

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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CHS cheerleaders served guests at the Hall of Honor induction luncheon.



Senior Kadie Hays escorted her uncle, Dr. Jack Pirkey, through the student welcome alley.

First Hall of Honor inductees recognized

Four of Commerce ISD's finest graduates and staff members were inducted into the CISD Hall of Honor Friday, October 1. Emmett Day Sr., Harry Champion, June Dunn and Dr. Jack Pirkey were recognized for their contributions to the district, community and society.

The inductees were first honored during a luncheon with family and friends at the new CISD Administration Building. The induction ceremony was the first official event held in the newly remodeled structure which formerly housed A. C. Williams Elementary School. Luncheon guests were greeted by CHS students who formed a victory line at the entrance to the building.

Harry Champion, a former Norris School and CISD employee from 1953 to 1984, received the award posthumously. Champion's leadership supported the smooth integration of Commerce and Norris schools in the early 1960s. He also led the eight-member Norris High School boys' basketball team to a state championship in 1964.

Emmett Day, valedictorian of the CHS Class of 1933, received bachelor's degrees from East Texas State Teachers College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After receiving his master's degree at MIT, he moved to Seattle where he was on the faculty of the University of Washington. His research in stress analysis, strain gauges, strength of materials and machine design was relied on by industry leaders such as Boeing and Chance Vought.

June Dunn, a 1953 graduate, was honored as a tireless volunteer in many civic organizations. She was manager of the Commerce Chamber of Commerce during which time she served as a director for the Bois d'Arc Bash and also for the Commerce Leadership Institute. She has been a director of the Meals on Wheels board and a volunteer for the food pantry. She is also a board member of the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation.

After outstanding success as a student, leader and athlete at CHS, Jack Pirkey went to East Texas State University where he received bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. He was a public school teacher in Gilmer, Paris and Commerce. He culminated his career as director of Distance Education for Tarrant County Junior College. His desire to provide financial support for CISD academic programs led to his founding of the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation.

Board President Willie Blow and Superintendent Blake Cooper (back row) presented awards to (front row left to right) Emmett Day Sr.; Ann Champion, for her husband Harry; June Moore Dunn and Dr. Jack Pirkey.



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SOPHOMORES



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Tiger Band makes superior marks

At the UIL Marching Contest in Mesquite October 13, the CHS Tiger Band received all ones, a superior showing. Band Director Monte Ashcraft says the band will continue to work on the small details that will only add to their performance at Area competition.

Color Wars wrap up Homecoming week

Homecoming week at Commerce High School offers extra activities and opportunities for students to join in a time-honored celebration. The standardized dress code was abandoned each day to get students in a spirit-filled mood. Students dressed as twins and cowboys and began the week dressing as they wished. On Friday, students participated in color wars where they dressed as shown above.

Prior to the football game, Pedro Mojica and Teal Martin were named homecoming king and queen. Tigers celebrated a win over the Caddo Mills Foxes.

Firefighting fathers visit third grade class

Sondra Feduccia's third grade class kicked off Fire Prevention Week with a visit from two classroom fathers who happen to be firefighters. Dale Reed and Gabe Wittkopf of the Commerce Fire Department showed a video on how to properly use 911 and they demonstrated the equipment they use to fight fires. The children's inquiring minds were filled with knowledge when they began a Q & A session. The students received a booklet and firefighter stickers which they proudly adorned before heading out to recess.



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ACW choir prepares for Winter Festival

A. C. Williams Elementary School's new choir will be performing at the Winter Arts Festival scheduled for December 16 at CHS. Music teacher Angela Neal is preparing her students to sing several holiday and popular favorites. Visual and performing arts from each campus will be showcased during the first Winter Festival.



Reading Is Fundamental at CES

Each CES student is able to choose a free book to take home three times a year through the federally funded RIF program. The CES PTO contributes about 25% of the cost of the books.

Celebrating PRIDE at ACW



Coach Sam Walker's Lion basketball team from TAMU-C played a game with teachers to kick off the first PRIDE rally of the year. ACW students learn that PRIDE is an acronym for prepared, respectful, involved, determined and encouraging.



Bus drivers had a special treat in recognition of the important work they do each day to transport students safely to and from school. Central office administrators along with Superintendent Blake Cooper (shown right) served breakfast to the drivers as they returned from their morning routes.

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Teamwork essential on CMS robotics project

Work on the CMS robotics project continues as 17 students are assisted by sponsor Andrew Simpson and several parent helpers. The completed project will be ready for the competition at Texas A&M University-Commerce at the end of October.



Parent James Black works with students on the programming.

Students assist teacher Andrew Simpson with the body of the robot.

Read, read, read: it's Book Fair time!

Scholastic Book Fair returns for annual visits at CES, ACW and CMS. Students select books for their wish lists and funds benefit each schools' Parent/Teacher Organization., CES will host its book fair November 1-5.



At CMS, students welcome customers to the library.



ACW students pick their favorites.

New meal options welcomed

The new district food service management company Chartwells has provided new signage and food choices for students at all campuses. At CHS, fresh pizza and fruit choices attractively arranged add up to student satisfaction.

