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BUZZ

Brook Hill event set for Feb. 4-5

Brook Hill School will host the third annual Pancakes and Plays Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4 and 5, featuring Middle School choir and drama students.

An All-You-Can-Eat pancake supper featuring home-made pancakes and Owens Country Sausage will be served from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in The Commons, followed by two presentations. At 7 p.m., the Middle School drama class will present a one-act (See BROOK, Page 4)

Bullard Weather

Today - 50/42
Afternoon showers.
Thursday - 44/43,
Mostly rain.
Friday - 54/40
Few showers.
Saturday - 56/38
Partly cloudy.
Sunday - 58/43
Sunny.
Monday - 51/45,
30% chance of rain.
Tuesday - 60/40,
Scattered showers.
January total 2.09
February rainfall .00

Boys, girls club started in Bullard

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The Bullard Boys and Girls Club is meeting each weekday at Bullard Elementary School.

Instructors are available from 2:30 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the remainder of the school year.

According to John Dixon, one of the instructors, children in the "after school program" have homework and are mentored, but that is not what the club is all about.

"The main thing about the Boys and Girls Club is fun," Dixon said.

The club operates from grants and donations.

"That's one of the main things we're trying to do here in Bullard, to get out in the community and make everyone aware of the Boys and Girls Clubs - that it's here," Dixon said.

According to Brenda Cannon, one of the Bullard club organizers, there are 14 children attending the club and there is room for many more.

In addition to Dixon, Sherrise Kief, is the site director for the Bullard club.

"I take care of tuition, make sure everybody's paperwork is correct and make



(Banner Staff Photo by Doc Smith)

Bullard High School students Nikki Coleman, left, and Emily Hayes (also a member of the BHS Drill Team) volunteer to

help at the Bullard Boys and Girls Club. The after-school club is at Bullard Elementary School.

sure the kids are having fun," Kief said.

Tuition is \$40 per child per week, but Cannon said financial assistance is available. The club is available for students from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Bullard Elementary Librarian Linda Sigman and

Bullard High School students such as Emily Hayes and Nikki Coleman also volunteer to help.

Cannon also said the club will begin a raffle for property valued at \$30,000. Tickets for \$100 will be available at Southside Bank and Brookshire's later in Febru-

ary.

Students who attend the club also receive a snack. Many of the snacks are provided from Tony Johnson at Brookshire's.

Donations also may be in the form of supplies, including games, paint, and paper or canvas, jump ropes (any

size), etc.

Cannon also said the club hours will change during the summer to accommodate students for most of the day, during weekdays. Applications are available at Bullard Elementary School.

— M.D. "Doc" Smith contributed to this article.

Petition filed for the sale of alcohol in Bullard

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Along with Jacksonville, Whitehouse and Troup, Bullard voters filed applications for the sale of alcohol.

Because the city of Bullard is in two counties, petition applications must be filed with Bullard City Secretary Doris Crockett.

Petitions may be for one of two measures, including a petition for the sale of mixed beverages at a restaurant by food and beverages certificate holders only; second, a petition for the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.

Crockett said the petition application was filed Jan. 28 by Billy Horton of Hard County in Austin. He represents a group called Citizens for the Future of Bullard. According to Horton, his company provides consultation and assists with the filing process. His company has provided assistance in more than 85 elections in Texas.

Horton said the petition he filed for was the second measure, or for the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.

"We've had great response on the signature gathering," Horton said. "I think the prospect is good for a successful effort."

Additionally, Horton said that while he understands the negative aspects some have regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages, the economic impact sales have on a community, such as the potential increase of jobs, business and growth also should be considered by cities considering future prospects.

Petition applications require 166 signatures from registered voters who live in the city limits, according to Crockett.

The Bullard City Council must call for a special election regarding the sale of alcohol. The deadline to present the measure for a special election for the May election is March 8, and the city council does not meet until Tuesday, March 9, or one day past the deadline. Therefore, if the proper number of appropriate and legal signatures on a petition are obtained, the measure could be presented for the November election.



(Banner Staff Photo by Don Treul)

Bullard artist Don Bristow offered half of the proceeds of the sale of his art from the Chaotica 2010 collection to help disabled victims suffering as a result of the Haitian

earthquake. Bristow also hosted a benefit for all of the proceeds from the sale of pecans from the Sorrells Ranch in Comanche County to be used in Haiti.

Pecans, art sales used to benefit Haitian disabled

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About \$500 was raised to help find four disabled Haitian artists, and to advocate for the disabled during the relief effort in Haiti.

Bullard artist Don Bristow and his wife Sandy Bristow hosted a benefit Friday, Jan. 26, at their home in Pecan Valley Ranch. The proceeds to be used in Haiti included 50 percent of the sales of original art by Bristow, featuring Chaotica 2010, and 100 percent of the sales of pecan gift baskets and raw pecans from Sorrells Farms in Comanche County.

Dr. Fred Sorrells is the president of the Global Art Initiative and the International Institute of SPORT, which focuses on the assistance and advocacy for the disabled.

Additionally, copies of Dr. Charles R. Gordon's book, "In Plain Sight - Seeing God's Signature throughout Creation," were available for sale during Pecans for Haiti Relief. All of the book sales proceeds went toward the benefit.

"While aid is pouring into Haiti, our focus is towards the disabled who oftentimes are overlooked by relief efforts," Bristow said in a written

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