

A Time to be Thankful

By John Chapman

As the weather changes and the Thanksgiving holidays have come and gone, I continue to be thankful that our family has chosen to make Comfort home. There are many benefits to living in a small community. One of the biggest attractions is the school district. It is a place where children are taught values, held accountable for their actions, and where respect isn't just a vocabulary word tested each Friday, but an action taken seriously. As you walk up and down the campus hallways, notice the great caliber of students that attend Comfort. A high caliber of students isn't just the byproduct of a great school district, as much as I would like to believe. It is the product of great parents, a great community and a great moral structure that is not typical this day and age. One of the biggest connections between school and community is the extracurricular events that draw huge crowds. This fall has been no exception. The fall athletic season saw many successes at the middle school and high school levels.

This year, the varsity girls cross country won the district championship and competed at the regional meet. The team consisted of the following ladies: Morgan Stallings, Gabby Carlos, Tiffany Boerner, Angela Barbosa, Victoria King, Bernice Carlos, Sharon Balero, Raelly Evans, Kyrsten George and Ali Kramer. Congratulations DISTRICT CHAMPS! Stephen Flores was the lone Bobcat cross country runner that advanced to the regional meet and finished 26th out of 185th place—WELL DONE, MR. FLORES!

The Varsity Volleyball had a successful season. The Lady Deer went 8-4 in district to finish in a three way tie for third. Unfortunately, the Deer were unable to make a run in the playoffs. The Deer greatly improved as a team. All-District Honors include: Terry Carlos- Outstanding Defensive Player; Ricki Jean Meyer- Newcomer of the Year; Katie Poerner-First Team All-District; Brittney Vaughn-First Team All-District; Jestine Arreola-Second Team All-District; Daryn Petermann-Second Team All-District; Melissa Wheeler-Honorable Mention; Linette Valenzuela-Honorable Mention. The JV volleyball team coached by George Edwards went undefeated having a phenomenal season. Comfort Volleyball will have a very bright future.

The eighth grade football team dominated their opponents as they went undefeated in season play. This is the first time since 1998 that a group of eighth grade football players had a perfect season record. Congratulations to the athletes and Coach Rieken, Coach Harris, Coach Koch, Coach Bell and Coach Tidwell.

The CHS Bobcats fought hard as they played Navarro in the bi-district game at Canyon Lake High School. The Bobcats were 0-6 as they began the season, but rallied back in district play to win the last 4 games that earned them a spot in the play-offs. GREAT JOB BOBCATS!

Thanks to the athletes and coaches for making this fall very exciting for my competitive nature. Judging from the current successes of our young athletes, I see a very bright future for Comfort athletics.

I would like to congratulate the December Teachers of the Month...Mandi Chapman-Comfort Elementary School; Susan McCollum-Comfort Middle School; and Hal Harwell-Comfort High School. The Professional of the Month for December is Carol Stallings and Employee of the Month is Adele Fredenburg. Congratulations to these individuals for going above and beyond the call of duty.