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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UT-ARLINGTON JAZZ CAMP

PERFORMANCE: University of Texas at
Arlington Jazz Camp faculty will
present a free concert at 7:30 p.m.
June 15 at Villages of Bear Creek
Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek
Parkway in Euless. Concessions will be
available for purchase.

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AREA BRIEFS

House fire displaces Eules family

EULESS — A fire late Friday displaced several members of an extended family living in a house in the 100 block of West Ash Lane, officials said. Firefighters extinguished the blaze within about 30 minutes, officials said. Several family members, ranging in age from 7 months to 60 years, were treated for smoke inhalation, officials said. They determined that it started in a bedroom but do not know the cause.

— *Melissa Vargas*

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Bobby Dewayne Edwards



 **EULESS** — Bobby D. Edwards, 48, died suddenly Thursday, May 31, 2007, in Oklahoma.

FUNERAL: 2 p.m. Monday at Forest Ridge Funeral Home, Hurst. Visitation: 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Graveside service: noon Tuesday in Sallisaw, Okla.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tarrant County Meals on Wheels.

Bobby was born June 9, 1958, in Sallisaw, Okla. He attended Northeastern State University and graduated with a degree in economics.

He was a wonderful father, husband, son, brother, grandfather and uncle.

He served his country honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps.

As a proud resident of Euless, Bob served on the city council for three years between 2001-2004.

He worked for Farmers Insurance, Lindsey-Morgan and, most recently, as a national catastrophe adjuster for Liberty Mutual.

Bobby loved hunting, fishing and enjoyed every facet of the outdoors.

His warm smile, easy laugh and adventurous spirit were exhibited in every phase of his short life.

He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cleoland Edwards; and brother, Porter Edwards.

SURVIVORS: Wife, Katy Edwards; son, Kyle Edwards of Tulsa, Okla.; stepson, Jason Matzke and wife, Marianne of Stillwater, Okla.; mother, Betty Williams and stepfather, Bill of Sallisaw, Okla.; brothers, Keith Edwards and Leland Edwards and wife, Cammie; sisters, Angelia Hall and Latesha Campbell and husband, Scott; family friend, Carl Edwards; grandmother, Bea Barrett; grandchildren, Jared, Zachary and Jacob Matzke; numerous nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and dear friends.

Forest Ridge Funeral Home
 Hurst, 817-285-7777

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

Man dies when tractor flips

Associated Press - June 1, 2007 8:15 AM ET

KINGSTON, Okla. (AP) - A Texas man is dead after a tractor flipped on top of him south of Kingston.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says Bobby Edwards of Euless, Texas, died in the accident just after 8:30 last night.

Troopers say Edwards was using the tractor to try and pull a stuck truck out of mud just off State Highway 70 in Marshall County when it flipped over backward and on top of him.

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ANNIVERSARIES



Vandiver

John and Peggy Vandiver celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 1, 2007 with a family dinner at LaPepe Restaurant hosted by their daughter, Anniece McKanna and their granddaughters, Alyssa and LeAnne McKanna.

The Vandivers were married June 1, 1952, at Calvary Baptist Church in Stephenville. She is the former Peggy Latta and is retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. John is retired from Texas Instruments.

They have lived in Euless for 47 years and are active at First Baptist Church of Euless. They are long-time members of the Streamline Royal Rovers travel club and have traveled in 40 states, Mexico and Canada.

Anniece is an employee in our Human Resources Department.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Early voting starts in three council runoffs

By **BILL TEETER**
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Early voting starts today for the June 16 runoff elections.

Grapevine, Euless and Westlake have runoffs in their City Council races. Early voting for all three cities will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Saturday, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 11 and 12.

Grapevine: Mike Lease is running against Traci D. Wilkinson for the Place 3 seat. Early voting is at Grapevine Community Activities Center, 1175 Municipal Way.

Euless: Perry Bynum is running against Veva Lou Massey for the Place 6 seat, and Tim Stinneford and incumbent Carl Tyson are running for the Place 1 seat. Early voting is at the Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive.

Westlake: Incumbent Larry Corson and Rick Rennhack are running for an at-large seat on the town's Board of Aldermen. Early voting is at Town Hall at Solana Business Park, 3 Village Circle, Suite 207.

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Honors

Nurses at Cook Children's Medical Center have been named to the "Great 10 Nurses": **Elaine Arntz, Julie Freeman** and **Shirley Martin**, recovery room; **Debbie Fresch**, case management; **Melody Hackfeld** and **Linda Roark**, psychiatry; **Khala Hart** and **Jamie Lowe**, neonatal intensive care unit; **Ashley Kovacev**, renal/cardiac telemetry unit; and **Tonya Sosebee**, epilepsy monitoring unit.

Julie Freeman is the wife of Assistant Police Chief Bob Freeman.

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BRIEFLY

4 council runoff candidates invited to forum

EULESS — The four candidates for the Euless City Council runoff elections have been invited to a candidates' forum at 7 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church of Euless, 106 N. Main St. The event is sponsored by the Euless Firefighters Association. *Star-Telegram* columnist Bud Kennedy will moderate. In the June 16 election, shopping center manager Tim Stinneford, 53, will face incumbent Carl Tyson, 66, a certified public accountant, for the Place 1 seat. In the Place 6 race, retiree and former Councilwoman Veva Lou Massey, 67, is running against Perry Bynum, 45, a Haltom City firefighter. — *Staff report*

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REAL ESTATE

Foreclosures rising in most areas

By **ANDREA JARES**

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Tarrant County foreclosures have risen at alarming rates in recent years, now hitting more than 1,000 a month in nine of the past 10 months.

And they are ripping holes in the market in almost every part of Tarrant County. As figures released last week from the Foreclosure Listing Service indicate, most cities are still seeing the number of foreclosed properties

increase. The figures measure the number of homes posted for foreclosure per city in the first halves of 2006 and 2007.

The most significant increases in and near Tarrant County were in Azle (118 percent), Highland Village (55 percent), Lake Worth (100 percent), Mansfield (196 percent) and Southlake (56 percent).

A few cities saw their foreclosures drop. Those include Dalworthington

Foreclosure list

Of 47 area cities, 27 have seen foreclosures rise from last year. **6C**

Gardens (33 percent), Everman (26 percent), Justin (47 percent), Pantego (67 percent) and Westworth Village (67 percent).

Still, the rising number of foreclosures has drawn the attention of local and federal officials.

Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief

and Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck will hold a news conference Wednesday to talk about foreclosure prevention.

On June 12, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas are having a summit on foreclosure issues.

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North Texas foreclosures

Of the 47 cities in Tarrant, Denton and Parker counties on this list, 27 saw increases in foreclosure postings from the first half of 2006 to the first half of 2007. Some of the increases were dramatic.

City	Jan-Jun 06	Jan-Jun 07	City	Jan-Jun 06	Jan-Jun 07
Aledo	0	28	Hurst	106	93
Annetta	0	1	Irving	390	439
Annetta North	0	0	Justin	17	9
Argyle	21	16	Keller	77	102
Arlington	1,347	1,488	Kennedale	21	17
Azle	40	87	Lake Worth	16	32
Bedford	89	132	Lakeside	2	2
Benbrook	39	36	Mansfield	230	681
Blue Mound	9	8	Northlake	0	1
Burleson	138	178	N. Richland Hills	151	170
Colleyville	50	40	Pantego	6	2
Crowley	72	58	Rendon	0	2
Dalworthington Gardens	6	4	Reno	0	1
Denton	240	207	Rhome	0	1
Euless	98	104	Richland Hills	36	32
Everman	42	31	River Oaks	30	41
Flower Mound	140	120	Roanoke	13	11
Fort Worth	2,396	2,840	Saginaw	65	101
Grand Prairie	671	841	Sansom Park	24	23
Grapevine	39	59	Southlake	18	28
Haltom City	124	133	Watauga	124	130
Haslet	14	16	Westworth Village	6	2
Highland Village	40	62	White Settlement	68	2
Hudson Oaks	0	4			

Source: Foreclosure Listing Service

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FORUM

LETTERS

Running in Euless

The May 12 election ended up in a runoff between two candidates for Euless City Council. I ask my friends and neighbors to vote for Perry Bynum and Tim Stinneford on June 16.

Euless needs fresh thinking on the City Council. We need representatives who are strongly committed to what's best for our community, not what's best for developers who want to turn a profit.

Bynum and Stinneford would never vote to take away healthcare benefits for city employees. And they're both very interested in revitalizing south Euless, an area that deserves and needs the attention of our elected officials. These are two great reasons to vote for Bynum and Stinneford on June 16.

— William Smith, Euless

In the 12 years that Carl Tyson has served on the Euless City Council and the six years Veva Lou Massey served, both voted each year for employee raises and benefits. Veva has told me how they spent many hours working on the best health coverage for the least cost to employees.

Both served the community tirelessly, never pushing any agenda to benefit any special-interest group and always working for the taxpaying residents of our city. Vote for Tyson and Massey for continued careful stewardship of your tax dollars.

I've never known anyone more honest, sincere and dedicated to the service they have rendered to the growth and development of the city and to the community. They've done a superb job, and we must support their efforts if we are to have experienced and knowledgeable representatives to serve our city government.

— Randall Jones, Euless

In reference to Ashlea Hill's May 25 letter, I'd like to point out that Euless City Councilman Carl Tyson did not "hijack" anyone's "hard-earned benefits." Tyson simply insisted, with the figures to back it up, that the lower tax rate would have funded the city budget including the benefit package.

The blowup last September at a Euless City Council meeting was about the tax rate, not employee benefits. The higher tax rate proposed by the city administration wasn't needed. Tyson has always been the council member who asks the tough questions of developers, and his only "ambition" has always been to keep taxes as low as possible consistent with maintaining superior city services.

Euless residents deserve representation with experience and commitment to meeting the needs of the city and its employees. As a responsible, taxpaying resident, I'm voting in the runoff election for Veva Lou Massey and Carl Tyson.

— Jack Hill, Euless

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NORTHEAST AFTER HOURS

Storytelling at library

EULESS — Storyteller Joy Cunningham will present an hourlong family show at 7 p.m. Monday at the Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive.

In "Goin' to Georgia," Cunningham takes on 12 roles. The show is a free MasterWorks Series performance sponsored by ARTSNET and the city of Euless. 817-283-3406.

— *Compiled by Joy Donovan*

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SENTENCING

Woman gets probation in fight that led to fatal Euless shooting

The sentence closes the case in a death outside a bowling center.

By **DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.**
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EULESS — A woman linked to the 2005 fatal shooting of a young woman in the parking lot of a bowling alley has been sentenced to one year of probation.

The sentence closes the two-year-old case in the shooting that left 21-year-old Vy "Julie" Nguyen dead in the parking lot of AMF Showplace Lanes in Euless.

Blenda "Lily" Southida, 21, of Fort Worth pleaded guilty in a Fort Worth courtroom Friday to assault/bodily injury.

Southida, Phiengchay "Christy" Souvanna and Khampheth "Khampi" Bounkhoun were charged with murder after the April 26, 2005, death of the Tarrant County College student.

Southida was fighting with



Nguyen

Southida

Souvanna

Bounkhoun

one of Nguyen's female friends nearby when Nguyen was shot as she was pinned to the ground by Souvanna, according to Tarrant County court testimony.

Southida was sentenced to probation with deferred adjudication, meaning the conviction will be dropped from her record if she completes her probation.

Last month, Souvanna, who had Nguyen pinned to the ground, also pleaded guilty to assault/bodily injury in the case. The 21-year-old was sentenced to two years' probation with deferred adjudication.

A Tarrant County jury in March found Bounkhoun, 21,

guilty of murder in Nguyen's death and sentenced him to life in prison. As Nguyen was on the ground, Bounkhoun walked up and fatally shot her.

A feud between Nguyen and the two women led Bounkhoun to shoot Nguyen in the head, police said. Investigators believe he was trying to impress the women.

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POLITICS

Three communities set to settle last municipal races

Eules, Grapevine and Westlake have runoff elections June 16.

By **BILL TEETER**

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Statements about bankruptcies and conflicts of interest in a campaign flier have ratcheted up Grapevine's runoff election, while government experience and ideas weigh heavily in the Eules and Westlake runoffs.

The runoff is June 16; early voting continues through Tuesday.

In Eules, Place 1 Councilman Carl Tyson is being challenged by Tim Stinneford, who manages a shopping center. In Place 6, Perry Bynum and Veva Lou Massey were the top vote-getters in the May 12 election.

In Grapevine, Traci D. Wilkinson and Mike Lease will face off for City Council Place 3.

In Westlake, Alderman Larry Corson faces private equity consultant Rick Rennhack for his at-large seat. Five candidates ran May 12 for three at-large seats. Alderman Don Redding and newcomer April Gallagher won two; Rennhack and Corson tied for the third.

Grapevine

Wilkinson has circulated a campaign flier that points out that she has never filed for bankruptcy, but that for Lease there's "none disclosed."

Lease said the flier incorrectly implies that he has filed for bankruptcy.

"I've had phone calls about it, and that's the way I took it," he said.

Online checks by the *Star-Telegram* of bankruptcy court records nationwide found no bankruptcies for Lease or Wilkinson.

Wilkinson, a lawyer and business owner, said the flier is meant to put to rest rumors that she had filed for bankruptcy.

"When we first started the campaign, we heard rumors that that's what people were saying about me, and that it was coming from Mike Lease supporters," she said.

The flier also states that Lease, a contractor specializing in medical buildings, could have conflicts of interest on the council and that he hasn't made clear his stand on property tax rates. Wilkinson opposes increasing the city's rate of 36.25 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Lease said that he won't have conflicts of interest and that Wilkinson's three businesses in Grapevine put her at greater risk of such conflicts. Lease said that he would not vote for a property tax rate increase based on his knowledge

of city finances but that circumstances could call for flexibility.

As far as bankruptcy rumors, Lease said his campaign made no such statements.

"I know that nobody in my campaign would have had such information or would have said anything like that," Lease said.

Lease's platform centers on his business experience, community service and involvement with the city. He is chairman of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of directors of the Grapevine Heritage Foundation, which preserves city historical sites.

"My platform speaks for itself. . . I just want to look forward to continuing my service that I've been performing in the city of Grapevine," Lease said.

Wilkinson, a former mayoral candidate, wants the city to continue in its current direction, preserve downtown and work with the Texas Department of Transportation on traffic problems.

She said the picture has changed now that the race has been narrowed to her and Lease.

"I believe that I'm qualified with my law degree that helps

me understand the legal process and the city laws and ordinances," Wilkinson said. "I've got family here in Grapevine, and we've got three businesses here, so we are invested in the community as well."

Eules

Massey has said she will strive for holding down tax rates, improving public safety and economic development, and attending to traffic and parks maintenance.

Massey, who was a councilwoman until 2006, did not seek re-election because of health problems that have since been resolved. Experience matters, said Massey, a retired Bell Helicopter contracting officer.

"I've been on the council six years," Massey said.

Bynum, a Haltom City firefighter, wants to continue Eules' economic development and growth, support city employees, attract a supermarket to south Eules, build and staff a senior citizens center, support and expand public parks, and continue road improvements. Bynum, a Planning and Zoning Commission member, said he, too, understands how the city works.

"I am involved. I'm on the P&Z. I'll be able to hit the ground running if I'm elected," Bynum said.

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Tyson



Stinneford



Bynum



Massey



Wilkinson



Lease



Corson



Rennhack

Stinneford wants to focus on improving the city's older areas and keeping a high profile in the city to encourage resident feedback. He also wants to attract quality businesses and make sure city employees are treated with respect. Employee benefits were a catalyst for a heated election season — Tyson and two other candidates voted against employee healthcare and retirement benefits in the first reading of the budget last year in an attempt to lower the property tax rate. After employees and their supporters protested, the council voted unanimously to approve the benefits. Stinneford criticized the budget maneuvering.

"You do not use people as a pawn in whatever power game you want to play," Stinneford said.

Tyson, a business owner, did not return repeated telephone calls seeking comment.

Westlake

Rennhack said he is running to help ensure that the town keeps its rural character, that it provides quality and economical services, and that development is in residents' best interest. Westlake has no municipal property tax, and he would oppose adding one. Rennhack has been involved with the town-run Westlake Academy as president of the Westlake Academy Foundation. He said he has been aggressive in fundraising for the academy and would use the same energies to help the city.

Corson, the incumbent, was appointed to the board after Larry Sparrow resigned. Corson, who works in real estate, points to a year of experience on the board and his work on Westlake's Planning and Zoning Commission. He wants to continue the town's property tax policy and add a second water source, he said.

He also wants to provide adequate funding for Westlake Academy and maintain proper land-use policies.

"I want to stay focused on a balanced approach to the town issues as well as the Westlake Academy issues," Corson said.

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AREA BRIEFS

Police Department to host open house

EULESS — The Police Department will host a free open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at 1102 W. Euless Blvd. The event will include tours, a bounce house, and refreshments. Several organizations, including the Citizen's Emergency Response Team and Citizen's Police Academy, will have representatives answer questions from visitors. — *Jessica DeLeon*