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BULLETIN BOARD

■ The "FRIENDS of the Bullard Community Library" is holding a bake sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday outside Bullard Brookshire's. Lots of Easter goodies will be available.

■ Bullard First United Methodist Church will host worship services during the noon hours -- 11:50 a.m. -12:25 p.m. - of Holy Work, March 17-20. Dr. Pat Day of First Church in Shreveport will speak on Monday, March 17. On Tuesday, the Rev. Chuck Bratz of Whitehouse will present the service. On Wednesday the Rev. Scott Dornbush of First Church of Palestine will speak, and the Rev. Allison Thompson from Marvin Methodist Church will lead on Thursday. A fellowship lunch will be shared after the worship services. Everyone is welcome to attend.

■ The Brook Hill School is hosting its 2008 Brook Hill School Auction, "A Night at the Museum" on March 29. This will be an evening of fellowship and entertainment, food and many auction items. There will be an array of both live and silent auction items; ranging from sports packages, to wonderful vacations, to specialty items, from gracious donors and Brook Hill supporters. Several items are available for online bidding at www.bluetreemarketing.com/brookhill. The event will benefit the school's annual fund, which bridges the gap between tuition, income, and the actual operating budget.

■ 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 will meet at Kiepersol Estates, at 6:30 a.m.

MOTHER OF INVENTION

Brook Hill students show off creations

By Kelly Griffith-Fields
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Janet Stanley and Amanda Barnes' third grade classes at The Brook Hill Lower School participated in the second annual Invention Convention.

Each student chose a famous inventor, researched that person and their invention

and formulated that information into a research paper and a project board.

Don Wetzel, the inventor of the ATM machine, came and talked to the third grade classes on Feb. 26.

"The kids were enthralled at meeting a famous inventor and loved asking him questions about the idea, the process and

the outcome of his invention," said administrative assistant Linda Seronello. "He told them that anyone could be an inventor. They were inspired by their time listening to Don Wetzel."

In addition to learning about inventions and their creators, the students became

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Russell Strickland stands in front of his project board and invention with his first place certificate from the second annual Invention Convention.

-- photo by Kelly Griffith-Fields

SNOW DAY



Just as flowers begin to bloom and signs of spring's arrival present themselves a wintery mix of weather falls across East Texas last week giving contrast to the seasons. Above, a flower in mid-bloom is weighed down by Friday's early morning snowfall. Right, Sno Coney Island's sign rings true as the snow collects on it. See more pictures and information on Page 12.

-- Bullard Banner photos by Kelly Griffith-Fields



District says not culpable for injuries

By Lori Mellinger
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It took a total of 13 stitches and nine staples to fix Tim Haugh's son's leg.

His son, Haugh said in open forum of the school board meeting Monday, was healing nicely -- but no thanks to the treatment the family believes they received from the district.

"On Feb. 19, my son - who's in fourth grade in Bullard - was playing kickball in P.E. class when he slid into a piece of metal rebar that was sticking out of the ground," Haugh told school board members after he passed out pictures of his child's injuries. "It took 10 stitches on the inside of his leg and three on the outside, along with nine staples to the outside of the leg to fix it."

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Thompson ready for challenges

By Lori Mellinger
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After a couple of privately grueling years, Stacey Thompson has filed to retain her seat on the Bullard City Council but now, she said, with a new resolve.

With her husband Clay's appointment to the newly formed Bullard Economic Development Corporation, she said she's - more than ever -

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Hodges aims for 2008 Olympics

Taylor Hodges of Bullard has his sights set on the Beijing China 2008 Olympic Games.

The 18-year-old International Skeet shooter will be competing in the final selection match to determine who will represent the USA in the Olympic Skeet competition.

This match will be held March 13-16 at the USA Olympic Training Center at Kerrville.

Hodges will have one day of squared practice and then three

days of competition. This Olympic Match will have 250 targets.

Making the USA Junior Olympic Team last year, Hodges has recently earned a spot on the 2008 USA Junior Olympic Team for a second time.

Only eight skeet shooters in the nation, under the age of 21, are on this elite team.

"I am very blessed to be on the Junior Olympic team again this year and will do my very best in Kerrville," Hodges said.

In February, Hodges won fourth overall in the tournament and second in the juniors division at Kerrville.

Hodges has shot in numerous National Olympic matches in the past year at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Col.

Jim Reay of Bullard has coached Hodges for the past seven years.

Taylor is the son of Winfred and Carole Hodges. He attends Jacksonville College.



Taylor Hodges and Coach Jim Reay prepare the 2008 Beijing Olympic selection match slated for next week in Kerrville.



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Ryan studies engineering at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville. Also having studied at Texas A & M and Stephen F. Austin State University, Ryan plans to go into Domestic Engineering/Construction

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