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AARP Driver Safety Course

There is an AARP Driver Safety Course scheduled for 1-5 PM on Jan. 5-6 and again on Jan. 12-13, 1-5 PM., in Tyler. This refresher course is designed for people 50 and older, but any age, with a driver's license, may attend. Membership in AARP is not required. Those who complete the course may be eligible for a discount on their automobile insurance. The instructors for these courses are AARP trained volunteers. To enroll in the Jan. 5-6 course please call (903) 839-7789 and for the Jan. 12-13 course please call (903) 839-7789, or (903) 894-4099.

City looking to expand sewer plant

LOOKING INTO COSTS OF NEW PLANT IN SOUTH BULLARD

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As the city prepares to fix an overburdened sewer system, council members are moving forward with sewer expansion and possibly building a new one south of the city.

Two months ago a big-time developer from Tennessee said he would build a sewer system

depending on the economy. But the City of Bullard cannot wait for the economy to get better, Mayor Pro Temp Rodger Johnson said on Monday.

"We are focusing on immediate needs with an eye on the future," he said.

Bullard needs immediate sewer relief for housing in Bullard and commercial businesses

along the State Highway 69 corridor and downtown.

The city will hear from a firm in the next council meeting on options to expand the existing sewer plant. Johnson said the city earmarked \$1 million two years ago for a sewer project.

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McDonald's Invitational winners



The Bullard Lady Panther basketball team recently won the McDonald's Brazos Valley All-Star Invitational in Bryan, defeating several state-ranked teams in the process. See scores and related stories on Page 8.

Chamber Banquet scheduled

The annual Bullard Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Jan. 26 at Eagle's Bluff Country Club.

Tickets are \$25.

For those who are not familiar with the annual banquet, it is a time for the membership to get together.

"It's a one nice thing the chamber does for its membership," Chamber Board of Director Chair Teresa Adams-Wilks said.

The Chamber will have a silent auction where people can bid on items prior to dinner. There will be a guest speaker.

Then the chamber will give out awards to man, women, humanitarian, business and member of the year. Members have already voted on the categories and the results will be announced banquet night.

You don't have to be a member to go and can get a \$25 ticket from chamber members.

Perry Proclaims School Board Recognition Month

Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2009 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the vital role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenge of education is also one of its greatest strengths. During a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Gov. Rick Perry said.

Bryant gearing up for legislative session

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Keith Bryant might seem like the type of superintendent who takes matters into his own hands.

Although he says it is because the Bullard ISD Board of Directors are supportive, it helps that he has a political savvy leaning to jump front and center.

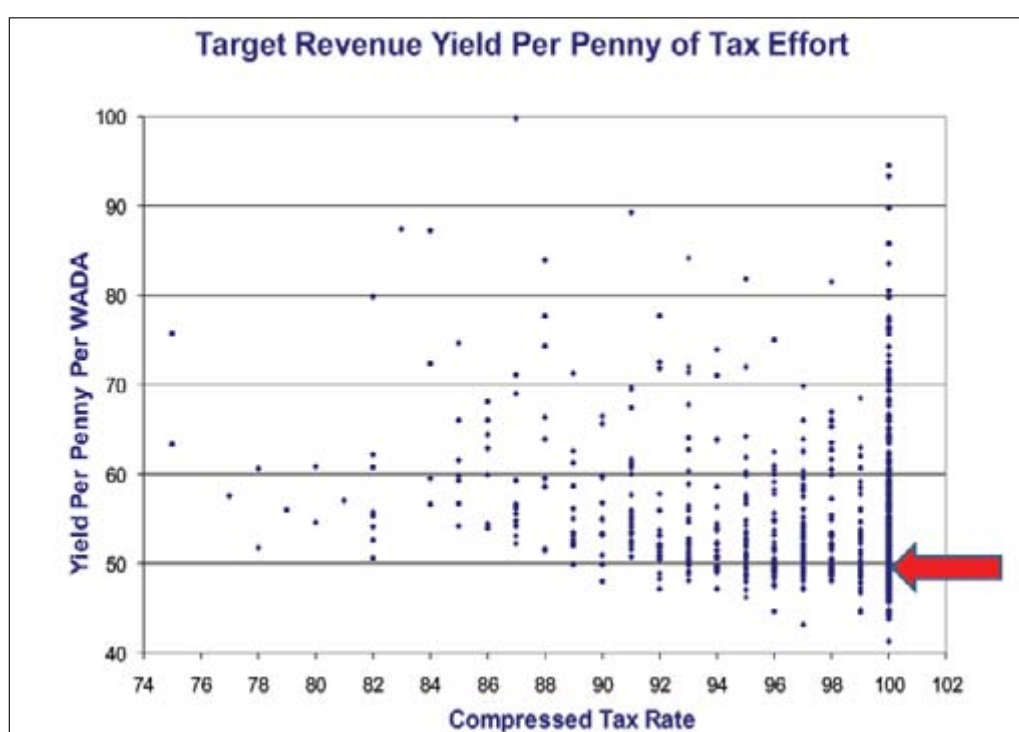
This legislative session, Bryant will be in the mix testifying and urging politicians in Austin's pink dome to change ISD funding requirements.

"I don't know that it will be a session that focuses on a revamping of the school finance system," Bryant said. "But I think the leadership at the capitol wants to put some money in education."

What schools are hoping for, especially Bullard ISD, is for some relief when it comes to the revenue system set up by the Texas Legislature, which puts a floor on how much money schools receive and a cap based on students.

People think since Bullard has new facilities and newer houses the school district is doing great, Bryant said.

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According to Superintendent Keith Bryant, Bullard ISD is among the lowest funded schools in Texas. Above is a graph with a red arrow. The arrow represents where Bullard is on the state funding scale. On the X axis (bottom) it shows the tax rate near \$1, and the amount per student (Y axis) is just under \$5,000. Although Bullard ISD has hire taxes than many school, the state gives less to Bullard because of complex state requirements.

Personal Wellness & Weight Loss Coach

A local Personal Wellness & Weight Loss Coach is challenging you to become the biggest loser in the Bullard area and take a chance at taking home the top cash prize.

This fun 12-week Weight Loss Challenge will be held at Gander Mountain Lodge, and begins Monday Jan. 12th or Tuesday Jan. 13th at 5:45 PM, states, Rena' Polczynski, RN, BSN.

The contest is based on percentage of body weight lost. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 participants who have lost the biggest percentage of weight.

Each participant will receive personalized weekly, one-on-one coaching. The cost is \$35 for the 12-week program which will be awarded in cash and prizes to the challengers.

Pre-register for the contest by calling Michael or Rena' at (903) 849-2674.

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