

What's Happening

The City of Chandler is interviewing for reliable, responsible and committed individual for day to day clerical duties. Must be bilingual (able to read, write and speak Spanish) and have strong computer skills. Please send resume to skparmer@chandler.tx.com or P.O. Box 425 Chandler, TX 75758.

Southern Gospel Concert is coming to Athens with HisSong from Tennessee also His Call QT, and Tracy Thompson from Texas, on Nov. 15 at the Texas Gospel Music Hall located 6513 Hwy. 19 S. Athens. Concert will begin at 6p.m. and doors open at 5p.m. Tickets: First State Bank on SQ in Athens, The Scroll Christian Book Store in Tyler or call: 903-677-2492.

Forest Grove Baptist Church will have their annual Fall Festival on Friday, Oct. 31, from 6-9p.m. There will be lots of fun with games, prizes, candy and great food to buy. We're located 8 miles South of Chandler at 21762 Forest Grove Drive at Hwy 315 S. For more info call 903-849-2378.

Brownsboro Band Booster Meeting will have a meeting at 6p.m. Monday, Nov. 3 in the Band Hall.

AARP 5345 Antioch Baptist Church will meet Tuesday, November 4. The Board of Directors will meet at 6p.m. and the regular meeting is held at 6:30p.m. All people 50+ are encouraged to attend.

Flatwood Assembly of God of Edom will be hosting an Outdoor Fall Festival on Oct. 31, beginning at 6pm. There will be Blue Grass Gospel Band, games, food, and candy for the kids. Everyone is welcome. Flatwood is located 2m west of Edom on FM279. For more info call 903-852-6997.

Athens First UMC, 255 Lovers Lane and College St. will hold its Holiday House Bazaar, Nov. 7 12pm-8pm and Saturday Nov. 8 9am-1pm, featuring crafts, bake sale, and quilt raffle. Dinner Nov. 7 \$6 (child \$3). For more info call 903-675-5161

Brownsboro businesses will pass out candy on the night after Halloween. Saturday, November 1.

Brownsboro Young Farmers monthly meeting meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Ag./Vocation bldg. at the high school 6:30pm

Halloween at the Hatchery, an annual event at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, set for Oct. 30, from 6pm-8:30pm, in Athens. \$1 admission fee will go to the Rainbow Room of Henderson County.

The annual **Edgewood Heritage Festival** is an all-day affair on Saturday, November 8, at the Heritage Park outdoor museum. There will be a vintage car show, CASI chili cook-off, a children's area, a quilt show, a sidewalk art sale, armadillo races and more. Admission is free.

Golden Girls Booster Club meets Thursday at 6:30 pm in the High School Little Theatre.

Halloween Alternative for all ages. Free food, puppets, jump house and candy. Friday, October 31, 5pm-8pm, at Power and Praise Tabernacle; 22525 Hwy 155, Flint, TX. For more info contact 903-825-9361.

Slimetime Fall Festival at First Baptist Church of Edom, Friday, Oct. 31 from 6:30-8:30pm. Games, refreshments, candy, fellowship, snack bar, family photos made and costumes optional. Call 903-852-5481 for more info.

Brownsboro Beautification Organization meets every first Thursday at 7 pm in the Brownsboro community center. Any interested in Brownsboro Beautification are welcome to attend.

Brownsboro Band earns top honors at UIL/Area Marching Contests

On Saturday, October 18, 2008, the Brownsboro High School Band earned their 11th consecutive First Division (Superior) rating at U.I.L. The Marching Contest was held at Stephen F. Austin's Homer Bryce Stadium. The band received a First Division, which is the highest possible rating, from all three judges.

The BHS Band's drill incorporated a variety of fundamental military marching maneuvers, executed while playing the following: "A Festival Prelude" by Alfred Reed, "Queen City" by W.H. Born, "Golden Bear" by J.J. Richards, and "The Cathedral Chorus" from *Slavonic Folk Suite* by Alfred Reed.

The three distinguished judges for this year's contest were: Val Rose of Nederland, Jim Blacksher of Houston, and Dr. Jerry Payne of Marshall. Some of their comments were: "Very musical job today," "Good characteristic tone production from all players," "Band has fine stride and carriage," "Nice balance and blend,"



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"Excellent commitment to fundamentals," and "Congrats, you are a beautiful band with good sounds."

This past Saturday, October 25th, the band moved on to the next level of competition in UIL, the Area C UIL marching competition held at Longview's Lobo Stadium. Eighteen bands from North of the Houston area all the way up to the Red River region of East

Texas met to compete head-to-head for a chance to go to the State Marching Contest held in San Antonio. The Brownsboro Band was named as an Area Finalist and got to march in the finals for the first time in Brownsboro's history. Brownsboro placed 6th in the finals. Moving on to the State finals were: New Boston, North Lamar, and Atlanta.

Preparation for these con-

tests began in August with summer band rehearsals, where students were taught basic military marching fundamentals, and the marching music was first introduced. Aside from their daily class period rehearsals, the students had one three-hour rehearsal every Monday. Military marching, when executed correctly, requires a great deal of self-discipline and maturity,

as well as pride and dedication. Mr. Jeff Russell, director of the Brownsboro High School Band, had these words: "I am very proud of how far our kids have come this year. The students this year have made more improvement, since the beginning of summer band, than any group I have ever had. It is a huge honor to be associated with this great bunch of students. Our parents and community have been represented to the highest standards. I really just can't express in words how proud I am of these students and their performances."

Band members are:

Adair, Zach; Alford, Ashleigh; Anderson, Melody; Andreason, Hayden; Baker, Alyx; Barroso, Jauquin; Barta, Ashley; Bartmess, Emily; Beall, Colton; Blakely, Danielle; Boozer, Callie; Bundy, Camilla; Bynum, Brooke; Bynum, Danielle; Carnes, Chase; Carter, Cashay; Chambers, Sage; (Continued on page 7)

Local schools to celebrate Veteran's Day

Area school districts are gearing up for their Veteran's Day programs, and local veterans are invited to attend. The program will be on November 11 for Murchison Independent School District and Brownsboro High School and November 10 for Brownsboro Junior High School.

MISD's program will start at 2pm, veterans should arrive at the school at about 1:45pm; the event will occur in the school's cafeteria.

Cindy Bailey, MISD teacher, said the children will sing for the veterans, and there will be a guest speaker.

"Our children will honor the veterans with songs and poems," she said. "All classes are preparing something for them."

The MISD junior high school students will prepare a PowerPoint presentation, and veterans will view DVD presentations on what it means to be a veteran.

There will also be a wall of honor where students will bring pictures of veterans dear to them. Students will also give tokens of appreciation to the visiting veterans.

Any veterans wanting to get in on the action can call the school at 903-469-3636.

Brownsboro High School's program will be sponsored by the Social Studies Department of the school, and its program will take place at 9am in the High School Gym.

Those wanting more information on BHS' Veteran's Day program can contact John Mayse at the high school at 903-852-2321. The deadline for information registration is November 7.

FCCLA students bake cakes for BIS Fall Festival



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FCCLA members worked hard to prepare cakes for Brownsboro Intermediate's Fall Festival. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Students provided the supplies and labor for 12 cakes to donate. Pictured: Deon Starr, Harley Lester, Brooke Bynum, Sierra Mungia, Chris Calvio, Sabrina Shofner, Sonia Moreno, Rosa Aguilar, Rebecca Baker, Sage Chambers, Chelsy Quijas, Abril Gonzalez, Keggie Johnson and Johnnie Matthis

Balloon launch kicks off Red Ribbon week Brownsboro businesses set for trick or treat day



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Brownsboro Intermediate School students began Red Ribbon Week on October 24 with a colorful balloon release. Thursday is Team Day and Friday is Halloween shirt day

The first of November is the day Brownsboro businesses will be out on Highway 31 passing out candy to trick-or-treating children. It will start at 6pm and continue for an hour.

Dusty Wise, owner of Y's Hometown Foods in Brownsboro, said he's been in the area over 17 years and the businesses have passed out candy ever since he's been here.

"It's a good, safe environment for the kids," he said.

While there's no word yet on how many Brownsboro businesses are in on this, usually nearly everyone in town participates.

"Last year we had Kabbage Patch, the donut shop, us, the Flower Patch, Piggy's, El Presidente, the bank and more passing out candy," Wise said.

There are no procedures to join and no paperwork to fill out. All businesses need to do is open their doors that Saturday at 6pm and have enough candy for several hundred children. Decorations and dress-up are encouraged.

Last year Y's Hometown Foods went through several hundred dollars worth of candy, Wise said.

During the evening, safety measures will be taken to keep children safe.

Lonnie McKinney, Brownsboro police officer, said he, along with a reserve officer and a warrant officer, will patrol Highway 31 during the event.

"We'll get people to slow down," he said.

Out of all the trick-or-treat nights, McKinney said no bad occurrences have happened, so the plan has proven successful.