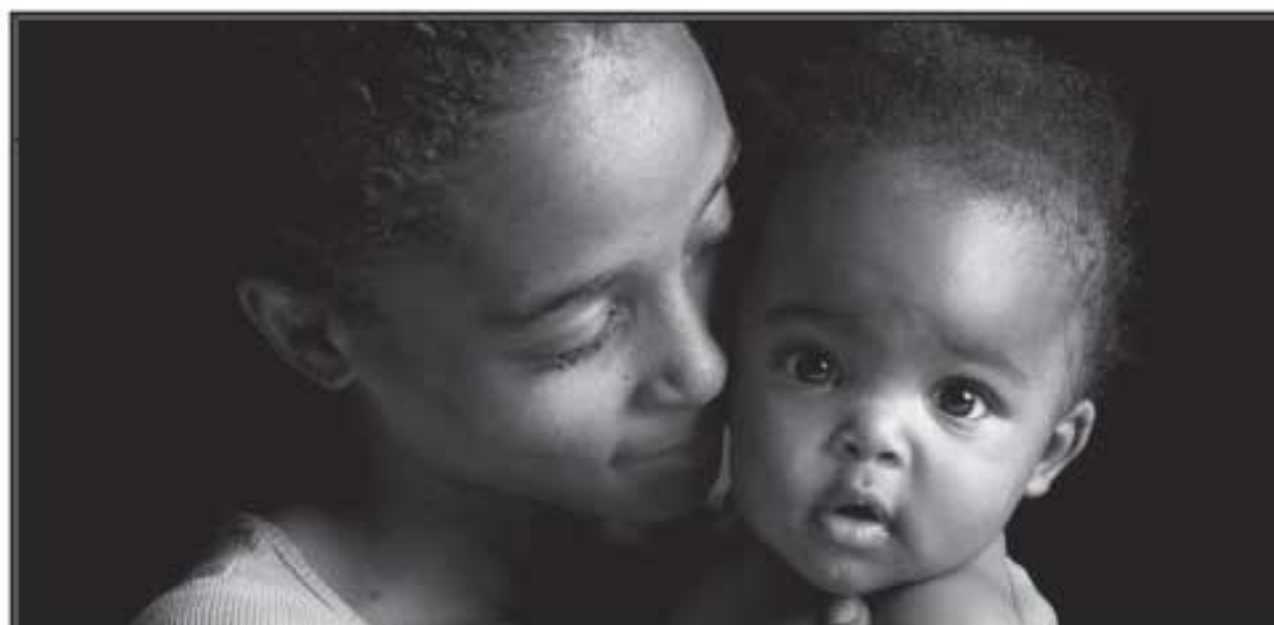
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Jacksonville, TX. - A free Early Childhood and Prenatal Program for parents and children from birth to age three years old has been launched for Cherokee County residents by Access. Being a parent means that the parent is the child's first teacher. Some parents may have questions about what is best for their child. Access offers that support that can help lay a strong and solid foundation for the child's future in school as well as life. The Parents as Teachers Program provides one on one personal

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**Bertha Nell Bowens  
receives degree**

Jacksonville TX. - Bertha Nell Bowens of Jacksonville received her Associate of Arts degree from Tyler Junior College. Graduation services were held May 9, 2014. Ms. Bowens degree is in Criminal Justice.

**G. W. Bradford Old  
School Picnic  
Scheduled**

Aug. 16th Texas  
State Railroad Park  
Rusk, Texas 12-4pm

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**Answers to Quiz page 10**

1. Light
2. Ahab
3. The righteous and the unrighteous
4. False. They appeared in the evening (Exodus 16:13)
5. Lystra
6. Gog
7. The Nile turning to blood
8. If people fail to go to Jerusalem to worship.
9. A wind

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# Faces from the past

~by Maxine Session

## W. R. Meador, Sr.



William Ray Meador, Sr., teacher and Principal

William Ray Meador, Sr. better known as W. R. Meador was the George W. Bradford School Principal in Rusk from 1955-56 school year until the Brown vs the Board of Education decision of 1954 brought the intergration of public schools to Rusk.

Mr. W. R. Meador, Sr. was born April 1, 1916 in Jacksonville, Cherokee County Texas. He attended Pine Grove Public School, near Jacksonville. From there he went to Fred Douglass High School where he graduated. He then attended Texas College, Tyler, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Before graduating from Texas College he married Flora Anderson and entered into the U. S. Army. After serving his country two years he returned to Texas College and graduated. He began his teaching career as Principal of Pine Grove School, holding that position for nine years. While serving as principal of Pine Grove he continued his education at Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas earning his Masters of Education Degree. Mr. Meador was one of only three principals to ever serve as administrator at Bradford. The students loved and respected him. In his position as principal, he took advantage of every opportunity to teach

the students and give them guidance points about a world they had not been exposed to.

Everybody looked forward to school assemblies because he never failed to leave them laughing with comical stories told about his life and other acquaintances. The wonderful thing about his stories is they always taught some moral value that the stories made easy to remember. His birthday fell on April Fool's Day, which was always a day for jokes and pranks to be played on him and others. As far back as the early sixties he gave students a glimpse of what the future held as far as intergration and the phasing out of black schools. W. R. encouraged students to make all possible efforts to take seriously the task of getting a good education, because he said, "You are going to need it to compete in the coming society (integrated) that you are about to face."

Bradford High School ceased to be an institution of learning at the end of the school year 1968.

Mr. William Ray Meador, Sr. retired from the teaching profession in May of 1976, after a very successful tenure as principal of G. W. Bradford and other administrative duties in Rusk Independent School District. His daughter Barbara Meador Carter and husband Vernell Carter live in Arlington, Texas. His son Ray Meador lives in Houston, Texas.



Margarett Perkins, Laura Perkins, James I. Perkins and Dr. L. Michael Metke President of Tyler Junior College enter into agreement making possible the Rusk TJC Citizens Promise. The James I Perkins Family Foundation and Tyler Junior College established this scholarship program for Rusk High School graduates. The top fifty-percent/qualifying students will have \$8000. scholarships to TJC beginning with the class of 2014.

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