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Among new things to consider as the May election approaches are questions that some of you may want to ask our candidates.

Bullard Banned News is prepared to host a public forum for the candidates to answer these questions. A time and date are not yet set, but we will keep you informed through this column.

The forum will allow candidates the opportunity to answer your questions and the chance to set themselves apart from other candidates on the ballot.

Every question answered by the candidates will be 100 percent of-the-cuff. The candidates will have no prior knowledge of the questions.

Each candidate will answer every question submitted.

So far Bullard has two mayoral candidates and three council member candidates.

None of the school Board seats are contested at this point.

If you have a question for the candidates please call Kathryn Penrose, Bullard Banner editor, at 903-894-9306. You may also email Kathryn at Kathrynpenrose@gmail.com or at editor@bullardnews.com.

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Lt. Weston Amaya, a member of Bullard First United Methodist Church, stationed in Samarra, Iraq, has a platoon of men to help overview the city, Particularly the schools, Weston has picked a school with 800 students in a poor section of the city and asked that the people of Bullard make a contribution of regular school supplies, as well as black or white socks. Monetary donations are also being accepted to purchase supplies and pay for shipping costs. For more information, contact Pat Martin at 903-894-6778.

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Bullard Community Library is still collection items for Love Your Library Month. Items collected so far include post-it

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## Bullard welcomes new librarian with party

By KATHRYN PENROSE  
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Bullard Community Library welcomed a new librarian last month; but, to make it official, the Friends of Bullard Community Library threw the new librarian, Joanne Buendtner, a welcome reception.

Among those in attendance were the library Board of Directors, the Friends of Bullard Community Library and many patrons and children.

Jane Purtle, library worker, counted more than 80 visitors to the reception.

Buendtner said she is amazed by the recognition she has received since taking the position last month.

"I can't believe all this support comes from such a small town," she said.



## Stewart vies for seat on Bullard City Council

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David Stewart said running for council is something he has thought about since he joined the Bullard Planning and Zoning Commission -- on which he is chairman -- and Bullard's Home Rule Charter

(Above) Joanne Buendtner, new librarian and Martha Dinwiddie, library worker, visit with council woman and Mayoral candidate, Teresa Adams-Wilks at a welcome reception for Buendtner Friday at the Community Library. (At right) David Stewart files for a place on Bullard City Council. The council has two open seats, up for election in May, with three candidates running.



Commission. Stewart said the city needs to grow strategically, and he would like Bullard to develop a long range vision similar to the Tyler 21 plan, on which he served as chairman.

"We have unique ways that we can plan for today -- and for the long-distance

future," Stewart said. "We are charged with not just thinking about today, but 15 to 20 years into the future."

"All of the decisions we make now affect future generations," he said.

Stewart said one concern he has for Bullard is growth.

"The major source of

revenue for the city is property taxes," he said. "That is okay, but we need to look at ways to diversify the city's income."

Stewart said he wants the city to work collectively with various people and entities -- including local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, developers,

Bullard Independent School District, and The Brook Hill School -- and desires things to be done to market the right kind of businesses in Bullard, Stewart said.

According to Stewart, the city has three big attrac-

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## Shirley Coe files for council position

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Shirley Coe and David Stewart are running for a

City Council seat and Gary Roberts is seeking to be the next Place 5 school board member.

Coe said her decision to

run is one that she has given consideration for more than a year. She sees herself as an "ordinary" citizen of Bullard, dealing with everyday life issues, she feels give her better insight to address city issues as they might affect her fellow citizens.

"I want to be the person to represent my neighbors. Not just those that live on either side of me, but my neighbors located from city limit sign to city limit sign," Coe said. "The city council has a great responsibility to the citizens of Bullard. As an ordinary citizen dealing with everyday life issues I believe that I the ability to help address these issues and give my neighbors a bigger voice."

Coe said her goals include better informing citizens about city issues and being involved with city decisions. She also said if she is elected, she would work to build a better relationship between citizens and the City Council.

"My vision for Bullard is to see it become one of the Texas Top Cities to live in," Coe said. "I would like to see continued growth, both in clean businesses and real estate development. I would like to see the desire to live in our excellent school districts be matched by the desire to live in our beautiful City of Bullard."

Coe said in order to accomplish this vision, it will take hard work, open

communication with the citizens, and open communication within the council. "There are many projects that have been started and might just need additional help to be completed," Coe said. "I hope to be a part of completing these fantastic ideas and building on the visions of others and seeing them become reality."

Coe said she understands the importance of improved infrastructure.

"As the city has grown, I understand the necessity to upgrade the infrastructure projects, such as the upgraded waterlines, the new sewer treatment plant

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