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AARP orientation

AARP has launched the Divided We Fall campaign - to give voice to millions of Americans who are tired of letting Washington gridlock stand in the way of affordable, quality health care and lifetime financial security. AARP Texas is currently looking for volunteers in your community to spread the Divided We Fall message. Join us for this orientation in Tyler.

Who: AARP Texas
When: 10:00 - noon, Friday, July 20, 2007
Where: Tyler Junior College - West Campus
1530 South SW Loop 323, Room 104
Tyler
For more information and RSVPs, contact Susan Williams at (214) 265-4081.

BULLETIN BOARD

■ 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 \$8.

■ 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 City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in council chambers at city hall.

■ The Bullard ISD board meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the school's administration building.

■ Heart to Heart Hospice needs people who are willing to be volunteers. For information, call 903-593-6619 and ask for Kay.

■ If you would like to volunteer in a clinic setting and enjoy front door parking, Trinity Mother Frances has an opportunity for you. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their skills and their desire to help other people and TMFHS will match them to a volunteer position. Call Volunteer Services at 903-531-4435.

BOARD SAYS NO ON GRAD ISSUE

School board splits vote over policy

By Lori Mellinger
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In the end the vote was 2-4. Last week - after each Bullard school board member was canvassed - BISD trustee John Alexander's motion to change the district policy on graduation was defeated. Sam Smith voted with Alexander - Michael Roy, Paul Stone, Doug Dotson and Tony Johnson voted against it.

Alexander's motion would - in effect - allow students who had met district requirements

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but had yet to pass the state-required TAKS - to participate in graduation ceremonies but withhold the diploma until state requirements were met.

"It's difficult for me to understand - when we ask our kids to strive for higher and elevated goals like college - that we as a district can't change a policy that would reflect those policies of institutions of higher learning," Alexander said after the meeting. "I cannot see how changing one policy could

affect the standing of our kids."

Newly elected board president Michael Roy disagreed when canvassed before the vote.

"We have good standards now, and we need to keep them that way," Roy said. "If we change the policy, we would have students saying, 'Let's go to Bullard because we don't have to pass TAKS.'"

Smith said that's not true at all.

"This has nothing to do with lowering standards," Smith

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Recently elected officers of Bullard Independent School District's board of trustees are, from left, vice-president Paul Stone, president Michael Roy; and secretary Tony Johnson.

GROWING UP



- Bullard Banner photo by Kelly Griffith

Supporters of Mission House gathered Monday for the dedication of the new facility. After prayer and a brief history of the project Dean Mason cut the ribbon along side of his wife, Hazel, who together by prayer began the Mission House which is now named in their honor. Following the ribbon cutting refreshments and tours were given in the new building boasting twice the square feet of the previous. The Mission House provides a variety of services, including medical care, a clothes closet and a food pantry.

Muddying the waters

Mayor says end of cloudy water could come by springtime

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Mayor A.W. Hines is looking forward to spring.

"This will be the first time in the history of Bullard the water will run clear," he said at last week's council meeting.

Hines said it's been a struggle, but getting an able crew, funding and cooperation has helped the city reach this goal.

The city hopes to retire its notorious Well 5 once its newest well - already proving a success - is operable.

"We plan to bid the water lines for both the well and elevated storage tower at the same time," city engineer Brian Capps told the council. "It should all be done by spring."

Capps said the water tower pedestal is under construction and almost finished, and he believes it will be completely up and in place by November.

Well 5, Hines said, is a prime example of the problem Bullard has had with previous wells.

"Most of the old wells are too shallow," Hines said. "They're only about 300 feet deep."

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CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Children on the move for a new library

Special to the Banner

Ask the kids who are enrolled in the Bullard Community Library summer reading club, or the teenagers who come to use the computers every day.

They'll all tell you "We need a new library building."

The "Change for a Change" campaign is the kids' part of the larger capital campaign, which has reached over \$333,000 at this point.

Martha Dinwiddie, member of the library board, says



Bullard community Library

that we hope to start construction in 2008.

To boost the \$1.6 million campaign, the kids plan to raise \$1600 this summer and early fall.

They will need spare

change from all of us to do that.

Please bring in your change when you're near the library and drop it in the containers provided.

Church invites public to 'Three Days of Praise'

Eastlake Church invites everyone to take part in what they've dubbed "Three Days of Praise."

The event includes the renowned group, "The Southern Joy Quartet," and performers Larry and Freida Sinclair.

The event is set for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 29 in Teaselville.

The Southern Joy Quartet began as a trio back in 1997 primarily singing in local churches or local events. "Rudy, Joe, and



The Southern Joy Quartet Elton knew the Lord must have had a greater calling on our ministry at the time, but were unclear as to what

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