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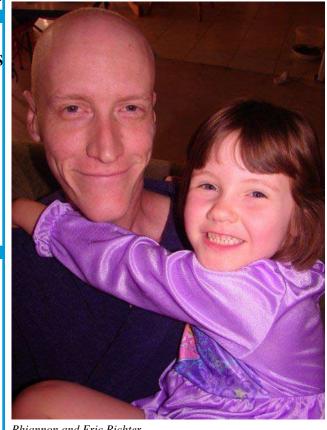
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Hope for Eric



Rhiannon and Eric Richter

n October 20, 2009 Eric Richter was diagnosed with stage III Testicular Cancer with metastasis to his lymph nodes and lungs. The tumors in his lungs were too numerous to count and he began the first round of BEP chemotherapy on October 23 and finished his fourth on February 9. The chemotherapy did the job and he was put into chemical remission, meaning that his tumor markers are finally back to normal. He will be undergoing a Retroperitoneal Lymph Node dissection on March 25 to remove all of the lymph nodes from his abdomen and is possibly facing more chemotherapy and wedge resection of his lungs to treat any residual tumors. No matter what, our Eric is

a fighter and he will become a cancer survivor and advocate for Testicular Cancer Awareness to prevent other young men form ignoring the symptoms.

Please join us on March 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church, 6000 Morris Road in Flower Mound to help Eric & his family with a shopping fair, raffle, and door prizes.

The Hope for Eric Benefit has two missions: help raise money to benefit the Richter family during this time of need and bring awareness to the seriousness of self exams for men.

For a more detailed look at Eric's journey, please visit http://www. caringbridge.org/visit/ ericrichter or the event website:

www.hopeforeric.com

ArtsNet and the City of Watauga present Threadneedle Street



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fantastic reels and classic traditional Celtic tunes. Playing together for as many years as they have yields a uniformity that is envied by newcomers! Don't miss this awesome opportunity to hear some original sounds played by some of the most

talented Celtic players in the area!

Threadneedle Street will play at the Watauga Public Library at 7109 Whitley Road in Watauga on Thursday, March 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Mid-Cities Pacesetters Rotary provides money for wheelchairs



Wheelchair Foundation and Wil Griffin Mid-Cities Club President



Four Fort Worth Christian seniors recently signed baseball scholarships with colleges and universities: Blake Hall signed with Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth; Cameron Hooper with Cisco Junior College in Cisco, Texas; Cody Cunningham with Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas, and Graylin Johnson with Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

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Dr. James Veitenheimer is named TCEA's **Superintendent of the Year**

eller ISD Superintendent Dr. James Veitenheimer was named TCEA's Superintendent of the Year. The award is presented to a superintendent who recognizes the importance of technology in the teaching and learning process

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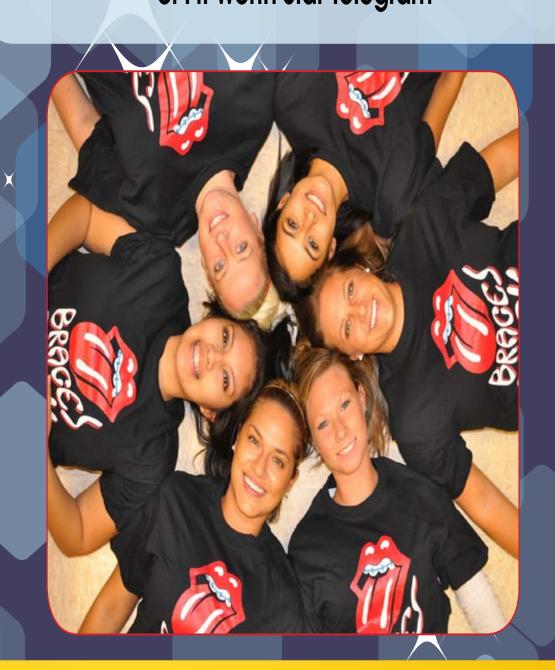
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is an important month for our country and community. The 2010 Census form will be mailed to households across the United States in March. Please watch for your census form and respond by completing the form and mailing it

back by April 1. The census is important to the future of our community and our state. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state and local governments based on census data. State and local governments, businesses, social service organizations and non-profit groups also use census data to make decisions about the services they provide. The census is also used to reapportion congressional

seats. Every person living in the United States must be counted in the 2010 Census - including people of all ages, races and ethnic groups. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. Workers from the Census Bureau will visit all households continued on page 7



Bob Hamilton President Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce

full evening of fellowship with our membership and residents of our area is on the verge of happening as the annual Denim & Diamonds Showcase committee has great plans for expected 1500-plus attendees. Put Saturday, March 6 at 6 p.m. on your calendar now!

Committee Chairwoman Linda Siegert (EECU) has been leading the effort to make this year's event one that will be remembered for many years to come. Expect to see many new surprises this year as Siegert has added some new twists to the Show-

Attendees will be treated to the best in local cuisine from our local restaurants and caterers with their ticket price. Bid on over 300 auction items, donated by the membership, including golf packages, house wares, crafts, services, trips, dining certificates, theater tickets and more. There is even a "Kid's Table" where you can find great values for the young ones.

Mix in live entertainment throughout the evening, games and contests (maybe even the chance to dunk the Chamber's Chairman of the Board, Dr. Stephen Waddell) and much more. A true "County Fair" for everyone.

Sponsorships are selling fast, so if you're interested in being recognized by your peers, this is the one that attracts the biggest crowd. Call the Chamber offices at (817) 281-9376 as continued on page 7



Superintendent of BISD Dr. Stephen F. Waddell

eginning with the 2010-11 school year, Birdville ISD is changing start and end times for kindergarten, middle, and high school students. This change will reduce the number of early morning pickups for many students, provide sufficient time for bus routes to handle increased traffic congestion, provide the capacity to manage future growth, and improve scheduling and efficiency of field trips and extracurricular activities.

Kindergarten New: 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.Current: 8 a.m. - 2:25

Elementary (Remains the Same) 8 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Middle School New: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Current: 8 a.m. - 3:15

High School New: 8:55 a.m. – 4:10

p.m. Current: 8 a.m. - 3:26

Starting high school later in the morning is supported by sleep research, which states, "Sleep and wake patterns among adolescents are biologically determined (circadian rhythms); the natural tendency for teenagers is to stay up late at night and wake up later in the morning." This research indicates that early morning school bells do not fit with adolescents sleep patterns and needs. Elementary students' circadian rhythms fit best with an early start to the

This change in start/ end time has a projected cost savings of more than

\$200,000 per year. BISD is celebrating Texas Public Schools Week March 8-12. This year's theme is "Buildcontinued on page 7



Mayor David L. Ragan



ith spring coming, we begin to think about Richland Hills' annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children. The Parks and Beautification Board plan for this every year. It will be held on March 27, at Rosebud Park at 1 p.m. or in the event of rain, on April 3, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Rosebud Park.

The Parks and Beautification is considering installing a nine-hole Frisbee Golf Course at Creek Trail Park. The Board members would like to determine the interest in this project. If you are interested, please advise the City Secretary at (817) 299-1811.

The City of Richland Hills is now accepting applications for its Storefront Improvement Program. The program offers grants of up to \$5,000 to help businesses in Richland Hills renovate or restore their exterior signage, lighting, or commercial building facades.

The Richland Hills Economic Development Department is hosting a business coffee the First Friday of every month at 9 a.m. for local businesses to network, showcase your company, and speak with city staff about issues affecting the business community. The continued on page 7



Mayor William Lanford



ecently Haltom City received a half million dollar grant from the state to apply to a park on the north edge of the city along White's Creek just south of Watauga Blvd. Since the fatal floods of a few years ago the city has been focused on turning this area into a park with a trail that connects to Watauga and Fort Worth trail systems. The city has made application to the state for park funds for a similar trail system on the south edge of the city along Little Fossil Creek. This would bolster the bond funds already committed to this effort.

We have hired six recruits for our police department since last October, bringing our police department closer to fully staffed than at any time in the last decade. These hires were made possible in part because our residents' property tax bills are now competitive with our neighbors' tax bills, allowing the city to pay competitive wages.

Our firefighters are hosting a golf tournament on Monday, March 29, designed to raise funds for the Angel Tree program and Tarrant Area Food Bank. It will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at Iron Horse Golf Course. Cost is \$60 per player in scramble teams of four. Keith Newton, Firefighter, is the contact at (940) 390-6827.

City council places 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be elected in a General Election on May 8th. Early voting runs April 26-May 4 at the Haltom City Civic Center (the old library).



Mayor **Harry Jefferies**



The primary election day is Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Early voting will be from February 16–26 at the Keller Town Hall, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway and at the North Richland Hills Recreation Center, 6720 Northeast Loop 820. For more information, call Watauga City Hall at (817) 514-5800.

The 20th Annual Wild West Watauga Fest is on Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Watauga Community Center at 7901 Indian Springs Road. Come enjoy live music and take a stroll through the Watauga Depot where you will find lots of arts, crafts, and food vendors. Then bring the kiddos over to the Little Rustler Station, where they can enjoy a train ride, plus lots of inflatables too! Vendors and volunteers are needed. A free Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held during Wild West Watauga Fest beginning at 11:30 a.m. for children ages 0-10 years. Please call (817) 514-5827 for more information.

The Get Fit Watauga! Round Up began on January 1, 2010. In 2004, Governor Rick Perry launched the Texas Round Up statewide fitness initiative to motivate and encourage Texans to become more active and to incorporate healthy choices in their daily lives by challenging adults to exercise 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week and kids under 18 to commit to 60 minutes of exercise a day, 5 days a week. To join, go to www.texasroundup. com, click on the link "Join Program", and enter Watauga as your city!



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Park, located at 5220
Denton Hwy. Round up
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Adult Co-Rec Volleyball league is back for the spring! Games are played on Tuesday nights. Registration deadline is March 20. The team fee is \$175 for an 8-game season. Each team will receive league shirts and winners will receive additional

awards. Have fun with your friends and get in shape for the summer!

For more information about any of these leagues, please contact the Recreation Center at (817) 831-6464, stop by at 4839 Broadway Avenue, or visit our website at www.haltomcitytx.

National Letter of Intent Siging Day



On February 3, five Birdville High School Lady Hawk seniors celebrated National Letter of Intent Signing Day by formally committing to play soccer on college scholarships next year. Pictured above from left to right are Malea Abbott (Martin Methodist College), Anna Becerra (Martin Methodist College), Maddie Poteet (University of Central Arkansas), Birdville Head Coach Eddie Brown, Shelly Holt (University of North Texas), and Trisha Killen (Angelo State University).

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Our center's Valentine Party was postponed due to the snow but once rescheduled was certainly a wonderful event complete with a live band, Valentine games, door prizes, announcing the King and Queen of Hearts and lots of cookies.

Coming up we've got Senior Citizens Services Volunteer Training for all the seniors who volunteer their time in the center, an Elder Law presentation by local attorney Steve Katten, a foot care clinic with Dr. Kevin Rhodes, and finish the month of February with our own Mardi Gras Party.

The month of March will be busy with a trip to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History on March 10, an AARP Driving Class March 12, a chili cook off open to the public on March 27, and Health Yes Preventative Screenings on March 29.

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BISD School Notes:

B ISD's bad weather make-up day is Friday, April 2 to make up for being closed on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Green Valley Elementary's class/group pictures are Feb. 25.

Watauga Middle School will take buddy pictures on Feb. 26 during the school day. For information, call (817) 547-4800.

Stowe Elementary's Family Movie Night is from 6-8 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Smithfield Elementary's PTA meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. on Mar. 9 in the cafeteria. The first-grade classes will perform a program. No PTA business will be discussed.

Stowe Elementary's annual community dinner is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on March 11. They will serve hot dogs, chips, drinks and cupcakes. In celebration of their 50th anniversary, they are inviting former Beaver staff to come and eat dinner with the current staff at 4:30 p.m.

Smithfield Elementary's PTA is holding a recycling contest to raise money to buy caterpil-



Mark Thomas

lars for the school's new butterfly garden. Small ink cartridges, cell phones, MP3 players, aluminum cans (rinsed & crushed), newspapers, digital cameras and cell phone or digital camera batteries will be collected through April 2. For information, go to http://www.smithfieldpta.txpta.org/.

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By Rob M. Hance, DVM pet access to the area where cleaning agents are used or stored.

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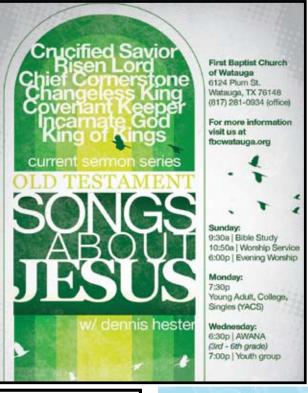
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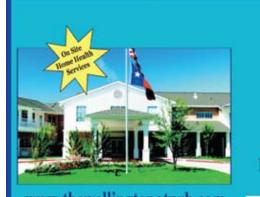
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We will be having two elementary sessions (ages 6-11) and one middle school session (12-15). Sessions will be located in the North Tarrant County area and will be held in June and July, Monday-Friday, 8:45-3:45. ARTSNET will also be holding individual classes throughout the summer for ages 4-15. If you would be

interested in teaching a 2 hour class per day- per week or multiple classes per week please contact Bobbie McFarland with ARTSNET. Teacher's salaries will be based on experience, degree and will range from \$15 to \$20 an hour. We will be holding a meeting in March to discuss the plans for this summer. If you are interested

in teaching one or more sessions, please contact ARTSNET and get the appropriate form. This form along with a résumé, class curriculum, and supply list will be due by February 22. This information may be used to perform a criminal background check. We will be choosing teachers and working on schedules in March so that we can provide information to the public, private and home schools by March

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Top Area Chefs to Compete in Thirteenth Annual Cookin' for Kids Celebrity Chef Cook-Off



Texas State Poet Laureate Karla K. Morton of Denton will judge at the Cook-Off

The 13th Annual Cookin' for Kids, a benefit event featuring Fort Worth's original celebrity chef cook-off, will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the River Ranch in the Fort Worth Stockyards at 500 N.E. 23rd Street.

Twelve professional chefs will compete in this year's Cookin' for Kids live cook-off showdown. Among the 2010 competitors are chefs from Del Frisco's, Four Seasons, Reata and Fred's Texas. Each chef

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IT News You Can Use

etbooks are inexpensive, but are they a valid alternative to a full-size notebook? Netbooks are ultraportable laptops designed for light computer users—people who don't need very powerful machines to accomplish their everyday tasks. Usually, a netbook will have a low power processor, lengthy battery life, a 10" or smaller screen, no optical drive and a frame that weighs less than 3 pounds. Prices are from \$200-\$500, depending on configuration. Some even run Windows 7 64-bit.

If you stick to running MS Office based products, browsing the internet and managing emails, a netbook should be a perfect fit. If you watch DVDs, or run programs like Adobe Photoshop or other CPUintensive applications,



Daniel Hampton, ComputeRX you should stick to a full-size notebook with a more powerful processor and dedicated graphics card. If you get a netbook, pick up one with an ION graphics cardit'll really speed up your system.

Daniel Hampton is the principal of ComputeRx, a Euless computer repair company serving the DFW metroplex. More information is located at www.computerxdfw.com . Check the Northeast Times monthly for current computing tips and news.

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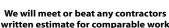
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Mayor **Oscar Trevino**

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that do not return a form in order to take a count in person.

The City of North Richland Hills asks for your participation in the 2010 Census. Look for your 2010 Census form in March. By completing and returning your census form you are performing an important civic duty while helping to better define the future for our community, state and country.

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will be assisted by one or more "notable Texans," including TCU head football coach Gary Patterson. Fort Worth city councilwoman Kathleen Hicks and 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate Karla K. Morton.

Reserved tables of 8 are \$1000. Individual tickets are \$100 each. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Cookin' for Kids is the single largest fundraising event each year for Kids Who Care, a non-profit musical theatre organization that is dedicated to producing confident, caring and creative kids through musical theatre education, performance

continued from page 6 and leadership development. All proceeds benefit Kids Who Care, a non-profit organization. For more information, please contact (817) 737-5437 or Jannice@ kidswhocare.org.

Bob Hamilton President Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce



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soon as possible. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 each, with children 8 and under free. Tickets at the door are \$20 each.

Mayor David L. Ragan



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March coffee will be held at McDonalds at 7305 Airport Freeway.

For more information on the Storefront Improvement Program or the business coffee, please contact Matt Shaffstall with the City of Richland Hills Economic Development Department at (817) 299-1845 or ecodev@richlandhills. com.

Superintendent of **BISD** Dr. Stephen F. Waddell



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intendent of the Year award is open to all district superintendents whose primary job must be acting as the superintendent of his/her district. The three finalists for this award are invited to attend the TCEA Conaward is announced. The Convention is currently underway - for more information visit: www. tcea.org At today's Conven-

tion Dr. Veitenheimer was awarded an engraved plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior of his choice.

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