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BULLETIN BOARD



'FRIENDS' slate annual bake sale
FRIENDS of the Bullard Community Library will hold their annual bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Bullard Brookshire's. Come early for delicious cookies, breads, and other goodies.

Surcharge added to water bill
Beginning on Bullard city's current water bill, consumers will see a \$1 increase. The decision to add the surcharge was made during the 2006-07 budget deliberations. The money will be used to pursue more water sources for consumers. Those with questions may call 903-894-7223.

■ Bullard First United Methodist Church at the Corner of Rather and Cain Streets in Bullard provides, through their Mission House, a monthly health clinic, food pantry, and clothes closet. In November the Mission House will be open on the following dates: Health Clinic: Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Food Pantry and Clothes Closet: Nov. 30 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

■ The Bullard Band Boosters meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Bullard High School Band Room.

■ Bullard Middle School PTO will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28 in the school cafeteria.

■ The Bullard Area Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at noon in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church of Bullard. The public is welcome to attend. Lunch is \$6.

■ The Bullard Area Chamber of Commerce meets the first Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Bullard. Refreshments are served at 6 p.m. The guest speaker begins at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting begins at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

OPENING THE SEASON

Chamber of Commerce begins soliciting entries for parade

Staff Reports

The Bullard Area Chamber of Commerce invites the community to join them Monday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. for the annual Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park.

"This is the second year the chamber of commerce will present the parade," said chamber president Danny Ray.

"We were honored when the city asked us to take over the event."

The chamber decided to keep as many of the city's parade traditions as possible -- such as the date being the first Monday of December, having Santa Claus ride on a Bullard Volunteer Fire Department fire truck and inviting all churches, groups and organizations to participate.

Participants are asked to line up at Bullard Middle School by 4:30 p.m.

And the chamber is currently soliciting those who would like to have floats.

The parade will follow the traditional route



Above, city staff children and relatives ride in last year's parade. At right, Santa waves from his usual spot -- atop the Bullard fire truck.

from the middle school, through town to the four-way stop, north to Sawyer and down to O.L. Ferrell City Park.

After the parade, BACC will present its annual "Christmas in the Park" with the lighting of a Christmas tree and refreshments.

Santa Claus will be there too to visit with the children.

"For the second year, the chamber will name a grand marshal to lead the parade and to serve as master of ceremonies at the park," said parade chair Cyndi Reed.

Those interested in participating in the parade are asked to call the chamber office at 903-894-4238 for an entry form.



Santa pays a visit to Bullard's Christmas parade last year, dedicating time afterwards to take wishes from children. This year's parade is set for Dec. 4

FEAST OF THANKSGIVING



-- Bullard Banner Photos

Both Brook Hill campuses celebrate Thanksgiving at school on Friday. Above and right, lower school students eat a traditional meal and perform for parents and faculty. Below, the upper school takes a relaxed observation. All Bullard schools are out for the week and classes resume Monday.



-- Photo by Chris Austill



Bullard could see county aid

Fleming faces squabbling to implement RoadMap

By Lori Thomason
Bullard Banner News

JoAnn Fleming is a woman of determination. And she's proved to be passionate about implementing the county's master plan - despite some very public infighting among other Smith County employees.



Fleming

The "Roadmap" was passed in 2003, and then "reaffirmed" in 2005, but Fleming believes it hasn't done all she thinks should for Smith County's residents.

Fleming, Pct. 1 Commissioner, is bucking those against her, and she's beginning by soliciting an agreement with the City of Bullard.

"Really, it all started with asphalt," said City

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Council wastes no time, OK's EDC committee

Bullard city leaders held a special meeting Thursday to get moving on the half-cent sales tax referendum. The meeting -- while brief -- was necessary to abide by the legalities of setting up an economic development tax.

And while Mayor Connie Vaughan said the turnout was a disappointment, the rest of the council was pleased.

Mayor Pro-Tem A.W. Hines is pleased with the voters' support and said he was proud of the forward-thinking citizens.

"This is going to help Bullard's ability to attract tourism and fund infrastructure. And it would effectively put the city on a level playing field when it comes to sales tax collection rates," Hines said.

Hines said most cities have to go through this election more than once before it passes -- citing Tyler and Jacksonville as examples.

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