

Eyes on H-E-B: There's something funny going on at the Hurst Euless Bedford Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 17



The 61st Birthday Bash planned for Sept. 17 by the H-E-B chamber will include a show by award-winning comedian Dean Lewis. H-E-B chamber

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Shed all those notions that any party a chamber of commerce throws is stodgy and boring. That paradigm has long been abandoned and replaced by today's chamber events that offer value to businesses and sociable fun for event participants.

All that fun will be in abundance at the 61st Birthday Bash that the H-E-B chamber is hosting Sept. 17 at the elegant Hurst Conference Center. Guests will enjoy a seated dinner, live music, auction and a great stage show by award-winning comedian **Dean Lewis**.

"Dean's résumé is quite impressive — and funny," chamber President **Mary Frazier** said in a statement. "He has sold material to Jay Leno, appeared on *The Last Comic Standing* and the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*, and opened for stars including Julio Iglesias, the Doobie Brothers,

Joan Jett and Willie Nelson. Dean was also the winner of the Wendy's Clean Comedy Challenge, and in 2007, he won an Emmy Award for comedy writing."

Before dinner and the show, party guests will mix and mingle as they enjoy cocktails from a cash bar, nosh on hors d'oeuvres and peruse tempting items up for grabs in a silent auction. Bid generously because proceeds from the event will benefit the chamber's many programs, including economic development, Leadership HEB, the Young Entrepreneurs Academy and Challenge by Choice (a program for seventh-graders to encourage taking challenging courses).

According to Lewis, corporate comedy is different from working as a nightclub comic. "First, it will be a very clean show," he wrote. "The goal is just to have fun, and we don't want to embarrass or offend anyone. Second, the show will be customized for chamber members and guests, which I hope will make it memorable."

Exciting auction swag includes restaurant gift cards, hotel stays, golf outings, wine baskets, tickets to Billy Bob's, Casa Manaña, Fort Worth Zoo, Dallas Stars, Lone Star Park, George W. Bush library at SMU and Texas Motor Speedway.

Pianist **Stan Paschal** will perform during the reception and the L.D. Bell String Quartet during dinner. After the comedy show, the spotlight will shift to guests willing to cast aside their inhibitions and cut loose on some fun karaoke singing.

In the live auction, bidders will vie to win vacation stays in a Las Vegas condo and a beach house in Mexico among other exciting offerings.

One of Lewis's comic heroes is the legendary Jonathan Winters. "While Jonathan did some really great work," Lewis wrote, "I would like to point out, he never played the Hurst Conference Center."

Frazier said about the fun-filled evening, "In short, there's going to be a lot of funny business going on at the Chamber's Birthday Bash — and you won't want to miss it."

Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased online at www.HEB.org or by calling the chamber office at [817-283-1521](tel:817-283-1521).

CONCERT ON SEPT. 8 FEATURES GRAY BARTLETT, EULESS POLICE CHIEF AND OTHERS

Where can you see a concert performed by a legendary New Zealand entertainer, the Eules chief of police, a Johnnie High Entertainer of the Year winner and the lead guitarist from Gary Lewis and the Playboys? The answer is: right here in Eules at Mary Lib Saleh Library Theatre at 6 p.m. Sept. 8.

"Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear a super concert with an international group of interesting and entertaining artists," said publicist and freelance writer **Dorothy Hamm** of Eules.

“**Gray Bartlett** is one of New Zealand’s legendary entertainers; **Mike Brown**, Eules’s very own singer/songwriter chief of police; **Jon Rutherford**, the actor who killed *Walker Texas Ranger*’s parents; and **Charlie Carey**, who played lead guitar with Gary Lewis and the Playboys, performed on the Johnny Carson show and shared stages with some of the biggest names in showbiz, will put on a great show,” Hamm added.

According to library administrator **Sherry Knight**, library officials were delighted to say yes when Hamm asked if the library would host the concert. “We are happy to provide a venue for this free event, which is sure to delight all music lovers,” said Knight.

Bartlett is New Zealand’s biggest-selling guitarist and has performed alongside artists such as Tom Jones and Kenny Rogers. “Gray, who has been very busy touring with his newest album, *Private Conversations*, agreed with enthusiasm when I asked if he would consider performing again in Eules,” Hamm said.

Bartlett was quoted in a recent blog post: “Music is the greatest gift our planet has. It creates a longer and happier life. It re-energizes, restores faith, gives rise to great passion and makes you happy. Music is better than most medicines for re-charging the batteries.”

Rutherford was a regular on the late Johnnie High’s Country Music Revue where he was named entertainer of the year. More recently, he has opened for the Gatlin Brothers, Charlie Daniels, Joe Diffie, Clint Black, Mel Tillis, John Conley and George Jones.

Hamm says Eules residents don’t have to worry about their police chief riding off into the sunset on a tour bus, “but they can certainly boast that their city might just have the finest singing peace officer since Andy Taylor of *Mayberry*.” Brown’s album, *Just A Little*, features songs ranging from folk to honky-tonk and from bluegrass to blues.

Fort Worth musician Charlie Carey has appeared on the Johnny Carson show, Steve Allen show and performed with Chuck Berry, Conway Twitty and Fats Domino.

Reservations for the concert are not needed, but there are only 120 seats, so early arrival would be advisable. Library spokesman Eric Terry says overflow seating on an adjacent outdoor area is available if needed. Light refreshments will be served. The library is at 201 N Ector Drive. Direct inquires to Terry at [817-685-1484](tel:817-685-1484) or email eterry@eulesstx.gov.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Mid-Cities Genealogical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library.** Evening starts with the popular beginner’s class. At 7 p.m. Judy Allen will present the program on “Organizing Your Genealogy.” “Whether you are just getting started or are somewhere in the middle and your papers are getting out of hand, this meeting is for you,” said Evelyn Kelly. Contact her at evelynn@shamrockpromotions.com.
- ***Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* opens Friday and runs through Sept. 18 at Onstage in Bedford.** Tickets are available at the box office or online at www.onstageinbedford.com.

- **Bedford Blues Fest is Friday through Sunday at 2000 Forest Ridge Drive along with the Backyard BBQ Competition.** Blues bands will perform all weekend. Featured are Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue and Dr. John the Night Tripper. Barbecue teams are invited to enter a competition with attractive cash prizes for winners. [Artisans from all over Texas will offer their arts, jewelry, pottery, and crafts for sale.](#) Details at www.bedfordbluesfest.com.
- **Lance Tahmahkera and Comanche Culture event is at 2 p.m. Sept. 10 at Eules Heritage Museum,** 201 Cullum Drive. Keynote speaker Lance Tahmahkera, great-great-grandson of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, will discuss his historical perspective of the Native American culture and the legacy of the Comanche chief. The event is free and open to the public. To learn more, call 817-685-1649.
- **Applications from homeowners wanting to be considered for Community Powered Revitalization are due Sept. 11.** CPR is a joint effort between 6 Stones and the cities of Hurst, Eules and Bedford to help homeowners who are struggling to make necessary home repairs. Applications are online. For Hurst residents, bit.ly/2buUV2w. For Eules residents, www.eulesstx.gov/cpr. For Bedford residents, bit.ly/2c4kzXM.

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Eules woman jumps her way to success



Isabelle Berry, left, of Eules brought home the silver medal last month for the USA Jump Rope All-Star team at the international competition in Malmö, Sweden. City of Eules

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Isabelle Berry is used to leaping her way to success.

Last month, Berry brought home the silver medal for the USA Jump Rope All-Star team during the [FISAC World Rope Skipping Championship](#) in Malmö, Sweden.

Berry, who has competed since the second grade as part of the Jumpin' Jammers team, won the silver medal in the single-rope speed relay.

Berry has taught at Jump Rope camps and clinics and also won gold medals in previous Team USA events.

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Dirt is moving for new development south of Texas 183



Euless Mayor Linda Martin applauds the hard work on the project during the groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 15 for Euless Founders Park. **Bob Booth Special to the Star-Telegram**



Euless Mayor Linda Martin addresses dignitaries during the groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 15 for Euless Founders Park. **Bob Booth Special to the Star-Telegram**



Residents, city officials and development representatives wait in the rain Aug. 15 for the groundbreaking ceremony for Euless Founders Park. The project was made possible after razing three rundown apartment buildings. **Bob Booth Special to the Star-Telegram**

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Big changes are coming south of Airport Freeway as work is getting started on the Founders Park development, formerly called Midtown Euless.

Assistant City Manager Chris Barker said that water and sewer lines will be installed and that building should start in the second quarter of 2017 in the 57-acre development, which features residential and commercial projects.

“The future of Euless is redevelopment. Once Glade Parks develops, we won’t have any large tracts of vacant land left,” Barker said.

The boundaries for Founders Park are east of Industrial Boulevard, north of Texas 10 and south of Airport Freeway. The project is seen as a major revitalization effort in the area. The 14-acre Oakcrest Estates is also being developed south of Texas 183 and features single-family and senior housing.

Founders Park is also near the Midtown Express project where construction is underway to widen Airport Freeway.

North of Airport Freeway, business is booming at Glade Parks, where stores like Belk and Dick’s Sporting Goods are now open and where other projects are underway, including a luxury movie theater and a dog-friendly restaurant.

Barker said there is no information yet on what type of commercial development will be in Founders Park, which is owned by Centurion American, but it will likely be restaurants and entertainment.

Founders Park will have a mix of single-family homes, town homes and urban lofts. Some of the land where commercial development will take place is in the floodplain, and plans are to build ponds and fountains to help with drainage. The ponds will be decorative as well.

“We are excited; this development is very centrally located,” Barker said.

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The Texan Playboys

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The Texas Kitchen in Euless serves great home cooking like original chicken fried steak and biscuits and gravy. However, every other Friday night a different kind of original is served up there as *The Texan Playboys* take the stage in the corner.



Photo credit: JD Ryan & Louise Rowe

The Texan Playboy band leader, Louise Rowe, got her start with Bob Wills quite serendipitously one summer night many years ago.

“Right here in Dallas, Al Dexter booked a battle of the bands with Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys and the *Seven Rowe Brothers Band*” said *The Texan Playboys* band leader Louise Rowe.



Photo credit: JD Ryan & Louise Rowe

The Seven Rowe Brothers were her own brothers and when Bob Wills heard her sing, fate took a hand.

“Bob walked over to me and he said ‘Child, I’m looking for a girl singer for an 18 day tour, would you like to go and sing with us” Louise recalled.

That 18 day tour turned into over a year with *Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys*. Louise has stayed in music all these years and a few years ago she formed *The Texan Playboys* and they play and tour all over the country.

Louise Rowe’s Texas Playboys is made up of very well known Texas **musicians** as well as several folks from the original *Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys*.

Every other Friday night you can come hear *The Texan Playboys* in concert at [The Texas Kitchen](#) in Euless, right there on Mains Street.

JD Ryan is taking a sentimental journey...*Around Town!*

Details: [Louise Rowe’s Texan Playboys](#)

Details: [The Texas Kitchen in Euless](#)

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Eules, Fort Worth officers to be honored at State Capitol



Eules Police officer David Hofer Fort Worth Police Officers Association Star-Telegram archives



Fort Worth police Officer Matt Pearce went home from the hospital on May 10. He was shot March 15. Paul Moseley Star-Telegram archives

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Six months after his death, Eules police officer David Hofer will be honored with the Star of Texas award, given to first-responders who are killed or seriously injured in the line of duty. Fort Worth police officer Matt Pearce, who was seriously wounded two weeks after Hofer was killed, will also receive the award.

The ceremony is Sept. 12 in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol. It will be live-streamed online.

Hofer was killed March 1 when he responded to a call about shots fired at J.A. Carr Park. He was ambushed and shot at close range by Jorge Brian Gonzales, 22, who was then killed in a shootout with other officers.

Eules Assistant Police Chief Gary Landers said the office of state Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, notified the department that Hofer will receive the award. Members of Hofer's family and officers from Eules and New York plan to attend.

Landers said that while it is "awesome" that Hofer is receiving the recognition, "it's sad that we have to award someone posthumously for their dedication to being a servant to the community. He laid down his life which was the ultimate sacrifice so that others can be safe and secure."

Hofer joined the Eules police department in 2014 after serving with the New York Police Department, and in his short tenure, he received nine letters of commendation, Landers said.

Pearce was shot multiple times March 15 when he was pursuing suspects on foot in a wooded area of far west Fort Worth. One of the shots shattered Pearce's right femur and another hit him in the face. He was hospitalized for two months and told the *Star-Telegram* last month that "mentally, I'm 100 percent" and he hopes to return to work in March.

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H-E-B happenings: Bedford to have 9-11 remembrance ceremony



Bedford will have a special 9-11 remembrance service Friday. Bob Booth Star-Telegram archives

Now is the time to register for the Eulesse community garage sale, named Junk in the Trunk.

The sale is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 8 at Eulesse Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive.

Described as an event that involves recycling and treasure hunting at the same time, the sale will allow vendors to sell their “ unwanted furniture, books, clothing, toys, household goods, hand crafted items and more,” according to the city’s website.

Vendor pay \$10 per vehicle to set up shop and may register from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the family center.

Information: Renee Frizzell at [817-685-1871](tel:817-685-1871).

BEDFORD HAS CEREMONY FRIDAY TO REMEMBER 9-11

It’s been 15 years since the terrorist’s attacks and Bedford is doing its part to remember those who have lost their lives.

The city's police and fire departments are conducting a 9-11 remembrance ceremony from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Friday at Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive.

The fire department's honor guard will make a presentation and Mayor Jim Griffin, Police Chief Gibson and interim Fire Chief Bobby Sewell will speak.

Their comments will be followed by a moment of silence and the playing of *Amazing Grace* on bagpipes.

City offices will delay opening until 8:30 a.m. to allow employees to attend.

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY IS SEPT. 17 AT CHISHOLM PARK

A fishing derby for kids ages 5 to 16, which was canceled in June, is back on for Sept. 17.

The Kids All American Fishing Derby begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Chisholm Park pond, 2200 Norwood Drive, Hurst.

Prizes will be awarded at the free event. Space is limited and pre-registration is required at Hurst Recreation Center, 700 Mary Drive. Registration deadline is 10 p.m. Sept. 15.

Fishing poles will be available for rental on a first-come, first-served basis by the Hurst Public Library, and In-N-Out Burger will provide lunch.

The pond is stocked regularly with catfish by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Information: [817-788-7320](tel:817-788-7320).

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With Shares Trading up at \$25.06 DSW Announces New Store in Euless, TX

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 BY TED BLACKBURN

DSW Inc. Common Stock (NYSE:DSW):

DSW Announces New Store in Euless, TX.

The company is up from yesterday's close of \$24.14.

Additionally the company announced a dividend for shareholders payable on Friday the 30th of September 2016. The dividend will be \$0.200 per share for the quarter which is \$0.80 annualized. The dividend yield will be 3.35%. The ex-dividend date will be on Tuesday June 14th, 2016.

Shares are trading at \$25.06 which is marginally higher than the 50 day moving average which is \$24.28 and a tad above the 200 day moving average of \$24.04. The 50 day moving average went up by +3.22% and the 200 day average went up by +4.23%.

The company's P/E ratio is 20.00 and the market cap of the company is 2.06B. As of the latest earnings report the EPS was \$1.25 and is projected to be \$1.40 for the current year with 82,233,000 shares now outstanding. Next quarter's EPS is expected to be \$0.16 and the next full year EPS is projected to be \$1.56.

Several analysts have released ratings on the stock. August 31 investment analysts at Citigroup kept the company rating at "Neutral" and lowered the price expectation from \$30.00 to \$24.00. On July 15 Deutsche Bank maintained a company rating of "Hold" but moved up the price target to \$23.00 from \$21.00.

On July 11 the stock rating was upgraded to "Neutral" from "Underperform" in a report from Wells Fargo. On May 16 Susquehanna kept the stock rating at "Neutral" and moved up the price target from \$23.00 to \$24.00.

March 16 investment analysts at Canaccord Genuity made no change to the stock rating of "Hold" but raised the price target to \$25.00 from \$19.00. On March 16 the company was downgraded from "Buy" to "Accumulate" in an announcement from Johnson Rice.

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Hockey game Saturday to benefit family of slain Euless officer



2014 Battle of the Badges game *Lee McDaniel Photography* Courtesy Fort Worth Panthers Police Hockey Team

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First responders will go head to head Saturday in an ice hockey game to benefit the family of slain Euless officer David Hofer.

The benefit game, dubbed Battle of the Badges, will pit the Fort Worth Panthers Police Hockey Team against Team Burnt Bacon, an amateur hockey team made up mostly of Grand Prairie police and fireman.

The benefit game starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Euless Jr. Stars game at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr Pepper Star Center, [1400 S. Pipeline Road in Euless](#).



Euless Police Officer David Hofer *Euless Police Department*
Courtesy Euless Police Department

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children (age five and under are free) and will gain you admission to both games.

All ticket sales and money raised through a raffle and T-shirt sale will benefit the Hofer family.

Hofer was fatally shot March 1 after responding to a Euless neighborhood park on a report of shots being fired. Other officers returned fire, killing the gunman.

The Euless Jr Stars will also present a specially designed jersey to the Hofer family.

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State lawmakers ready for another run at payday lenders

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By John Moritz, USA Today Network Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Attempts were made during the three most recent legislative sessions to put statewide restrictions on payday lenders that mirror many of the local ordinances that are on the books or being considered by several Texas municipalities.

The Austin faith-based nonprofit film company Deidox has produced a 30-minute video called "The Ordinance" about efforts to pass local restrictions on payday and auto title lending.

It features remarks from state Rep. Tom Craddick, a Midland Republican who has made three attempts to pass statewide payday lending legislation. Also appearing in the video is former state Sen. Wendy Davis, the 2014 Democratic nominee for governor, who was an ally of Craddick in the unsuccessful effort. Craddick said he intends to file similar legislation when lawmakers return to Austin in January.

"There continues to be overwhelming evidence that these payday loan businesses hurt Texas families' stability, drain charitable resources and have negative consequences on local economies," Craddick said. "Efforts to address payday loan issues must continue at the local, state and federal level."

Ann Baddour, with the Austin think tank Texas Appleseed, said that while efforts to pass statewide regulations have languished, several locally driven efforts have succeeded.

"We work to keep the products honest," Baddour, director of the Fair Financial Services Project, an organization that serves vulnerable Texans. She said she's worked with San Angelo faith-based groups and other organizations on an effort to push an ordinance to the City Council.

Baddour said her organization and others felt their efforts were validated early this year when the Texas Supreme Court effectively upheld a local ordinance in Denton to place restrictions on payday and auto title lenders.

The Denton measure was challenged in state district court by Ace Cash Express, which argued that the local ordinance violated the Texas Constitution. The trial court ruled in the city's favor, and that ruling was upheld by the Texas 2nd Court of Appeals last year.

In February, after reviewing briefs on the case, the Texas Supreme Court declined to hear Ace's appeal.

The 35 Texas cities that have imposed regulations on payday lending have used nearly identical language in their ordinances, and Baddour said the high court's action means further challenges are unlikely.

In June the U.S. Consumer Finance Protection Bureau unveiled rules aimed at making sure lenders don't issue loans they know borrowers are unable to repay.

"The proposed rule would also cut off repeated debit attempts that rack up fees," according to a statement by the agency. "These strong proposed protections would cover payday loans, auto title loans, deposit advance products, and certain high-cost installment and open-end loans."

The agency will accept public comment through Sept. 14 at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).