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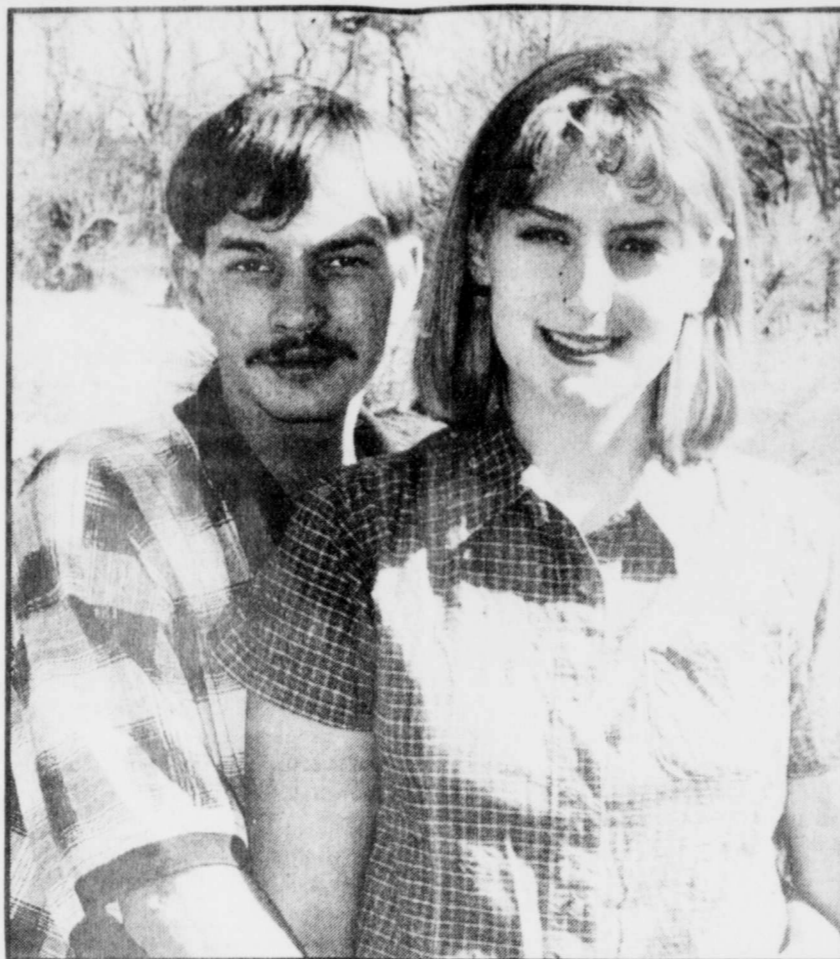
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The Oak Ridge Boys, Featuring Area Native Duane Allen



Deborah Jeanne Person and Johnny Franklin Goforth

**Person-Goforth to wed April 8, 2000**

Jeanne Person and Johnny Goforth are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage on April 8, 2000. The bride-elect, Deborah Jeanne Person is the daughter of Debbie Schnyder of Clarksville and Bill and Debbie Person of Wichita Falls, Tx. and is the granddaughter of Les and Jeanne Schnyder of Clarksville. She is a 1999 graduate of Clarksville High School. The future groom, Johnny Frank-

**Spaghetti Supper/Talent Show to be held**

The Talco and Bogata PTO's will host Chicken Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show at Rivercrest High School on April 8, 2000. The supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. and prices will be \$4.00 per plate for adults and \$2.00 per plate for children 12 and under. The meal will include Chicken Spaghetti, salad, beans, dessert and tea. There will also be a child's plate including one slice of pizza and drink for \$1.00 per plate. A silent cake and pie auction will also be held. The Talent Show will begin at 7:00

Editor's Quotes  
He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home

**Geary reunion to be held**

The first annual reunion of descendants of George Washington Geary and Charity Elizabeth Wolf Bryant Geary will be held April 8 at the fellowship hall of the Annona Methodist Church in Annona. Family and friends will gather at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a covered dish and pictures to share. For information, contact Ginger at 972-422-0444 or Kathy at 903-427-5394.

**Gospel singing slated at Lake Chapel**

The Lake Chapel House of Prayer invites everyone to attend a gospel singing with the Overcomers, a travel choir ministry from Ozark Bible Institute and College in Neosho, MO. The singing will be held Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Lake Chapel House of Prayer is located on Hwy. 37 six miles north of Mt. Vernon. For information or transportation, call 632-4452.

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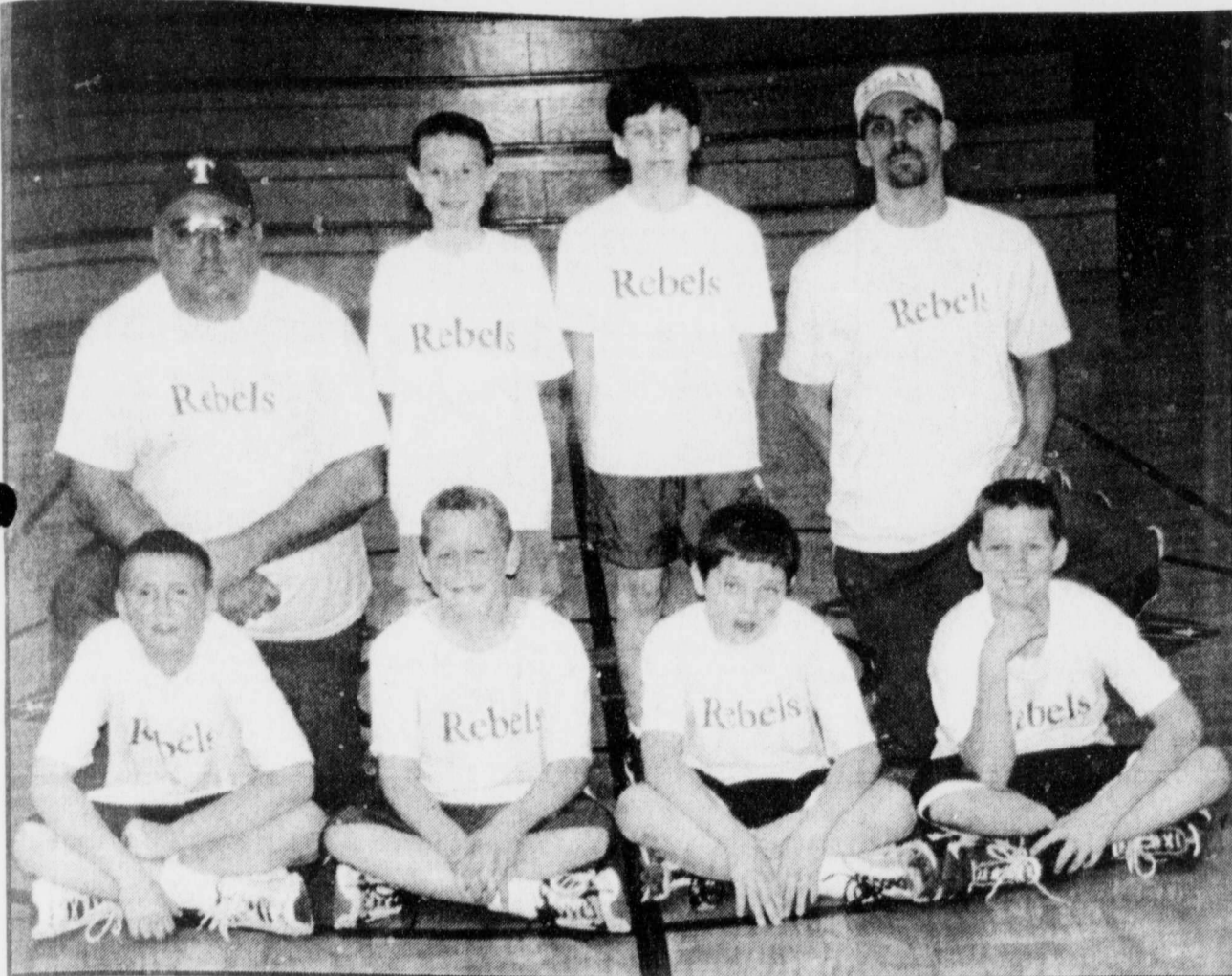
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THE REBELS-5th and 6th grade Bogata boys Little Dribble team members and coaches this year were; (from the left back) Coach Donnie Hays, Micah Haynes, Callen Morgan and Coach Chris Dickey and (front from the left) Jesse Harville, Matthew Ward, Brad Haley and Brian Hays. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



MEMBERS of the Lady Rebel and Rebel Tennis teams this year are; (back row from the left) Jeremy Jones, Brandon Davis, Molly Moles, Lacye Edge, Alysa Hildebrand, Ashlei Moles, Misti Simmons and Coach Tiffany Easley; (middle row from the left) Bubba Abernathy, Colby Guest, Duree Williams, Brittany Bull, Shari Wisinger and Joy Madden and (front left to right) Megan Horn and Charla Hines. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## Local reenactors to recreate Civil War training camp

In late December 1861 the 9th Texas Infantry, organized under Colonel Sam Bell Maxey, left Paris, Texas and marched toward Memphis, Tennessee to join the fight for southern independence. Second Lieutenant James Burnet, of Company E marched with them. By June, Maxey wanted a special unit of sharpshooters from his home area and dispatched James Burnet, by this time a Major, back to northeast Texas to organize a battalion of good marksmen.

On June 23, 1862, 376 men were enlisted from Fannin, Hunt, Grayson and Lamar counties to form 5 companies of the 1st battalion Texas Sharpshooters, Confederate States Army (also known as Burnett's Battalion).

The battalion set up headquarters in Paris, Lamar Co. and called it Camp Jackson. Between June and Dec. 29, 1862 the men trained while awaiting marching orders. The unit was officially organized and accepted into the Confederate States Army on Aug. 1, 1862 and assigned to Sam Bell Maxey's Brigade. It is not known exactly where their camp was located but it is believed to have been located somewhere northwest of the town's square. A recent discovery was made which revealed the encampment was also known by another name. Paris Doctor A.J. Redding dispatched medicines to the camp and on his receipt and bill of sale he noted the destination to be "Camp Maxey", the first known mention of a camp by that name before World War II.

On Dec. 29, 1862 the battalion left Paris and reached Camp Johnson, Titus Co., Tx. on Jan. 2, 1863, a distance of 65 miles. From there the battalion traveled to the following points throughout the western theater of the southern Confederacy: Jefferson, TX., Alexandria, Fort DeRussy on the Red River and Port Hudson all in LA., Jackson, Canton, Benton, Livingston, Big Black River, Morton and Enterprise all in MS. and Mobile, Halls Mills and Camp Cummings, Mobile all in AL.

The 1st Texas Sharpshooter Battalion being ordered east of the Mississippi River was assigned to the Dept. of the Mississippi and East Louisiana. The Battalion was cut off from the garrison of Vicksburg when that city was invaded by Federal forces and subsequently avoided capture there. Later its service was in the Dept. of the Gulf and finally in Texas and Indian Territory.

In March and April 1863 a great many left sick because measles had broken out in the encampment before leaving Texas. In only 16 months, between June 1862 and October 1863, the Battalion decreased in number from 376 down to 121 fighting men, due to sickness and casualties of battle. This was as much of a decrease as all other fighting organizations experienced in the beleaguered southern armies.

On Dec. 17, 1863, the Battalion transferred to the Trans-Mississippi Department and was transported back across the Mississippi River, the command being ferried across by small boats and skiffs between Federal naval patrols. The unit then served in Texas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Some time in 1864, the Battalion was mounted. Locations of the unit west of the Mississippi were: Provost duty at Marshall, Tx.; Fair's Mills, AR., Bayou des Arc, AR., Wallace's Ferry, Big Creek, AR. (north of Ft. Smith); Massard's Prairie near Ft. Smith; Fort Smith, AR.; Prior Creek, Fort Gibson, Cabin Creek, Doakville and Ft. Towson, I.T.

A little over a month after Robert E. Lee surrendered to Grant in Virginia, the 1st Texas Sharpshooters Battalion was surrendered on May 26, 1865 by Gen. E.K. Smith. On March 25 and 26, 2000, the Maxey Color Guard, 1st Texas Sharpshooters, will recreate Camp Jackson in Paris. The reenactment and living history demonstration is free and open to the public and will be held in Dragon Park, located on Collegiate and Jefferson Streets in Paris, Tx. Local reenactors will set up a full Civil War military style camp site and demonstrate camp life during this time period. The Maxey Color Guard reenactors group was started last year in Paris and participates in parades, tombstone dedication and living history demonstrations. The group welcomes all person, male and female, who like to join as military or civilian. There is room for women and children who would like to learn to dress in period style clothing. The group is also interested in drummers, buglers and fifers to start a drum and bugle corps.

Sam Bell Maxey, who live in Paris before and after the war, was headquartered in the Indian Territory during the conflict. He commanded several Indian regiments as well as the 1st Texas Sharpshooters. The group would also like to enlist native American Indians who would like to reenact their Confederate heritage during the War Between the States.

The group is very interested in enlisting persons who would like to become Union soldiers also. Many black men joined the Union Army, the group would like to enlist both black and white persons interested in this time period to relive their heritage. To round out the atmosphere the group would like to recreate, there is a special need for period style horse drawn wagons and carriages, either for loan or sale to complete its entourage. Horseback riders are also welcome to help recreate the Cavalry.

Reenactors in the surrounding areas who are interested in attending should contact the persons below and set up on Friday after 4:00 p.m. The weekend affair promises to be both educational and entertaining and should be fun for all age groups. The camp demonstration is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call (evenings) Ron Brothers 903-737-8693 or Marty Sustaire 903-784-3827 or email rbrother@1ststarnet.com.

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I want to take this opportunity to let everyone know that I appreciate the support given to me in the campaign for Judge of the 62nd District on the Democratic ticket.

A special thanks to everyone who worked to help me during the campaign.

Please remember to vote in the upcoming runoff as I again ask for your vote and support for the judgeship of the 62nd Judicial District.

*Scott McDowell*

Pd. pol. adv. by Scott McDowell, who has rejected the voluntary limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act. P.O. Box 1093, Paris, TX 75461

### Bertha McCall host 84 Club Thursday

Members of the 84 Club met Thursday afternoon, March 16, 2000 in the home of Bertha McCall for their monthly meeting.

Two tables were arranged for 84 and 42 and buffet refreshments were enjoyed during the afternoon of play. Members attending were: Willie Mae Gray, Willie Clark, Donnie Smith, Jemie King, Jettie Bond, Woodie Harville, Ethel Epps, Maggie Lee, Ruby Sistrunk, Maurine Mankins and the hostess.

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