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Ms. Hallie Williams in Jacksonville Business Since 1946



Meet Ms. Hallie Williams who has been in the funeral home business in Jacksonville, Texas since 1946. Read her story page 3.

EDITORIAL



Maxine Session

Black History Month, now known as "African American History Month," has been celebrated each February since 1926. It began when Dr. Carter G. Woodson sought to commemorate the contributions made by people of African descent to America. The second week of February was set aside. It was eventually expanded to two weeks. In 1976 President Gerald Ford extended the celebration from two weeks into an official month.

The theme for this month is "CIVIL RIGHTS IN AMERICA".

To those who were born in the forties and fifties and prior to that, you understand well what "civil rights" are. Examples of civil rights are freedom of speech, press, and assembly; the right to vote; freedom from involuntary servitude; and the right to equality in public places. Discrimination occurs when the civil rights of an individual are denied or interfered with because of their membership in a particular group or class.

My generation and I, grew up and lived in a split society where we functioned along with our parents in a society that was still basically "Jim Crow" and without civil rights. (See "Jim Crow" Article page 6) . We went in the back doors of restaurants because that is what we were required to do, and didn't question it. We traveled, not spending the night in hotels other than those labeled "for colored only, or made prior arrangements with relatives and friends, and didn't question it. We stood in lines in public places and waited until

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Hi Mr. Session,

I hope all is well in Rusk! I am connecting with you as I recently came across the Texas Informer's health section and believe you may be interested in the following program focusing on heart-healthy pork recipes from Chef Judson Allen for February's American Heart Month: During February's American Heart Month, we're reminded of how important it is to take care of our hearts. This is especially important for African Americans, who are at highest risk of high blood pressure – which increases risk for heart disease. That's why, the National Pork Board and Chef Judson Allen – a "Food Network Star" finalist who lost 150-plus pounds while still enjoying his favorite foods – are encouraging Americans to try lean pork in modernized generational recipes that taste great. Many people don't know that pork tenderloin is as lean as skinless chicken breast and is certified as heart-healthy by the American Heart Association. So, Chef Allen is developing heart-healthy dishes that recreate his favorite childhood flavors like roasted pork tenderloin stuffed with collard greens and caramelized onions, brushed with a sweet and spicy BBQ sauce. If you and your readers would like to try this recipe and other heart-healthy options, please visit www.porkbeinspired.com. For more information on lean, heart-healthy pork cuts (including the 7 "slimmest" cuts), or to request an interview with Chef Judson Allen to get his perspective on creating delicious, yet healthy dishes, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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OPINION



Cecil A. Roy

FM: Caesar A Roy

SUBJECT: Why Cherokee County Democrats should vote in the

March 4, 2014 Democratic Primary

There are many democrats in the county who are considering staying home during the elections Mar 4th Democratic Primary. They are aware that the only local democrats on the ballot are unopposed and will win their respective elections.

What the stay-at-homes have neglected to note is that there are numerous state-wide democratic candidates who need their support. Wendy Davis, who I hope will be our nominee for Governor, is being challenged by a serious but less well known contender. It is important that she win the democratic nomination. She represents our best opportunity to win the Governor's mansion in several years. We must vote to assure that she is the person opposing the Republican nominee in the November general election.

There are also contested state wide democratic races for United States Senate, for Commissioner of Agriculture, and Railroad Commissioner. Democratic candidates in these races need your consideration.

There are even some democrats who, because of the local contested republican races, are now considering voting in the Republican primary. They consider this as a means of voting for the "lesser of two evils", since many of these republicans will not be opposed by a democrat in the general election, therefore winning the republican primary assures their election in November.

To those democrats, I will simply say: "Voting in the Republican Primary is tantamount to saying that you agree with the principles

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am especially furious about a quote on Commissioner Katherine Pinotti's Website that "democrats can vote in the republican primary since there will not be a democratic primary this time". I am not sure whether Ms Pinotti is really that ignorant of the upcoming election process or whether she is simply playing politics in order to help the republican candidates she supports to get elected. In any event she should be reprimanded, as an elected Commissioner of this county for passing out blatant disinformation.

There will most certainly be a "Democratic Primary" in Cherokee County this year. Incumbent Justice of the Peace Vera Foreman, a democrat and Rev Kenneth Cain, democratic candidate for Commissioner Pct 4 are local candidates whose names appear on the Democratic Primary Ballot.

In addition State Senator Wendy Davis, Gubernatorial aspirant, leads a host of statewide democratic candidates whose names are also on the Democratic Primary Ballot. I urge my fellow Cherokee County Democrats to ignore these untruths spouted on Commissioner Pinotti's website and get out and vote for your chosen democrat.

Early voting in both republican and democratic primaries starts on Feb 18. Voting ends on Mar 4th. Caesar A. Roy

Chairman, Cherokee County
Democratic Party
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of the Republican party. The party that turns its back on minorities, women, the poor, and the disadvantaged. The party of Ted Cruz and other members of the out-of-touch Tea Party. The Party that seeks to turn back the clock on healthcare, social security, civil rights, and protection of the environment. The party that has attempted to block every progressive initiative that President Obama has presented during the entirety of his presidency".

I personally, choose not have my reputation tainted with the stains of such a party by participating in its Primary, even if it means having to deal with the election of some local republicans that I don't like.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Hallie Williams a legend in her own time

Cover Story
by Maxine Session



Hallie Burell Williams and grandchildren.

When World War II broke out in 1939, businesses in the United States began to prepare for war. American factories changed their equipment and tooled up to produce guns, tanks, planes and other war time equipment. For white workers this meant thousands of jobs. Regardless of their experience and training as aircraft workers, Black people were kept out of the jobs through policy of the companies. A. Phillip Randolph and other black leaders ask President Franklin D. Roosevelt to put an end to racial discrimination in the defence industry. He would not out of fear of losing the support of white people in the south.

Randolph, a labor union organizer, called for a march on Washington. Thousands of black people were scheduled to gather on the white House lawn on July 1, 1941. Four days before the march was to take place President Roosevelt issued an order outlawing job discrimination in defense work and creating the Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC) to enforce the order. The President's order could only affect some jobs, and many employers still found a way to bend the law and keep

black people out.

On a local level in the south, black families continued to deal with racial discrimination in the same manner as they always had.

Hallie Burell Williams was born and raised in the Brenham, Texas area. Her parents Tommy and Hallie Dillard Burell taught their children that education and hard work were the key to leading a good life no matter what the circumstances. Hallie Dillard Burell, herself was a teacher. Tommy was a rancher raising cattle and horses. She had attended Mary Allen College in Crockett, Texas and had finished Prairie View with her teaching degree.

Hallie Williams, like her mother attended Prairie View College after graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in Houston. She then married Jerald Williams. She and husband Jerald lived in Houston and began raising their family there. He was a Licensed Funeral Home Director and Mortician. She was a mom and housewife who helped her husband with the business. Hallie says, "I would be cooking.

He would get a call and away we would go. Often, by the time I got back I couldn't remember what I had been doing".

In 1946, Hallie and Jerald moved to Jacksonville and went to work for Community Funeral Home. Hallie had attended Mortuary school in Houston but got her license after attending the Dallas Mortuary School. Before she moved to Jacksonville, she was a methodist, but joined Sweet Union Baptist under J. W. Priesley and was baptised at Pierce Lake.

Hallie Williams has been active in the church and community and has made a difference in the lives of many. She says, there were community people who spent time at the funeral home. She thought, why not find a way to make good use of this time. She started a club and named it "The Gossip Club". They set goals and collected money from among

themselves as dues. This was used to aid in holding voter registration, get street names on signs, get streets paved in cemeteries, get the swimming pool constructed in Lincoln Park, and establish the first Head Start Program in Jacksonville sponsored by Sweet Union Church in the summer of 1967. Faye Warmsley, who was a nurse working at Nan Travis Hospital, was asked to work for the program. She and Lois Calvin, a certified teacher, took the training, set up the program there in the church and began directing it.

She says when they moved to Jacksonville, there were many black owned businesses on the north side that were flourishing.

Dr. Simms office on Main, Etta's Drug Store on North Main, Lloyd Criss and Wardell Starling's Keep U Neat dry cleaning store, Willie Griffins Grocery Store, Carthorn's Garage, Grimes Cafe, Wade Silmon's Barbershop, Carol Boyd Beauty Shop, Farilla Unwine's Beauty Shop, Willie Howard's Cafe, McCoy's Funeral Home, Red Sander's Motel and Barbershop,

The Alice Theater, a cab company, a school for veterans, Fred Douglass School, churches and many other businesses. You could maintain and entertain your family without leaving the community if you wanted to.

Jerald Williams passed away in 1952. Hallie continued to work for Community Funeral Home until 1989 when she opened Williams Funeral Home. "When I left Community I didn't know what I was going to do, She said. I decided to open my own funeral home business in what was then, my home.

I prayed about, went to talk with Mr. C. D. Acker at Texas Bank, and here I am. My office today is what use to be my bedroom. I work long hours here and am very comfortable and content. When I talked with Mr. Acker, he said that I should have started my own business a long time before then. It turns out he was right. That was twenty three years ago.

Ms. Williams says the most important part of the Funeral Home Business is the office workrecord keeping. Records must be kept exact. I go by the book....You are not to conduct a funeral or carry anybody in the back that is not a licensed person.

She says the thing that bothers her most about the business is witnessing the struggles families go through at the lost of a loved one and the fact that sometimes she is close to the person that passes and it feels like loosing a brother or sister.

In order to be a funeral Director it takes a person with a big heart who loves people and will treat them right. It takes someone who is willing to give back by helping families and sometimes that may be as simple as instructing them when they don't know. She is the mother of four biological children and two others that she raised. and nine grandchildren. Her sons are the late

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Allyson Mitchell runs for Anderson County District Attorney

Allyson Mitchell a Christian, born and raised in Anderson County. She is a 4th generation resident and current Special Prosecutor. Active in the Anderson County community, Allyson is a board member of the Texas Area Fund Foundation, The Action Fund, The William Bonner Golf Scholarship, Palestine Young Professionals Network, and the University of Texas at Tyler Palestine Campus Development Board. She serves as a member of the Palestine Chamber of Commerce and was a board member of the Palestine Junior Service League, YMCA and past President of the Anderson County Bar Association. Allyson comes from a long line of community leaders. She is the granddaughter of the late "Big Bob" and Wanda Mitchell, Sr. of Palestine Contractors and Bob Mitchell, Inc. and the late Dr. Evans and Bettie Hood, former superintendent of Palestine ISD. She is the daughter of the late "Little Bob" Mitchell, Jr. and Kathy Mitchell Thomas and Judge Gary Thomas (Justice of the Peace, Pct.1). She is a 1993 graduate of Palestine High

School and a 1997 graduate of Tulane University. She graduated from South Texas College of Law and was licensed as an attorney in November, 2000. Upon her licensing she moved home to Anderson County. Allyson began her prosecuting career at the Anderson County Criminal District Attorney's office in 2001. As an Assistant D.A., she tried cases from Class C Misdemeanors, DWI, Hot Checks, Burglary, Kidnapping up to Capital Murder. Her job responsibilities extended beyond just case and trial work, she also assisted County Commissioners in Commissioners Court, drafted interlocal agreements, oversaw asset seizure and forfeitures, CPS cases and bond forfeitures, for example. In August 2006, Allyson became a prosecutor at the Special (Prison) Prosecution Unit. The Special Prosecution Unit functions as a D.A. office for crimes occurring on Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), formerly known as TYC property. During her current 7 years at the Special Prosecution Unit,

she has prosecuted cases in Anderson, Houston, Freestone, Cherokee, Brown, McLennan, Hildago and Madison Counties. Focusing primarily on felony offenses, Allyson has prosecuted a variety of criminal cases; among them Capital Murder, Aggravated Assaults and Assaults on Correctional Officers, Bribery, Indecency with a Child, Sexual Assault, Sexual Assault of a Child and Improper Contact with a Victim. In addition to her criminal prosecutor work, Allyson is also the section chief of the Special Prosecution Unit juvenile division. She has been at the helm since its creation in 2007, supervises 9 employees and assists with the budgeting process for the division. She works with TJJD to establish policy and procedure between TJJD and SPU. Besides her administrative duties, Allyson also prosecutes juvenile and adult criminal cases that occur on TJJD property. She has adjudicated juveniles, certified juveniles and prosecuted adults within TJJD. For the first time in 15 years, voters have a choice in deciding who will be the Anderson County District

Attorney. Allyson states that he will work for the people and with the people and she seeks justice with truth. She plan on working with law enforcement to better communication between the District Attorneys' office and the officers working crimes in Anderson County. Following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Dr. Evans Hood, she plans to become involved with the schools throughout Anderson County. She states she will work to identify juveniles on the verge of becoming involved in criminal activity and educate them on the perils of a criminal path. Per Allyson, each crime will be looked at by the facts, not the person. All crimes must be combated with tough prosecution; she believes she has the insight and foresight to breathe new enthusiasm into the Anderson County D.A.'s office. Protecting our families requires a tough prosecutor who will stop at nothing until justice is served. Allyson states she has the experience tenacity, and work ethic to get the job done right and keep Anderson County safe. Allyson is running as a Republican. This is a primary race and she encourages everyone to vote so that their voice may be heard. You may reach Allyson at 903-723-7341

Vote to Elect Allyson Mitchell Criminal District Attorney for Anderson County



Allyson Mitchell

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**Black History Program- Feb.
28, 2012**

Crowd enjoys United Women of Strength Christian Celebraties Celebration

East Texas residents enjoyed dinner and a night out with the United Women of Strength January 3, 2014 at the Norman Activity Center when the spotlight was placed on area Christian Celebrities. At the helm of the service organization is Lois Teague as president, Callie Walker vice president, Jean Hinton secretary, Helen Scott corresponding secretary and Annie Blanton treasurer. Other members are Billie Brown, Lillian Duffie,

Charlie Esco, Ruby Franklin, Francis Freeman, Jessie Foreman, Annie McClelland, Evelyn Robinson, Ethel Rollins, Barbara Scott, Maxine Session, Verion Starling, Flora Waits, Evelyn Wilcox and Arnetta Williams.

The busy ladies are in the process of planning their next community event. Monthly meetings of the organization are held. For additional information contact one of the members.



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The Redeemer

Wisdom is understanding the word of God. All wisdom comes from God. Therefore, as followers of Christ, it is very important that we read and study the bible and pray for understanding in order to understand.

In the end times, a basic order of judgement will prevail as the conflict between God and Satan comes to an end. There will be a time of great *Tribulation* (Matthew 24:4-26), followed by the **SECOND COMING** of Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:27-30) and the judgement of the nations (Matthew 25:31-46; I Corininthians 15:-20-24).

The *Day of the Lord* will reverse the curse upon the world by bringing judgement to all of God's enemies. The world will be judged by fire (Isiah 66:16), and all Nations will be included in this judgement (Amos 1:3-2:3; Ezekial 25:1-17). When the Lord spoke of the judgement of the people living at His arrival (Matthew 25:31-46), He pictured humanity as sheep or goats who inherit either everlasting punishment or *Eternal Life*. This concept of separation is expressed also through the figures of reaping harvest (Matthew 13:38-43; Revelations 14:14-20) and sorting out the good and the bad catch from a fishing net (Matthew 13:47-50).

Another judgement is portrayed in Revelation 20:11-15, commonly called the "Great White Throne" Judgement. This judgement is called the second death (Revelations 20:14). Those who are judged will be thrown into a lake of fire if their names are not written in the Book of Life.

The judgements of God at the end of history are preceded by resurrections of the just (Luke 14:13-14; Revelation 20:6) and the unjust (John 5:29; Revelations 20:5). Two specific resurrections are mentioned in the Bible (Daniel 12:2-3). They will be separated by an interval of 1,000 years (Revelations 20:4-6).

Because God elected that some people would be saved in the day of His judgement, a saving event became necessary. This event is broadly defined as the offspring of woman (Genesis 3:15), which began the long process of conflict through which God introduced the Savior into the world.

The study of what will happen when all things are consummated at the end of history, shows how God's redeemer will establish His kingdom upon a rebellious earth. The long process through which God selected a righteous group to serve Him on earth came to a climax in the person of Christ. He is indeed "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). This phrase from Isaiah 17:14 spoke of God's presence in Jesus in order to save (Isaiah 9:6-7) and judge (Isaiah 7:17; 8:6-6-8).

Christ's first coming was to save (Mark 10:45); His Second Coming will be primarily to judge. But His return will also spell relief to His faithful Remnant. The study of what is to come shows that God's presence for the redeemed will be fully realized at Jesus's return, when He will dwell among all the redeemed in the new heavens and earth (Revelations 21:3).

The Cross

Above all, the cross is the decisive event. In it the curse that brought God's wrath was reversed. Ever since, God has been progressively accomplishing His judgement against the forces of wickedness.

Psalms 110:1 is a key verse of the study of what is to come at Christ's second coming. The King will reign until He defeats His enemies. As He returns to begin the final preparations for His reign, He will gather the Elect to Himself. The redeemed will be evaluated by the Lord (Romans 14:10; I Corininthians 3:14-15) and will receive their reward of eternal life. The curse will be reversed, the Abrahamic

covenant fulfilled, all earthly distinctions eliminated, and God's people will live in eternal fellowship with the Father and His Christ. a major emphasis of what is to come throughout the Bible is to provide encouragement to believers in their witness for Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:14; I Corininthians 15:58). It is not mentioned to encourage idle speculation or controversy. The reason God grants us a view of the future is to encourage us to witness for Christ and serve Him in the present.

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Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

~Ephesians 6:1-3

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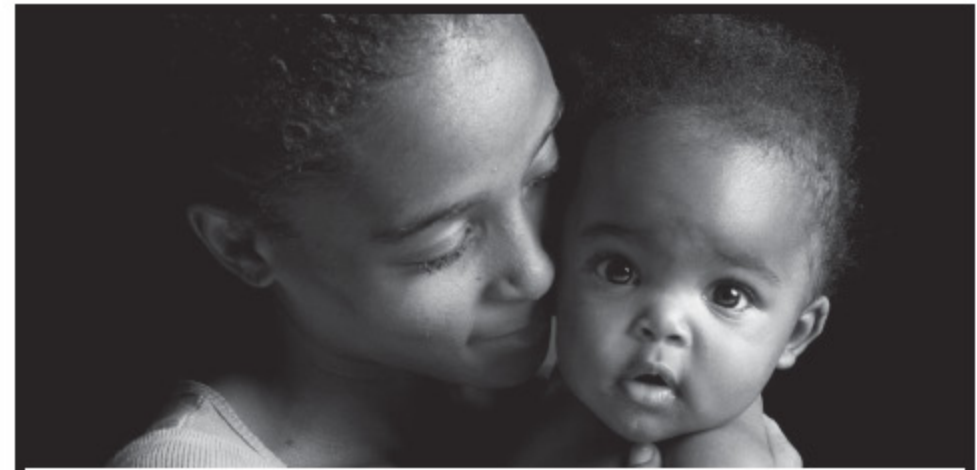
I came here only to be a servant and then I was going to be on my way.
But your arrogance and disrespect has changed my mind...
I think I'm going to stay.

I look around at God's people and I see the fear on there faces
because you're the Philistine champion but I'm sorry to tell you
all that's about to change today.

Before I take this challenge I must talk to the Israelites King'
to let Him know my previous battles
I won with no armor but my sling.

Now I'm here before you. God in my heart sling and stone in my hand,
I almost feel pity for you because what's about to happen
you just won't be able to comprehend.

After the battle was over and God's people wanted to give me all the fame.
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The Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr. State Representative - District 142 speaker for annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee program



Crockett, Tx.- Houston County elected officials joined the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee in presenting the 36th Commemorative Program, Sunday January 19, 2014 at the Crockett ISD Administrative Office Building Auditorium. The Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr. from Houston was speaker for the occasion. Joining Chairwoman Miss Roberta Mason in program participation were Sha'Driauna Hackett, Mr. James Gentry, JaVarious Taylor, Dr. Douglas E. Moor, Judge Erin Ford, Judge Sarah Clark, District Attorney Donna Kasper, Councilman Larry Robbins, Viola Jackson Harvey, Ms. Laverne Harris, County Attorney Daphne Session, Rev. Jim T. Ainsworth. Hostesses were Ms. Bobboe Hickman and Ms. Patricia Gibson.

City holds Singletary Memorial Library expansion ground breaking



Mayor pro tem Walter Session, Councilman Donald Woodard, Councilman Sam Woodard, Mayor Angela Raiborn, Amy Derrington Librarian, Councilman Ben Middlebrook, Councilman Don Jones and Brett Patterson with construction, took part in the groundbreaking for Singletary Memorial Library. Work on the approximately one million dollar expansion, funded by the city of Rusk, will begin soon.

Dawna Wilson receives Doctorate Degree



Dawna Wilson, Ph.D.
University of North Texas

Alto, TX. -Dawna Wilson, daughter of William B. Wilson and Grace Tidwell Wilson, earned her Ph.D. in higher education from the University of North Texas (UNT). Dr. Wilson was awarded her doctorate degree at the UNT Commencement Ceremonies on December 13, 2013 in Denton, Texas. The American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE) has selected Dr. Wilson's dissertation for special recognition at their 2014 annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia in March. She has also been invited by the Council for the Study of Community Colleges to present findings from her dissertation entitled "From Aspiration to Attainment: African American Community College Transfer Student Experiences Through Baccalaureate Degree Attainment" at their 2014 annual conference in Washington D.C. in April. Wilson aims to use her Ph.D. research to promote African American student success in higher education. She currently works in the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at UNT. Dr. Wilson holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree from Dallas Theological Seminary.

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United Women of Strength presents 2013 Christian Celebraties



January 4, 2014 United Women of Strength honored the 2013 Christian Celebraties during their annual awards celebration at the Norman Activity Center. The recipients were chosen because of the work they do in their churches and communities to make the world a better place. Those named were Willie Ann Scott, Sarah Hinton, Ray Dale Black, Anne Silmon Anthony Thompson, Billy Berry, Lee Carpenter, Dorothy Davis, Wanda Ward, Brenda Davis, Doris Faye Wilson, Bill Donnell, Yelonda Fuller, Debra Harris, Darwin Spencer, Calversie Pattern, Bobbie Jean Smith, Evangelist Jackie Mackey, Evelyn Cummings, Latsha Morrow, Ranata Davis, Evangelist Geraldine Rollins, Andrea James, Vanita Dennis and Terri Franklin. United Women of Strength is a Jacksonville based service organization.

Evangelist Brenda Mallard Davis receives license



Evangelist Brenda Mallard Davis(center) of Rusk, Texas delivered her first sermon on January 26, 2014. Evangelist Davis was presented her license from Pastor, Rev. Mertis Bartley. Ministers present gave her words of encouragement and Evangelist Stella Bartley welcomed her to the ministerial staff. Other ministers on the Mount Olive Community Church staff are Pastor Mertis Bartley II, Co-Pastor Evangelist Stella Bartley, Minister Jerry Leviston and Minister Mertis Bartley III. Evangelist Davis is the daughter of the late Adam and Lola Mallard. Her daughter Cangelana Cook and Grandchildren stand with her..

Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment Deadline Approaches

(AUSTIN)—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds Texas families to enroll their children in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® and avoid future increases in tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. The current enrollment period for the state's prepaid college tuition program ends Feb. 28.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund allows participants to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on current prices.

“The future cost of children’s college education can weigh heavily on families as they set their budgets,” Combs said. “Fortunately parents can ease concerns about those costs by locking in prices through the Promise Fund. The prepaid tuition program gives families payment options as well as flexibility in choosing how much prepaid tuition they want to buy, which helps them set aside money to fit into their budgets.”

Under the plan, families can prepay tuition and required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

Enrollment in the program at 2013-14 prices will close Feb. 28. This deadline extends to July 31 for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2014-15 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at www.TuitionPromise.org, or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

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Community

Brewington Baptist Church Historical Marker Application OK'd

Grapeland, TX.-Brewington Baptist Church, located 7 miles east of Grapeland in Augusta, Texas, has had its historical marker application approved. The eighteen member State Historical Marker Committee notified Historical Commission Marker Chairman Barbara Wooten of Crockett and Writer Ella Curvey Green, of Palestine, of approval on January 30th. With application approval, the State Historical Committee requested \$1,800 to pay for the 27 by 42 inch marker on pole. This amount is due by March 28, 2014. The Friends for the Preservation of Brewington, which formed in order to preserve the church's historical and community presence, has actively been seeking funds to cover the cost. But money is still needed to reach this goal. With the approval secured,

Brewington Baptist Church now has the opportunity to become the first African-American Church in the area to have a Historical Marker. A Historical Designation has been applied for the Post Oak Cemetery in this area. We must have the order placed by March 28, 2014 so that the inscription writers in Austin can start work. Contributions by check or money order made out to Brewington Baptist Church may be mailed to The Friends for the Preservation of Brewington at 9381 FM 228, Grapeland, Texas 75844. or donate via credit card to <http://www.gofundme.com/1fjMrs>

We are proud and pleased by the State Committee's approval and want to promptly follow through.

Juvenile Treatment Facility to open in Crockett

Crockett, TX.- The city of Crockett, Houston County Texas, The Crockett Economic and Industrial Development and the Juvenile Board of Houston County have entered into an agreement with Cornerstone Programs to open a new juvenile treatment facility at the old Crockett State School. The new facility will be named the Davy Crockett Regional Juvenile Facility.

The process to make this happen has been going on for over a year and is only successful due to the contributions of many individuals and organizations. The list includes: The Executive Director and Board of The Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation, The Mayor and City Council of the city of Crockett, The Juvenile Board of Houston County, The Houston County Judge, The Superintendent and Crockett ISD, The Police Department, The Sheriff's Department, Mel Brown and Associates, Angelina College, Texas Workforce Commission, The State of Texas, The Texas Juvenile Justice Department and Joe Newman and Tyrene Green with Cornerstone Programs. We have a great deal of work to do to make the facility ready to receive clients. The facility has been vacant for some time and is in need of maintenance such as

cleaning and painting. It also needs the surveillance cameras re-installed and locking mechanisms serviced. If everything goes according to plan they will be ready for clients by the first of April. This is a very ambitious goal.

Cornerstone will be hiring and training personnel during this time. The initial employee count will be between 35 and 40 and will continue to increase as the population increases. The maximum population estimate at this time is 101. Ultimate employment will be in the 80 to 90 range not including the educational component. The Crockett ISD will begin with 4 teachers at the facility and will also ramp up as the population increases.

The facility will belong to the city of Crockett and will be leased to Cornerstone Programs. The facilities they utilize will be placed on the tax rolls. The current estimate is \$2.5 million.

Cornerstone will be a great asset to Crockett and the area. Cornerstone will do its best to hire and shop locally. All applications for employment will be made through the Texas Workforce Commission and the positions and applications will be on-line tonight with a job fair on the 11th of February at the Crockett Civic Center from 9:00 until 4:00. Some Cornerstone representatives will be present.

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Ms. Hallie Williams

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Claiborn Williams and Harold Williams. She has daughters Ruth Ann Marshall of San Antonio, Texas and Geraldine C. Marshall of Houston. She raised two children as her own, Myron Trupe and Lawrence Trupe of Dallas. Then there are her grandchildren Bonita Boyd, Ruth Arrington, Lametrice Boyd, Gerandine Marshall, Latosha Marshall, Dewayne Williams, Venita Williams, Regina Williams, Sheila Williams and Lametra Fletcher.

She is a longtime member of Sweet Union Baptist Church serving in many different positions over the years, including the choir, missionary and many different committees and boards. "I still remember being baptised by Rev. Priesley when I first came to the church, she said. She served on the board of Nan Travis Hospital and East Texas Family Services for Heas Start. Ms. Williams runs a very busy schedule from her office everyday and is a true legend in her own time.

Councilman's Corner



Walter Session City Councilman, District II

There have been noticeable improvements made to some areas in District II. Property owners are clearing brush from some lots and four houses that have stood vacant have been upgraded to a standard that they are now occupied by families.

During the last city council meeting three substandard houses were condemned and will be torn down by the city at property owner expense.

One of those houses is in District II, the old James Powers house that has stood empty for twenty years plus. The other two, one on Alvin Street and another on Fourth Street will be torn down also.

New home construction from the 2011 Home Owner-Occupied Program grant is now a reality. Two families have moved into new homes with a third and fourth one to be constructed soon.

If you live out of town and you or your family members have property here in Rusk that needs attention, we encourage you to put it on the market to be sold or hire someone locally to maintain it.

We are doing what our resources allow us to do to provide clean and decent family homes and continue to make improvements in the city.

Two weekends in April, the second and fourth, city provided dumpsters will be available to dump heavy trash like old furniture, etc.

What's Cook'in



Beer-Grilled Chops

Times: 10 minutes prep, 10 minutes cook

Ingredients: 4 bone-in ribeye (rib) pork chops, 3/4-inch thick
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 teaspoons fresh ginger root, grated
1 cup beer

Cooking Directions:
Place chops in a self-sealing plastic bag; add remaining ingredients and seal bag. Gently massage bag to evenly distribute marinade ingredients. Refrigerate 4-24 hours.

Prepare medium-hot coals in kettle-style grill. Remove chops from marinade and discard marinade; place on grill directly over coals, cover grill and grill for 8-9 minutes, turning once, or until thermometer inserted reads 145 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a 3-minute rest time..

Serves 4.
Serving Suggestions:
This simple chop recipe is perfect for the grill. It calls for boneless pork chops, but substitute any type of pork chops you have on hand. Serve with Blue Cheese Macaroni Salad and grilled fruit and vegetable kabobs.

Nutrition:
Calories: 134 calories
Protein: 23 grams
Fat: 5 grams
Sodium: 305 milligrams
Cholesterol: 57 milligrams
Saturated Fat: 1 grams
Carbohydrates: 3 grams
Fiber: 0 grams

Dear Editor,
I have attached a copy of a News article about the Brewington Baptist Church. It is has been approved for a Historical Marker by the Texas Historical Marker Committee. I would like for this to be featured in the Community section of your paper if at all possible. I am available to discuss the content. I have researched the Church and applied for the marker.
Thank You for your support.

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Editorial

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all the white customers had been served ahead of us, and didn't question it. We sat in the balcony of theaters, and didn't question it.

When I think back i can easily remember it all. And now I am in awe at how well controlled we must have been....our speech, actions and mannerisms. We knew that we were being treated unfairly, but somehow managed to remain in control of our actions and reactions.

Most of our parents worked menial jobs and made just enough money to get by but accepted it as a way of life.

When I think back, it seems like another lifetime. One Saturday afternoon a group of us teenagers went to the movies. We sat upstairs in the balcony and was really enjoying the movie. Then a light appeared as the woman who worked the paybooth from downstairs and a policeman came up the stairs. The policeman shined the flashlight in our faces for several minutes. They selected one of our friends, (about 14 years old) handcuffed him and took him off to jail. Later we found they took him away because someone downstairs reported that popcorn had been thrown on them. It did no good for him to say, "I didn't throw the popcorn". He had no civil rights.

We sometimes sing a song in church called "We've come this Far By Faith". By the grace of God, that's the truth!



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OBITUARIES

Rita Gail Denman - Willis

Funeral Services were held February 1, 2014 at West Union Faith Ministry for Rita Gail Denman Willis with Rev. Jimmy Foreman, Minister Marvin Whitfield, Minister Jerry Leviston Minister Edraick Foreman Officiating. Rev. Jerry Dennis Euologist.

Rita Gail Denman was born October 30, 1959 to the parents of Oscar B. Denman and Helen Teague Denman in Rusk, Texas. Rita graduated from Rusk High School in 1978. She also attended and graduated from Eastern School of Nursing in Tyler Texas in 1983 where she was pinned as a registered nurse.

Rita united with Mt. Olive Baptist Church as a child. She spent her young adult years at West Union Baptist Church and as an adult she joined Blount Chapel Baptist Church where her father was pastor. She served on the usher board and sung in the choir. In 2010 Rita reunited with West Union Faith Ministry and remained an active member until her passing. She also enjoyed watching Wheel Of Fortune and fellowshiping with her family and loved ones.

Rita departed this life on January 27, 2014 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. She leaves to cherish her memory Sisters: Debbie (Willie) Rushing of Rusk, Pam (Charles) Hafford of Palestine; Brother: Anthony Teague of Rusk by way of Djibouti, Africa; nephews: Ryan (Doranna) Rushing, Aaron Rushing, Tony Teague, Jr., all of Rusk, neice; Shawntae Teague of Athens, and a host of great neices and great nephews. She also leaves to cherish her memory aunts Melinda Farmer of Springfield, Missouri, Elizabeth Rivers of Rusk, Jean Denman of Tyler; uncles: Joe (Lois) Teague, Charles Denman of Jacksonville, Texas, Jessie Bradley of Austin, Texas, Special God-sister s Lynda Roberson of Rusk, Gloria Mass-Durham of Tyler, Texas; Special Cousins Maxine and Walter Session of Rusk, Texas. Funeral services were under the direction of Mercy McGown Funeral Home.

Arthur Lee Harrison, Sr.

Funeral Services were held February 1, 2014 for Mr. Arthur Lee Harrison, Sr. at New Hope Baptist Church, Alto, Texas with Rev. Tracy Clater officiating.

Mr. Arthur Lee Harrison, Sr. was born in Crockett , Texas to James and Hattie B. Bradley Harrison on March 4, 1930. Mr. Harrison resided in Lufkin for many years before moving to Alto where he resided with his wife of 43 years, Mrs. Verdie Harrison. He died on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Memorial Hospital under the care of Hospice of East Texas, after a long illness.

Mr. Harrison enlisted in the Army at the tender age of 16. He was honorably discharged on January 2, 1947 from the 2622 Army - Airforce Base Unit, Mather Field, Sacramento, California. He received a WWII victory medal. He attended Dunbar High School in Lufkin and later attended a carpentry trade school on the GI Bill. He was employed for 37 years at Lufkin Industries/Foundry Department. Mr. Harrison served as a deacon at New Hope Baptist Church and was a member of the male chorus.

Mr. Harrison loved fishing, hunting, and was a great supporter of Alto Yellow Jackets sports. He was a man of few words, introspective, thoughtful and he loved his family.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Verdie Harrison and stepson Gerald M. Thompson, grandsons Gerald Lamont Willis and Dantrell Deon Casel. Surviving siblings include Luberta Fields of Lufkin and Harry James Harrison of Baltimore, MD.

Mr. Harrison fathered nine children in his previous marriage to Mrs. Jessis Harrison Berry. He leaves to cherish his memory sons Bruce Stanley (Helen) Harrison, of Huntington, Arthur Lee (Frances) Harrison, Jr. , and Rayford Allen (Sandy) Harrison, of Houston, Texas; daughters Shirley (Mark) Dickerson Appleby, Nelda (Herman) Scott Lufkin, Vanessa Kamah Harrison, Houston, Sharon Harrison and Margaret Harrison of Killeen.

He was preceded in death by his first-born daughter Linda Joyce Harrison Bell Dixon and siblings Frank

Harrison, Jewel Lovelady, Mary M. Roberson, Charlie Harrison , Lela Skinner, Essie Ward, Curtis Mills and Willie Hayne Harrison. He leaves a legacy of 28 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren , one great great grandson, and countless neices, nephews, friends and relatives.

Burial was at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Funeral services were directed by Tims Funeral Home of Lufkin, Tx.

Gracie Gregory Christopher

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 1, 2014 for Gracie Gregory Christopher at the Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church in the Elm Grove Community of Rusk, Texas with Rev. Travis McGowan and Elder Ray Christopher officiating.

Grace Gregory Christopher was one of five children born to the late Fred and Mary Gregory, in Nacogdoches, Texas on December 24, 1928.

Grace graduated from Chrineo High School in Sand Hill and she attended Butler College of Tyler, Texas. She dedicated her life to Christ at an early age.

She met and married Oliver Christopher and to this union seven children were born. He preceded her in death. She was employed at Rusk, State Hospital until retirement.

She departed this life January 28, 2014. Preceding her in death were her parents, brother Dewey Gregory and son Jerry Dickerson. Ms. Grace Christopher leaves to cherish her memory: Ray Allen (Polly) Christopher and Jimmy Christopher both of Rusk, Texas, Frederick Christopher, Killeen, Texas and Stacy (Catriona) Christopher of Houston, Texas; Mary Session Killeen, Texas, Cynthia Cannon Jacksonville, Texas, Jennifer (John) Rettig Tyler, Texas, Mattie Christopher Moore, Dallas, Texas, Samuel Lee, Lavergne, Tennessee; Brother: Winford (Demonluster) Gregory of Nacogdoches, Texas ; Sisters: Nadine Woods and Mattie Jean Alexander both of Houston, Texas and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, neices, nephews and other relatives and friends. Interment was at Plainview Cemetery under the directions of Community Funeral Home.

James Lee Carter

Funeral Services for James Lee Carter were held Saturday January 18, 2014 at the Mt. Olive Community Church in Rusk, Texas with the Rev. Troy Miller, Rev. Jerry Leviston, Evangelist Stella Bartley and the Rev. Mertis Bartley officiating. James Lee Carter was born April 10, 1927 to Pete and Margarette Carter. He grew up and attended school in Rusk, Texas before joining the Army in December 1945. He was an honored veteran and received a World War II Victory Medal for his service.

He met and married his beloved Altha Anderson on July 4, 1959. The couple lived in Los Angeles California until 1980 when they moved to Mineola, Texas. He enjoyed ranching, fishing, hunting and all things agriculture along with his good neighbors Jeff Taylor, Mason Taylor and Bobby Grant. James was an active member of Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church.

James Lee Carter was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 52 years, brothers: J. W. Carter, Pete Carter, Jr., Travis Carter, Howard Carter, Marvin Carter, Tommy Carter, Charles Carter and sister Virginia Nunley. He departed this life January 10, 2014.

He is survived by brothers: George (Betty) Carter and Vernell (Barbara) Carter; sisters: Geneva Taylor, Corine Waggoner and Myrtle Garmon; sister-in-law Linda Carter. He is also survived by special neices C. Denise Carter and Sandra Carter; Godson James M. (Natasha) Carter; a host of neices, nephews, great neices and great nephews, cousins other family and many friends. Interment was Holly Springs - Delmar Cemetery Rusk, Texas , under the directions of Brooks-Sterling & Garrett Funeral Directors.

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Question

In 1854, did John M. Langston become the first black lawyer in Virginia, Ohio or Kentucky?

Answer

Ohio

(During reconstruction hbecame Virginia's first black congressman.)

OBITUARIES

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Ginger Ruth Marshall

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Autry Funeral Home, Jacksonville, Texas for Ginger Ruth Marshall with the Rev. Johnny L. Thacker officiating.

Ginger was born in Rusk, Texas on June 23, 1944 to the late parents of Henry Walter Matthews and Ola L. Whatley and adopted parents the late Mr. & Mrs. Elton Thompson. Ginger attended G. W. Bradford High School, class of 1962, in Rusk, Texas. She later moved to Dallas, Texas where she resided and worked as Chief Tester at Ni Tech Electronics in Garland, Texas until she retired in 1995. After she retired, she and her husband, Frank Marshall relocated to Rusk and settled in the Holly Springs Community. She and Frank worked at Rusk State Hospital and later the Jacksonville Wal-Mart, where she was employed in the personnel department. She loved her job and her involvement with fundraisers for The Children's Miracle Network each year. She and Frank raised her youngest brother Ronnie Matthews as their own after the death of her father in 1984.

Left to honor and cherish her memory is her husband Franklin D. Marshall, Stepson, Anthony T. Marshall; Sisters Alice (Johnny) Thacker, Peggy A. Miller, Denise Foster, Ruby Coleman; brothers: Ronnie (Gayla) Matthews, Stephen (Rosie) Matthews, David (Veronica) Hamilton, Terry Hackney, Charles E. Mathis, Robert Whatley, Charles Whatley, Sr., Dale Whatley, Aunts, uncles, neices, nephews and cousins. Interment was at the Holly Springs Delmar Cemetery, Rusk

Imogene Thompson

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 30, 2014 for Ms. Imogene Thompson at Bon Air Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Imogene Thompson was born December 30, 1920 in Rusk County, Texas to the parents of Mr. John and Tennie Vanzandt. She passed away on January 23, 2014.

She moved with her parents to Rusk, Texas where she professed faith in Christ and united with Mount Olive Baptist Church at an early age.

To her union with Joe Lenzy, a daughter Hazel Lenzy was born. Later she met and married Iville Thompson and to this union one daughter, Carolyn Thompson, was born.

She was preceded in death by her stepdaughter, a sister and three brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two daughters, Hazel (Charles) Jackson and Carolyn Madison; brother Johnny (Jean) Thompson, stepson, Iville Thompson; grandchildren, Danny (Janet) Mitchell, Nino (Renada) Mitchell, Kevin Madison, Isaac Madison, Cedrick Madison, Ernest (Laura) Slaughter, Marvin Slaughter and Ray Mitchell; nine great-grandchildren; twenty great-great grandchildren; and a host of neices, nephews and other relatives and friends.

The Rev. James Mitchell, pastor of Bon Air Baptist Church was the officiant. Interment was at Dallas -Fort Worth National Cemetery under the directions of Sandra Clark Funeral Home, Dallas, Texas.

*Which New Testament book is sometimes called the Apocalypse?
(See answer page 10)*

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History

Jim Crow Segregation Laws of the South

"Jim Crow" was the name of a popular song and dance that an actor named Thomas Rice said he had seen done by an old black man in Kentucky. But in the south, "Jim Crow" came to mean a system of laws. The Jim Crow Laws legalized segregation, or forced separation, of blacks from whites. They made Black Americans second class citizens by law.

Segregation laws were passed in states across the south from 1880 to about 1910. There had been segregation in the North too, but the Jim Crow laws made it formal and specific. Blacks were forced to ride on separate railroad cars and streetcars. There were separated Jim Crow sections on boats. There were Jim Crow restaurants, schools, hotels, hospitals, parks, ball fields, restrooms, telephone booths, and drinking fountains, each with a sign reading "white only" or "colored only."

In most stores blacks had to use separate rear entrances and wait until all white customers had been served. There were separate "colored" entrances to theaters; blacks had to sit in the balcony.

Southern states passed laws requiring a *literacy test or poll tax* before a person could vote. A literacy test required a person to be able to read. If a black person mispronounced one word, he flunked the test. Sometimes a white person would be given a newspaper to read for his test while a black person would be given a difficult book or a newspaper in a foreign language. The literacy test and poll taxed often kept poor whites from voting, too, but some southern states had a way around that. It was called the grandfather clause. A man did not have to pay the poll tax or take the literacy test if his grandfather had been a voter. Of course, this excluded former slaves.

All the laws were upheld by the courts. The U. S. Supreme Court ruled that if a state law looked as if it was being applied fairly to all people, the Court would not

hear any cases challenging the law. In 1892, the Supreme Court ruled in the case of Plessy VS Ferguson. Plessy was a black man who had been forced to ride on a segregated railroad car in Louisiana. The Court ruled that there was nothing wrong with segregation as long as the railroad cars for blacks were equal in comfort and service. "Separate by equal" became the test that made Jim Crow legal for the next 62 years. Of course, separated was rarely equal. The accommodations for blacks in railroad cars, restaurants, and other places were nearly always older, shabbier, and less well serviced. In 1912, the average amount of tax money spent for each child in the public schools of the United States of America was \$15.00. For a black child in segregated schools, it was \$1.71. Separate was clearly not equal - but it was the law just the same.

Lynching was of course, against the law. But it was often used by lawless whites to keep Black Americans "in their place". Lynching means the killing of a person by a mob. From 1884 to 1916 there were more than 3,600 lynchings in the United States. All but a few took place in the South, and in more than 8 out of 10 cases, the victim was black. In 1901 alone, 130 Americans were lynched. The victims were accused of crimes ranging from murder to "insulting a white person". Lynching usually meant death by hanging, but some victims were burned alive or tortured in other ways like decapitation or castration.

A black newspaper woman, Ida B. Wells, was one of the few people to speak out publicly against lynching. She started her own newspaper, *Free Speech*, in Memphis, Tennessee, when she was only 22 years old. After a mob wrecked her printing press, she carried on her work in the North. She pressed for federal anti-lynching law. Such a law was proposed to Congress in 1900, and similar laws continued to be proposed well into the 1940s. No such law was ever passed, however.

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Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday March draws record breaking crowd



Prayer before the march began.

Jacksonville, TX. - The Unity Committee sponsored, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day march, drew a record breaking crowd of Jacksonville and surrounding area people, from a mixture of ages and races. Led by local ministers, the crowd of more than one-hundred appeared to be eager to get started and in high spirits. The lineup took place in front of the Norman Activity Center and the Tomato Bowl. Many in the crowd wore t-shirts which identified the slain civil rights leader with a picture and phrase from the 1963 march on Washington "I Have A Dream" Speech.

Martin Luther King was an inspirational civil rights activist. All his life he advocated equality and brotherhood. He was famous for the many inspirational quotes he used such as, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and conveniences, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

The march ended at Sweet Union Baptist Church on main where an inspirational program followed.



Local church pastors lead the march.



Joe Teague, Jean and Odell Hinton wait for march to begin.

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