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BEST BETS

FOR A FISHING EVENT



The city of Euless presents the Texas Junior Anglers fishing event for kids from 9 a.m. to noon today at Wilshire Park pond, 315 Sierra Dr., Euless. The pond will be stocked with more than 500 pounds of catfish. A limited supply of bait and tackle will be available, and people from Texas Junior Anglers will provide fishing instructions. Parents can join after 1 p.m. It's a free event.
817-685-1666.
www.ci.euless.tx.us/.

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NATURE

Sights of Springtime

Take a moment to stop and watch the wildlife – even in cities

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY LANCE MURRAY

As you stroll through a nearby park or power-walk along a neighborhood path, don't forget to look up, down, all around.

There are things with wings and other creatures.

Watch for wildlife in the trees and bushes and along the creeks and lakes that abound in our urban green spaces. Many communities have created places that are as friendly to wildlife as they are to humans — River Legacy Parks in Arlington, the Preserve at McCormick Park in Euless or the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge.

From colorful birds to beautifully patterned butterflies and wary reptiles, there's plenty to see if you take the time.

Take a camera along. You might get a picture worth framing.

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Lynne Sullivant
and Phillip
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Phillip Powers,
Pete Benenati,
Andy Fernie
and Steve
Anderson



Robert
Panno,
Michael Craft
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Eules site for golf classic

Texas Star Golf Course in Eules was the site for this year's Hurst-Eules-Bedford Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic.

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Faxine Perry



EULESS — Dorothy Faxine Perry, 78, a loving, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2006, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Tuesday, First Baptist Church, 1000 W. Airport Freeway, Euless. **Burial:** Moore Memorial Gardens.

Visitation: The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Forest Ridge Funeral Home.

Faxine was born March 4, 1928, in Batesville, Ark. She was the daughter of the late Luther Fairfax and Alice Esther Jenkins.

A resident of Euless since 1968, Faxine was a lifelong Baptist. A member of First Baptist of Euless for 38 years, she was a member of the Martha Sunday School Class.

Faxine was preceded in death by a brother, Luther Elbert, and a sister, Alice Marie.

Survivors: Husband of nearly 50 years, Bobby J. Perry of Euless; son, Philip Luther Perry of Dallas; daughter, Alice Lynn Norwood; a grandson, Zachary Norwood of Euless; and a large extended family.

Forest Ridge Funeral Home
Hurst, (817) 285-7777

View and sign guestbook at
www.star-telegram.com/obituaries

Alice Norwood is an employee in our Finance Department.

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\$200M Euless project set to get off the ground

Glade Parks will be city's largest-ever commercial project

Dallas Business Journal - April 28, 2006 by Holli L. Estridge Staff Writer

Rubloff Development Co. is planning to break ground soon on Glade Parks, a 200-acre development believed to be the largest commercial project ever to be built in Euless.

Chicago-based Rubloff is planning to spend \$200 million transforming property that stretches from Glade Road to Cheek-Sparger Road, along State Highway 121, into 800,000 square feet of commercial space and 700 units of townhomes and detached single-family homes.

Dallas-based Quadrille Financial is developing the residential portion of the project. United Commercial Realty of Dallas is handling leasing for the commercial portion.

The property, homesteaded in the 1800s by Euless' Harrington family, has been passed down through almost 20 family members. Bob Brownson, vice president of Rubloff Development, said the family had an unusual ownership structure for the property.

"It required a lot of people having to be made happy, in terms of the pricing and timing," Brownson said. He declined to disclose the purchase price.

Euless has been working for years to prime the Harrington property and another 200-acre parcel at the intersection of State Highways 183 and 360 for development. Nordstrom considered putting a store on the latter site 10 years ago, before deciding instead to locate in North East Mall in nearby Hurst.

The city will soon see commercial development on a 51-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Glade and S.H. 121, where developer Burk Collins & Co. is planning the Shops at Vineyard Village. (Glade Parks is on the southwest corner of the same intersection.) The Shops at Vineyard Village will have an Office Depot, PetSmart, LA Fitness, Taco Cabana, Starbucks Coffee and Mattress Giant.

Good demographics

"I think the market has developed," said Euless City Manager Joe Hennig. "The demographics are good, and the rooftops have finally arrived to the point that they can support that type of development."

Hennig said Glade Parks is the city's largest commercial development to date.

Bill Ridgway, economic development director for Euless, said Rubloff's project will add depth to the city's retail base, as well as a residential component that will strengthen the entire market.

Rubloff has not yet approached the city regarding economic incentives for the project. Brownson said the company intends to discuss incentives for infrastructure and other site improvements

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with the city of Euless.

Rubloff plans to complete site work for about 300,000 square feet by the fall, with a two-year total build-out.

Kent Donahue of Quadrille Financial said the residential component will total about 70 acres, with prices ranging from \$250,000 to \$750,000. Quadrille has not yet selected builders for the project.

Glade Parks is Rubloff's first project in the Dallas-Fort Worth market. The company is involved in ground-up developments in 20 states. Rubloff made contact with Donahue through another project.

The housing development will link to the commercial and retail component through hike-and-bike trails. A low-rise commercial component will have restaurants, shops and service-type users on the first story and smaller, higher-end residential upstairs. Residents and businesses will also have access to a dedicated park area and green space.

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CPN

1.2 MSF Retail Planned for DFW Airport Region

May 01, 2006

By Tonie Auer, Southwest Correspondent

Two separate developments will combine for 1.2 million square feet in the Fort Worth suburb of Euless—one of the towns bordering Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport—at the corner of State Highway 121 at Glade Road.

Chicago-based Rubloff Development Co.'s \$200 million Glade Parks development project spans about 200 acres of undeveloped land, delivering 800,000 square feet of retail and commercial mixed-use with an additional residential development attached to it on the west. Dallas-based Quadrille Financial will head up the residential part of the project. Glade Parks will be side of Highway 121, said Euless City Manager Joe Hennig. Finalized plans for design and engineering should be ready in about two or three weeks, he added, with construction potentially planned to start in late fall, although a completion date has not been set.

And Vineyard Village, a \$40 million 400,000-square-foot commercial project of retail and office space, breaks ground Wednesday on a 51-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Glade and Highway 121 with an early summer 2007 target opening.

"There has been a void in that area, and the population and demographics showed it was time to offer some local shopping," said Burk Collins, CEO of Hurst, Texas,-based Burk Collins & Co.

With arteries leading to the airport, Highway 121 is heavily traveled and often congested at rush hour. Hennig said the Texas Department of Transportation has completed the design of improvements to the highway in this area with construction beginning in the area in the next year.

"There are a multitude of reasons why this area is in demand," Hennig said. "Developers are looking for prime infill sites and the demographics in the area are tremendous. This will be a regional draw, but it will be a big focus for the residents in this several-city area."

Rubloff representatives did not return phone calls for comment by press time.

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Pull out and save this page. It's your guide to the best family activities of the month.

Things to do in May

25 THURSDAY

No two words go better together than "summer" and "party." Slap on some sunscreen and head over to the Out of School Bash featuring local band Vocal Trash at the Midway Recreation Center in Euless. The Midway pool will be open and there will be plenty to get into - bounce houses, face painters, strolling magicians and more. The event is free and open to the public. The fun takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. today.

Places to go in May

- May Day Pre-Mother's Day Plant Sale and Tree Giveaway
Texas Star Pavilion
1501 S. Pipeline Road, Euless
(817) 685-1662
Free
9am-1pm May 6
Plants will be available for purchase and you can pick up a free tree sapling.
- Family Fun Bike Ride and Picnic
Bob Eden Park
2050 Industrial Parkway, Euless
(817) 685-1662
Free
10am-1pm May 13
Enjoy this 3-mile bike ride where everyone in the family rides at their own pace.
- Out of School Bash featuring Vocal Trash
Midway Recreation Center Pool
300 W. Midway Drive, Euless
(817) 685-1662
Free
2-5pm May 25
This party includes swimming, bounce houses and local band Vocal Trash.

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NORTHEAST AFTER HOURS

Cora Connection

EULESS - The Cora Connection, a musical trio featuring a 21-string West African harp, will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Monday at the Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive.

The trio blends the harp sound with guitar and percussion. Its concert is sponsored by Eules and ARTSNET. (817) 685-1679 or www.eules.org.

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INDICTMENT

Eules man accused of scalding dog



OTHER CHARGES

■ Chad Edward Ellis is also facing four burglary charges and three theft charges in connection with crimes committed from June until October in Grapevine and Eules.

■ A trial date has not been set.

SOURCE: Tarrant County criminal court records

■ The dog died after it was placed in a washing machine filled with hot water.

By DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — A dog that was scalded after being placed in a washing machine filled with hot water had to be euthanized after its injuries didn't respond to medical care, according to police and an indictment against a Eules man who is accused of putting the dog in the machine.

A Tarrant County grand jury indicted Chad Edward Ellis, 32, Friday on a charge of animal cruelty. Ellis was in the Tarrant County Jail on

Tuesday without bail.

An eviction notice dated April 24 was posted on the door of his home.

Ellis is accused of placing the dog in the machine and turning it on after he became angry with the animal. Afterward, the year-old female black Labrador retriever mix was left in a closet, police said.

A friend of Ellis' found the dog and took it to a Grapevine animal shelter, but the dog was euthanized several days later after antibiotics failed to stop the swelling from the burns, Grapevine police said.

The case grew out of a February investigation into dogs missing from a neighborhood near the Eules-Grapevine border.

"When the detective was in the neighborhood, he noticed quite a few fliers of missing dogs," said Eules police Lt. Wayne Pavlik.

"The detective talked to one resident who told him about a suspicious man in the neighborhood who would walk around with leashes," Pavlik said.

Investigators traced the man to the 2900 block of Kathleen Lane.

"When officers went to the house, a woman invited them in," Pavlik said. "When they saw drugs out in the open, they stepped out of the house and got a search warrant."

They returned with a search warrant and found three dogs that had been reported missing and an undisclosed amount of illegal drugs. The dogs were returned to their owners. Ellis also faces a charge of delivery of a controlled substance in connection with the drugs.

Ellis was arrested shortly after police searched the house. Ellis did not give police a statement about the dogs, Pavlik said.

During the search, the 25-year-old woman told police that in January, she found an injured 30- to 35-pound Labrador in a closet.

"She had seen the dog around the house, and then one day it was gone. The dog didn't belong to Ellis," Pavlik said. "She asked Ellis about the dog, but he was evasive. One day, she just found the dog in the closet."

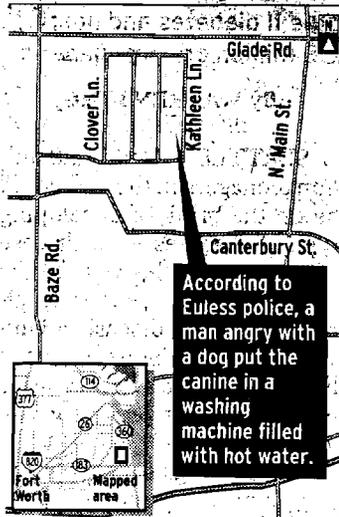
The woman said Ellis told her that he had placed the dog in the washing machine after he became angry, according to police reports.

The woman took the dog to the Grapevine animal shelter Jan. 4 and told officials that she had found the dog on Texas 121 and that she thought the canine had been hit by a vehicle, said Grapevine police Sgt. Bob Murphy.

"The injuries didn't match up with her story," Murphy said. "The dog was taken to a veterinarian for treatment."

Authorities have not found the dog's owner.

Accused of animal cruelty



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UNITED WAY-NORTHEAST

Transit plan to aid job hunts

■ A pilot transit program is planned to help Hurst, Euless, and Bedford residents find and keep jobs within those cities.

By **TERRY LEE GOODRICH**
 STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

It's a Catch-22: To get to a job or job interview, you need transportation, but without a job, you can't pay for transportation — or child care so you can work.

United Way-Northeast, working with several agencies and volunteers, is putting together a pilot transportation program to help low-income residents in parts of Hurst, Euless and Bedford find and keep jobs.

Last week, the agency received bids from shuttle transportation providers to take workers to jobs within the three cities. A contract should be awarded by June 1, with service beginning July 1, said Faye Beaulieu, project director for United Way-Northeast.

About 1,300 households in Hurst, Euless and Bedford have no vehicles, according to statistics gathered two years ago by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County,

which aids businesses and job seekers.

"How do you get to work without a car? To an interview? To get drug-testing that some employers require? To take children to day care so you can work?" said Henry DelCastillo, a volunteer crisis counselor who has helped clients in the emergency assistance program of St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford.

"Some people lose jobs or are abandoned by their spouses. These are a lot of decent, hardworking people that get a bad break," he said.

The pilot program is expected to cost about \$110,000 in its first year, with \$35,000 from United Way, \$50,000 from the North Central Texas Council of Governments and \$25,000 from SERCO of Texas, which is a client services provider for the Tarrant County Workforce Board, said James Powell, project manager for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Transit Pilot Program.

"Determining supply and demand will be tricky for the first couple months, so we'll see if we need to make adjustments," Beaulieu said.

Program officials said transit clients will undergo screening by Workforce Solutions and faith-based outreach programs. If they are actively seeking jobs, they will be provided free passes for transportation within Hurst, Euless and Bedford, officials said. The shuttles will not have fixed routes but will travel to sites after clients have made reservations, officials said.

Employers will benefit from the initiative, predicted Mary Frazier, president of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce.

She said employers — especially fast-food restaurants and hotels — occasionally have approached chamber officials about setting up transportation for employees or potential employees.

"This is something that's been needed for a long time," Frazier said. "It's a good first step."

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