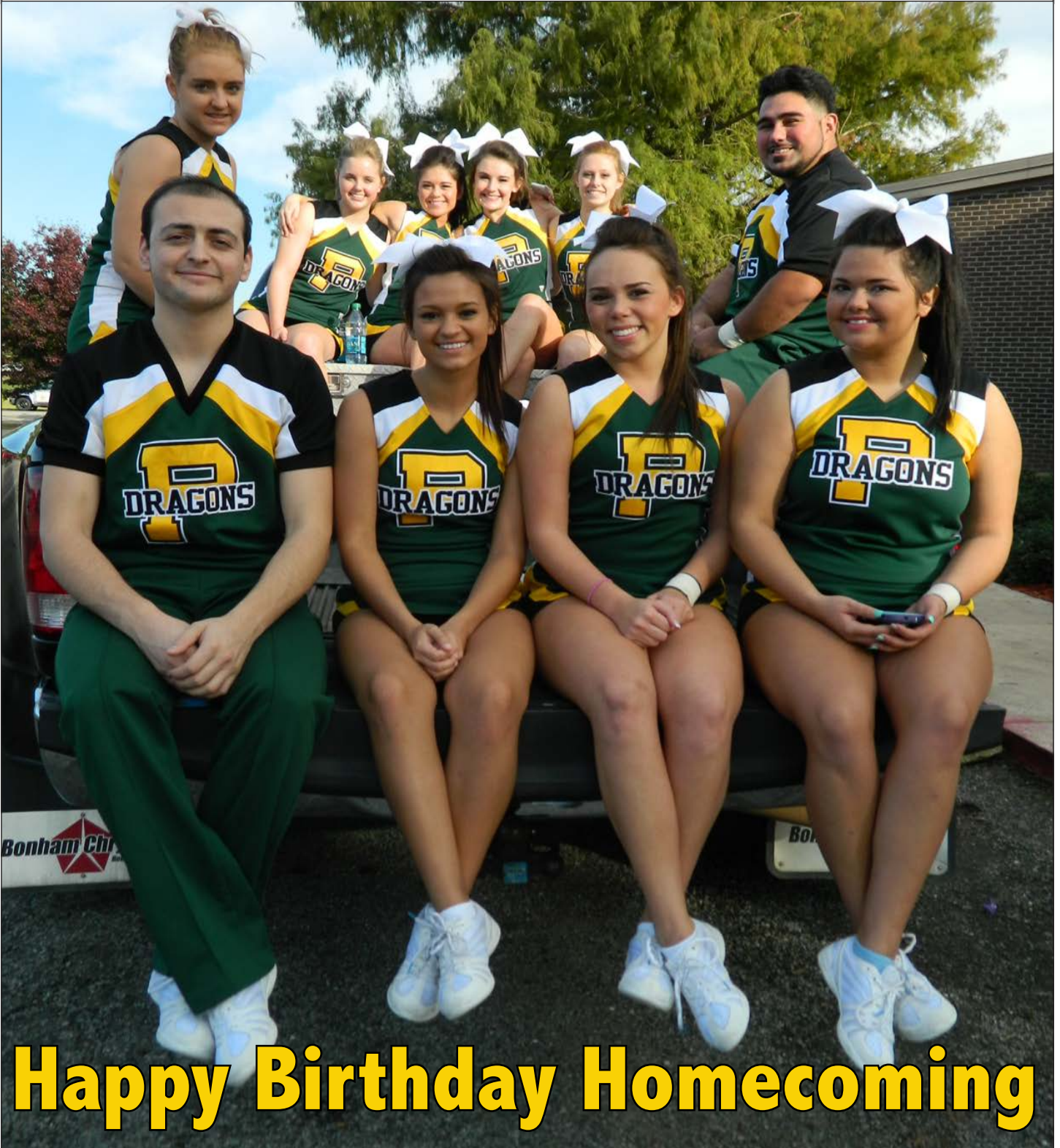


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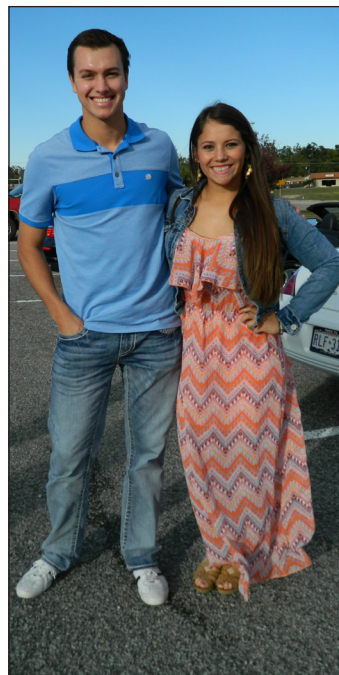
The cheerleaders get ready for the Homecoming parade on November 6. Clockwise from top left: Michaela Hansard, Cheslee Oliver, Brooke Nichols, Jordan McCuiston, Allie Garrett, Jerred Guerra, Caitlyn McIntire, Lexie Halley, Alysa Moore, and Manuel Loya. Photo, Taylor McCloure.

King and Queen nominees



Courtesy Photo

Keith Shivers and Demi Sheppard were announced Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the men's basketball game on November 8. The men's team won against their opponent, Murray State, with the score of 67-47. The women's basketball team fell to their opponent, Collin County, with a score of 62-69.



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King and Queen nominees attend the homecoming parade on November 6. Pictured on the left are nominees Tyler Pohl and Alex Cruz. Pictured in the center are nominees Preston Martin and Demi Sheppard. Pictured on the right are nominees Keith Shivers and Lauren Jeans.

Homecoming Parade



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The radiology program is one of the three float winners at the Homecoming parade Thursday afternoon, November 6. Students in x-ray tech training courses hold up their certificate showing that they've won.



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The radiology students show off their float by holding up fake, decorative pieces of skeletons around their homemade "cake."



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The admissions office is one of the top three float winners during the homecoming parade, with a music playing float.



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The H.A.R.T.S club donated their "cake," made out of canned goods, to the local food pantry.



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The H.A.R.T.S club is another float winner.

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Musical Production

The Musical Theater Program presents "The All Night Strut" Saturday, Nov. 15 from 7:30-9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Ray Karrer Theater. Tickets are \$12 or free with PJC ID.

Early Registration

Early registration for Spring classes begins Nov. 17.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanksgiving break will be from Nov. 26 through Nov. 28. Classes will resume Monday, Dec. 1 at regular times.

Christmas Performance

PJC Chorale will perform a free Christmas concert in the DeShong Chapel Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Late Night Breakfast

December 8 there will be a late night breakfast in the cafeteria on the Paris campus between 8-10 p.m.

Winter Mini Term

First day of classes for the Winter Mini Term is Dec. 15.

Follow PJC on...



Campus ministries feed the stomachs and souls of students

AMBER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

For Kent Kirby, social events were never his “thing.” He tried to avoid them as much as possible.

His mother mentioned Baptist Student Ministries to him, but he just ignored what she said thinking BSM was just another social event. However, one day during Spanish class his friend, Megan Powell, suggested he come to BSM for one Bible study just to see how he liked it.

Now, Kirby is a regular student at BSM.

Across 24th Street from PJC, there are two ministries, Wesley Campus Ministry Center and BSM. These two provide many activities for the students of the school and the community around the school.

Scott Powell, the director of Baptist Student Ministries, said they provide free lunches for students on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“A variety of students show up,” Powell said. “A lot more of the nursing and welding come but anyone is welcome.”

On Tuesdays, they do a Bible study for any student or community member interested in studying the Bible a little more.

“The Bible studies start at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays,” Powell said. “The turnout varies; sometimes we have a big crowd of almost 20 and other times we have about 10. Some semesters are better than others; it just de-



Amber Campbell/ The Bat

Students and community members have fellowship after they finish their free lunches at the BSM house. The free lunch is served on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for anyone who walks through the door.

pends on the students and how many each invites to come join us.”

On Thursdays, BSM does a variety of activities ranging from a game called “zombies” to just an XBOX game night.

“Zombies is an essentially progressive hide-and-go-seek that we play downtown from the square to Bywater Park,” Powell said. “A couple people are it and everyone else goes and hides. As you get tagged you are ‘it’ as well.”

Upcoming events at BSM are a Thanksgiving dinner, on November 20, that will be held in the BSM center for students who may not get to go home during the break.

Also there will be a Christmas party, on December 18, with a white elephant gift ex-

change and then a game of choice will be played. Powell said last year they played Jenga with two stacks of Jenga blocks.

The Wesley Campus Ministry started out originally in the basement of the PJC Administration Building and has been running for 40 years.

Pastor Ed Dodd is the director of the Wesley Campus Ministry Center. Dodd is also the pastor at Roxton United Methodist Church and has been doing the WCMC services for 13 years. The ministry provides free lunch for people on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

“When Jesus told Peter to feed my sheep that is what we do,” Dodd said. “We feed sheep, because we are convinced that

once you take care of the hunger of a person’s stomach then maybe you can work on the hunger of their soul.”

Pastor Dodd said that they also do devotionals, or prayers, for students that come in.

“A lot of these students that come in have me pray for them and things they have going on at home, because a lot of these students are second-career students,” Dodd said.

Dodd said they are creating Christians through the love of Christ.

“We are creating people that understand that love is not just a noun but it’s actually a verb, it’s an action verb,” Dodd said. “If you’re going to love people then you love them from the beginning.”

PJC and Paula Vaughan: a success story

**TAYLOR MCCLOURE
EDITOR**

Paula Vaughan wakes up every morning, leaves for work, walks to classes, goes back to work, tutors in the afternoons, attends Phi Theta Kappa meetings, and rehearses at the Paris Community Theater at night. She's been a student at PJC, off and on, for almost 30 years.

Like many other non-traditional students, Vaughan stays busy managing her complicated schedule. She is currently Derald Bulls student assistant in the Alumni Affairs office, serves as Phi Theta Kappa president, peers tutor for accounting, has completed three certificates since 2013 and is on her way to gaining an associate's degree in Applied Sciences.

"I would have been a 1980 high school graduate, but I dropped out of school in 1977," Vaughan said. "Shortly after getting married and having my son, I tried going back to school but it seemed like the kids I was about to go to school

with didn't seem to be at the same maturity level as I was."

Vaughan didn't go back to school until 1984 and she earned a G.E.D. in May of 1985. She enrolled in the PJC nursing program, but didn't complete the class.

"I then went to work, raised my three children and, when they were grown, I raised some of my grandchildren, and decided to go back to school," Vaughan said. "In 2006, I was medically retired from working in food services after 26 years."

Vaughan came back to school in January 2013 to get a certificate, but as she progressed she completed three certificates: one in advanced office information systems, one in accounting, and one in computer information systems.

"I had always loved computers. I decided I would come back and get a computer degree. I wanted to get a degree in something that I wouldn't have to be on my feet a lot," Vaughan said.

While working on her cer-



Taylor McCloure/The Bat

Breanna Dunken, and her grandmother, Paula Vaughan attend college together, and cross paths almost every day.

tificates, Vaughan realized she only needed a few more classes to earn an associate's degree.

"I didn't realize I was even going to be capable of getting an associate's degree, and now, in May of 2015, exactly thirty years from the date I received my G.E.D., I will be receiving my associate's degree in Applied Sciences," Vaughan said.

Vaughan isn't just going to college to push herself to have a better education, but she's also setting an example for her family. Vaughan has three children and thirteen grandchildren to keep up with. She attends college with her daughter, Rebecca Roden, and her granddaughter, Breanna Dunken. Like Vaughan, both also work while take classes.

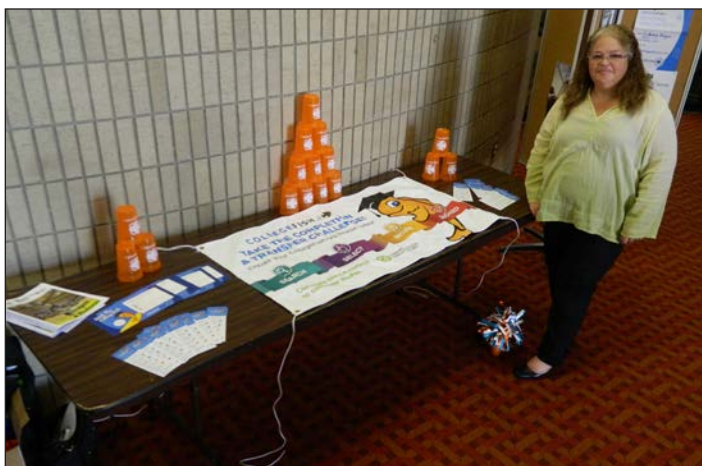
Vaughan and Dunken are active in Phi Theta Kappa together. Vaughan is president

and Dunken is a provisional member. Dunken works as a PJC student worker for Anita Ferguson, instructor, office technology, and is working towards a sociology degree. Roden works full time, but takes online and night classes and is enrolled in the criminal justice program.

"Sitting at home wasn't an option for me once I was medically retired," Vaughan said. "I knew I had more to offer. My life's goal is to just help others. That's all I care about."

Vaughan is planning on continuing her education. She's looking at three different colleges, but is leaning toward attending Texas A&M University-Commerce.

"My goal is to achieve my master's in computer technology and, hopefully, be able to teach," Vaughan said.



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Paula Vaughan stands near a library display about College Fish, a website that informs people about different kinds of scholarships, as part of a Phi Theta Kappa project to raise awareness about transfer scholarships.



Michaela Phillips/ The Bat

During the Veterans Day Memorial on November 11 students Denisha Crow, Vice President of AASU, and Veteran Cameron Townsend hold up the flags as “Taps” plays.



Michaela Phillips/ The Bat

Veteran Lisa Dawes carries the wreath while Cameron Townsend holds the United States flag during the Veterans Day Ceremony held Tuesday November 11.

\$300,000 available in scholarships

MICHAELA PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

A new PJC financial aid opportunity, the Second Chance Scholarship, will possibly award up to a total of \$300,000 in scholarships to those who want a second chance for a better career.

The scholarships are for non-traditional students or students who didn't have the

chance to complete college. The scholarship pays tuition and fees for two classes that do not exceed 8 hours. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be 25 years or older, cannot currently be enrolled at PJC, and must not have completed a certificate or degree.

“This scholarship is for the single moms or for people who didn't complete college

for any reason so they have another chance to complete a degree or certificate,” said Linda Slawson, Director of Financial Aid.

An applicant must also complete FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or TASFA, Texas Application for State Financial Aid, by December 15 and supply a high school transcript.

To apply for the Second

Chance Scholarship go to the PJC website and go to the Financial Aid page. There will be a specific application there starting November 17 and it must be completed before December 15.

For further information about the Second Chance Scholarship, contact Stacy Young, Assistant to the President, in AD 154, 903-782-1270.

Final Examination Schedule

Fall semester examinations will begin Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, and will continue through Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014. Examination periods will be one hour and fifteen minutes in length. Examinations will be given in the classrooms in which the class regularly meets unless the instructor involved gives a change to the students.

MONDAY, Dec. 8

Exams are to be given for all MONDAY-WEDNESDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Monday evening classes

TUESDAY, Dec. 9

Exams are to be given for all TUESDAY-THURSDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Tuesday evening classes

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10

Exams are to be given for all MONDAY-WEDNESDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Wednesday evening classes

THURSDAY, Dec. 11

Exams are to be given for all TUESDAY-THURSDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Thursday evening classes

Fall commencement information announced

Fall 2014 Commencement will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12 at the Hunt Center on the Paris Campus.

The Student Records Office is still accepting applications for graduation until November 21 at 5 p.m.

Students are to pick up their caps and gowns in AD 142 on the Paris campus and from the offices on the Greenville and Sulphur Springs campuses beginning.

An email will be sent out telling students when they can pick up their caps and gowns.

For the ceremony, men should wear light-colored shirts, tie and dark slacks. Women should wear dresses or

dark slacks. Students are required to be at the ceremony at 6 p.m. to get set up.

There will be a reception for guests and graduates in the Ballroom in the Student Center immediately following the ceremony.

Commencement for fall 2014 will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12 at the Hunt Center on the Paris Campus.



Courtesy Photo

These members of the Heating, Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Technology Students Association (H.A.R.T.S) have been elected officers for the 2014-2015 academic year. From left are Kade Kirby, Secretary/Treasurer; Dustin Smith, Vice President; Krystal Freeman, President, and Derrick McCormick, Sergeant at Arms. The purpose of the club is to develop industry awareness and student success. For information and meeting times, contact Jenna Ormsbee, heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration instructor, extension 1347.

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