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NBA Star Myles Turner Returns to North Texas for Honor

By Todd L. Davis

Star NBA forward Myles Turner returns to his former junior high school in Euless to be honored by his home town Thursday.

Former North Texas high school basketball star Myles Turner returns to Euless to be honored by his home town Thursday.

The Mayor of Euless will proclaim Feb. 11 as Myles Turner Day in the city at a pep rally at Central Junior High School, which he attended from 2006 through 2009.

The Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District will also name the first Myles Turner Player of the Year award recipient at the pep rally. The award will go to a junior high student-athlete with strong character, academics and leadership.

Turner starred at Trinity High School. The highly-coveted recruit attended the University of Texas in 2014 before being selected with the 11th overall pick of the 2015 NBA Draft by the Indiana Pacers.

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Eules firefighters found a body after fighting a small grass fire. Lauren Zakalik has more.

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EULESS — A body was found Sunday morning after firefighters put out a small grass fire near Texas 360, police said.

Police did not release the gender or approximate age of the victim.

Firefighters were called to the grass fire shortly after 11:30 a.m. in the area near Texas 360 and Harwood Road. "It was a very small grass fire," said Fire Chief Wes Rhodes on Sunday. No firefighters were injured.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze and found the body.

Fire officials alerted police, who began an investigation, said police Lt. Brandon Zachary in a brief news release.

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A body was found as Euless firefighters extinguished a grass fire near Highway 360 and Harwood Road on February 14, 2016. (Miguel Estrada / WFAA)

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H-E-B Happenings



Work will begin in March along Texas 183 in Euless and stretch to Interstate 35E in Dallas.
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Construction of the Midtown Express project will begin earlier than expected

Euless officials said that beginning March 4, the Texas 183 entrance and exit ramps at Ector Drive will be permanently closed.

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The city and Southgate Constructors, the company that is overseeing the project will hold an informational meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Euless City Council chambers, 201 N. Ector Drive.

Other work scheduled includes replacing the Main Street Bridge.

Midtown Express, an extension of the North Tarrant Express, will reconstruct Texas 183 from Industrial Boulevard in Euless to Interstate 35E in Dallas. One toll lane will be added in each direction.

“We were looking for areas to accelerate the schedule,” said Selma Stockstill, public information manager for Southgate Constructors.

The Midtown Express is an \$850 million project that stretches 28 miles through five cities and two counties.

Construction was supposed to begin on the Main Street Bridge in 2017 and take a year and a half to complete, but work has been moved up to this June.

The construction will also affect the pedestrian bridge for students at Euless Junior High. Stockstill said the bridge is “tentatively” closing at the end of the school year.

Bedford conducts residential outreach meeting on Feb. 25

Bedford residents are encouraged to RSVP to a special meeting on Feb. 25.

Mayor Jim Griffin, library director Maria Redburn and, Bill Syblon, director of economic development, will give presentations and answer questions at the residential outreach meeting at 7 p.m. at the Old Bedford School, 2400 School Lane.

The meeting will feature updates on a variety of projects and there will be a Q&A session that follows. The event is free and open to the public.

This meeting is sponsored by the Bedford Community Affairs Commission.

Please RSVP by Monday at www.feb2016residentialoutreach.eventbrite.com

More trout on their way to Hurst pond on Saturday

Here's hoping the nice weather will hang on for a few more days because rainbow trout will again be stocked at Hurst's Chisholm Park pond on Saturday.

As part of the state's Neighborhood Fishing program, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be stocking the pond with trout and they'll be ready to catch as soon as they hit the water.

Here are the rules:

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- Those fishing must have a state fishing license.
- Those under 17 can fish without a license.
- No more than two fishing poles per person.
- Limit is five trout per person per day, no minimum length.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Eules

Today

Junior Purls of Wisdom. Learn to loom, knit and crochet with the Junior Pearls of Wisdom group that meets at the Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Dr. This group is for third grade and older. Contact 817-685-1480. Wednesdays 4 p.m.

Today and Thursday

StoryPalooza. A storytelling events for ages 3 and up at the Eules Public Library. Contact 817-685-1480. Tuesdays at 11 a.m., Wednesdays at 11 a.m., Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- Teen Rumble. Activities for teens in Teen Rumble will be held at the Eules Public Library. Contact 817-685-1480. Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

- English Second Language Tutoring. English Second Language tutoring will be held at the Eules Public Library. Contact 817-685-1480. Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Make It and Take It Crafts. Create themed crafts to take home in this group that meets at the Eules Public Library. Ages 16 and up. Contact 817-685-1480. Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday and Tuesday

AARP Tax Help. Tax help is available at the Eules Public Library. Contact 817-685-1480.

Saturdays, Noon-3:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 4-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

ESL Conversation Club. Adults 18 and older are welcome to come in and practice their speaking and listening skills as the English as a Second Language group meets at the Eules Public Library. Students must be able to hold a conversation in English in order to participate. Contact 817-685-1480. Tuesdays 7 p.m.

Sunday

Novel Ideas Book Club. The Novel Ideas Book Club meets at the Eules Public Library. Book club members choose the books they read, and everyone is welcome. Contact www.meetup.com/NovelIdeas. Every other Sunday, 2 p.m.

Monday

- Moonlit Purls. This knitting/crocheting group Moonlit Purls meets at the Eules Public Library. Contact 817-685-1480. second and fourth Monday each month, 6-8 p.m.

- Deryl Harrison, hypnotist. Deryl Harrison will perform at the Eules Public Library. Contact 817-685-1480. 7 p.m.

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Eules council members face challengers in May

Hurst hopefuls include daughter of "Duck Dynasty" character

One mayor's term expires

No seats open for H-E-B school district

BY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL
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Friday is the last day to file to run for open seats on the Hurst, Eules and Bedford city councils. As of Friday, candidates in Hurst — including one



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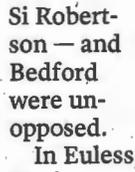
Price



Champney



Turner



Si Robertson — and Bedford were unopposed. In Eules, Place 1 Councilman Tim Stinne-

ford and Place 3 Councilman Eddie Price have drawn opponents.

Early voting runs April 25 through May 3 for the May 7 election.

Here is a list of candidates who have filed:

HURST CITY COUNCIL

(Two-year terms)
Place 3: (Mayor) Richard Ward, incumbent
Place 4: Trasa Robertson Cobern
Place 5: Bill McLendon, incumbent
Place 7: Nancy Welton, incumbent

EULES CITY COUNCIL

(Three-year terms)
Place 1: Tim Stinneford, incumbent; Tim St. Clair
Place 3: Eddie Price, incumbent; Aaron Lindeman; George Moore

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

(Three-year terms)
Place 3: Ray Champney, incumbent
Place 5: Roy Turner, incumbent

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Grocer HEB buys property in Euless

BY SANDRA BAKER
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San Antonio-based HEB Grocery Co. has acquired two more pieces of property in Tarrant County, adding to speculation that the South Texas supermarket chain is plotting an expansion in North Texas.

In November, the company bought a 17.8-acre tract at the northeast corner of Cheek-Sparger Road and Heritage Avenue in the Glade Parks development in Euless in November, deed records show. That fast-growing shopping center has already attracted several retailers including Belk, Dicks Sporting Goods and Dave & Buster's.

And in December, the grocer bought an 18.2-acre tract at the southeast corner of U.S. 287 and Bond Ranch Road in north Fort Worth.

HEB is a leading grocer in San Antonio and Austin. It also operates Central Market, which has stores in Fort Worth and Southlake, and it already owns several vacant parcels in Tarrant County.

The company has declined to talk about its future plans for the properties. The chain has HEB grocery stores in Burleson, Granbury and Cleburne, and plans to open in Hudson Oaks west of Fort Worth this year.

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Fierce GOP fight for House district that includes H-E-B

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The future of the Republican Party lies in Tarrant County.

And depending on how a few heated primary battles here turn out, it could help determine whether the party — and, more broadly, the Legislature — becomes more conservative or moderate.

Case in point: the contentious fight for House District 92, which pits uber conservative and outspoken Tea Party firebrand state Rep. Jonathan Stickland against Scott Fisher, a local pastor who is backed by establishment Republicans.

Stickland and Fisher face off in the March 1 Republican primary to determine who will represent the district that includes Hurst, Euless, Bedford and parts of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie.

At stake is a two-year term that pays \$7,200 a year.

Stickland, described as a political bomb thrower by some, was elected to office in 2012 and re-elected in 2014. The 32-year-old oil and gas consultant has



Stickland



Fisher

drawn headlines for everything from labeling himself as a “former fetus” to being the focus of an investigation into whether witness cards were falsified.

He said he’s running for another term to continue “the work to bring more freedom and less government to Texans.

“I’ve done exactly what I said I would do in office,” he said. “I have a proven track record of getting things done and voting conservatively.”

If re-elected, Stickland’s top priorities next year would include property tax reduction, cutting state spending, boosting border security, turning off “magnets that are attracting illegals here,” ending sanctuary cities and improving Texas’ public education system.

Fisher, a senior pastor of Metroplex Chapel of Euless and current chair of the Texas Juvenile Justice Commission, said he

thought about running for office for a decade and finally decided to throw his hat into the ring for this House district.

A former communications director for the Texas Christian Coalition, Fisher was appointed through the years to boards and commissions, many times by then-Gov. Rick Perry. He also served on the Board of Managers of the John Peter Smith Network for years, as well as on the state GOP executive committee, as a three-time national delegate, a precinct chair an election judge and more.

He said the main issues in this race “are the ineffectiveness of the incumbent in accomplishing any conservative goals.”

“The fact that the incumbent has alienated so many people hurts many of our local residents who now lack a voice,” the 57-year-old said. “In his time in office, no legislator has passed fewer of the bills they authored. He has goals, but he cannot achieve them. If things had been going well, I would not have decided it was so important to run.”

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MUSEUM AND PARK

Monthly tour lets folks step back into Eules history



Historic sewing machines are some of the items on display.



Darla Whitley of Terrell and Rusty Veo of Irving at Himes Log House.



Eules residents Barney Snitz, Leon Hogg and Bill Byers.

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Eules Police Chief Mike Brown and his son Leland Brown perform Saturday at the Eules Museum and Historic Heritage Park.

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Transportation summit Friday for NE Tarrant

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Transportation issues affect every one of us and play a big role in our quality of life. No one wants to waste valuable time sitting in traffic when we have more important things to do. And the significance of transportation within the economy, on the quality of the air we breathe and on our safety makes this topic a big deal for all us.

If you want to get in on the transportation conversation, head over to the Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hurst Conference Center. Since the event is back for a seventh year — with more than 500 businesses participating — it is safe to assume that Tarrant County Commissioner **Gary Fickes** and his able staff know how to produce this event. The half-day summit is now regarded as one of the premier transportation events in Texas.

The summit will showcase a variety of speakers in panel discussions talking about the future of transportation in Tarrant County, in Texas and across the country. The theme is “Shifting Gears: Challenges and Opportunities in Regional Mobility.”

Keynote speaker will be well-known and respected economist **Ray Perryman** sharing his thoughts about the importance of “Transportation as an Economic Driver.”

“We have been trying to bring Dr. Ray Perryman for several years, and this was the first time he has been available,” says Commissioner Fickes. “With the challenges facing energy and transportation right now, Dr. Perryman is the ideal person to deliver his insights on how mobility will shape the North Texas economy.”

Staff members in Commissioner’s Fickes’ office who have worked for months to plan the summit include **Rebecca Barksdale** and **Devin Wenske** along with **Theresa Parsons**, **Richard Schiller**, **Roselee Kerr**, **Marsha Etie**, **Freida Landerholm** and **John Fletcher**.

One panel discussion will focus on answering the question: “Will Transportation Measures Deliver on Their Promise?” The moderator is **Michael Morris** from the North Central Texas Council of Governments along with panel members **Victor Vandergriff**, Texas Transportation commissioner, and **Ed Ireland** from the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council.

Leading a discussion on “The Impact of the Panama Canal on our Region’s Mobility and Economic Opportunities” will be **Dan Harmon**, Maritime Division director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

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A third panel will have a strictly local focus as Fort Worth Mayor **Betsy Price** along with North Richland Hills Mayor **Oscar Trevino**, Colleyville Mayor Pro Tem **Mike Taylor** and Haslet Mayor Pro Tem **Warren Robb** discuss the status of transportation projects in Northeast Tarrant County and big challenges facing us in the future.

“State officials have told us this has become the must-attend transportation event in North Texas and they continue to be amazed at the quality of our presenters and the size of our crowd,” Fickes said.

Precinct 3 Administrator Rebecca Barksdale said, “It is a great way for our local businesses and citizens to ask questions of the experts and hear presentations regarding our local transportation projects and other topics. Proceeds benefit five Northeast Tarrant transportation agencies that serve the elderly and disabled.”

Registration is \$30 per person. Sign up at any local chamber of commerce or contact Barksdale at rbarksdale@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-581-3600. Additional details are available at www.NETransportationSummit.com.

Community Champions feted at 6 Stones luncheon

It was a full house last week when a crowd of around 400 gathered for the 6 Stones Catalyst of Hope Luncheon to honor partners and supporters of the Bedford-based charity. It was a time to celebrate accomplishments of the past seven years since 6 Stones was founded and to hand out awards for 2015’s Community Champions.

“We host our annual Catalyst of Hope Luncheon to show our partners just how valuable they are. It was our pleasure to share the numbers and stories that reflect the work done here last year,” said spokesman **Steven Jones**. The event theme was “City Transformation” to pay homage to local supporters — community champions — who have helped find solutions to local issues and problems.

The agency serves families in the area with the New Hope Center, which provides food, clothing and other resources, as well as partnering with surrounding cities to help struggling homeowners with repairs through the Community Powered Revitalization program. It provides school supplies for H-E-B students in Operation Back 2 School and helps thousands of families at Christmas with a Night of Hope event.

For their work in various 6 Stones programs and initiatives, Game Changer awards were presented to Smith Lawn & Tree, Mark Murphy, Zack Smithson, Jason Foshea, Kathy Lehrmann, Jerry Bulleri, Roy Cramer, Gary Phillips, Jon Moody and Calvin Plowman.

The spotlight then moved to recognize outstanding contributions from several individuals and organizations for their remarkable service to 6 Stones. Corporate Sponsor of 2015 went to Classic Chevrolet, and Lockheed Martin received the 2015 Corporate Volunteer award.

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Civic Partner of the Year went to Randy Richards, and Foundation Baptist Church took home the honors for Faith Based Organization of the year. Tammy Daggs was named 2015's best School Based Advocate, and World Vision received the 2015 Partnering Non-Profit award. The Next Generation Award went to the Trinity Trojan football team, and Betsy Deck received the Innovator Award.

The drum roll moment was the announcement of the Gary McKamie Catalyst of Hope Award, the highest accolade that 6 Stones grants. It goes to an individual who embodies the principles and practices of 6 Stones and who inspires, encourages and challenges others.

The audience erupted in applause when **Steve Lineweaver**, former Trinity High School head football coach of the three-time state champion team, was named as the recipient of the award.

Described by one 6 Stones staff member as possibly "the most legendary figure in the history of the area," Lineweaver accepted the award with praises for the work of others. "From his fellow coaches at Trinity High School to the young men who grew from football players into police officers, fathers and volunteers, Steve Lineweaver used his time in the spotlight to celebrate everyone else," Jones said in a statement.

Lineweaver said in his acceptance speech, "We've got a sign at Trinity that says 'Enter to Learn, Exit to Serve,'" adding that he always tried to teach kids to be servant leaders during his coaching career. He said his hero was wife, Melinda, who teaches at Oakwood Terrace Elementary by day and has a jail ministry in the evenings.

Scott Sheppard, 6 Stones executive director, praised the community for their role in what he called the "City Transformation Movement."

"The reality is this: We [6 Stones] were given an assignment to go meet the needs of the community. And all we've done as a staff is put our head down — and that's all you've done is put your head down — and you worked hard for seven years."

To learn more about the organization, visit www.6Stones.org or call the offices at 817-868-7400.