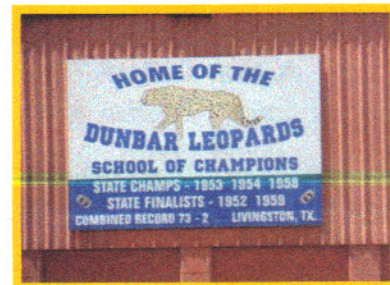
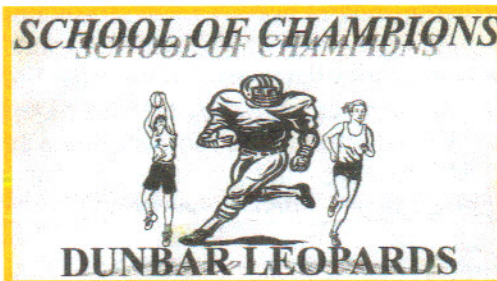


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Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association

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Livingston Dunbar Celebrates 16th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet



On October 25, 2014 The Dunbar Leopards of Livingston, Texas held its 16th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. The banquet speaker was John Payton, with Louise Anderson, Master of Ceremony. The Invocation was

given by Raymond Criswell. Marie Bennett gave the Welcome. A two minute Memorial Moment of Silence for Fallen Classmates was given. At Halftime, a scrumptious dinner was served. The 'Fighting Leopard's Awards was done by Marion Johnson who introduced the Hall of Fame Inductees. Two Honorary Awards were given, one to Van Thomas, Sports Editor, Polk County Enterprise, by Johnny Walker and a second award to Robert Brown, Chairman of the PVILCA Inc., given by Elgin Davis. Closing remarks

were given by Robert Brown and John Payton. The affair ended with the school song lead by Connie Sykes. The affair was hosted by The Committee to Save Dunbar.

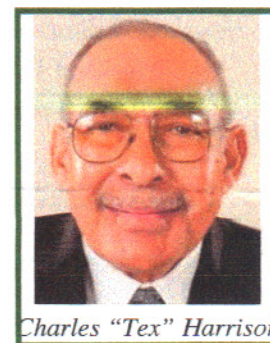
A History of The Dunbar Leopards

The Committee to Save Dunbar held a historical marker dedication ceremony at the school's campus. Former students and Mayor Clarke Evans joined

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The Sports World Loses A Legend Charles "Tex" Harrison

An iconic figure with the Harlem Globetrotters for six amazing decades – passed away in Houston, Texas, at the age of 81. During his Globetrotters career, Harrison had tea with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip, and he performed for three Popes. He did everything from playing alongside the immortal Wilt Chamberlin and touring Moscow which included a nine-game exhibition, he ate caviar with late Russian First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev. Harrison and the team also received the Athletic Order of Lenin Medal in 1959 – during the Cold War – an event that solidified Harrison and the Globetrotters as global ambassadors. "We have lost one of the greatest members of the Globetrotters family," said Globetrotters

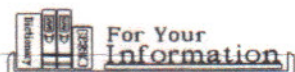


Charles "Tex" Harrison

CEO Kurt Schneider. "Few can match Tex's commitment and contributions to the team. From the day I joined the organization in 2007, I learned many things from Tex about the team's heritage – things that he passed on to our new generation of Globetrotters. His wisdom, down-to-earth demeanor and sharp wit will certainly be missed." But Tanyel Harrison-Bennett's most enduring image of her beloved father was of him standing over the kitchen sink washing dishes or puttering around in the yard. "That was my dad when he was home. He was the cleaner," she recalled. Harrison earned a degree in physical education from North Carolina Central University in Durham and became the first player from a

historically African-American college to win All-American honors. It was in North Carolina where he first received the nickname 'Tex.' He faced-off against the Globetrotters as a member of the College All-American team and soon after, joined the ranks of America's ambassadors of basketball to the world. Harrison spent 18 years as a player and then spent decades more as a coach and advisor. He travelled to more than 100 countries during his years on the team. In the summer, it wasn't uncommon for him to bring along family members. "It was a wonderful

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in honoring the school's role in developing students into successful citizens. Committee members outlined the school's history in a program distributed at the dedication. Dunbar High School began in 1936 and was originally known as Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School. Dunbar was built on a 10-acre tract of land purchased in 1935 from Dr. B.C. Marsh. The school contained eight classrooms, a library, principal's office, auditorium and book room. Through the years, Dunbar High School was led by a group of exceptional educators. Professor W.W. Johnson was the first to lead Dunbar. The school continued to flourish under the guidance of Professor M. C. Barlow (1942), Professor E. Robinson and Mrs. Erma Robinson (1945), and Professor J. W. Ratcliff (1955). During this period, Dunbar hired more teachers who held degrees from accredited colleges to meet the needs of a growing student body. In 1945 the school's interior burned and was eventually rebuilt with a lunchroom/activity room addition. While the school was being rebuilt, classes continued at various churches throughout the city. Dunbar High School was accredited by the State Department of Education in 1946. Dunbar grew to accommodate more students and built a new primary school in 1953-1954. During that period, Dunbar athletic teams earned some major achievements. The Dunbar Leopards won state championships in football and basketball. From 1940 to 1968 Dunbar competed in the Prairie View Interscholastic League (PVIL) — first called the Interscholastic League of Colored Schools — until Texas public schools were desegregated between 1965 and 1968 and the PVIL was absorbed into UIL. In 1953 Dunbar's varsity football team won the state championship with a victory over West Columbia Brown. The score is not recorded in UIL records. The Leopards repeated their success in the 1954 season, winning the state championship with a 25 to 20 victory over College Station Lincoln. Their third state championship came in 1958 with a 26-24 win over Grand Prairie Dal-Worth and they held the co-championship title in 1959. The Leopards were also District VI Champions in Class A Basketball. The student body achieved academic success as well. Dunbar fostered an environment that prepared graduates for college. In 1955 eighth-graders published the first school newspaper and formed the first student council. In 1968, Dunbar closed and students integrated into Livingston Independent School District. Dunbar's contribution to this community will never be forgotten. It will be remembered for the students it encouraged to reach their goals. The spirit of Dunbar lives in the children and grandchildren of the teachers and students who gained so much from this remarkable institution. Participants in Saturday's ceremony include Rev. Otis Bennett, Mayor Clarke Evans, Col. Howard Daniels, Dr. Alma Allen, John Earl Gardner, Willie Edward Parker, Clara Ann Pickens Wiley, Betty Jo King, Kevin Glenn, Elgin Davis, Pastor Kenneth Darden and John E. Gardner all who participated in the program.



"The Ring"



George E. Adams
T. J. Bell
Charles Brown
Leroy Bookman, Jr. III
Leroy "Lumberjack" Brown
Robert Brown
James R. Bundage
Jackie Carr
Reginald C. Christopher
Rev. Jimmie Cobbin
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Jimmie L. Emanuel

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Nathaniel A. Gillespie
Ronald "Buck" Goodbeer
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Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Spencer Harris III
Ellis Hubbard
Freddie James
Oliver E. Jenkins

Henry Johnson
Robert Houston Land
Jeff Lewis Jr.
Coy Limbrick, Sr.
David Q. Marks
Lucious Newhouse, Jr.
Monroe Nichols, Jr.
Ruben E. Phillips
John "J.D." Richardson
Dr. Thurman Robins

Anthony Sampson
Gene L. Sampson Jr.
Robert B. Sanders, Jr.
Joseph Warren Singleton
Robert "Blue" Smith
Johnny Tardy Jr.
Lee E. Thomas
Thomas "Tom" Valley
Franklin D. Wesley Jr.
James "Froggie" White.
Jesse E. Yates
Horace Young

Current Life Members

"You are the grease in the wheel."

2006

Jack Bellinger
Robert Brown
Ellis Davis, Jr.
Herman Gabriel
Arthur Gillum
Clyde Glosson
Charles Herbert

2007

Charles Brown
Jackie Carr
John Codwell, Jr.
Glennor Davis
Walter E. Day
Ronald Goodbeer
James "Bo" Humphery
Alvin N. Jackson
James C. Mays, Sr.
Stanley R. Mays
King Arthur Prayther
Dr. Thurman Robins
Edward Roby
Ray Seals
William L. Sims
James Wanza
Gene Washington
Franklin D. Wesley, Jr.
Walter Yates, Sr.

2008

Weldon O. Baker
Oliver "Show" Brown
Coger H. Coverson
Jefferson Davis, Jr.
Joseph Melvin Dixon, Sr.
Willie Floyd
Charles Frazier
George Gray
Charles Green
Roland Hayes
L.L. Jackson
Don A. James
Freddie James

R. "Ralph" Johnson

Ed Jones

2008 continued

James Jones, II
Kirby Jones
Joe Leonard, Sr.
Vickie Minor
Michael Mitchell
Homer Norville
Marvin Pettway
Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.
Lewis Ritcherson
Lewis H. Ritcherson, II
Edward G. Robinson
Hensley Sapenter, Jr.
Dr. T. A. Sims
Brannen G. Temple
James A. (Froggie) White
James "Clint" Williams

2009

James Alexander
Roosevelt Alexander
Leon Carr
Kenneth Curl, Jr.
Donald "Mantan" Dickson
Thomas "Bill" Edwards
Albert Fair, Jr.
Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Charles "Tex" Harrison
Dan Haskins
Eddie Hughes
Arnell Stripling Johnson
Ralph Jones
Chauncey King, Sr.
Freddie Maura
Ross E. Lewis
Ocell Miller, Jr.
Nicholas Overton
Luther C. Robinson
Dave Smith
Robert J. Tapscott

2009 continued

Albert "Big Al" Walker
Horace Young

2010

Joe Curtis Baker
Leroy Bookman, Jr.
Leroy Bookman, Sr.
Lorenzo Cole
C. H. Collins
Enoch Noble Dixon, Jr.
Cleve L. Freeman Jr.
Charles L. Fisher
Charles L. Garcia
Gentris Hornsby
Edwin Johnson
Johnnie Means
Charles O'Saw
Rodney D. Saveat
John Smith, Jr.
Waylan D. Wallace, Jr.

2011

Dr. William C. Akins
Howard O'Neal Aldridge
S. A. Anderson
Billy Earl Beasley
Jerry Lewis Blair
Tommy Bookman
Billy "Bill" Brown
James "Bo" Bundage
Timothy Carr, III
Lawrence A. Collins
Willie Frank Dearion
Robert L. Dickson, II
Charles "Doc" Dockery
Nathaniel A. Gillespie
Spencer Harris, III
John Hightower
Beverly Day Humphery
Dr. Jesse Henry Hurst, II
Oliver E. Jenkins
Henry Johnson

2011 continued

Coy K. Limbrick
Timothy C. Moon, Jr.
Rathers Alvin Norwood
J. M. Richard
Pervis Rosemon
William F. Rosemon
Joseph Warren Singleton
John A. Truitt, Jr.
Dr. Gregory J. Vincent
Joe D. Washington, Sr.
Delvin Williams
Nicholas "Nic" Williams
James R. Wilson

2012

Tommy L. Amerson
Brady Beauregard
Willie Blackmon
Clinton Booker
Albert L. Breed
Ben L. Cavil
Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil
John Luther Clayton
Sullie Eugene Cobbin
Charles Ray Cone
Felix L. Cook, Jr.
Larry Edwards
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Arthur L. Haggerty
Goree "Coach" Johnson
James D. Kennedy
Lester L. King
Leroy Marshall
Lewis M. Marshall
Marcus Mosley
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Elgin Davis
Louis Dotson Jr.
Rev. Iria Ephriam
Charles Ferguson
Oscar Willie Fresch, Jr.
Jimmy C. Gales
David Arthur Hall, Sr.
Charles "Hands" Harris
Arthur Ray Henderson
Nathaniel "Nate" Henderson
Warnie Hill, Jr.
Melvin Houston
Donald R. Johnson
Sandra E. Jones
Vernice Denman Kindle
Robert Houston Land
Louis Dotson Jr.
Monroe Nichols, Jr.
Griggs Owens, Jr.
Rev. Ruben E. Phillips
Verna Reece Powers
John D. Richardson
Julius Shanklin
Robert "Blue" Smith
William A. Stell
Joseph Summerfield
George Richard Thomas
Frederick "Ricky" Warren
Clifton Williams
Malone Woods, Jr.
Harry Wright
Travis Alton Wright

2014

Raymond Allen Jr.
Herbert C. Anders
Freddie James Anderson
A. G. Booker
Carolyn Sadberry Brown
Dr. Johnny E. Brown
Leroy Brown, Jr.
Louis C. Carr Sr.
Terry Vernon Cooper
George Daniels Jr.
William Denman
Frederick "Peanut" Ferguson
Morris W. Freeman
Bennie Lee Harris
Charles James

2014 continued

Marion "Blue" Johnson
Marshall Land Jr.
Jackie Lathan
Bertha E. Means
Lucious Leon Newhouse Jr.
D. C. Nobles
Beatrice L. Pace
Mary Lena Cooper People
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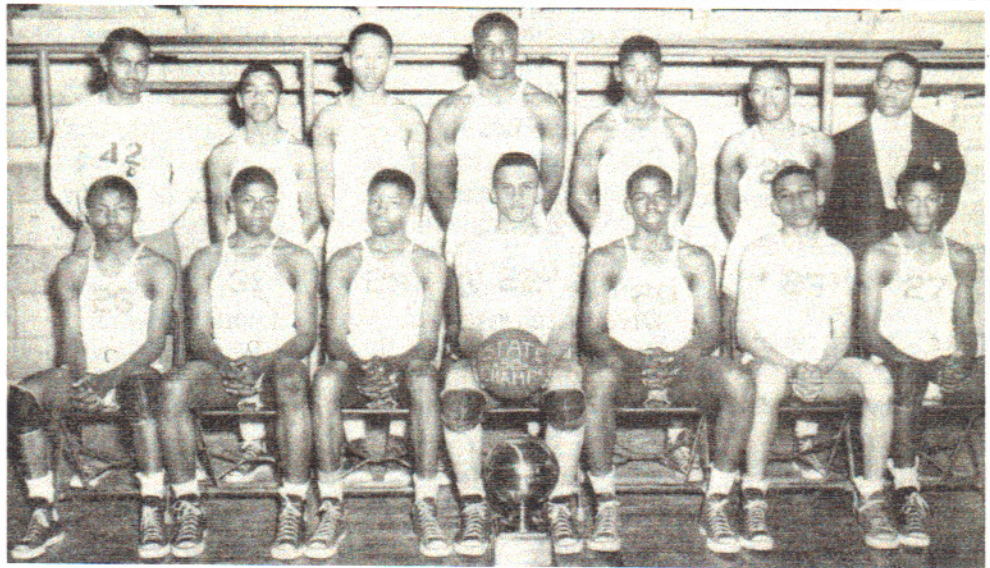
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HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS



From left top row: Charles 'Tex' Harrison, Govoner Vaughn, Murphy Summons, Franks Burks and Joe Buckhalter. Front row: Jackie Fitzgerald, Clarence Wilson, Ernest Wagner and Meadowlark Lemon

PHILLIS WHEATLEY HIGH SCHOOL 1950 PVIL STATE CHAMPION



From left to right top row: Coach Collins Briggs, Raymond Anderson, Walter Harrison (Tex's brother) Johnny Glover, James McLemore, Billy Jackson, Coach O. B. Harris, Bottom row: Leon Brazil, Peter Wallace, John Codwell, Jr. George Carson, Charles Harrison and Charles Jones

experience. It was the only life I knew," Harrison-Bennett said. "We loved to travel with him and the team as kids."

In 1964, he married Tommye L. Cary and the couple were together for 47 years until she died in 2011. Besides Harrison-Bennet, he is survived by daughters, Lullelia Sigmon and Charee Tonett Harrison, four grandchildren, his mother-in-law and scores of other family members.

One of his daughter's fondest memories was the time they went to California in 1972 where her father and his teammates were cast members of The Harlem Globetrotters Popcorn Machine, a short-lived variety television show complete with dancing and singing basketball stars and comedy sketches. Although the family sometimes joined him on tour in the summer, they had to remain in Houston during the school months. "There were several Christmases when my daddy was not at home. That was very hard," Harrison-Bennett said. "But, he tried to send us postcards from everywhere he went." He was very popular with the local children and not just because of the family's

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The Story of Charlton Pollard High - Beaumont



A monument dedicated to Charlton Pollard High School

For more than half a century, the Charlton-Pollard High School stood like a castle in its kingdom, the symbol of a neighborhood. Everyone in the community attended the three-story school on Carroll Street. "It was just like the center of the community," said Ron Goodman, class of '71. "It was a real sense of community when the school was there." The school closed in 1975, and little is ever mentioned about its namesakes. Both African Americans, they are considered pioneers in education and trailblazers for the black community. A tattered paperback book from the Tyrrell Historical Library gives a snapshot of the two men, Terry Joseph Charlton and T.T. Pollard. The book, "Beaumont Colored Schools: 1880-1926," has no copyright date, but library officials believe it was published in the '20s.

Charlton-Pollard High School was open from 1924 to 1975. In 1918, the first brick school building for black children was built in the neighborhood. Originally called Pollard Elementary, it was combined in 1924 with Charlton High School on Grant and Poplar streets. The school was called Charlton-Pollard High School. Its mascot was a bulldog named Brutus. That building later became Carver Elementary, and Charlton-Pollard High School moved to the building on Carroll Street.

Charlton arrived in Beaumont when "the present Port of Opportunity was a mere 'mud hole,'" according to the book, "Beaumont Colored Schools." Charlton attended public schools here, but the courses were inadequate, the book says. "And the youth being ambitious, decided to go elsewhere in quest of higher training," according to the book. He went on to graduate with honors from Prairie View Normal and Industrial College.

While teaching in East Texas, Beaumont school authorities invited him to take over a school here. At the time, the school only taught five grades. "(B)ut Mr. Charlton had an educational vision," the book said, and he organized the first all black high school for Beaumont. The first class of 1901 had two graduates. By the time the book was published, between 50 and 75 students were graduating annually. Pollard began his school career 38 years before the book came out in a dilapidated one-room building north of town. He went on to add more courses and students to the black school system here. He initiated the first "Parents Day" in Beaumont.

According to the book, he was intimately attached to this

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swimming pool. "All the guys wanted to come over and hang out with my dad, Harrison-Bennett said. "He was a mentor, teacher and friend to any kid in the neighborhood." Harrison-Bennett said she and her sisters "thought our dad could do everything." "Aside from my family, being a Harlem Globetrotter has been the greatest highlight of my life," Harrison once said. "I have had the good fortune to be a part of the most celebrated sports team in history." Known to be one of the quickest players to ever play the game, Harrison estimated he traveled to more than 100 countries during his illustrious career with the Globetrotters, spending 18 years as a player before becoming a coach and advisor.

On Jan. 26, 1996 Harrison was honored by the Globetrotters with the team's "Legends" Ring – presented to those who have made a contribution outside of basketball and played a role in the development of the Globetrotters. ■

Editor's Note: While in High School "Tex's" nickname was "Choker". Any Wheatley Wildcat during those days will refer to him as "Choker". I think the nickname came from his love of oversized donuts. There was a donut shop across the street from the school known as the **"CHOKER HOUSE"**

city's school system. Near the end of a school year, one of the school buildings in town caught fire. "This shock was so great and unexpected that Mr. Pollard could only weep as he saw his building go up in flames," the book said.

The high school was rebuilt and renamed to Pollard High School. When Charlton and Pollard merged, Pollard became the superintendent over all black schools in the city. "Have you ever heard of such a career in one's own home town?" the book asks of Pollard's accomplishments. "Most people have to leave home to become great, but not so with this estimable character." Charlton-Pollard High School and others like it closed when courts ordered schools to desegregate. "The thing about it is that the Charlton-Pollard High School was the heart of the community to a large degree," said Goodman, a 49-year-old Charlton-Pollard Neighborhood Association employee.

"Even as kids, in the afternoons you'd see everybody kind of congregate around Charlton-Pollard either to watch the band practice or the football team practice or whatever." Anne Monette, a secretary at King Middle School, graduated in 1956 and is still a member of the school's alumni association. "We have alumni everywhere now. I think it played a very important part to the community as educating the students and providing the community with educators." The group had a reunion in July that brought in about 600 graduates. Monette recalled that the large brown brick building wasn't air-conditioned. "Back then we didn't really have them in the homes, so the schools weren't that bad either," Monette said. "You were conditioned to it. And now you can't do without it."

From the Beaumont Enterprise"

**Thank You From Chad Tatum
2014 PVILCA Hall of Fame Inductee**

July 15, 2014

Dear Prairie Interscholastic League Members,

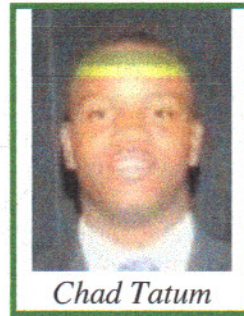
I was very happy to learn that I was a recipient of the Prairie View Interscholastic League Scholastic Athlete of the Year award and scholarship. I am writing to thank you for your generous financial support towards my higher education.

I will attend Rice University in August 2014 and major in Computer Engineering. After graduation I plan to pursue a professional career in the Information Technology field. The PVILCA financial contribution and recognition will help me fulfil this lifelong dream. Your financial generosity has placed me one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to continue to give back to the community.

Thank you and many blessings to you and the success of the PVILCA.

Sincerely,

Chad Tatum



**A Thank You From Curtis Gipson
2014 PVILCA Hall of Fame Inductee**

*The time you've given,
The hearts you've touched,
the lives you've blessed-
these are true gifts from God.
Thank you for sharing
His Love*

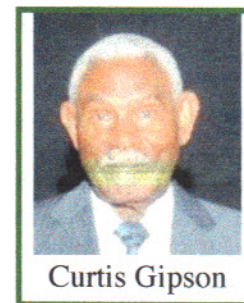
Mr and Mrs. Brown and Officers

Thank you for the opportunity for me to participate as one of the Inductees in the PVILCA 2014 Ceremony. The Banquet was well planned and well attended. I am so glad I was blessed to receive this honor.

May God continue to bless you and the board and keep each of you in His prayers.

Sincerely,

The Curtis Gipson Family



**"If The Lord is Willing
and The Creek Don't Rise,
We'll Meet Again in
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