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Longtime recreation advocate honored in Eules

Julia Wake-
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Wakeley

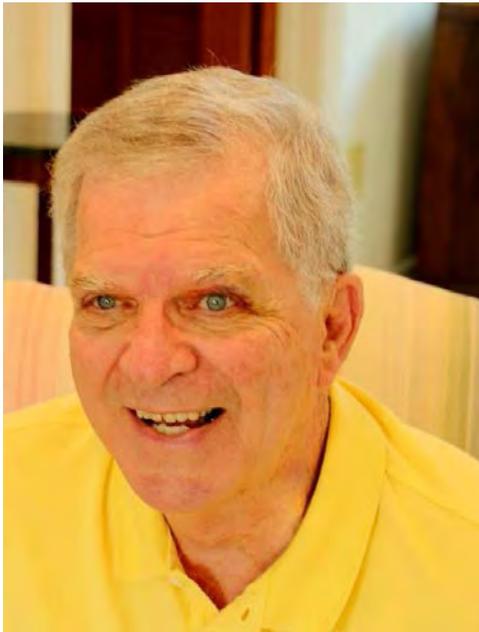
into the
Parks at Texas Star Walk of
Champions on Saturday.

Wakeley, who worked for
the city from 1966 until she
retired in 2000, pioneered
many programs such as
youth soccer and basketball.
She died in 2010.

She was one of the
founding members of the
Mid-Cities Youth Activity
Council, established the
first soccer leagues in the
H-E-B area and was in-
strumental in the founding
of the Bedford-Eules Soc-
cer Association.

The Walk of Champions is
between Wrigley and Arling-
ton fields at the Parks of Tex-
as Star and features names of
people who have played im-
portant roles in Eules.

Eyes on H-E-B: Euless now boasts a member of the Texas Radio Hall of Fame



Jerome Davis went from a small-market gig to become a major-market radio and TV personality. Courtesy photo

BY FAYE REEDER

Special to the Star-Telegram

When Euless resident Jerome Davis worked at radio station KMHT in Marshall during his high school years, it never occurred to him that he would one day be inducted into a hall of fame for broadcasters.

Seems that radio gig was not just a teenage job and Davis went on to have a successful career in radio and television. In recognition of his success, Davis was notified recently by officials at the Texas Radio Hall of Fame that he had been chosen as an inductee for 2015 along with 15 other broadcast professionals from across the state.

The honor is in recognition of his many years in the industry spanning the time during college when he was an on-air personality popular with students at Stephen F. Austin University at station KEEE in Nacogdoches and later after he moved on to do the news at radio and TV stations in Tyler. He landed in Fort Worth in 1963 after accepting a news job with station KFJZ.

“I covered John F. Kennedy’s visit to Fort Worth, some of the events surrounding the Kennedy assassination, including Lee Harvey Oswald’s funeral, and later the trial of Jack Ruby,” Davis said of his time at KFJZ.

After many years in radio and television with WBAP in Fort Worth and later KRLD in Dallas as anchor-reporter, Davis shifted gears and moved from broadcasting to public relations for the last leg of his career before retiring.

Josh Holstead, who owns and operates the Houston-based Texas Radio Hall of Fame (and who incidentally grew up in Hurst), said the organization’s main goal is to recognize “broadcasting greats in the Lone Star State.” He said that inductees are selected by life members and that around 200 people have been inducted since the organization formed 15 years ago.

“Jerome represents the absolute finest of his kind — and the last of a dying breed of real radio journalists,” said Holstead. “Not a voice that merely reads prepared news stories that were sanitized and sent out from a central point, but a man who gathered the news, wrote the news, reported the news, and with that, accepted the responsibility of how to disseminate that information to hundreds of thousands of people in a way that would impact them the most.”

Holstead said those who nominated Davis for the honor noted his rise from a small-market radio career to larger markets and eventually his transition from radio to TV. Other nominators were impressed that he still makes time to volunteer his talents and voice to various organizations.

“Being selected by my peers was very gratifying and encouraging,” Davis said. “There is a lot of great talent out there, so to be chosen by your peers really means a lot.”

Davis will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at a luncheon celebration in Austin in November. The public is invited to attend the event, which is always a sellout.

“Our event this November will be dedicated to a very prominent figure in our industry — and a Fort Worth-area favorite — Terry Dorsey from KSCS,” said Holstead. Dorsey, who died this year, was a member of the Texas Radio Hall of Fame.

Meanwhile, until the induction ceremony, Davis will continue his active role as a community volunteer, most notably with the Northeast Tarrant Lions Club along with volunteering at KERA/Channel 13. He is a freelance writer and does voiceovers for various clients. He enjoys his family and five grandchildren, one of whom is majoring in broadcast journalism at the University of North Texas. Who knows — another member of the family may someday join his granddad in the Hall of Fame.

Learn more about the Hall of Fame at www.TRHOF.net. Tickets to the Nov. 14 ceremony are available online.

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS TO OPEN ITS 23RD STORE IN TEXAS ON AUGUST 14TH AT GLADE PARKS IN EULESS, TX

by **EPR RETAIL NEWS EDITORS**

PITTSBURGH, 2015-8-10— /EPR Retail News/ — DICK'S Sporting Goods (NYSE: DKS), the largest U.S.-based, full-line omni-channel sporting goods retailer, will be opening its 23rd store in Texas and 624th store nationwide on Friday, August 14th at Glade Parks in Euless, TX (2701 Rio Grande Blvd.).

DICK'S three-day grand opening celebration will run through Sunday, August 16th. The store will open at 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

On Friday, the first 100 people in line will be eligible for a free Reebok Play Dry® T-Shirt. Guests who are in line at 7:45am on Friday will get a chance to open the DICK'S Sporting Goods Gift Locker.*

Former Dallas defensive end **Charles Haley**** will be in-store from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, and former Dallas tight end **Jay Novacek**** will be in-store from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Saturday and Sunday giveaways include a free Mystery Gift Card from \$5 to \$500 for the first 100 adults in line. Guests who are in line at 7:45 a.m. Saturday and 8:45 a.m. on Sunday will also get a chance to open the DICK'S Sporting Goods Gift Locker.*

“We look forward to opening our new DICK'S Sporting Goods in Euless,” said **Lauren Hobart**, Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer, DICK'S Sporting Goods. “We are excited to serve athletes of all ages by providing the equipment they need to help them excel.”

The new location will feature Nike and Under Armour shops, athletic and outdoor apparel and footwear and the latest gear for team sports, fitness, and outdoor. More than 40 in-store services by DICK'S certified PROS in sports and outdoor specialties such as bike, golf and fishing will also be available.

Visit **DICKS.com/Euleless** for details and LIKE DICK'S Sporting Goods on Facebook for the latest information on local appearances, special events and brand activations. *NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Purchase does not improve chance of winning. Limit one t-shirt, mystery gift card and/or gift locker combination per person, per day. Must be 18+ for gift card and gift locker promotions. See store or DICKS.com/Euleless for details and odds of winning.

**Wristband required for autograph. Wristbands will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of event only. Limit one per person. Visit DICKS.com/Euleless for details.

About DICK'S Sporting Goods, Inc.

Founded in 1948, DICK'S Sporting Goods, Inc. is a leading omni-channel sporting goods retailer offering an extensive assortment of authentic, high-quality sports equipment, apparel, footwear and accessories. As of May 2, 2015, the Company operated more than 610 DICK'S Sporting Goods locations, serving and inspiring athletes and outdoor enthusiasts to achieve their personal best through a blend of dedicated associates, in-store services and unique specialty shop-in-shops. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, DICK'S also owns and operates Golf Galaxy, Field & Stream and True Runner specialty stores. For more information, visit the Press Room at DICKS.com.