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Dr. Kindrell Tucker in family Practice in Lufkin



Dr. Kindrell Tucker, a Rusk High School graduate has returned to East Texas after practicing in Houston.

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Wal-Mart tests grocery delivery

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. says it will be testing its grocery delivery service with ride-hailing companies Uber and Lyft in the next two weeks in Denver and Phoenix.

That's in addition to a quiet pilot program that started in March with Deliv for its Sam's Club customers that involves delivery of general merchandise and grocery for business members in Miami.

The move is the latest step in the retailer's efforts to better compete with Amazon, which is delivering groceries directly to shoppers' homes in several markets.

Derrick Holman Candidate for Pct. 4 Constable



Derrick P. Holman has served many communities for several years as Constable in Smith County over pct 1. Working diligently and profusely to keep the people safe, he has most definitely made an honorable name for himself. Due to the high amount of criminal activity in a much vaster city, he has had his share of encountering different types of intimidating scenarios and people, but regardless he has managed to have a way with people and walks away resolving the issue in a timely and effective manner. Many of the duties that he performs on a daily basis includes but are not limited to serving civil rights papers, evictions, small claims, writs, community policing/tobacco program and also Canine Unit for narcotics, tracking and trafficking.

Although he loves where he is currently located, it would be an honor for him to be able to work in his home town Jacksonville, TX and serve as Constable over Precinct 4. Not only does he plan on keeping the communities safe, but he also plans on impacting the people by interacting with the children more as well. The children are in fact the future and should be acknowledged in every way possible. Because of his late cousin Stacy Hunter, he has learned how important it is to have positive role models for the children to look up to; if we can uplift the kids, then in return the town should flourish because of our efforts

Derrick won in the primary election and will be on the ballot in November when he will have a Republican opponent. November 8, 2016 is election day . Early voting starts Oct. 24, 2016.

EDITORIAL/OPINION



Juneteenth is always important

Maxine Session

Some ask why do you celebrate Juneteenth every year? Its simple! What we don't remember, we soon forget. Please share the following. Happy Juneteenth!

Juneteenth History

One hundred fifty years ago this month, the U.S. Army took possession of Galveston Island, a barrier island just off the Texas coast that guards the entrance to Galveston Bay, and began a late-arriving, long-lasting war against slavery in Texas. This little-known battle would endure for months after the end of what we normally think of as the Civil War. This struggle, pitting Texas freedpeople and loyalists and the U.S. Army against stubborn defenders of slavery, would become the basis for the increasingly popular celebrations of Juneteenth, a predominantly African-American holiday celebrating emancipation on or about June 19th every year.

The historical origins of Juneteenth are clear. On June 19, 1865, U.S. Major General Gordon Granger, newly arrived with 1,800 men in Texas, ordered that "all slaves are free" in Texas and that there would be an "absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves." The idea that any such proclamation would still need to be issued in June 1865 – two months after the surrender at Appomattox – forces us to rethink how and when slavery and the Civil War really ended. And in turn it helps us recognize Juneteenth as not just a bookend to the Civil War but as a celebration and commemoration of the epic struggles of emancipation and Reconstruction. By June 19, 1865, it had been more than two years since President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation, almost five months since Congress passed the 13th Amendment, and more than two months since General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate army at Appomattox Court House. So why did Granger need to act to end slavery? To answer that question, we have to look back at slavery,

the Civil War, and Texas' peculiar place in both histories. During the Civil War, white planters forcibly moved tens of thousands of slaves to Texas, hoping to keep them in bondage and away from the U.S. Army. Even after Lee surrendered, Confederate Texans dreamed of sustaining the rebel cause there. Only on June 2, 1865, after the state's rebel governor had already fled to Mexico, did Confederate Lieutenant General Edmund Kirby Smith agree to surrender the state. For more than two weeks, chaos reigned as people looted the state treasury, and no one was certain who was in charge. In that chaos, many African-Americans fled, some across the river in Mexico, a less-remembered pathway to freedom in the decades before the Civil War. Others launched strikes or refused to work. But in a state where whites outnumbered slaves more than two-to-one, planters and ranchers did everything in their power to sustain slavery wherever they could.

Granger's arrival on June 19 marked the first effective intervention of the United States in Texas on the side of ending slavery. So when Granger issued his proclamation in Galveston, it was no abstract or symbolic statement against slavery and rebellion; he was striking a blow against slavery itself in the place where it remained most firmly entrenched in June 1865. But what did Granger's proclamation mean? One oft-told myth has it that Texans simply did not know that slavery had ended. What Granger brought, in this telling, was good news. But if we listen to the words of someone like Felix Haywood, a slave in Texas during the Civil War, we see that this was not so. "We knowed what was goin' on in [the war] all the time," Haywood later remembered. At emancipation, "We all felt like heroes and nobody had made us that way but ourselves." If Haywood and other enslaved people knew about the Emancipation Proclamation, what exactly did the events of June 19, 1865 mean? Here we face a key forgotten reality about the end of the Civil War and slavery that has been shrouded in the mythology of Appomattox. The internecine

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A thank you from the Jones and Wilcox Family

With heartfelt thanks, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your prayers, food and many acts of kindness and love shown to our family during the loss of our beloved one, Harry James Jones. Many thanks to the KEBE Neighborhood, Southeast Dialysis, Tyler Texas and ETMC wound Care and Bobby Bateman.

The Jones and Wilcox Family

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Dr. Kendrell Tucker, Family Practice Physician, returns home to East Texas

~by Maxine Session

From 2004 census statistics of the US Labor Department and of the American Medical Association, there are approximately 885,000 doctors in the US. This represents about 0.29% of the population or one-third of 1%. There is roughly one doctor to 300 people in the US. Over the next nine years, the country will be short as many as 95,000 doctors. To attract them to underserved areas, medical schools are forming regional partnerships. To address the problem, which is much greater in some states and in rural areas, medical schools are experimenting with ways to graduate more doctors.

Since 2002, M.D.-granting-medical-school enrollment has grown by 25 percent, and it is expected to increase by 32 percent by 2020, according to a new report from the AAMC. While much of that growth comes from expansion at existing schools, some of it comes from the creation of new medical schools. Since 2002, 20 new M.D.-granting medical schools and 10 new D.O.-granting medical schools have been established.

Dr. Kindrell Tucker, who grew up in Alto and Rusk, is doing his part to help solve the problem. In the fall of 2015 he joined the medical staff at Woodland Heights Medical Center, Lufkin Texas. Dr. Tucker will join practice with Dr. Clifton Cathcart at Cathcart Family Medicine located at 1 Medical Center Boulevard in Lufkin. Woodland Heights Medical Center is happy to welcome Kindrell

Tucker, M.D., back to East Texas. Dr. Tucker will be a great addition to the medical staff," states Kyle Swift, CEO of Woodland Heights.

"We are happy he has chosen to come back to East Texas to begin his private practice and look forward to working with him in providing quality patient care." Prior to coming to Woodland Heights, Dr. Tucker was a Family Practice Specialist in Houston, Texas.

He graduated with honors from University Of Texas Medical School At Houston in 2012. Having more than 4 years of diverse experiences, especially in Family Practice, Dr. Kindrell Tucker affiliates with many hospitals including Piney Woods Healthcare System Lp, Memorial Health System Of East Texas, and cooperates with other doctors and specialists in medical group Clifton H. Cathcart, D.o., P.a.. He is a board certified Family Practice Physician and is dedicated to personalized family care.

It is an honor to care for my friends, family and neighbors in Lufkin and the surrounding area," said Tucker. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to raise my family here. I love being a family physician and I look forward to serving this great community."

He accepts Medicare. He has four years of diverse experience.

Dr. Tucker graduated Rusk High School and has many friends and relatives there who are very proud of him.



Dr. Kindrell Tucker

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston and his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, where he completed his Family and Community Medicine Residency.

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Within weeks, fifty thousand U.S. troops flooded into the state in a late-arriving occupation. These soldiers were needed because planters would not give up on slavery. In October 1865, months after the June orders, white Texans in some regions "still claim and control [slaves] as property, and in two or three instances recently bought and sold them," according to one report. To sustain slavery, some planters systematically murdered rebellious African-Americans to try to frighten the rest into submission. A report by the Texas constitutional convention claimed that between 1865 and 1868, white Texans killed almost 400 black people; black Texans, the report claimed, killed 10 whites. Other planters hoped to hold onto slavery in one form or another until they could overturn the Emancipation Proclamation in court.

Against this resistance, the Army turned to force. In a largely forgotten or misunderstood occupation, the Army spread more than 40 outposts across Texas to teach rebels "the idea of law as an irresistible power to which all must bow." Freedpeople, in response to freedpeople's complaints, the Army acted as if the Civil War had not in fact ended. Relying upon its broad war powers to exert control over civilians, the Army attacked slavery by arresting

as Haywood's quote reminds us, did not need the Army to teach them about freedom; they needed the Army to teach planters the futility of trying to sustain slavery. Juneteenth celebration in Austin, Texas, on June 19, 1900 Against that resistance, and judges and sheriffs, taking control over court cases, running military commissions, and suspending habeas corpus. As Texas' provisional governor—a white loyalist—tried to build a new state, the Army provided crucial support against a developing insurgency.

Slowly, slavery itself ended. By the winter of 1865-1866, freedpeople, the Army, and white loyalists had extinguished the 'peculiar institution' in Texas. Under the threat of continued military occupation, President Andrew Johnson coerced former Confederate states into inscribing this change into the Constitution by ratifying the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery.

But the victory over slavery was only one in a series of battles to determine the meaning of freedom. Over the next few years, freedpeople's rights and their power expanded, along with the Army's authority to protect them. Responding to planters' efforts to create a hardened racial caste system and to freedpeople's testimony, the

U.S. Congress in 1866 tried to create defensible rights through the 14th Amendment that created birthright citizenship, established equal protection under the law, and guaranteed due process. When rebel states did not accept that amendment, Congress reasserted military control and charged the Army with registering freedpeople to vote. In 1869 Congress also passed a 15th Amendment prohibiting denial of the vote on grounds of race or previous condition of servitude. New biracial governments in the South helped write both amendments into the Constitution, thus remaking basic rights not just for African-Americans but for all Americans.

Reconstruction created a new world in Texas. Almost 40,000 black Texans, mostly former slaves, voted to call the state's new constitutional convention. The new state government in Texas, as elsewhere, established statewide public schools, protected small homesteads from foreclosure, and created a tri-racial state police. Among the leading black politicians to emerge were freeborn teacher George T. Ruby and the previously enslaved Matthew Gaines. On the ground, freedpeople built vibrant families, constructed churches, opened schools, and elected African-Americans to less-remembered but crucial local offices. But these gains did not endure. Over the 1870s, as the Army lost its hold on many rebel states, Democrats re-established control. Through a poll tax in 1902 and an all-white primary in 1903, African-

American voter turnout in Texas dropped from about 100,000 in the 1890s to fewer than 5,000 by 1906. Along with disenfranchisement came Jim Crow segregation and exclusion from equal access to public services like education, public transportation, and the justice system

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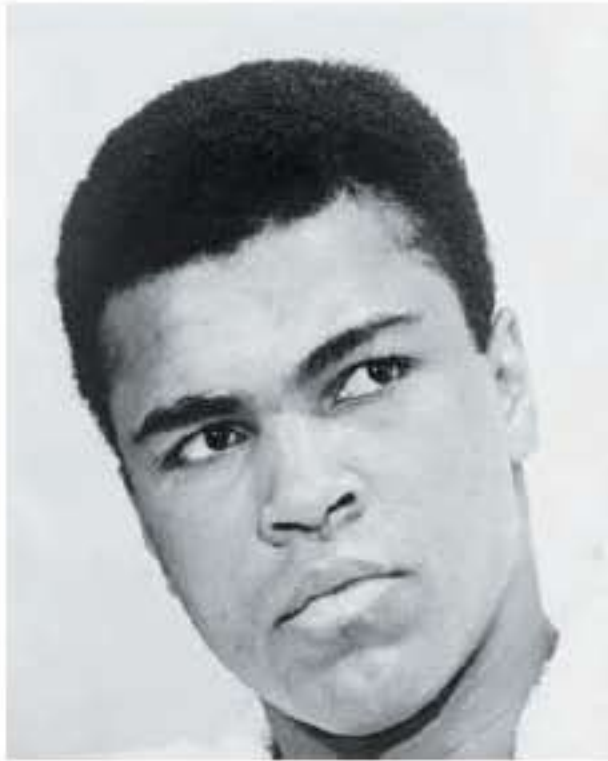
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World Political and Religious Leaders to Gather to Remember "the Greatest" Muhammad Ali



Muhammad Ali

Ali died Friday at a Phoenix-area hospital, where he had spent the past few days being treated for respiratory complications, a family spokesman confirmed to NBC News. He was 74 years old. Born Cassius Marcellus Clay on Jan. 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky, to middle-class parents, Ali started boxing when he was 12, winning Golden Gloves titles before heading to the 1960 Olympics in Rome, where he won a gold medal as a light heavyweight.

Muhammad Ali's body was returned on Sunday to his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, where the

legendary boxer and humanitarian will be laid to rest and honored in a traditional Muslim funeral on Thursday and an interfaith service on Friday, a family representative announced today. World Political and Religious Leaders to Gather to Remember "the Greatest." "Various political and religious leaders will come together to pay their last respects to Ali — a testament, even after his death, o how the "People's Champion" lived his life.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, King Abdullah II of Jordan and former U.S. President Bill Clinton are expected to speak at the Friday service, to be held at 2 p.m. at the KFC Yum Center, Ali family spokesman Bob Gunnell said during a news conference today. The service will be open to the public, and those who can't attend can view a live stream at Ali Center.

org." Gunnell added. Ali's wife, Lonnie Ali, and his daughter Maryum Ali will also speak at the funeral, in addition to actor Billy Crystal, sportscaster Bryant Gumbel and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. The Yum Center can accommodate 15,500 people, and at a media briefing today at 5:30 p.m. it will be announced how the public can obtain tickets, Gunnell said. Muhammad Ali is an American former professional boxer, generally considered among the greatest heavyweights in the history of the sport. He was educated at Central High School. Was 6ft. 3 inches tall and weighed 236 pounds. He is married to Yolanda Williams since 1986.

He was the father of nine children daughters: Miya Ali, Hana Ali, Khaliah Ali, Maryum Ali, Jamillah Ali, Rasheda Ali and Laila Ali; Sons: Asaad Amin, Muhammad Ali, Jr.

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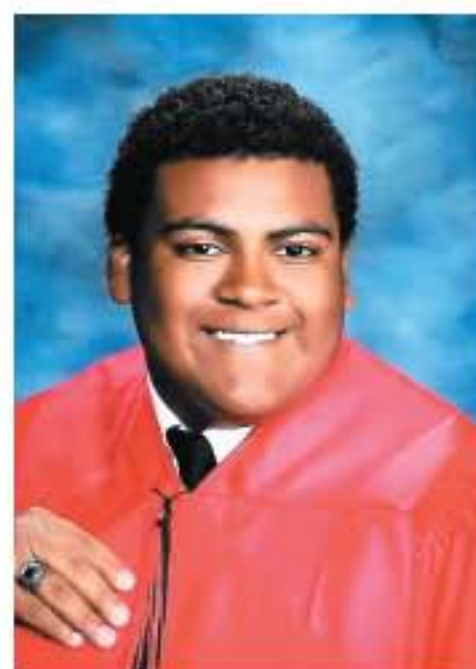
Rusk High School TJC Citizens Promise Scholars recognized at ceremony.

Tyler, TX.- The first Rusk TJC Citizens Promise Special Recognition Ceremony was held Wednesday May 11, 2016 at the Jean Browne Theatre on the Tyler Junior College Campus. Fifteen scholars were recognized for completing the program. Since the Rusk TJC Citizens Promise began in 2014 it remains the only program of it's kind in the state of Texas. 160 Rusk High School Students have been offered the scholarships and 100 have accepted including 35 from the class of 2016. Scholars recognized were: Samuel

Beavers, Brittany Christopher, Kyleigh Christopher, Brittany Dunlop, Bre'Ann Higgins, Christian Holman, Kadeja Jefferson, Lauren Lankford, Alexis Long, Destinee Morris, Jessica Reynolds, Ariana Rossa, Dylan Thompson, Tierra Turner, and Tristian Williams.

The Rusk TJC Promise began as a vision of the Perkins family as a way to give back to their hometown of Rusk, Texas. The vision became a reality in February 2014 when the promise scholarship program was officially announced at the TJC

Isaiah Lopez graduates Rusk High



Isaiah Lopez graduated Rusk High School on June 3, 2016. He will pursue his higher education at Tyler Junior College this fall. He is the grandson of Rev. Jerry & Ann Leviston of Rusk and the son of Nyja Leviston of Houston.

Board of Trustees' meeting. Upon its establishment, the Rusk TJC Citizens Promise was one of only 23 Promise Programs in the United States and the first in the state of Texas. The program provides Rusk graduates with \$4,000. per year for two years at TJC. In addition to graduating in the top half of their class with a minimum 2.5 GPA, qualifying students must also reside in the Rusk ISD and must have attended Rusk High School for grades 11 and 12.

Funded by gifts and pledges from Citizens 1st Bank, the James

Rev. Leviston celebrates 1st Anniversary at Mt. Olive Baptist

Rusk, Tx. - May 1, 2016 marked the celebration of the first anniversary for the pastor and wife of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Special guest speaker was the Rev. K. B. Clater, pastor of Lee Spring Baptist Church Flint, Texas. Mistress of Ceremony for the occasion was Armistia Sanders. Escorts for the pastor and wife were Bro. Charles and Sis. Genell Hicks. Special tributes were given by Mary Foreman, Sam O'Neal, Deacon, and Sis. Evelyn Timmons of the Shady Grove Church of God In Christ. Rev. Brenda Davis introduced the speaker. Dinner was served following the service.

Keisha Jenkins receives Bachelors Degree



Keeshia Jenkins of Rusk recently received her Bachelor of Science Degree. She is a Registered Nurse. Congratulations to her from her family and friends.

I. Perkins Family Foundation and others, the program is a partnership between Citizens 1st Bank, the James I. Perkins Family Foundation, TJC, the TJC Foundation and Rusk ISD. In addition to providing financial assistance, the program offers Rusk Scholars personalized support through a dedicated program coordinator. This coordinator guides students during their two years at TJC to ensure every opportunity for success. Efforts to promote the program extend to all campuses in RISD to create a college-going culture at an early age.

St. Thomas Chapel AME Church

Alto, Tx.- On Sunday afternoon July 3, 2016 St. Thomas AME Church will welcome the return of Family and friends to celebrate this special day.

"Our church is on the move forward" says Charles Booker, Chairman of the Trustee Board. We recently remodeled our building facilities and plan to continue with the project renovations. We are asking each member to fill their pew with ten people. This effort will support the project to replace our pews.

Rev. Vertis Thacker, Pastor of Linwood Baptist Church will be the speaker for the Service.

"We ask you to join us for an evening of good preaching, singing and just praising God", says Bro. Charles Booker.



Rev. Jerry Leviston and wife Ann Leviston

Foreman and McGowan 2016 Rusk Juneteenth speakers



Tammeka Foreman, Academic Specialist Irving ISD



Coach Reginal Joel McGowan, PE/Athletics Campus Coordinator TISD

Tammeka Foreman is one of the young people who will speak at the annual Rusk, Texas Juneteenth Celebration on June 18, 2016 at the

Tammeka is the current Academic Specialist at Jackie Mae Townsell Elementary in Irving, TX. For the past 8 years, she has been an educator in the Irving school district serving as a Kindergarten, second grade, and third grade classroom teacher. During 2 years as a third grade teacher, she was team lead and served as a mentor to student teachers, 5th grade teachers, and students. Tammeka earned her bachelors from the University of North Texas in Denton and her Masters of Arts in Teaching from Texas Woman's University, also in Denton.

While currently pursuing her doctorate in Educational Leadership, she continues to carve out time to tutor struggling readers and volunteer with the local NAACP. During the summer of 2015, Tammeka traveled to St. Louis, MO where she was awarded the Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant by the International Literacy Association. Above all, Tammeka believes and is quite passionate about the advancement of young African American scholars and does all within her power to assure success for each of them – No Child Left Behind. Ms. Foreman is the daughter of Mary Foreman of Rusk and a Rusk High School graduate.

Joel McGowan will speak at the annual Rusk Texas Juneteenth Celebration scheduled for June 18, 2016.

Joel is the current PE/Athletics Campus Coordinator at Boulter Middle School, Tyler, Texas, where he coaches track, football and basketball. He is also a Minister and speaks often at his church. He began his career in education in Lufkin, Texas in 2007 where he taught elementary physical education for two years. He has been in Tyler ISD since 2009. His first year in TISD he was nominated for Teacher of the year.

Coach McGowan has worked with the John Tyler High School coaching staff, as well. Growing up in Rusk he says many people impacted his life and left an influence that led him to education. Now he takes every opportunity to mentor young people.

Joel graduated Rusk High School in 2002 and earned a Bachelor's Degree at Sam Houston State University Huntsville, Texas. He is married to Vivian Pope McGowan and they have one son, five year old Reginal Joel McGowan, III (Tre'). He is the son of Reginal McGowan, I and Kathy Session Harris of Rusk..

Devin Abercrombie graduates New Summerfield high



Devin Abercrombie

Devin Abercrombie is a member of the National Honor Society and was named to the 2016 Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Academic All-State Team. During his time at New Summerfield High School as a multi-sport athlete, he helped teams through participation in cross-country, basketball, baseball, tennis and track & field. In basketball and baseball, Devin received numerous accolades including selection to the All-District Team and qualified for regionals in Track & Field in 2014, 2015 and 2016. In cross-country, he was a member of back to back state runner-up teams in 2015 and 2016. Devin earned the President's Volunteer Service Award through his work with youth sports camps, coaching in youth league and community service. Devin demonstrates the qualities of a real community leader.

Devin graduated from New Summerfield High School on May 27. Pursuing his love of the game, he has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the Lyon College Scots in Batesville, Arkansas. He plans to earn his degree then apply to law school.

Devin is the son of LaTisha Cartwright and Damian and Lachrisa Abercrombie. He is the grandson of Shelia Johnson and Eddie Abercrombie, and Lydia Cartwright-Duck and Jacque Duck

Ebony Griffin graduates Rusk High



Ebony Griffin, a June 3, 2016 Rusk High School graduate will be attending Tyler Junior College and Baylor College to pursue a career in Medicine. She is the daughter of Emerson and Jackie Griffin

Mark Anthony Mitchell, II graduates



Mark Anthony Mitchell, II graduated Rusk High School June 3, 2016. Mark will be attending Tyler Junior College in the fall. He is the son of Ann and Mark Mitchell, I.

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Obituaries

Harry James Jones

Services were held April 9, 2016 at Benson CME for Harry James Jones. He was born January 26, 1948 in Jacksonville, Texas to parents Langston and Madie Jones. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptised at Benson Memorial C.M.E. where he served as usher for many years.

Harry attended Jacksonville ISD ISD Schools, graduating from Fred Douglass High School in 1966. After graduation he attended Gary Job Corp in San Marcos, Texas. He was employed with Bobby's Tires for many years.

He was preceded in death by his sister Bobbie Patterson, brothers Kingston Jones and Ollie Jones and niece Twila Bowen of Jacksonville, Tamiko Wilcox of Tyler, and Jenny Jones of Plano; four grand nieces, a great grandnephew and niece and a host of cousins and many friends. Burial was at Alexander Cemetery under Community Funeral Home.

Clarice Elizabeth Dearman Clayborne

Services were held Sunday April 17, 2016 for thirty-one year old Clarice Elizabeth Dearman Clayborne at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Jacksonville, Texas. Clarice was born November 12, 1985 in Jacksonville, Texas to the parents of Larry and Jennifer Dearman. She died on Monday, April 11, 2016.

Clarice lived most of her life in Rusk and Alto. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Rusk and attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Rusk. She was a 2004 graduate of Alto High School and she attended Prairie View A & M University three years.

She was currently employed by ETECH. She worked for Home Health, EMS Service in Hempstead, Texas, Forest Firefighters in Florida and for the Jack Harwell detention Center of Waco, Texas.

Clarice met and married Ronnie Clayborne, Jr.

on November 15, 2014. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Cecile and David Griffin, Sr., Leon and Connie Dearman and great-grandmother Lula Bell Hicks Waggoner.

Clarice leaves to cherish her memories: loving husband Ronnie Clayborne, Jr., daughter Makenzie Bowens; son Cahlen Clayborne; parents Larry and Jennifer Dearman; sister Candace (Mike) Overstreet; brother Darrin Dearman; Mother-in-law Daphne McClelland, Father-in-law Ronnie Clayborne, Sr.; brother-in-law Kendrick McClelland and many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. Services were under the directions of O. T. Allen & Son Funeral Home of Alto.

Linda Jean Jones

Services were held April 16, 2016 for Linda Jean Jones at the Rockhill Presbyterian Church with Rev. James Fuller and Rev. Travis McGowan officiating. Linda Jean Jones was born to Eugene Masters and Bettie Jones on December 15, 1953. She attended school in Pine Hill and later New Summerfield. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Rock Hill Presbyterian Church.

Following high school Linda moved to Dallas where she worked for many years, later moving back to Jacksonville. She passed away April 9, 2016.

She is preceded in death by her sister Alice Jones.

She leaves to cherish her memories two sons; Michael Jones of Houston and Patrick Jones of Jacksonville; mother Betty Jones of Jacksonville, three brothers: Eddie Jones of Pleasant Plain, Kenneth Jones of Arlington and Ricky (Kay) Levens of Jacksonville, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends who will truly miss her. Burial was at Union Hill Cemetery under the directions of Community Funeral Home.

James Carlos Simms, Sr.

James Carlos Simms, Sr. was born June 29, 1959 to James Howard and Evelyn Simms. He attended Mt. Haven CME and Jacksonville ISD.

He is preceded in death by his father, brother Lewis Howard and son Ijuan Simms.

James is survived by his wife Sharon, two sons Chris and James, Jr.; two daughters Tameeka and Sheayran (Willie); mother Evelyn; in-laws Oneal and Margne, sister Youlanda; brothers-in-law Dwaynes (Juanita) and Frederick; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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Ms. J's 411

Encourage Each Other



Ferlich July Arrington

I have been writing articles for this column in the Texas Informer for several years now. One of the main reasons I continue to write is because of the encouragement I receive from the brothers and sisters who read them. There have been times when I thought about stopping the articles or simply thought I had nothing to say, then some people would share with me about how an article had helped them or a co-worker would share how they would use my articles for encouragement and reteaching a subject for comprehension. I then knew God

intended me to continue writing. I know that the inspiration from some of the articles comes from God, and as long as he wants me to I will continue. I have even had folks tell me that they have saved all of the articles and shared them with others. That kind of encouragement keeps me going. This is an example of how important it is to encourage each other. We should recognize each other's gifts and encourage one another to use those gifts. The power of a word of encouragement spoken out of love for another is greater than we can imagine. I can recall times when a word of encouragement has inspired me to do better. I'm sure I'm sure you can recall a time, too. We should also realize that a discouraging word can cause undue harm. Encourage each other daily, as long as it is called today so that none of us may be hardened by sins deceitfulness. "(Hebrews 3:13)" Until next time take care of yourself and others, too.



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What's Cook'n

Pineapple Chess Pie



Ingredients

- 1 deep dish pie shell, 9-inch
- 1 cup drained crushed pineapple
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
- 4 large eggs
- 1 stick (4 ounces) butter, melted and slightly cooled
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- whipped cream, optional

Preparation

Heat the oven to 400° F. Prepare the pie crust and fit it into a 9-inch pie plate. Crimp as desired. Place the crust on a baking sheet. Line the crust with foil and fill with pie weights (at least two-thirds full). Transfer the pie (on the baking sheet) to the oven and bake for 10 minutes. Carefully remove the pie weights and return it to the oven for another 3 to 4 minutes, or until it just begins to color.

Remove the pie from the oven and reduce the oven temperature to 325° F (165° C/Gas 3).

Combine the remaining ingredients and blend thoroughly with a whisk or electric mixer.

Bake at 350° for 35 to 45 minutes, until set. The center will jiggle slightly when done. If the crust edge is becoming too brown cover it with a pie shield or make a foil pie ring to prevent excessive browning.

Cool the pie completely on a rack and then chill in the refrigerator before serving.

Serve with a dollop of whipped cream or whipped topping, if desired.



Old Fashion Egg Custard Pie

Ingredients

- 1 (12 oz) can evaporated milk
 - 3 eggs
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 3 level tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 2 tablespoons melted butter
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - Sweetened Whipped Cream
 - 1 cup whipping cream, chilled
 - 3 to 4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - fresh grated nutmeg or ground nutmeg for garnish, optional
- Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 45 minutes

Total Time: 55 minutes

Yield: 8 Servings

Preheat the oven to 325° F (165° C/Gas 3). Grease and flour a 9-inch pie plate and place it on a baking sheet. It's much easier to move the filled pie to the oven when it's sitting on a baking sheet. Put the eggs, evaporated milk, and sugar in the blender or food processor. Pulse a few times to

blend. Add the flour, melted butter, 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract, and 1/4 teaspoon of ground nutmeg. The filling can be mixed with an electric mixer if you prefer.

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Walker to speak at Bradford Reunion

What Is A Father?

Christianity



Larry Walker 1954-55 G. W. Bradford school year

Longtime RISD Coach Larry Walker is to speak at the G. W. Bradford June 2016 School reunion scheduled for June 24th and 25th. Mr. Walker was recently nominated for the RISD Wall of Honor by the Cherokee Brotherhood Association consisting of his former students. September 1963 the former G. W. Bradford graduate began his teaching and coaching career at Bradford High School. The September 1963 Bradford Raider Bulletin reads, "The entire student body and faculty members are pleased

to have Mr. Walker. He is our physical education instructor, assistant coach (to Coach J. W. Carter), and instructor of some of the junior high school courses."

Former students and the public are invited to attend the reunion which will be held in Rusk. The All White Masquerade Ball where coach Walker will speak will be held at the Rusk Civic Center on Saturday evening June 25th at 6:00p.m.. The Friday gathering and late registration will be held on Friday evening beginning at 6:00pm. The Saturday midday gathering will be held at the Conley City Park on Reeder Street beginning at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Walker, Mrs. Peggy Mae Todd Clark of Dallas, and Mrs. Claude Ester Boykins of Houston are the only known survivors of the G. W. Bradford High School Faculty.

To register now, mail registration form to P. O. Box 371, Rusk Texas or contact Alumni Pres. Sandra(Honey) Brown. or the G. W. Bradford Facebook page.

A father is the male parent of a household in Bible times, charged with the responsibility of providing for the family and giving religious instructions to the children. Without a father, male parent and without a mother, female parent, there can be no children. Period.

Here in the United states many churches and families will celebrate Father's Day on June nineteenth this month. It serves to remind us that fathers are important and the importance of the role they play in the family, and of course, in society.

The social structure in the Old Testament is known as "patriarchal" society. The word patriarchy means "the rule of the father". The father commanded a high position in the family, his word was law. Because of his position, shared somewhat with his wife, he was expected to be treated as royalty by the rest of the family.

Exodus 20:12 says "Honor your father and your mother.

Socially, the father's responsibility was to see that no one took advantage of any member of of his family. Those not protected by

a father were truly disadvantaged persons. Those not protected by a father usually fell into two categories, widows and fatherless children.



Specific duties of the father was to have his son circumcized, to pass on his inheritance to his firstborn, to find his son a good wife and to teach his son a trade. Economically, he was to provide for the needs of family members. From time to time, however, a lazy man failed to provide for his family. Conscientious men sought to mock the lazy man and shame him to do what was expected. (Prov: 6:6-11) Paul rebuked those who considered themselves Christian but did not look after the needs of their families. I Timothy 5:8

The body of believers known as the church is the household of God. They are His children. He protects them, provides for their every need and He teaches them the way they should go. In turn He expects honor from His children, although He does not always receive it.



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