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■ Bullard High School freshman and parents are invited to Freshman Orientation beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 at Bullard High School. There will be information on: academics, athletics, band and cheerleader performances, club sponsors, graduation requirements and schedules. Pizza and door prizes will be included. For additional information call or e-mail: Scott W. Franks, principal, 903-894-3272, scott.franks@bullardisd.net or Cheryl Hendrix, assistant principal, 903-894-33272, cheryl.hendrix@bullardisd.net

■ Bullard High School sophomores, juniors, and seniors may pick up their schedules from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 21.

■ Bullard Independent School District will conduct new student registration on Aug. 14, 15 and 16 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Registration will be conducted at individual campuses. Proof of residency, which includes a physical address where you are currently residing, as well as a social security card, immunization record, birth certificate and report from the last school must be presented at this time, along with a parent or guardian's driver's license.

■ "Meet the Teacher" will be held on each campus Thursday, Aug. 23 at the following times: Bullard Elementary School - 6-7 p.m.; Bullard Intermediate School - 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Bullard Middle School - 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Bullard High School - 5:45-6:45 p.m. For further information, contact the individual campus or visit the website at www.bullardisd.net. Contact numbers: Elementary 903-894-6389, Intermediate 903-894-6793, Middle 903-894-6533, High 903-894-3272.

■ The Tyler-Lone Star Chapter of the Texas Association of Sports Officials is looking for anyone interested in officiating Junior High and High School football games in the East Texas area. Meetings are already under way. If you are interested, please contact Kevin at 903-312-2222.

BOMBS AWAY

Local team wins runner-up title

Special to the Banner

The Bullard Bombers made two improbable runs through the loser's brackets during the playoffs to make it to the State Championship game.

After winning nine elimination games, they finished as the 2007 Jr. Midget State Runners-Up.

"We take great pride in the

fact that we are still the only boys' team in Bullard baseball to take a newly drafted team to the State Championship and we have done it twice now," said head coach Jim Hill.

The Bombers went to state two years ago, as well.

Their journey began in the district playoffs after winning the central division of the TTAB

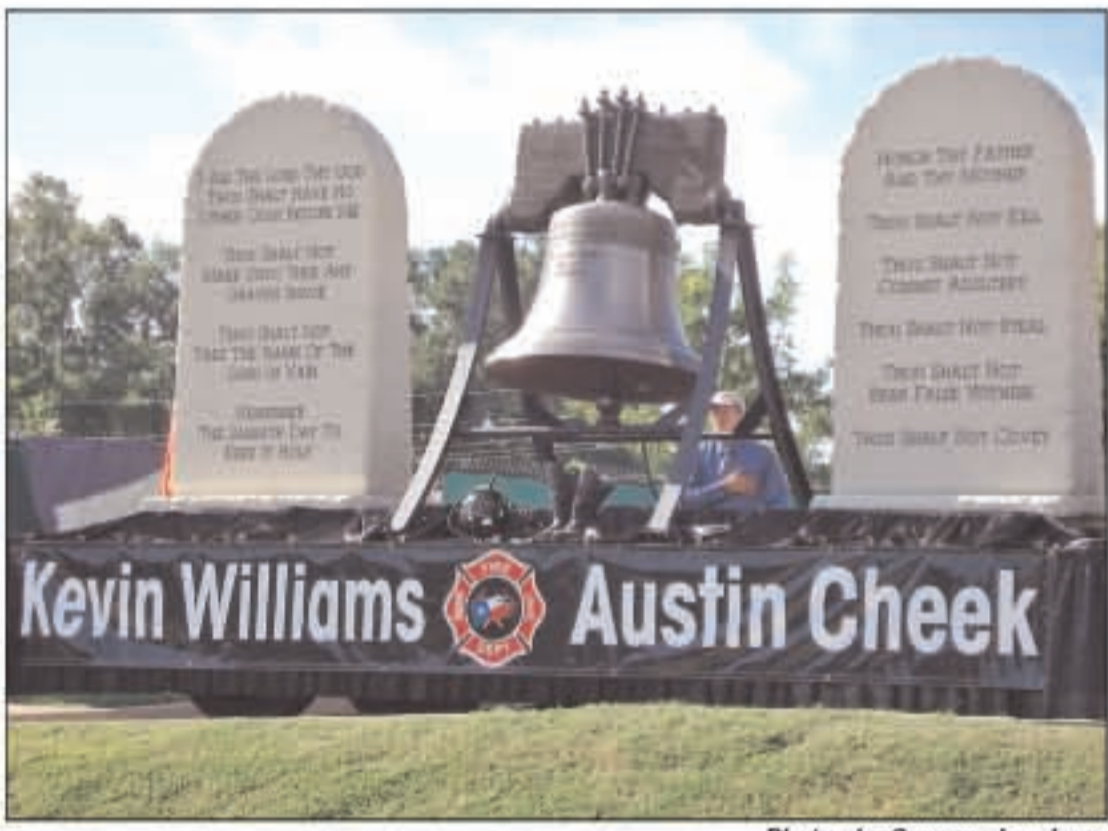
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The Bullard Bombers, along with their coaches, celebrate their runner-up status at the recent state championship game.

Photo courtesy of Jim Hill

TIME TO HEAL



— Photos by Suzanne Loudamy

Above, a memorial displaying the 10 Commandments and a chime bell was erected in honor of the fallen firefighters Kevin Williams and Austin Cheek. Below, a truck bearing the gear of each man, Williams on the left and Cheek on the right, moves through the processional on Monday at a service held at Green Acres Baptist Church.



Firefighters turn out to honor their own

By Lori Mellinger
Bullard Banner News

Bullard Fire Chief Keith Newburn said all they can do now is begin to heal.

"The boys have been asking me if the pain ever goes away," he said. "And it doesn't."

"There's a hole in our hearts that will never be filled. Every day, it's like a shovel full of dirt goes into the hole — the



pain starts to diminish — but it will never be filled."

Newburn was talking

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EPA, TCEQ pay city visit

Warnings issued, but no fines levied by agencies

By Lori Mellinger
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The city of Bullard received what City Manager Larry Morgan said were simple violations last week from two environmental agencies, but no fines were levied, and the visit was routine in nature.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality paid a visit to the city of Bullard to do its yearly inspection on the sewer plant's discharge system. The Environmental Protection Agency accompanied the state regulatory agency on this annual visit.

"What we were warned about were simple violations relating to matters such as a brush pile we had yet to clear away because of storm damage and recent clean up," Morgan said.

The agencies did have a common concern that Bullard officials were warned to address — the lack of a bar screen at the sewer plant.

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Library 'Friends' earn new status

Special to the Banner

Tony Padrucco, President of the Friends of the Bullard Community Library, announces that the group has filed Articles of Incorporation and been officially recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization.

The Friends have functioned for several years as a committee of the Library Board. To simplify record keeping and give the Friends independent status, they are now "standing alone."

The application process began during the tenure of Mary Jane Dickman, former president, now deceased, and took over a year.

Monica Klein, assisted by Jane Purfle and Andie Rathbone, facilitated the process.

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Sales tax holiday falls later this month

Comptroller Susan Combs today reminded Texas families that the annual sales tax holiday for clothes and shoes has changed to the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August.

This year, the tax-free weekend runs Aug. 17-19.

"The Legislature voted to change the date of the sales tax holiday because schools are opening later in many dis-

tricts," Combs said. "Most families take advantage of the sales tax holiday to buy back-to-school clothes for the kids."

During the sales tax holiday, most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 is exempt from state and local sales taxes.

Since many school districts are now

starting their school year later, the 80th Legislature changed the date of the sales tax holiday to move it closer to the first day of school.

During the sales tax holiday, children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 — and now backpacks that cost less than \$100 — are exempt from state and local sales taxes.

"The Legislature responded to par-

ents' requests to add backpacks to the list of tax-exempt items," Combs said. "Backpacks can be expensive, especially for parents who have to buy them for several children. A tax break helps."

More information about the sales tax holiday, including a list of tax-free items, can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us.



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