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Putting partners, Mal and Beverly Burklow, are headed off on another adventure – this time to the 2009 Evian LPGA Masters.

The Couple vacations in Evian every year for Beverly's birthday.

"We first went to Evian a few years back," Mal said. "When I checked in at our hotel and the

lobby was quiet – except for hotel staff we were alone – then more staff comes out of nowhere with a tremendous bouquet of flowers for my wife and tell us we are the very first guests to check in."

From that moment the Burklow's were invited to stay in the Evian Hilton during the week of the LPGA Masters – for free – for life.

"We aren't going to pass that

opportunity up," Mal said. "We both love golf, so we go – every year."

The first trip was in 2006. When the couple returned in 2007 the hotel threw them a big party. In 2008 the missed the trip, to take a family cruise. This is their first trip back since 2007 and they are looking forward to the golf tournament and the reunion with their new friends in Evian.

Along the way and over the years the Burklow's have met many people and make that part of their yearly ritual. They fly into Frankfurt, Germany and they take a train three hours to Interlochen, Switzerland. From Interlochen it is a 200 mile drive to Evian.

The couple leaves July 15 for Beverly's birthday bash. The LPGA Masters is the following week.

The Mission House Health Clinic is open 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. The Food and Clothes Closet is open 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Smith County Commissioners' Court meets 9 a.m. each Monday at the Smith County Courthouse Annex.

Cherokee County Commissioners' Court meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Cherokee County Courthouse.

Bullard City Council meets 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month.

Bullard Area Kiwanis Club meets Noon Tuesdays at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

Bullard Area Rotary Club meets 6:30 a.m. at Keipersol.

General Joseph L. Hogg Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, meet the second Saturday every month in the Bullard and Jacksonville area. For more information call J.D@ Campbell at 903-894-6727.

Call or stop by the paper with story ideas.



Mal and Beverly Burklow golf together at Eagle's Bluff Golf Course to get in a few holes before they set off on a vacation to the 2009 LPGA Masters in Evian, France at the end of the month. The couple flies to France every year for the Masters, to celebrate Mrs. Burklow's birthday. The couple started the tradition in 2006.

SUMMERTIME



One of the things that makes East Texas such a great place to live is the roadside fruits vegetables that be found along the twists and turns of the country roads that take East Texans home. One such roadside stand is there to serve around the clock in Flint. Maybe no farmer is in attendance with dirt under his nails or wearing a straw hat, but a sign is posted: "...HELP YOURSELF..." That request speaks volumes about what it is to live to good life.

"Blast in the Sky" Friday

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O Say can you see... Blast in the Sky.

Bullard get ready for the city's annual Independence Day celebration - Blast in the Sky - 6 p.m. Friday, July 3 at Bullard High School.

Blast in the Sky officials promise live entertainment by local talent, fun for the kids in a huge sandbox with buckets to create castles -- or to find prizes hidden in the sand -- and Creature Comforts Water-Misters, to keep them cool.

Other music slated for the event includes a Live broadcast throughout the evening by KYYK radio.

Event planners have also set up a flag ceremony featuring a flag that was actually flown in Iraq.

Raffle prizes are slated to be given away throughout the evening. Tickets are \$1 and available for advance purchase at city hall, or can be purchased throughout the night.

While fireworks are furnished, in order to enjoy the show, residents are

asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Proceeds from Blast in the Sky are used to benefit the park fund.

"This event is a win-win situation; attendees will have a wonderful time celebrating our country's independence and all proceeds go to our park fund which helps to continue the good work done at our park," Stacey Thompson, mayor pro tem, said. "Please join us for a family-friendly night of fun while helping to make our park grow even more."

Thompson, is one of a handful working on the event and is thankful for all the support.

"A committee of about 15 people have worked many hours to bring this event to the City of Bullard," Thompson said. "As the Chairperson for this event, I would like to thank each of them for their dedication, passion, and hours of work to make this event better than ever. Their time, willingness to serve, and commitment has not gone unnoticed and will never be forgotten."



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