

# Farm bureau seeking 'Talent Find' entries

It is time for the 2008 Miss Cherokee County Farm Bureau contest and Talent Find contest.

These are scholarship awarded contests at County, District and State levels.

In the Queen's contest, the girls will be judged on appearance, poise, personality and speech.

The Talent Find contest is a talent-based contest and contestants will be judged on audience appeal, performance, appearance and professionalism. The winner from each contest wins a monetary prize and will represent Cherokee County

Farm Bureau in the district contest in July.

From the district contest the winners advance to the state contest in December 2008.

To be eligible for these contests you must be between the ages of 16-19 as of Sept. 1, 2007, and a member of Texas Farm Bureau or a family member of TFB.

For complete rules, please pick up applications at the Rusk or Jacksonville Farm Bureau offices or call 903-683-2576.

Applications must be turned in by June 6.

# Cherokee Civic Theatre announces summer camp

Special to the Banner

RUSK -- The Cherokee Civic Theatre is getting ready for another summer of fun with their Thespians N Training (TNT) summer camp.

This year marks the fifth year of CCT hosting the camp.

This year's producers are Judy Faye Garner and Debra Petri.

"I'm very excited to be working with great group of directors this year," Garner said, "they have been our mainstays for several summers. Without them, I don't think the camp would be happening."

Thespians 'N Training (TNT) 2008 is open to young people entering first through twelfth grades.

There will be three theatrical companies - two sessions for grades 1-3 and grades 4-6, with one session for grades 7-12.

The TNT 2008 camp will be held at the Cherokee Civic Theatre on West 5th St. in downtown Rusk.

The TNT 2008 Directors

are Jenni Daniels and Phyllis Johnson (grades 1-3), Jessica Breen-Ford (grades 4-6) and Castanya Breen (grades 7-12).

These ladies offer a wide range of experiences working with and teaching young people as well as personal and professional experience in the theatre arts.

Through a variety of age-appropriate activities, campers will learn about the theatre arts from all aspects - onstage, backstage and offstage - while improving the skills they already have.

There will be a grand finale showcase for family and friends on June 28.

Campers must be able to attend all camp sessions and their showcase - it won't be a show without them.

The camp fee is \$40 for one camper, \$35 for 2nd camper and \$30 for 3rd camper for CCT season patrons and \$50 for one camper, \$45 for 2nd camper and \$40 for 3rd camper for all others.

The fee per camper covers the entire two-week session

and includes an official TNT 2008 camp T-shirt.

Enrollment fees are non-refundable after June 1.

Submit a completed registration form and guidelines contract with registration fee to CCT no later than May 25.

Registration forms may also be found on the theatre's website, [www.cherokeetheatre.net](http://www.cherokeetheatre.net).

Credit card payments and phone reservations are not possible.

Space is limited so registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Campers will be called to confirm enrollment.

Because of the time constraints regarding rehearsals for the showcase performances, TNT reserves the right to not accept registrations from children who have conflicts that will prevent daily attendance at camp or at the showcase performances.

For more information, call the theatre at (903) 683-2131, or log onto [www.cherokeetheatre.net](http://www.cherokeetheatre.net).

# Hanks selected to attend leadership conference

Collin Hanks, an 11th grader at The Brook Hill School in Bullard, has been selected to attend the 2008 Congressional Student Leadership Conference on Global Business & Entrepreneurship, sponsored by LeadAmerica.

The CSLC is a college-accredited invitational leadership program for academically talented and promising young leaders from across the United States and internationally.

Collin will join other exceptional high school students with records of academic achievement and extracurricular or community involvement who are invited to participate.

The CSLC on Global Business & Entrepreneurship is a 10-day leadership program in which students learn to build and operate a business.

From developing a product concept to analyzing the competitive landscape, students learn what it takes to ensure success.

In a hands-on learning environment, Collin and fellow students will develop and execute a full-scale business plan and "sell" their idea.

They will learn and practice important leadership skills



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such as creative thinking, negotiation and public speaking.

LeadAmerica is the

nation's premier youth leadership organization.

With a commitment to providing quality leadership education, LeadAmerica empowers teenage leaders and instills in them ethical and principled leadership values, attitudes and skills.

Each of its high school conferences is college-accredited and its programs are approved activities of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

This year's Global Business & Entrepreneurship conference will be held in New York at the campuses of Columbia University, Fordham University, and Pace University.

Collin will have the opportunity to earn two college credits from this conference.

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