

EDITORIAL/OPINION

20 years
of the Texas
Informer
Celebrated



Maxine Session

We began this publication with the first issue printed in May of 1995. Our goal then was the same as it is now, to bring you positive news about local people, documenting history through the eyes of those whose story is told. The Informer is published to strengthen families and communities, to build race relations and to build business.

Well, it's hard to believe, but we are

celebrating the twentieth birthday of this publication with this printing. Twenty years of documented family successes and history is now a part of our files and the files of many others.

Thank you to those of you who read the Informer and shop or do business with those businesses who support the Informer through advertisement.

To Kathy, Terri and Daphne, thank you for the big part you have played in helping to start this publication and in keeping it going. I know you all still have nightmares from so much typing, and the late nights put in all the years we laid the paper on layout board.

**“The secret to
success is to start
from scratch and
keep on scratching”**

~author unknown

Street Dedication to Walter Session

Needham Street will be dedicated by the city of Rusk to Walter Session, 32 year city councilman.

The dedication will be held on June 19th at 11:30 a.m. at the corner of Needham and Martin Luther King, Jr. The public is invited to attend.

Juneteenth Celebration

The Cherokee Brotherhood Association and Texas Informer will host the Juneteenth Parade and Celebration on June 20, 2015. The public is invited to participate. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. The celebration will begin immediately afterwards at Mt. Pleasant CME Church. Dr. Westly Darryl Foreman and Una Deveraux Williams will be the speakers. Ms. Sammie Attaway is the parade marshall.

Letters to the Editor Policy

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please send to P. O. Box 332, Rusk, Texas or informernews08@aol.com. Letters must include name of the sender.

Texas Informer Salutes Poets and writers

During the past twenty years, the Texas Informer has had the pleasure of presenting to our readers many fine local poets and writers. We salute them and thank them for taking the time to write and share their talents with us. Among the poets are Michael Guinn from Jacksonville, Texas who now lives in Dallas and is the best at open mic “Spoken Words”, Betty Walker, retired Rusk Teacher who lives in Rusk, Vanessa Miller who lives in Palestine, Willie Calwell of Palaestine and Jill Darden from Dallas.

The column writers have kept us informed and entertained. Among the regulars, we remember with a smile, the late Patricia Spencer author of Ms. P’s Notepad, who kept us informed on the personal comings and goings and ups and downs of our friends and neighbors in Jacksonville and the late Mrs. Elnora Colston who wrote the Mission Circle new for years, Furlich July Arrington wrote Ms. J’s 411 educating us on parenting and education, health issues, as well as news around Jacksonville.

Then there was Preston Meador, retired Military man, author of the book “The Long Journey”, Kelly Springfield Supervisor and former JISD Schoolboard member who

shared his wit and stirred our thoughts on politics and voting. A. J. Rhodes is the author of Ask A. J? He provided us and still does from time to time, with so much black history and information which made us think about the issues at hand;

Billy “Hollywood” Groves author of “Hollywood’s Time” now publisher of his own newspaper in Crockett, Texas, who kept us up to date on local happenings as well as national

There are so many others, the late Leroy Ballard, Tony Teague and Krystal Carter, mother and teacher who wrote the “Education” Column that provided so many parents and young people motivation and information on scholarships and timeline on when to do what as a senior preparing to go to college.

We thank you Michael Ousley and **Online Directory** for putting The Informer online and helping us keep it there. To Mollie Belt, Dallas Examiner, Hattie Kelly, Power Pages News, and all our fellow Texas Publishers Members thank you for just being a friend to us and other African American publishers. Kathy, Terri, Daphne and the rest of the family thank you for all you have done .

**A Salute to the businesses who have
supported the *Informer* over
the past 20 years**

- * L & P Paint & Body
- * Citizens 1st Bank
- * Austin Bank
- * Texas National Bank
- * Austin Young State Farm Ins.
- * Chapman Pharmacy
- * Tosh Insurance
- * Community Funeral Home

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