

Denzel comes to Rusk, Texas to film new movie "The Great Debaters"

(Rusk, TX.) Two time Academy Award winning actor Denzel Washington is in the process of filming his new movie, "The Great Debaters". The movie is based on the true story of a professor at historically black Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. The professor inspired students to form the school's first debate team in 1935. As he did in the critically acclaimed 2003 drama "Antwone Fisher," Washington will not only have a hand in directing the film, but will also starring in it as Professor Melvin B. Tolson.



Photography began in mid-May in Rusk, Texas at the Texas State Railroad following an earlier surprise visit to Rusk by Denzel. Tolson, leads his team of skilled debaters on to challenge Harvard in the national championship. "Stomp the Yard" star Columbus Short will reportedly play one of Tolson's students. The project is co-written by acclaimed playwright and McArthur Foundation "Genius" Award winner Suzan Lori Parks, who created the 2002 Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway play "Topdog/Underdog," and scripted the masterful telepic "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

Armistia Sanders makes National Deans List

Armistia Sanders, a 2005 Rusk High School Graduate, has been named to the National




Dean's List for 2006-2007. This makes her eligible to apply for one of fifty one thousand dollar scholarships. Misty is now a second year student at Tyler Junior College School of Nursing. She is a 2005 recipient of the Citizen 1st Bank Tyler Junior College Scholarship

and the Laretta Colston Stewart Scholarship. Armistia plans to become a registered nurse. She is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and the daughter of Sheneque Wyvonne and Sam O'Neal and Allen Sanders all of Rusk. And she is the granddaughter of Genell and Charles Hicks and Burnis Session of Rusk.

Bernice Johnson Retirement Celebrated



Jacksonville, TX. - A retirement dinner was held May 19, 2007 at the Norman Activity Center for Bernice Johnson of New Summerfield, Texas. Ms. Johnson retired after twenty-nine years service to New Summerfield ISD and Jacksonville ISD Food Service Departments. The dinner, which began at 2:00PM, was hosted by her son and daughter-in-law Reginald and Renea Carter.

Bernice was Supervisor of Food Service at Jacksonville Middle School for the past ten years and has won numerous awards for recipes prepared while working at JISD.




James Benton
Crockett High Graduate, class of 2000 was home recently on leave from Ft. Huachuca Arizona. James joined the U. S. Army in 2005. His parents are James and Blanch Benton of Kenard.


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