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Social Eyes by Faye Reeder

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Eyes on H-E-B: Every hero has a story at Euless Public Library on Thursday



Debbie Bringhurst of Patriot Paws with Sparky. | Courtesy of Donna Dickson

By Faye Reeder

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Escape the ordinary and enjoy a Superstar Performance brought to you by the Euless Public Library on Thursday at 2 p.m. The headliner is Patriot Paws, an organization that trains service dogs for disabled U.S. military veterans.

Superstar Performances are highly entertaining, special events that are part of the library's Summer Reading Challenge. The presentations are geared toward children and families, although Library Administrator **Sherry Knight** says all ages are welcome.

"Our Summer Reading Challenge theme this year is 'Every Hero Has a Story,'" said Knight. "I am pleased that we are able to offer kids a chance to learn about these four-legged heroes and the process they go through to become a service animal to a veteran in need."

Guaranteed to please the crowd will be a special appearance by a service animal from Patriot Paws. The dog's handler will be there to tell all about the organization and demonstrate the types of activities the animals are taught to become service animals.

Check out the group at www.PatriotPaws.org. Mary Lib Saleh Library is at 201 N. Ector Drive. Direct questions to Knight at sknight@euless.tx.gov.

Free summer meals for kids

Kids out of school for the summer who need a helping hand for lunch or breakfast can find nutritious meals at several H-E-B schools during June and July.

"H-E-B ISD is offering its summer food service program again this summer, for kids ages 1-18. Some locations will serve meals in June only and some locations will serve through July," said district spokeswoman **Judy Ramos**. "All locations serve lunch, and some locations also serve breakfast."

Locations continuing lunch service through July 23 are Bell Manor Elementary from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at Euless Parks & Recreation from noon to 12:30 p.m.

At L.D. Bell and Trinity high schools, breakfast and lunch will be provided from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. until July 23.

Registration, meal tickets or proof of age/income are not required for the federally funded program. To inquire, contact Ramos at 817-399-2026.

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A shout out to the **Trinity High School GAP Club** for being chosen by Petco in Grapevine to receive 1,000 pounds of premium dog food for its fantastic adoption programs benefiting the furry residents of the Euless Animal Shelter.

During Canine Cancer Awareness week recently, Petco received a regional award from Blue Buffalo, a nonprofit that raises money for canine cancer, which correspondingly enabled the food donation to the GAP Club.

"We'd like to give a special thank-you to the Trinity GAP Club and Petco Grapevine for the outstanding work they both do to provide pet adoptions," said city spokeswoman **Betsy Deck**. "The Euless Animal Shelter was nearly out of dog food, and this will fill the pantry with premium Blue Buffalo dog food."

Events at a glance

- **Seasons of Sounds Storyteller's Music is Saturday** at Leon Hogg Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway. Mike Brown performs at 6 p.m. and Verlon Thompson at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase, or bring your own (no alcohol please). Admission is free.
- **MasterWorks Concert is Thursday at the Hurst Public Library**, 901 Precinct Line Road, from 7 to 8 p.m. Variety band BluPrint headlines the concert, where pop, blues, classic rock, top 40, R&B, funk, big band and jazz will be played by the high-energy cover band.
- **Ice Cream Social is Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Hurst Senior Activities Center**, 700 Heritage Circle. Several area businesses will be on hand to tempt your taste buds with their flavor of creamy goodness. Space is limited, so sign up immediately at the center or call 817-788-7710. Admission is free.

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Eules Fire Department hosts Kids Fire Academy

It gives youths hands-on experience with firefighter gear as well as lifesaving and firefighting techniques.



Eules fire Lt. Cody Skinner, left, helps Chris Rodriguez, center, and Ronny Garcia, both 13, into their firefighter bunker gear Thursday before searching a dark room for a "victim." The Eules Fire Department hosted its third Kids Fire Academy, giving youths hands-on experience with firefighter gear as well as lifesaving and firefighting techniques.

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In full bunker gear and blindfolded to simulate a fire situation Thursday, Jessie Williams, 14, crawls down a hallway following her lifeline, a fire hose, after rescuing a "victim." Eulesse fire Division Chief Chanc Bennett, left, and fire investigator Ken Rawlinson follow her. The Eulesse Fire Department hosted its third Kids Fire Academy, giving youths hands-on experience with firefighter gear as well as lifesaving and firefighting techniques.

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Thomas Eichelberger, 15, cinches up his breathing mask Thursday to experience beathing off a firefighter air tank. The Euless Fire Department hosted its third Kids Fire Academy, giving youths hands-on experience with firefighter gear as well as lifesaving and firefighting techniques.

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More Angst For Euless Apartment Residents

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Andrea Lucia

EULESS (CBS11) – At least a dozen residents at the Shadow Creek Apartments in Euless say they could soon lose water and electricity.

The complex has been sold.

Management sent families notices that they had to move out by Tuesday, but many say they have no place to go.

“It’s crazy!” said Katarius Cole, a mother with two young daughters and twins on the way.

She hopes to stay in the apartment through next week, until she can move to another apartment. Residents say they only had about a month’s notice.

Carla Davis says that’s how long it took her to find a new home for her and her sons.

“Matter of fact, I just got a call from an apartment today saying they’d take us in. Now when the apartment will be ready? Probably another week and a half,” she said.

A maintenance worker said utilities will likely be cut off Wednesday.

Another employee said the property would no longer be under their management, so they couldn’t speak with any certainty about what would happen.

Residents say the complex demanded they still pay this full month’s rent, even while it neglected to make even basic repairs.

“Whenever we flush, the toilet water would come out of the bath,” said 12 year old Zion, who’s had to shower at a friend’s house after his apartment’s plumbing started having problems two weeks ago.

Families also find there’s plenty of competition for any available apartments nearby.

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"Bunch of places are filled up around here," said Jacob Fry, who lives in The Concord Apartments next door.

Its residents were also told to be out by Tuesday.

Those at the Concord Terrace Apartments immediately behind it moved late last year. The whole area, residents tell us, is being cleared for development.

"I think it's ridiculous. Everybody's frantically looking around," said Fry's girlfriend, Marie Smith.

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Last tenants clear out of dilapidated Euless apartment complex



Shadow Creek Apartments on South Industrial Boulevard in Euless were condemned by the city, which turned over its right to purchase the complex to a Dallas developer. | Joyce Marshall Star-Telegram

By Elizabeth Campbell

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The few tenants left at the Shadow Creek apartment complex packed up the last of their belongings Wednesday and loaded them into U-Hauls and pickups.

They were given notice recently that they had to move because the property on South Industrial Boulevard was sold.

It was unclear Wednesday if anyone was still living in the complex, built in the 1960s, where some windows were covered in plywood, cardboard or sheets.

Broken furniture and other discarded household items were piled next to the trash bin at the back of the complex.

Shadow Creek and the nearby Concord House complexes are to be torn down to make way for the mixed-use Midtown development south of the Airport Freeway. The development was described "as one of the largest and most important redevelopments within the city" in a June 23 staff memo to the City Council.

Kurtis Woods, 21, who moved into the rundown apartments in October, said he could move in with his father while he saves money for another apartment. But he's worried, he said, about residents who were physically unable to move or who had no place to go.

A woman in the Shadow Creek management office, who declined to give her name to the *Star-Telegram*, also declined to answer questions about how much notice tenants got to relocate.

A woman who answered the phone at the corporate office for Shadow Creek also declined to comment.

Woods said he received his notice to vacate in early June, but he noticed that new tenants were moving in at that time and that they were paying for repairs to their apartments.

"Management didn't do anything for us. They didn't address serious problems like mold or water spraying from pipes," Woods said.

Woods said his rent was \$620 a month and that when he moved in, he paid a nonrefundable \$200 deposit. He now is paying \$160 a month to store his belongings until he finds another place to live.

Betsey Deck, a city spokeswoman, said that Eules has a three-tier inspection program for apartment complexes, and Shadow Creek was in the third tier, meaning it received a failing grade. Once a complex receives a failing grade, it is inspected every six months. If improvements are not made in three years, Eules has an amortization program to purchase the remaining value of the

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property and then the city can shut down the complex, she said. Shadow Creek has gotten three failing grades on its inspections.

The city assigned its right to buy the property to Dallas developer Centurion American.

Carsten Forstmann and his mother, Ursula Witt, were also moving out Wednesday. Forstmann described how he made many repairs for his mother, such as replacing kitchen counters and the bathtub.

"I was never reimbursed for any of that," he said.

The air conditioning had been off since Friday, he said.

Paula Jernigan, executive director of Mission Central, a social services agency for residents in Hurst, Euless and Bedford, said she learned that Shadow Creek was closing early Wednesday morning.

An employee went to the complex and gave information about Mission Central's Family Opportunities Program to the remaining residents, she said.

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Loss of longtime beehive creates buzz for Euless resident

BY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL
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EULESS

When volunteers came to talk to Sam Atchley about doing much-needed projects around his home, he had only one request: Don't destroy the beehive that has been housed in a tree trunk for about 40 years.

Atchley, who has lived in his home since 1970, doesn't remember when he first noticed the bees but said he spent many hours sitting in a lawn chair watching them over the years.

"I just liked [the bees]," he said. "When I saw what they were doing, I just liked them. I said, 'Why hey, that's cool we have a beehive,' and I just let them do their own thing."

Problem was, the hive — inside a dead cottonwood that had melded into Atchley's roof — needed to be removed for the volunteers to start their work this fall.

Dale Turns, a volunteer with the nonprofit 6 Stones who is supervising the projects, contacted beekeeper Jason Smith to take a look and come up with a way to move the hive.

Last week, Smith carefully cut into the tree trunk. But only a few bees remained. Atchley suspected that someone he hired to remove that portion of the tree cut too far, exposing the hive to the elements.

Atchley, whose wife, Dorothy, has been in the hospital, leaving him little time to watch the bees, saw that the bees were gone Wednesday. The bees were likely flooded out of their home by the recent heavy rains, Smith said.

The remaining bees were most likely "the stragglers who didn't get the memo that they were moving," Smith said before using smoke to encourage them to be on their way so that the tree could be removed.

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Atchley said the issue of what to do with the beehive began when a friend came by to help him with plumbing repairs and they found they couldn't shut the water off. When city workers arrived to help, they noticed that many things needed to be done, such as roof repairs, painting and yard cleanup.

They contacted 6 Stones.

"All of a sudden, volunteers showed up and wanted to clean up the house. I am a pretty good giver but not a good receiver. I showed them the beehive; it was pretty active and they could see it," Atchley said.

Smith, whose father and grandfather were also beekeepers, said that most of his work involves removing bees from people's homes and that people should think twice before exterminating the beneficial insects. A third of the food we eat is pollinated by bees, Smith said.

"Take a deep breath and look at your options before you do that," he said. "They are neat little bugs; we just get in the way."

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Social Eyes by Faye Reeder

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Eyes on H-E-B: Cities compete in hunger challenge



Joe Ader, left, accepts food from Bedford Mayor Jim Griffin. Courtesy photo.

By Faye Reeder

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An astonishing number of people living in the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford do not have enough food to eat — nearly 13,000 children and adults, according to charity group 6 Stones. Determination to address this appalling statistic resulted in The Mayor's Hunger Challenge, a food drive contest that kicked off in May.

H-E-B schools Superintendent **Steve Chapman** issued a public challenge to the mayors of the three cities on May 16 asking them to encourage residents to be generous in donating to food pantries this summer — with a Golden Can trophy going to the mayor whose city donates the most food by July 4.

"Historically late spring and summer is a slow time of year for food donations to food pantries," said **Joe Ader**, 6 Stones director of compassion ministries. "However, at the very same time the need for food goes up as economically disadvantaged children are out of school for summer break and do not receive the free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch meals that they do during the school year."

Mayors from each city launched their respective food campaigns by recording a videotaped challenge posted on Facebook and on the websites of the cities, 6 Stones and Mission Central; a Hurst charity involved in the project. Using social media, email blasts, public meetings, posters, press releases and word of mouth, the news about the challenge spread.

A donation from a Euless business, Southgate Constructors, came about after overhearing a conversation about the project at a City Council meeting. The company donated 1,162 pounds of food for the cause.

Ader said the goal for the inaugural event was to collect 4,000 pounds of food, but early indicators pointed toward nearly doubling that goal by the end of the contest. The food will be managed and distributed by the 6 Stones New Hope Center in Bedford and Mission Central in Hurst, Ader explained.

"Both organizations provide food to people in need that come into their facilities each week. Last year the 6 Stones New Hope Center served 13,721 individuals in Hurst, Euless and Bedford. Mission Central serves about 20,000 individuals each year," he said.

Mac Churchill Auto Mall collected donations from customers and staff that were donated to Bedford. Texas Harley-Davidson in Bedford hosted "Taste of Texas Meets the Mayor's Hunger Challenge" last month where an impressive amount of food was collected. "You give those Harley guys a worthwhile cause and they certainly come through," said spokeswoman **Natalie Foster**. "They have such big hearts." Foster added that city staff had also generously donated a lot of food.

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"It is amazing to see how Bedford residents and businesses have come together for such a worthy cause supporting the kids in the H-E-B school district as well as the seniors that are below the poverty line," writes Bedford Mayor **Jim Griffin**.

Eules Mayor **Linda Martin** volunteered at a vacation Bible school at Eules First Methodist where a weeklong food drive was conducted. "It was a great opportunity to talk to children about the very real problem of hunger in our community," Martin said.

Eules spokeswoman **Betsy Deck** said an eye-opener for her was the emphasis on donating heartier foods. "In the past I might have given green beans or fruit. Now I'm focusing more on providing proteins and foods that a family can stretch into a meal," she said.

According to statistics gathered for the project, 6 percent of senior adults in the Hurst-Eules-Bedford area live below the poverty line and often must make a choice between medication and food. Slightly more than half of students in H-E-B schools receive free and reduced lunch during the school year.

"It saddens me that there are people in the cities of H-E-B that have suffered real hunger. To me this is appalling," said Hurst Mayor **Richard Ward** in his videotaped message. In an emailed message he writes, "It's been an honor for the City of Hurst to be a part of such a great cause, and I love seeing our community come together to help make a difference."

Hurst spokeswoman **Kara Crane** said a big donation from Delgado Orthodontics assisted the efforts in her city. Foster said the Bedford Animal Shelter offered 35 percent off adoption prices with a donation of two food items, and their 4thFest celebration collected food as well.

Ader was mum about who was in the lead in the Mayor's Hunger Challenge at the deadline for this column, but the rumor mill claims that Bedford had a slight lead over Eules with Hurst in third place. Final results will be posted on www.6stones.org/hunger.

"It is not just about food — it is about providing hope and restoring dignity to families in need," said Ader. "We are here to be a catalyst of hope to people that are in need."

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Bobcats are par for the (golf) course in North Texas



A bobcat sits near at cart path at Texas Star Golf Course in Euless. | Terry Evans Special to the Star-Telegram

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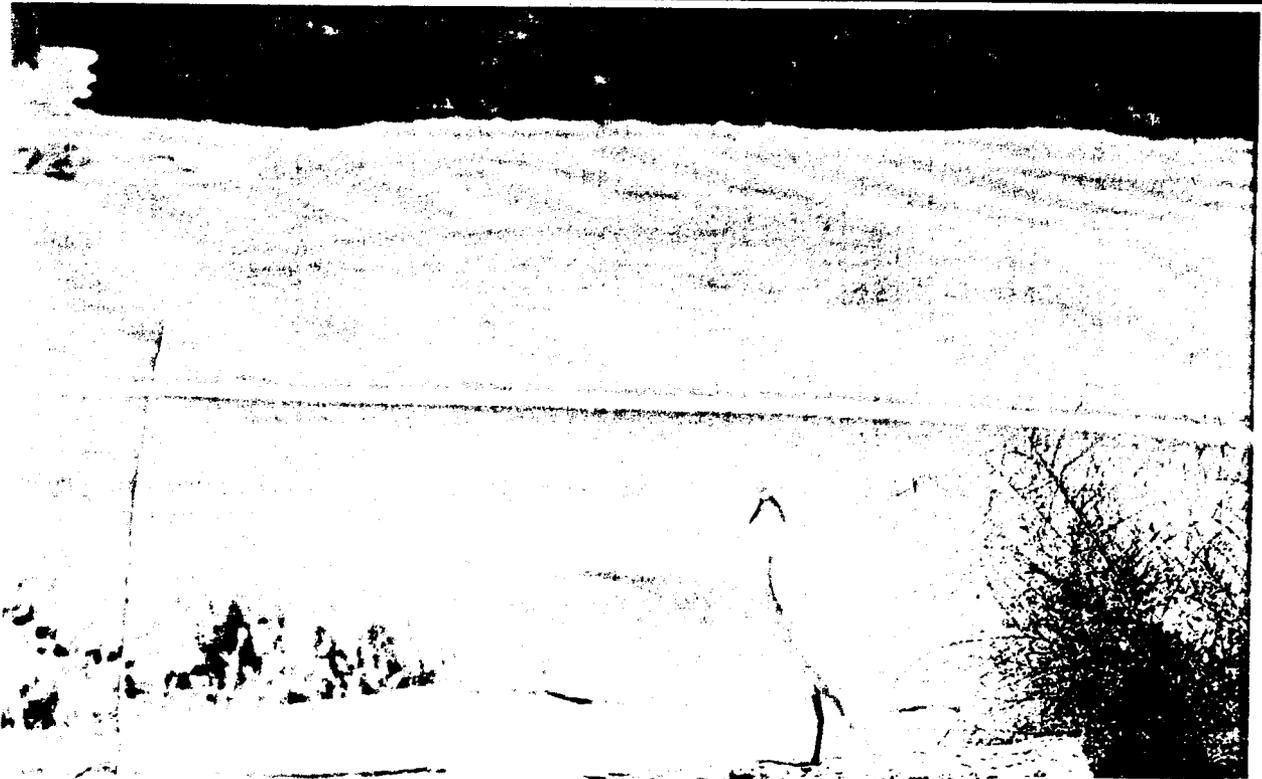
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As part of her college thesis, Utah State student Julie Golla checks out a bobcat underneath a bridge at Texas Star Golf Course. | Texas Star Golf Course Handout



An egret keeps watch over the No. 9 green at Waterchase Golf Club in east Fort Worth, which is home to a variety of migratory birds and wildlife. | Ron T. Ennis Star-Telegram archives

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Bobcats and other wildlife like the ample water and dense woods at Texas Star Golf Course in Euless. | Joyce Marshall Star-Telegram

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Ken Jones tees off at Texas Star Golf Course in Euless, where a number of bobcats have found a good habitat, and are finding cool places to hide out during the day. | Joyce Marshall Star-Telegram

By Terry Evans

Special to the Star-Telegram

EULESS

Jim Jolley wasn't surprised to find a bobcat sunning herself mere feet from him on Texas Star Golf Course's No. 15 tee.

As a volunteer golf marshal, the retired commercial pilot has watched bobcats and other critters cutting across fairways, tee boxes and greens searching for food and otherwise living large on the course's 275 acres.

"I could hear her purring," Jolley said. "She opened her eyes, looked at me, then closed them again. I stood there watching her nap for about five minutes, then I walked off."

Ample water and dense swaths of native trees and grasses preserve habitats on the public golf course in Euless, but it's hardly alone as a home to wildlife in North Texas. A variety of animals and migratory birds can regularly be seen at courses across the region, from Texas Star to Waterchase Golf Club in Fort Worth to Tierra Verde Golf Club in Arlington. Armadillos, raccoons, opossums, coyotes, turtles — even wild hogs and nutria — all frequent the links in these parts.

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Bobcats, of course, are on the prowl as well.

A college student working on her masters in wildlife biology chose Texas Star — along with Westdale Hills Golf Course, also in Euless, and Waterchase — to fuel her thesis: Urban Bobcat Study.

With help from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Julie Golla, a Utah State University student, trapped 14 bobcats between January and April 2014. Ten were large enough to wear GPS tracking collars designed to fall off after one year. After documenting their health and appearance, she released each cat where it was caught and tracked where they went.

The answer: just about anywhere they wanted to.

“Urban carnivore is a new sector of wildlife research, a new field,” Golla said. “Cities are expanding, exploding outward, and more of these animals are adapting. Understanding how they live among people is important in order for the bobcats to stay in their habitat and the people to be safe.”

But people’s safety rarely is an issue with bobcats, Golla said. One of her goals is spreading the message that the state’s up to 1.3 million bobcats (according to a 2009 Texas Parks and Wildlife estimate) don’t deserve to be lumped in with cougars, bears and other dangerous North American predators.

Bobcats are about twice the size of house cats and range throughout North America, Golla said. Males average 23 pounds; females, 17 pounds.

And, while the data Golla is still studying hasn’t yet suggested how many bobcats inhabit the study area’s 49,000 acres — covering parts of Fort Worth, Northeast Tarrant County and Arlington — it has shown that they can range about 5 miles along rivers and through woods within their territories. Golla hopes the humans who share those bobcats’ territories can be persuaded to coexist with them.

“We wanted to give the public actual facts instead of hearsay so they can decide how to coexist with wildlife,” Golla said. “They don’t create issues so long as the relationship remains just observing each other.”

Derek Broman, a Texas Parks and Wildlife urban biologist, said when most incidents involving bobcats and people happen, humans are at fault.

“People need to stop feeding these animals,” Broman said. “They’re associating humans with food sources, and the negative encounters start with feeding, especially hand feeding. Ultimately, someone gets bitten.”

However, neither humans nor their pets are on bobcats’ menus, Broman said.

“Bobcats don’t want to prey on something that will fight back,” Broman said. “They want something they can overpower easily. It will be rare when they find a dog or cat to be suitable prey.”

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A mystery at Westdale Hills

One of few complaints against a bobcat during the study's capture phase sent Golla and Broman to Westdale Hills, a hilly par-3 golf course that winds its way through an apartment community in Euless.

"He would lie next to the cart path, stroll around the fairways, cruise around like he owned the place," Golla said. "He was so big that a couple of people were concerned about him; but he never caused any trouble. We caught him, put a GPS collar on him, turned him loose and tracked him from February to August before the collar malfunctioned."

The collars, which also are data-collection devices, send a homing signal after they drop, so that the data can be added to the study. Golla found the malfunctioning collar in a creek. There was a bullet hole in it.

The fate of the Westdale Hills male remains a mystery.

"We don't know if the bobcat was hit by a car [as was one female in the study group] and someone took the collar off, or if someone shot him," Golla said. "Bobcats are not a protected species. We never saw that bobcat again."

'We have some beautiful bobcats'

Bobcats never generate complaints from Texas Star's golfers, said Glenda Hartsell-Shelton, the general manager.

"There's never been an incident, and no one has asked to get rid of them," Hartsell-Shelton said. "People think it's cool that they're out there. There aren't many places you can go and be 20 feet from a bobcat."

And people like Jolley think it's fantastic seeing and sharing stories about them.

"I was sitting in a golf cart at No. 6 green when the tallest bobcat I've seen sauntered by me so close and so slowly I could have reached out and touched it," Jolley said.

Golfers and staff at Waterchase enjoy similar urban-wildlife relationships, said Alison Wise, the club's food and beverage manager.

"We have some beautiful bobcats," Wise said. "I know we've seen at least two separate ones in the last year, because one's bigger than the other."

Keeping track of critters

Texas keeps tabs on such public observations at iNaturalist.org, Broman said.

It's a website "where the public contributes to conservation and research," Broman said. "TPWD uses it to collect and manage public observation of plants and animals, because that's a very important data resource."

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The public responded with more than 270 bobcat observations on iNaturalist.org in the last 2 1/2 years, Broman said.

“That’s a tiny percent of the actual sightings, because so few people know about the website,” Broman said.

There have been a handful of rare wildlife sightings, Broman said.

“River otters have been seen southeast of Dallas in the Great Trinity Forest, up by Lake Lewisville and up near Lake Lavon,” Broman said. “Mink were reported in southeast Dallas, central Grand Prairie and down by Lake Benbrook.”

Such encounters “have huge implications, because these critters are indicators of good water quality,” Broman said. “As much as we bash the Trinity [River] it appears it’s healthy enough to support these carnivores. It’s fantastic that the public is seeing these things.

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NRH starts new exchange zone for online buyers, sellers

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

The city has opened a safe zone for residents who buy products online to make the exchanges, one of several Tarrant County cities to do so.

In North Richland Hills, the new Exchange Zone is two clearly marked parking spaces in front of the Police Department at 7301 N.E. Loop 820. The department had already set aside space for people with child-custody transfers, police investigator Keith Bauman said. The online zone is an extension of that program and a response to national reports of robberies and other crimes during online transactions, city officials said.

In April, Bedford and Euless started providing exchange zones in the parking lot of their police departments. Arlington police are working on one, officials said.

"Can we remove the problems? No," Bauman said. "We try to do our best to lesson those potential problems and give individuals a safe location to go."

Bauman said he was unaware of any e-commerce crimes in North Richland Hills. But reports of such crimes have surfaced rapidly across the country during the past few years.

In San Francisco, a 22-year-old man was shot and killed in broad daylight when he tried to sell a PlayStation 4 near a park. The man arrested agreed to meet after responding to a Craigslist ad, according to news reports.

In Prince George's County, Md., three people were arrested after robbing people of iPhones advertised on Craigslist. The three males would agree to meet their victims and then rob them, according to news reports.

In Tacoma, Wash., two teenagers were robbed and kidnapped after they went to look at a car advertised on Craigslist. The teenagers managed to escape. Two men were arrested, according to news reports.

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EXCHANGE ZONE

Bedford police started offering an exchange zone for online purchases or child custody exchanges in April, and North Richland Hills recently followed suit. | Ron Jenkins Star-Telegram archives

By Gene Trainor

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People in North Richland Hills do not need to sign up or notify the department about a planned transaction, Bauman said. They can just show up. The area has a video surveillance system operating all the time, and police officers are just steps away from the parking lot.

The program has been underway for a few weeks.

During a recent Monday evening, North Richland Hills resident Randy Bright parked his vehicle at the Exchange Zone to sell a hand-held video game device.

"I think it's great," he said. "It keeps people honest or it makes you feel like it does."

It also provides a sense of security, he said. The department encourages residents to consider options like the Exchange Zone.

Bedford designated three of its parking spaces with green markings saying "exchange zone." Each space is monitored by surveillance cameras, and dispatchers inside the buildings can see the activity outside.

In Euless, several spaces in the Police Department's northwest parking lot at 1102 Euless Blvd. are marked as exchange zones. Those spaces also can be used for child-custody exchanges.

Arlington police are working to establish safe zones at police stations, spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Richard said, adding that the main lobby at Division and Cooper streets is always open if people want to meet in a monitored area.

In Fort Worth, the main Police Department lobby at 350 W. Belknap St. is open 24 hours a day with an officer on duty.

The Benbrook Police Department's parking lot is equipped with a video camera, and people are welcome to use the lot or the lobby for custody exchanges or online transactions, Police Chief James Mills said.

Craigslist's recently updated safety page includes the suggestion, "Consider making high-value exchanges at your local police station."

The website safetradestations.com says "hundreds" of departments nationwide offer a protected site for Craigslist, eBay, Facebook and other transactions involving strangers.

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PLAYING IT SAFE

Area police urge residents to consider doing these things when meeting a stranger to buy or sell an expensive item in an online advertisement.

- Take someone with you.
- If something feels "off," stop.
- Make sure relatives and friends know the time and place.
- Never list your home address or phone number.
- Research the seller/buyer if possible.
- Check other websites to determine whether the seller/buyer has had any reported problems.
- Research products to determine their true worth.
- Avoid out-of-the-way meeting places and nighttime transactions.
- Be wary of someone who insists on a secluded location.
- Avoid sellers who contact you without invitation.
- Be wary of out-of-town buyers.

Source: Arlington police

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Dallas Stars youth program helps players build skills, have fun

By Rick Mauch

Special to the Star-Telegram

Like any sport, you never know where the next superstar will come from. Of course, often playing a sport can be just for the fun of it.

Either way, the Dallas Stars Little Rookies program provides youngsters ages 4-8 with a chance to get better at the game of hockey and have a good time at the same time.

"The Little Rookies program is a youth hockey initiative," said Jim Lites, Dallas Stars president and CEO.

The program, designed by former Dallas Star and National Hockey League Hall of Famer Mike Modano, is offered five times per year. It offers first-time youth hockey players a chance to try the sport for free.

Each four-week program consists of 30-minute sessions on Saturdays, usually beginning at noon. Locally, they are held at the Dr Pepper StarCenter in Euless, 1400 S. Pipeline Road West.

All the necessary equipment is provided.

"The program allows for children in the area to learn about hockey, while being fully outfitted in equipment, without any financial burden to the family," said Lites. "We are continually committed to growing the sport of hockey in North Texas and across the entire Lone Star State."

The program has two winter sessions, along with spring, summer and fall. To find the dates, call 817-267-4233 or visit to DrPepperStarCenters.com.

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Happy Movements

The Bedford Parks and Recreation Department is offering a different type of yoga class for citizens age 55 and over. Happy Movements provides therapeutic principles with yoga, respecting the body's changes as it ages.

The class will combine traditional yoga with a more gentle, non-traditional approach. Participants will learn proper breathing techniques and meditation.

No previous yoga experience is required, but participants must be able to get down to and up from the floor.

The next set of classes begins July 28. For more information, visit www.bedfordtx.gov.

BESA hosting British Challenger Camps

Bedford Eules Soccer Association is hosting British Challenger Soccer Camps for various ages Aug. 3-7 at the Stormie Jones Soccer Complex. Camps include First Kicks (ages 3-4), cost \$88; Mini-Soccer (5-6), \$103; Half-Day (7-16), \$134; and Golden Goal (Monday-Thursday, all ages), \$55.

For times and more information, e-mail georgewilliams@challengersports.com.

Hurst United Soccer registration

Regular registration for the fall season of Hurst United Soccer is now online. Also, in-person registration will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Dick's Sporting Goods at Northeast Mall.

Anyone who registers between July 26-Aug. 1 will incur a \$25 late penalty and will not be guaranteed placement. This also applies to returning players.

Contact husaregistrar@gmail.com

Challenger soccer camps

Blue Sky Sports Center in Eules will host a British Soccer Camp July 27-31. This is one of America's most popular soccer camps.

Call 817-545-2243 for more information.

Youth baseball registration

Registration for the fall baseball leagues at The Parks at Texas Star is underway through Aug. 16. Leagues include Rookie, A, AA and AAA for ages 3 and up.

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For more information, e-mail pats@eulesstx.gov or call 817-685-1838.

Open-play volleyball

Hurst Recreation Center has open-play volleyball on Mondays from 6-10 p.m and 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays. There must be at least four players present in order to set up the net.

Contact the center at 817-788-7325.

Weekly racquetball challenge

The Hurst Recreation Center is holding a racquetball challenge each Tuesday through Thursday from 7-10 p.m. Court 1 is reserved for the Challenge. Players wishing to participate register by signing their name on a form on a clipboard outside the court.

The more you win, the longer you get to keep control of the court.

To participate in the challenge, a person must be age 16 or over. For more information, contact the Hurst Recreation Center at 817-788-7325.

Water aerobics classes

Curious about water aerobics? Drop into a class at a Eules pool and give it a try.

For \$10 (non-refundable), visitors can come to a class and see if it's for them. Classes are offered for various sessions and prices.

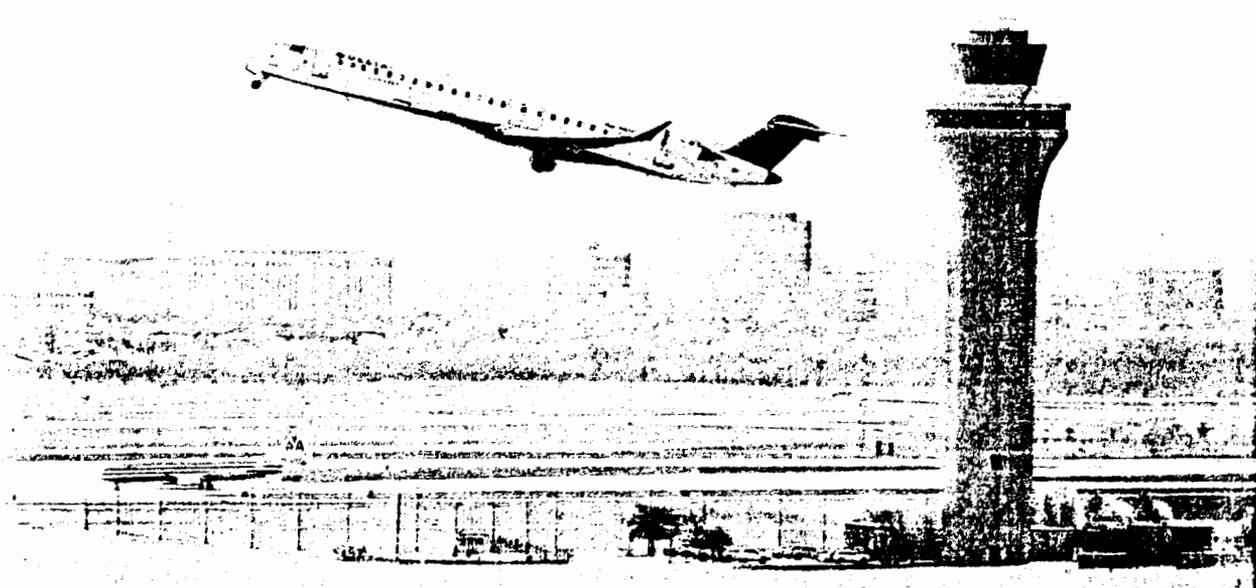
The fee cannot be used as credit toward a card punch or membership. For more information, call 817-685-1666.

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Northeast Tarrant

Harwood Road extension will provide another route to DFW Airport



A proposed extension of Harwood Road in Euless would provide another access point to DFW Airport. | Rodger Mallison Star-Telegram archives

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EULESS

With the proposed extension of Harwood Road, motorists in a few years may have a new east-west pathway to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

DFW Airport and the Texas Department of Transportation are looking at plans to build a 1.27-mile four-lane extension of Harwood Road to help ease traffic congestion in and around the airport.

Officials from TxDOT, the Federal Aviation Administration and the airport are holding an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Mary Lib Saleh Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive, to give the public a chance to comment on the project.

Plans include extending Harwood Road from Texas 360 east to International Parkway. Texas 360 would then link up with Rental Car Drive and Northgate Drive, forming a new east-west corridor connecting Euless and Irving.

"We're excited about it. It's going to provide another avenue for our residents to go east or west," said Euless spokeswoman Betsy Deck.

The road would be built on airport land that is mostly undeveloped, DFW spokesman David Magana said.

Construction probably won't begin for at least three years, Magana said. An environmental impact study is underway, and once that's complete the design and construction may then go forward.

A cost estimate wasn't yet available, said TxDOT spokesman Val Lopez.

Regionally important roads

Harwood Road is a city street, not a highway, that runs from Davis Boulevard in North Richland Hills through Hurst, Bedford and Euless and in many areas cuts through residential neighborhoods.

But because TxDOT has vast expertise in hiring contractors and securing state and federal funds for road work, it often oversees contracts for local agencies. DFW Airport likely would play a strong role in the project, since nearly all the work would take place on airport property.

Harwood Road could become a regionally important road, similar to Mid-Cities Boulevard, an east-west corridor that changes names as it cuts through Saginaw, north Fort Worth, Watauga, North Richland Hills, Hurst, Colleyville and Euless.

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Unlike Harwood, Mid-Cities already has access to DFW Airport, crossing over Texas 360 to connect to Airfield Drive, which intersects with International Parkway. The stretch of Mid-Cities from Texas 360 to Airfield Drive, which runs by Bear Creek Golf Course, was recently expanded.

Deck said because the Harwood extension is in an undeveloped area, road work likely won't cause disruptions to motorists and won't require the taking of any property belonging to homes or businesses.

"The least amount of disruption the better," Deck said.

Eager for alternate routes

The extension of Harwood Road is part of a larger regional effort to improve mobility in the Dallas-Fort Worth area's congested center.

DFW Airport has more than 18,000 acres, making it larger than the island of Manhattan. It's widely considered the biggest economic engine and most important job center in North Texas, but for commuters it also forms a formidable geographic obstruction smack dab in the middle of the Metroplex.

For years, motorists in Northeast Tarrant County and western Dallas County have dealt with congested, outdated roads and massive construction projects.

For example, the \$2.5 billion North Tarrant Express project — which included a complete makeover of Texas 121/183 "Airport Freeway" in Bedford, Euless and Hurst — was completed about a year ago. But now, a similar project known as Midtown Express — the reconstruction of Texas 183 from Industrial Boulevard in Euless to Interstate 35E in Irving and Dallas — is just getting underway and promises to keep area highways choked with orange barrels until 2018.

So motorists remain eager for alternate routes.

"Highway 183 is about to be under major construction, and what we've found in the past is when the highway is under construction, Highway 10 fills up very quickly," Deck said. "This will just provide one more connector that residents can use to help keep moving and get home."

On Texas 183 in Euless, motorists can expect work related to the Midtown Express project to pick up steam toward the end of the year, said Midtown Express spokeswoman Selma Stockstill. The plans call for adding one toll lane in each direction, and reconstruction and modernization of existing lanes, she said.

"By the end of the year in the Euless area, you will see some activity," Stockstill said, adding that some minor traffic switches near the south entrance to DFW Airport are already taking place.

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IF YOU GO

Residents interested in learning more about the proposed extension of Harwood Road are invited to attend a public meeting.

- When: 6-8 p.m. Thursday
- Where: Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive
- More info: The meeting is open house-style, so residents may come and go as they please. Maps of the proposed route will be available and officials with the Texas Department of Transportation and other agencies will be on hand to answer questions and hear feedback.
- Online: Eulesstx.gov.

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New homes popping up in south Euless



Developers are flocking to south Euless, building homes on what little vacant land is left. The Silver Crest Subdivision is among those under construction. | Paul Moseley Star-Telegram

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EULESS

Developers are snatching up vacant land in south Euless trying to keep pace with the demand for housing.

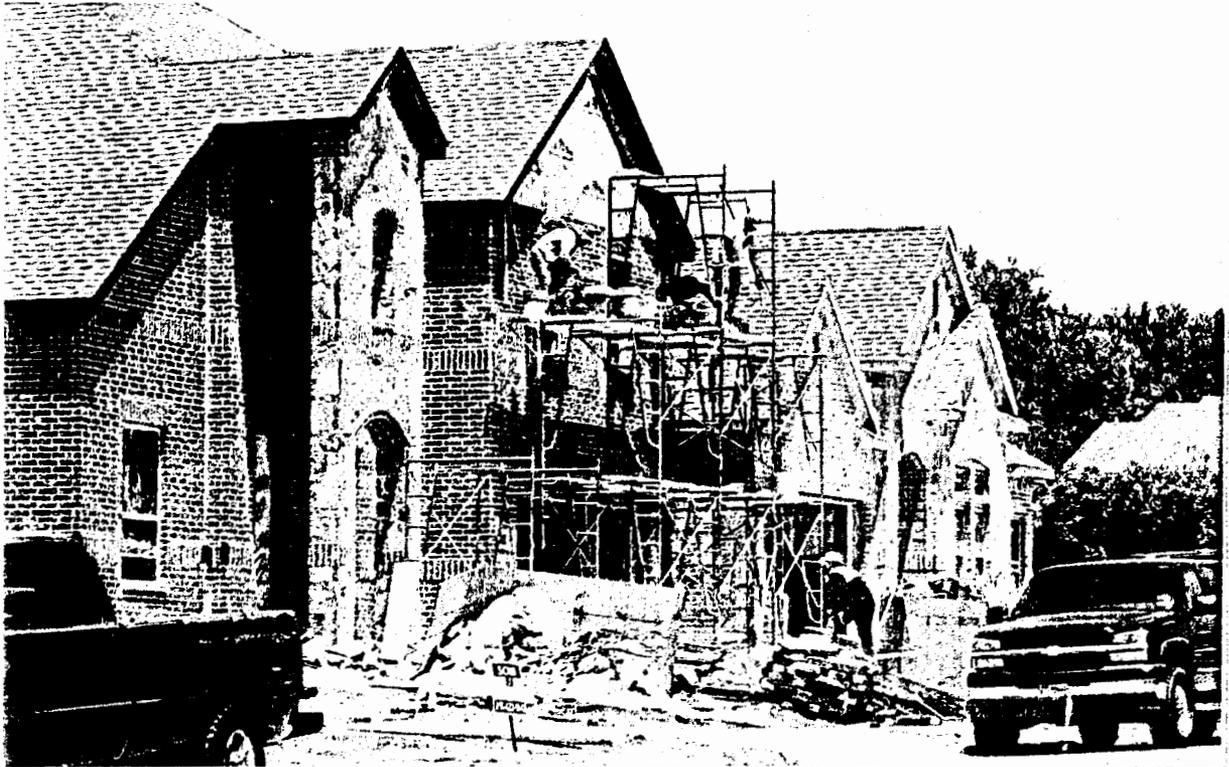
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South of the Airport Freeway, neighborhoods are seeing a transformation as new homes are going in next to the ranch-style houses that were built 30 to 40 years ago.



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To Councilwoman Linda Eilenfeldt, who is also a Realtor, the construction boom is good news.

"Eules is uniquely positioned to have easy access to good schools. The city is also well run and it is close to D/FW Airport and the Airport Freeway. You can be anywhere from north Dallas to downtown Fort Worth in 20 minutes," she said.

The city is also close to two Trinity Railway Express stations, in CentrePort and Hurst.

Mike Collins, the city's planning and economic development director, said 70 permits have been issued for new homes, compared with 29 from the same period last year.

The trend to build homes on smaller plots of land is not unique to Eules, he said.

"There are fewer large tracts of land. If you are a mature, built-out city without much vacant, undeveloped land, then you are going to look at 2- to 5-acre tracts for development that hasn't occurred before," he said.

Recently, the City Council approved plans for several development projects south of Airport Freeway, including a 57-acre mixed-use development called Midtown that will have a mix of single-family, town homes and urban lofts along with restaurants.

Another 15-acre development includes single-family homes and housing for senior citizens. Bloomfield Homes and Gardner Capital are partners in the project which is south of Texas 10 and bounded by Collum Street on the west and Dickey Drive on the east. Other small subdivisions in various phases of completion include 3.2 acres off of East Whitener Road, where Southlake-based Bloomfield Homes is building 19 homes.

Bloomfield President Don Dykstra said the homes will sell in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range. Dykstra said he is also building in north Eules.

"The city has great access to places like Las Colinas. There are lots of people who grew up in Eules and want to raise their families there," Dykstra said.

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