

Help Is On The Way!



The old John Cook and Seal Cook home has been empty since the the early 1970's. Deola Egbert, a family member, was the last one to occupy the home. . The city of Rusk is removing it using a grant received to remove blight. Other dilapidated structures that will be removed are the old Zero Food Locker, the old Leon Foreman home located on MLK, the old Hulon Williams home on Center and the old Obelia Rivers home on Beale Street. Greg McDuff pictured on the backhoe is a city employee.

HIL/MA Youth Summit held

Jacksonville, TX.-With a surprising total of over 150 attendees at the First Annual Youth Summit sponsored by HIL/MA Counseling and Intervention Services of Texas, the group of young cherokee county youth and their parents were well received by the organization staff and volunteers. The summit was held on Saturday July 24, 2010 at the Norman Activity Center in Jacksonville. Jacksonville mayor Robert Haberle gave words of inspiration to those in attendance- The organization assistant director Ruby Hill gave the welcome. Words of encouragement came from Mr. Preston Meador, a candidate for justice of the peace cherokee county precinct #3, and Reverend Wilson associate pastor of Saint Louis Baptist Church. Entertainment was provided by the puppet ministry of Saint Louis Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas- A presentation by Smith Temple C.O.G.I.C. Mime ministry. The organization theme for the summit was, Education-The Bridge to Success. Program Director Gloria Mays encouraged the youth to secure a valued education,

without an education your success is limited to acheive the greater things in life. Choose carefully your path in life and you will overcome the obstacles that you will face Mays told the group of youth and parents. Parents and youth in attendance received a free lunch and free school supplies that will assist them in being prepared for the first day of class. Mays state that the organization is looking forward to the second annual summit which will continue to focus on educating the youth in cherokee county. Mays would like to thank all volunteers, contributors, parents, youth that helped make the event a success. Mays states that nothing is impossible if we all work together, and this is what we did she says.

Estebiana J'Nae Arrington received top prize in her age division for the Reading Program in Jacksonville, Texas. this year's theme was catching the Reading Express Train. Congratulations from you parents and grandmother!

Jacksonville College Offers Beginning Spanish Conversation Courses to the Community

Jacksonville, TX.-Beginning Spanish Conversation I will be offered as a continuing education course at Jacksonville College from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, September 14 through October 12, 2010. The course is designed for individuals who have had little or no previous Spanish instruction and who are interested in learning basic Spanish conversation skills for business and/or for personal interests. The total cost of the course is \$95 (textbook included). Students must register and pay for the course by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7. The class is limited to the first 25 individuals who register. For more information, contact Dr. David Heflin, at (903) 586-2518 or dheflin@jacksonville-college.edu. See college homepage of website for application at www.jacksonville-college.edu.

Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce

Annual Meeting/ Conference 2010

Marriott at Round Rock

September 17 & 18, 2010

The Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce and the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) agencies and institutions will host an Economic Opportunity Education Opportunity.

NETWORKING Agencies, Universities, and Corporations will be on hand to answer questions and assist you with contract and bid information on Friday, September 17th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

POWER HOUR

A Workshop on Mentor Protégé relationships and how you can benefit from partnering up with other businesses. Friday, September 17th from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

RECEPTION

Another networking opportunity. Meet the members of TAAACC, also meet the members of the MOC partnership.