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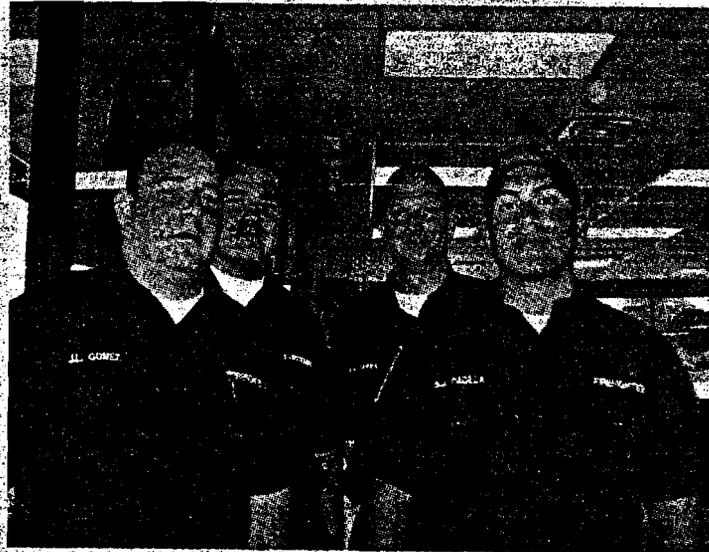
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The City of Euless has successfully completed a third year summer camp program thru the Midway Recreation Center. With an average of 80 children from 6 to 11 years old per week there was lots of laughing and new memories that were being created daily. The children had plenty of morning outside activities, crafts, swimming three times a week and some awesome weekly fieldtrip such as Six Flags, NRH2O, Fort Worth Zoo, Arbuckle Wildlife Safari, and a Texas Rangers game to name a few. There was also several local fieldtrips like those to CiCi Pizza, the Movie Tavern, the Fire and Police Stations, and a wonderful visit with the Euless Mayor. All this was under the fine direction of the Directors: Mindy Herring and Jason Grant. And of course their incredible staff!!

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Eules F.D. 3rd shift taking a break at CiCi's Pizza in Eules

Eules Citizens Fire Academy

By Paul Smith
Division Chief/Fire
Marshal
Eules Fire Department

The Eules Fire Department will begin the Citizens Fire Academy Class # 11 on Thursday, August 24th. This 12 week program allows citizens of Eules to become familiar with the workings of a fire department through hands on and classroom presentations. Participants become familiar with the equipment

fire fighters use and wear and even have the opportunity to dismantle a car using heavy rescue tools and fight a controlled fire in a training building used by firefighters.

Classes are scheduled two times a year and are limited to twelve participants. To be placed on a waiting list for future classes, citizens are encouraged to call the Eules Fire Department at 817-685-1600.

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FROM THE LEADERSHIPS



Mayor Saleh Eules

We welcome our new readers to the Hurst-Eules-Bedford edition of the Northeast Times Newspaper. We hope this new paper will give our citizens more information about their city and activities.

The city of Eules, along with other surrounding cities, is currently working on our budget for next year. Our budget must be approved before October, the beginning of the budget year, so August and September are busy months.

We have public hearings to discuss the budget and encourage citizens to attend council meetings where the budget and tax rate will be approved. Please check your city calendar for further information.

Michael Brown was welcomed in May as the newest member of the Eules City Council. In past years Michael worked as a police officer in Eules and cur-

rently is the Chief of Police at UNT Health Science Center. The city council members elected Council person Linda Martin as our Mayor Pro Tem. Other council members are Glenn Porterfield, Charlie Miller, Leon Hogg and Carl Tyson. Serving the interests of Hurst, Eules, Bedford, Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake and Trophy Club Council person Carl Tyson has been re-appointed to the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council.

Development is keeping us busy in Eules. Construction has begun on a new shopping center located at Glade Road east of SH 121 and the old Sutherlands building on FM 157 is undergoing renovation and will be completed in the fall. In addition, another residential neighborhood will begin construction in the fall as well.

Our latest renovation to our city buildings is the Finance Building located on the city campus. This houses the Finance, Human Resources and Utility Billing Departments. Construction of a new Public Works building will be underway very soon and is estimated to be complete in early 2007.

The Eules Public Library recently celebrated its tenth anniversary with two weeks of outstanding activities for all ages. We continue to receive accolades for the "Blooms of Enlightenment" glass sculpture located in the south window of the library. We welcome you to visit our library anytime you are in Eules!

The Texas Star Golf Course is in great shape and enjoying a good year although we could really use some rain. If you haven't tried Raven's Grille at the Golf Course you have missed a treat. It is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner and has a super Sunday Brunch.

There are so many recreational programs available now with more beginning in the fall season. To find out more about Eules and all of our great activities, please check our website at www.eules.org, view cable Channel 15 in Eules or pick up a copy of the city magazine "Eules Today" at any of our public buildings or read it online at www.eules.org/eulesstoday.

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City of Euless Announces Third Annual Bicycle Rodeo



Euless- The City of Euless hosted its Third Annual Bicycle Rodeo, August 19th, at the Parks at Texas Star.

The Bicycle Rodeo emphasized the importance of bicycle safety and educated the children in attendance on the rules of pedestrian traffic.

The Euless Police Department constructed a safety course for the children to follow along with a police officer and learn how to negotiate city streets more safely and learn the "rules of the road."



Children from the community eagerly line-up to take a picture with "Euless's Finest."

At the beginning of the gala, all of the children's air in their tires, brakes and chains on their bikes were inspected thanks to Mad Duck Adventure Sports.

The festivities also included a one mile treasure ride with three treasure chests along the way, bounce houses, face painters and free refreshments

for the children.

All in all, it was a great afternoon of fun and safety thanks to the Euless Police and Euless Fire Department.

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Colin Conley Jr.
and Colin Conley Sr.



Katy Landers and Tim Landers



Cyclists have a rodeo

The Bicycle Rodeo and Treasure Ride, hosted by the city of Euless, took place at the Parks at Texas Star.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR-TELEGRAM/VICKI DRAKE

Paula Myers
and Stasha Barriere

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Council struggles with part of budget

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

EULESS — The Euless City Council gave 4-3 tentative approval Tuesday to nearly \$70 million of a proposed \$80.1 million 2006-07 budget.

But the council deadlocked on a proposed \$10 million for employee health insurance and retirement funding — prompting some city workers to later lament that they are being used as pawns in a dispute over how much to lower the city property tax rate.

The seven-member council will make its final vote on the 2006-07 budget Sept. 12. They also plan to vote on a proposed property tax rate of 48.95 cents per \$100 evaluation. The current rate is 49.17 cents.

Three of the seven council members, who voted against both parts of the proposed budget, favor dropping the tax rate to 47.21 cents.

Charlie Miller, Glenn Porterfield and Carl Tyson say the lower rate still leaves ample city reserves and could save money for some homeowners.

The vote on the employee insurance portion of the budget was a tie because Councilman Michael Brown is a former city employee and recused himself because of a conflict of interest. The council can choose to reconsider the health budget Sept. 12. Tax laws require that budgets be adopted before a city sets a tax rate. The city has until Sept. 30 to adopt the rate.

Euless resident Tom Stinford chided those voting against the funding for employee insurance, calling their action “unconscionable.”

“You’re saying, ‘I can’t get my way, so I’m going to hold city employees’ health and safety hostage,’” he said.

The proposed budget includes money for three new firefighter-paramedics.

If the rate is 47.21 cents, taxes on an average-priced house would be \$519.13, up from \$509.85 last year. That includes a 20 percent homestead exemption. The average assessed home value rose to \$132,567

from last year’s \$129,595, city officials say.

Several residents said that the 47.21-cent rate would leave the city ample reserves for its customary 60-day cushion in operating expenses. But others support 48.95 cents as building additional reserves for economic crises.

City officials say that the proposed tax rate would vary depending on property valuation. But they said that a homeowner whose home has not changed in valuation will have a lower tax bill with either the 48.95 or 47.21 tax rate.

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BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The City of Euless is currently accepting applications for volunteer positions on various Boards and Commissions to be appointed in October 2006. Time and frequency of meetings vary, depending upon the board or commission on which you serve.

The following Boards and Commissions will have openings: Civil Service Commission, Economic Development Advisory Board, Historical Preservation Committee, Library Board, Parks and Leisure Services Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, HEB Teen Court Advisory Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Applications and additional information on these boards are on the website www.ci.euless.tx.us. You may also contact the City Secretary's Office for an application at 817-685-1434. Applications must be completed and returned to the City Secretary's Office by Friday, September 22, 2006.

Susan Crim
City Secretary

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

CALENDAR

TEXAS OLD GUARD FIFE & DRUM

CORPS CONCERT: The events of Sept. 11, 2001, will be commemorated during a patriotic concert by the Texas Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Euless Public

Library, 201 N. Ector. The concert will feature uplifting music appropriate for all ages. For information, call 817-685-1679 or go to www.eules.org/library.

MAD SCIENTIST PROGRAM:

The Euless Public Library will present dry ice fogs, chemical magic and bubbling potions during an interactive program with the Mad Scientist at 2 p.m. Sept. 9 at the library, 201 N. Ector. The program is free. For information, call 817-685-1679 or go to www.eules.org/library.

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NORTHEAST AREA BRIEFS

2nd West Nile case tentatively confirmed

EULESS - A second Euless resident this summer has been tentatively confirmed to have the West Nile virus, and authorities are planning to spray for mosquitoes in the area. Both of the infected people live in the 76039 ZIP code area, according to a city news release. Euless city employees are scheduled to spray today and Saturday within the boundaries of Harwood Road, Glade Road, Farm Road 157/Industrial Boulevard and Texas 360. Crews will also spray between Texas 10, Pipeline Road, Farm Road 157/Industrial and Dickey Drive, according to the release. They will begin spraying at dusk, unless the weather turns rainy or there is excessive wind. Pets should be kept indoors.

Mark Agee

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Ex-officer kills self in standoff; 3 kids safe



■ A sex offender and former officer holds authorities at bay for almost 13 hours.

By **DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.**
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — Jeffrey Andrew Dickson promised negotiators over and over that he would release his three young children and end a 13-hour armed standoff.



DICKSON

But the children were still trapped in the home Thursday morning when the former Trophy Club police officer went to a back room and fatally shot himself in the head.

"I just can't believe it," said Bill Lane of Fort Worth, his attorney. "He had such tremendous support from his wife and his family."

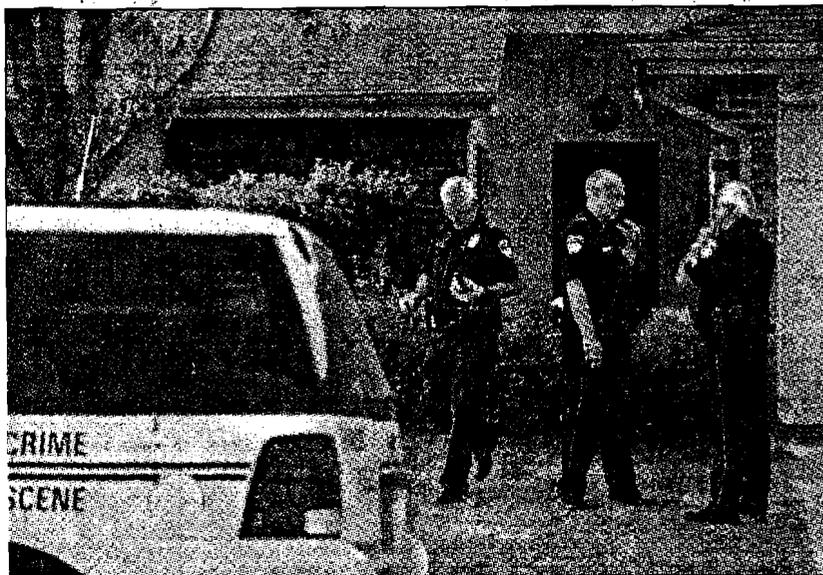
Dickson, 33, had taken responsibility for

STAR-TELEGRAM/STEWART F. HOUSE

A tactical officer returns to his vehicle Thursday morning after an armed standoff in the 100 block of Laurel Lane in Euleess.

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STAR-TELEGRAM/M.L. GRAY

Eules police crime scene investigator Steve Snyder, left, Lt. John Williams and Sgt. Joe Foran work the scene of a standoff that ended with a man's suicide.

raping a woman in 1997 when he was a Trophy Club police officer and was a model inmate as he served his time for the crime, Lane said.

Dickson was released from jail last year after serving six months of a one-year sentence for violating the civil rights of the woman in the rape case. He was released early for good behavior, Lane said.

"All the reports from jail were positive," he said.

Dickson, his wife and their children lived in a home in the 00 block of Laurel Lane in north Eules.

An argument between Dickson and his wife Wednesday morning apparently led to the standoff. The situation ended about 8:50 a.m. Thursday when Dickson's children, two boys and a girl all under the age of 10, were rescued by members of a Bedford SWAT team.

One of the children told hostage negotiators who called the house that their father was taking his own life. Bedford tactical officers, who had relieved their fatigued Eules counterparts, burst into the home and rushed the children to safety, Eules police Sgt. Ron Williamson said.

Officers found Dickson dead of a gunshot wound to the head. A .22-caliber pistol was nearby, Williamson said.

Police believe that the children, who were in the kitchen when officers entered the house, did not see the suicide.

The incident began around 8 a.m. Wednesday when Dickson and his wife got into an argument at their home, Williamson said. As the argument progressed, Dickson held his wife at gunpoint. The children arrived at the house about 5 p.m. and were pulled into the situation, Williamson said.

His wife escaped around 8 p.m. Wednesday and went to a neighbor's home to summon police.

"It is my understanding she was in the back yard, had an opportunity and fled," Williamson said. "When police arrived, it quickly turned into a barricaded standoff."

Gwen Belmares, who lives two doors down from the Dickson home, said she and her husband tried to return home at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday but were turned back by police. They were eventually allowed to go home about 11:30 p.m.

"It was scary because they wouldn't tell you anything, only that it was a very dangerous situation," Belmares said.

The standoff disrupted traffic in the neighborhood. Mid-Cities Boulevard was closed for a couple of hours Thursday morning from Main Street to Fuller-Wiser Road.

As many as four hostage negotiators cycled in and out of the command post and kept steady contact with Dickson, Williamson said. About 20 to 25 officers were on the scene during the standoff, he said.

Dickson had agreed to let the children go more than once, but he reneged each time, which worried officers, Williamson said.

Dickson finally promised to release the children by 9 a.m., Williams said, but shortly before that he barricaded himself deeper inside the home and shot himself.

The criminal case against Dickson stemmed from an Oct. 5, 1997, incident in which Dickson stopped a driver on suspicion of drunken driving. The driver told the officer she was sick, not intoxicated.

Instead of citing her, Dickson testified, he agreed to give her a ride to her Trophy Club

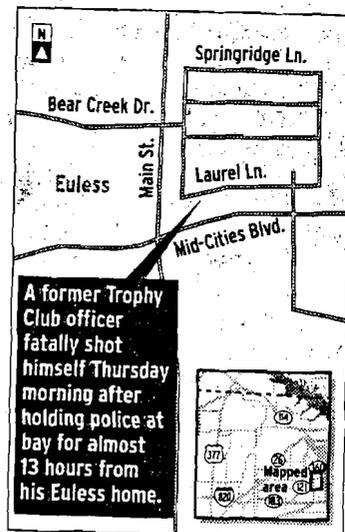
home. But he drove past her house to a remote location in the city, where they had sex, according to trial testimony.

The victim said the sexual acts were coerced, but Dickson said they were consensual.

Dickson was required to register as a sex offender. After numerous court delays and appeals, a Denton County jury found him guilty in April 2003 of violating the woman's civil rights and sentenced him to a year in jail. The same jury deadlocked 8-4 in favor of acquittal on the sexual assault charge. But in March 2004, Dickson was sentenced to 10 years' probation with deferred adjudication after pleading guilty to the sexual assault charge.

"I pray and feel sorry for the family," Dickson's victim said Thursday. The Star-Telegram is not identifying the Grapevine woman because she was

Eules standoff



STAR-TELEGRAM/TIM BEDISON

the victim of a sexual assault. "No wife and family should have to go through that. I hate what he did to me, but it should not have ended this way."

Researcher Marcia Melton and staff writers Bill Teeter and Bill Miller contributed to this report.

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Father kills self after holding kin hostage

Euless: Wife escaped, but kids trapped when ex-officer found dead

By DEBRA DENNIS
 Staff Writer

EULESS — A former Trophy Club police officer and registered sex offender terrorized his family for 24 hours before killing himself Thursday, police said.

Jeffrey Andrew Dickson, 33, was found dead Thursday in a bedroom closet at his Euless home. His three young children were found in the kitchen when tactical officers entered the home about 9 a.m.

Mr. Dickson's 8-year-old daughter and two sons, ages 7 and 5, were rescued early Thursday after a harrowing night of threats, violence and negotiations with officers outside their Laurel Lane home. Police said that Mr. Dickson and his wife, Tracey Dickson, had argued earlier Wednesday, but police said that

they did not know the reason for the argument. Mr. Dickson began holding his wife at gunpoint around 8 a.m. Wednesday, police said.

The children were gone most of the day but returned home around 5 p.m. They, too, became hostages, police said. Mrs. Dickson escaped late Wednesday.

"The children told investigators that the father was killing himself," said Sgt. Ron William-

son, a spokesman for Euless police.

The children remained trapped after their father went to the master bedroom because they could not unlock the door to the outside.

"We sincerely believe they did not witness him taking his life," Sgt. Williamson said. "Obviously, they were upset, somewhat terrified."

The only weapon found in the home was the .22-caliber pistol found beside Mr. Dickson, Sgt. Williamson said.

Children seemed safe

"We kept contact with him throughout the night," Sgt. Williamson said. "We didn't feel like he'd harm the children. The negotiations were cordial. He did not become agitated or threatening."

Mr. Dickson made no demands but would not give himself up, police said.

Early in his adult life, Mr. Dickson was on the other side of the law. He wore a badge and had undergone training similar to that of the negotiators trying to coax him into surrendering.

Mr. Dickson became a licensed peace officer Jan. 18, 1996, according to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

He worked as a peace officer in Roanoke for more than a year before joining the Trophy Club force in February 1997.

Trophy Club fired him eight months later after he was accused of sexually assaulting a woman he had pulled over during a traffic stop.

According to court records, Mr. Dickson ordered the woman out of her car and escorted her without handcuffs to the back of his patrol car.

He told the woman he would arrest her for driving while intoxicated if she did not cooperate.

Mr. Dickson then drove the woman to a remote location

where the sexual encounter took place, records show.

A Denton County jury deadlocked on the sexual assault charge but found Mr. Dickson guilty of violating the woman's civil rights.



Jeffrey Andrew Dickson

Prison term

He received a one-year sentence and reported to prison Feb. 4, 2005. He was released on probation July 22, 2005, said Michelle Lyons, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Mr. Dickson's probation for the civil rights violation expired in January.

He pleaded guilty to sexual assault and was still serving his 10 years' probation, officials said. He also was a registered sex offender.

Marcia Constantine, who lives across the street from the Dickson family, said she knew Mr. Dickson was a registered sex offender.

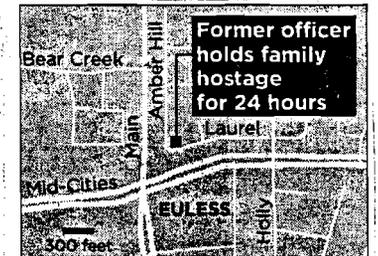
"I didn't know much about it except that it happened a long time ago and that it didn't involve children," Ms. Constantine said.

She described him as friendly and nice.

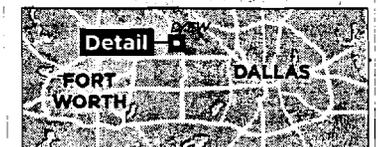
She was more alarmed by the dozens of police officers who swarmed the tree-lined neighborhood and used her back yard as a command post.

"This is a quiet neighborhood, a safe neighborhood. We never thought we'd see police officers all over the place," said Ms. Constantine, who has lived here for 22 years. "They did a great job, but it was pretty frightening," Ms. Constantine said. "They told us as much as they could tell us. We were very concerned about the children. All night, I prayed for the children."

Mr. Dickson apparently did



Former officer holds family hostage for 24 hours



CHRISTOPHER VELEZ/Staff Artist

not make his sex offender status known to all of his associates including those involving children.

T-ball coach

This year, he assisted with a T-ball team that is part of the Tri-Cities Baseball Association.

When he asked to be named an assistant coach, questions about his criminal background arose.

John Kidwell, whose son played on the team, said he had no reservations about Mr. Dickson interacting with the young players because the parents kept a watchful eye over their children.

Mr. Dickson, he said, loved baseball and loved being with his children.

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"He was a good guy," Mr. Kidwell said. "I had no problems with him being around the kids. He was not a coach, but he was always out there helping out."

Mr. Kidwell said that he is not sure how or when he learned about Mr. Dickson's sex offender status but that word spread pretty quickly among the parents.

"Once we found out, we looked it up on the Internet, and it was there," Mr. Kidwell said. "But we had known him throughout the years with our kids playing baseball so we didn't think too much about it. He was good with the kids."

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