



## New Columbus Livestock Owners Welcomed

On June 20, a ribbon-cutting was held to welcome the new owners of Columbus Livestock Co., Brad and Tana Hauerland of Sealy. The new owners purchased the business on May 6. Brad is currently active in the cattle industry and has been for 15 years, buying and selling. Aside from owning and managing Columbus Livestock Co., he is also employed with L & H Packing Company in San Antonio as an order buyer. Tana has experience in the administrative and accounting fields, as well as a full-time mother of two sons, Will, age 5, and Hudson, age 2.

Regular weekly sales are held Thursdays, beginning at 10:30 a.m. There are holding pens located in Ellinger, Industry, Needville, Sealy and Weimar. The hours to drop cattle off are Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 9 p.m. and Thursday mornings until 11 a.m.

In addition, the barn has a full fleet of trucks to accompany your transport needs. The facility is also available for special breed sales, as well as special events, with a large banquet room to accommodate. A market report is broadcasted every Wednesday and Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. and Thursday during the sale at 2 p.m. on KULM 98.3 FM radio station. You can always catch the latest information and upcoming Special Sales on the website at [www.columbuslivestock.com](http://www.columbuslivestock.com).

Brad and Tana look forward to assisting you with your cattle needs. Please feel free to call the office at (979) 732-2622 or visit the Web site.

## Live Oak Art Center To Feature Kwaku Bediko

Come in from the heat and enjoy some cool art at the Live Oak Art Center. An opening reception on Saturday, July 19 from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm is free and open to the public.

Live music on the patio by local blues guitarist, Jim Kearney and the original music of Austin artist Shawn Roberts should help you keep your cool.

A lively exhibit of found art and funky sculpture by Kwaku Bediko will be on exhibit at the Art Center from July 19 to September 3. Bediko and his wife, Barbara are residents of Fayette County and have established themselves as fine artists, antique impresarios and community leaders for the arts.

Born June 17th, 1942 in New Orleans, La, the youngest of 17 children, Kwaku was reared by his grandfather and mother. His family moved to Houston and settled in the Fifth Ward in the early fifties.

He attended school in the Houston Independent School District. Although formal education was not his forte he found life experiences as being the best teacher.

After his high school days he married and had six children. During that time he was drafted into the military.

After returning from the military he worked odd jobs, however that was not the end of his search for his true calling.

In 1986 he established Bediko's Antiques and Custom Woodworks. He always did wood carvings here and there but it was not until he was inspired to carve a massive sculpture called "Humanity Whispers" that he truly realized his gift.

This sculpture has been described as both timeless and universal in its depiction of the bonds of humanity.

Without any formal training in art, his creativity has escalated from wood carving to metal and stone sculpting and painting.

Kwaku's most recent and

prized inspiration has been the creation of metal coconut palm trees for the Chuy's Restaurant chain in Houston, San Antonio, and Austin.

This is not his first experience with restaurants. Early in his career he was successful in exterior and interior decorating for many restaurants in the Houston Area; Zorba the Greek, Michelangelo's, El Patio, Portobello and La Provence.

Other artistic ventures have been Jazz Promoter for Carl Adams and Company at the 12th annual International Fair in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and Sunday Jams on the grounds of the original Bediko's Antiques in Houston.

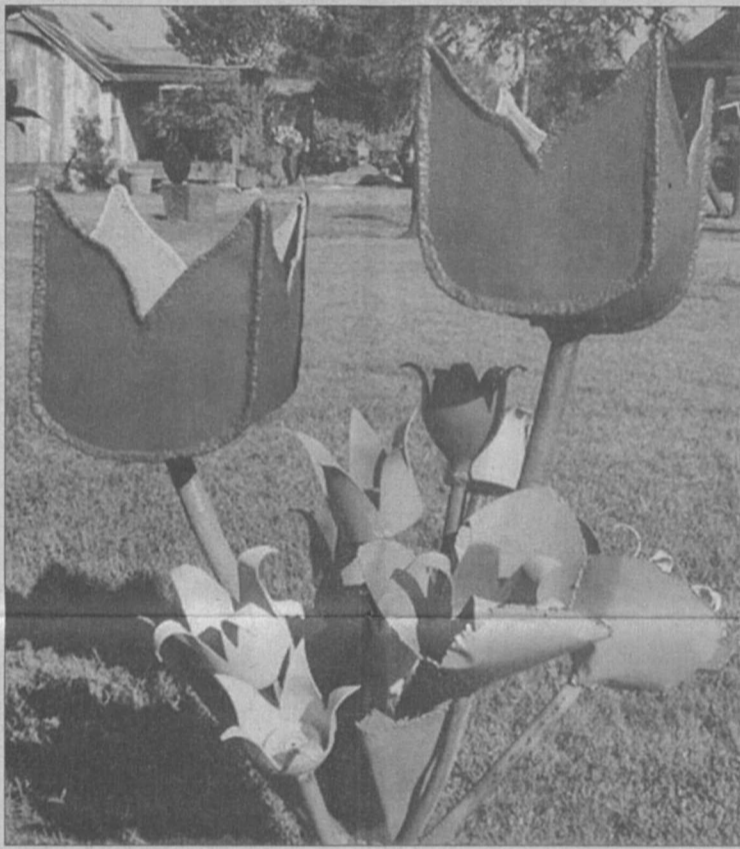
Part of Kwaku's mission in art is to spread the knowledge that art can bring to young and old. He has lectured at the University of Panama, taught Black Arts Class in the Houston Independent School District, was founder and director of Bediko's Old Fashion School of Learning and the owner and curator of Bediko's Multi-Cultural Museum.

The Museum was host to the 1981 Ambassador to the United Nations for the Bahamas. He has been a participant in the Annual Sculpture Symposium at the University of Texas.

He also played the role of Uncle Tom in the Educational Special "The Untold Story" on Channel 8, PBS.

His work has been commissioned by Dan Rather, CBS News Anchor, AGIP Petroleum Co., Italy, PISO International Co., Dr. Arthur Higgs, Alameda Clinic, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston Museum of Fine Arts and Yukatan Bistro, Schomburg, Germany.

Traveling has been an extensive part of Kwaku's career. His travels include Africa, Central America, South America, Europe, the Caribbean and Saudi Arabia. He learned Spanish as a second language to achieve his objective to travel and bring his art to other parts of the world. His most recent



Pictured above is a work by Kwaku Bediko, who will be featured at the Live Oak Art Center.

collaboration in international arts with the help of his wife, Barbara, was completed July 5, 2002 with a group of artists from Havana, Cuba. A sculpture of two metal coconut trees was created and donated to the National Institute of Oncology and Radiology there.

His artist's bio states, "Our mission is a humanitarian outreach creating art from recycled materials. Our goal is to collaborate with other artists making coconut trees and other works of art that will be donated to various towns and cities in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America. Through this initiative we believe

we will create a broader communication with fellow artists in the Americas and other parts of the world."

The exhibition at the Live Oak Art Center will include over 30 pieces of art that range from outdoor sculpture made from recycled car parts and whimsical flowers made from scrap metal to wall hung collages of cut metal and enamel. He also explores the animal kingdom with colorful birds and life size goats. If this is your first exhibit of art or you are a well-worn art connoisseur the public should find the work very accessible.

## Higgins Receives Scholar Athlete Award

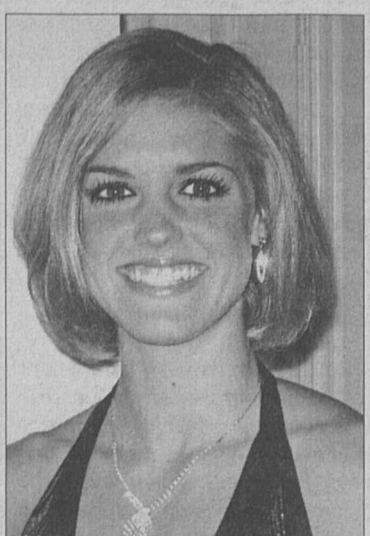
Brittany Higgins, daughter of Jerrol and Tammy Higgins of Paradise and the granddaughter of Frank and Anna Lee Higgins of Eagle Lake was chosen to receive the Dale Hansen/McDonald's Scholar Athlete Award.

Brittany was chosen from among athletes in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex.

She appeared on the Dale Hansen show, a sportscaster for ABC Channel 8 News, and was interviewed for her accomplishments. McDonald's sponsors an athlete every week.

Brittany graduated third in her class with a 4.6 GPA. She played varsity volleyball and was selected Libero of the Year her junior year and Defensive Player of the Year her senior year. She was also an NCA All American cheerleader, head cheerleader and was Miss Paradise High School her senior year.

This fall Brittany will be attend-



Brittany Higgins

ing Hardin Simmons University in Abilene on a \$57,000 academic scholarship. She was recently selected to be a cheerleader for the university this fall. Brittany plans to major in business.

## Columbus Livestock Co.

Brad & Tana Hauerland, Owners

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500-600 lbs 100-110 86-98

600-700 lbs 97-100 76-86

700-800 lbs 87-97 72-80

HEIFERS #1 #2

200-300 lbs 105-125 81-95

300-400 lbs 95-113 76-86

400-500 lbs 96-111 74-86

500-600 lbs 91-100 73-83

600-700 lbs 87-97 72-80

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Cathy Buchta reads a poem during farewell ceremonies for Father Tony.

## St. Mary's In Nada Bids Farewell To Father Tony

A large number of parishioners from St. Mary's Catholic Church gathered to bid farewell to Father Anthony Boarteng-Mensah, affectionately known as Father Tony, on Thursday, evening June 26 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada. The parish furnished fried chicken and covered dishes and desserts were provided by the families of the parish.

Stephen Spanihel served as Master of Ceremonies; he introduced Cathy Buchta who read a poem that she composed and dedicated to Father Tony.

Father received many gifts including a quilt from the Nada Quilters, an afghan made by Olga Lundquist; during his nine months stay in Nada he became a Rice Raider supporter and students presented him with Rice Raider T-shirt.

The youths of St. Mary's presented him with a shiny new red bicycle, because as they said Father enjoyed touring the country

side on his old bike and it was in dire need of being replaced.

He also received many cards and letters. On July 1 Father Tony will begin serving as pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Victoria.

Father Joe Vrana spoke briefly and stated that he had enjoyed working with Father Tony and that many of sick and shut-ins of the parish had been visited each week by Father Tony, and said that all looked forward to his visits.

Father Tony expressed his appreciation to the people of the Nada community for their love, support and generosity. He stated that although Ghana is his homeland Nada will always be his home.

As the evening drew to a close Spanihel and Kelly Korenek led the group in singing "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" and ended with singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".



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## Old Skool Organization

### Bake Sale at First National Bank

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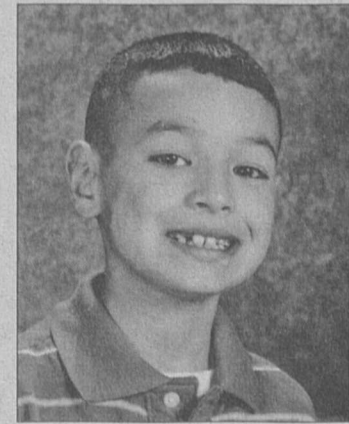
Come show your support for Jerome McAfee and Marquis Toliver who've been invited to attend the Prime Time Sports National Championship in Dallas, July 23-27.

Your support and donations are appreciated. For more information call 979-257-7489 or 979-531-9070

*Striving to support and broaden our kids' horizons, One Child at a Time...*

Happy 9th Birthday (July 4)

Joshua



We're so proud of you for having another great school year!

Keep up the good work Josh!

Lots of Love

Daddy, Grandma Nolly and Grandpa Alfred