

# Weekly Update

A Review of Achievements and Activities in Cleburne ISD

April 12-19, 2017

## Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Cleburne HS Set for Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM



The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Cleburne High School is set for Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM on the Nolan River Road side of the campus. Children's activities are scheduled in conjunction with the event, which will run until noon.



Members of the CISD Pre-Design Committee, made up of community representatives who served on the Citizens' Bond Committee, recently received an update from CORGAN Architects on efforts to finalize the design for the new high school, along with the renovation of the current campus into a Career/Technology Education and Fine Arts facility. The overview included information on the phasing of the projects, with work scheduled to start in late June. A community event to provide information is being planned.

## Cleburne High School Hosting 1st Annual STinG Week



The 1st annual Students Together in Giving Week is underway at Cleburne High School, which began with opening ceremonies of the STinG 'lympics. Special guest at the event was CHS senior Dylan Filkins, photo right, who was diagnosed



last fall with Diffuse Large

B-Cell Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and has been undergoing intense chemotherapy which has kept him hospitalized much of the time. Fundraising efforts from STinG Week will assist the Filkins family with medical expenses.

## Pre-Kindergarten Students Honored With School Board Citizenship Awards



Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Kyle Heath are pictured with pre-kindergarten students who were honored with Citizenship Awards at Monday's school board meeting. Pictured front from left are Abby York, Coleman Elementary; Leighton Gibson, Gerard Elementary; Jazmin Martinez, Marti Elementary; Analeah Turrubiarres, Santa Fe Elementary and



right, Jeremy Rodriguez, Cooke Elementary. Not pictured are Paula Juarez, Adams Elementary and Kaylee Gonzalez, Irving Elementary.

## Wheat MS Students Compete at Visual Art Scholastic Event Regional Contest



These Wheat Middle School students were awarded top scores at the annual Junior VASE regional contest. The Visual Arts Scholastic Event for middle school students involves the submission of entries and interviews with judges, in which the artist explains the process involved in creating their work. Seated l-r are Mily Rivera, Abby Ledbetter, Brisa Nuñez, Jamileth Diaz and back, from left, Kaytlyn Yarbrough, Alek Griffin, art teacher Wendy Lastovica, Marlee Green and Ben Woodard. Not pictured are Patience Lyons, Abigail Hall and art teacher Jane Ostrander.

## New Head Football Coach for the Cleburne Yellow Jackets



Casey Walraven, named the new head football coach of the Yellow Jackets at a special called school board meeting April 14, spent his first day in the district Monday, meeting with players and coaches. Walraven comes to CHS from Grandview, where he has been athletic director and head football coach the last five years, posting a 43-15 record, which was preceded by six years as the varsity offensive coordinator. In his first season as head coach in 2012, Walraven led the Zebras to the 3A Regional Semi-Finals. Read more about Coach Walraven on the CISD website.



## Smith Middle School Bands Continue Winning Tradition in UIL Performance

The Smith Middle School Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band received the prestigious UIL Sweepstakes Award for Superior ratings at the Region 30 Concert and Sightreading Contest for performances on stage and in the skills portion of the competition. This was the ninth award in ten years for WMS Band Director Matt Hiller, who conducts the Wind Ensemble. This was the eighth Sweepstakes trophy for the Symphonic Band, which has been led by Assistant Director Holly Vasquez the past five years.



## Mayor Proclaims April 28 as Lexi Strong Day in Cleburne



By order of a Proclamation by Mayor Scott Cain, April 28 will serve as Lexi Strong Day in Cleburne, in recognition of the four years of powerlifting achievements by the CHS senior. Harris, who set three new records and won her third state championship at the 2017 Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association 5-A Meet, was also honored by Trustees at Monday's school board meeting. Lexi Strong Day coincides with the date that Harris will sign a college letter of intent with Sam Houston State University and the Bobkat powerlifting program.

## CHS Fine Arts Gala Set for Friday at 6 PM Featuring One Act Play Performance and Art Exhibit



The 3rd Annual CHS Fine Arts Gala will take place Friday, starting at 6 PM in the Don Smith Performing Arts Center. The evening will open with a showcase of student art, followed at 7 by an encore performance of the high school's UIL One Act Play entry, "You Can't Take it With You." Admission is \$6 and will include light hors d'oeuvres, served during the reception and art exhibit preceding the theater arts presentation.

