

Important Recognition

By John Chapman

When you think of the words...*fall, Friday, lights, cheering, concession stand, burgers, hot dogs, blue and gold shirts, jerseys, instruments and fun...* does the image of a football game come to mind? What better way to celebrate our fall football season than with student awards.

The 2008 Marching Band, under the leadership of band director David Evans and assistant Michelle Adam, has done an exceptional job in competitions around the area. At the East Central Marching Festival, the band took the honor of 1st place class AA, Outstanding Color Guard, Outstanding Drum Major and Outstanding Drumline. While at the Fredericksburg Marching Contest, the band took top honors of 4th place class AA, Outstanding Color Guard and Outstanding Drum Major.

The UIL Marching Contest in Hondo saw the honor of 2nd Division for the band. Competing at the UIL Twirling Solo and Ensemble, Nichelle Rieber, CHS sophomore, advanced to state for the 2nd year by receiving a 1st division rating on her twirling solo. All region band saw several Comfort band members receiving top honors. CHS junior, Sarah Chollar, received 1st alternate also sax; CHS senior, Lindsay Tharp, received 1st alternate clarinet; CHS senior, Wesley Sparks, received 2nd alternate baritone; CHS freshman, SaVanna Boerner, received 14th chair clarinet; CHS senior, Ali Kramer, received 12 chair flute; CHS junior, Kayla Underhill, received 8th chair flute and CHS senior, Cara Hamlyn, received 1st chair flute. This is also the second year in a row that Cara Hamlyn will audition for a chair in the all state band in January.

Thank you band members and directors for representing Comfort so well at these events. It takes countless hours of practice and teamwork to accomplish greatness.

The 2008-2009 football season saw Comfort once again in the playoffs. Our boys came together and worked as a team. For those reasons, there are many All-District awards:

First Team Offense: Seniors—Scotty Richter, WR; Chris Boerner, OL; Juniors—Josh Werner, OL; Will Pace, WR

First Team Defense: Senior—Kahlob Bookout, DB; Juniors—Dereck Wright, LB; J. Frank Derby, LB; Josh Werner, DL

Second Team Offense: Juniors—Miguel Lozano, OL; Mikey Wright, WR; Jake Klemstein, WR; Sophomore—Reid Barker, RB

Second Team Defense: Senior—Daniel Rechinthin, DE; Juniors—Travis Lich, DL and John Otto Castro, DB; Sophomore—Dane Wright, DB

Honorable Mention Offense: Seniors—Logan Rust, OL and Chase Lantz, OL; Juniors—Max Morel, OL; J. Frank Derby, RB and Dereck Wright, RB; Sophomore—Nathan Cantrell, OL

Honorable Mention Defense: Senior—Clint Strube, DL; Juniors—Paxton Oliphant, LB and Venancio Ortega, CB

Newcomer of the Year: Freshman—Joseph Carlos, QB

Congratulations to all the Comfort Bobcats for the well-earned awards. It takes blood, sweat and tears to have a great cohesive football team. Thanks to all the coaching staff for putting in many hours of practice and going above and beyond the call of duty.