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## Bullard drama to perform GREASE this week

GREASE is the word at Bullard High School. Since breaking out on Broadway in 1972, Grease's place has been firmly established in the cultural hall of fame. It has entertained the hearts of millions with its back to back sizzling tunes.

And now, Bullard's theater department will put the show on for the public Dec. 20. It will be the first play in the new theater, and it will be Bullard's first ever musical.

The theater department has been practicing in full dress rehearsals.

GREASE proved that a love story musical that is bursting with denim, leather, fast cars and a slick hairstyles.

Take a blast from the past with greased hair and black leather. Watch Danny Zuko ( Vincent Cottingham), Sandy Dumbrowski ( Minta Spears), Betty Rizzo ( Heather Berryhill), Kenickie ( Doug Lake), and Frenchy ( Amanda Abernathy) in the musical that idolizes the fifties.

This musical features all your favorite songs including Summer Lovin', Sandy, We Go Together and Greased Lightning.

Bullard High School Theater will be performing GREASE ( school version ), Dec. 20th at 7:30 pm and 21st @ 2 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale at Bullard Middle School and from any cast member. Cost is \$5.00 and \$7.00 at the door.

More information call: 903-894-6533 Ext.2236.

## 2008 Academic All District Football



The Bullard athletic program can stand proud on the field, the court, and in the classroom as the Panthers proved dominance in the recent Football All-District Academic team, announced last week. In all, 14 Panthers made the grade including six seniors, six juniors, and two sophomores. Seniors earning their way are Colton Sheffield, Phillip Reiger, Charlie Moore, Ryan Hamilton, Blain Faulk and Blake Dover. The juniors are Lance Anding, Danny Vega, Nick Rumbelow, R.J. Horton, David French, and Brandon Beavers. Hunter Skelton and David Diduch represented the sophomores on the team of brain-trusts. The Lady Panthers volleyball team recently placed nine players on the volleyball all-academic team. For the All-District football selections see the Banner Sports section on Page 10.

## TxDOT crews set to combat wintry weather on local roads

For most of the year in East Texas, it's warm enough for TxDOT and its contractors to apply hot mix and seal coats to help build and maintain the roadways. But once the weather cools, and overnight temperatures drop into the 30s, it's time for what's called "extraordinary maintenance."

Extraordinary maintenance refers to such operations as plowing snow, applying de-icing agents on the roadways and removing downed trees from the highways.

Preparations for extraordinary maintenance operations usually begin during the first week of November, with crews testing de-icing equipment, stockpiling de-icing agents, and going over vehicle maintenance checklists.

"Our dump trucks are among our most flexible pieces of heavy equipment," said TxDOT public information officer Larry Krantz. "During the warmer months, you name it, they haul it. During the winter, we drop a spreader box in the dump bed and use the trucks to treat our roadways with de-icing agents. Their hauling capacity helps them stay out for hours at a time without needing to reload."

Extraordinary maintenance is also "extraordinary" because of the risks involved for the personnel performing the tasks.

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## Student gains citizenship



Courtesy Photo

Senior Wichya Russell recently received her citizenship to the United States.

By Regan duPreez  
Special to the Banner

Senior Wichya Russell stands in the front of the room with her right hand up as she swears to serve the United States of America and not to bow down to other rulers.

She is among about 20 others in the Dallas building also receiving their citizenship. Her parents Harry and Nitaya Russell and her 9-year-old brother Matthew stand by watching, taking still frames in their minds to remember

the special occasion.

On Nov. 19 Wichya became an official citizen of the United States of America 13 years after her arrival from Thailand as a small girl.

"I got here on Christmas Eve," Russell said. "In Thailand we celebrated Christmas, but here they go crazy. All our family piled me up with presents."

Over the years Wichya has become much more accustomed to her environment and now knows she will stay here.

"I knew I would

never go back to Thailand," Russell said. "I like it here."

Wichya's parents assisted her in applying for citizenship to make the United States her official and legal home. She met the requirements for naturalization, including living in the United States for at least five years and having two parents who are citizens. Because Wichya was a minor when she applied, she was not required to take a U.S. history or English test.

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## Pave the Way

'Pave the Way', is an on-going history-maker, focusing on raising money for scholarships. The goal of the Bullard Booster Club is to be able to give at least \$1000.00 to each child that applies for our scholarship. This will not happen without your help, and with it, a chance to have your own place in Bullard, with a walk-way with personalized brick as the pathway.

The Bullard Booster Club urges you to please consider purchasing one of these bricks. Your support will be helping to send a child to school and at the same time have a permanent reminder that your child, family or business is a part of BISD.

If you would like to see samples of what the different walkways look like, visit [www.brickstone-graphics.com](http://www.brickstone-graphics.com)

## Facebook Loser

Checklist Charlie  
For December 2008

I managed to be on Facebook for several months without acquiring a single friend.

For those who don't have young people in their homes still, Facebook is a "place" on the internet where tech-savvy folks go to communicate with each other. When you get on Facebook, a computer screen pops up that has your picture on it and pictures of your friends and a place for one-liners that people send to each other.

Kinda weird, huh? I'm having trouble adjusting.

Parents can also waste hours of time looking at pictures of their kids and all their kids' friends. Not that I've ever done that in the middle of the night or anything.

I have Facebook because my

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**Christmas—only 1 week away!**

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