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Red, White and Blue Festival set up



Photo by Jim Epperson

Chris Morrow, of Hip Hop Entertainment, puts together a merry-go-round for Bullard's Red, White and Blue Festival this weekend.

SCHOOL

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the outgoing seniors by 52 students. And he is expecting a 10 percent growth at the high school.

"We are expecting 670 at the high school," Bryant said. "I am projecting on the heavy side to make sure we have enough space for students."

Three school districts are attempting to pass bond packages: Tyler, Longview and Hallsville. If these cities pass the bonds, then construction costs could be more expensive, Bryant said.

"We are trying to beat that," Bryant. "Not sure if we can, but we are trying."

Bryant said the district could go out to bid by January and the new building could be completed by December of 2008.

And if the project is too expensive, then the school district will opt out to only build the first floor of the building to save money.

NewsBriefs

AARP driver safety course scheduled

"There is an AARP Driver Safety Course scheduled for 1-5 PM on Nov. 3-4 and again on Nov. 10-11 in Tyler. This refresher course is designed for people 50 and older. Membership in AARP is not required. The course covers topics such as effects of aging and medication on driving skills, driving rules and crash prevention. The fee is \$10 per person, however during the month of November, if you are an AARP member and bring another person the total fee is \$10. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate and may be eligible for a discount on their automobile insurance. The instructors for these courses are AARP trained volunteers. To enroll in the Nov. 3-4 course please call

(903) 894-4099, or (903) 752-0240. To enroll in the Nov. 10-11 course please call (903) 589-4461 or (903) 752-0240.

Beware of fraud during Hurricane Ike

FEMA is warning against potential fraud from people calling and knocking on doors claiming they are with charity organizations.

FEMA is encouraging Texas residents to help prevent fraud during the Hurricane Ike recovery effort.

Don't give donations to charities over the phone or to people knocking at your door without first ensuring the charity is legitimate.

If you suspect anyone of involvement in fraudulent activities, call the FEMA

Disaster Fraud Hotline at 1-866-720-5721. That's 866-720-5721.

Disaster assistance funds should go to the Texans who need them ... not to scam artists. Call the hotline with any doubts ... 866-720-5721.

TxDot investigates Main Street sink holes

TxDOT is investigating a wet spot under Main Street and replacing the road in patches.

Water is seeping under the road. There is a possibility it is from city water or sewer, but TxDOT officials are not sure. TxDOT is fixing the road, then they will see if it happens again.

"Something wet is undermining this particular area," TxDOT spokesman Larry Krantz said. "If it happens

again, there may be a chance that it will be the city's responsibility."

Preparing for Winter Feeding

The Smith County Extension office will be sponsoring a free 'Preparing for Winter Feeding' workshop for beef cattle owners on Monday, November 10, 2008. The program, which will begin at 3 PM and conclude around 5 PM, will be held at the Extension office (1517 West Front Street, Suite 116) in Tyler.

The speaker for the program will be Dr. Jason Banta, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist from Overton. Topics to be addressed include: matching hay to the proper class of livestock; getting the most bang for your feed dollar; storing hay properly to extend

its storage life; and interpreting forage analysis reports. Producers who have had their hay analyzed this summer are encouraged to bring their analysis reports with them to the meeting.

Please RSVP to 903-590-2980 by November 7th if you plan to attend this event.

Bullard library director to move on

After seven years of dedicated service, Bullard's beloved Library Director, Debbie Brown, has accepted a new opportunity in Athens.

The Library Board of Directors invites the public to a farewell reception in Brown's honor from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 7 at the Bullard Community Library.

Please come and wish Brown well in her endeavor.

PATRIOTS

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the group to welcome home soldiers.

"We have taken Welcome Home Soldier Project as an ongoing project to help them with expenses, moral support, greeting of the soldiers and anything that Anne DeLaet would like us to help her with," organizational secretary Shirley Lindsay said.

Rosalie Howerton tries to go to every welcoming there is, but she said it is difficult because often times the organization does not know when a soldier is coming home.

"We only know of a soldier returning home when a family member contacts us," Howerton said.

The organization takes donations, and is always look-



Photo by Jim Epperson

Ed Williams, of Jacksonville volunteers with the Welcome Home Soldiers! to welcome soldiers homes.

ing for gift cards for national chain restaurants so a soldier can go out to eat with family.

Dave Reiner stood on the side of the road holding a large American flag. He is retired from the Air Force.

"When we came home

from Vietnam, we didn't get a thing like this," Reiner said. "We got demonstrations."

To tell the group to welcome the family home, call (903) 561-6016, or email, wlcomhm@aol.com.

OWENS

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emony marked a special day in the district. Bullard has never had a theater like this one.

"Today marks another special day in the history of our school district," Bryant said. "We celebrate fine arts. We celebrate progress and achievement. We celebrate the fact that we are not a district that is one-dimensional, but instead one that builds both quality academic and extra-curricular

facilities." The new theater will be a place for the entire community, school officials are saying. But it was built for the students.

"While we as a community will enjoy and appreciate this auditorium, the reason it was built is or the children of Bullard ISD that will become the Audry Owens of tomorrow," Bryant said.

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