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The Bullard Rotary will host a raffle to benefit the Bullard Education Foundation, the city of Bullard Development Plan and Rotary International.

Tickets are available from Rotary members or by calling Larry Morgan at (903) 894-7223.

The grand prize will be a John Deere Gator four-wheel vehicle; the second prize is a Caribbean cruise worth \$1,500; the third prize is a guided goose hunt worth \$1,200; the fourth place prize is a \$500 gift certificate from Macy's; and the fifth place prize is a day at Redwine's Rejuvenation Spalon.

A benefit fund to assist the family of Steve Kimble has been established at the Mission House.

Funds donated will be used to help offset financial expenses due to illness. Kimble is awaiting a liver transplant.

Checks should be mailed to the Mission House at 226 S. Phillips St., Bullard, TX 75757.

For more information, call Hazel Mason at (903) 521-5711.

Bullard High School will host a Veterans Day program at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the Audrey B. Owens Auditorium. The guest speaker will be U.S.A.F. S. Sgt. Matthew Olsen. Veterans are welcome to attend. The BHS band and choir will perform.

There will be a Boys & Girls Club organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Bullard Elementary.

For more information, call Brenda Cannon at (903) 825-6795 or Jean Dark at (903) 894-7366.

Bullard community to host Red, White and Blue Festival Nov. 7

After months of preparation and anticipation, the Red, White and Blue Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 7, in Bullard.

The festival is hosted by the Bullard Area Chamber of Commerce and the biggest sponsors include Sams and Brookshire's.

Activities will start with a parade at 10 a.m. The parade route will start at the new elementary school and eventually proceed through downtown.

A ceremony to honor military veterans, and naming Miss Armed Forces will follow the parade.

New to the festivities this year will be the Veterans Hospitality Booth, sponsored by KLTV and Chicken Express.

"We are pleased to have goody bags for our vets this year," said Media Veteran Hospitality Coordinator, Mike Christopher. "Area businesses have been eager to help us salute our veterans."

Veterans are invited to stop by the booth at noon following the ceremony to pick up goody bags and T-shirts while supplies last. The VH Booth will be northeast of the stage and will be manned all day by volunteers, many of whom have military experience or currently have family members serving overseas. A sign-in guest book will be available for veterans willing to tell their stories to



(Banner Staff Photo by Don Treul)

Chris Morrow of Gilmer supervises the set up of the Hip Hop Amuzements carnival that will be featured at the Red, White and Blue Festival. Morrow and his crew began setting up the rides Monday.

media before next year's event.

"The Patriot Guard and Welcome Home Soldiers will be joining us, too, so there should be a lot of excitement," Christopher said.

Following the parade, performances scheduled include cheerleaders from Chapel Hill High School and Bullard High School, Spirit of Tyler Cheerleaders, drill

teams from Bullard High School, Robert E. Lee High School and John Tyler High School, the Jacksonville Square Dancers and more. (See the schedule on Pages 6-7.)

Live music will be performed by James Lann, Jamie Richards, Morrison-Williams, Lauren Alexander, Jason Allen and Honey-browne.

Other festival activities

will include vendor booths, a carnival, a petting zoo, vendors, a car show, live music, a mechanical bull and more.

This year's key note speaker is Joan Hallmark of KLTV, known for her Freedom Fighter series, along with her extensive experience in the television industry.

There is no admission charge to the Red, White and Blue Festival.

Tyler man killed at construction site

By DON TREUL
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Hermilo Pimentel, 41, of Tyler, died when he fell at a construction site in Bullard Friday, Oct. 30.

Pimentel was hanging sheetrock for Cooper Plastering Inc., at a construction site at First Baptist Church in Bullard on F.M. 2493 when he fell about 15 feet through an open hole and hit the floor below at about 8 a.m. One report indicated that he may have been carrying something and did not see the hole.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Cherokee County Precinct 3

Justice of the Peace Judge James Morris. It was later determined that Pimentel suffered severe head trauma and was killed instantly.

"He probably just stepped backward into an open hole," Morris said. "There was at least one other worker up there. The other fellow had his back to him when he fell and ran down to him."

Co-workers saw that Pimentel was unresponsive and called 911. Bullard Police Chief Gary Don Lewis and the Bullard Police Department, the Smith County Sheriff's Office and the Bullard Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene.

Pimente apparently had a hard hat on and was following required construction site protocol, but it likely fell off at some point during the fall, according to Morris.

"It's just a very freak, tragic accident," Morris said.

As a standard procedure, Morris ordered an autopsy with Southeast Texas Forensic Center in Tyler, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration also will investigate the incident.

Bullard First Baptist Church is constructing a family life addition to the facility that will include a gymnasium and additional office space.

Day care center evacuated following gas meter leak

By DON TREUL
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It was not the smell of fall that filled the air near downtown Bullard Monday.

The Bullard Volunteer Fire Department and Bullard Police Department responded to a call about 8 a.m. regarding a strong smell of natural gas.

According to Sgt. Bryan Richards, a vehicle struck a gas meter near the area of East Emma Street and Rather Street and left the scene.

Sabrina Thoene, the director at Taylor's Christian Day Care

Center said police and fire personnel evacuated staff and children from the center, located on Emma Street.

"They brought a school bus and took us to First Baptist Church," Thoene said.

About 50 children and staff from the center, as well as residents in the neighborhood were asked to leave their homes for about an hour before the gas company stopped the gas leak.

Richards said there were no injuries.

There also were no eye witnesses of the vehicle that reportedly struck the gas meter.

Genny Wood Memorial Art Show, Sale slated Nov. 7

The Genny Wood Memorial Art Show and Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Bullard First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 204 S. Rather.

The Brook Hill School stringed orchestra will perform during the show.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Mission House of Bullard.

Wood was an artist and an art teacher in East Texas for more than 17 years before she died from cancer in 2008.

More than 45 artists will participate in the show and sale. Co-chairs for the event are Katherine Bunce, Gretta Faulkinberry and Sharon Starwalt.

To participate or for information, call (903) 530-3812 or e-mail to somatt2@embarqmail.com.

Brook Hill week slated

Homecoming queen, king to be crowned at Friday's game

Brook Hill School Homecoming activities will continue this week with the crowning of the queen and king slated for Friday, Nov. 6.

This year's theme is Big Blue Nation — All-American Homecoming Celebration.

The 2009 Homecoming Court for Brook Hill School includes:

9th grade Duke and Duchess: Bailey Franklin, son of Neal and Valli Franklin and Baylee Rozell, daughter of Danny and Michelle Rozell;

10th grade Duke and Duchess: Wade Karam, son of Nick and Kim Karam and Tyesha Jackson, daughter of J. Don and Hannas Jackson;

11th grade Duke and Duchess: Logan Kirkpatrick, son of Barry and Christal Kirkpatrick and Ashley White, daughter of Thomas and Lynn White;

The Homecoming Queen Nominees are Erica Eden, daughter of Tim and Patti Eden; Sarah Mullicane, daughter of Jim and Meri Mullicane; and Megan Troxell, daughter of Wade and Sharon Troxell.

The Homecoming King Nominees are Jeremy Chappelle, son of Veronica Hunter; Heath Dickey, son of Paul and Linda Dickey; and Preston Swink, son of Mack and Jill Swink.

On schedule for today, Wednesday, Nov. 4; is the combined chapel service with the theme, "Tribute to Kyle Lake," from 9:15 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

For Thursday, Nov. 5, the day's theme will be "Red, White, Go Blue!" All grades will wear red, white, or blue shirts depending on what grade level they are in; and a bonfire is slated for 7:30 p.m. beside football stadium on the hill.

The Friday, Nov. 6, the day's theme of "A Guard Salute — Support our Soldiers!" St-

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