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BULLETIN BOARD

■ The Cherokee County Republican Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday Oct. 1, with special guest speaker State Comptroller Susan Combs. The meeting will be held at The Woods of Jacksonville Restaurant (formerly Cherokee Country Club), 14881 U.S. 79E, Jacksonville. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call 903-586-2669.

■ Bullard Band Night is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Hondo & Shorty's. A portion of all sales will be donated to the Bullard Bands. Bullard Band Boosters meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Bullard High School band room. All band parents and others interested in supporting the bands are invited.

■ The Emerald Bay Church Choir will hold a concert beginning at 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at the church sanctuary. Featured performers include local band "Nearly There," singing country gospel. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. The concert is a fund-raiser for scholarship money for qualifying seniors of Bullard and Brook Hill. Residents outside Emerald Bay are welcome. Stop at the guard gate and ask for a windshield sticker.

■ Emerald Bay's annual scholarship garage sale is set for Oct. 13 at Bullard High School. To donate items for the scholarship fund, call 903-825-1162 and arrange for someone to pick items up.

■ Bullard "Moms In Touch International" meets from 2-3 p.m. every Tuesday at the home of Rena French. The group is two or more moms who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers, and administrators. For more information, call Anne Moody at 903-825-7171.

FAMILY BATTLES ILLNESS

Locals work to raise awareness of CF

By Kelly Griffith
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Evan Bell describe himself as the boy with long hair. The long strands of red mixed with blonde sit on his shoulders and his bangs are only short enough to reveal a string of freckles

along his cheeks and the bridge of his nose.

Like most other eight-year-olds Evan enjoys watching television, swimming, as well as playing sports such as soccer and basketball.

But unlike many other eight-year-olds attending

Bullard elementary, Evan is faced with the challenge of battling Cystic Fibroses (CF).

According to the Cystic Fibroses Foundation

CF is an inherited chronic disease that affects about

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Evan sits for a photo between his older brother and sister, Ethan and Erin.

City passes new tax rate

Budget makes room for additional officer

By Lori Mellinger
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According to Bullard City Manager Larry Morgan, there are some key factors to the city council's decision to raise the tax rate for the second year.

"The first and foremost issue is that the city needs an additional \$80,000 in revenue to keep the city operating," Morgan said. "And that's with the tightest budget possible."

Even with the new tax rate, passed unanimously Friday evening at a special-called council meeting, the city will only now begin to build a much-needed reserve.

Morgan said additional revenue - mainly from a court settlement from former City Secretary Patty Cooper - will not only keep the city running, but any extra revenue will go toward a reserve.

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Franks lays out new plan

By Lori Mellinger
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When Scott Franks took on his new position this school year, he knew in what direction he wanted to head.

The new Bullard High School principal, along with his assistant principal Cheryl Hendrix, put their focus in a specific direction - parents.

"If you look at model high schools - research shows they all have one thing in common: parents," Franks said.

So he took that idea and began at the end of the last school year.

He sent out surveys to the parents of the 495

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CHEERING SECTION



-- Bullard Banner photo by Michelle Morse

Two-year-old Coleman Rivers watches Homecoming activities at the recent game against Sabine.



Bullard Rotary members thank the Jacksonville club for its sponsorship. From left, are Larry Morgan, Jacksonville president Greg Stirneman, Guy Martin and Roger Nygaard.

Bullard Rotary takes flight

By Lori Mellinger
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It's been almost a year in the making, but Bullard's Rotary Club is now on firm footing.

President Roger Nygaard - along with members Larry Morgan and Guy Martin - took a trip to Jacksonville's Rotary meeting last week, to thank the club for its help.

"We could have never done this without you," Nygaard told Jacksonville members. "We

now have our 20 members, and we are working on getting the charter.

The club was sponsored by Jacksonville's club, as per the requirements of Rotary International. Every new club must have a sponsor until it reaches 20 members.

They have, however, been functioning as an autonomous club since inception.

"We've already been doing projects," said

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