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Man killed in accident

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"Split seconds. That's when things happen," said Kenneth Newman.

Newman, 76 and Donald Barnett, 74, were transferring vehicles for Enterprise Rent-A-Car Thursday, Sept. 24, and decided to stop and eat lunch at Legends Old Time Burger Café at 117 N. Phillips St. in Bullard.

The two men had traveled from Nacogdoches, their home town, and they were on their way to a Tyler site. They worked together for several years transferring vehicles for the rental center.

"We stopped here every time we came through here," Newman said.

Barnett was driving a 2009 Ford 350 passenger van at about 1 p.m. when they pulled up to the restaurant in Bullard. It had been raining for several days and rain water had pooled in front of the building. Barnett got out of the vehicle but Newman said he would have had to step into a deep puddle so the two men suggested he slide over to the driver's seat and reposition



(Banner Staff Photo by Don Treul)

Emergency responders hold up a protective sheet as the body of Donald Barnett Thursday, Sept. 24, in downtown Bullard.

the vehicle to be on dry ground.

According to Bullard Police Sgt. Bryan Richards, who investigated the incident, Newman moved to the driver's seat and began to drive to another parking spot while Barnett walked in

front of the vehicle. Newman's foot slipped off of the brake onto the accelerator and the vehicle jumped a concrete parking block and struck Barnett who was thrown onto another concrete parking block next to the side of the building. Appar-

ently, Barnett's head struck the concrete block. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace James Meredith with trauma to his head as the cause of death.

While some in the restaurant (See ACCIDENT, Page 3)

Fire Prevention Week scheduled

Fire Prevention Week will be Oct. 4-10.

The Bullard Volunteer Fire Department will visit all the Bullard campuses and will leave Fire Prevention material for students to participate in the Fire Safety Poster Contest that will be open to all students of Bullard Independent School District and Brook Hill School in grades Pre-K through 12.

All posters will be judged on a local level by the Bullard Volunteer Fire Department, and the top winners will move onto the Smith County contest and, ultimately, the state contest. The posters must have a valid fire safety theme and deliver a message.

This year's theme focuses on "Burn Prevention and Awareness." Members of the Bullard Volunteer Fire Department will pass out more (See FIRE, Page 3)

F.Y.I.

The first Bullard FFA Buyers Club Golf Tournament will be Saturday, Oct. 10 at Oak Hurst Golf Course in Bullard.

A shotgun start will be scheduled at 8 a.m. The tournament will be a four person scramble.

Prizes will be awarded during the hamburger buffet following the tournament. The entry fee will be \$150 per person. Entry fees will be required by Thursday, Oct. 1. Hole sponsorship will be available for \$100 pre hole.

For information, contact Steven Brewton at (903) 521-6521.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Bullard FFA Buyers Club for funding Smith County student's FFA projects, including show animals and shop projects presented at the Smith County Youth Expo. Verification of the Bullard FFA Buyers Club can be made by calling the Bullard Agriculture teacher, Stu Dildine, at (903) 894-3272.

To enter a team in the four-person scramble, submit the name and phone number of each player and payment (make checks payable) to: Bullard FFA Buyers Club, P.O. Box 621, Bullard, TX 75757.

Bullard students help feed hungry

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It is only a few grains of rice.

That is the reward for answering questions correctly on the FreeRice Web site. And each correct answer adds more grains until there is enough to feed someone who may not have had a decent meal that day.

Bullard sixth-grade students collectively participated in the program over a recent four-day period. The result was astounding. Because of the correctly answered questions, Bullard students were credited for earning or sending 1,529,000 donated grains of rice to help feed hungry people.

According to the official Web site, FreeRice is committed to the cause of ending hunger around the world. It is non-profit organization and all money raised by the site goes to the United Nations World Food Program to help feed the hungry. Sponsors make all payments to the UN World Food Program directly.

FreeRice was founded in October 2007 by John Breen. In March 2009 he donated the site to the UN



(Banner Staff Photo by Don Treul)

Matthew "Scooter" Riley helped lead the Bullard sixth-grade class to help feed hungry people through the FreeRice program.

World Food Program. In making the donation, Breen expressed his hopes that FreeRice will be able to grow over the coming years, helping to feed and educate as many people as possible throughout the world.

The UN World Food Program (WFP) distributes all of the rice that is donated to help fight hunger. It is the United Nations frontline agency in the fight against global hunger and the world's largest humanitarian organization, working closely with many other organizations in over 75 countries.

Bullard Intermediate School math teacher Peggy Dubose coordinated the efforts of the school's sixth-grade students. More than 120 students in seven classes competed against each other for bragging rights.

"We had kids that went home at night and did questions," said Carla Case, Bullard Intermediate School

counselor. "These kids were booking it."

For each correct question, 10 grains of rice were credited for donation. Bullard teachers kept track of the amount of rice grains credited for each student in each period.

The seventh period class won the competition by answering enough questions to be credited with 301,000 grains of rice in four days. The second period students were second with 285,000 grains and sixth period students were credited with 255,000 grains for third place.

But it was more than just placing in a "competition." "These kids loved it. They walked away feeling good about themselves," Case said. "They were helping other people."

Some of the expressions recorded by the students re- (See HUNGRY, Page 2)

Wine festival slated for Oct. 10

Kiepersol Estates Harvest Festival & Grape Stomp, which will celebrate Texas Wine Month, will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the estates, 3933 F.M. 344 East.

There will be no entry fee.

A family event at the heart of the East Texas vineyard, activities will include unique wine festival games, interactive vintage harvest "tintype" photographs, karaoke and a self-guided walking tour of the vineyard, as well as festival food, wine tasting and homemade sangria and wine-a-ritas. The grape stomp is the highlight of the festival where participants can "make wine" and mark their own commemorative t-shirt.

Participants can bring their cameras and submit photos of the event for competition and a chance to win a \$250 gift certificate. Photos may be submitted online at www.kiepersol.com.

Bring a lawn chair. No food or drink may be brought in, and participants must be 21 to purchase or consume alcohol.

For information, call (903) 894-8995.

Dress up the family in vintage 1830s looks and get an antiqued grape harvesting photo to take home. Maps will be available for a self-guided tour that will take participants over hill and dale on an informational walking tour of Kiepersol's original vineyard.

Festival donation —



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Bullard City Manager Larry Morgan, left, and Jay Abercrombie, of the Bullard City Council, right, accept a \$5,000 donation from Vincent Al-faro, business representative for Sam's Club in Tyler. The funds will be used for the Red, White and Blue Festival Nov. 7 in Bullard.



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