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FROM THE LOCAL LEADERSHIP



Mayor Saleh
Eules



Spring has finally come to Tarrant County, Texas, and just in time for our terrific family festival called Arbor Daze. Arbor Daze is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, and Sunday afternoon April 27. There will be lots of children's activities, interesting items for the adults, and plenty of delicious food available. The event will be held on the city hall campus just off of SH 183. Y'all Come! With the springtime, we hope you have enjoyed the amenities of our beautiful parks. We have added new walking trails, new park benches, and lots of new plantings; not only in the parks, but also along the streets and city hall campus.

The library is in the process of being renovated with additional space for the historical features, additional study carousels, some special features and new carpeting. All should be completed in May. The library is such an active place for citizens of all ages, and we hope you take advantage of the many

offerings. Our staff is quite knowledgeable and can assist you with your needs. There are several classes offered and special concerts as well. Most all are free of charge.

We are sending many good wishes to our retiring Fire Chief, Lee Koontz, for many years of service to our city. Under Chief Koontz's tenure, the Fire Department and its personnel have become not only firemen, but also paramedics. We have three fire stations, new fire engines, a clown program, and an Honor Guard unit. The Eules fire personnel work well with all the cities of Northeast Tarrant County, and that is what "regionalism" is all about. Chief Koontz and Sparky (his wife, Lark) will be missed, but we wish them well.

We will be opening our Dog Park in the latter part of April, and that will be an added plus for our park system. The Dog Park will be located adjacent to the Villages of Bear Creek Park, and there will be a divided area for large dogs and small dogs. We encourage our citizens to read all the rules of behavior for the dogs before you visit the park. We have tried to respond to all the amenities you have requested.

The Texas Star Golf Course continues to win accolades from the golf world, and we so appreciate our staff for making it one of the top municipal courses in the Metroplex. The Texas Star will be accommodating golfers with a golf school in the near future.

The Texas Star Conference Centre is undergoing a complete renovation with additional space for a larger conference facility, as well as additional smaller conference rooms, a larger kitchen and some great amenities. This project is a major undertaking and will not be completed until early next year.

Enjoy the spring weather and wildflowers!

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COMMUNITY NEWS



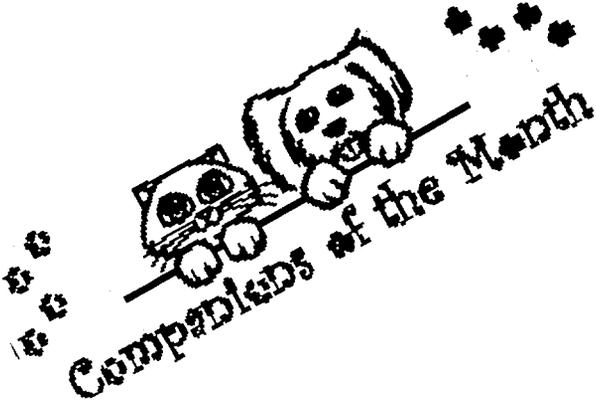
Police Officers Adam and Christine Bush joined their son, Will, at First United Methodist Preschool for Wheels Day. They made sure everyone followed the safety rules and issued tickets for traffic violations. The annual Trike-a-thon benefitted St. Jude Children's Hospital

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MAGNUM P.I.



After only 2 days, this little guy is already stealing his foster parents heart. He loves, loves, loves toys, likes to play w/the other dogs, and loves attention. He is still very puppish, but has nicer manners than most puppies.

Eules Animal Services
1517 Westpark Way
Eules, TX 76040
(817)685-1594

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CHEERS AND JEERS

Cheers: To Adena, Jeff, Scott and the crew at Texas Star Golf Course in Euless. They got the course back into shape just a few hours after the area was hit by a line of severe storms early April 10. Euless is fortunate to have you all on the team! Jeers to a nearby golf course that several days later still hadn't cleaned up after the storm.

— Ray Kunze, Euless

Cheers: To the city of Euless for the quick cleanup after the storms and to our neighbor Mike, who helped my husband cut down the dangling limbs in our yard. There was so much debris that it was difficult to figure out where to begin. Our neighborhood was devastated by the storm, but things already are looking better!

— Leslie Biagiotti, Euless

Cheers: To the Euless Parks & Public Works Department for outstanding service to the community after the storms! They were out early clearing our streets and helping residents get their lives back to normal. This is a perfect example of being a public servant and neighbor!

— Eric and Cheryl Johansen, Euless

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LIFE & ARTS

THE ENVIRONMENT



Name: Lori De La Cruz **Job:** Environmental educator

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Lori De La Cruz

Lori De La Cruz operates a one-woman information booth from her home office in Euless. Her subject: living green. It's an issue that has tugged at her heart since the fourth grade, and she's made a career of teaching people how to limit their impact on the Earth.

De La Cruz, 43, was in elementary school in Arlington when she saw the famous Keep America Beautiful ad with Iron Eyes Cody, the Native American with a tear in his eye. It was the first time she'd thought about pollution, and it made an impact. She wrote an essay about littering that was so passionate her teachers had it published in the local paper. She would eventually build a career out of urging people to care for the environment.

De La Cruz earned a degree in journalism and started her career as a graphic designer, but then the city of Fort Worth hired her to coordinate the litter program. It was a job that used her communication skills, but it also reminded her what was really important.

"My gosh, this sounds so insane, but I love garbage," she says. And as she was promoted through the ranks, eventually heading the solid waste division's environmental education program, De La Cruz started to realize that everything is connected — and that garbage is just one of the Earth's challenges.

That realization led to a new career. In 2004, De La Cruz opened Blue Marble Media, a consulting firm that focuses on environmental education for local governments, businesses and nonprofits. She teaches. She prepares curricula. She helps get programs off the ground.

This month, she's tackling a project with the city of North Richland Hills called Green Teens, which will train high school students to teach their peers about recycling and waste reduction.

And just a few weeks ago, De La Cruz self-published, *The Ecological Compass*, a spiralbound workbook designed



Lori De La Cruz runs Blue Marble Media, a consulting firm that focuses on environmental education. STAR-TELEGRAM/RALPH LAUER

to help people make their lifestyles sustainable and save money in the process.

That's the crux of her philosophy: Sustainability isn't a product you can buy, and you don't have to spend extra to go green.

She points to simple changes, inexpensive efforts: insulating wall sockets, installing ceiling fans, caulking windows, switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs.

The passion governs De La Cruz's life as well as her job. She sends her 9-year-old daughter to school every day with a no-waste lunch — not a single disposable item in the whole box.

De La Cruz hopes to give people of all ages the same *aha!* moment she had in the fourth grade. And the more people learn, De La Cruz believes, the more they'll make good decisions that protect the Earth.

"My goal is to make it simple, efficient," she says, "so that anybody can do it."

Order a copy of De La Cruz's book, *The Ecological Compass: A Guide to Sustainability for Families*, and read more of her tips and ideas at www.ecologicalcompass.com.

— Alyson Ward

“My goal is to make it simple, efficient so that anybody can do it.”

Lori De La Cruz, on her philosophy for teaching others to be green

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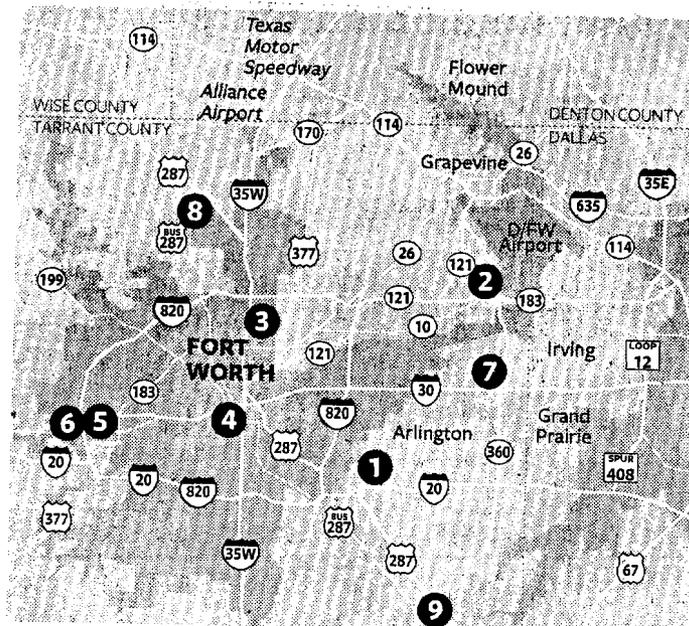
Eules

2. Office sale

300 E. Midway Drive

Volunteers of America Texas Development Corp. bought this 9,000-square-foot building.

Brokers: George Curry and Will James of the Staubach Co. represented the seller, CBS Employer Services of California. Marty Rader of Rader Commercial represented the buyer.



STAR-TELEGRAM

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Theresa Fernandez, 9, left, and Emily Torres, 11, make dog treats as part of Girls on the Run. SPECIAL TO THE STAR-TELEGRAM/D.J. PETERS

Girls are on the run – to healthier, better lives

A 12-week program offers lessons on handling bullies, being assertive and more. Then there's the running.

By **JESSICA DeLEÓN**
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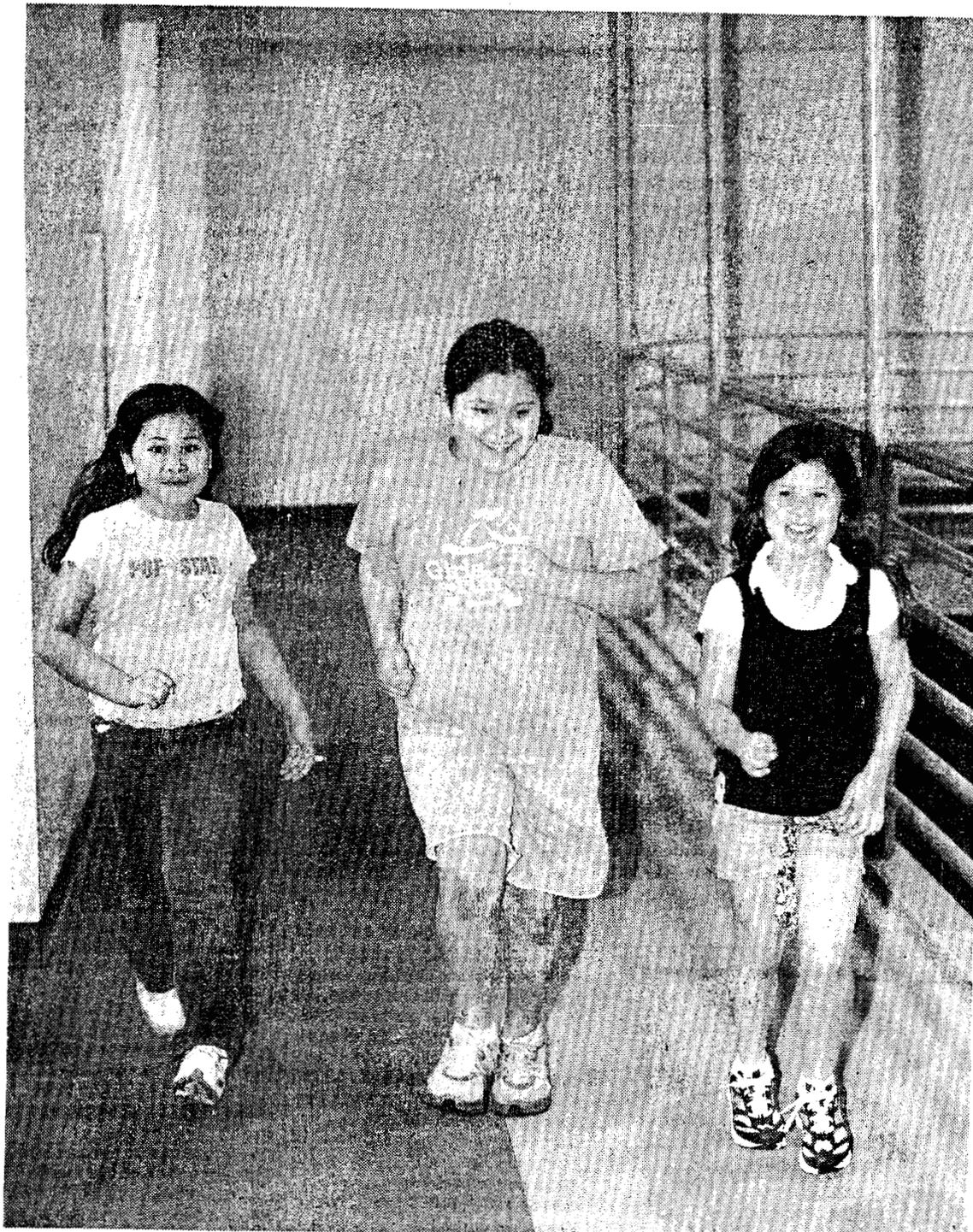
EULESS — The six girls were given an unusual task. They had to run 30 yards to a fence, then answer a question before they could run again.

The first question: What's the one thing they learned from Girls on the Run, the program they were participating in.

"That you have to always tell the truth," wrote Theresa Hernandez, 9, a fourth-grader at Bear Creek Elementary School.

"To never give up," wrote Emily Torres, 12, a fifth-grader at Midway Park Elementary School.

The girls learned about emotional and physical health during the 12-week Girls on



Kimberly Chio, 9, Emily Torres, 11, and Briana Ziino, 9, at the Midway Recreation Center. SPECIAL TO THE S-T/D.J. PETERS

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the Run course offered by the Eules Parks and Recreation Department. Through the session, they had lessons on handling bullying, being assertive and healthy habits. They wrapped up the one-hour sessions by running.

National program

The nationwide program has classes in six cities in Dallas-Fort Worth, including in Grapevine and Southlake. About 250 girls participated this season. Classes usually take place in the spring and fall.

The Eules program had eight girls from the third to fifth grades. The class costs \$75.

Maggie Chio noticed a change in her daughter, Kimberly, 9, a third-grader at Wilshire Elementary School. Chio enrolled Kimberly in the program so she could get more exercise.

Since being in Girls on the Run, Kimberly has been playing tennis and riding bikes.

"She's been wanting to be more active," Chio said.

But it's not just about exercise.

Janette Steinheimer, director for Girls on the Run DFW, founded the first club in North Texas in 2004 in Garland. She said the program teaches the girls skills they need as they get into adolescence and face difficult choices.

"It gives them some lessons to fall back on," she said.

Support and fun

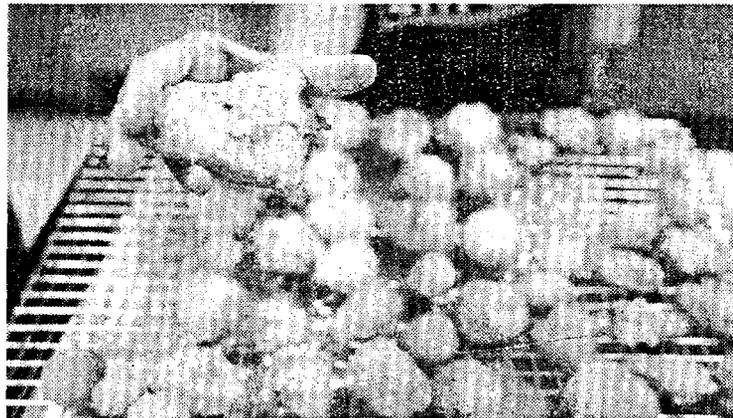
During the Eules session, the girls learned what it was like to be part of a community. On Thursday, they made dog treats for the city's animal shelter as part of a community service project.

The girls also had to run together as a group, but they could use only one foot, which prompted screams.



Coach Linda Sanders with, from left, Kimberly, Crystal Chio, 13, Emily and Briana. This session of the Eules Girls on the Run had eight girls from the third to fifth grades. The class costs \$75.

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Theresa Fernandez with a dog treat she made. The girls made the treats for Eules' animal shelter.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR-TELEGRAM/D.J. PETERS

“That you have to always tell the truth.”

Theresa Hernandez, 9, a fourth-grader at Bear Creek Elementary School, explaining what she learned from Girls on the Run

"How can you partner up?" coach Linda Sanders asked them. "How can you touch each other without falling down?"

The girls contemplated getting in a circle or piggybacking before coming up with a plan — switching legs every five seconds so they won't get tired.

Then the girls ran, with Heidi Taylor, program coordinator for Midway Recreation Center, yelling, "Girls in the front, slow down."

The girls fell down on the way back.

Perhaps that's why on the quiz, Bailee Jenkins, 9, a third-grader at Midway Park Elementary School, answered "What did you not like about Girls on the Run?" with "That we have to run."

But, overall, the girls liked the experience.

"They teach us the importance of being a girl and not a bully," Emily said.

Ashley Torres, 9, a fourth-grader at Midway Park, said, "You get support, and you have fun."

Online: www.gotrdfw.org

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FESTIVALS

Trees, art, sports and more on tap for the weekend

It's festival weekend in Northeast Tarrant County, and four cities are hosting themed events.

ArborDaze in Euless will celebrate trees by giving away 2,000 and presenting discussions.

Art in the Square in Southlake will give visitors the opportunity to browse and buy the work of 140 artists.

Haltom City will offer a sports competition for youngsters.

Richland Hills will honor its founding fathers with a parade and a celebration.

All those festivals have three things in common — activities for youngsters, entertainment and, of course, food.



Matthew Shelley, left, and Larry Cook of the Parks and Community Services Department put up a fence in Euless on Monday for ArborDaze.

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Correction

Eules City Council candidate Jay Heilman is a registered accessibility specialist. He reviews and inspects new and remodeled buildings to make sure that they meet handicapped accessibility standards. His occupation was incorrect in the April 17 edition.

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The finance data had an April 10 due date.

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Campaign finance reports for the May 10 election were due April 10. Here is a roundup of money being raised and spent in the election. Several candidates have not raised or spent any money, and others signed affidavits saying that they would not spend more than \$500. Those candidates and unopposed candidates are not included in this list.

Eules City Council

Place 4

- Retired educator Donna Mickan raised \$350 and spent \$628.
- Private investigator Jay Heilman raised \$2,835 and spent \$2,521.

ELECTION REPORTS

What
hopefuls
raised, spent

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BEDFORD LAWMAKER

Craddick re-election likely, rep says

Rep. Todd Smith of Bedford says he's trying to improve his relationship with the speaker.

By AMAN BATHEJA
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Efforts to dethrone Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick appear to be sinking, according to a local state representative who has been critical of the Midland Republican.

Last week, Republican State Rep. Todd Smith of Bedford told Texas Weekly, an online political newsletter, that the results of primary races around the state have convinced him that Craddick will be re-elected speaker next year unless Democrats win a majority in the state House.

"I think depending on what

happens in November, there certainly could be a Democratic majority," Smith said Monday. "At this point, he's got more Craddick Democrats than there are anti-Craddick Republicans, and if that's true ... then it's mathematically certain that Craddick will win the speaker's race."

The Texas House has 79 Republicans and 71 Democrats.

House speakers are elected by the chamber's 150 members. Craddick's chances for re-election at the start of the 2009 legislative session hinge on the number of supporters who win re-election.



Smith

Craddick

Smith's declaration was the most visible sign that the interests of a bipartisan band of House members hoping to replace Craddick were not served by the March primary. In tight races, some key Craddick supporters won while some critics were defeated.

Smith said he is trying to improve his relationship with the speaker but maintained that he is not endorsing Craddick.

"It's no secret that we've had our disagreements, and I presume that we will continue to have our disagreements," Smith said. "That doesn't mean there doesn't come a time that the best thing I can do for the people I represent is to build a constructive rela-

tionship with the House leadership."

Craddick has long faced criticism that he wields too much control over the state House and that he punishes those who oppose him.

During the last legislative session, Smith was a vocal detractor, going so far as to file resolutions organizing an election to replace him as speaker.

Smith said Monday that his legislative goals were hampered during the last session because of his opposition of Craddick.

"It's obvious that there are consequences for not being on the leadership's team," Smith said.

Smith said that if he's re-elected, he does not know who would get his vote for speaker in January.

Smith was unopposed in the March primary. He will face Democrat Kalandra Wheeler in November.

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THIS WEEKEND

Four festivals offering family fun

This weekend's activities across Northeast Tarrant range from baseball skills competitions to tastings of foreign wines, with all sorts of food and games in between.

By JESSICA DeLEÓN
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Festivals in four Northeast Tarrant County communities will offer activities for youngsters, entertainment and food this weekend.

Art in the Square, Southlake

About 140 juried artists will sell their works, and country band Carolina Rain will perform at the ninth annual event. Younger teens and kids can play in designated fun zones. Art Off the Vine is a new feature in which wines from Australia, Texas, Italy and California can be sampled.

Hours: 4-10:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Art Off the Vine is at 6 p.m. Friday; 4 and 6 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday

Where: Southlake Town Square, Southlake Boulevard at North Carroll Avenue

Cost: Free; Art Off the Vine tickets are \$20 and available online

Information: www.artinthesquare.com

Arbor Daze, Euless

The 20th anniversary event will give away 2,000 trees and feature presentations about caring for them. Bands such as Havana NRG, Crawfish and King Creole, as well as community groups, will perform. The Kids Zone features a fishing tank, games and entertainment. "We wanted people to know how important trees are to the community," said Michael Davenport, Euless' special events coordinator. "And it's a fun time."

Hours: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday. The event kicks off with a fun walk sponsored by the Citizens Fire Academy at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Where: City Hall Campus, 201 N. Ector Drive

Cost: Free

Information: www.arbordaze.org

Baker Days, Richland Hills

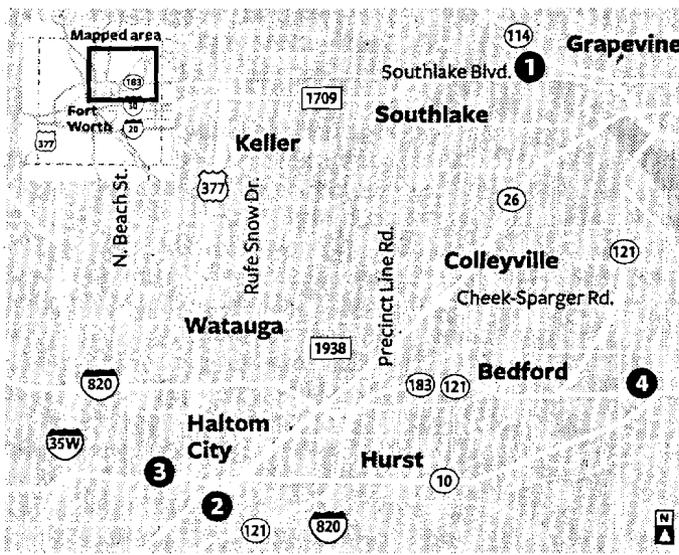
The city will celebrate its founders, the Baker family, with a parade and a celebration that features a clown, petting area, Fort Worth Cats mascot Dodger, and talks about Comanche Chief Quanah Parker and the Comanche Indians.

"It's a recognition of the family and appreciation of the family — just a good time," said Jeane Grisham, president of the Richland Hills Historical Society. "We don't have enough community events. It's something that's needed."

Hours: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: A parade will start at 6724 Baker Blvd. to Wesley Way

Festival weekend



Four festivals take place this weekend in Northeast Tarrant County.

1. Art in the Square, Southlake Town Square
2. Baker Days, Richland Hills
3. Spring Sports Fest, Haltom City
4. Arbor Daze, Euless

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Drive, just past Handley-Ederville Road. The celebration will be at the Richland Hills Historical Society Welcome Center and Museum, at 6724 Baker Blvd.

Cost: Free

Information: Call 682-225-2984 or 817-284-8043

Spring Sports Fest, Haltom City

Children can try out their sports skills in the Junior Olympics; Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run; and the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick events. The festival also features bands, bounce houses and food. "It should be a lot of fun for kids of all ages," said Tom Henry, director of parks and recreation.

Hours: Registration, 11 a.m.-noon Saturday; treasure hunt for kids preschool to age 12, noon; sporting events start at 12:15 p.m.

Where: Haltom City Recreation Center/Broadway Park, 4839 Broadway Ave.

Cost: Free

Information: 817-831-6465, www.haltomcitytx.org

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Fay Rene Booker Griggs



DALLAS — Fay Rene Booker Griggs, loving wife, mother and teacher, passed away peacefully at age 88 on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

SERVICE: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel. Visitation: 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Born in Athens on Jan. 31, 1920, Fay grew up in Lubbock and graduated from Texas Tech with a double major in home economics and music. She was married in 1940 to C.J. Griggs and served in the Lubbock chapter of Wives of Officers Overseas during the war years. She then became active in civic and cultural affairs in Mesquite, Wichita Falls and Euless while her husband served as city manager of those cities. Fay taught home economics for 25 years in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford schools and enjoyed singing in the Prestonwood Church choir. She became an avid ballroom dancer with the Dance Connection in Dallas. Fay and C.J. raised four children, Stephen, Sid, Brian and Amy.

Fay was predeceased by her husband, C.J., and one son, Brian.

SURVIVORS: Children, Sid Griggs of Dallas, Dr. Stephen Griggs of Austin and Amy Griggs of New York; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren, with two more great-grandchildren on the way.

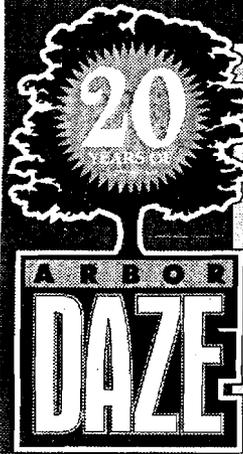
Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home
 Colleyville, 817-498-5894

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

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Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27



ARTSNET ENTERTAINMENT MAIN STAGE

Saturday, April 26
 10 - 10:30 a.m. Texas Children's Choir
 10:30 - 11 a.m. F.U.M.C. - Preschool
 11 - 11:30 a.m. HEB Elementary Honor Choir
 11:30 a.m. - noon Superstar Kids Express
 Noon - 1 p.m. King Roberts Dance Studio
 1 - 2 p.m. FBCE Broken Ground
 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. FBCE Jazz Group
 4 - 5:30 p.m. BluPrint
 6 - 7:30 p.m. Havana NRG

Sunday, April 27
 2 - 3:30 p.m. Crawfish
 4 - 5:30 p.m. King Creole



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Saturday, April 26
 10 a.m. Prof. Brainius
 11 a.m. Teriki's Polynesia
 Noon David Chicken
 1 p.m. Prof. Brainius
 2 p.m. Teriki's Polynesia
 3 p.m. David Chicken
 4 p.m. Prof. Brainius
 5 p.m. Teriki's Polynesia
 6 p.m. David Chicken

Sunday, April 27
 2 p.m. Safari Scot
 3 p.m. The Keola Foundation Dancers
 4 p.m. Safari Scot



FORESTRY VILLAGE

Come learn How To Grow... From The Pros



Saturday, April 26
 10 a.m. Proper Tree Pruning
 Noon How to Plant and Care for Your Trees
 1 p.m. Composting
 3 p.m. Landscape Plants for North Texas

Sunday, April 27
 2 p.m. Backyard Horticulture
"How to Make your own Plants at Home from Cuttings, Seeds, and Division"
 3 p.m. Water Conservation
 5 p.m. The Right Fertilizers and Chemicals for Your Lawn

TREE GIVEAWAY



BOUNCE HOUSES



Saturday, April 26
 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 27
 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

City Hall
 201 N. Ector Dr.

2 STAGES OF ENTERTAINMENT

FORESTRY VILLAGE
 KIDZ ZONE
 ARTS & FOOD VENDORS
 BOUNCE HOUSES & GAMES
plus MUCH, MUCH MORE!



COMMUNITY STAGE



Featured acts include:
 Dixie Grand Cloggers
 Indigo Rose Belly Dancers
 Millennium Dancers
 Pat Riddle School of Dance
 Empire Gymnastics Academy
 Dancers In Motion
 Tribal Evolution
 Figment Productions - Elvis
 McTeggart Irish Dancers
 Miyagi Ryu Nisho-Kai
 Okinawa Dance
 Taekwon-Do Jung Shin
 Isis and the Star Dancers
plus many more!

PARKING

Free parking available on-site at City Hall. Free parking and shuttle service are also available at First Baptist Church of Eules.



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 Eules Parks & Community Services

www.ArborDaze.org
 817-685-1666

Eules City Hall, 201 North Ector Drive

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City of Euless backs Southgate Plaza plan

by Bill Leader

The proposed Southgate Plaza at DFW International Airport would provide over \$5 million in new taxes for the area. It would also provide 2,700 jobs with a total payroll of \$95 million annually.

John Terrell, vice president - commercial development, presented an economic impact analysis of the development to members of the DFW Airport Board on Thursday (April 3).

Terrell already has a developer — Redico of Southfield, Michigan.

Plans for the Southgate Plaza include two hotels, office space and restaurants. It is to be built on 32 acres of airport property just to the south and adjoining the DFW Car Rental Center. Although on DFW Airport property it will also be within the city limits of Euless.

Glenn Porterfield, a Euless city councilman and a retired bank president, expressed his enthusiasm for the project. Porterfield sits on the DFW Airport Board representing the interests of the City of Euless. (The DFW Rental

Car Center sits inside the City of Euless and generates some useful tax revenues for the city. Mayor Mary Lib-Saleh of Euless cut the ribbon opening car rental center March 24, 2000.)

Mayor Mike Moncrief said he is concerned that the DFW Airport, in developing Southgate Plaza, may be competing against other area cities; not just the owner cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, but cities in the middle of the Metroplex.

Building hotels, office buildings and restaurants at the airport, he said, could have some "unintended consequences."

He said that Mayor Tom Leppert of Dallas is also concerned about the development.

But Porterfield said that neither he nor the city council feel this way.

"Our city is excited about this development. I personally don't feel that there is any competitive problem with this. Our city council and city staff are very much in favor of this," he said.

Porterfield said there are still



JOHN C. TERRELL (left) vice president - commercial development for DFW International Airport, is pictured here chatting with Glenn Porterfield, Euless City Councilman and member of DFW Airport Board. Porterfield told the board at its last meeting that the City of Euless supports the planned Southgate Plaza to be built on 32 acres of DFW Airport property. Mayor Mike Moncrief expressed some reservations about the plans, stating he didn't believe the airport should be competing with surrounding cities so far as commercial development was concerned.

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areas inside the city of Euless ready for development. But developers liked the site at the airport.

The Euless councilman told *DFW people*, "Not only will it (Southgate Plaza) not interfere with any future plans we may have but the quality of this development will set a benchmark that we hope will be an incentive for other developers.

"We hope we will see some spill-over with this."

EULESS GAINS

According to economic projections, the City of Euless will see about \$752,000 in sales and property taxes annually from the development. The cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Tarrant County and the school district will also gain revenues. Several years ago the City of Euless made a deal with the airport to share revenues with the two owner cities — Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mass grading and construction for the project could start as early as February 2009.

Terrell said that he had appeared before Euless City Council and presented the plans to the council people and staff.

The development will include a 400-room full service hotel and a "select service" hotel with about 130 rooms. A select service hotel does not offer the full service restaurants or cocktail lounges of a full service hotel.

Developers are considering 69,250-square-feet of retail and restaurants and 330,200-square-feet of office space.

There will be skybridge access to the rental car center and terminal shuttle service seven-day/24-hour shuttle service to the DFW terminals.

Terrell said that developers have agreed to include "greentech-nology" to keep the carbon footprint at a minimum.

"Everything we have done out here we have tried to be responsible stewards of the environment," he told members of the board.

Developers have agreed to share the work with minority contractors — up to 25 percent — in keeping with the airport's WMBE program (Women/Minority Business Enterprise).

Prior to agreeing to the two hotels, Terrell said a study was made to ascertain if there would be any impact on the two existing hotels at the airport — the Grand Hyatt, which is owned by DFW Airport — or the Hyatt Regency DFW.

Plans show an attractive pedestrian area with reflecting pools and fountains. There is also talk of a tower that will include large screens showing airline arrival and departure times.

Jeffrey P. Fegan, DFW Airport's CEO, explained that DFW Airport was in competition with other airports for airline business. The revenues from concessions and other businesses helped spread out the cost of operating the airport to where the airlines did not have to bear the entire burden.

So far as permitting developments that might compete against the interests of Dallas and

Fort Worth or the surrounding cities, Fegan said, "We have been very, very careful. To some ideas we simply say no."

Fegan said that Southgate Plaza would primarily accommodate the airport's passengers and the 55,000 airport employees.

There is a need for a restaurant where departing passengers can sit down and have a meal with their families, friends or business acquaintances prior to departing from the airport.

The restaurants at DFW Airport are on the secure side where people without boarding passes may not go. There have been attempts to establish places on the non-secure side but Fegan says they have not been very successful.

"We have tried a few different things but none have had a lot of success. We're now looking at some high end vending machines," he said.

The airport board is looking at machines that will accept credit cards. There are machines that will dispense ice cream, coffee and drinks and fresh sandwiches.

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AREA BRIEFS

Library closing briefly for carpet installation

EULESS — The Euless Public Library will be closed Friday through Sunday for carpet installation. The new carpet is part of a library expansion that will include a new genealogy room, quiet area for reading and three new study rooms.

— Jessica DeLeón