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Bullard girls program sets new standards



Photo by Cassie Crawford

Coaches Greg Gay and Kala Laningham watch on as their respective players Danielle Heithoff and Calli Miller make school history with D-1 signings.

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A full range of media, friends, coaches, family and friends watched as the Bullard girls athletic program made history, with two first-ever Division I signees. Calli Miller and Danielle Heithoff made it official with national letters-of-intent signings last Wednesday in the Bullard High School auditorium.

Volleyball and basketball stalwart, Calli Miller put the ink to the papers at Wyoming University to play volleyball in Laramie, Wyoming.

In a duel signing, Danielle

Heithoff completed a long-lived dream, signing to play basketball for the Lady Cardinals of Lamar University in Beaumont.

Although the athletic year has yet to hit mid-point, records and new standards in Panthers sports continue to roll in with signings, and team records falling.

Now, with both athletes on the eighth-ranked basketball team together, hopefully the team highlight memories are still yet to come for the duo.

But the decision of where the next level takes them has been signed, sealed, and delivered.

"This year has got an exceptional group of athletes," said Bullard girls athletic coordinator, Greg Gay, and head coach of the basketball team. "Anytime you can get two athletes like that together you are going to have some success, and obviously with Calli signing in volleyball, and Danielle in basketball, they are two very good athletes that have worked to get where they are."

Congratulations to Calli, Danielle and their families on making your place in BISD athletic record books, and setting new standards for the Lady Panther athletic programs.

Like thousands of veterans, local has trouble with VA



Courtesy Photo

Dale Walker on his Assault Support Patrol Boat in Vietnam.

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While Riverboat Captain Dale Allen Walker patrolled a river in Vietnam, a mine blew up at a nearby boat. He flew 30 feet in the air, landed on the boat, then rolled into the water.

He was trapped under the vessel, and it was bouncing on top of him. The boat pounded his feet into the thick river mud. Walker was stuck and about to drown. Then someone in his boat came to his rescue. A helicopter hovered just low enough

to board the wounded, and flew Walker to an Army hospital in Vietnam.

"I was in the Navy, and I had to go to an Army hospital," he said, remembering the battle from his home outside of Jacksonville. "I think that is how my records were lost."

This was how he received his second Purple Heart, and how the rest of his life changed. The first time he received a Purple Heart his Assault Support Patrol Boat was pounded by three rocket-propelled

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Steed makes local candies

Claudia Steed doesn't have to use a thermometer to tell that her peanut brittle is finished.

All Steed needs is her eyes and her nose. She can tell if the brittle is finished from its color and fragrance.

"It can drive me about mad," Steed said. "A batch can be a little bit orange and I know it is off."

Steed owns a Bullard small business that specializes in care packages she makes with homemade peanut brittle, English tof-

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Courtesy photo

A local business owner makes packages of candies and candles for people across the United States.

Rep. Leo Berman to challenge 12th Amendment

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Rep. Leo Berman (R-Tyler) said he introduced a bill Monday designed to challenge the 14th Amendment, which he said does not give birthright citizenship to children born in the United States to illegal immigrant parents.

Berman said if the bill is signed into law, it will immediately be challenged in federal court by groups like the American Civil Liberties Union. Berman hopes the case will go all the way to the

U.S. Supreme Court to change the interpretation of the amendment.

"We want to be sued," Berman said.

The bill, one of nine illegal alien bills Berman filed Monday at the capitol, would not give birth certificates to children born in Texas whose parents are illegal aliens. The child would be given a certificate that proves it was born, then it could go to the family's home country to prove citizenship.

"We have approximately two

million illegal aliens in Texas at a cost to Texas tax payers of \$4 billion every year," he said.

Berman said since illegal aliens do not have jurisdiction in the United States, neither should their children.

"We are handing out 350,000 U.S. citizenships to children born here illegally," he said.

Berman said taxpayers are paying for 12,500 incarcerated illegal aliens in state prisons, and as many more in the county and

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Jason Jones learns how to be a welding at Texas Junior College during half of his school year. Unless rules are changed, freshman will not have the same opportunities to pursue their interests.

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Senior Bullard High School student Jason Jones is not going to college after he graduates.

Actually Jones said he already has a job lined up welding for an East Texas company where he will probably make a

decent living.

"I'd rather be outside than inside," Jones said. "I don't want a job where I sit in an office."

Jones has been going to Tyler Junior College for half his school day for the last two years. When he graduates high

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Christmas—only 6 weeks away!

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