

Congratulations Grads, You Did It!

And now it's high school graduation time for "BFF" Friends keep in touch during the years

"BFF" -- It's one of those signature type things that young folks use when auto-graphing pictures or signing a friendly note.

It simply stands for "Best Friends Forever"! That's the way it has been for this foursome of friends all through the years.

They started out being friends in the early years of their lives and now they are all graduating from high school at the same time.

In the top photo, left to right, are Jace Clubb, Jack Easley, Cannen Welch and Caitlynn McCollum.

Still maintaining their friendship over the years, they have scattered but still keep in touch.

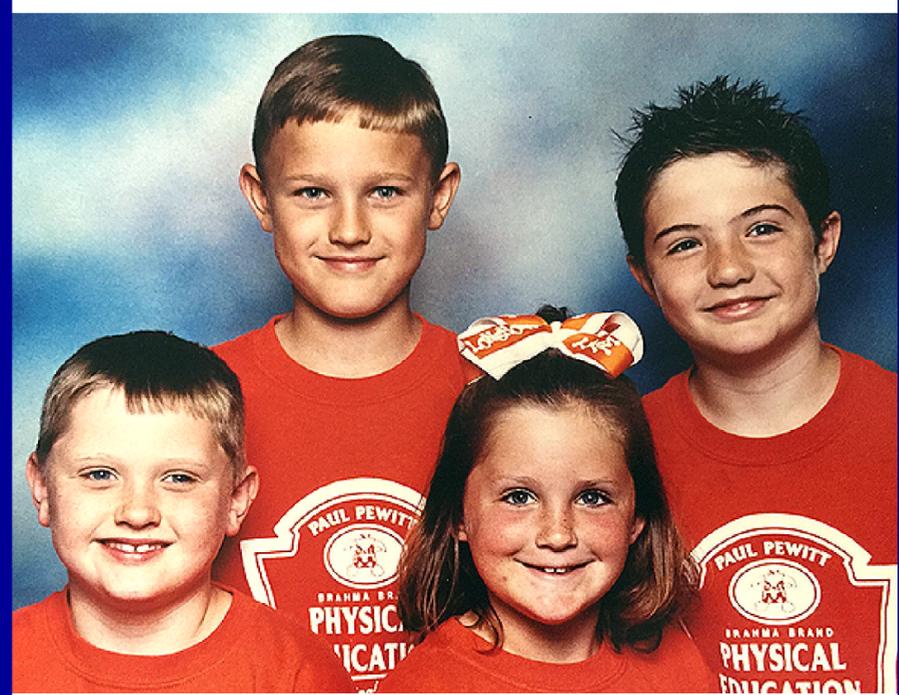
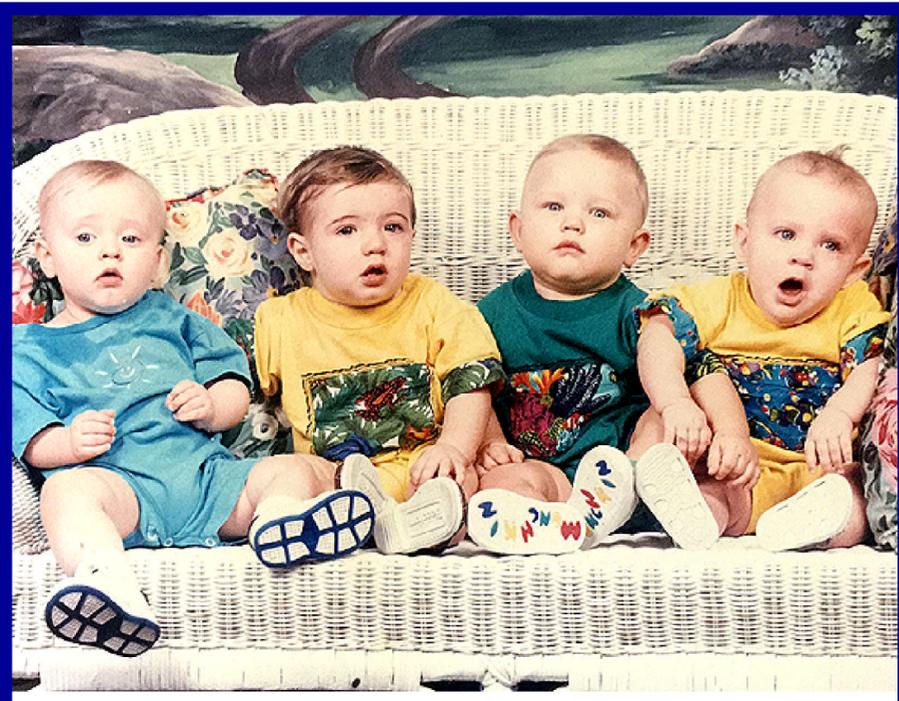
Clubb and Easley will be members of the Paul H. Pewitt graduation class on Friday. Welch is a senior at Forney High School near Dallas and he will receive his diploma there. McCollum will graduate from Cherokee Trails High School at Aurora, Colorado.

A little older in the second photo, they all proudly wore their Paul Pewitt Brahmas shirts. Posing, left to right, are Easley, Clubb, Welch and McCollum.

Continuing their allegiance to Pewitt School and sporting their Paul Pewitt Physical Education logo shirts in the third photo are Clubb and McCollum on the front row and Welch and Easley in the back.

In a recent meeting, the four friends took time to relax and visit with each other while having a photo made for their scrapbooks. Posing in the bottom picture are, left to right, Clubb, McCollum, Easley and Welch.

Clubb is the son of Tammy and Jeff Clubb of Naples; Easley is the son of Jennifer and Mark Easley of Omaha; McCollum is the daughter of Angie and Mike Gabel of Aurora, Colorado, and the late Joey McCollum of Naples; and Welch is the son of Kim Welch of Forney, and Wes and April Welch of Mt. Pleasant.



CSA Memorial Ceremony hosted at Sardis Cemetery

A Confederate States of America Memorial Dedication was conducted on May 14, at the Sardis Cemetery, three miles east of Hughes Springs off Highway 11 on County Road 2921.

The dedication was hosted for Civil War Veterans buried at the cemetery.

George Fite, above, presented a moving talk about those who fought in the Civil War.

"Although it was a war which many question, it was a war which American soldiers fought for their own belief," he said. "As with all American soldiers who fight for maintaining freedom and true beliefs, those soldiers are part of American history and should be preserved."

More than 100 attended the event, some in period dress in honor of their ancestors.

"The dedication is for honoring past ancestors, but descendants who attend these dedications are able to renew kinships of years past or meet kin they have never met," said a spokesperson. "Many new relatives enjoyed exchanging stories of the past as well as planning new family reunions while enjoying lunch at the Missionary Baptist Church in Hughes Springs."



Drug Court launched locally in Morris, Camp and Titus

For more than a year efforts had been underway to establish a Specialty Drug Court under the auspices of a grant sought from the Governor's Office.

Under the direction of the 76th and 276th Judicial District Courts, presided over by Judge Danny Woodson and Judge Robert Rolston, and as a result of the efforts of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD), and the representative State's Attorneys serving the 76th/276th District Courts, Chuck Bailey (Camp/Titus) and Steven Cowan (Morris), the Camp, Morris, and Titus County Drug Courts, Chuck Bailey (Camp/Titus) and Steven Cowan (Morris), the Camp, Morris, and Titus County Drug Court has become a reality.

Gilbert Olivarez, CSCD Supervisor, assumed the arduous task of serving in the role of writer for the project. The Commission Court for each County had to first approve the creation of the Specialty Court in each County. The Governor's Office formally approved the Grant around the first of September, 2015.

The Drug Court is a specialized criminal court designed to treat alcohol/drug addicted individuals in Camp, Morris and Titus County and provide those individuals in Camp, Morris, and Titus County and provide those individuals with the tools they need to change their lives. Drug Court consists of a structured program with frequent appearances before the Judge, continuous and intensive supervised treatment, group and individual counseling, mandatory periodic drug testing, community supervision, and the use of appropriate sanctions, incentive and services. Participants are carefully monitored for substance abuse and related behaviors and receive escalating incentives for accomplishments and sanctions for infractions. Drug Courts make it possible for participants to begin a recovery journey that will hopefully last a lifetime and reduce the possibility of recidivism. Their long-term recovery will benefit them, their families, and the community.



JACE CLUBB



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