

## News From Your Neighborhood

### CCL accepting grant applications

The Community Civic League, Inc., a non-profit service organization serving Argyle, Bartonville, Copper Canyon, Double Oak and Lantana, is accepting grant applications. Organizations interested in applying can pick up applications at NorthStar Bank in Argyle. The deadline for applications is August 31st. For more information, call Penny Gee at 940-241-2038.

### Artists ready to show off

The Cross Timbers Artists Guild is preparing for its studio tour this November. Membership to the group is encouraged from a wide range of disciplines, such as painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, clay, glass, fiber, furniture and mosaics. Call Richard Cimino at 972-317-2481 to learn more.

### Community will gather to fight crime

For the first time ever, Lantana will participate in the National Night Out crime prevention event on Tuesday, August 7. Block parties will be held at the Gazebo and in neighborhoods throughout Lantana to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and generate participation in the Lantana Crime Watch. For more information, contact Crime Watch Coordinator Shelley Caro at [msrdtx@yahoo.com](mailto:msrdtx@yahoo.com).

### Mark this event on your schedule

The North Texas Vascular Birthmarks Foundation will hold their 4th Annual Benefit at the Speedway Club at Texas Motor Speedway on August 10. The night includes dinner, raffle, silent auction, no limit Texas Hold 'Em and music by the Random Axis Band. Tickets are \$50. The foundation provides support and resources for individuals affected by hemangiomas, port wine stains, and other vascular birthmarks and tumors. Learn more at [www.vbftexas.com](http://www.vbftexas.com) or call 940-271-1800.

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## After the untimely death of his daughter, a Highland Village father is... Turning Tragedy Into Action

BY SHANNON SERWIN - Contributing Writer

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since the tragic, senseless accident on Lake Lewisville in which a boat driven by an alleged intoxicated individual took the life of Highland Village teenager Britteny Sage Lindt. It's also hard to believe the amount of nationwide support and involvement to increase awareness for boater safety that has resulted from her passing.

This past spring Tim Lindt, Britteny's father, and Senator Chris Harris were instrumental in promoting and passing SB 410, which allows local cities and towns to assist with the patrolling of state lakes. Due to time constraints on the House floor in Austin, though, three of the four bills promoted by the Britteny Sage Lindt organization were not adequately heard. Tim Lindt will continue his mission to promote legislation establishing sobriety checkpoints

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"While the pain and tragedy is more than we can bear, we must try to find a way to use the loss of our loving daughter to create new strict laws for drinking and boating," - Tim Lindt

## FM 407 Open House scheduled

Want to find out more about the pending FM 407 widening project? The place to be is Double Oak Town Hall on Monday, July 30.

Andy Eads, Denton County Commissioner, Pct. 4, will conduct an informal open house from 5 to 7 p.m. for all interested county residents.

"The plan is for his team to have pictures, diagrams and plans all around town council chambers so folks can come and go as they wish and look at what is planned so far," said Double Oak Council member Mike Donnelly.

FM 407 will be transformed into a four-lane, divided highway between Briarhill Boulevard in Highland Village and FM 1830 in Argyle.

In addition, a new section of FM 407 will be built next to the Lantana water tower to bypass the current four-way stop at McMakin and East Jeter Road.

The first phase of the six-mile, \$36.7 million project is expected to commence later this year.



Dr. Becky Gomez examines a young patient at Rapid-Med in Highland Village.

Photo by T & E Photo

## Bringing Up Baby

BY NANCY MATOCHA - Contributing Writer

The first time new parents leave their baby with a sitter is a milestone, and Doctors John and Becky Gomez were no exception. Nervous and hesitant, it was months before they could leave their baby in the hands of another. In this case, however, the baby is a

seven-room urgent care and general practice medical clinic, and the parents are the doctors who own it, operate it and practice in it.

The baby's name is Rapid Med, and lives at 2940 Justin Road in Highland Village. "It almost feels like it's another child. When we are off you worry," said Becky, a 33-year-old mother of two other children—a toddler and infant.

She and her husband John, 36, met in University of Texas School of Medicine in San Antonio, where the two excelled in their studies. Becky even went on to become a member of Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. The two were competitive from the get-go.

"My husband and I are very hard workers and kind of competitive and like a challenge. A lot of doctors are probably like that. You kind of have to be that way to get through medical school," she said.

Yet even as they spent dates hitting the books or hanging out at a favorite Mexican restaurant, their interests diverged and so did their specialties. Becky took up general practice and John focused on emergency medicine. Like many great partnerships, they each bring different talents to the table.

John, said Becky, brings the emergency medicine mentality: "I like the ability to help people feel better quickly, and I like figuring out what's wrong, getting to the bottom of things and taking decisive action," said John.

"He's very knowledgeable—he's a great guy," said Cindy Rush, John's residency coordinator at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, TX. "He was a really nice guy. He was a good doctor ... he should

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**DATELINE  
DOUBLE OAK**  
by Mayor Pamela A. King

Perhaps this month's article should be entitled, 'Deluge Double Oak' after the intense rains we experienced in May, June and that final downpour on the Fourth of July! According to long-time resident Charles Knappenberger, Double Oak received 54" of rain in May and June, two storms registering more than 6" each.

As always, neighbors took the high ground of humor, with Fourth of July floats (pun intended!?) commemorating a Biblical solution and an overachieving Native American Indian Tribe's rain dance. For neighbors who suffered household flooding, it wasn't amusing. Nonetheless, the Red Sea has been parted by blue skies and the strong Texas sun, giving us an opportunity to dry out and move on to an Action Plan, with your input, Town Staff, Town Council and Town Engineer Dale Hoelting.

There are no 'Quick Fixes' but we are actively reviewing the specifics and options for individual homeowners, neighbors pitching in together and for Town. Among other things, Mr. Hoelting is preparing a map of existing drainage ditches, easements and construction, talking with developers, investigating 'new' issues that are coming to our attention and helping us develop "Next Steps."

We need you to be a part of the solution. You have communicated your concerns with us and that is the very best place to start. Thank you. Next, we trust we'll have the same outpouring of help from Double Oakians, when it comes to tackling town problems - your creative, long-term ideas, your can-do attitude, and our sweat equity. We

need neighbors helping neighbors.

Let me take a moment to recognize neighbors who absolutely embody that "Double Oak" Spirit. There are three this month, but you're free to send me nominations of YOUR neighbors and service providers, too, for recognition and celebration in the months ahead - these are the folks around us who give more than they ever want to receive!

Jerome and JoAnne Hanna, more long-time residents of our town, always have their eye on how to help Double Oak. Together with our firefighters, their families and other town volunteers, the Hannas organized and supervised every aspect of the DOVFD Fourth of July Parade and Picnic, for the second year in a row. The fact we get to enjoy four or five hours of small-town-American-patriotic fun, is a direct result of the Hannas' four or five months of work!

The Hannas want NO RECOGNITION but join me in saying, "Thank You!" to Jerome and JoAnne.

The other individual I would like to recognize is Mitch Donald, owner of Superior Pool Service, Inc. Our pool has looked like a stock tank this spring but it's getting better. If we do look for a pool service, I'll call Mitch. He came to the rescue of a family here in town that was dealing with serious family issues. One call, problem handled out of the goodness of his heart. Now I know why they were recommended and why they are called Superior.

Town Council approved a Specific Use Permit that will turn roughly three acres of pastureland at Timberleaf and Simmons into a gas well site. While that doesn't seem in keeping with the rural roots and quiet ways we love about Double Oak, it is a property owners right to his mineral rights. Planning & Zoning Commission, Council, Staff members and other knowledgeable folks have worked hard to ensure that construction, operation, processing and transportation of the gas will be done in an acceptable way to neighbors and our town. There are limits on the hours of operation, on lighting and noise levels. The site will be secured and our public safety experts, police and fire, will be involved to ensure our community safety. There are permits

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**Board okays road repairs**

The Lantana Fresh Water Supply District Board of Directors approved 84-thousand dollars to repair streets in the development at their July meeting. Lantana General Manager Kevin Mercer said that the recent rains have affected the subgrade in spots, causing pavement areas to sink. A large pothole in the northbound left lane of Lantana Trail near Bonham Parkway will be a priority for the work crews. The pavement repairs should begin by the end of this month.

**Police force grows**

Bartonville's new police department has added to its ranks. Barry Minoff has joined the department as a full-time patrol officer. Minoff had previously served as the town's dedicated Denton County Pct. 4 Deputy Constable. In addition, Bill Mattingly, the first of three reserve officers, was recently sworn in. Police Chief Dave Howell took delivery of two squad cars on July 18. One patrol car is in the process of being painted and the other will be unmarked.

**Grocery store closing**

Albertsons LLC recently announced that they are shuttering their store at 2101 Justin Road in Flower Mound. "We anticipate that the store will close the first week in August," said Jennifer Vroman, an Albertsons spokesperson. The Albertsons store at 2800 Flower Mound Rd. will remain open. Albertsons LLC announced in January that it would close 11 unprofitable stores in North Texas. After the closures, Albertsons will operate 71 stores in Dallas-Fort Worth.

**Board blesses Belmont**

The Argyle School Board paved the way for hundreds of new homes in the district. School officials passed a resolution July 12 supporting the establishment of a large mixed-use community called Belmont. The move allows Realty Capital Belmont, Ltd. to create a fresh water supply district similar to Lantana on 1,000 acres at the northwest corner of FM 407 and I-35W. The developer has promised to set aside land for two school sites and establish a nonprofit educational foundation funded through an assessment on property transfers within Belmont.



**From the  
Sidelines  
August 2007**

By Former Double Oak Mayor Dick Cook

*This article is solely my opinion.*

It's exciting to watch the new mayor and council at work. Mayor Pro-tem John Dondrea and former Mayor Pro-tem David Mize have been on Town Council for several years. After a short absence from council meetings Mike Donnelly returned to serve. Mike is our third former Mayor Pro-tem on town council. Lissa McCarthy was not only a former Councilman, but also a strong candidate for Mayor a few years back. Lissa was appointed by council to fill the vacancy created by Pam King's move from council seat to mayor. Our newest member is Jerry Lamel. Jerry has never served on Town Council, but served as Town Treasurer, UTRWD Board Member, and whatever else the council wanted to throw his way. Finally, new Mayor Pam King has served the town in many ways including her stint on town council.

If you haven't attended a council meeting, I recommend that you plan to do so soon. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month. Occasionally, a workshop will be scheduled in addition to the regular meetings. All meetings are posted 72 hours in advance on the town bulletin board prominently located at the front of Town Hall in the middle of the parking lot. If driving by is inconvenient, look at the web site, [www.double-oak.com](http://www.double-oak.com). The web site has more than just the agenda. You'll find all the background reports that the council members get to help them in their deliberation.

It's been a while since I watched a council meeting from the audience but I strongly recommend it. This mayor and council combination is highly experienced individually, but new working together as a group. It's fascinating to watch them work through an issue and come to the best conclusion. One issue that might appear minor to most council watchers was high on my attention list.

The council holds public hearings on zoning issues. Past precedent was to hold the hearing and listen to the requests and comments. Then in the same meeting, vote on the issue. Recently, we had a public hearing concerning a zoning change from Agricultural District 2 (AG-2) to Specific Use Permit District (SP)

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## BRITTENY

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on lakes, redefining the definition of "watercraft," the perimeter in which a watercraft can circle another, and the mandatory passing of a watercraft operation course prior to receiving an operation license.

Money raised by the 2007 Britteny Sage Lindt Charity Golf Tournament this September will go toward furthering the push through the Texas Legislature of specific bills that would radically improve our families' safety on Texas lakes, and contribute to the growing scholarship fund for both Marcus High School and LISD seniors.

The three-day event, scheduled for September 15-17, will encompass a concert, VIP dinner and golf tourney that will not only garner support for the Britteny Sage Lindt non-profit organization, but honor the life of the free-spirited teenager who left the earth too soon.

Charles Langley, the gifted contemporary music artist who has performed worldwide, will kick off the weekend on Saturday, September 15, with a benefit concert at UNT in Denton in the beautiful Winspear Performance Hall. Lindt is "very excited about the concert," as he knows that the combination of Langley's soulful voice, and the emotions and involvement of our community will make for a "truly wonderful evening." Mr. Lindt searched the Metroplex for the best venue and chose Winspear because of its 1,000-seat capacity and its state-of-the-art acoustics. Concert tickets are \$29.00 and \$39.00 and can be purchased at [www.thempac.com](http://www.thempac.com), [www.brittenylindt.com](http://www.brittenylindt.com), or [www.charleslangley.com](http://www.charleslangley.com). Blocks of tickets for groups are available as well.

After a VIP dinner on Saturday night, golfers will tee off at 9:00 a.m. Sunday and experience a great day of golf and prizes in the Britteny Sage Lindt Charity Golf Tournament.



Pictured at the 2006 Britteny Sage Lindt event are Congressman Michael Burgess, Highland Village Mayor Dianne Costa, Stayci Runnels and Tim Lindt.

If the Hole in One prize of an 18-foot 2007 Bayliner 195 Bow Rider (donated by Phil Dill Boats) isn't enough, the vacation giveaway and another "surprise" prize for the winner of the Helicopter Ball Drop should be enough to entice even non-golfers to attend. An awards reception and buffet dinner, followed by a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia such as John Elway's signed football helmet, will top off the evening.

Stayci Runnels, Lantana Golf Club Membership Director and Chair of the Britteny Sage Lindt Charity Golf Tournament, said, "The community always wants to do more.

It has been amazing to see all of their support, and to receive all of the requests to become involved."

There are six different levels of tournament sponsorship that fit any sized budget. A hole sponsorship is just \$500. Lindt is looking forward to providing a lot of exposure to all of the tournament sponsors, which includes Capital One, the tourney's Title Sponsor. The sponsorship levels are keenly named for the various roles that Britteny held during her life, such as Volleyball and Cheerleader.

Tournament sponsors will also be showcased on the giant video screens at the Charles Langley concert on September 15th.

To line up the talent of professional actor Burton "Bubba" Gilliam again as the master of ceremonies, in addition to Timm Matthews, formerly of ESPN and Fox Sports, "doesn't leave any question in my mind that there is a purpose for everything that has happened this past year," says Lindt.

For more information about becoming a sponsor for the 2007 Britteny Sage Lindt Charity Golf Tournament, or to register as a golfer for the tournament, contact Stayci Runnels at (940) 728-4653 ext. 301, or Tim Lindt at (972) 317-3714. Golfers can also download a golf tournament registration form at [www.brittenylindt.com](http://www.brittenylindt.com).



## Double Oak Police Beat

Submitted by Chief Jason Jones

### Identity Theft Information

A police report is critical in helping you get rid of fraudulent debts and clear up your credit reports. You will need to call the toll-free fraud numbers of any one of the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your credit reports. Fraud alerts can help prevent an identity thief from opening additional accounts in your name. As soon as the credit bureau confirms the fraud alert, the other two credit bureaus will automatically be notified to place fraud alerts, and all three credit reports will be sent to you free of charge.

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## Welcome Double Oak Neighbors!

Visited and Written by Freda Brittain

It took me a while before I had the opportunity to visit with **Laurie and Darrell Bowers** as they are two very busy people. There are four restaurants which are family owned and Laura and Darrell run the one in Lewisville. Good old home style cooking she says and I found out that Monday night the specialty is Liver and Onions, one of my very favorites. They moved from Lewisville after driving around and one of the perks was our low taxes in Double Oak. When they are not working at the restaurant they both have many hobbies. Darrell loves bass fishing, wood working and yard work. Laurie loves sewing, crocheting, quilting, painting and enjoying her dogs. There are two grown children and two granddaughters Aubrey, 3 and Emma, 8 months. They have two golden retrievers, Red and Smoky and their indoor dog is Cody, a Maltese. We have to use sign language around Cody as he is so smart he understands everything you say, even when you spell it. They did have a cat Romeo; however, he disappeared after they moved into their new home. Romeo was 12 years old and Laurie was sick about losing him. They are a fun couple and I know everyone will enjoy meeting them.

Houston's loss our gain! Two very delightful people, **Tom and Peggy Hardt** have moved to Taylor Oaks and actually found Double Oak by accident. Their real estate agent kept showing them homes past Denton and since their daughter and two grandchildren live closer, they were not too keen about that. They saw a sign that said "Taylor Oaks homes for sale" and drove around until they found it. It was just what they wanted. Tom is retired from Hewlett Packard as a Design Engineer and Peggy retired as a Math teacher and was the Director of Music at their Church. They have no pets; gardening is their main hobby at this time. I teased them about living on a street called Whistling Duck and they told me that there are actually ducks that whistle, which a friend back home informed them when they mentioned moving to a street with that name. Guess I can learn something new everyday. I asked them what they wanted their Double Oak neighbors to know about them and they said, "that we are glad to be here". Me too...and when you meet them you will also.

If you see a home in Taylor Oaks that is slightly different than most of the others being built, you will know it belongs to **Ted and Anne Hyde**. They hailed originally from Baton Rouge, LA and after living in Highland Village for years decided to have a home that reflected more of the Louisiana style. Also, they wanted more property. Anne is delighted that her husband works out of their home as a Sales Manager for IBM and has done this for many years. Guess if she needs a "honey do" he isn't too far away to oblige. He is a car buff, especially Corvettes and she says he tends to be a workaholic. She is a housewife and loves doing yard work, sewing and decorating. Their son Jason, 26, attends UNT studying visual arts and lives in Denton. Their daughter, Kackie is married and has a 9 month little girl and she lives in Corinth. Last but not least is their Dalmatian, Abby. I accused them of pouring Clorox on a black dog as she really is spotted. It was nice visiting with them and I hope they will continue loving our town of Double Oak.




Supporters Made Celebration a Success  
By Chief Russell Mabra

The Double Oak Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the following sponsors for making our 4th of July Parade and Picnic celebration a success: Mike Donnely and Carruth Estates, Stan and Lissa McCarty, Jeff Crannell, Double Oak Vet Clinic, Rogers Realty Group, LLC (Christi Rogers), Dick's

Sporting Goods, Boughton Outdoors, Double Oak Concrete (Jeff Stephens), ProCare Collision, Rapid Med (Paula Wagner), Little Hoppers Bounce Houses, Moritz Mini of North Arlington (Neil Scheckter), Double Oak Police, El Chico Flower Mound, Village Grill.

The winners of the 42" LG Plasma TV from Best Buy were Brent and Marie Bloechele from Double Oak. The couple bought one \$10 ticket on the morning of the 4th of July after the parade. On July 9, the DOVFD delivered the TV to their home in Double Oak. Engine 552 and a crew of 4 firefighters made the delivery.



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