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Superintendent: Seek the peaks

Bryant address teachers in district-wide meeting

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New Superintendent Keith Bryant said teaching is like hiking a mountain.

At first the trail to the top is visible and easier to walk. But the higher on the trail one is to go, the more difficult the trail becomes.



Keith Bryant

Bryant introduced himself to the Bullard school employees at a district-wide meeting this week. He used an analogy of hiking a 14-thousand-foot mountain from his own life experiences.

"There was one point where we had to figure out where to put our hands and feet because the trail was so steep and rigid," he said. "And you began to think, Can we get to the top?"

Bryant laid out his vision and goals for the district as

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Teacher's appreciated

Local Churches hold teacher appreciation lunch for Bullard ISD, Brook Hill teachers



Photo by Meredith Mohr

Teachers and staff from Brook Hill and Bullard ISD enjoyed a free lunch

Meredith Mohr
Bullard Banner News

Leaning back into the pew in the Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church Bullard member Bill Cox takes a rest from hauling boxes to survey the crowd of teachers and educators from the Bullard School District and the Brook Hill School, who gathered August 18 to eat a teacher appreciation lunch for all their hard work, especially as the new school year approaches.

Watching his fellow church members prepare and serve lunch, he says with a smile that his job today is "all about support and service."

"One of the reasons my wife and I joined this church was because of the mission program," Cox said. "And today it's no different. It's our job today to show these

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City official: petition for election dead

Petition must go through steps before election is valid

Jim Epperson
Bullard Banner News

As the county's assistant district attorney reviews a petition for special election filed by Bullard voters, city officials are saying the election is not valid.

Under state law in a General Class A

municipality, if a council cannot agree lawfully on a vacancy, then 26 voters can file a petition for a special election.

"The issue was resolved last evening in the council meeting. Rodgers Johnson is the Mayor Pro Tem for the term of AW Hines, which is May of 09," City Manager Larry Morgan wrote in an

email to commissioner Joanne Fleming on Aug. 13.

Fleming has been instrumental in guiding the city through the process as a petition has been debated.

The petition was filed by an uniden-

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Dog Days of Summer

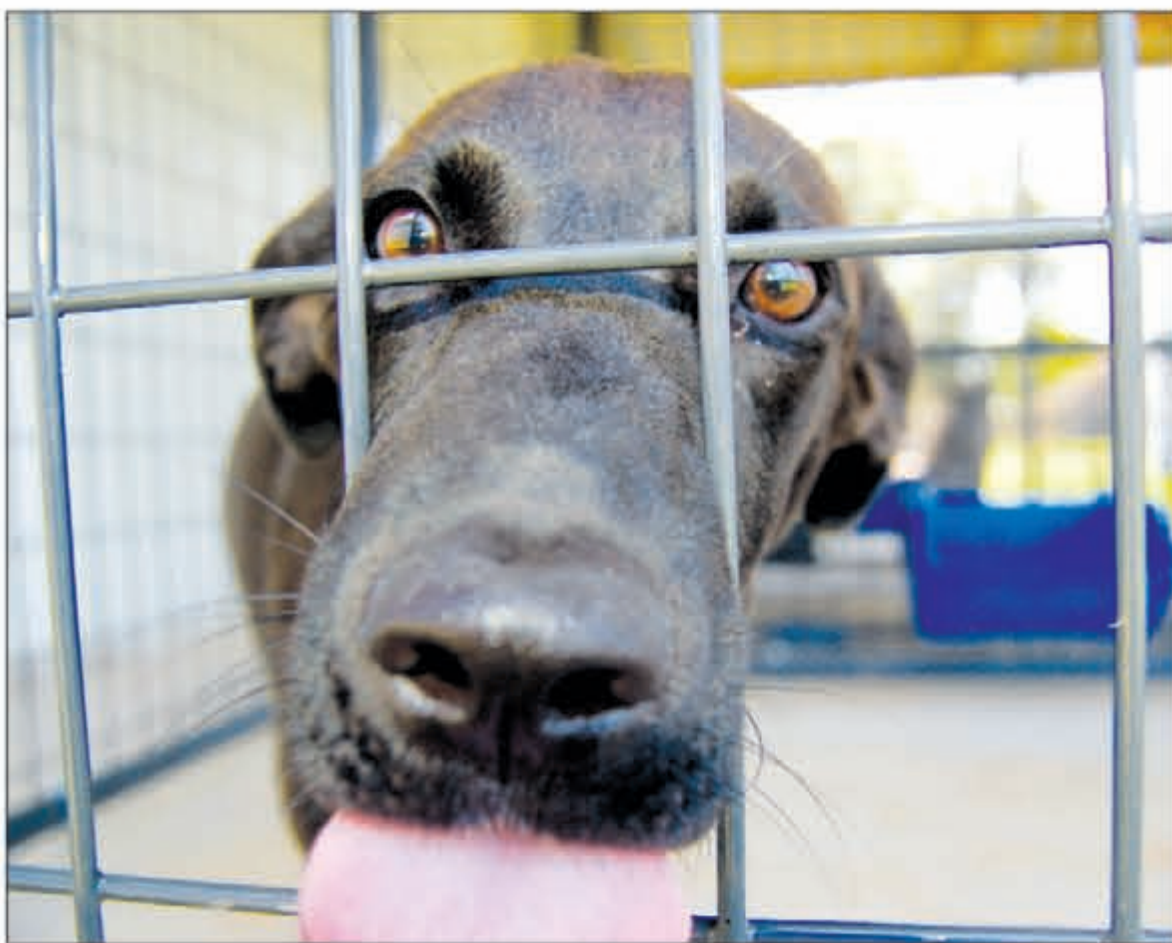


Photo by Jim Epperson

Bullard administration recently built this kennel behind city hall to house strays. The previous kennel was dangerous and dogs could bite through the fence, officials said.

City's new kennel helps officers

Jim Epperson
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Police Chief Gary Don was not sure if the towering mastiff he choked with the noose of a catchpole would work on a dog of this size.

As he pulled the catchpole the dog stood taller than Don, towering several inches over him. The dog fought and eventually Don's pant legs tore, it was a brutal fight.

Eventually, the police department secured the mastiff and waited for the owner to come and get the

dog. "Every trash day that dog would tear through the garbage looking for a biscuit," Don said.

When a police officer would get the common call that the mastiff

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Coaches see how players respond to key spots

PANTHER INJURY REPORT

Last year's leading rusher, and All-District selection, DeJuan Granberry will be out for the season with a torn ACL, Panthers trainer and psychologist Dan 'Red' Fuller reported Saturday.

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

The first intra-squad scrimmage of the season unveiled the 2008 Panthers this past Saturday morning with some big hits, and bigger offensive highlights.

The fired-up Panthers hit the field running, catching and throwing as a pleased coaching staff spurred on their

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Photo by Doc Smith

Bullard running back Dakota Robinson plows in from one yard out for one of four touchdowns in the Panthers scrimmage.

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