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BULLETIN BOARD

■ The Bullard Baseball Association is holding registration from 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 18-22 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23 at Bullard Intermediate School Cafeteria. Cost is \$60 plus fund-raiser or buy-out. It's open to ages four to 14 with instructional T-Ball, competitive T-Ball, girl's softball and boy's baseball. For more information, call 903-894-3617.

■ Noonday Community Library is having a book sale from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 19-22. Hard covered, paperback, audio books as well as a large selection of children's books and VHS movies will be available. Hot coffee and home-made cookies will be served. The library may be reached at 903-939-0540 and is located at 16662 CR 196 in Noonday, behind the Blue Store. February is "Love your Library" month.

■ Emerald Bay Bosom Buddies "Leap Into The Pink FunRaiser" is holding a noon luncheon Friday, Feb. 29 at the Emerald Bay Club. The menu is chicken-mushroom crepes, horicote verts almandine, and a special sugar-free raspberry mousse. The color of the day is pink. Cost will be \$11, billed through the club, plus a \$5 separate donation payable to Komen-Tyler. Please make your reservation by Feb. 20 by contacting either Marion Darr, 903-825-2946 or Antoinette Jackson, Antojxn@aol.com 903-825-7443. Cancellations, if necessary, must be received by Feb. 25.

■ Bullard Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Bullard High School band room. All band parents and other interested in supporting the bands are invited to attend.

■ Bullard "Moms In Touch International" meets from 2-3 p.m. every Tuesday at the home of Rena French. The group is two or more moms who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers, and administrators. For more information, call Anne Moody at 903-825-7171.

■ The Bullard Rotary Club, beginning this week, will meet at Kiepersol Estates, at 6:30 a.m.

Officials warn of scams

Recent hailstorm could bring in hustlers

By Lori Mellinger
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It didn't take long for the roofing contractors and body repairmen to set up shop locally.

With a hail storm that affected almost everyone in the vicinity of Bullard last week, city hall and chamber officials said the calls have already begun.

"I've had calls from companies asking for maps of the city and inquiring about rental prop-

erty," said Dot West, Bullard Area Chamber of Commerce.

And while most are legitimate companies - City Manager Larry Morgan said residents need to protect themselves.

The Bullard area - as well as Lindale - is a magnet for questionable contractors, he said.

"They are opportunists - pure and simple," he said. Morgan said he has contacted the Tyler Better Business Bureau and residents should do
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-- Bullard Banner photo by Kelly Griffith-Fields

Hail damage is evident all over town. The above house and vehicle are just one of many damaged in the storm on Feb. 5.

SWORD PLAY



-- Courtesy photos



Brook Hill sophomores in Wes English's history and English class recently completed a project designed to enrich their studies of "Beowulf" and "The Song of Roland." Students designed and crafted swords and then created a video, a story, or a poem about using the sword in a battle like the characters in the literature they studied.

Sam Smith at helm of Mercy Ships

Mercy Ships announced the appointment last week of Bullard resident and school board trustee Sam Smith as its Interim Chief Executive Officer.

"We are extremely pleased Sam has accepted our offer to take this leadership role for Mercy Ships. Sam's experience in marketing and branding has established a strong foundation for our future," said Mercy Ships Founder and President Don Stephens. "Sam's background in senior leadership with Fortune 500 organizations brings significant executive strength to Mercy Ships at a perfect time in our ministry."



Smith

The global faith based charity's headquarters are in Garden Valley and launched the new hospital ship Africa Mercy in 2007 to serve the world's poorest with hope and healing.

Sam has nearly 20 years of experience in the area of brand and marketing development.

"Mercy Ships has established significant momentum in our goal of delivering hope and healing to the forgotten poor of the world," Smith said. "I am humbled by this opportunity to help lead what I consider the finest group of people engaged from all areas of the world."

"These wonderful people have been blessed to serve and have chosen a very powerful way to share their blessings with those less fortunate."

Smith has worked with some of the largest manufacturing and retail organizations in North America such as Macy's, Lord & Taylor, Marshall Fields, Dillard's, Hartmarx, and Jack Nicklaus.

He served as president of his own consulting

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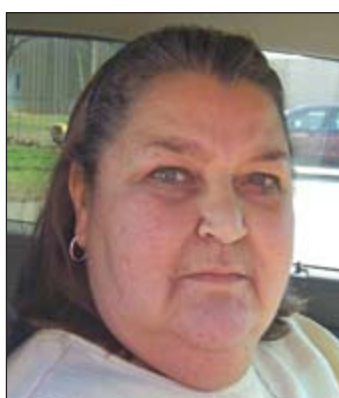
Benefit slated for Sherrie Russom

By Kelly Griffith-Fields
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A community-wide fundraiser lunch is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17 at Bullard First United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

Donations will be accepted and money raised is to help with the medical expenses of Sherrie

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Russom

Boyer seeks Fleming's seat

By Lori Mellinger
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With early voting set to begin next week, Bullard-area residents are watching one race carefully - the precinct 1 commissioner's seat being vacated by JoAnn Fleming.

And while signs are cropping up everywhere for his two opponents - Mike Boyter has kept his campaign low key - much like his personality.



Boyer

"I'm not a politician," Boyter said. "I just look at issues, weigh them and make decisions."

And while he said he's got a lot of respect for those running against him - Jeff Warr and Derrell Cooper, he's clear on one point: "I'm the best candidate for the job."

He enumerated the reasons point by point.

"I've got the best educa-

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Fitness Classes—Sign up NOW!

Holly Hengen is bringing energy and enthusiasm to our new aerobic class. The class is now making and will include kickboxing, cardio boot camp, strength training and flexibility exercises.

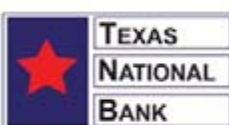
Holly, a native Wisconsin, home schools her five children, while her husband, Earl, is a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones in Gresham. Come join us and check out her WI accent!

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