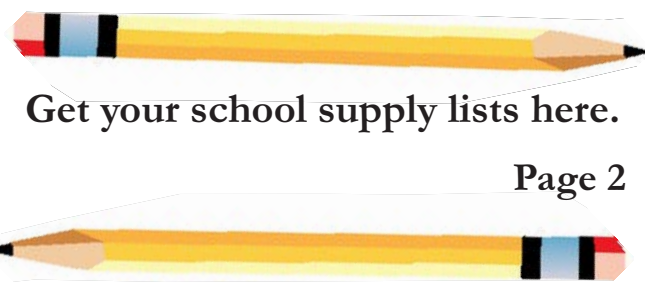




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Three options loom in mayor decision

Jim Epperson
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In words spoken by a city official, the mayoral contest could get "dicey."

Former mayor A.W. Hines left office early on Aug. 1. His regular term ends in May. Hines said he was moving out of Bullard to be close to his family. And since then, a contest for mayor has begun to snowball into a battle for public office.

Hines told the Bullard Banner News in June that city councilman Rodger Johnson would be the next mayor of Bullard. Although it is uncertain if Johnson will officially become the next mayor.

He could by default. The City could go down several avenues, but it is unclear which one will happen during the Aug. 12 regular meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Rodger Johnson could be nominated only to find that he does not have enough votes to be the next mayor. Or by law the counsel can nominate and authorize a new mayor from outside the circle of the counsel, or they can vote not to fill the mayoral position until May, when A.W. Hines term is officially up. Or the counsel can hold a special

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Ballpark theft still under investigation

Bullard Baseball Association offers reward

M. D. 'Doc' Smith
Bullard Banner Sports Editor

The Bullard Baseball Association is offering a \$100.00 reward to anyone with information leading to charges against whoever has broken into The Bullard Baseball Association concession stand twice this summer.

The building was broken into early in

the summer but nothing was taken the first break-in. Only repairs on broken doors and glass had to be replaced at that point.

That was bad enough to recover for some hardworking volunteers of the local baseball league.

However, the hooligans struck the concession stand again the weekend before hosting the league hosted the boys Jr. Midget and Sophomore tournament.

Close to \$500.00 dollars worth of drinks, candy, and food were taken. The same amount of money had to be used to refurbish the stolen items, making the theft of the non-profit leagues goods,

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Celebrating Heroes



Kevin Williams



Austin Check

Vigil honors fallen heroes

Jim Epperson
Bullard Banner News

Glenn Williams said after his son died while fighting a house fire for the Noonday Volunteer Fire Department he began to see the true meaning of a volun-

teer.

Although Williams does not know what to expect day to day with his loss, he now has a respect for the volunteer firefighters he did not have before.

"Firefighters never know when the go in if they're

coming out," Williams said. "And these guys do it for free."

On Aug. 3, firefighters, family and the noonday community sought to praise and celebrate two firefighters,

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Volunteers fight fires for life

Meredith Mohr
Bullard Banner News

Another minute and Patrick Bower's house was going to be completely engulfed in the licking flames spilling into his property and over his house from his neighbor's burn pile. Five minutes was all it was going to take for Bower's entire life and belongings to just disappear.

But thanks to the East Lake Palestine Fire Department's quick response and efficient fire-

fighting, he didn't have to wonder what his life might be like if he had to start over from the ground up.

"These guys are an organization that volunteers all their time for the community," Bowers said. "I don't think that people realize how important it is that they're there until they really need them in an emergency. Thank God for these special people- I know I do. I have a roof

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Bullard teams tune for opener



Photo by Doc Smith

Bullard quarterback Charlie Moore looks to make a pass in opening-day workouts this past Monday morning. See story on page 6.

Bullard water restrictions continue

Bullard resident Derek Dyess has been watering his grass after 9 p.m. to follow water restrictions placed in city limits after Bullard officials had similar fears as Whitehouse.

The two cities are still under water restrictions after both realized water levels were low. Whitehouse has pursued drastic measures to conserve water while Bullard officials have taken steps to prevent the same fate.

Dyess, who owns D & D Landscape and Lawn Service, said the water restrictions are affecting a lot of people around the area. He said his company

Due to drought-like conditions Bullard has implemented stage 2 water conservation procedure:

Residents living in even numbered addresses are allowed to water on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Residents having odd numbered addresses are allowed to water Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.

Times of watering are only 9 p.m. to midnight.

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