



# ROUGH RIDER REVIEW

## UIL Film

Members of the CHS UIL Film Team attended the Nacogdoches Film Festival on Saturday. They attended different panel discussions in the morning where they learned about various aspects of film making and production. That afternoon they watched the finalists in the short film contest. Morgan Ray's animation advanced to the finals of the festival and won the People's Choice Award. Morgan will be traveling to Austin this week for the finals of the UIL Film Festival.



## Good Citizen Award

Dacorey McGee has been awarded the Good Citizen Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. According to the DAR website, "This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree."



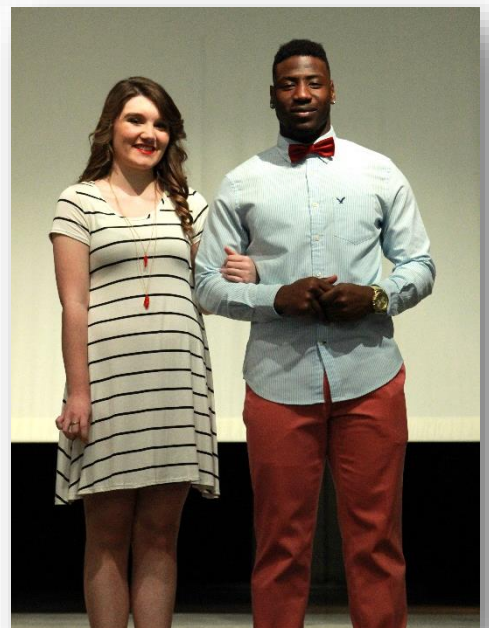
**Congratulations, Mr. and Miss  
CHS!**

**Dacorey McGee and Chloe  
Gipson!**



Chloe Gipson is escorted by her parents, Kevin Green and Erin Johnson. Her grandmother is Anita Williams. Chloe has received all A's throughout high school and is in the top 10% of her class. She has been the class president for 3 years, is the National Honor Society President, and an NHSHSS Ambassador

Dacorey McGee was escorted by fellow senior Emily Campbell. He is the son of Shirley Rankin. Dacorey was the running back and middle linebacker of the district champion varsity football team his senior year and was named MVP of the district. He is also a member of the area-champion varsity basketball team, which is playing tonight at SFA in the "sweet-16" against Diboll.





### **2016 Boys Roughrider Golf Invitational**

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> the CHS boy's golf team participated in a Boys golf tournament hosted at Center Country Club. The results were-

Beau Byrnes	<b>75</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Austin Craig	<b>77</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Zack Ritter	<b>90</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rex Kirkley	<b>94</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Blane Agnew	<b>98</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Collin Vickers	<b>116</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>

### **Boys Golf Pine Tree Tournament**

Boys Golf won the Pine Tree Golf Tournament hosted at Wood Hollow in Longview. The Team totals were-

Center-304

New Diana-311

Trinity-311

Beau Byrnes tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tournament with two other players, and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> after a 2 hole play-off. Center's Individual scores were-

Beau Byrnes-72

Rex Kirkley-75

Austin Craig-76

Blane Agnew-81

Zack Ritter-91



(From Left to Right: Rex Kirkley, Zack Ritter, Austin Craig, Beau Byrnes, and Blane Agnew)

## **Roughrider Basketball advances to Regional Semifinals!**

The Center Roughriders met at Navasota on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 8 pm at Bernard G Johnson Coliseum on the Sam Houston State University Campus.

The Roughriders were the visiting team.

The Roughriders defeated the Diboll Lumberjacks at the Regional Quarter Finals on Tuesday, 62-59



## **Nacogdoches varsity tennis tournament results**

**Girl's singles:** Whitlee Reed - 2nd

Mackenzie Dykes - 3rd

**Girl's doubles:** Malory Nehring / Allison Langford - 1<sup>st</sup>

Julie Garcia / Iliana Rojas - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Scarlett Shires / Katie Nehring - 11th

**Boy's singles:** Zack Fausett - 4<sup>th</sup>

Mauricio Solis - 7<sup>th</sup>

Nate Morris - 9th

**Boy's doubles:** Dustin Bennett / Tony Garcia - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Abram Morales / Kobe Whisenant - 5th

**Mixed doubles:** Emma Locke / Keaton Watlington - 5<sup>th</sup>

Zoie Eberenz / Sam McSwain - 6th

### **Upcoming:**

*JV tournament today 3/1 in Jacksonville*

*V tennis tournament 3/4 in Corsicana*

*V match vs Wills Point 3/8*

*JV match vs Joaquin 3/10*

**CMS Beta traveled to Frisco, Texas February 25-27 to compete in the State Convention**



Kamryn Holt placed 1st in oil/acrylic painting



Keelan Williams placed 1st in handmade jewelry

Living Literature placed 2nd (Tyler Herndon, Caroline Scull, Josh Clinton, Dayton Bush, MaKayla Mayo, Keelan Williams, Grant Hockenberry, Kennedy Bush, Sarah Scull, Welsey Wages, Ali Stuever, Cale Henson, and Alyssa White)





Taylor Horton placed 3rd in Digital Photography



### Regional Powerlifting Meet Results

On March 3, JaCarlos Hall and Witt Dockens placed 2nd at the Regional Powerlifting meet in Lindale. Both students will participate in the Texas state powerlifting meet in Abilene, Texas, on April 2nd.

<u>Lifter</u>	<u>Weight Class</u>	<u>Squat</u>
JaCarlos Hall	165 lb class	485 lbs
Witt Dockens	181 lb class	500 lbs

<u>Bench Press</u>	<u>Deadlift</u>
285 lbs	455 lbs
315 lbs	445 lbs



After 6 months of working with their animal projects, feeding them twice a day, training them to walk, weighing them, and getting them "just right", 6 of our Center FFA Members competed against other FFA and 4-H members from Joaquin, Timpson, and Shelbyville at the 2016 Shelby County Livestock Show!

Placings are as follows:

### **Rabbit Showmen:**

Chandler Cartwright- GRAND CHAMPION Market Rabbits

Zac Denby- RESERVE CHAMPION Market Rabbits

Abbie Muckleroy- 7th Place Market Rabbits

Zack Fausett- 8th Place Market Rabbits

### **Hog Showmen:**

Madison McMillan- RESERVE CHAMPION Market Hog AND GRAND CHAMPION Senior Hog Showman

Dillan Snell- 6th Place Hog

ALL of our Center FFA Rabbit Showmen qualified for the Rabbit Premium money awarded by the county!!!

BOTH Center FFA Hog Showmen made the sale and will be "up for auction" at the Livestock Sale on Saturday at 6pm at the Civic Center.

CENTER FFA IS AWESOME AND OUR MEMBERS WORK EXTREMELY HARD FOR THEIR SUCCESS!!!

Please join them on Saturday for a meal and to watch these showmen sell their projects!! It would mean THE WORLD to them if you'd come out and raise your hand to support their efforts!!



## **CHS Basketball Players named to All-District Team**

Several Varsity Basketball players were named to the 19 AAAA All-District Basketball Teams. To be chosen, the athletes were voted on by other coaches in the district. Coaches were not permitted to vote on their own players.

**MVP** - Octavius Evans #22 - Junior - Unanimous vote

Octavius Evans was also recognized on the all-tournament team at the regional tournament.

### **First Team**

Jaterius Evans #10 – Sophomore      Kyle Parks #12 - Junior

Tyrone Roland #30 - Senior

### **Second Team**

Dacorey McGee #20 – Senior      Jadus Johnson #15 - Sophomore

### **Academic All-District - GPA 90+**

LaMarcus Goodwin #44

Austin Craig #13

### **Honorable Mention**

Sayoddrick Barnes #11

LaMarcus Goodwin #44

Austin Craig #13

Kaleb Parks #24

## **Great pitching leads CHS Roughriders past Tatum HS 3-0**

An ace performance by Marco Gutierrez hoisted CHS Roughriders to a 3-0 win in seven innings over Tatum HS on Monday at Center HS.

Gutierrez struck out 13 hitters in route to the CHS Roughriders win. CHS Roughriders' pitcher gave up just four hits over seven shutout innings.

Julian Jimenez racked up two RBIs on two hits for CHS Roughriders. He singled in the third inning and tripled in the fifth inning.

The Tatum starting pitcher ended up on the wrong side of the pitching decision, charged with the loss. He lasted just one-third of an inning, walked none, struck out none, and allowed no runs.

CHS Roughriders stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the fifth, scoring two runs on a two-run triple by Jimenez.



# Celebration of Excellence

## Employee of the Month

### FLM – Damaris Nunez Correa

**College attended:** ITESM, Master in Education

**Years in education:** 3

**Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?** My mother taught me to be the best I can be, and to work hard always.



**Why did you choose to become an educator?** I became an educator because I believe that education is perhaps the most important function performed in any culture. I believe that teachers individually and collectively can not only change the world, but improve it, and in the process find personal and professional rewards. I want to be part of this noble profession, and someday to be counted among those in whom future teachers found inspiration.

**What makes a good teacher?** As Professor Leblac quotes in his top ten requirements for good teaching: *"Good teaching is as much about passion as it is about reason. It's about not only motivating students to learn, but teaching them how to learn students how to learn doing so in a manner that is relevant, meaningful, and memorable. It's about caring for your carrier, having a passion for it, and conveying that passion to everyone, most importantly to your students."*

**A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve?** I would like to learn about speech pathology diagnosis for ESL learners.

**What do you love about CISD?** The support I have from colleges and administrators, and freedom I have to do new things on my classroom.

#### From around campus:

"She is a hard worker and has brought a lot to our team!!"

"She is very professional and friendly with her colleagues and students. She has high expectations for her students and teaches them accordingly."

"Ms. Damaris is very hard working. She works well with the other teachers. She is very kind to everyone."

"Damaris is a very hard worker and willing to help anyone that needs help. She is a team player!"

"Hard worker and a great team player! Has adapted to our grade level very well."

# *Celebration of Excellence*

## *Employee of the Month*

### **CES – Tiffany Crouch**

**College Attended:** SFASU 2000

**Years in Education:** 20 years in education (4 years as a para with CISD special services, 16 years teaching in CISD)

**Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?** My greatest educational inspirations have been several great leaders that I have worked with. Tammy Lemoine, Kurt Radnitzer, and my teaching partner Zonia Corbell

**Why did you choose to be an educator?** I choose education because I felt God leading me to work with children. I knew early on that He had blessed me with a heart for kids, especially children with special needs.

**What makes a good educator?** Good teachers have compassion. If you don't have compassion, you can't touch kids lives. Our job is more that education, our job is to show them we care. Once we show them we care about them, we can start to teach them.

**A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve?** I am new in third grade this year. I am learning to teach at a different level and it is challenging everyday. I hope to continue learning to how to work with third graders.

**What do you love about CISD?** This is an honor. I absolutely love my CES family. We are a team. I bleed purple, and I have been a Rider since I was born. I love the RIDER pride at CISD. I love seeing my former students on the fields, courts, and other events making me proud to be a Rider.

**From around campus:**

“Mrs. Crouch does an outstanding job teaching Reading and Social Studies in 3rd grade. Her students are always engaged.”

“She is so patient and kind. You can see that she truly has a passion for teaching! She loves all her kids and takes care of not only their educational needs, but physical and emotional needs as well. She can handle the most demanding students with patience and love AND with out raising her voice!”

“She really cares about her students and shows this through her devotion to their success.”

“She has a passion for teaching. From the time she steps in the door she begins teaching until the last seconds they are there, they are learning. She keeps them so engaged and they enjoy learning. A great example of learner centered environment. “





# Celebration of Excellence

## Employee of the Month

### CIS – Ciara O’Rear

College attended: SFASU Axe Em’ Jacks



Years in education: Two

**TWO**  
**YEARS**  
AND COUNTING



Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration? My inspiration comes from my family and friends.



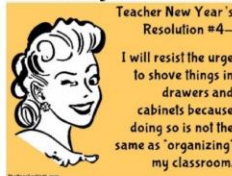
Why did you choose to become an educator? I got into education because I like to help kids and see them succeed in what they are doing.



What makes a good teacher? A good teacher has to possess love and a big heart.



A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve? To be more organized.



What do you love about CISD? My awesome coworkers



#### From Around Campus:

“She works hard for her kids and goes the extra mile. She won't hesitate to ask for help or advice for ways to help her kids. I think that because she has been willing to listen and will try new ways she has earned the teacher of the month here at CIS.”

“she is always willing to help in any way she can. She stays late to make sure she has her copies and lessons in order. She is just all around a great person!”

“She is a great team player, and a wonderful person to work with. She works extremely hard to meet the needs of each individual student she teaches.”



# *Celebration of Excellence*

## *Employee of the Month*

### **CMS – April L Bloys**

**College attended:** SFA

**Years in education:** This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year, all at CMS

**Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?**

My Husband, Joe, has always been my biggest supporter. Before moving to Texas 10 years ago, I worked about 60-65 hours a week and back then he pitched in a lot with taking care of the kids. Then when we moved here to Texas and I decided I wanted to go back to school to teach. He stood right there with me and supported that decision and has ever since.

**Why did you choose to become an educator?**

After working in the business world for over 20 years I wanted a change in career. Part of my previous job had been to teach others how to do my job, so I knew I like to help others learn. By then my kids were teenagers, and I knew I really enjoyed that age of their life, so I knew I would enjoy middle school students.

**What makes a good teacher?**

That's a really hard question. There are many qualities a good teacher must possess, but to be a "great" teacher I believe that you must connect with your students somehow on their level. They need to trust you, especially those who struggle, so they will accept your guidance and be open to learning. I love to get that student who says I can't, and change their mind about themselves and their abilities into a student who believes and says I can.

**A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve?**

I never want to stop learning, not only in my field of choice, but in other subjects as well. I sometimes wish I had more hours in a day.....it just never seems like there is enough time to get everything done I want to accomplish.

**What do you love about CISD?**

I have learned here at CISD and CMS that there are people who you can really count on and it is those who make me happy to work here. I love the campus where I teach. I have always felt support from my immediate supervisors and colleagues here at CMS and I especially love coming to work each day because of the students and parents that make this district special.

**From Around Campus:**

"She is a very hardworking teacher that gives it her all everyday. She is very passionate about her job and loves those around her. I arrive at the school everyday at 6:15 to get ready for the day to find her already working in her classroom. She is always seeking ways to help her kids succeed."

"She comes early and stays late to assist students in grasping math concepts. She has kids in her room at lunch, providing a safe place for them to socialize or get assistance with math. She also does a great job with the G/T program at CMS."

"She is a dedicated and hard working teacher whose goal is for each of her students to succeed. She puts in lots of hours before and after school to assist students that need extra time. I arrive at 6:15am and she is often here before me. She is very deserving of this award."



# *Celebration of Excellence*

## *Employee of the Month*

### **CHS – Michael Elder**

**College I attended:** After graduating from High School I moved to SFA where I earned a bachelors degree in combined sciences and attended classes in the Pre-Medicine track on route to become a Dentist. After getting accepted to Dental school in San Antonio, I came to the realization that I was not following my heart in becoming a dentist and decided to go back to school at SFA to earn a Masters degree in science. I earned a masters degree in biology with an emphasis in microbiology/cell and molecular biology.



**Years in Education:** I spent two years while getting my Masters Degree teaching biology labs at SFA and I have now been teaching in Center for three years.

**Who is your greatest supporter/ inspiration:** My wife Amanda has my back 100 percent. She has always been there for me and was undoubtedly my biggest inspiration in becoming a teacher. She has always dreamed of becoming a teacher and the way that she touches those 1st grade babies lives on a daily basis really encouraged me to become a compassionate and inspirational teacher. From the time I told her I was thinking about applying for a teaching position at the High School level until now, she has done nothing but encourage and motivate me to be the best teacher I could possible be.

**Why did you choose to become an educator?** From the moment I entered college I as very involved in my classes as well as on campus study groups. While I didn't realize my passion for teaching immediately, I did notice that I spent a significant amount of time explaining concepts to my peers in study groups. I enjoyed doing this and felt like they were also so appreciative and grateful. I never considered a career in education because I felt as though I was too shy to stand up in front a group of people and speak everyday of my life. I overcame this fear when I had no other option financially but to teach biology labs at SFA while earning my masters degree. The experience I gained at SFA gave me the confidence to follow this career path that I love so much.

**What makes a good teacher?** A good teacher realizes that the curriculum being taught is not the most important thing that can be taught to a student. I feel like I am meant to be a teacher. Not because my divine purpose in life was to teach students about physics or anatomy and physiology, but something much greater. I know that I am here to show students love and how to behave as a man or as a husband or as a functioning citizen in our society. To teach them what it means to show up to work everyday with a positive attitude and prepared to give 100 percent of yourself regardless of your circumstances. I think a good teacher is one that teaches both through words but more importantly through actions.

**One area in which I need improvement.** Sometimes, I get so caught up trying to teach students what I know is the required curriculum that I forget that I am not only here for that reason and I need to step back and realize that these students also need someone to just show them that they are noticed and that they are cared for.

**What do you love about CISD:** I love that I wake up every morning excited to come to work. I know that when I show up the students will be respectful and all of the staff have each other's back. I know that the administration values me as an instructor and I value them as administrators. I feel as though they know that I am going to do what it takes to get my job done to the best of my abilities in the classroom.

### **From Around Campus:**

"Mr. Elder is everywhere. If he is not teaching or coaching soccer, he is assisting someone, somewhere doing something. I know I mostly see what goes on in the 200 wing, but, if Mr. Elder hasn't won yet this year, I would hope that he is recognized this month or soon."

"He is teaching, keeping the kids happy, and a soccer coach, and the faith leader on school mornings, and the greatest UIL coach for science, and a fantastic A & P instructor at Panola - and still has time to continually smile and ask, "How are you? Need anything?"

"He is truly passionate about his students and what he teaches. He is unafraid to try new things and take chances. He always seems to have a room full of students before and after school."

"He seems to be working late every day with his UIL kids or tutoring for class. He is always upbeat with one of the best attitudes around."



Mrs. Hall's Vet Med Class learned how to brand using James Greer's brand and pieces of wood.





**The JV tennis match with Joaquin has been cancelled for today.**

Upcoming schedule:

3/17 - CHS practice 4:30-6, CMS practice 6-7:30.

3/19 - CMS practice 3-4:30, CHS practice 4:30-6

3/21 - CMS @ Jacksonville 4pm

3/22 - JV @ Kilgore tournament - Day

3/24 - V @ Longview tournament - Day

**Center Lady Riders Varsity tops Diboll in back-and-forth affair, 9-7**

After six lead changes in Monday's game at Center, Center Lady Riders Varsity finally pulled out a 9-7 win over Diboll.

Center Lady Riders Varsity finally managed to grab the lead after a strong sixth inning. Center Lady Riders Varsity went up for good on a three-run home run by Bailee Hendricks off Palomino, bringing home Claire Spann and LaJada Hicks.

Center Lady Riders Varsity held off Diboll, as Diboll was unable to overcome a three-run sixth inning deficit.

Diboll scored one run in the seventh on an RBI double by Mott. Still, Diboll couldn't draw even.

Even though Mekayla Hubbard allowed seven runs over seven innings she still recorded the victory. Hubbard struck out seven, walked two and gave up 15 hits.

Center Lady Riders Varsity was sparked by Hicks and Hendricks, who teamed up for three hits and four RBIs.

Robles couldn't get it done in the circle for Diboll, taking a loss. She lasted just 3 1/3 innings, walked five, struck out three, and allowed four runs.

The top of the first saw Diboll take an early lead, 1-0. Williams got things going for Diboll with a single. A stolen base then moved Williams from first to second. Robles singled, scoring Williams.

Center Lady Riders Varsity quickly matched Diboll's strong inning with a two-run inning of its own in the first. Center Lady Riders Varsity scored on an RBI single by Taylor Nichols.

The lead was Center Lady Riders Varsity's to lose after sixth inning. More runs came home on two singles.

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## **Morgan Ray takes 2nd at UIL State Film Contest**

On Wednesday, March 2nd, Center High School junior, Morgan Ray, was awarded second place for her animated film, Color Creation, at the 2015-2016 state UIL film contest. Ray is the first student from Center ISD to participate in the traditional animation category, and the first to make it to the state competition in filmmaking.

Ray, along with her coach, Adam Ramirez, UIL representative, Kaylin Burleson, friend, Dominique Bauer, and her parents, Jeff and Jill Ray, travelled to the historic Paramount Theater in Austin, Texas, to the state qualifier film screening and awards show.

Ray produced her animation by illustrating movement at two frames, or drawings, per second. She used pencils and sharpie markers to create scenes in both black and white and color.

“It’s just a typical animation,” Ray said. “Just draw, draw again but a little bit different, over and over and over for however as long as you want it to be.”

Due to several setbacks, the project took almost two school years to complete, each frame ultimately becoming its own work of art that took several minutes to illustrate, resulting in a project that took more than 40 hours of work.

“See, if it was just black and white it was probably two minutes,” Ray said. “If it was coloring, it would have been like, four to five to six minutes, because coloring takes up a lot of time.”

Graphic Design Instructor and UIL Film Coach, Mr. Ramirez, helped Ray by encouraging her and allowing her access to equipment.

“He played a big role because I used his computer,” Ray said. “He always made time for me to get on his computer, and scan, and put on the iMovie, and adjust some pictures in Photoshop. He was the equipment man.”

Ray, who has won several awards for her art through the Beta Club and the Lufkin Art Guild in both middle school and high school, was glad to have her parents attend the event. Her father was a particularly special guest.

“My dad has always been sick,” Ray said. “He was always in the hospital while I was in junior high and below, and winning all of those awards back then, he missed all that. That’s why he wanted to come this time. And he was just ... proud.”

After the judges announced third place, Ray slumped in her seat, assuming she had not placed in the competition.

“When they said Center High School for Color Creation, I was like, ‘WHAT?’” Ray said.

“I wasn’t nervous at all until they called my name. I’m glad I got something. I really thought I deserved like, third place or below. There were a lot of awesome films here. It’s an honor.”

