

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Communities in Schools Inc. recognizes volunteers

A reception was held for Communities in Schools Inc. (CISI) volunteers in early May. Lois Stevens, CISI case manager at CMS, said over 140 people were cleared to work with students as a mentor or tutor this school year.



CHS students place in UIL State

Two Commerce High School students have made their hometown proud by placing in the UIL State academic competition.

Junior Elizabeth Canzoneri placed third in Computer Applications, scoring 350 out of a possible 375 points.

Michael Naizer, a senior, placed fifth in Science.

“Anytime you can go to Austin and place you have set yourself up to be among the elite students in all the state. It is a tremendous accomplishment,” CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery said.



UIL State academic winners Elizabeth Canzoneri and Michael Naizer



Traveling to Austin for the UIL State academic competition were (front row, left to right) science teacher Tina Christian, Canzoneri, Rachel Montgomery and technology teachers Elaine Stotts and Glenda Henderson. Back row includes CHS UIL coordinator Karri Anderson, Naizer, John Naizer and physics teacher Bill Knutson.



Exemplary Expectations

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Boots & BBQ fundraiser supports CISD schools

At the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation's annual Boots and BBQ celebration, supporters of CISD gathered to share a good meal and get a glimpse of the effect of their contributions to student achievement in the fine arts, math, science and technology.

The Foundation brought in over \$12,000 in pledges during the evening. Over \$23,000 was distributed to teachers this year for grant projects.

*CISD supporters
Glen Kibler, Beverly
Pirkey, Carolyn Burt,
Jerry Keeble and
Janet Peek*



CISD Secondary Curriculum Facilitator Jeanne Lay and Foundation Board member June Dunn.



CISD Board Vice President Bob McLeroy, Chester Robinson and a rude guest who refused to remove his hat inside.



Fifth graders entertained guests using percussion instruments purchased with grant funds. Students explored the music of other cultures through the Peanut Butter Jammin' Around the World grant.



Foundation Board President Dr. Jack Pirkey



Guests enjoyed BBQ prepared by BlackJack's BBQ in Commerce.



Above, CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery, Foundation Board member Janet Peek and Superintendent Blake Cooper

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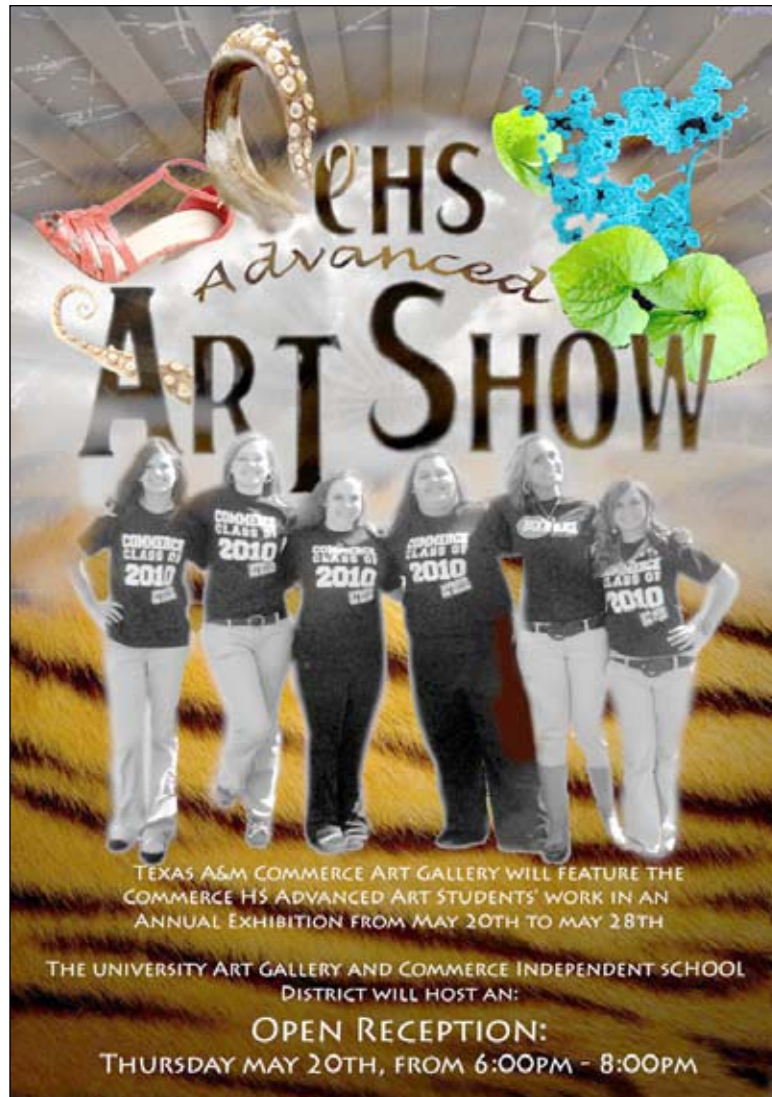
Sprucing up the campuses...



CISD maintenance workers prepare to move the CMS marquee to make it more visible for people entering the parking lot.



Local physician Rick Selvaggi (right) donated elm trees to the A.C. Williams Elementary School campus. Selvaggi grows the trees on his land outside Commerce.



CHS Annual Advanced Art Exhibition

May 20-28

Texas A&M University-Commerce Art Gallery

Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment

Opening Reception 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 20

Tea for 22 and their moms

Bring out the tea cups and good manners, it's time for Karen Hubbert's fourth grade class to treat their mothers to a tea party. Hubbert hosts the annual event so that her students can honor their moms on Mother's Day. Students recited poetry they had written especially for their moms.



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CMS students chosen for M2T2 grant

Eighteen students at A. C. Williams Elementary and Commerce Middle School have been chosen to participate in the Maximizing Motivation, Targeting Technology (M2T2) grant through Texas A&M University-Commerce. The National Science Foundation funds the program which will give incoming sixth, seventh and eighth grade students extra experiences in science, math and technology.

Students will participate in a two-week program this summer with an emphasis on computer programming, robotics and science activities. The program continues through next school year. Teachers Celia Reid and Cindy Pierce will accompany the students and all participants will receive a laptop computer to keep.

Current CMS students who will be participating are Travis Stunkard, Malachi Wisdom, Eddie Garcia, Mason Harper, Tyrone Alex, Pearla Williams, Jonathan Flores, Aundrey Heath, Forrest Dickson, Jazmin Huey, Haley Breen and Lilly Parra.

Fifth graders who will participate are Makalya Pickle, Sayonara Ruiz Quiroz Waid, Alondra Mojica, Maria Nino, Rachel Scarcelli and Felipe Hernandez.



Fifth graders will participate in the M2T2 grant for computer programming, robotics and science activities this summer.

Above, CMS students with teachers Celia Reid and Cindy Pierce (back right)



Elementary music programs wrap up a year of fun and learning



Old MacDonald would have been proud of his farm with animals like this. Each first grade class chose a different animal to portray in the first grade musical.

Third graders practice for their last performance of the year. They will dramatize two folk tales from different parts of the world. The students will improvise rhythms and melodies on instruments, some of which were purchased by a Foundation grant. Angela Neal teaches music at both elementary campuses.

