

## Panther Prowl

Guest Column by Bullard High School  
Newspaper Journalists

By REGAN du PREEZ

Nine students sit in front of computers in a secluded room on the second floor of the nearly abandoned high school. Some are vigorously typing; some are shouting expressions of triumph when they complete a task; others stare at the computer in frustration and temporary defeat. It's deadline week and time has caught up with the *Panther Post* staff. Their commitment to excellence and hope of completion inspires them to work after school and even on Saturday.

Not many people realize the work that goes into producing a paper, even at the high school level. In order for a newspaper to be released each month, the staff works at least 45 minutes each school day and several hours outside of school. For instance, 59 total man-hours were spent last weekend working on the Bullard High School newspaper.

Before work can even begin on the month's paper, several ideas for articles come under consideration. Once the stories have been deemed worthy, they are assigned to a staff member. The reporter then collects all the necessary information. He or she does this by conducting interviews with anyone who holds information or an opinion, from freshmen

to the superintendent. They look on the internet, talk to police officers, and call businesses. At times they muster up all of their boldness to dig up the real story and find relevant and true information.

Next, the reporter combines all the bits of information into a comprehensive story. Then, it goes through proofreading, editing, and sometimes more investigation if needed. Finally after the thoughts are clearly expressed, they are "put on the page." Each story and accompanying pictures are carefully placed around ads and other pertinent news. Eye catching headlines present the work of art and we sign our names. We hope that the information is clear and that stories are entertaining to our picky teenage readers, as we make final touches.

When the paper comes in hot off the press, we eagerly open it and scan for mistakes and take a moment to admire our work. I have to say, it pains me to see papers sometimes left in a corner of the classrooms or in a trashcan unopened. I think of all the preparation — selling ads, investigating, writing stories — and my heart sinks. But in the same instance, I see a student glance down and say, "Wow. That's interesting," or "Hey, I didn't know that," and I swell with joy. I think about everything I learned and all the great people I met. Suddenly, all the work, all the late nights, and stressful weekends seem completely worth it.



## Partin, Taylor wed in Jacksonville

Kelly Anise Partin of Troup and Jake Logan Taylor of Jacksonville were united in marriage at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at Central Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Darin Partin of Troup and Cindy Partin of Dallas; and the granddaughter of Elray and Clydene Partin of Troup and of Cleo and Molly Nichols of Jena, La., and the late Ann Nichols.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Susan Taylor of Jacksonville; and the grandson of the late Jim and Jane Taylor, formerly of Junction, and the late John B. and Elsie Catlett, formerly of Hawkins.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Darin Partin; Central Baptist Youth Minister Stephen James officiated.

The Maid of Honor was Kristin Partin of Troup, and the Bridesmaids included Rachel Singletary and Chelsea Isaacs, both of Troup.

The Best Man was Corbin Seliga of San Marcos, Texas, and the Groomsmen included Will Partin, brother of the bride, of Troup, and Thomas Taylor, father of the groom, of Jacksonville.

A reception followed at Central Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Jacksonville. House party members included Jessica DeMoss, sister of the groom, of Gladewater, Texas, and Beth Myers, aunt of the groom, of Hawkins.

Flowers were provided by Tigerlillies of Jacksonville.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Troup High School and plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Bullard High School and he attended Tyler Junior College. He is a PFC in the U.S. Army.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Dallas, Texas, and reside at Fort Stewart in Hinesville, Ga.



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### Now open —

**Woodman of the World Insurance opened a new office at 50589 Highway 69 South, Ste. B, in Bullard. Chris Green, area manager, cut the ribbon with Kevin Watts, field representative (right of Green), also participating. Attending the ceremony were (l to r) Bullard Mayor Teresa Adams-Wilks, Karen Vaughn and Steve Langford of Texas National Bank, Bullard City Secretary Doris Crockett and City Manager Larry Morgan.**



(Banner Staff Photo by Don Treul)

### Panther queen —



(Banner Staff Photo by Don Treul)

Emmy Long was named Bullard High School Homecoming Queen before the Homecoming game Friday, Sept. 25.

### Parade applications due Oct. 15

A parade, live music and other entertainment, vendor booths and more will be featured at the Red White & Blue Festival sponsored by the Bullard Area Chamber of Commerce which will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, in downtown Bullard.

Performances scheduled include the Chapel Hill High School, Bullard High School and Spirit of Tyler Cheerleaders, drill teams from Bullard High School, Robert E. Lee High School and John Tyler High School, the Jacksonville Square Dancers and the Lake Houston Dancers who were recently appeared on "America's Got Talent."

A parade will kick off the festival events. Applications to enter the parade are available online at [www.bullard-texaschamber.com](http://www.bullard-texaschamber.com) (click on redwhiteandblue). To apply, fill out the form, which includes name, address, name of business to be represented, phone number and if a float or other parade activity is planned. Forms may be mailed to Larry Melhart, 904 W. Main, Ste. A, Bullard, TX 75757 or faxed to (903) 894-4210.

Other festival activities will include a carnival, a petting zoo, vendors, a car show, live music, a mechanical bull and more.

This year's key note speaker is Joan Hallmark of KLTU, known for her Freedom Fighter series, along with her extensive experience in the television industry.

Vendor booths also will be available. A 10x10 arts and crafts vendor booth will cost \$35 (or \$60 with a cover for one space; and \$70 (or \$120 with a cover) for two spaces if rented before Thursday, Oct. 1. Spaces will cost \$50 (or \$70 with a cover) for one space and \$100 (or \$140 with cover) for two spaces after Oct. 1. Tables will cost an addition \$6 each.

Food vendor booths will be cost \$250 for each space and electricity will cost an additional \$15 per space.

Checks for booths should be made payable to the Bullard Area Chamber of Commerce. All application are reviewed and no refunds will be returned once applications have been accepted. Applications will be due by Thursday, Oct. 15. Late applications will be subject to additional fees. For information about booth rental, call (903) 521-9309 or write to P.O. Box 945, Bullard, TX 75757.

Online forms for booths are available at the address above.

### Fish fry slated for Saturday

The Red Neck Fish Fry, sponsored by the Dogwood City Lake Community Baptist Church will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, on the lot between the church and the Exxon station at 22112 Highway 155 South.

Featured entertainment includes Steve McGranahan, the "World's Strongest Redneck," and a concert by the Shana Strange Band.

The concert and entertain-

ment is free, and there will be no charge for the fish fry (bring your own lawn chairs).

For more information, call (903) 825-7217.

McGranahan has made appearances on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, NBC

Country Fried Home Videos Series, Steve Harvey's Big Time Challenge, John Boy & Billy's The Big Show and appeared in the movie, "Say No to the White Girl."

### Clinic moved to Cain Street

The Mission House medical clinic has moved to 307 Cain St., in Bullard.

The clinic assists uninsured adult primary care patients by appointment only from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

For information or to make an appointment, call (903) 894-0109. A nominal fee will be charged for services and laboratory tests.

Also, the food pantry and the clothes closet will continue to serve the Bullard community at the Mission House at 226 Phillips St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call Hazel Mason at (903) 521-5711.

### Hungry

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flect how they felt about their four-day battle with world hunger.

"I feel very good about myself giving food to help people in Africa and all over the world," said BreAnna Jones.

The FreeRice Web site touts the benefits for students and others who participate, including learning new vocabulary, it can participate formulate ideas better, write better papers, e-mails and business letters, speak more precisely and persuasively, comprehend more of what is read and help a participant read faster because of better comprehension. It has helped participants get better grades in high school, college and graduate school and score higher on tests like the SAT, GRE, LSAT and GMAT, and helped participants perform better at job interviews and conferences.

"I think this Web site is awesome," said Blake Wiley.

In addition to vocabulary questions, other subjects include math, science, geography, art history, other languages and more.

"We are feeding dozens of people in need," said Baylee Taylor. "I am very proud of our school."

Some of the Bullard students said they had immediate results.

"I really liked FreeRice because I get to help stop world hunger while improving my math skills," said Jentry Haley.

Another students also added to that premise.

"FreeRice didn't only make me happy, proud or better about myself, I was also learning," said Kylie Glover.

Actually, anyone can participate on the FreeRice Web site. For more information about participating or about the program, such as which countries benefit from the donations, visit the Web site at [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com).

One Bullard Intermediate School student had even bigger aspirations about combating world hunger.

"I think this is a good Web site and they should make another one with chicken nuggets," said Craig Hunter.

Thanks for the suggestion Craig.

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