

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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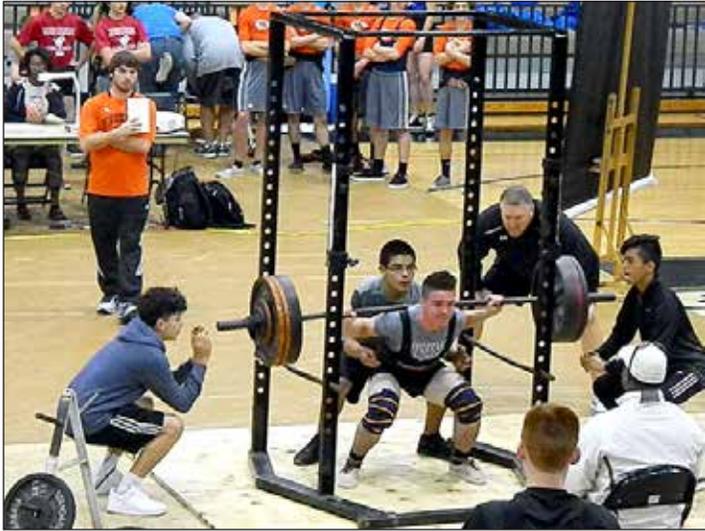
Third Special Olympics track meet sets records

With over 275 athletes from 17 area districts competing, the CISD Special Olympics Track Meet was held at Texas A&M University-Commerces Memorial Stadium April 21. Participants competed in 27 different events under beautiful partly cloudy skies with a cool breeze blowing.



◀ Walmart store manager Bill Whisenhunt, left, presented a check for \$2000 for the CISD Special Olympics track meet. With Whisenhunt are CHS special education staff Misty Belcher, Terry Buckley and Keisha Edwards. CHS Principal Steve Drummond is pictured at right. Walmart will also provide the food for the meet. They also gave a \$100 gift card and paint.

Powerlifters compete at regional and state



Brayden Lopez competed in the regional and state powerlifting meets.



Tahae Henry qualified to compete in the regional powerlifting meet.

STAR awards honor top-notch staff

Nominate one of our dedicated, hard-working support staff to receive the CISD STAR award for exemplary service. Aides, secretaries, custodians, food service and maintenance and transportation are eligible for nomination if they show superior job performance, contribute to positive morale on campus and are dedicated to customer service.

Nomination forms are available at each campus. Employees will be recognized at the annual end-of-the-year staff picnic on May 25.

CHS Principal's Council workers spruce up campuses

Seniors making up the CHS Principal's Council planted plants and repainted paw prints throughout the district in early April.

The community service project proved to be fun for the students and worthwhile for the district.



CSEE Foundation celebrates 12th year It's all about the kids!

Raising over \$16,000, The Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation capped off another successful year at its annual Boots & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser. A total of 63 patrons were named Foundation Champions for their gifts of \$200 or more. The Foundation awarded over \$44,000 for 12 teacher-proposed grants for the 16-17 school year.

Over its 12-year history, the Foundation has given over \$500,000 to CISD.

Teachers are currently writing grant applications for the 17-18 school year which will be awarded May 19 with much fanfare.



The CHS Jazz Band, led by Dave Polk, entertained guests at the annual Boots & BBQ fundraiser.



Students enjoyed the grant displays prior to the dinner.



Concert uniforms were purchased this year for the band with grant funds.



CSEEF board member Jerry Keeble, left, tries the Google Expedition virtual reality viewer which was purchased by the Foundation.



Superintendent Charlie Alderman, Sophia Fuhrmeister, Janet Peek and Renee Walker conducted the drawing for the door prize, which was a custom designed metal sign crafted by the CHS Ag Department.



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Around CISD...

Cari Aaron's 4th-5th GT class worked on a STEM challenge for the tallest tower. The project was to use the heaviest weight possible without the tower falling over. The only materials used were plastic cups and notecards. In the end, they put two binders on top to see if it would hold the weight.



CES Top Readers were treated with lunch at McDonald's with their administrators.



Tigerette drill team names 17-18 squad

Thirteen students were chosen to make up the Tigerette drill team for the 17-18 school year.

The squad performs during pep rallies and at football games each year. Sponsor Lisa Lipstraw says the team will be getting new uniforms next year and will be holding a fundraiser soon.



CHS presented 'Tiger with a Plan' to help incoming eighth graders decide their pathway of studies in high school. Each department was showcased to show opportunities for participation.