

Bedford Municipal Police Association Holding Charitable Event at the new Texas Harley-Davidson



Texas Harley-Davidson Logo

BEDFORD, Texas, March 8, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The Bedford Municipal Police Association (BMPA) will be holding their 3rd Annual Police Motorcycle Skills Rodeo on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The competition begins at 9:00 am at the new Texas Harley-Davidson located at 1921 Shoalmont Rd. Bedford, TX 76021.

Come watch some of the finest motor officers around North Texas compete in 5 different course challenges and see which one will take home the prestigious "Mr. Rodeo" award!

We will also have vendors, food, raffle, silent auction, and a Kid's Zone!

Proceeds from this event will go to help the family of Fallen Euless Police Officer David Hofer. Officer Hofer was 29 years old and joined the Euless Police Department in January, 2014 after serving five years with the NYPD. He is survived by his fiancée, parents, sister, brother and his Euless Police family.

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H-E-B Happenings



The Fort Worth Zoo is always popular during spring break, which is next week for the H-E-B school district. **Rodger Mallison** Star-Telegram archives

BELK OPENING TODAY AT GLADE PARKS

The much-anticipated opening of the Belk department store in Glade Parks is here.

The store opens at 9 a.m. today with a ribbon-cutting and remarks from Euless Mayor Linda Martin and H-E-B chamber and Belk executives.

The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and the Trinity High School drumline will provide entertainment.

The first 600 people to go through the doors will receive gift cards, with values ranging from \$5 to \$600.

From 5 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday there's a Girl's Night Out at which gift bags will be given to the first 50 attendees.

Events are also scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

Located next to Dick's Sporting Goods in the fast-growing development, Belk offers a wide range of clothing brands, from Ralph Lauren to Lucky to Calvin Klein, as well as cosmetics, shoes and home goods.

The store in Glade Parks, which is at Texas 121 between Cheek-Sparger and Glade roads in Euless, will be the 16th in Texas and ninth in Dallas-Fort Worth.

TAX RETURN HELP OFFERED IN EULESS, HURST

AARP volunteers continue to offer help to individuals and couples in preparing their income tax returns.

Volunteers will be at the [Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library](#), 201 N. Ector Drive, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays through April 15. Information: Library reference desk: [817-685-1489](#).

For members of the [Euless Family Life Senior Center](#), an AARP tax aide will be on site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 15. Appointments: [817-685-1671](#).

In Hurst, AARP volunteers will be at the Hurst Public Library from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through April 12. The library is at 901 Precinct Line Road. Registration is required. Information: [817-788-7300](#).

SPRING BREAK IS NEXT WEEK IN H-E-B DISTRICT

Keep a watchful eye out for students as spring break begins Monday and continues all week in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford school district.

While there are plenty of things to do in and around DFW, the Fort Worth Zoo is always popular during spring break and even offers a special camp for students in the first through sixth grades. Information/registration at fortworthzoo.org or [817-759-7201](tel:817-759-7201).

Read more here: http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/hurst-euless-bedford_news/article64543097.html#storylink=cpy

Eules Chick-fil-A honors slain officer David Hofer with Missing Man Tabled



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A Eules Chick-fil-A is honoring murdered officer David Hofer with its version of a Missing Man Table.

The table features a photo, flowers, a folded American flag and a place setting for the fallen officer. It's a take on the table which is set up to honor and remember dead, missing or imprisoned U.S. service members.

Some Chick-fil-A locations across the United States put up Missing Man Tables in November for Veterans Day. The Eules location decided it wanted to remember the slain officer with a Missing Man Table of its own.

Hofer, 29, was killed last week in a shootout with a suspect who was high on meth in a public park. Brian Gonzalez, 22, stole weapons from a nearby house he used in the gun fight. Police killed Gonzalez in the shootout.

Thousands of people attended a Saturday memorial service honoring Hofer in Bedford at Pennington Field. The memorial service had a 21-gun-salute, bagpipes and speeches from Eules PD Chief Michael Brown, Hofer's fiancé and Hofer's father. A memorial service was also held on Monday in New York City.

Hofer spent five years with the NYPD before moving to Texas, where he worked for two years with the Eules police department.

Clock is ticking on locks left on Eules bridge over Airport Freeway

Bridge will be demolished in June

Students annually place locks on bridge's fence

Developer may give locks to Eules Junior High



The pedestrian bridge over the Airport Freeway near Main Street in Eules will be torn down. **Paul Moseley** pmoseley@star-telegram.com

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EULESS

Who were Ruben and Teri, and what became of them?

At some point, at least one of them must have had a crush on the other because there is a small padlock with the message “Ruben + Teri” dangling on a pedestrian bridge over Airport Freeway — just a few steps from Eules Junior High School.

A tiny turquoise heart is also painted on the weather-worn padlock, which looks as if it has hung on the bridge's chain-link fencing for years.

The “Ruben + Teri” lock is one of at least 50 that have been randomly placed on the bridge over the years. The locks serve as a reminder that for many students the bridge was a major part of their everyday existence — a landmark along the monotonous walk to and from school.

It's a landmark that won't be there much longer, because the bridge is scheduled to be torn down as part of the Midtown Express construction project.

For those no longer involved in the daily grind of school, the discarded locks may perhaps serve as a reminder of what it feels like to be young and rebellious. One can almost imagine a young teen-ager fastening his or her lock to the fencing, as an act of celebration on the last day of school before summer break.

“The principal said they make the 13-year-olds take them home” at the end of the spring semester, Hurst-Euless-Bedford school district spokeswoman Deanne Hullender said. “And they don’t want to take them home.”

In its own way, the Euless bridge is a smaller version of the famous *Pont des Arts* bridge in Paris, where for years visiting couples placed “locks of love” with sentimental messages. However, French officials last year began removing what became a collection of about 700,000 locks, saying the weight of the devices was damaging the structure.



THE EULESS BRIDGE IS SCHEDULED TO BE DEMOLISHED IN JUNE TO MAKE WAY FOR A MASSIVE HIGHWAY EXPANSION.

The Euless bridge, which connects neighborhoods south of Airport Freeway (also known as Texas 183) to Euless Junior High, is scheduled to be demolished in June to make way for a massive highway expansion. The bridge will not be replaced, and once the structure is gone anyone wishing to safely cross the freeway will have to walk to one of the nearby underpasses, including Ector Drive or Main Street.

When asked about the locks by the *Star-Telegram*, an official from the main contractor of the highway project, Southgate Constructors, said the company is interested in possibly preserving the locks as a testament to the bridge’s important role in the school’s history.

“Our removal team has agreed to salvage that portion of the bridge, if that’s what the school wants,” said Southgate Constructors spokeswoman Selma Stockstill.

The pedestrian bridge was built in 1969, Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Michael Peters said. Its primary purpose was to safely get students from one side of the freeway to the other.

The bridge walkway is covered by chain-link fencing, to prevent anyone from climbing onto the freeway — which is one of the busiest in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, with about 200,000 vehicles using it each day — or throwing any large objects onto the cars below.

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Filings depict chaotic gun battle that led to Euless officer's death

Euless police officers have filed their first written accounts of the gun battle that left Officer Dave Hofer mortally wounded and the shooter dead. The writings reveal frustration and anguish. News 8's Jim Douglas has more.

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News 8 Exclusive

EULESS -- Euless police officers have filed their first written accounts of the gun battle that left officer Dave Hofer mortally wounded, and the shooter dead.

The writings reveal frustration and anguish. They also depict an apparent effort by the gunman to trick officers into holding their fire. News 8 was allowed to review the draft documents by the officers' attorney.

Officers had little reason to suspect trouble when they entered Carr Park on March 1 to investigate a report of shots fired. People in the park were acting normally. Officers heard on their radios that a possible suspect had already been stopped nearby.



Carr Park in Euless (Photo: WFAA)

Officer Dave Hofer had volunteered to help on the call, and took lead position crossing the park. He spotted a man in a creek. As Hofer told him to show his hands, the man rose up and shot Hofer in mid-sentence, according to a written statement by an officer who was standing behind Hofer.

“Suspect comes up from behind the ledge and fires a round point blank into Dave’s face,” said attorney Randy Moore.

A rifle round. Moore says the gunman had a rifle, a shotgun, and a handgun in a gun fight against the officers’ pistols.

Dave Hofer tumbled into the creek next to the shooter. His friends, fellow veterans of NYPD, watched in horror.



The wooded area where Jorge Gonzalez was firing at officers. (Photo: WFAA)

“They could see Dave in the creek, not responding and bleeding,” Moore said Wednesday. “They could see the suspect near Dave, trying to conceal himself. And, being right next to Dave, creating another threat of officers hitting another officer who was down.”

Written statements reveal frustration and desperation as officers tried to get a shot at [22-year-old Jorge Gonzalez](#) without hitting Officer Hofer.



Jorge Gonzalez (Photo: WFAA)

"You can hear that on the radio more than one time. People saying, 'We got to get to him.' 'We got to get to Dave.' 'We got to help Dave,'" Moore said. "And they couldn't get to him."

According to statements, at one point, the gunman put up his hands to surrender, then pulled up a long gun and continued firing.

Moore says officers showed professionalism, and even restraint.

"They don't fire rounds when they can't account for bullets," Moore said. "When the suspect tries to give up, they give him the chance to give up. They did everything they were supposed to do, even while they can see their best friend laying in a ditch, bleeding. That's true professionalism."



Randy Moore (Photo: WFAA)

Randy Moore is with the Texas Municipal Police Association, which represents officers. He says statements from four of those involved were turned over to investigators with the Euless Police Department on Wednesday.

He praises the department for its handling of the internal investigation, without putting pressure on traumatized officers.



Officers rushed to the scene after Dave Hofer was shot. (Photo: Courtesy - Viewer video)

Moore says he's told no police bullets hit Dave Hofer, and that the shooter was hit at least five times. "They want people to know they did their job, and did it as well as they could," he said. "And they're still committed to doing their job today, even after suffering this horrendous loss."

But Moore says recent attacks on police are taking a mental toll, especially on the Euless officers involved. Early Sunday morning a DWI suspect intentionally rammed an Arlington police cruiser. The attack on Fort Worth officers followed two days later.

"It's surreal," Moore said.

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Free Shoes For Elementary Students At Oakwood Terrace

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pop-up shoe shop (HEB ISD)

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EULESS (CBSDFW.COM) – After enduring the trauma of a school lockdown when a police officer in the area was shot and killed on March 1, there was some good news today for some students in the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District.

Skechers and Belk teamed up to convert Oakwood Terrace Elementary in Euless into a “pop-up shoe shop.” The businesses joined together and donated more than 800 pairs of shoes to students.

Youngsters anxiously stood in line and waited to have their feet measured. The next step was to not only pick out their new shoes, but also personalize them at a one-of-a-kind decorating station. Euless ISD administrators were on hand to witness the happy event and help students get the perfect fit.

The Bobs from Skechers program launched in 2011, and since then has donated more than 13 million pairs of new shoes to children in need.

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H-E-B happenings



The bridge at the 18th hole at Texas Star will be named for longtime Eules Councilman Glenn Walker. **Stewart F. House** Star-Telegram archives

TEXAS STAR BRIDGE RENAMED AFTER FORMER COUNCILMAN

Former longtime Eules councilman Glenn Walker loves golf, and on Thursday the bridge on the 18th hole at Texas Star Golf Course will be dedicated in his name.

Walker served on the council for 21 years and has given countless hours in service.

The Glenn Walker Bridge dedication is at 6 p.m. at Texas Star, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, Eules.

"I'm thrilled to death to be recognized by the city in any shape, form or fashion," Walker told the *Star-Telegram* in October. "I love Eules, and it will be my home as long as I'm alive. Anything they do for me is a gift from God, and I'm grateful."

While serving as a member of the council from 1975 to 1990 and from 1993 to 1999, he was on the Eules Non-Profit Industrial Development Authority, charter review committee, the economic development advisory board, Trinity River Authority and the half-cent sales tax education committee. Since leaving office he has served on the historical preservation committee.

H-E-B STUDENTS SERVE UP BRUNCH FOR FUNDRAISER

The cuisine made by culinary students at the H-E-B school district's Buinger Career and Technical Education Academy will be served at a special brunch to raise money for scholarships.

The event, called Bon Appetit Brunch at Buinger, will include three courses.

DRG Concepts' culinary team featuring chefs Richard Triptow, Austin Carlson and AJ Joglekar, and chef Teresa Booth, instructor director of H-E-B's culinary program, will guide the students as they prepare and serve the meal.

Tickets are \$50. The brunch will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 2 at the academy, 1849 Central Drive, Bedford.

All proceeds will go toward two scholarships for the district's culinary students.

Information, tickets at www.drgconcepts.eventbrite.com.

CITIES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY

All nonessential municipal offices in Bedford, Euless and Hurst will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday. Trash service is not affected. City-specific closings include:

Euless: The Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library and family life center/senior center will be closed Friday and Sunday and open Saturday. The family life center rec/fitness center/natatorium will be open Friday and Saturday and closed Sunday.

Hurst: City recreation and tennis centers will be open Friday but closed Sunday.

Read more here: http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/hurst-euless-bedford_news/article67308987.html#storylink=cpy

commission's vote

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FORT WORTH

The city's Zoning Commission wants to see more of the old Stockyards area protected as a historic district.

Commissioners voted 7-2 Wednesday in favor of the larger of two proposed boundaries for a historic district.

First, they voted 7-2 against a smaller proposal for about 60 acres.

In a historic district, developers and property owners must submit plans for new buildings or expansions and changes to existing structures for review to a city board to ensure that what is built is compatible with the area and meets certain guidelines and standards.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the boundaries of a proposed Stockyards historic district on April 9. The council may follow the Zoning Commission recommendation or may ignore it completely.

Commissioners Wanda Conlin and Charles Ed-

boundary. Both said they thought the larger boundary was too big. No residents spoke against the larger footprint.

In voting for the larger historic overlay, Zoning Commission Chairman Nick Genua said he wanted to save as much of the Stockyards as possible. Other cities including Charleston, S.C., and the Georgetown district in Washington, D.C., have preserved enough for people to spend the day exploring, he said.

"What's most important to me is I'm just greedy," Genua said. "When I say I'm greedy, I'd like to see

spend a day there and then tomorrow they go to the museum district and the next day they can go to Fort Worth South or downtown or wherever else."

Apartments are planned for both the former Swift and Armour sites. The owner of the Swift site has already received demolition permits to raze the few remaining structures on the site, and a historic district overlay will not stop the demolition. The Armour site has been cleared of structures.

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FORT WORTH

A Southlake title company owner arrested this month in Illinois on a Tarrant County theft charge was returned to Fort Worth late Tuesday.

Nancy J. Carroll, 45, of Keller was booked into the Tarrant County Jail at 11:07 p.m. Tuesday with bail set at \$1 million.

Carroll is accused of billing her customers at Millennium Title in Southlake out of millions of dollars.

An initial hearing in Fort Worth for Carroll is pending.

The Keller lawyer and title company owner is charged with theft over \$300,000.

Carroll was arrested March 3 in Lake Forest, Ill., a Chicago suburb, after leaving her Keller home when a Texas court ordered her company into receivership, according to officials with the Tarrant County district attorney's office.

Lake Forest jail records identified her as Nancy Jackson Spinks of Lake Forest, Ill.

RENEE

She is accused of swindling millions from customers of her company, Millennium Title, 771 E. Southlake Blvd. The offense date is listed as Oct. 29, but an exact amount is not listed, according to Tarrant County court records.

As of Jan. 25, the company has been under control of a court-appointed receiver tasked with liquidating the company, according to court documents filed Feb. 5.

In a separate lawsuit filed against Carroll on Jan. 29, a plaintiff is seeking almost \$797,000 in damages. The lawsuit alleges that Carroll maintained an escrow account for real estate closing purposes but took proceeds for her personal use.

This report includes material from the Star-Telegram archives.

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Ex-priest returned to Texas in 1960 slaying

The Associated Press

An 83-year-old former priest accused of killing a McAllen teacher in 1960 was turned over to Texas authorities on Wednesday in Phoenix, where he has

been jailed since his arrest last month.

"Today we can say that today, after nearly 56 years, is the beginning of bringing justice to the accused, the victim and the community," Hidalgo County District Attorney

Ricardo Rodriguez said.

The suspect, John Felt, was expected to be booked into the Hidalgo County jail on Wednesday night.

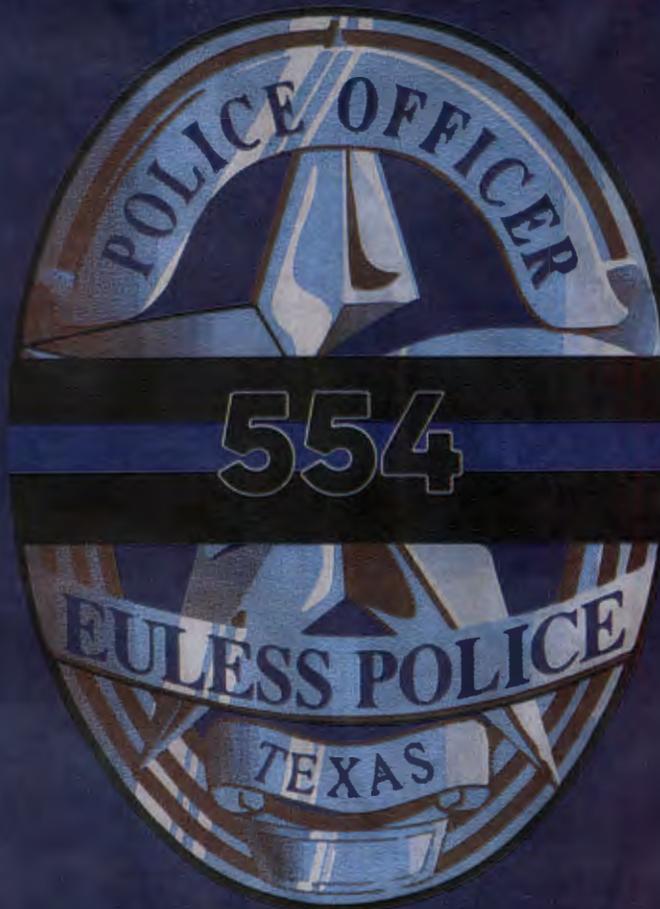
Rodriguez and other officials at an afternoon news conference declined to comment on what evidence was presented to grand jurors who indicted Felt last month, saying only, "We do have new facts and evidence."

Rene Guerra, the former

Hidalgo County district attorney who investigated the slaying but never brought charges, said there was no DNA evidence.

Authorities say Felt, then 27, killed Irene Garza, 25, on April 16, 1960, after hearing her confession at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen where he was a visiting priest.

An autopsy showed that she was raped, beaten and suffocated.



We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from the citizens of Eules and the surrounding communities. Thank you for helping us to honor the life of Officer David Hofer.

We are forever grateful!

Eules Police Department

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Eules Police Chief Michael Brown eulogizes officer David Hofer on Saturday. "What I remember about David is his humor and his smile and his enormous heart."

EULESS OFFICER'S DEATH

'We can honor him by appreciating what these men and women do'

Officer David Hofer was killed March 1

His memorial service was at Pennington Field in Bedford

Another service was held Monday in New York

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BEDFORD
Eules police officer David

Hofer "led with his heart," wrote poetry and was known to

withdraw \$100 from his bank account to help a homeless family he encountered on the job. Although the 29-year-old had a softer, gentler side, his final act on earth was one of selfless courage in the face of gunfire to protect the community he had sworn to serve.

Under a pale blue sky and bathed in warm sunlight at Pennington Field, thousands of Northeast Tarrant residents and law enforcement personnel from as far away as Colorado and New York said goodbye Saturday to a hero who demon-

strated that compassion has much to do with police work. Thousands more lined the streets for a funeral procession rarely seen in the North Texas suburbs.

Hofer, who moved from the New York Police Department to the nearly 100-member Eules police force in 2014, was slain March 1 by a troubled young man who had been released from the Eules jail hours earlier. He was remembered in a 75-minute service as much for good humor and kindness as well as his unwavering dedica-



Eules Police Department

Police fatally shot the man who killed officer David Hofer, 29.

tion to law enforcement.

"What I remember about David is his humor and his smile and his enormous heart," Eules Police Chief Michael Brown said in his eulogy. "You could say that David Hofer is one of those rare people you meet in life who led with his heart."

Blue uniforms from visiting officers filled about 80 percent of the visitors' section of the 12,500-seat stadium, while Eules officers sat front and center in the main seating section. Grand Prairie officers took shifts at the Eules Police Department so those officers could attend.

SEE OFFICER'S FUNERAL, 2A

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CORRECTION

The Rev. Clint Jones, missions and invitation minister at First United Methodist Church of Hurst, was misquoted in a March 2 story about a public food bank

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OFFICER'S FUNERAL

"Somber," Bedford police Sgt. Noel Scott said, describing the mood of the day as his contingent of officers loaded up for the short trip home. But seeing so many law enforcement agencies represented there was moving, he said. "It shows that all the officers in this profession care about each other. It doesn't matter how far away they work; they'll travel the distance to pay their respects."

FATAL AMBUSH

Hofer was ambushed the afternoon of March 1 by Jorge Brian Gonzalez, who police said stole firearms from a home, fired random shots and took a "position of cover" several hours after being released from jail.

Hofer was one of the first officers to reach J.A. Carr Park that afternoon, and Gonzalez, hiding in a drainage ditch while waiting for responding officers, opened fire on Hofer. Another officer returned fire, and Hofer and Gonzalez were pronounced dead at hospitals soon after.

The procession to transport Hofer's body from Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst to Pennington Field began about 11:15 a.m. Law enforcement vehicles lined up for the procession on Precinct Line Road.

At Pennington Field, bicycles, motorcycles, horses, firetrucks and police vehicles lined up with their lights, waiting for Hofer's casket. The firetrucks' ladders were raised to hold a giant American flag.

Another flag flew from the Hurstview Bridge over Airport Freeway as the procession traveled underneath.

Black and blue was a common theme of color worn by the public. Signs noted that "Blue Lives Matter."

"These men and women are out here every day to take care of us, and the least we can do is show up and honor them," said Connie Scott of Hurst. She and her husband, Robert Scott, stood next to the procession vehicles holding U.S. flags.

"We're here to hold a flag and show a lot of love," Connie Scott said. "We can't understand everything they're going through, but we can show up and support them and let the flag do the talking."

The ceremony was filled at times with music of a bagpipe and drum corps, formed by several local police agencies, and other times with complete silence, as when the audience watched the flag-draped casket being carried from the hearse in the northwest corner of the field to the 50-yard line.

"It is a sad day for the city of Euless and its citizens," said Jim Pack, chaplain of the Euless Police Department, as he opened the ceremony. "It is a reminder that safety in a free society comes with a high price."

MAKING PLANS

Hofer's father, Helmut Hofer, a renowned mathematician and a professor at Princeton University, recalled a softer side of his youngest son.

"He liked to write poetry — but he always concealed this from his fellow officers," Helmut Hofer said to a round of laughter, one of several lighthearted moments at the service. He said his son had modest plans when he

took the Euless job, and the father urged those in attendance to do what they can to make the world a better, safer place.

"Let's keep our kids out of trouble," he said. "Some cases are hopeless, but most are not. David made the ultimate sacrifice while doing the job for us. But there are many less dangerous things you can do for our communities to make them better."

Brown recalled one of David Hofer's first late-night traffic stops in Euless. What Hofer found was a homeless family living out of their car, looking for a safe place to park for the night.

"He goes to an ATM machine, takes out \$100 and gives it to the family," Brown said. Another officer called out: "David, what are you doing? You just got here. You don't have enough money for yourself right now."

Brown said Hofer "reportedly smiled that big smile and said: 'Bro, we got a great life here. Sometimes you just gotta share.'"

Hofer's fiancée, Marta Danylyk, focused first on his sense of humor and then addressed him directly.

"I adore everything about you," she said. "I'm proud of you. It's my absolute honor and privilege to be the one you chose to love."

GATHERING SUPPORT

Lesa Hayden of Fort Worth looked around at the officers honoring one of their own. Her husband, James Hayden, has been a police officer for more than 30 years, she said, and this tragedy hits hard at home.

"My heart breaks for his [Hofer's] fiancée and his



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Hurst police officers and firefighters stand atop a fire engine on the Hurstview Drive overpass to watch the funeral procession for Euless police officer David Hofer.



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Hundreds of officers from various agencies salute officer David Hofer at his funeral Saturday at Pennington Field.

family but most of all her because they had a future planned and one person decided they shouldn't have that future," Lesa Hayden said. "We can honor him by appreciating what these men and women do, understanding they see things we can't begin to imagine."

Hayden said a small act of going out of your way to thank an officer for his or her service can have a big impact.

"It makes a big difference to see the support of everyday people," Hayden said. "Just by saying thank you and being respectful when you get pulled over, it makes a big difference." William Ryan, a Caddo

Mills patrol officer, said the slaying of Hofer has sparked a lot of support from the public, and it's meaningful to officers to know that "a lot of the community has our back."

DEADLY WORK

The last officer to die in the line of duty in Tarrant County was Arlington officer Jillian Michelle Smith, who was shot in the head while responding to a domestic dispute in December 2010.

Hofer is among 10 officers who have died on duty in Tarrant County since 2001. He is the 16th officer in the nation to die in the line of duty this year. Hofer had worked in

Euless since 2014, after moving from New York, where he had been an officer with the New York Police Department for five years. Friends and family have said he moved to Euless to be in a safer place.

Hofer, the youngest of three children, was born in New Jersey and lived in Germany, Switzerland and New York, as his father moved to different schools. The family moved to New York when Hofer was in the fifth grade, after his father accepted a position at New York University. Hofer graduated from Saint Ann's High School in 2005 and NYU in 2008.

"My heart goes out to Officer Hofer's family during this difficult time," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement. "Our police officers put their lives on the line every day to ensure that our communities are safe, and we can never say thank you enough. Cecilia and I will keep the officer's family and the entire Euless community in our thoughts and prayers as they heal from this tragedy."

Many other police departments and officers have voiced their sympathies and support for Hofer's family, friends and colleagues.

"It's a sad day for this community, this region, and the state of Texas," Brown said. "We lost a friend. A family lost a son and a brother. A fiancée lost the love of her life."

The ceremony ended with the traditional last call of a fallen officer. A Euless police dispatcher, in a recording for the service, called out over the loudspeakers, "Euless to Officer David Hofer, Badge 5-5-4," repeating it twice. There is no response. "Officer David Hofer, we will miss your smile, your humor, your friendship and your accent. Thank you for your service."

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