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## BULLETIN BOARD

■ Texas Spine and Joint Hospital is holding a free seminar at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 24. Anyone with pain in the knee or hip is encouraged to attend. Participants will learn about the different causes of arthritis, knee and hip pain, soreness and morning stiffness and discuss the latest non-surgical treatments, surgery, and advances in physical therapy. Texas Spine & Joint Hospital is located behind Luby's in the Bergfeld Shopping Center in Tyler. Reservations required and may be made by calling 903-525-3300.

■ The City of Bullard is currently holding an auction via [auctioneer-express.com](http://auctioneer-express.com) of its surplus equipment. Included are city vehicles, front-end loader backhoe, ditch witch trencher, and much more. Visit [auctioneer-express.com](http://auctioneer-express.com) Anyone interested in bidding should follow the instructions. The auction is under way will at 11 a.m. May 30.

■ 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.

■ The Bullard Band Boosters meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Bullard High School Band Room.

## FITTING SALUTE

### Chamber volunteers honor vets on Armed Forces Day

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When John Alexander promised an event that would bring tears to your eyes, he didn't disappoint.

Alexander, with the help of Jay Abercrombie and Darline McKay, put together a program honoring veterans on Saturday, Armed Forces Day.



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The event kicked off with a salute to the flag and presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop No. 366 and a firing of a canon by the Douglas' Texas Battery.

Brooks Atwood sang the National Anthem, and then the honors began.

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Local pilot Darren Davis - with the help of his father, Bill Davis Jr., Randy Long, J.D. Daniels and Michelle Bright - flew T-34s, ex-military trainers across the skies in Bullard at Saturday's Armed Forces event.

## FIT FOR A PRINCE



-- Courtesy photo

From left, Gabby Key, Madeline Travis and Michelle Krutza are part of the second grade classes at The Brook Hill Lower School that culminated their literature genre study of Traditional Tales and fantasy with a "Grand Ball." "Lords and Ladies" dressed in their finest ball attire arrived in royal fashion to The Land of Camelot. For more information and photos, see Page 10.

## Council eyes surface water City mulls feasibility of opting in project

By Lori Mellinger  
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As the City of Bullard nears completion of its overhead water storage tank and new water well, city officials said that this isn't the end of water planning.

At this month's council meeting, Whitehouse Finance Director Jed Dillingham paired with Neal Holland from Stokes and Associates to present Bullard an opportunity to secure surface water rights.

The biggest obstacle - money. While Holland and Dillingham wanted a firm commitment, council members stood firm that they needed

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## Bullard seniors among those who won't walk TAKS failure blocks some from graduating

Staff, wire reports

Sixteen percent of Texas high school seniors won't graduate this spring because they failed at least one of the state's required exit-level exams, the Texas Education Agency said.

And a handful of those are Bullard High School students.

Upset parents attended last week's Bullard school board meeting, but no action was taken regarding allowing the seniors to walk the stage

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## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

### Students raise enough money for Bullard's 'Vest-A-Dog' project

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It started with a story and a shared love of animals. Then it turned into a project for a few Bullard seventh graders who want to help one specific dog.

The project, called "Vest a Dog," raised money quietly around Bullard in September, but members finally realized their dreams when they raised the money needed this month..

Shelby Zengerle initially was inspired when she read a story about a K-9 police dog dying.

"The story said if the dog has a bulletproof vest, it probably would have survived," Zengerle said.

So she enlisted the help of her friends Cassie Burton, Lorri Farrow, Ashleigh Barton and Erica Ross. To date, the girls have raised \$1040.

Their first goal was \$1,000 enough to outfit Axe, Bullard's own K-9.

"We all knew Axe and we wanted to keep him

safe," Lorri said.

Back in November, the girls made a plea to the community.

In addition to cold, hard cash, the group needed jars and coffee cans to place around town and business owners who are willing to put the collection points there.

The girls did their research - both with the Bullard Police Department and on the Internet - about costs and possibilities.

Bullard officer Shawn Johnson, Axe's part-

ner, said the station had a vest, but it's too small.

"It was purchased for a different dog," Johnson said. "It just doesn't fit him."

Meanwhile, the rest of Axe's co-workers use their vests as daily work attire.

Johnson and Axe have been partnered since June, shortly after Johnson came to work in Bullard. Johnson was already certified to handle K-9s, so the match was perfect.

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