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Pow-wow at the Primary



On Monday, Nov. 24, 2008 the Indians came to Bullard Primary School. Kevin Alexander from the Alabama-Coushatta tribe wowed the primary students with his Indian dancing. Kevin is an award-winning dancer and competes all over the United States. Sherald Sylestine, Kevin's dad taught the students some words in Coushatta, talked to the about Alabama- Coushatta culture, and answered many questions. Narcissa, dad taught the students some words in Coushatta, talked to them about Alabama-Coushatta culture, and answered many questions. Narcissa, Kevin's sister also were her full Indian regalia to show students what females in the tribe looked like. The Sylestine family live in Bullard and younger brother, Jalen also dances in competitions.

Local author to hold book signing at Lady Jane's

Bullard's Joan "Jonikay" Pace will hold a book signing for her first novel, "Voices from the Heart" at Lady Jane's Antique and Photography Mall, 202 E. Woodrow in Jacksonville Saturday, Dec. 6.

Pace, the founding editor of the Bullard Weekly News, will do a book signing from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. during Lady Jane's Antique and Photography Mall annual Christmas Open House. Refreshments will be served and there will be sales and discounts throughout the mall.

"Please come visit the open house and say hello," Pace said. "I'll have plenty of copies on hand and be happy to autograph one for everyone."

"Voices from the Heart" is a tale about teenagers, Clara Grace Sheppard and her brother, Hank, who flee their East Texas home in fear of their murderous father. After going their separate ways, for their own safety, Clara finds herself 20 years older and alone. Grief-stricken, she begins to hear the voices of loved ones from her past who give her comfort and guidance that she is now willing to heed. Clara and Hank are at last reunited and return to their childhood home where they hope to learn the truth of their mother's death and their father's part in it, but the visit could cost them their lives.

The book is available for order at comfortpublishing.com, amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. Additionally, bookstores may order "Voices from the Heart" through Ingram's. Media copies are available by request for review.

Pace married her high school sweetheart Joe Pace in 1958. She graduated from Henderson County Junior College in Athens and the University of Texas at Tyler. She taught high school English until 1996 when she and her youngest daughter Cyndi Reed founded the Bullard Weekly News. The paper was awarded numerous statewide awards including the Alafair Hammet Award for excellence in public school coverage. In 2005, the paper was sold and Pace retired to write stories of all kinds of families and the people in them.

Obituaries

Sylvester Green

Memorial services for Sylvester Green, 74, Bullard, are scheduled for 2:00 pm, Saturday, December 6 at County Line Baptist Church, Bullard, with Larry Pierce officiating.

Mr. Green died November 30, 2008 in Tyler.

Sylvester Green was born April 1, 1934 in Kerens, Texas to the late William P. and Vernadee Green. He had lived in Bullard for 11 years, moving from Dallas and worked in the oil field.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Green, Bullard; sons, Bill Green, Mushegon Heights, MI and Johnny Pinkert, Palestine; daughters, Tammy Arnold, Palestine and Donna Pinkert, Tyler; 8 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are with Hilliard Funeral Home, Van.

Mildred 'Nink' Jolley

A memorial service for Mildred 'Nink' Jolley, 95, of Bullard was held at 1PM Friday, November 28, 2008 at First United Methodist Church in Bullard with Drs. Gary and Randy Fitzgerald officiating. Graveside services were Saturday, November 29, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Beaumont with Dr. Robert S. Gartman officiating.

Mrs. Jolley passed away on Wednesday, November 26 in Tyler.

Mrs. Jolly was born to the late Henry Waller and Birdie Mae Lay Davis September 4, 1913 in Hickory, MS.

She was preceded in death by husband Charles M. Jolley and brother, Dr. Herbert P. Davis.

She is survived by a daughter, Jane Spencer and husband Dick; sister, Bennie Davis Heffner, brother, Hubert Davis, 3 grandchildren, Stacie King, Keith Spencer and Beth Gessing; 4 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

If desire, memorials may be made to the Mission House, c/o First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 152, Bullard, 75757.

Norma Louise Garren

Services for Norma Louise Garren, 84, Bullard, were held at Memorial Chapel at Boren-Conner Funeral Home, Bullard, with the Rev. Sam DeVille officiating. Burial was held in Larissa Cemetery.

Mrs Garren died Nov. 22, 2008, in Alvin.

She was born March 30, 1924, in Bullard. She was a graduate of Bullard High School and a member of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Garren lived in Houston before moving back to Bullard in 1985. She retired as a bookkeeper after 30 years with Nabisco and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include her son, ret. Col. Patrick Garren, Huntsville; daughter, Wanda Faye Craig, Friendswood, four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

DUATHLON

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USAT, and each year competitors are ranked and the year is capped-off with the awards banquet in January in Round Rock, Texas.

Starling was a yearly fixture as the winner of the most competitive runner.

Twenty years ago, Rooney became acquainted with another running enthusiast Bronda Starling.

The two began to run together, and ran yearly in the Thurston's Duathlons' and Tyler's, Azalea 10K race.

"She (Bronda) was quite an athlete doing duathlons, races and playing league softball in the Dallas area," said Rooney of her friend. "She also played a major part in the USAT (United States American

Triathlon Association), in helping with the ranking department, traveling state-wide to races."

It was back in February of 2007 when doctors first found out she had a brain tumor. After a successful surgery, the tumor came back.

Bringing on chemo-treatments for the second tumor, Starling continued to train and competed in races of which sometimes took friends to help her through.

"One of her dreams was to make her 50th birthday and she succeeded," Rooney added, "and her husband Ron, and friends held a big party for her on January 15 of this year to celebrate her birthday, and I was so glad I got to attend."

The misery however continued for Starling, getting weaker as she fought through three more tumors. Facing her third surgery, Starling still had friends over for Super Bowl Sunday as Bronda fixed dinner for the event.

On July 8, Bronda finally had to give up the fight and passed away.

"I lost a true friend and most of all a great lady who was loved by many," Rooney said.

"She will always continue racing, she'll be at every race I compete in the rest of my life in my thought and prayers," said Rooney. "I feel lucky to have been a part of her life and I will never forget my friend Bronda."

Brookshire's needs more donations for food drive

With just a few weeks remaining in the Spirit of Christmas Food Drive, more donations are needed to help the 15,000 families targeted to receive assistance this year. The food drive ends Dec. 22 in most areas.

"Donations have been coming in steadily, but we need more help to reach all those in

need," said Sam Anderson, director of consumer and community relations for Brookshire Grocery Co.

All food collected within the Tyler area will be distributed to families in that area. Brookshire Grocery Co. will donate at least one roasting hen to each family assisted through the food drive. Last year the

company provided more than 16,000 hens.

Donations may be made by placing non-perishable food items in the designated containers at the front of participating stores. Items in glass jars and homemade goods are not accepted. Bulk items, such as flour and corn meal, should be donated in smaller quantities.

Time to Sign Up for Part D

By Robert Goldberg

From now until Dec. 31, Medicare Part D is offering an "open-enrollment" period, meaning that seniors can change their prescription drug coverage to pick a new plan that better meets their needs.

Seniors should jump at this once-a-year opportunity. Instead of

being forced into a one-size-fits-all plan run by the government, Part D participants can choose among a variety of private insurance plans, custom tailoring their coverage to their particular drug needs.

Since companies have to compete for the premium dollars of millions of Part D participants, they're delivering increasingly attractive offerings. Beneficiaries are seeing a

broader selection of drugs, lower prices, and more generous benefits.

Indeed, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) estimates that the average monthly premium for standard Part D coverage in 2009 will be \$28, only \$3 higher than last year, and a whopping 37 percent lower than the \$44.12 monthly premium projected for 2009 when Part D was launched.