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Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Held in conjunction with National Day of Prayer, Bullard's first Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is set to begin at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at The Brook Hill School.

For more information or to get involved, call Bullard City Hall at 903-894-7223.

BULLETIN BOARD

■ Bullard First United Methodist in preparing for a church reunion in September. At this time the church are working on our church history. The church would like to add pictures and any other information that pertains to the church. They also are looking for information on families that were active in the congregation or played a role in significant role in the church. Anyone with information or pictures to contribute about the history, is asked to contact them at 903-894-6762.

■ Bullard Band Boosters Spring garage sale is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the Bullard High School Band Room. To donate items for the sale, call Gary Jordan at 903-894-3272 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off.

■ The Bullard High School Band will hold its Spring Car Wash at Brookshire's on Hwy. 69 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12.

■ The Bullard Area Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at noon in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church of Bullard. The public is welcome to attend. Lunch is \$6.

■ The Bullard Rotary Club meets at 6:30 a.m. every Thursday at Hondo and Shorty's.

■ The Bullard Community Library holds story hour for children every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Clarification

In an article published in the April 18 edition of the Bullard News, City Manager Larry Morgan said he had updated the existing policy and procedure manual for city employees. Morgan actually said a new manual is currently being written but has yet to be finalized.

COUNCIL TO WEIGH IN

Homeowner wants special-use permit in residential area

Lori Mellinger
Bullard Banner News

When Bullard City Council next meets, it's likely many residents of Bullard Heights subdivision will be in attendance.

On April 19, Bullard's planning and zoning commission conducted a public hearing to discuss and make a recom-

mendation on a special-use permit for a print shop in the restricted neighborhood.

The five zoning board members present all agreed that they could not recommend the permit for the business - even if -- as the landowner said - it's unobtrusive.

Member Terry Cowan spoke to audience members once all the comments were made.

"We try to be guided by the neighborhood," he said. "If they have no objection, then we're usually okay with it. If not, we must take that under consideration," he said.

And since there were many who spoke against the measure, the commission denied recommending the permit when it goes to city council on May 8.

Property owner Tony Brazil did his

best to assuage his neighbors and also said he bought the land from owners who told him that the land wasn't in the city limits and therefore not bound by zoning requirements.

"I didn't move in to be a business," Brazil said. "There are no signs, no trucks, no traffic."

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ET JUNIOR INVITATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPO



Above, Amber Hilton shows her roaster at the third annual East Texas International Livestock Expo. Far left, Mason Frederick shows his Reserve Grand Champion meat pen rabbit, and left, Aubri Murphy shows her Grand Champion Steer. See more information on Page 10.

Early voting under way

Two seats open on city council and school board

By Lori Mellinger
Bullard Banner News

Early voting is under way for both city council and school board seats. An additional item - a constitutional amendment - will also be voted on.

The amendment - which all registered voters may decide on - is a proposed change to the Texas Constitution that would extend property tax relief to senior citizens and the disabled whose taxes are "frozen."

When the Legislature crafted its public school finance reform package last year, those whose tax bills are at a fixed amount were left out. The amendment would grant about a one-third cut in the school tax rate for those homeowners, and their tax bills would be re-frozen at the lower level.

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Election Information

School board seats up for re-election this year:

Place 6: Sam Smith and Louis Newburn

Place 7: Michael Roy (I)

Two at-large seats on Bullard City Council are up for re-election:

Pam Frederick (I)

Rodger Johnson (I)

Gerald Jessup

Mayor race: A.W Hines

Early voting by personal appearance is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 30 through May 8 at Bullard City Hall.

Election day is May 12.

Audry Owens awards \$5,000 in scholarships

The third annual Audry Owens Memorial Ranch Rodeo was held April 25 at Circle K Arena near Bullard.

More than 600 people attended the fund-raising event.

Due to everyone's generous support The Audry Owens event was able to award five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving seniors in the East Texas Area.

Recipients were Taylor Fountain and Justin Hill of Bullard, Margo Kahla of Alto, Kyle McKnight of Jacksonville, and Sarah Roberts of Flint.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, applicants must be pursuing a career in an agricultural related field.



Pictured from left are scholarship winners and event coordinators: Kim Murphy, Kyle McKnight, Justin Hill, Margo Kahla, Taylor Fountain, Sarah Roberts, and Jan Harris.

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