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REAL ESTATE - GOLF DEVELOPMENT

Toughest Public Golf Courses in Tarrant County

Ranked by USGA slope rating

Rank	Golf Course Address Phone Fax Web site	USGA Slope Rating / USGA Course Rating	Par / Difference Between Course Rating and Par Green Fees	Yardage Course Designer Greens	General Manager Golf Pro Year Opened	Amenities
1	Hawks Creek Golf Club 6520 White Settlement Road Westworth Village 76114 817-738-8402 817-738-8498 hawkscreek.com	138 74	72 2 \$60	6,847 John Colligan Bentgrass	Alison Wise Bo Armendaraz 2002	Bentgrass greens, driving range, extensive putting greens and separate chipping with practice sand area, pro shop and full bar and grill
2	The Golf Club at Fossil Creek 3401 Clubgate Drive Fort Worth 76137 817-847-1900 817-847-8126 thegolfclubatfossilcreek.com	137 74	72 2 \$23-\$65	6,865 Arnold Palmer TifEagle	Jeremy Coon Garrett Peek 1987	Driving range, putting and chipping greens, GPS carts, pro shop, junior clinics, catering, weddings and receptions
2	The Links at WaterChase 8951 Creek Run Road Fort Worth 76120 817-861-4653 817-861-9176 linksatwaterchase.com	137 75	72 3 \$54-\$69	7,304 Steven D. Plumer Champions Bermuda	Jason Heitschmidt DND 2000	Home of The Jim McLean Golf Center at WaterChase, driving range, practice course, short game area and golf fitness center
4	Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club 600 Promontory Drive Keller 76248 817-498-1414 817-498-1014 skycreekranch.com	136 73	72 1 \$79	6,953 Robert Trent Jones Jr. Bentgrass	Richard M. Wright Richard M. Wright 1999	Golf shop, dining, event and meeting rooms, men's and women's locker rooms, driving range, chipping greens and putting greens
5	Texas Star 1400 Texas Star Parkway Euless 76040 817-685-7888 817-685-1842 texasstargolf.com	135 74	71 3 \$37-\$77	6,936 Keith Foster G-2 bentgrass	Glenda Hartsell-Shelton Adena Wallace 1997	Golf shop, full practice facility and locker rooms; full-service Raven's Grille, conference center and pavilion
5	Whitestone Golf Club 10650 Hwy. 377 S. Benbrook 76126 817-249-9996 817-249-8361 whitestonegolf.com	135 74	72 2 DND	7,117 Jeff Brauer/Jay Morrish TifEagle Bermuda	Dee Thomas DND 2000	Practice facilities, tournament pavilion, GPS system on carts, clubhouse and pro shop

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7	Hidden Creek Golf Course 700 S. Burleson Blvd. Burleson 76028 817-447-4444 817-447-4466 hiddencreekgolfcourse.com	133 74	71 3 \$13-\$38	6,753 Steven D. Plumer. Bermuda	Dave White Mike Krsnak 1997	Driving range, putting and chipping greens, pro shop, grill and restaurant
8	Grapevine Golf Course 3800 Fairway Drive. Grapevine 76051 817-410-3377 817-410-3381 cl.grapevine.tx.us	132 73	72 1 \$28-\$32	6,900 Byron Nelson/Joe Finger TifEagle Bermuda	Jim Smilh, director of golf Rusty Pulley/Sid McCleskey 1979	Renovated course with 27 holes
8	Riverside Golf Club 3000 Riverside Parkway Grand Prairie 75050 817-640-7800 817-633-3323 riverside-golfclub.com	132 74	72 2 \$39-\$49	6,957 Roger Packard Champions Bermuda	Brian Dutler Brian Dutler 1984	Complete practice facility, golf shop, beverage carts on course and food service
10	Doral Tesoro Golf Club 3300 Championship Parkway Fort Worth 76177 817-961-0800 817-961-0900 doraltesoro.com/golf	131 71	72 1 \$69.99-\$95	7,005 Jay Morrish Tifdwarf	Sam Oliasami DND 2000	Driving range, putting and chipping greens
11	Iron Horse Golf Club 6200 Skylark Circle North Richland Hills 76180 817-485-6666 817-485-0249 ironhorsetx.com	130 72	70 2 \$39-\$49	6,580 Dick Phelps Champions Bermuda	Jay Clements Jay Clements 1989	Golf lessons, pro shop, 350-seat pavilion, full practice facility with chipping and putting greens
12	Mansfield National Golf Club 3750 National Parkway Mansfield 76063 817-477-3366 817-477-2100 mansfield-national.com	128 73	72 1 \$35-\$45	6,850 John Colligan Tifdwarf	Clayton Swize Jimmy Krupa 2000	Practice range and greens, golf shop, snack bar, GPS carts
13	Cowboys Golf Club 1600 Fairway Drive Grapevine 76051 817-481-7277 817-481-7278 cowboysgolfclub.com	127 70	72 2 DND	7,017 Jeff Brauer TifEagle Bermuda	DND Mark Aston 2001	Driving range, Cowboys star-shaped putting green, state-of-the-art practice and teaching facilities, pro shop, dining
NR	Timberview Golf Course 4274 Timberview Drive Fort Worth 76140 817-478-5601 817-478-3990 timberviewgolf.com	DND 70	72 2 25	6,500 DND Bermuda	Dontee Preston and Jon Rose DND 2002	Clubhouse, full-service bar, wedding and reception facility

NOTES: DND - Did not disclose

Source: Participating golf courses

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FROM THE LOCAL LEADERSHIP



**Mayor Saleh
Eules**



May not only brings flowers, it also brings fun outdoor events for the entire family.

Eules has some really great camps throughout the summer. Register your children at the Midway Recreation Center in May. The Eules Police Department also provides a short camp session in June. Find out more about it by calling 817-685-1685.

We welcome our latest graduates from the Citizen Fire Academy and the Citizen Police Academy. Our graduates become some of our very best volunteers and are such a supporting arm for our firefighters and police officers. If you are interested in being a part

of the next class, please call the Fire Department at 817-685-1600 or the Police Department at 817-685-1563 for information on the next class.

The Eules Today magazine is available for all at the library, city hall and recreation centers. It lists all the recreational and library activities for May, June and July. There are lots of activities for all ages both inside our facilities and outside in the parks. You may also view it online at www.eules.org/eulesstoday.

We are continuing our "Healthy New You" program with many ideas to keep you in shape. Our walking trails go from the Bob Eden Park (FM 157) to the Villages of Bear Creek Park (SH 360). The wide trails are well kept and many citizens bike ride along the trails as well.

Eules has many beautiful parks with all kinds of activities. The Parks at Texas Star is filled with ball games all summer and also has batting cages and walking trails. You can also keep cool next door at the Dr Pepper StarCenter with two Olympic sized ice skating rinks.

Our Texas Star Golf Course is in prime condition and the weather couldn't be better for golf. The staff there has many activities planned for all ages this summer from golf camps to lessons to tournaments.

If you enjoy golf but do not play, it's just as much fun to take in the beauty of the course and watch the golfers at the eighteenth hole from the porch of Raven's Grille. You can dine on the porch while watching the golfers.

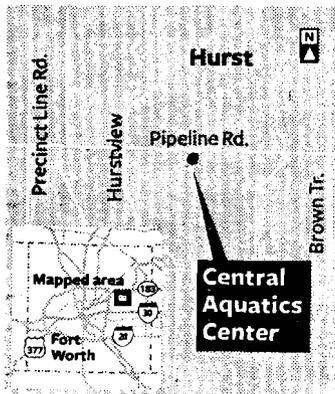
And, don't forget the Raven's Grille at the Texas Star Conference Centre is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Sunday Brunch is a special treat and special brunch menus are planned for both Mother's Day and Father's Day. Make your reservations now, they fill up fast.

Enjoy all that Eules has to offer and keep healthy. Until next time...

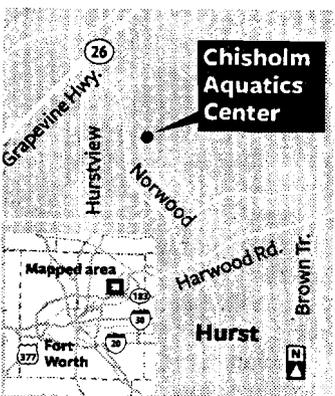
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AREA WATER PARKS AND SWIMMING POOLS



STAR-TELEGRAM



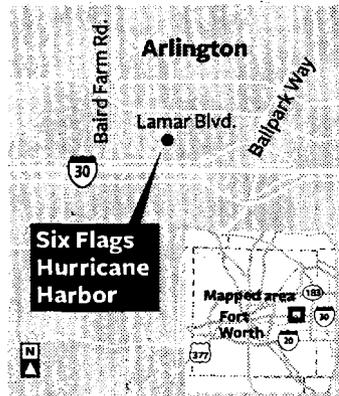
STAR-TELEGRAM

Cost

- \$1 for residents at both facilities; for nonresidents, \$4 at Central and \$5 at Chisholm
- Free for children 12 months and younger and seniors 65 and older.

Hours

- Monday-Friday: noon-8 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday: 1-6 p.m.



STAR-TELEGRAM

Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

Address: 1800 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington

Phone number: 817-640-8900

Opens: Saturday

What's new: n/a

Attractions: Thrill rides, including the Atlantic Panic, a slide with two twisting flumes, and the Geronimo, a horizontal slide that plunges six stories. Family rides include the Lazy River and the Boogie Beach.

Online: www.sixflags.com/hurricaneHarborTexas/index.aspx

Cost

Season pass: \$69.99

General admission

- \$31.99
- Under 48": \$24.99
- Age 2 and younger: Free
- Disabled guests: \$24.99

Parking: \$15

Hours

Through June 8

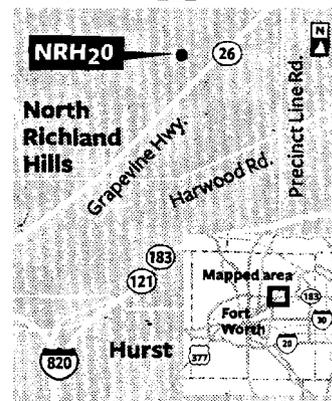
- 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. daily

Starting June 9

- Saturdays: 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday-Friday: 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Aug. 20 to Aug. 26

- 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.



STAR-TELEGRAM

NRH₂O Family Water Park

Address: 9001 Boulevard 26, North Richland Hills

Phone number: 817-427-6500

Opens: May 19

What's new: The Accelerator, a three-story speed slide in which participants can race one another on mats down a 200-foot long slide. Shaded seating is being added for guests, including open-air cabanas for rent.

Attractions: Green Extreme, world's largest uphill water coaster; Frogstein's Splashatory, largest water playground in Texas; three body slides; two two-rider tube slides; wave pool; endless river; children's activity area.

Online: www.nrh2o.com

Cost

■ 48" and taller: \$19.99

■ Under 48": \$15.99

■ Age 2 and younger: Free

■ Season pass: \$69.99

Group rates available. Tickets and season passes can be bought online.

Hours

■ Today: noon-8 p.m.

■ Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

June and July

■ Monday-Thursday, Saturday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

■ Friday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ Sunday: noon-8 p.m.

August

■ Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

■ Sunday: noon-6 p.m.

■ Aug. 1-3: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

September

■ Sept. 1 and 3: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

■ Sept. 2: noon-6 p.m.

Central Aquatics Center and Chisholm Aquatics Center

Address: Central Aquatics Center, 701 Mary Drive; Chisholm Aquatics Center, 3300 Norwood Drive (in Chisholm Park)

Phone number: Central, 817-788-7327; Chisholm, 817-788-7250

Opens: Friday

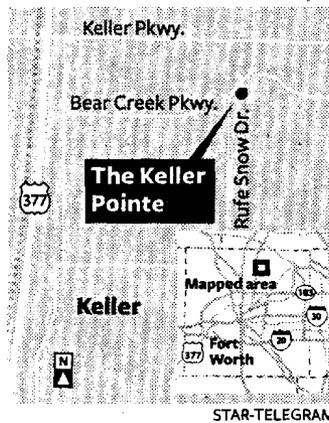
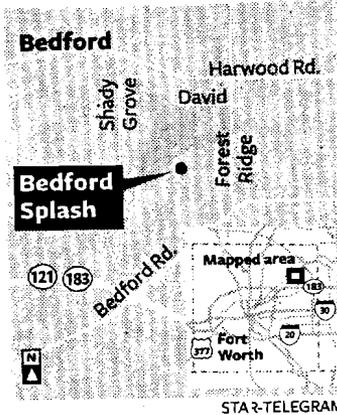
What's new: Pavilion rentals for nonresidents, picnic tables and public lockers for rent.

Attractions: Children's play structures, slides, large activity pools, lap lanes.

Online: www.ci.hurst.tx.us/Departments/Recreation/Aquatics.htm

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Bedford Splash

Address: 2801 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford
Phone number: 817-952-2380
Opens: Friday
What's new: n/a
Attractions: Tot pool, lazy river, play structure, zero entry, Turbo Bowl Slide, cabana rentals, pavilion rentals, private after-hours rentals, family slide.
Online: www.bedfordsplash.com

Cost

- Child (ages 3-17): \$4 resident, \$5 nonresident
 - Adult: \$5 resident, \$6.50 nonresident
 - Ages 2 and younger: Free
- Residents must provide proof of residency.

Hours

- Monday, Wednesday-Saturday: noon-7 p.m.
- Tuesday: noon-9 p.m.
- Sunday: noon-6 p.m.

The Keller Pointe

Address: 405 Rufe Snow Drive, Keller
Phone Number: 817-743-4FUN (4386)
Opens: Indoor pool is open year-round; outdoor pool opens Friday.
What's new: Birthday party packages available.
Attractions: An outdoor pool has two-story slides and an interactive water playground. An indoor pool features a 150-foot translucent water slide, fitness lanes and a hot tub.
Online: www.thekellerpointe.com

Cost

Members: Free (yearly passes range from \$209 to \$710)

Daily guest passes:

- Youth (ages 3-15): \$7 resident, \$9 nonresident
- Adult (ages 16-61): \$8 resident, \$10 nonresident
- Senior (ages 62 and older): \$7 resident, \$9 nonresident
- Family: \$17 (residents only)
- Groups of 15 or more: \$7 per person

Hours

- May 25 to Aug. 26**
- Monday-Friday: noon-8 p.m.
 - Saturday: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
 - Sunday: 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Memorial Day (May 28) and Labor Day (Sept. 3)**
 Noon-8 p.m.
- Aug. 27-Sept. 3**
- Monday-Thursday: Outdoor pool closed
 - Monday-Friday: 3:30-8 p.m.
 - Saturday: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
 - Sunday: 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Neighborhood pools

Looking to relax and skip all the hoopla at the water parks? Here's what else cities have to offer.

Bedford

Number of pools: 1 (open in July)
Cost: \$1
Phone number: 817-952-2323
Online: www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/parks_recreation/aquatics.htm

Eules

Number of pools: 4
Cost: \$1
Phone number: 817-685-1649
Online: www.ci.eules.tx.us/pacs/pools.htm

Grapevine

Number of pools: 2

Cost: \$1.50, with season passes available
Phone number: 817-410-3470
Online: www.ci.grapevine.tx.us, click on "Parks and Recreation" in the dropdown box, then "Aquatics"

The Grapevine-Colleyville Swim Center is also open to the public on weekdays. 817-251-5351 or www.gcisd-k12.org/athletics/swimctr_main.htm.

Keller

Number of pools: 1
Cost: \$2 to \$4
Phone number: 817-744-1350
Online: campus.kellerisd.net/swim

Roanoke

Number of pools: 1
Cost: Free to \$6, with season passes available
Phone number: 817-491-0454
Online: www.roanoketexas.com, click on "City Departments," then "Parks and Recreation," and "Community Pool"

Southlake

Number of pools: 1
Cost: Free to \$3.50, with season passes available
Phone number: 817-949-8200
Online: www.cisdaquatics.com

Trophy Club

Number of pools: 1
Cost: Free to \$4, with season passes available.
Phone number: 817-491-0500
Online: www.ci.trophyclub.tx.us/parks_rec/pool.asp

Other communities

Colleyville, Flower Mound, Haltom City, Richland Hills and Watauga have no pools. Hurst and North Richland Hills have only water parks.

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HURST

City ready to enforce yard parking ban

Opponents say the city is infringing on their rights; officials say many support the ordinance.

By JESSICA DeLEÓN
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HURST — City officials see a new ordinance that bans parking on unpaved surfaces as a way to beautify the city.

But many owners of recreational vehicles, such as John Robertson, 76, say they oppose the ordinance on principle and worry about the cost of compliance.

"I think what they're doing is infringing on our personal rights," said Robertson, who also owns boats.

Hurst officials say that many residents support the ordinance, which officials will start enforcing next week.

In a 2005 survey conduct-

ed by the University of North Texas, 80 percent of responding residents said the city should prohibit vehicles from being parked in front yards on unimproved surfaces.

The city's Neighborhood and Community Advisory Committee made it a top priority and discussed the issue for about two years.

Committee member Robin Marriott said that if there's one car parked out on a lawn, neighbors will start parking their cars out in front, too.

"We had to look out for our property values," she said.

One resident said his neighbor parked six to eight cars in his front yard each night, according to the minutes of one City Council meeting last year.

The ordinance contains some exceptions. Vehicles can be parked on an existing gravel driveway as long as it has an approved border, or they can be parked on unpaved surfaces beside or behind the house as long as they are screened by a 6-foot-tall fence.

Robertson parks his three boats in the back yard behind a 4-foot fence and keeps a 22-foot travel trailer in his side yard. He also has a recreational vehicle parked on his driveway. He said he plans to put up a wooden screening fence, at a cost of \$65.

Homeowners Linda and Carl Ford said it will cost \$1,000 to lay asphalt or concrete for the trailer they keep beside their house.

Both the Fords and the Robertsons believe that the ordinance, which was passed last year, is a backdoor way of regulating recreational vehicles.

In 2004, the city tried to ban recreational vehicles, boats and similar vehicles from blocking sidewalks, but the proposals were postponed indefinitely after RV owners flocked to City Council meetings in protest.

But Mayor Richard Ward said the city wasn't trying to regulate recreational vehicles.

"We discussed the recreational-vehicle issue probably a year and a half ago," he said.

"We decided at that point we weren't going to do anything about that."

This article includes material from the Star-Telegram archives.

JESSICA DELEÓN, 817-685-3932

New ordinance**What's affected?**

Cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor homes, campers, trailers, truck tractors, road tractors, semitrailers, pole trailers, boats and mobile homes.

What's prohibited?

The vehicles can no longer be parked on unpaved surfaces at the front and the side of the house.

What's allowed?

■ The vehicles can be parked on existing gravel driveways as long as they have a border, such as a concrete curbing, interlocking brick pavers, steel edging, or other nonwood or nonplastic borders approved by the city's building official.

■ The vehicles can be parked on unpaved surfaces in a side or the back yard if they're screened by a 6-foot-high fence or wall. The fence can be made of brick, decorative masonry, wood, vinyl or other permanent material.

What's the fine?

Violators can be fined up to \$500 a day for each violation.

What do neighboring cities do?

■ Bedford says vehicles cannot be parked on the front or side yard unless they're on an all-weather surface or screened by a 6-foot fence.

■ Unless requires all vehicles to be parked on paved surfaces unless they are screened by a fence or landscape buffer and parked in the side or rear yards; or the home has a one-car garage or no garage and was built before July 1977.

■ North Richland Hills says a vehicle can be parked in the yard as long as it is either on a paved concrete or asphalt surface no less than 9 feet by 18 feet or screened by a 6-foot-tall solid fence.

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2005 SLAYING

Woman
receives
probationBy DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.
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EULESS — A woman was sentenced to two years' probation Monday for pinning another woman on the ground outside a



Souvanna

bowling alley as a man walked up and fatally shot the trapped woman.

Phiengchay "Christy" Souvanna, 21, pleaded guilty Monday in a Fort Worth courtroom to assault/bodily injury in the April 2005 death of Vy "Julie" Nguyen, a 21-year-old Tarrant County College student.

Souvanna had been charged with murder; she was sentenced to probation with deferred adjudication.

Deferred adjudication means the charge will be dropped from her criminal record if she completes terms of the probation. Her arrest will remain on her record. Prosecutor Tiffany Burks could not be reached Monday for comment.

A Tarrant County jury in March found Khampheth "Khampi" Bounkhoun, 21, guilty of murder in Nguyen's death and sentenced him to life in prison.

Prosecutors said Bounkhoun shot Nguyen in the head to impress Souvanna and Blenda "Lily" Southida, 21, who were rivals of Nguyen's. In Bounkhoun's murder trial, witnesses described a feud between Nguyen and the other women.

Hostilities reached a climax April 26, 2005, at the AMF Showplace Lanes in Euless.

After Nguyen, Souvanna and Southida exchanged angry words inside, Nguyen and her friend Kim Bui followed Souvanna and Southida into the parking lot, and the four began fighting.

As Nguyen fought with Souvanna, Bounkhoun ran up and shot Nguyen in the head, according to testimony. He fired four more times and hit the fleeing Bui in the shoulder, police said.

Southida also was charged with murder, but her attorney, Lesa Pamplin of Fort Worth, said Monday that she was working out details for a plea agreement to a lesser charge.

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ARLINGTON

City approves annexation plan

By **SUSAN SCHROCK**
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ARLINGTON — The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to begin the steps to annex nearly 450 acres just north of the city limits.

Annexation would allow the city to impose its design standards on the undeveloped land, which is expected to become part of a pro-

posed master-planned community around the historic Bird's Fort. The Viridian development, proposed by Huffines Communities of Dallas, would include 6,000 single-family and multifamily units and a mixed-use town center. The land to be annexed lies just north of the proposed development and east of Farm Road 157.

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GRAPEVINE-COLLEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustees OK drilling

There will be no drilling rigs set up on district property.

By **KATHERINE CROMER BROCK**

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GRAPEVINE — The Grapevine-Colleyville school district has agreed to lease its mineral rights for drilling and stands to make just under \$2 million from the deal.

Chesapeake Energy was the only oil and gas company that submitted a bid.

Trustees approved the lease 6-0. Trustee Lisa Hall abstained, saying she and her husband have business dealings with Chesapeake.

The terms

The lease agreement is being reviewed by lawyers for the district and Chesapeake.

Under the deal, Chesapeake will lease 441 acres from the district for \$4,473 per acre. The lease does not include surface rights. Drilling will have to take place off district property and run horizontally underground to reach the natural gas of the Barnett Shale.

The district will also receive a 25 percent royalty from any gas found.

The initial term of the lease is three years.

The money

The district stands to make \$1.97 million in a one-time per-acre payment from

Drilling agreement

The district is leasing the minerals under 441 acres to Chesapeake Energy. That includes every building in the district. But right now, Chesapeake can reach only about 250 acres, which will include drilling under the following sites:

- Administration complex/Mustang-Panther Stadium
- Colleyville Heritage High School
- Grapevine High School/Cross Timbers Middle School
- Bear Creek Elementary School
- Cannon Elementary School
- Glenhope Elementary School
- Grapevine Elementary School

SOURCE: Grapevine-Colleyville school district.

Chesapeake.

"That's what we were after," said Hank Johnson, Grapevine-Colleyville's chief financial officer.

Johnson advised trustees against spending the money on recurring costs, such as salaries or classroom programs. The district could invest the money in a trust or escrow account, then spend the annual interest on an item, such as teachers' health insurance, he said.

"We've just sold the natural resources that the district has," Johnson said. "Let's see how many people we can impact."

The 13,900-student district has projected expenditures next year of about \$140 million.

Background

Grapevine-Colleyville began looking into selling its mineral rights before the winter break, when Cimmaron Field Services, an energy broker working with Chesapeake,

contacted the district.

Trustees met with Chesapeake in a January workshop to learn more and to make it clear that there would be no drilling on school district property.

The 5,000-square-mile Barnett Shale is about a mile and a half below the surface more than a dozen counties, including Tarrant.

Vertical drilling began in the natural gas-rich shale in 1982.

But in 2004, technology opened the door for horizontal drilling in which the drill goes straight down for more than a mile, then turns horizontally to reach the gas more than a mile away.

Grapevine-Colleyville is following in the path of Fort Worth, Arlington, Mansfield, Birdville and other local school districts that have taken advantage of similar leases.

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TEXAS STAR'S ANNIVERSARY: The Texas Star Golf Course will celebrate its 10th anniversary from 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday. There will be a free concert open to the public with concessions. Randy Brown will perform a blend of country swing and Texas ballads at 7 p.m. followed by Tommy Alverson at 8:30 p.m. The golf course is at 1400 Texas Star Parkway in Euless.

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LETTERS

As a city employee, I was appalled by Councilman Carl Tyson's insistence on hijacking our hard-earned benefits for his own selfish gains. That isn't the leadership that our city deserves.

I support Tim Stinneford and Perry Bynum's vision to revitalize the areas that need it most. Tom and Perry will be accountable and responsible leaders who will work with the council to govern with a fiscally conservative approach that will grow our city.

The right choice for Eules is the leadership of Stinneford and Bynum and not those who look out for their own selfish ambitions. Vote Tim Stinneford and Perry Bynum.

— Ashlea Hill, Eules

Runoff in Eules

It's time for new thinking at Eules City Hall. Two City Council races in the May 12 elections ended up in a runoff. I strongly urge my neighbors in Eules to vote June 16 for Tim Stinneford and Perry Bynum.

Eules needs representatives who identify more with the residents than with developers who want to make a profit.

Nothing is wrong with attracting businesses and new developments, but the emphasis should be on whether such growth would benefit the city and residents.

Eules needs City Council representatives who are thinking of what's best for average folks, not just what's good for their developer friends. Vote June 16 for Perry Bynum and Tim Stinneford.

— Annette Briggs, Eules

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JACKPOT

Name of Lotto winner

The Eulesse convenience store that sold the ticket and the winner who picked all six numbers beat the odds: 1 in 25 million.

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EULESS — 1, 3, 13, 14, 22 and 52.

The Texas Lotto ticket bearing those numbers was pur-

chased Mother's Day. It could be a mixture of birth and anniversary dates or ages. Maybe it was the luck of the draw. And maybe it was for a group of friends who are now closer than ever. The real mystery is who bought the winning ticket worth \$12 million at the Ector Drive One Shop Store for Wednesday's drawing.

Lotto officials received a phone call Thursday morning from a person who claimed to have the winning ticket and was headed to Austin.

"That person is trying to get here and is seeking legal advice," Texas Lottery Commission spokeswoman Leticia Vasquez said.

The winner opted when the ticket was purchased to take a lump-sum payment of \$7,067,548.80 before taxes, Vasquez said. The number sequence beat at least 1,795,064 other tickets. The odds of picking all six correct numbers were 1 in 25,827,165.

Instant gratification

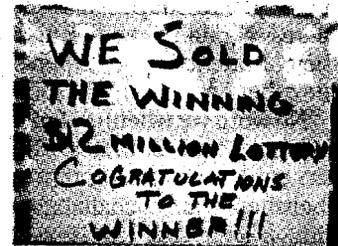
The lump sum — about \$5.3 million after taxes — is less money than taking the full amount in payments over 25 years.

The lump-sum option is the most popular among winners, Vasquez said. But winners choose based on their personal circumstances.

"A young person might consider the annuity because they'll get a fixed amount of money," she said. "But if you are 65 years old, you want the money now because of your age and things you want to do right now."

The jackpot is the third sold in Eulesse since 1992. In June 1994, the winning \$15.7 million ticket was purchased at a Stop and Go, and six months later another person purchased a \$5.2 million winner at a 7-Eleven.

still a mystery



The winning lottery ticket was bought at a Eulesse store.

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Lottery: Winner chose to take payment at once

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Who is it?

Store owner Amirali Charaniyia has a sign congratulating "the winner" on the window of his



Charaniyia

store and a sign outside proclaiming that the ticket was purchased there. If the store passes a standard safety and code inspection, Charaniyia will get a 1 percent cut — about \$120,000, Vasquez said.

"We are going to put our winnings back into our business and use it to buy another convenience store," he said.

Charaniyia said he suspects that a group of people pooled their money to buy the ticket. Co-workers, hoping for better odds, often

band together to buy several tickets.

Eight General Motors employees in Arlington won a Lotto Texas jackpot in 2004, Charaniyia said.

For the past year or so, 10 co-workers have put in \$50 a month to buy \$500 worth of tickets from his store on 101 S. Ector Drive, he said.

"Since the ticket was purchased two weeks ago, it had to have been for multiple draws," Charaniyia said. "They're the only ones that bought multiple draws."

How it works

■ A prize of \$1 million or more must be officially claimed at the Lottery Commission in Austin.

Lesser amounts can be claimed online, at local claim centers, by mail or at a Texas Lottery retailer.

■ Winners must claim their prizes within 180 days of the drawing unless they are eligible military personnel.

■ Only one claimant is allowed per ticket. Winners must claim as an individual, a trust, a partnership, a corporation or any other legal entity. Usually groups of players form a partnership, trust or other legal entity to claim the prize.

■ When a ticket is bought, the purchasers decide whether they want their winnings in a lump sum at a lesser dollar amount or the full jackpot paid over 25 years.

Source: Texas Lottery Commission

Unclaimed money

Not all jackpots are collected, Vasquez said. About \$31 million worth of winnings not claimed within the 180-day deadline of the Lotto draw were in the commission's unclaimed funds as of April 30.

Every two years, \$10 million is given to the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and the rest goes to the Texas Legislature's general revenue fund.

Online: www.texaslotto.org

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