

## Tradition at CISD

By John Chapman

The longer you stay in a small town, the more you learn about the traditions. You also learn what traditions you can't touch no matter how antiquated they seem. I haven't seen or heard of any bizarre traditions at Comfort, but maybe I haven't been here long enough. I have to admit that I have never been part of a school system that has two mascots representing their students, but I look upon that as a very positive conversational piece. Go Bobcats...Go Deer!!

A very time-honored tradition occurs in Comfort next week, October 20-24, as we celebrate Homecoming 2008. There will be no 'Friday Night Lights' at Comfort this week, October 17, because of an open game, so the Bobcats will prepare to tangle with Brooks Academy for the Homecoming game on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming week is always full of special events and activities for the students. Some of the events and activities for the high school include a class hall decorating contest and class dress up day. On Wednesday, October 22, the **HOMECOMING BONFIRE** will begin at 7:30pm at the northeast corner of the football field. I invite everyone to come show their support and have a great time. On Friday, October 24, a **HOMECOMING PARADE** will begin at approximately 4:00pm. The parade floats and participants will gather at Altgelt Field where the parade will commence and from there go down 8<sup>th</sup> street, High Street and culminate with a pep rally at the Comfort City Park. While Comfort is known for its fabulous parades, I don't think this one will disappoint. The students and staff have been working hard on floats and activities so this year's homecoming will be a huge success. A special thanks to Carol Stallings for organizing the high school homecoming events.

On Friday night, gates will open at 6:00pm to let Bobcat fans come and enjoy various activities and the Bobcat Grill. CHS Bobcats will kick off the **HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME** at 7:30pm. Again, I invite you to come and join us as we celebrate Homecoming 2008!

Another tradition that sometimes gets bumped out of the limelight is the Comfort Deer volleyball. I would like to applaud all Comfort Deer volleyball players on a great job. Since volleyball season is the same as football season, it's no secret that 'Friday Night Lights' in Texas is just about as big as opening deer season...well to some maybe, but it shouldn't diminish the importance of the games and the hard work and dedication of the volleyball players as they work long hours to perfect their game. The volleyball schedule is posted on the CISD website—[www.comfort.txed.net](http://www.comfort.txed.net)—so please come and support the CHS Deer. Comfort Deer volleyball players are beginning with #1—Terry Carlos, SR/OH; 2—Vickie Carlos JR/DS; 3—Jestine Arreola SR/OH; 4—Aubrie Pankratz JR/S; 5—Brooke Heitzman JR/DS; 6—Katie Poerner SR/MB; 7—Melissa Wheeler SR/OPP; 8—Ricki Jean Myers FRESH/OPP; 9—Sharon Balero JR/L; 10—Daryn Petermann JR/MB; 11—Linette Valenzuela SR/DS; and 14—Brittany Vaughan SR/S. Good luck

to the Deer as they work hard to win district this season, and I urge you to come to the games—they are very exciting!

Congratulations to the following September Teacher(s) of the Month:

Debbie Bosworth: Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher.

Celia McClintock: Middle School Special Education Teacher.

Amber Muehlstein: High School English Teacher.

We appreciate their hard work and dedication to the lives of our children.