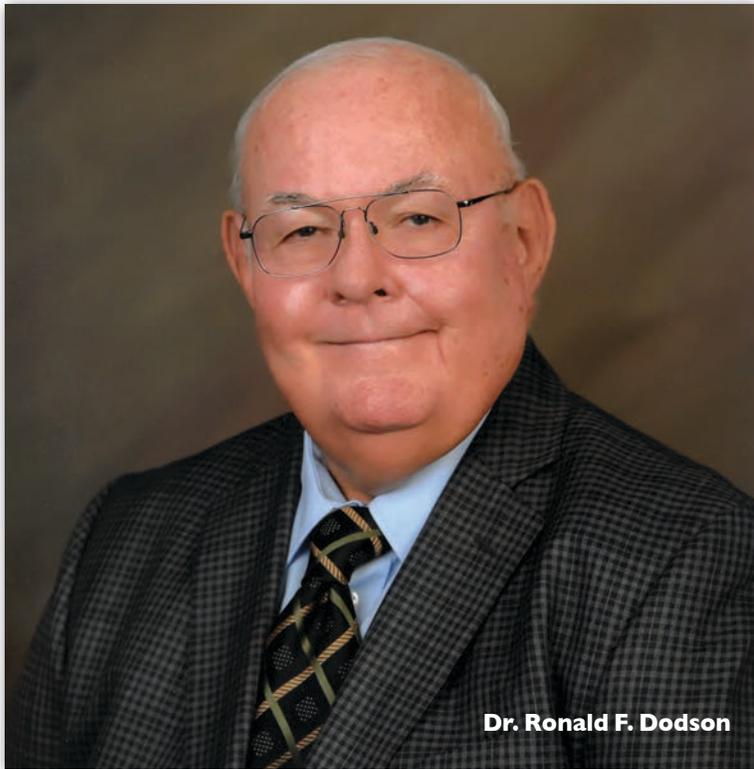


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PJC announces 2017 Distinguished Alumnus



Dr. Ronald F. Dodson

Ronald F. Dodson, Ph.D., F.C.C.P., F.A.H.A. of Tyler, Texas has been selected as the 2017 Paris Junior College Distinguished Alumnus. He will be recognized during the 93rd Homecoming festivities Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4.

“Dr. Ron Dodson is a member of the PJC Class of 1962,” said PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin. “He is a renowned specialist in the field of research and environmental sciences and brings recognition to Paris Junior College and his hometown. We are extremely honored to bestow upon

him the College’s highest honor as a Distinguished Alumnus.”

Dodson will have the Distinguished Alumni Award conferred to him during a luncheon, Saturday, November 4, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Love Civic Center.

The son of the late Ben and Vera (Eubank) Dodson, Dr. Dodson has spent a successful career in research and environmental sciences. At PJC he majored in biology

and chemistry and credit the quality of his education under the leadership of Dr. J.R. McLemore and Mrs. Dean Fuller for his firm foundation. He also lettered two years as a member of the PJC Golf Team.

Dodson had serve as an administrator for various research and educational programs as well as Professor of Cell Biology and Environmental Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Tyler, TX and as a Tenured Professor of Biology at the University of Texas at Tyler prior to

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PJC Homecoming
Thursday, Nov. 2: Parade at 4:00 p.m., leaving from the Hunt Center. Hunt Center Pep Rally, 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 3: President’s Reception, 5:30-7:00 p.m., McLemore Student Center Ballroom.
Saturday, Nov. 4: Distinguished Alumni Luncheon, Love Civic Center, 11:30 a.m.
 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction, McLemore Student Center Ballroom, 2:30 p.m.
 Women’s Basketball vs. Bacone JV, 4 p.m., & Men’s Basketball vs. Jarvis Christian University JV, 6 p.m. with Homecoming King & Queen Crowning, halftime of men’s basketball game, all in the Hunt Center.

his retirement in August 2005, a career he began there in 1977. Dr. Dodson continues to share his expertise in public and private entities as President/CEO of Dodson Environmental Consulting, Inc.

“I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to attend PJC and always realized that experience provided me with a strong educational foundation for my further academic pursuits,” said Dodson.

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Training for the future

BY DR. PAMELA ANGLIN, PRESIDENT

There has never been a greater need in this country for workers with credentials beyond a high school education. To address that need, the State of Texas developed the 60x30TX goal that is included in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 2015-2030 Strategic Plan.

The goal calls for sixty percent of all Texans 25 to 34 years of age in 2030 to have a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor degree. Meeting this goal is necessary for the State of Texas to have the workforce to maintain the State's economy. The goal has been endorsed by the Governor of Texas and the Texas Legislature.

A high school diploma will no longer be adequate, as 66 percent of all jobs will require some additional training to have the skills to be employable. In 2015, 38 percent of that segment statewide had attained college credentials. Currently we are at 20 percent across our region, so we have a long way to go to reach 60 percent.

If our local students want a good quality of life when they grow up, they not only need to stay in school, but also gain training beyond high school graduation. Jobs are open for people with skills, and attending Paris Junior College provides those skills through certificates and associate's degrees.

In PJC's service area, high school graduates have the opportunity to complete a certificate or an associate degree. These credentials can prepare students to go directly into the workforce or transfer their first two years of general education to a four-year

university. Financial aid, including PJC scholarship funds, is available so students can obtain a community college education.

Industry advisory councils guide PJC workforce programs, and this responsiveness is important to sustain the state's economic future so that when students graduate with that higher education credential, they can find a good job and have a brighter future.

PJC is already recognized as a national leader in Pathways, and was one of 30 institutions selected nationally last year for a project on better guidance for students along academic and career pathways. These help students more quickly identify career goals and put them on the correct path to get there so they don't take excess classes, saving them both time and money. PJC faculty and administration have spent this past year retooling degree plans to guide students and provide information on what future career that certificate or degree may lead to.

That dovetails neatly with the 60x30TX goal - more education and more successful students leading to the trained workforce vital to the local and state economy.

Community colleges are already critical to the Texas economy. Seventy-three percent of those earning 2016 bachelor's degree graduates in Texas earned credit at a community or technical college. Among Texas community college graduates, 90 percent of academic program and 89 percent of technical program graduates were



Pam Anglin

employed or enrolled in a four-year institution after their graduation. On top of that success, community colleges save students thousands of dollars in tuition and fees that can be put towards a better future for those students.

Our future economic viability depends on being able to increase the educational attainment level of our residents. We need to get the word out that today's jobs require training above a high school diploma and that means that not everyone needs a four-year degree from a university. It does mean learning advanced skills to meet the needs of business and industry in the region to be employable.

What can you do to help? Spread the news about PJC and 60x30TX. Many people believe they could never afford college when most will qualify for federal Pell grants and then PJC scholarships. A trained workforce helps keep the business and industry we have and helps in the recruitment of new industry to the area.

The goal of 60x30TX and Paris Junior College is to provide higher incomes, greater business opportunities, and a strengthened community and state. As we look to the future, we must all work together to make sure our region has a workforce to support the industry of the region and maintain a viable economy. Without bold action, our region faces a future of diminished opportunities, incomes and resources.



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Following PJC, he earned his bachelors and master's degrees from East Texas State University, now Texas A&M University-Commerce. He was the recipient of a Graduate College Fellowship from Texas A&M University, College Station through the Interdisciplinary Electron Microscopy Center. The emphasis of his study was to develop a section in Biological Electron Microscopy and his doctorate was conferred in 1969.

Dodson then accepted a Postgraduate Associateship in the Department of Anatomy at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. Upon completion of those research studies, he was recruited to join the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas where he stayed seven years and served as an assistant professor in the Department of Neurology and research assistant professor in the Department of Pathology.

Recruited by one of the University of Texas Health Science Centers in Tyler, Dodson began a research program in cell biology/environmental sciences. During his time at that institution he chaired the Department of Cell Biology/Environmental Sciences and served as a full professor and administrator of the research program. He also held the Houston Endowment, Inc. Distinguished Professorship in Environmental Sciences, and served as Director of an EPA/TDH approved Occupational Training Division with educational facilities at Tyler and Houston.

Holding an EPA/TDSHS licenses as an Inspector/Management Planner and as an O&M Supervisor Restricted, Dodson has also served as a special consultant to the administrations of several University of Texas components regarding environmental issues. He was also named a tenured Professor of Biology at the University of Texas at Tyler in 1984.

The honoree was appointed by State Senator Bill Ratliff as a member of the Steering Committee to conduct a study of higher education needs in the East and North East Texas region. The initial study recommended educational resource sharing by the institutions in the regions, increased potential for interactions with regional public schools and development of needed degree offerings in the region.

Dodson led a collaborative effort between his institution and Stephen F. Austin University to offer regional students options for obtaining a Masters of Environmental Sciences or a Masters of Biotechnology. He subsequently served as the Chairman of the Northeast Texas Consortium of Universities and Community Colleges, an organization that evolved out of the needs assessment study and worked in that capacity to meet the charge given to these regional educational entities by Lieutenant Governor Ratliff.

While serving as an Advisory Board Member on the Texas Department of Health's committee, he helped develop the State Law governing asbestos related activ-

ities in public buildings in Texas. Dodson has also served as an invited external advisory panel member/reviewer for state, regional and national regulatory agencies and international organizations regarding asbestos issues associated with human health as well as on the initial external advisory board for the Texas A&M School of Public Health at College Station. His research career also included serving as a reviewer for numerous scientific journals.

Recognized for his academic/research achievements, Dodson has been awarded designations including Eminent Scientist and Outstanding Scholar of the Year 2001 by the International Research Promotion Council (South East Asia), Fellowship in the American Heart Association, and Fellowship in the American College of Chest Physicians.

Dodson has published over 150 peer-reviewed scientific articles in biomedical journals and he has served as a reviewer for many of these journals. He has published 16 chapters in biomedical books, edited two books and served as special editor for an edition of the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health on the health effects of asbestos and other elongated particles that was published in 2016.

After retiring from academia in 2005, he formed the consulting company Dodson Environmental Consulting, Inc., in Tyler, Texas. He continues to conduct research and write scientific/biomedical publications and serve as an expert in his field with requests from the private sector, academia, and federal agencies as well as international agencies/scientific organizations.

Dodson and his wife, Sandy, are the proud parents of two daughters, Diana Ditzes and husband, Joe, and Debra Hurbough and husband, David. They are blessed with four grandchildren.

Cost for the luncheon is \$20 per person and reservations may be made by mail to: Paris Junior College, Homecoming Luncheon, 2400 Clarksville Street, Paris, TX 75460, or by contacting the Alumni Affairs office at 903-782-0276 or dbulls@parisjc.edu.

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The tradition of homecoming dates back to the 19th century. Many schools, including two in Texas - Baylor and Southwestern - are among those who make claims they held the first "modern" homecoming.

This year marks the 93rd homecoming for Paris Junior College. Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines homecoming as, "the return of a group of people usually on a special occasion to a place formerly frequented or regarded as home."

The President's Reception, hosted by PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin, is a great way to begin the celebration weekend. Everyone is invited to attend on Friday, November 3, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the McLemore Student Center Ballroom. It's a great time to re-acquaint with old friends and make new ones.

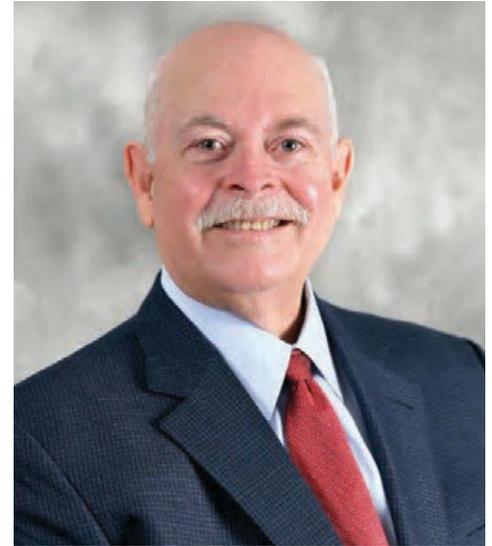
During the Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon on Saturday, November 4, at the Love Civic Center, we have the honor of bestowing the College's highest honor, Distinguished Alumnus, on Dr. Ron Dodson, Class of 1962, from Tyler.

I hope you will read about his professional successes and we applaud his many accomplishments.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., also in the Ballroom, we will induct four gentlemen into the PJC Athletic Hall of Fame. Two honorees, Gerald Jack, Class of 1958, and Larry Click, baseball coach 1977-97, will be added posthumously along with Bob White, Class of 1955 and Archie Reynolds, Class of 1966. At the ceremony friends, family, and teammates are expected to share in this special time.

Homecoming festivities conclude with the women's and men's basketball games set to begin at 4 p.m. and will be highlighted with the crowning of the homecoming king and queen at halftime of the men's game.

You will find more information about all of these events in this issue of *FOCUS* and I hope you will include one or all of these events in your planning. For our out of town guests, special rates have been coordinated with local hotels; please contact me if you would like additional information.



Derald Bulls

Come HOME to PJC! We would love to see you!

For more information, contact Derald Bulls, Institutional Advancement/Alumni Affairs Director at 903-782-0276 or dbulls@parisjc.edu.

Four to be inducted into PJC's Athletic Hall of Fame

Three former Dragon student-athletes and a former coach will be inducted into the Paris Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame during the 93rd Homecoming November 3-4. The Hall of Fame ceremony is set for 2:30 p.m. in the McLemore Student Center Ballroom and all friends and family of the honorees are welcomed to attend.

Those to be honored during the afternoon's ceremony include Robert W. "Bob" White, PJC golf team member 1953-55; Gerald Jack, a member of the 1956-58 Dragon baseball and football teams; Archie Reynolds, pitcher for the 1966 PJC baseball team that advanced to the Junior College World Series; and former baseball coach Larry Click, who led the team from 1977-1997.

Jack, who passed away in 2009 and Click, who died in 2014, will posthumously be inducted into the Hall.

White developed an interest in golf at the age of nine, tagging along as caddie to older brother Bud at the old Springlake Golf Course in Paris. After playing golf and basketball at Paris High School, White attended PJC on a golf scholarship under coach George Branson. His passion for the game grew and he won the Spring Lake Invitational three times and finished runner-up three times as well.



Robert G. "Bob" White

While living and teaching in Paris, he captured titles in Commerce, Greenville and Sulphur Springs. After relocating to Friendswood in 1972, White continued to play competitive golf in the Greater Houston Area Senior Golf Tournament and later in the Super Senior Division after reaching 66 years of age.

He retired from public schools in 1994 and began participating in the Texas Senior Games, he participated across the state in the 60 to 64-age bracket. In 21 Texas State Senior Games, he earned 11 first place finishes, three third place and three other top-ten finishes in the 36 hole golfing event over two days. To top that, White competed in the Louisiana State games twice, finishing first both times. In the Arkansas State games, he earned eight first place finishes, a second, and one third place.

White also qualified for 10 National Senior Games, earning four first place finishes in Tucson, Ariz., Pittsburgh, Pa., Louisville, Ky., and Houston, Texas. He placed in the top 10 in four of the five other tournaments and qualified for the National Games in Birmingham, Ala. in 2017. He has recorded three holes-in-one in his playing career. White was inducted into the Texas State Games Hall of Fame in April 2013.

Both he and his wife Dorothy were inducted into the PJC Academic Hall of Honor in 2011. The Whites have two daughters, Lesa White Roecker and Kelley White Hawkins, two granddaughters, a grandson, a great granddaughter, and two great grandsons.

Jack enrolled at PJC in the fall of 1953, but his desire to serve his country led him to enlist in the United States Navy. There, he served from 1954-56 as an aviation ordnance man and was stationed in the Philippines at Subic Bay Naval Base aboard the aircraft carrier USS Boxer immediately after the Korean War.

When his military time was finished, he was offered a baseball scholarship to PJC and enrolled in the fall of 1956. He and fellow outfielders Larry Kemp and Sammy Player

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STAYING CONNECTED

In each issue of *The Focus*, we take great pride in helping you stay in contact with alumni and former students. We welcome your submission of current information through the "Alumni and Friends" page on the PJC website.

Awarded

Tonya Gaither, Class of 2001 and **Eveline Rickman**, Class of 1989 were named the Elementary School and Secondary School Teachers of the year, respectively, for Roxton ISD. Mrs. Gaither teaches fourth and fifth grade math and has been teaching for fifteen years. Mrs. Rickman teaches junior high language arts, reading and social studies and has been in the classroom for 24 years.

1960s

Tim and Karen Walker, Class of 1966, now make Lantana, TX their home. Tim is a retired United Methodist Pastor and Karen, a retired Spanish Teacher. He still has his consulting business to assist large Methodist Churches. (Tim.c.walker@sbcglobal.net).

1970s

William A. Durham, Class of 1976, is the Managing Partner in the Houston, TX law firm of Eastham, Watson, Dale & Forney, LLP and has a litigation practice specializing in commercial and non-personal injury maritime matters. He was recently recognized by Best Lawyers© and has been rated by Super Lawyers. Following graduation from PJC, he earned his BA degree from Texas A&M University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston, both with honors. (durham@easthamlaw.com)

1990s

Courtney Eudy, Class of 1997, is now serving as General Counsel for Harrison Walker & Harper, Paris, TX. Formerly she was associated with Strasburger & Price, LLP, Dallas. She had husband, Tad, currently reside in Clarksville, TX, her hometown. (courtneyeudy@hotmail.com)

2000s

David Casares, TIJT Class of 2003 and his brother, Eric were recently featured in the Colorado business magazine, "5280", highlighting their Mile High Jewelers in Aurora, CO. The two are outfitters to well-known rappers, boxers, and Denver Broncos, supplying their custom jewelry needs. (casares-designs@gmail.com)

Jonathon Simmons, 2007-08, just finished his second season with the National

Basketball Association's San Antonio Spurs and became a major contributor to the team's success. He also became a free agent this summer and was signed by the Orlando Magic to a 3-year contract valued at \$20 million.

2010s

Sattriona Nyachwaya, Class of 2010, is now the Unit Manager for The CMI Group, Inc. in Carrollton, TX. (sattie.nyachwaya89@gmail.com)

Ashley Endsley, Class of 2011, has been named the new head softball coach at North Lamar ISD. Following her two years as a member of the Lady Dragon softball team, she completed her career at the University of Texas at Tyler. She most recently was head coach at Brownsboro ISD. (aendsley@northlamar.net)

Scott Federman, Class of 2013, now lives in Midlothian, VA and is employed by the United State Government. After completing his associate of science degree, he earned his nursing degree from Lamar State College and his BSN and MSN from Western Governors University.

Kevion Ellis, Class of 2015, has been elected Student Body President at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. UNC has over 12,000 students. He will serve in that capacity for the next 12 months. He recently completed an internship in the office of Colorado State Representative Dave Young. Ellis is majoring in international affairs/public policy. (kevion.ellis@unco.edu)

John Sevier, who attended PJC 2016-17, now calls Quinlan, TX home. (johnsevier5836@gmail.com)

Upcoming drama productions at PJC

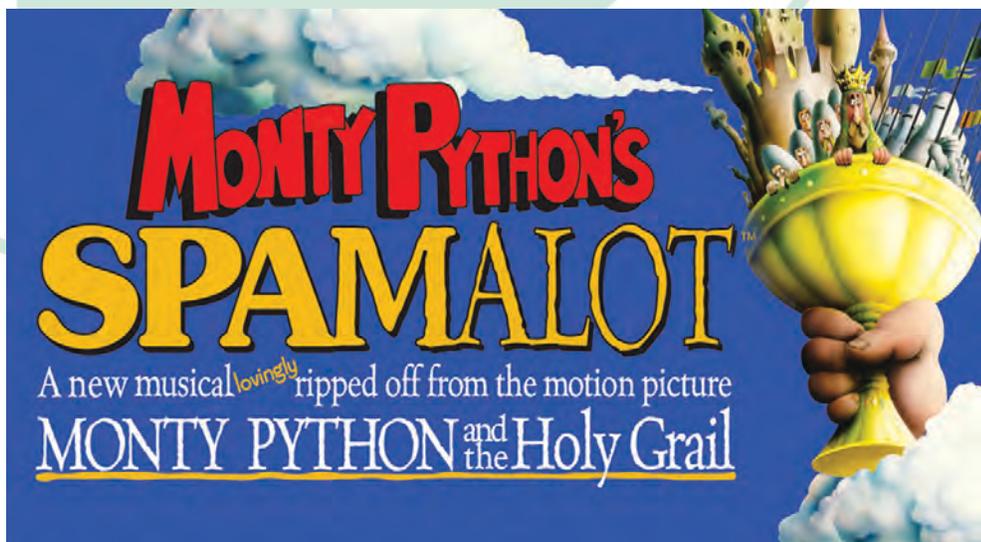
The PJC Department of Drama has three productions scheduled for the academic year following Homecoming 2017.

Monty Python's "SPAMALOT" will run Nov. 9-12. Adapted from the original screen play, this musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. The 2005 Broadway production won three Tony Awards, including "Best Musical," and 14 Tony Award Nominations.

In 2018, *Noises Off* will be performed in the Ray Karrer Theatre. This play is called "the funniest farce ever written." The production features a manic managerie as a cast of itinerant actors rehearsing a flop play called 'Nothing's On'. Door slamming, on and off stage intrigue, and an errant herring all figure into the plot of this hilarious and classically comic play.

The final production of the season is the 4th Annual New Works PlayFest: LOL. The dates are April 26-29 and feature playwrights from all over the country and world are invited to submit their original, unpublished works and they are produced and performed for the first time to an intimate audience by the faculty and students of PJC Drama. This year's 'New Works' them is based around comedy and farce.

For ticket information contact the PJC Drama Department, 903-782-0488.



SAYING FAREWELL TO PJC FRIENDS

Paris Junior College and the Alumni & Friends Association extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these alumni.

Jimmy Paul McCool, 39, Class of 1999, passed away June 1, 2017 in Paris. He received his HVAC certification from PJC.

James W. 'Buddy' Vaughan, 85, Class of 1940, died May 29, 2017 in Clarksville. He served his community in many capacities and began a lifelong love of flying while a student at PJC.

Becky Nance Lamberson, 56, 1979-81, of Paris passed away May 24, 2017. She was vice-president of mortgage lending for First Federal Community Bank.

Anna Marie Broadway Hollingsworth, 81, 1953-54, of Fort Worth, TX died May 24, 2017. She and twin sister, Mary, played basketball at PJC.

George Humphries, 76, 1958-59, of Noble, TX passed away May 22, 2017 in Bonham, TX. He and his family were involved in a farm operation.

Virginia Don Preston Fodge, 85, Class of 1951, died May 21, 2017, in Marietta, GA. She graduated with honors from PJC and played basketball from the Dragonettes.

Bobbie E. 'Gene' Bunch, 94, Class of 1948, of Flint, TX, died May 19, 2017 in Tyler, TX. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 34 years and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Kevin Ross Floyd, 33, 2004-2005, of Paris died May 8, at UT Southwestern Medical Center Hospital, Dallas, after a long battle with health issues.

William Richard "Billy" Redus, 99, attended PJC in the 1930's. He died in West Hollywood, Calif. on April 7, 2017, just weeks before his 100th birthday. He took great pride in 100 percent of his PJC coursework in the 1930's transferred to a California college.

Lucille McBee Weems, 83, Class of 1952, of Roxton, TX, died May 4, 2017. A private pilot, she taught in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, and over 30 years in Peoria, Ill., where she also coached boy's baseball. The field there is named in her honor.

Irene Bagley Burluson, 93, Class of 1942, died on March 24, 2017 in Dallas, TX. She taught English, shorthand and typing at Paris High in the 1960's before a brief career as a legal secretary. More recently, she worked for a time at the Dallas Arboretum as a docent.

Joel Dean Casey, 89, of Paris died April 24, 2017. He had enrolled in HVAC classes in 1979-81. A career educator, he served as Principal at Crockett Junior High School for many years.

James Richard Fields, 55, 1981-82, died April 23, 2017 in Paris, TX. He worked as an optometrist assistant for many years.

Robert Ney Crook, Jr., 69, Class of 1965-66, died April 2, 2017 due to complications of vascular dementia. He was instrumental in producing distance learning initiatives at the LeCroy Center, Dallas.

Ballard M. Turner, 95, Class of 1948, died March 18, 2017, in Conroe, TX. A lifelong educator, he was also a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army Air Corp.

Eva N. Flenniken, 77, Class of 1985-89, died March 7, 2017. She served a long career at UARCO and Texas Department of Transportation.

Dr. Samuel Muecke, Jr., 78, PJC Class of 1959, passed away February 18, 2017 in Cooper, TX. He was a retired veterinarian in Wolfe City for many years. At PJC he was co-captain of the 1959 football team.

Richard Alexander, 46, Class of 2016, died June 30, 2017 in Paris, TX. He spent many years in the oil fields before moving to Paris to attend PJC's welding program and worked for Load Trail Manufacturing in Tigertown, TX.

Joy Wear, 64, Class of 1972, passed away June 29, 2017 following a courageous battle with cancer. She was a nurse at McCuiston Regional Medical Center and served 26 years in the girls' junior high department at East Paris Baptist Church.

Steve L. Hurt, 82, Class of 1953, passed away July 3, 2017 in San Antonio. He was an attorney and practiced in Plainview, TX until 2008, when he retired to San Antonio.

Vella Jo Martin, 89, longtime supporter of PJC, died July 3, 2017 in Dallas.

Dr. Melvin Mason, 90, Class of 1947, passed away July 3, 2017 in Huntsville, TX. Dr. Mason, an Army Veteran, was a longtime English instructor and professor, retired from Sam Houston State University. He was inducted into the PJC Academic Hall of Honor in 2001.

Martha Jo Temple Horn, 1951-53, passed away June 27, 2017 in Arlington, TX.

Billy Joe Toliver, 80, Class of 1999, passed away February 2, 2017 in Paris, TX. He retired from the B&W Plant and was an avid golfer.

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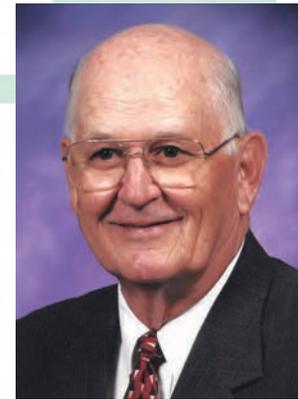
earned the title, "The Garden Patrol," in recognition of the way they covered the outfield. He met Peggy Roland of Honey Grove, 1956 PJC Homecoming Queen, shortly after arriving on campus. By February 1957, the two were wed and Jack continued with the baseball team as well as playing football for the Dragons.

After two years at PJC, Jack was invited to play baseball for the University of Alabama. After a division title and graduation in 1960, Jack began 36 years coaching at the high school and college level in baseball and football, as well as teaching high school biology and physical education.

Thirty of those years were in the public schools in Mt. Vernon, Huntsville, Ala., Haleyville, Ala., Paris, Sherman and Crowley high schools. Jack was inducted into the Crowley High School's Tom McCone Hall of Fame.

Returning to his Alma Mater, he joined Gene Stallings' staff at the University of Alabama where they won 70 games in seven seasons, including the 1992 National Championship in the Sugar Bowl. The highlight of game days for Jack was when he and Stallings' son, Johnny, would lead the convoy of Bama players and fans in an Alabama State Trooper patrol car.

Jack and wife Peggy returned to Paris in 1997 and he served on the board of the Paris Golf and Country Club, was a member of the Red River Coin Club and a supporter of the Boys and Girls Club where he was inducted



Gerald Jack

into the Wall of Honor in 2004. His parents, the late L.Z. and Alleen Jack, nurtured his genuine love for others. He was a member of Lamar Avenue Church of Christ since childhood.

After a long battle with heart disease, Jack passed away November 5, 2009. The Jacks have four children, Gary, Jeanne (Kraft), James and Ray and their spouses along with fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Inductee Archie Reynolds, a 1964 graduate of John Tyler High School in Tyler, was a member of the 1964-66 PJC baseball Dragons team that advanced to the NJCAA World Series in Colorado Springs, Colo., in June 1966.

In a matter of days after returning home from the NJCAA World Series, the Chicago Cubs drafted Reynolds in the 38th round of the 1966 Major League Baseball draft. He dominated rookie baseball, earning his way to a promotion with the team's AA affiliate, San

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Antonio Missions in 1967. However, on July 1 of that summer he was called to active duty by the United States Army and spent the remainder of the season undergoing military training.

In the 1968 season, Reynolds again had a tremendous showing and his first call up to the major league in August 15, 1968 under Cubs manager, Leo Durocher, to face the St. Louis Cardinals. He saw action in seven games for the Cubs and spent time in both the minor and major leagues. In San Antonio, his four shutouts in a season are believed to still stand as a record for minor league pitchers.

Reynolds remained with the Cubs through 1970 and was traded to the California Angels where he would spend two seasons, primarily with their AAA affiliate in Hawaii. In 1972 he was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers organization, where he would earn five appearances and conclude his career in 1973.

Despite being drafted in the 1966 38th round, Reynolds competed



Archie Reynolds

well against the first draft pick that season and was tabbed to pitch the season openers in 1966 and 1968 for his team.

“Some of the best years of my career as far as team comradery were spent at PJC,” said Reynolds when asked about his time at the college. “We all enjoyed baseball and learned a lot from each other. Some were outgoing, some were quiet, but we would do anything to play the sport we loved.”

Just days before the fall 1964 season he learned he had been awarded a baseball scholarship to PJC from former Houston Colt ‘45 scout, Frank Martin, who had connections to the Dragon baseball program. Reynolds had been courted by four-year colleges, but knew that in those programs a freshman would be required to spend the first season on the freshman team. At PJC he could play immediately and that is what he wanted to do. He also played basketball during his two years at PJC.

Reynolds still lives in Tyler and has three adult children, sons Ryan and wife, Melissa and granddaughter, Emma Jane from Shreveport, La.; Sean and wife, Becky, from Liberty-Eylau, Texas; and daughter Kimberley Hurd and her husband, Daniel, from Texarkana, Texas, who are expecting a new addition to the family soon. He is associated with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Real Estate and enjoys ranching with his cattle and horses.

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Considered the greatest athlete to ever come out of Paris High School, Larry Click served as the head coach of the PJC Dragon Baseball team from 1977-97. His love for the game spurred many former players to enter the coaching ranks at the high school, college and professional ranks.

Born in Roxton, Click is the only athlete in the history of Paris High School to be named all-state in three sports: baseball, football and basketball. He attended Southern Methodist University on a football scholarship and also played baseball for the Mustangs. He was scheduled to be the starting quarterback for the Mustangs after spring training. But the lure of baseball, his favorite sport, called and Click answered, signing in 1957 with the Milwaukee Braves just after they won the World Series.

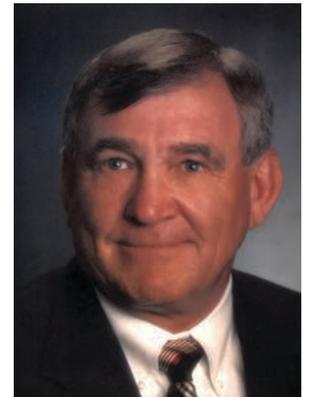
Unexpected injuries ended Click's big league career after five years, and he completed his education at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M University-Commerce). He was head baseball coach at Paris High School for one year, then at Midland where he worked for three years as head football coach. Following a short stint as a local businessman with a sporting goods and fitness center he became PJC's head baseball coach, where he would spend 20 years. His team advanced to the conference tournament in Austin in 1991.

Click's greatest success set precedent for how college student-athletes were signed by major league baseball teams. In 1980 Click, along with several other Texas Junior College baseball coaches, formed the Texas / New Mexico Junior College Baseball Coaches Association (TNMJBCBA). He served as an officer as well as President of the association.

During these formative years of college baseball, the major league draft had two separate draft selection periods. The February draft became a major concern for college baseball as selected players withdrew from school to head to Spring Training in March. Click and the TNMJBCBA worked diligently in a "David vs. Goliath" situation to change the MLB draft. Because of the effort led by Click, MLB changed the draft date to June. Student-athletes must finish their final games on their college baseball team. That legacy is still enjoyed today by all members of the association.

Click's passion for the game and seeing his players succeed were the driving force behind his long tenure. The Boys and Girls Club recognized him in 1997 when he was added to the Wall of Honor. His wife, Mary Kathryn, survives him. They celebrated 57 years of marriage before his death on November 12, 2014. They have one son, Kelly, and wife, Camille, and two grandchildren, Justin and Shelby.

The Athletic Hall of Fame induction will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the PJC McLemore Student Center Ballroom. The ceremony is free and open to the public. For more information contact Derald Bulls at 903-782-0276 or dbulls@parisjc.edu.



Larry Click