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Welcoming home a soldier



Rosalie Howerton hugs Marine Sgt. Rubin Landin after making it home for two weeks from Iraq. Landin carries his two-year-old son and his father Jose looks on holding the American flag.

Photo by Jim Epperson

Nicholas Landin had just leaped into his father's arms, who had just arrived home from his second tour in Iraq.

Sgt. Ruben Landin, of Jacksonville, had made it home, and was welcomed with a sea of American flags, patriotic music and balloons. Landin is one of many soldiers who has been welcomed

home by an organization honoring returning soldiers to East Texas.

"It's good to know that while we are over there people are still concerned about us," Landin said.

An East Texas group, Welcome Home Soldiers!, started a year ago. The group was started by Anne DeLaet of Tyler.

About 20 members of the loose-knit organization honored and greeted Landin when he came home to the truck stop in Jacksonville.

The Rose Capital Chapter of the Military Officers Association has a membership of 117 and they are supporting

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ISD picks smallest option for expansion

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The Bullard ISD Board of Trustees approved last week the least expensive option to expand the high school in anticipation of a booming student population.

The Board approved the plan on Oct. 25 that could add up to ten classrooms to the school using left over bond money. The expansion will be on the north end of campus and was the least expensive option of three given by an architect.

Most of the project will be paid with the \$2.7 million left from the \$28 million bond pack-

age approved by voters in 2006. The project could be more and the ISD might pay for the remainder of the project from the ISD fund balance.

The high school has felt a 23 percent increase in students since last year. The district has had a 30 percent increase. In 2001 there were only 1,403 students and now there are more than 1,900 students.

Bullard Superintendent Keith Bryant said he is expecting about 130 more students at the high school next year.

As of Friday, the eight graders who will be coming into Bullard High School outnumber

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Sauna verse tundra School officials look at options to high school cooling-heating system

Allie Wade
 Special to the Bullard Banner News

Before starting her lesson, Mrs. Tabitha Hippler throws on a sweatshirt or two and sniffs back her oncoming cold. She can't tell if her students aren't listening or just frozen stiff by the frigid cold air that circulates around her room.

Other classrooms such as Mrs. Jennifer Dorsey's class --

or on some days "the sauna" -- might make you think otherwise about wearing a jacket. Some say they can feel the sweat trickling down their faces, and not just because her tests are hard.

The unpredictable and fluctuating temperatures make it easy to tell that the air conditioning system in the school is

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Bullard honors man who helped ISD grow, flourish

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The Bullard school district celebrated the life of Audrey B. Owens last weekend, naming the new theater after a man who helped shape Bullard ISD into what it is today.

Owens, who was a student in the school district and served on the Bullard School Board of Trustees, obtained the land for Bullard schools. Owens was remembered as a man of integrity, honesty and a man with a strong faith in God.

"I know Audrey would be very proud," said Kenneth King, a former Bullard ISD Board of Trustee and close friend to Owens said.

Owens daughter Kim Murphy, who is a teacher at Bullard High School, was at the event Sunday.

"He would be honored but humbled," she said. "He cared about everybody and wanted what was best for Bullard."

The theater dedication cer-

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Red, White and Blue Festival

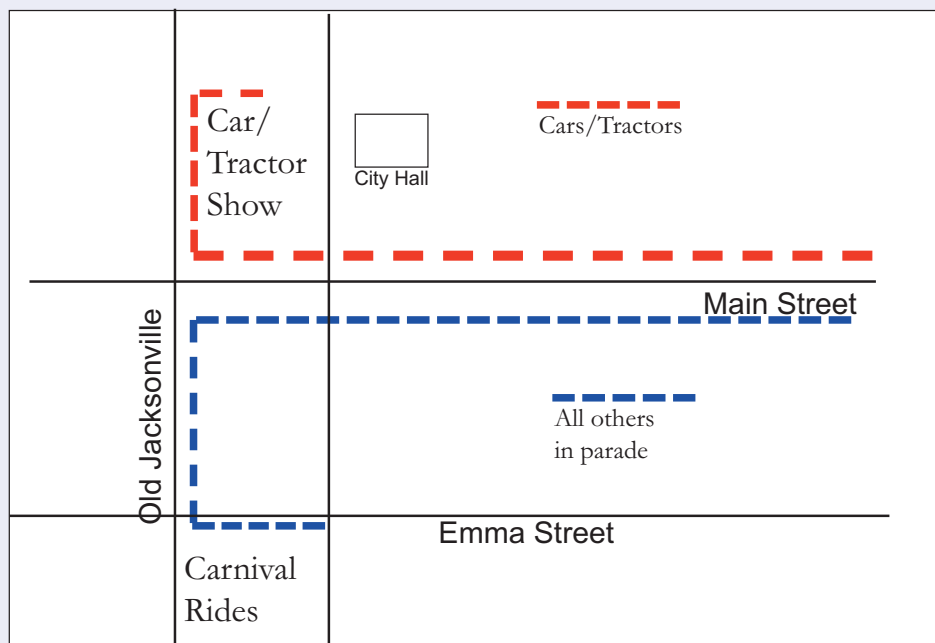
The Red White and Blue Festival is finally here.

This weekend, everyone can enjoy fun activities from a mechanical bull to carnival rides to a tractor and car show.

The festival honoring veterans starts Friday and ends Saturday night.

The parade, featuring Bullard's finest, will start at 10 a.m. Saturday followed by the Veteran Ceremony.

Then the Saturday music headliners are Perfect Stranger and Johnny and the Night Crawlers.



Red, White and Blue Festival Schedule

Friday, Nov 7		Saturday, Nov 8		Saturday Music Lineup	
Vender set-up	7 a.m.-11 a.m.	Vender set-up	7am-8am	Grant Cook	12 p.m.
Festival opens	12 p.m. - midnight	Car/Tractor Show Set up	9am	Nearly There	3 p.m.
Carnival	12 p.m. - midnight	Festival opens	9am	Lauren Alexander	5 p.m.
Friday Music Line up		Parade	10am	Walt Wilkins	7 p.m.
Jarett McAlister	5 p.m.	Veteran Ceremony	11:30 a.m.	Perfect Stranger	8:30 p.m.
Paul Cauthen	6:30 p.m.	Cheer performances	12p.m. -5pm	Johnny and the Night Crawlers	10:30 p.m.
Casey Rivers	8 p.m.	Car/Tractor Show Close	6pm		
Bart Crow	10 p.m.	Talent Search perform	7:30pm		
		Headliners	8:30 pm		
		Street Dance	8:30 pm-midnight		

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