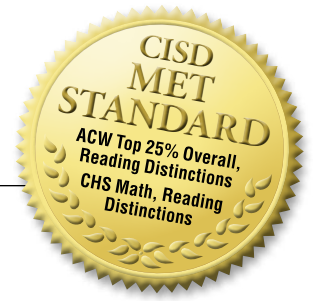


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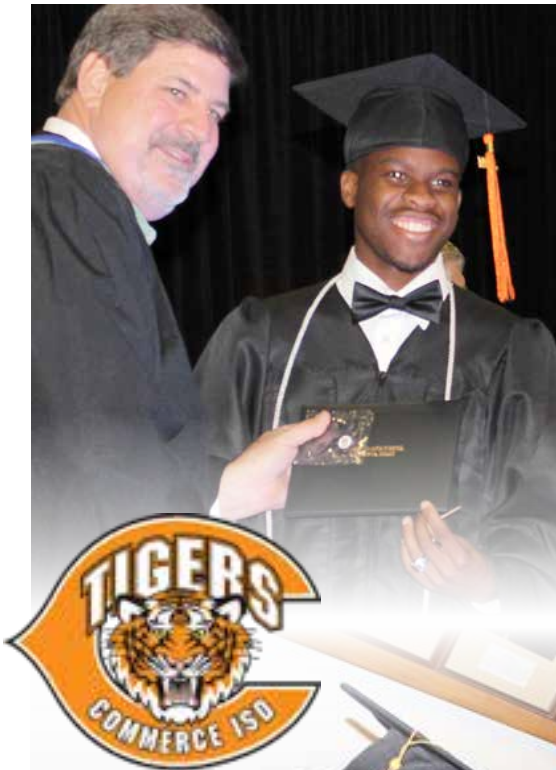
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Great night for graduates

The Texas A&M University-Commerce Field House was the setting for graduation exercises for the 97 members of the Class of 2014. The evening ran like clockwork as Board members were introduced, speeches were given and crepe paper streamers were flung into the air to signify the end of high school and the first step into the future.

As he does every year, Superintendent Blake Cooper reminded graduates to "Remember who you are, where you come from and who you represent."



Mac Robinson (seated at right) received applause for his valedictory speech from Salutatorian Shelby Patterson (left), classmates and staff.





Serving our community...

CMS Student Council students picked up trash along a two-mile section of a local highway they have adopted. Sponsors Rebekah Jacobson and Korey Reeves said the students did a "fantastic" job filling seven trash bags and even rescuing a baby bird. "It was a great opportunity for our students to provide service and give back to their community," Jacobson said.

AP art exhibit closes at A&M-Commerce

Students in Debora Lytle's AP art class displayed their finest art at the gallery at Texas A&M University-Commerce in May. Several students have had pieces win awards in area competitions.



SHELBY PATTERSON



BACH TRAN



MELINA MEDRANO



SHYANNE ROGERS



LACEY WORLEY



Outgoing FFA officers were recognized at the FFA banquet held June 3 at CHS. Left to right: Brenna Jackson, Haley Vargas, Andrew Coffman, Cody Benson, Billy McDonald, Katelyn Rex, Payton Swinson, Garrett Jackson, Nathan Burt and Jacob Riddle.

Last days fun...

As the last days of school approached, teachers and students were ready to play. Snow cones, bounce houses, fire truck hose sprays and merry-go-rounds were included in the fun for elementary school students.



Aliens land in Pre-AP class



The seventh-grade Pre-AP English students completed a novel extension project in connection to Neal Shusterman's *The Dark Side of Nowhere*. Students used problem solving and creativity to build an out-of-this-world alien. Limited to using exactly 15 different items, students built their alien, named it and gave it a special ability signified by one of its pieces. They were also required to assign it to a species and planet, as well as write its biography. Students then presented their finished alien and creative writing project to the class.



NJHS inducts 21

The CMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 21 seventh graders June 3. Sponsor Cindy Pierce reported the following were inducted during a ceremony: Sarah Anthraper, Andrea Barrett, Joshua Bell, Rylie Bowes, Brooke Elliott, Connor Green, Morgan Guinessey,

Summer Hanson and Ashley Kirby. Also inducted were Scott Ladd, Brooklyn Matthews, Monroe McCracken, Caitlyn Rogers, Jakob Scarcelli, Mikaela Smart, Nicole Sturch, McKynna Swinson, Grace Tolly, Ethan Uk, Kailee Wright and Maygan Wymore.

Staff honored for service and excellence at end-of-year lunch

CISD teachers and staff attended a staff recognition lunch on Saturday, June 7. Teachers of the year, STAR award winners, service award winners and others were recognized by Superintendent Blake Cooper and Director of Finance John Walker.



Commerce ISD STARS are chosen because of their willingness to go above and beyond their duty. Left to right are Sherry Duty, Brock Mitchell, Ericka Campbell, Billy Neal and Rachael Bailey.



Elementary Teacher of the Year Stephanie Pullen (left) and Shelbie Embro, Secondary Teacher of the Year.



Participants in the Digital Fluency Academy learned how to use technology effectively in their classrooms. The 30-hour course will be repeated for the 2014-2015 and a second year will be offered.



Commerce Middle School won the Fill the Boot Challenge sponsored by the Commerce Fire Department. Sixth-grade teachers Celia Reid, Wanda Beane, Jackie McMinn, Sherry Rector and Shelbie Embro led the challenge. Principal Patrick Just is presented the award for Gabe Wittkopf, firefighter and CISD Board member. Funds will go to support muscular dystrophy.

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CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR were Stephanie Pullen, CES; Georgia Greer, ACW; Shelbie Embro, CMS; and Bill Knutson, CHS.



RETIREES Larry Towne and Kim Lewis enjoyed their going-away gift of a rocking chair.



5 YEARS Nick Smith, Keiondra Simpson, Joyce Harris, Cameron Grubert, Scott Wells, Rebekah Jacobson, John Dobson, Pam Dickson, Carol Adams, Wendy Bridges, Jeanne Lay, Jayson Campbell, Larry Towne, Jenna O'Neal, Sarah Fielden, Terry Buckley, Blake Cooper and John Walker



10 YEARS
Jerry Sturch and Betty Brown



15 YEARS Kathern Aimes, Linda Grubert, Melissa Towne and Benny Chambliss



20 YEARS
Ludonna Smithers