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## BULLARD

### BUZZ

### BISD

## bands to perform

The Bullard Independent School District Bands will present the annual Christmas Concert at Bullard High School at 7 p.m. Thursday Dec. 10.

The concert will feature the sixth grade band from the Intermediate School, the seventh and eighth grade bands from the Middle School, and the High School Symphonic and Jazz Bands.

Prior to the concert, the Bullard Band Boosters will hold a Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction will help support the activities of all the BISD bands.

## Bullard Weather

**Wednesday - 48/34**  
 Few showers.  
**Thursday - 51/34,**  
 Partly cloudy.  
**Friday - 50/33**  
 Partly cloudy.  
**Saturday - 54/36**  
 Partly cloudy.  
**Sunday - 51/39**  
 Mostly cloudy.  
**Monday - 56/46,**  
 Cloudy.  
**Tuesday - 63/50,**  
 Showers.

November rainfall 1.30



# Bullard Christmas parade slated for Monday, Dec. 7

The Bullard Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will start at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 in downtown Bullard.

Parade participants will line up at Bullard Elementary School on Panther Crossing, turn right onto Schoolhouse Road, proceed up F.M. 344 through town, turn right on Phillips Street (traveling in front of City Hall), then turn right onto Tyler Street and conclude by traveling back down Schoolhouse Road.

Pictures with Santa in the Gazebo will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue after the parade.

Downtown restaurants will offer \$5 meals from 5-8 p.m. the day of the parade only.

Parade sponsors include Texas National Bank, Rodger Johnson, Austin Bank and Edward Jones Investments.

There is no entry fee for floats entered in the parade. Participants should be at the staging area in front of Bullard Elementary School no later than 5:30 p.m. The order of floats will be determined by the parade committee.



(Banner Staff File Photo)

The annual Bullard Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Bullard Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. The parade route will continue through the Bullard downtown area.

## Friedman to visit Bullard Dec. 5

Kinky Friedman will be in Bullard for a book signing from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Texas Store, 51559 U.S. Highway 69.

Kinky Friedman is a country music legend, best-selling author, wisecracking columnist, animal rights advocate and is running for governor of Texas.

In his latest book, Fried-

man reflects on the impressive characters who colored his own years growing up in Texas. "Heroes of a Texas Childhood" highlights 23 individuals who inspired and influenced the child then known as Richard Friedman.

"Some of the heroes in this book are covered in glory, and some remain unsung even to this day," Friedman said.

"They are between these



KINKY FRIEDMAN

pages because of the way they faced the failures, challenges and tragedies of their lives... the best way to know somebody is to find out who their heroes are."

## City receives ETCOG grant

By **DON TREUL**  
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The city of Bullard received a \$7,200 grant from

the East Texas Council of Governments.

The funds will be used to purchase a recycle bin for city residents. Items such as

newspaper, tin, aluminum, notebook or school paper and some plastic "bottles" may be recycled.

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## Brook Hill activities set for Dec. 4-5

The Brook Hill Guard will compete in the TAPPS Division 3, State Championship game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Leo Buckley Stadium at 500 N. 38<sup>th</sup> Street in Killeen.

Tickets will cost \$12 for adults and \$8 for students.

The Guard (12-1) will play Waco Reicher. All Bullard residents are encouraged to support the hometown school (and wear blue and orange in town and at the game).

The schedule of events for the playoff weekend will be as follows:  
 Friday, Dec. 4:

All day - Lower, Middle, and Upper School students wear blue jeans and

orange shirts (Orange Crush).

5 p.m. - Football team and fans will meet at the Cabin for the traditional "Walk to the Rock" and prayer.

5:30 p.m. - Lower School students invited to have their pictures taken with one of the varsity football players.

6 p.m. - Pep rally in Herrington Stadium.

6 p.m. - Concession stand will be open.

6:30 pm. - Bonfire.

Saturday, Dec. 5:

10:45 a.m. - Send off for the Guard football team.  
 2 p.m. - Caravan to Killeen (meet at Brook Hill School - Upper School)  
 7 p.m. - The game starts.

## ETMC ceremony slated for Dec. 7

*Ribbon-cutting for new center near Bullard*

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for East Texas Medical Center's new \$9 million facility near Lake Palestine will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7.

The 25,000 square foot state-of-the-art building features fitness and outpatient rehabilitation services, as well as a new and expanded physician clinic. The clinic will be open from noon to 2 p.m. for tours and the Olympic Center from noon to 7 p.m.

The ceremony will be open to the public.

The ETMC Regional Healthcare System purchased the land, located at F.M. 344 and Highway 155 in Flint, several years ago to prepare for growth in southern Smith County, according to CEO/President Elmer G. Ellis.

"The communities in the Lake Palestine area have really exploded in growth, and this expansion will help us better serve the needs of East Texans and bring healthcare closer to home," Ellis said.

The facility features a striking contemporary design with walls of glass extending three stories high. ETMC First Physicians Dr. Gary Babbitt, Dr.

C. Renee Bean, Dr. Theodore Gould and family nurse practitioner Bethany Starks will continue to offer services. Babbitt has been serving area residents since 1991.

ETMC Lake Palestine will offer imaging services, including digital mammography and diagnostic testing. Other services will include physical therapy, cardiac rehab and a sleep disorders center. The building is also expandable for future growth needs.

"ETMC Lake Palestine will not only help people when they are sick but also encourage a healthy lifestyle with the addition of our Olympic Center," Ellis said.

The two-story fitness facility includes a salt water swimming pool as well as modern exercise equipment, group exercise classes and a suspended indoor walking track that overlooks the fitness floor.

The ETMC Olympic Center also features degreed/certified fitness staff, fitness assessments and exercise prescriptions. For more information on memberships to the Olympic Center call (903) 596-3028.

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