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NewsBriefs

Bullard High to serve spaghetti to raise funds

Bullard High School UIL Academic teams will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at the Bullard High School cafeteria on homecoming night, Friday Oct. 3, 2008. Serving times will be from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$5 at the middle school office or at the door. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Reservations can also be made by calling (903) 894-6533 ext. 2236.

Fireproof

A six week sermon series on marriages and relationships starts 11 a.m. Sept. 21st (Nursery and Children's Church available)

The class will also be taught in the "Couples" Sunday School Class (10:00am) at Grace Fellowship Church, just North of the four way stop in Flint.

Youth Rally 'Harvest Fest '08' starts in Jacksonville

2008 brings about the sixth annual Harvest Fest. Harvest Fest 2008 is a free Christian youth rally held in Jacksonville, Texas. It will begin at 6:00 on September 27 at Jacksonville's Tomato Bowl. This year's lineup includes Dove award winning - KJ-52 and two East Texas bands - Considered Rubbish and Mud Creek Revival. The guest speaker is Leighton Flowers, and Patti Foster will be the MC. Also, extreme skateboarder Tim Byrne will be outside the Tomato Bowl at 5 pm to kick things off.

The event began in 2003 when some friends were inspired to host a youth rally promoting youth involvement and unity between local churches and communities. This is a great opportunity for Christians from all denominations to work together to reach our common goal of leading people to Christ and to make a difference in this generation. Harvest Fest has seen tremendous growth over the last few years in both attendance and support. The first year the crowds ranged between 250 and 300, and last year one count placed the crowds at over 700. All people in the East Texas area are invited to come out for a night of fun in a safe drug free environment to learn a little more about Jesus Christ and His saving grace and peace. For more information, feel free to call me at 903-721-4001. Or you can email Brittany Canty at <brittanycanty@gmail.com>. Also, please check out www.myspace.com/harvestfest. Thanks for everything.

Agricultural groups organize help for Hurricane Ike's

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and a number of state agencies and associations, including Texas Farm Bureau, have joined to create a resource staging area, feed collection and transportation network to address the immediate needs of cattle and horses victimized by Hurricane Ike.

"As we understand it, Chambers and Jefferson counties have about 20,000 head of cattle and some horses that are still in the flood surge zone and haven't had anything to eat or drink since that storm surge hit on Friday," says Dr. Ed Smith.

Rodeo Queen



Courtesy Photo

Bullard High School student Casey Brooks became the Miss Bogata Rodeo Queen for 2008-2009. She is the daughter of Hirlen and Linda Brooks. Also the granddaughter of Bonnie Williams and James and Lucinda Brooks, all of Bullard.

Transitional housing assistance available for evacuees

AUSTIN, Texas – The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), at the request of the State of Texas, will activate its transitional sheltering initiative to allow eligible Ike evacuees from Texas, who cannot return to their homes, to stay in hotels or motels until it is safe for them go home.

FEMA will pay for the lodging directly to hotels and motels. A listing of participating hotels is available online at <http://www.FEMAEvacHotels.com>.

This assistance is intended to provide a more appropriate extended sheltering environment to evacuees who cannot return home because their neighborhoods are inaccessible or because their homes are unlivable due to damage or lack of power. The initial period of assistance is from

September 14, 2008 to October 14, 2008. This program will not reimburse applicants for previously incurred hotel expenses. Applicants are responsible for their own meals and for any lodging costs above the authorized allowance

"Many hotels in eastern Texas are already booked, therefore we recommend that everyone already in a hotel remain until local officials advise it is safe to go home," said Sandy Coachman, Federal Coordinating Officer for the Texas Joint Field Office. "If your hotel does not participate in this program, hold your receipts and FEMA will assist you."

To ensure reimbursement evacuees first need to apply for federal assistance through

FEMA either online at www.fema.gov or by calling the FEMA toll-free call centers at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 1-800-462-7585. Eligible evacuees must fit the following criteria:

- 1) FEMA must be able to verify the identity of the evacuee;
- 2) The primary residence of the evacuee must be in one of the counties that has been designated a disaster area; and
- 3) The primary residence is inaccessible or unlivable due to damage or lack of power.

Because of the high number of calls FEMA is receiving, applicants should expect long wait times and consider calling during non-peak hours. The hotline is open 24 hours.

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