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What's on your mind? In the spotlight!

Whats Cooking



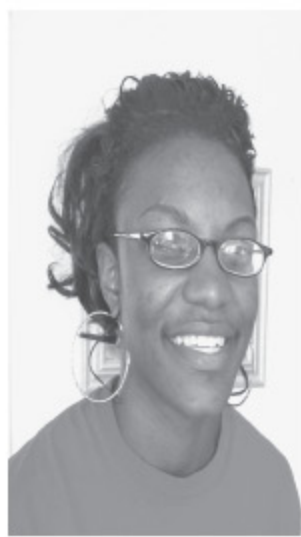
Amanda Session

2007 high school grad. - I'm taking a break from school right now, so I work everyday. The cost of food, gasoline and everything is too high. I don't know what can be done to improve the economy. I don't think anybody really knows.



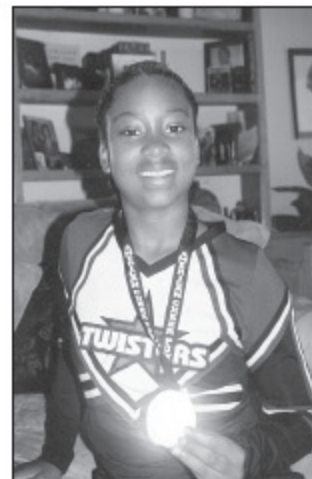
Brittany Session

RISD SR.- Graduation is on my mind and work. I'm working this summer and getting ready for college in the fall. The economy is a problem. All we can do is hope it gets better. I don't listen to what they say in the news.



Shanonda Martin

TJC Student- Right now, the most important thing on my mind is school and all it takes to stay there. There are a lot of things in the news like the economy and the elections. My mind is made up. I'm voting for Obama.



Symira Dearman

Symira Dearman, daughter of Wesley and Veronica Dearman, competed with GTC All-star Cheerleading competition at Six Flags over Texas in Dallas May 3, 2008 and the team received a First Place medal. Symira was awarded Best All Around Cheerleader by Gym Tyler Twisters in Tyler on April 19, 2008. She has maintained A Honor Roll as a RISD student this year. She is the granddaughter of George and Betty Kincade of Jacksonville and the late Leon and Connie Dearman.

Hawaiian Pork Chops

- 1) 4 (1/2 inch thick) lean pork loin chops
- 2) 1 (8 ounce) can pineapple slices in own juice
- 3) 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4) 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Drain and reserve juice from canned pineapple. Place pork chops in baking dish that is lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Mix 3 tablespoons of the reserved pineapple juice with brown sugar and nutmeg. Spoon half of the mixture over the pork chops. Top with pineapple slices and spoon remaining mixture over pineapple. Cover and bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees . Uncover and bake 20 minutes longer, spoon sauce over chops occasionally. 4 Servings.

Krystal Rene Blakemore, daughter of Alwonda Sue Cummings graduated from Jacksonville High School in 2007. She then attended Prairie View A &M University, studing Agriculture with a concentration on Economics and Mathmatics, finishing her year with 3.6 GPA. The ACEP-IOWA SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM, an 8 week program, was impressed with her outstanding performance and offered her an Internship. Krystal accepted and will be attending the ACEP-Iowa Summer Research Program from June through August this summer.

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