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Mayors meet at UTA

SUPA co-sponsored a high-profile meeting of Texas mayors and key administrators in late June to discuss municipal efforts to reduce emission of greenhouse gases and improve air quality.

Participants in the meeting, which was held at UTA and co-sponsored by Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, included the mayors of Carrollton, Dallas,

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Eules, Mansfield, Lancaster, Plano, Weatherford, and Wichita Falls. Also attending were representatives of Denton, El Paso, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, North Richland Hills, and Richardson as well as a number of UTA programs.

Presentations were made by Catherine Thomasson, president-elect of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Michelle Wyman, U.S. director of Local Governments for Sustainability, Richard Greene, regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Tom Smith, Texas director of Public Citizen.

UTA President James Spaniolo kicked off the meeting, which followed a preliminary gathering at SUPA in December 2005. SUPA planning for the event was coordinated by Sherm Wyman and Jeff Howard, with assistance from grad students Kent Hurst and Sara Hudson.

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Family Values

Family Values Finalist

George Grubbs III, a fourth-generation car dealership owner, values his employees just as he values family.

"Since it is a family business, we're able to treat the employees like family," said Grubbs. "The car business is traditionally a hard business with long hours. We're able to recognize that time off with family is important."

In 1948, Grubb's great-grandfather, Hubert Grubbs, started selling cars in front of a grocery-store he owned in Dallas. He soon found he could make more money selling cars than groceries, so he opened a used-car lot before getting a Dodge dealership in Garland in the early 1950s. Hubert's son, George Sr. and his grandsons, George Jr. and Eric, also ended up in the business.

George Grubbs III, current owner of Grubbs Infiniti in Euless, became involved with the company as a porter at the age of 15. After college, he came on full time as a parts manager, and moved through the ranks to service, finance and sales management positions. Eric still owns and operates Grubbs Nissan in Bedford, but George Sr. and George Jr. are retired.

The company is involved with several community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army.

"We just want to make the place we live and work a good place," Grubbs III said. "It's important to take care of those who can't take care of themselves."

George Grubbs III, George Grubbs Jr. and George Grubbs Sr.



- Sarah McClellan-Brandt

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EULESS | FESTIVAL

Arbor Daze back, only smaller

By **DAVE FERMAN**
 STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — Arbor Daze fans, listen up: Your festival is back — in 2007.

A scaled-down version will return in April, with more emphasis on the community and none of the name musical acts that swelled attendance to more than 250,000 in recent years, City Manager Joe Hennig said. The budget will drop from about \$1 million to about \$50,000, he said.

"We're going to focus on family and our children in Eules and the H-E-B area," said Hennig, who predicted "a few thousand" attendees each year from now on.

The festival, which began in 1988, had run from Friday through Sunday. Next

year, it will be Saturday and Sunday. The emphasis will again be on conservation.

"I am very excited," said Mayor Pro Tem Linda Martin. "A lot of our older residents avoided it — it just got too big."

Arbor Daze had featured acts such as the Dixie Chicks and the Beach Boys. The festival was nearly rained out in 2004, costing the city about \$250,000. It returned in 2005 but was canceled in 2006 because of rising costs and the financial risks.

In Bedford, officials have canceled the Labor Day blues and music festival for the second year in a row. The city has faced recent budget troubles, and the festival saw a decline in money and attendance.



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2005 was the last year for Eules' Arbor Daze because of rising costs and financial risks.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GARAGE SALE: Euless will have its community garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 14 at Midway Recreation Center, 300 W Midway Drive. Booths cost \$10. Call 817-685-1666.

TEXAS JUNIOR ANGLERS DAY: Kids can fish from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 14 in the pond at Wilshire Park, 315 Sierra Drive in Euless. The event is free. Equipment will be available. Prizes will be awarded. Call 817-685-1666.

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Roy Savage and Allan Weegar



Joe Hennig, Joe Atwood and Mark Schluter



Mary Lib Saleh and Charles Swearingen



Betsy Boyett and Linda Martin

Breakfast features city managers

The city managers of Hurst, Euless and Bedford spoke at the "State of the Cities" breakfast, held at the Brookside Convention Center in Hurst.

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Clara Latta

ARLINGTON — Clara Latta, 96, a homemaker, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at an Arlington retirement center.

Funeral: 2 p.m. Saturday at Harvey Baptist Church. Burial: West End Cemetery in Stephenville. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Lacy Funeral Home.

Memorials: Masonic Retirement Center, Arlington.

Survivors: Son, Pat Latta; daughters, Peggy Vandiver, Dixie Godfrey and Dorothy Jones; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Lacy Funeral Home
Stephenville, 254-968-2102

Clara Latta was the grandmother of Eules employee, Anniece McKanna.