

PRESS RELEASE

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Don't cook supper on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Instead, take a break and enjoy a delicious meal while helping others at the same time.

The community of Needville will sponsor a drive-through fundraiser from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. that evening at Don Wenzel Memorial Harvest Park, 3001 Violet St. in Needville.

All proceeds will benefit brothers Jake, Gage, and Tyson Jenkins of East Bernard, who lost their parents in a one-car, roll-over crash last month.

Tyson, 20, is a college student. Gage, 18, and Jake, 16, attend East Bernard High School, where their dad, Jeremy, served as athletic director and head football coach. Mom Brandy was a teacher at East Bernard Junior High.

"These boys have been through so much, and it's our privilege to be able to help in some small way," said Chris Janicek, one of the event's organizers. "Ditch the kitchen Wednesday evening and make it easy on yourself by simply driving through the pavilion at Harvest Park and having your to-go supper handed to you with a big smile."

Catered by Vincek's Smokehouse, the meal includes chicken-fried steak, rice and gravy, green beans, and bread.

Cost is \$15 per plate, and donations will also be accepted.

Janicek said the fundraiser may draw to a close prior to 7 p.m. if plates are sold out early.

Cash or checks will be accepted at the fundraiser, with meals unavailable for purchase prior to the event.

Vehicles should turn on Poppy Drive and then Youth Fair Drive, entering the Harvest Park pavilion on the east side.

An organizational meeting for those who would like to volunteer to help with the drive-through fundraiser is set for 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the pavilion.

Call Janicek at 281-468-9314 or Needville ISD Superintendent Dr. Paul Drake at 979-793-4308 to donate or volunteer.

Two other fundraisers are ongoing: a Go Fund Me account at

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/thejenkinsbrothersbenefitfund> and Jenkins Brothers Benefit Fund at East Bernard Prosperity Bank.