

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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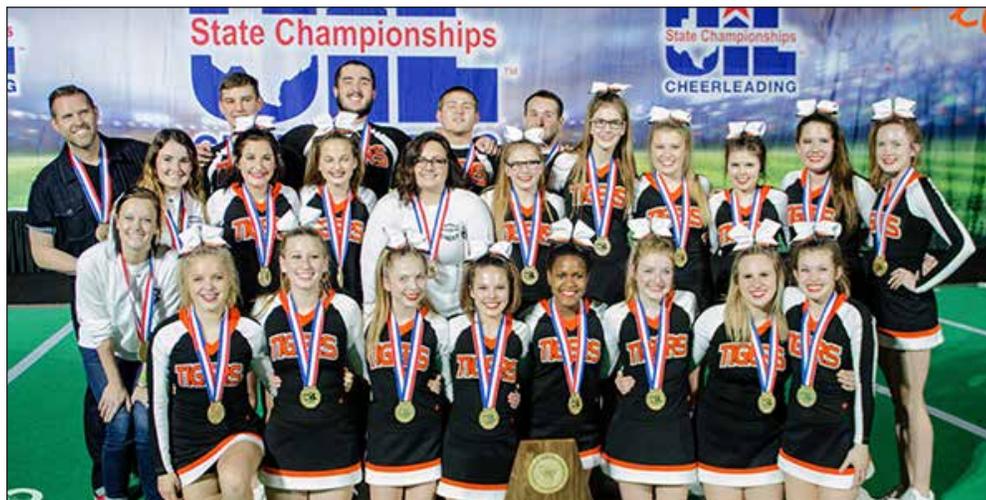
String of wins kicks off spring semester

Competition heats up during the second semester as teams and individual students combine talent with skills to bring home awards for CHS.

The varsity cheerleaders competed in the second annual UIL Spirit Competition in Fort Worth in January. The team won best small co-ed team in the state.

Junior Marcus Rogers won Grand Champion in his Division with his Maine-Anjou heifer at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

The basketball team was co-district champion and will play Gunter for bi-district at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21 in Princeton.



UIL State Spirit Small School Co-ed Champions

Front row: Brooklyn Matthews, Hallie Smith, Summer Hanson, Jacee Buchanan, Mya Wilson, Jesse Edwards, Kailee Wright, Kassady Todhunter

Middle row: Sawyer Colvin, Jordan McCuiston, Jayla Demidio, Jaden Buchanan, Mercie Lawson, Sara Rumbaugh, Caitlyn Rogers, Brooklyn Talley, Faith Dickson, Claire Dobbs, Caitlin Sneed

Back Row: Chris Henson, Cameron Oats, Nic Smith, Kolton Abrams, Jacob Tarver. Sponsors were Sawyer Colvin and Jordan McCuiston.



Marcus Rogers



CHS Boys Basketball Team — Co-District Champs

Dodge Brown, Casey Shields, DJ Thomas, Luke Hooten, Ernesto Balderrama, Justin Hall, Day Day Hall, Rodney Hawkins, Neely Smith, KD Williams.



Hendricks presents 'Don't date a dope' at three campuses

The dangers of drug and alcohol use were explained in a fun and active way during presentations at ACW, CMS and CHS by Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, associate professor in the Department of Counseling at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

The program was sponsored by Dr. Bob Johnson.



▲ The third-grade team tries to win \$1 by answering questions correctly.

► ACW Assistant Principal Tina Bronson tries to walk a straight line while using goggles that simulate the effects of alcohol.

▲ 'Up with hope, down with dope!' Dr. LaVelle Hendricks leads the chant with ACW students.



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OPEN HOUSES

March 6-10, 2017

Tuesday, March 7	5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Commerce Middle School
	6 to 7 p.m.	Commerce Elementary School
Thursday, March 9	5:30 to 7 p.m.	A. C. Williams Elementary School
		Fine Arts Night
	5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Commerce High School

New football coach aims to find recipe for success

Commerce High School head football coach Cody Farrell has only been at CHS for a short time but already he's found that the ingredients for a successful team are here.

"I see that talent, desire and skills are already in place. It's like baking something. We have all the ingredients, we just need to put it all together," Farrell said during a rainy day practice in the athletic hallway.

Farrell says the organization was in place for him to get a fast start in developing his players. He credits Jeff Davidson, who was recently named athletic director, over all sports. He was previously girls athletic director.

Leg strength becomes more important during the third quarter of the game. Coach Farrell (standing) led athletes through exercises to build stamina and strength.



Barbie doll, fire truck unlikely partners in math class



As the final activity for their study of data and scatter plots graphs, math students in Patricia Nelle's class recorded data resulting from a Barbie doll being dropped from their desks while attached by rubber bands. Students had to extrapolate data to determine how many rubber bands it would take to get Barbie to go as far as she could without hitting the ground from a fire ladder 30 feet in the air.

The third period class's Barbie fell closest to the ground without actually hitting it.

Thanks to the Commerce Fire Department for their assistance with the project.

CMS places two in Region choir

Six CMS choir students competed for a spot in the Region 3 All Region Choir in late January and two were selected for the Treble Honor Chorus.

According to Director Candace Clayburn, it is a challenging competition with several successful and established programs leaving with no students placing. However, Commerce placed two students, Meagan Jones and Abigail Weimar, in the Treble Honor Chorus. These students were ranked in the top 40 vocalists in the Region. They will be performing at the All Region Concert in Mesquite on February 25.



Senior Nic Smith signed a letter of intent to play football at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Shown standing are Athletic Director Jeff Davidson, 2016 Head Football Coach Jeff Cleveland, Coach Travis Smith and CHS Principal Steve Drummond. Seated are Nic and his parents, Philip and Angela Smith. Congratulations Nic!

Special Olympics track meet set for April 27

The third annual Special Olympic track meet will be held on Friday April, 27, with the opening ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Memorial Stadium at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Last year over 600 athletes, coaches and special athletes participated according to organizer Terry Buckley, CHS teacher.

Super Heroes is the theme this year. Buckley said the athletes, coaches and volunteers all achieve super hero status during the competition.

An upcoming fundraising event will be held at

Dickey's in Commerce on March 7 and donations to support the meet are also being solicited. The donations help cover the cost of t-shirts, medals and supplies including lunch. Funds for banquet to celebrate successes at the end of the year are also being sought.

There is no donation too small to help this special event. Each donor will receive a certificate of appreciation and donors of \$100 or more will have their name on the sponsor t-shirt. Please contact Terry Buckley at 903-366-0816 for further information.



Get photo from May 2016 of athletes in pink shirts

Ag classes feature hands-on approach to learning



Floral Design students made candy roses in class. Students put their roses together to make a bouquet for a fellow classmate whose grandmother passed away.



Principles in Agriculture classes have been learning about the food industry and students made homemade butter in class.

CES students and staff always busy



Retired educator volunteers daily

Karla Roffe (above left) has been around the world and lived in more than five different states in her lifetime. She is not only fluent in English, but also in German and Chinese.

Ms. Roffe has also been a researcher in nutrition chemistry and soil. Other accomplishments include being a realtor, DNA Dental research, earning a degree from the University of Illinois, being a reading assistant, and developing a swimming pool alarm that was patented in 1992.

Ms Roffe has dedicated her time to help enhance student success at CES.



100th day always a treat

Students love to participate in the 100th day of school by showcasing 100 items whether it be pom poms, paper clips, cheddar gold fish or the like. Students above were recognized for their creativity and execution of their 100th day projects during CES's milestone day.