

THE VOICE OF THE VALLEY

Quarterly Newsletter

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PALMERDALE HOMESTEADS COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER

Community/Civic Center

How do we feel about our own historical buildings in the City of Pinson? For several years a dedicated group of friends and neighbors have worked hard to preserve the Palmerdale Homesteads Community Center. It was designated as such when built during the Great Depression. When it was built, the Community Center was a state-of-the-art elementary school and, along with the two churches, the center of community life.

When the school was closed for the final time, it became a victim of vandals and decay. Concerned neighbors formed the PHCC group and encouraged membership and volunteers. Soon the building and grounds were spruced up, cleaned up,

improvements were made and we were on the way to becoming a gathering place for families.

Many events are held throughout each year. PHCC now has a fifteen-year lease with Jefferson County Board of Education. We hope to prevent what has happened to other vacated school properties by our dynamic, family-oriented center on the move. Please join the Center to help keep a gathering place for our city. We need members and volunteers to help with events in order to raise monies to support the upkeep and improvements for this building. Membership dues are \$35 for a family & \$25 for an individual annually. Due each January.



Palmerdale Homesteads Community Center

Join now and be a part of the community on the move and concerned with our area of town.

To join call Patsy Shelnett 681-6511.

Butterbean Festival in the Works

Yes, we are already working on the Butterbean Festival. This is a big project for our community and it takes a lot of planning and work. We need the whole community, Palmerdale and Pinson, working together to make this a success. Please come out to our

next meeting and find out what you can do to help and be a part of the community. If we all work together, it will not be a burden for anyone. This year the State of Alabama is celebrating its 190 birthday and we are going with that theme and having a big

birthday party at the festival. The Festival will be on Saturday, September 5th this year. Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:00 PM at the Palmerdale Community Center. Please join us and let's work together for our community.

"In and through community lies the salvation of the world." (Scott Peak)

Quite a statement, but I believe it is true. Our world has become so fragmented we don't have community any more. I long for the days when neighbors knew each other and helped each other. Maybe they were hard days but at least everyone was in the same boat. We must get back to community if we are to survive.

Palmerdale was started during hard times. It became a community during a time of recession just as we are in today. For a community to pull together it needs a purpose. At this time our purpose is the renovation of the school. Yes, the school is important, but the main issue is that we need to pull together and make our community one of the greatest communities in this area. In order to have this happen we need everyone involved.

Come out and become involved and get to know some of the greatest people in the world. Your neighbors.

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

February 26th, 27th & 28th: Kids Consignment Sale

March 20th & 21st: Workday at the community center. We need everyone to come help us clean the center and spruce up the grounds. Meet at 9:00 AM.

April 3rd & 4th: Arts and Craft Show. If you would like to have a booth, please contact Connie Johnson, 681-1232.

April 25th: Dinner Theatre. Drama will be presented by the Rudd Drama Team. Meal prepared by PHCC.

May 24th: Fish Fry at the community center.

Every Wednesday Morning, 9:00 to 3:00, PHCC Quilting Bee. Anyone who loves to quilt or would like to learn come on out. Bring a sack lunch. Any questions, call Faye Moore 681-3318.

First Sunday in Month: Community wide meeting at the PHCC. Come be a part of the community. Time: 2:00 PM

GCW Pro Wrestling held at the PHCC 7:30 PM the first and third Saturday nights at the center.

Editors: Barry & Faye Wilson, 680-0588. Call if you would like something put in the next newsletter. Be a part of your community and make a difference. Thanks.

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