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Program Strength

Emeriti Status Granted

Recently retired Family Consumer Science Agent, Janie E. Squier was granted Emeriti Status with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. This emeritus title in conferred upon individuals who have made significant contributions to the System through long and distinguished service. As such, Janie will serve in an advisory role for the Rockwall County Office and provide historical insight on Extension programming.

Janie is a Certified Master Gardener and continues to impact our county through her leadership and organization skills.

Congratulations Janie!



Improving Lives, Improving



Review

In Photographic

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, **Rockwall County Setting a Standard of Excellence**

Youth Participate in Statewide Achievement Opportunities Learning Life Skills

Fifth Annual Tour of Gardens hosted by Rockwall County Master Gardener Association

Family and Consumer Science Programming Spreading the Message about Health and Nutrition





through Partnerships The afore mentioned educational efforts show only a glimpse of the programs offered through Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Rockwall County. Other issues currently being addressed include: Water Conservation—through Xeriscaping and Zone Planting Techniques, Farming On a Small Scale, Curriculum Enrichment with County Elementary Schools, and Emergency Preparedness.

Programming and Educational efforts are generated and developed through community involvement of local citizens. All parties interested in becoming an active member in the development and implementation of Extension program can contact the office at 972.204.7660 or visit our website at rockwall-tx.tamu.edu/. An internet version of this document can also be downloaded at the same site under publications.

Leadership Advisory Board members in Rockwall County include: Genny Smith, J.D. Jacobs, Jerry Wimpee, Stanley Springer, Larry Parks, Jim Wood, John Thomas, Angie Scalf, Ned Nichols, Margo Nielson, David Magness, and Janie E. Squier-Agent Emeriti

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating



August 15, 2008

2008 Tour of Gardens & Open Garden Days









Along with client consultations, the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association conducted the 5th annual Tour of Gardens to an eager audience. The association offers Open Garden Days at the Discovery Garden with a variety of classes presented.

Family Consumer Science Programming Greets New Agent

Emily Nichols accepted the responsibilities as the Family Consumer Science Agent in June of this year. Already addressing nutrition education, she will also focus on web-based programming, health programming, parenting, and money management.







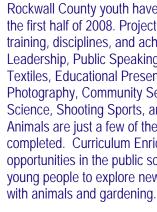
4-H & Youth Development













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Rockwall County youth have been busy during the first half of 2008. Projects included life skills training, disciplines, and achievement events. Leadership, Public Speaking, Clothing & Textiles, Educational Presentations, Photography, Community Service, Animal Science, Shooting Sports, and Companion Animals are just a few of the projects completed. Curriculum Enrichment opportunities in the public schools allowed young people to explore new life experiences



