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## Steakburgers a cash cow at Freddy's

BY BILL WILSON  
 The Wichita Eagle

The last week in June was a record-setter for the rapidly growing Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers restaurant chain.

The 20-store, Wichita-based chain enjoyed its first \$500,000 week in system-wide sales, Freddy's president Bill Simon said Thursday.

Simon also said at stores open at least 18 months, a key indicator in the restaurant business, sales are up 11.3 percent over the previous fiscal year.

The chain's first store, on West 21st near Tyler Road, posted a 35 percent increase.

"Nothing really has changed about the business model," Simon said.

"It's word of mouth, awareness and constant delivery of good service and a good product, I think."

But there's a little more, said Don Sayler, president of the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association: Diners under financial pressure from rising energy costs are looking for more value for their dining dollar.

"It's phenomenal," Sayler said. "And it fits with the trends that people are telling us. People are downscaling from a steak to a burger, but they still want quality and value. Freddy's has got that ticket right now."

Simon said Freddy's began to see a bump in business two years ago when gas prices began to take off.

"And I guess we may continue to be the beneficiaries of that," he said. "Being able to get quality food for less than casual charges isn't going to go away."

The sales numbers are striking, Sayler said, in an environment where any growth is welcome news to operators.

"In today's economic environment and looking bigger picture across the state, everybody would be pretty happy with 10 or 11 percent," he said.

"And a lot of operators, if they're holding their own compared to last year, if they're flat, they're feeling OK. So Freddy's kind of growth is really good."

The chain opened its 20th store in late June in San Antonio. Several new stores are under development in Manhattan; Oklahoma City; Branson, Mo.; Denver; Omaha; Phoenix; Dallas; Austin; and Eules, Texas.

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# Faith & Spirit

## MUSIC



The Chapmans: From left, Will Franklin, Shaohannah, Mary Beth, Stevey Joy, Maria, Steven, Emily and Caleb.

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# Moving forward

Just weeks after the death of his 5-year-old daughter, singer Chapman is scheduled to perform at First Baptist Eules

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**EULESS** — Award-winning Christian musician Steven Curtis Chapman, still mourning the death of his 5-year-old daughter Maria, who was killed in a May 21 accident, plans on sharing his faith in a concert in Eules on July 18.

Maria was in the driveway of the family's home near Nashville when her teen brother, who was driving an SUV, accidentally struck her, according to the Tennessee Highway Patrol. She had turned 5 a week before the accident.

Chapman will play acoustic and piano versions of many of his hit songs in an intimate concert at First Baptist Church Eules, concert organizers said. The event will be presented by Mid Cities Crisis Pregnancy Center, a faith-based organization that helps women with unplanned pregnancy.

Chapman declined interviews after his daughter's death.

His manager, Jim Houser, said Chapman has canceled

international tours so he can be close to his family, but that he decided to continue with his U.S. concerts.

"We wanted to go forward and give him the opportunity to share his faith," said Houser, of Franklin, Tenn. "Faith is what he does. It's a profound, sad time . . . But the family is clinging to their faith and the assurance they will see Maria again."

Chapman, who has won several Grammy and Dove awards, will continue to be an advocate of adoption, Houser said.

Chapman and his wife, Mary Beth, became interested in adoption after their oldest daughter, Emily, 22, went on a mission trip to Haiti at age 11 and was touched by the orphans she saw there.

"She came back with a passion about adoption and started talking to her family. Eventually, her prayers wore them down," Houser said.

They adopted Shaohannah Hope and two other daughters; they have three biological children.

They started an organiza-



The Chapmans' adopted daughter Maria was killed in an accident at the family's home in May.  
 PHOTO COURTESY MARY BETH CHAPMAN

## Steven Curtis Chapman concert

**Where:** First Baptist Eules, 1000 W. Airport Freeway, Eules

**When:** 7 p.m. July 18

**Cost:** \$25. Tickets at LifeWay Christian Stores in the Metroplex  
**Information:** online at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or by calling 800-965-9324.

[www.mcpregnancy.org/concert](http://www.mcpregnancy.org/concert) or 817-577-4387.

tion five years ago called Shaohannah's Hope that gives information and financial grants to families who want to adopt.

The foundation created a fund in honor of Maria shortly after her death. More than \$500,000 has been donated, an "overwhelming and honorable tribute to such a spirit-filled family and a beautiful young girl," said Scott Hasenbalg, foundation executive director, on Chapman's Web site,

[www.stevencurtischapman.com](http://www.stevencurtischapman.com).

Paula Odom, executive director of the Mid Cities Pregnancy Center, said that Chapman is "a great family man."

"The fact that he is still coming at this difficult time just shows what integrity he has. It speaks highly to his faith."

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## Kinzel-Ridgway

Marcella Kathleen Ridgway and Will Chambers Kinzel were married Monday, June 30, 2008, at St. Patrick's Church in Cork, Ireland. Father Thomas Clancy presided over the Catholic ceremony in the same church where the bride's great-grandparents were married in February 1888.

The bride, 32, is the daughter of William French Ridgway of Bedford, Texas, and the late Marcella Ridgway. Her father is the Director of Economic Development for Euless, Texas.

She currently works at the U.S. Department of Education, where she is Chief of Staff, Office of Communications and Outreach. She has previously worked for several members of Congress including U.S. Congressmen Sam Johnson of Texas and Dave Camp of Michigan and U.S. Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas.

The bridegroom, 34, is the son of Amy Marie Davenport and Robert Chambers Kinzel, both of Montpelier, Vermont. His father is the lead political reporter for Vermont Public Radio and his mother is the Administrative Judge in the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont.

He currently works for the Republican National Committee as the Director of Government Affairs. He has previously worked as an Associate Counsel for the RNC and as a Manager of Government Affairs for Case New Holland. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and The George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

The couple will live in Washington, D.C.



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## Marcella Ridgway and Will Kinzel

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The bride, 32, is the chief of staff at the United States Department of Education's office of communications and outreach in Washington. She graduated from the University of Texas.

She is a daughter of William French Ridgway of Bedford, Tex., and the late Marcella C. Ridgway. Her father is the director of economic development for the city of Euless, Tex. Her mother was an administrator in the registrar's office at Trinity High School in Euless.

The bridegroom, 34, is the director of governmental affairs for the Republican National Committee in Washington. He graduated from Gettysburg College and received his law degree from George Washington University.

He is a son of Amy Marie Davenport and Robert Chambers Kinzel, both of Montpelier, Vt. The bridegroom's mother is the administrative judge for trial courts in the State of Vermont. His father is a political reporter for Vermont Public Radio.

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INSIDE THE POLICE SCANNER

# Eulesse vandal was extra-hot

EULESS — A vandal used a little liquid flavoring to vent his anger.

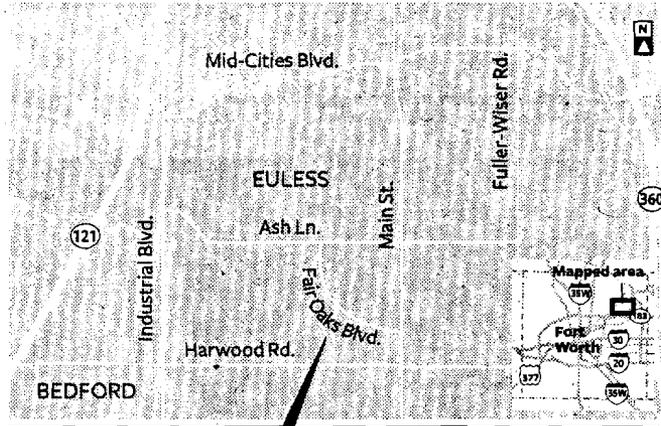
Barbecue sauce was sprayed all over a bedroom in the 300 block of Fair Oaks Boulevard on June 27. Then the vandal broke a flat-screen television.

Investigators believe that a former boyfriend of the tenant was the vandal, but no one has been arrested.

A 40-year-old woman told police that her ex-boyfriend was scheduled to remove his belongings from the apartment June 27 and that she found the mess when she arrived home about 7:30 p.m.

The television, valued at \$600, was smashed. Then she discovered the sauce on

## Spicy scene



A Eulesse apartment resident came home June 27 and found that someone had smashed her flat-screen television and sprayed barbecue sauce throughout a bedroom.

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the walls, bed, electronic equipment and a dresser, according to police reports.

It was an illegal way to spice up the room.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Tuesday

**EULESS** — Bridge for seniors,  
7-10 p.m., Simmons Senior  
Center, 508 Simmons Drive.  
817-283-9169.

### Thursday

**EULESS** — AARP Chapter 5172,  
6:30 p.m., Simmons Senior  
Center, 508 Simmons Drive.  
817-283-1203.

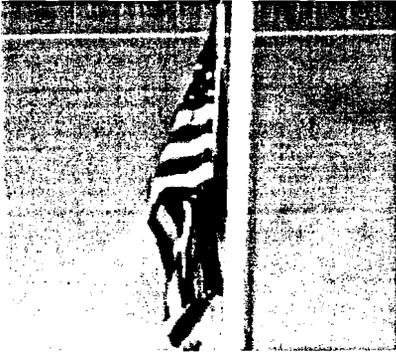
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### U.S. Flag Of Honor To Fly For Fallen Fire Chief



(July 7, 2008)—The United States Flag of Honor, which has been sent around the world in honor of fallen heroes since the 9/11 attacks in 2001, will be flown to Texas aboard a donated jet for the funeral of Teague Volunteer Fire Department Chief Robert Knight, 42, who died Saturday of injuries he received in a wall collapse.

The flag will travel in the plane's cockpit, alongside the pilot, who will hand it off to the Eulesse Fire \*  
Department's Honor Guard, which in turn will take it to Knight's funeral Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Teague and then to Greenwood Cemetery in Teague, where the father of three will be laid to rest.

"The Honor Network takes great honor to memorialize all of those heroes that give the ultimate sacrifice fighting for their country and communities," the group said Tuesday.

"It truly touches the deepest emotions when a volunteer, one who does not ask for pay, one who does it for the love, is killed in the line of duty."

"This type of unselfish and courageous service to a community is what makes this country great"

The flag was flying over the Texas Capitol at the time of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Shortly after the attacks, Gov. Rick Perry sent the flag, along with a Texas flag, to New York City, where it was presented to New York Gov. George Pataki in honor of the police officers and firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11.

The flag was flown over Ground Zero and family members later requested that it be used continuously to honor all American heroes.

In October 2004, the flag was raised over U.S. military camps and bases during memorial services in Kuwait, Qatar and Iraq and over the last six years it has been sent around the country.

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### 3 suspected in robbery attempt

EULESS — Three teenagers with knives stopped chasing a jogger Sunday at Midway Park when they realized that they were being chased by police.

The Euless teens — ages 13, 14 and 16 — were taken to the Lynn W. Ross Juvenile Detention Center in Fort Worth. They are expected to be charged with delinquent conduct/aggravated robbery, police said.

Generally, the *Star-Telegram* does not identify juveniles.

According to police, each teen was armed with a knife when they accosted a lone, 39-year-old jogger at about 6:35 a.m.

“They demanded money, but he said all he had was his cellphone,” Euless police Lt. John Williams said. “They demanded that, but he ran off and started to call 911. The kids chased him.”

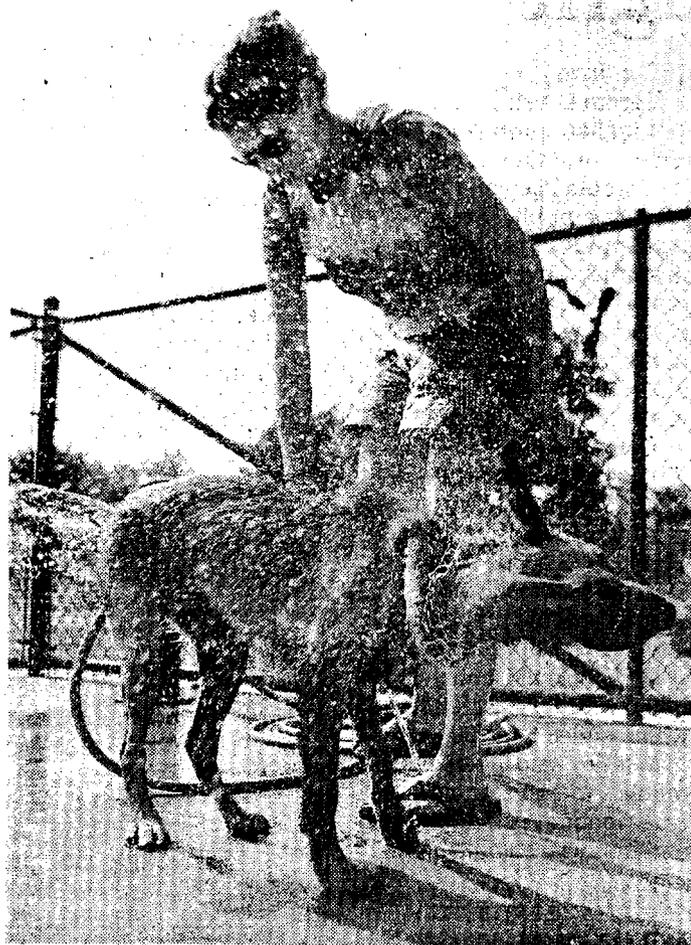
As he fled, an officer patrolling the area saw the teens chasing the man, Williams said. Additional officers responded.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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## Keeping cool at the dog park



Le Rey, a 7-month-old Labrador retriever, dries off after getting a dousing from his owner, Anna Leal of Arlington, on Tuesday at the Villages of Bear Creek dog park in Euless. Dogs are allowed to run off-leash in the 3-acre park.

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## AREA BRIEFS

### Fire damages eight apartment units

**EULESS** — A fire that started on an apartment patio caused \$60,000 damage to the complex Friday night, a fire investigator said this week. Eight units of the Manchester Apartments were damaged, mostly on their patios, but no injuries were reported. The fire was reported at about 8:30 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of Manchester Drive. No one was in the apartment at the time of the fire, Euless fire investigator Vernon Gilmore said. A barbecue grill was on the patio, but investigators had not determined whether that ignited the blaze. "We checked on any fireworks problems in the area, and we have a few reports," Gilmore said. "Someone may have just tossed something on the patio."

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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## EULESS

## Churches, city unite to aid homeowners

**The churches rely on donations and their members' help to get the homes repaired.**

By JESSICA DELEÓN  
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EULESS — Rebecca and Cecilia Moeller might not recognize their home Saturday morning.

The house on Freestone Drive, which the sisters have lived in since they were children, had fallen into disrepair.

Rebecca Moeller, 43, who works at McDonald's, and Cecilia, 47, who lives on Social Security disability payments, could not afford renovations.

But thanks to a recent program, ER: Eules Revitalization, the Moellers have new siding, roof, floor, ceilings, walls, windows, an air conditioning unit, doors, carpet, lights, appliances, cabinets and bathroom. Everything is new, except for the studs.

More than 50 members of First Baptist Church of Eules have made about \$20,000 in repair to the Moellers' home over the past four months.

The Moellers, who attend First Baptist, are looking forward to the debut of their home and the block party. They've been staying at a hotel.

"I feel great," Rebecca Moeller said. "I love my church."

#### An idea

The idea for the program came out of a meeting between City Manager Gary McKamie and First Baptist Church pastor

#### ER: Eules Revitalization

Eules code enforcement identifies the homes that need to be repaired. Houses are chosen case by case. Interested people can call 817-685-1821.

John Meador.

First Baptist was thinking of a Christmas program.

"Then, we started talking about bigger needs," Meador said.

The idea evolved from there.

The city works in conjunction with the Tarrant County Home Owner Rehabilitation Program, which makes repairs for people who meet certain criteria, including income. Eules provides 25 percent of matching funds.

The city has identified 25 homes, which will be repaired as more churches join the effort.

#### A blessing

So far, four churches have participated.

This summer, members of First United Pentecostal Church renovated a home on Aransas Drive, and Life Connection Church volunteers repaired a home on Denton Drive.

Life Connection will take on another home this month.

Restoration Church renovated a home on Tyler Avenue by cleaning out the trees and shrubs and getting rid of insects then repairing the home's interior, which had rotting wood and plumbing.

About 200 of Restoration's 500 members started repairs in February and finished in May.

Ken Harp, executive pastor of Restoration Church, said he hopes that more churches will get involved.

"We're doing it to bless the city and make the city a better place to live in," Harp said.



Volunteer Jo Crysler works in a home in Eules on Thursday that she is helping to renovate.

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#### Feeling great

Under the program, city code enforcement officers identify homes that need repairs. Churches then create their own version of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, providing volunteers and gathering donations from local businesses.