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Tiger teams...back in contention

Football doubles winning record over last year, Lady Tigers again State ranked

Being steady and consistent is the key to winning football games, according to Commerce High School head coach and athletic director Scott Wells coming off a 36-6 win over Crandall on September 3.

The win was the second in as many weeks to start the 2010 season. The first win came over Farmersville with a score of 36-20.

Princeton, the most athletic team yet, according to Wells, gave the Tigers its first loss of the year Friday, Sept. 10.

“Our kids have done a good job since we began on August 2. We’ve been teaching them how to work, how to practice and recently, how to win,” he continued, noting that their experience in winning has been lacking.

Wells said his coaching team was working to teach players not to let bad things that happen bother them. “We want players to not get too high when they win nor too low when they don’t,” Wells added.

He urges his players to not worry about the other team because they can’t control what the other team is doing, but to focus on who they are and strive to always do their best.

“We have a lot of areas we can improve,” Wells said. “I ask the players to imagine how good we could be if we did all things well,” he continued.

Ranked 13th in Class 3A in the State by the Texas Girls Coaching Association, the Lady Tigers volleyball team is a young team with only three seniors; however, they play well together with great maturity, according to Coach Sarah Hall.

“They are not content with ‘old school’ (skills and strategies). They want to run a quicker offense,” Hall said.

With a current record of 22-4, they will go into district play Sept. 24 against Celina, their toughest district opponent.

“We’ve beaten better teams already. Our goal is to win district and go further than the third round of the playoffs beating our record of the last four years,” Hall said.



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Interviewing 101



Making eye contact and being pleasant contribute to making a good impression.



Taking personal calls during an interview is not conducive to landing the job.



Answer questions politely. The interviewer has a right to know "your business."

Interviewing skills perfected in career preparation class

Real world expectations are important for students to grasp while in school, according to Kristy Briscoe, teacher of Principles of Education and Training at CHS.

In one of the career preparation classes there, students are prepared to enter the workplace when they look for work after high school or support themselves through college. Learning how to conduct themselves in an interview was one of the first topics covered.

The Family and Consumer Science Department will soon offer industry certification in Computer Aided Design (CAD) software, teacher's aide and food handling.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Let's do lunch!



Tiny faces beamed when they recognized grandmothers and grandfathers entering the lunchroom for the annual Kindergarten Grandparents' Day.

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*Commerce ISD
Hall of Honor Induction Luncheon
Friday, October 1, 2010
recognizing first inductees*

**Harry Champion
Emmett Day Sr.
June Moore Dunn
Jack Pirkey**

*Tickets \$12 each available at the
CISD Administration Building
604 Culver St.*

Secondary students entering robotics contest

Commerce Middle School and Commerce High School students are forming robotics teams to compete in the BEST Robotics Inc. competition held at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Andrew Simpson, seventh grade math teacher, and Wes Roberts, high school science teacher, are sponsoring the teams.

Simpson said the six-week program encourages students to pursue a career in science, engineering, technology or math.

During a kick-off meeting at A&M-C September 18, students will be introduced to this year's theme, get a look at a prototype robot and get materials to build their robot.

Simpson says the robotic competition isn't the only way to win an award. Students can

also be recognized for spirit, where community support and participation is highly favored, their engineering notebook, table display and oral presentation.

"So there are awards for many different types of skills which students possess," Simpson said.

Community helpers and mentors are sought to help students in the program.

"An engineer might be needed to go over the engineering process with us and someone great with mechanics could help us figure out why our robot won't work," Simpson added.

Parents can choose a category in which to participate and are encouraged to contact Simpson at CMS or Roberts at CHS to offer help.



RECYCLE
REFURBISH
REUSE

Cisco class practices the new 3Rs

CHS students are learning a new set of 3Rs as they recycle, refurbish and reuse computers deemed no longer useful in classrooms.

Students work as a member of one of three teams. One team surveys the computers to assess what hardware and software are needed. The upgrade team installs hardware and software upgrades and the cabling team prepares cables needed to hook them up.

The Cisco program is in its 11th year at CHS. The

two-year program, typically offered to juniors and seniors, is a Tech Prep class which awards successful completion with two college credits. Instructor Mark Blankenship acts as project leader.

"Twenty-four computers that would have been sent off to the proverbial scrap heap will continue to provide an educational opportunity, due in part to fortuitous timing, but mostly because of the hard work of some really terrific Commerce kids," Blankenship said.

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ACW 'hearts are in art' for Winter Festival

Third graders proudly display their contributions to the planned district Winter Arts Festival tentatively to be held December 16. All ACW students will be contributing to the "Our Heart is in Art" project through art and musical presentations. Examples of their finished projects are shown. All campuses will be participating in what administrators hope will become an annual event.

Obama addresses CISD students

President Barack Obama presented his second address to America's school children September 14 and all CISD students were given an opportunity to view it either live or through a taped presentation.



Parents received a letter from Superintendent Blake Cooper that informed them of their choice to "opt out" of their child seeing the speech.

In his speech, Obama stressed that it is not how smart a student is, but the effort that he or she puts into it that helps them become a success. Students were told they were in charge of their own destiny which begins with education.



The CHS AP art class completed an assignment to design non-traditional mandalas depicting personal experiences. New CHS art teacher Denise Harris said the mandalas will be displayed downtown during the annual Bois d' Arc Bash September 25-26.