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Edward Malek


Ed was born June 23, 1943 in El Campo to Ed and Marcela Sliva Malek. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond. He was a graduate of Louise High School; Wharton County Junior College where he obtained an associate of arts degree; the University of Houston where he obtained a bachelor's degree; and SMU where he obtained a master's degree in telecommunications.

Ed retired from Southwestern Bell Corporation after 28 years of service. He was a member of Telephone Pioneers and the Capital Breakfast Group. Ed was president of Braeburn Little League from 1978 through 1980 and was honored with a field named for him. He also served as president of Kyle Chapman Colt League.

He is survived by his mother, his loving wife of 45 years, Angela Erdele Malek; sons Tom Malek and wife Karen of Camby, Ind., and Patrick Malek and wife Julie of Round Rock; granddaughters, Katy and Emily Malek; sisters, Patricia Malek of Bastrop, Monica Bubela and husband J.J. of Edna, Judy Sulak and husband Stanley of Louise, Jane Ladewig and husband Lawrence of El Campo, Naomi Malek of Houston and Marian Nix and husband Charlie of Conroe; brother, Myron Malek and wife Carole of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 16. Visitation at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 507 South Fourth, Richmond, is today from 5 to 7 p.m. with a vigil following at 7 p.m. Funeral services are Thursday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Howard Drabek officiating. Graveside services are Thursday at 3 p.m. at St. Procopius Cemetery in Louise with the Rev. Clement Quinoo officiating.

Pallbearers will be Shawn Ladewig, Jeff Bubela, Jason Sulak, Gregg Popp, Matt Popp and Nathan Malek.

For those desiring, memorials may be made to the M.D. Anderson Brain and Spine Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77030; Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Fund; or the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Triska Funeral Home, El Campo.
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Pioneer volleyball players, coach collect several individual honors

Volleyball season ended for the Wharton County Junior College Pioneers last month after they were eliminated from the Region XIV Tournament hosted by WCJC.


Madison Minks, outside hitter from West Columbia, was selected to the Region XIV All-Tournament team chosen by tournament coaches. She racked up 16 kills and only 3 errors on 26 attempts for a .500 hitting efficiency in the match against Lee.

Pioneers who were named to the All-Conference Team for 2009 were Kayla Dunk of Flatonia (Flatonia HS), Beth Rodgers of Cypress (Cy Falls HS) and Angela Sanders of Katy (Cinco Ranch HS).

Dunk played in 95 games (sets). She had 113 kills and 40 errors on 260 attempts for a hitting efficiency of .280. She had 98 total blocks, 133 digs and 12 aces.

Rodgers played in 108 games. She had 191 kills and 47 errors on 419 attempts for a .344 hitting efficiency. She had 82 total blocks, 149 digs and 30 aces.

Sanders played in 106 games. She recorded 220 kills and 40 errors on 464 attempts for a .388 hitting efficiency. She also had 62 blocks.

Named to the All-Conference Second Team were Veronica Espino of Houston (Hastings HS), Brittani Hackfeld of New Braunfels (Canyon HS) and Madison Minks of West Columbia (Columbia HS).

Pioneer coach Brianna Florus was named Coach of the Year by her peers.
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Recital.

Wharton County Junior College presents a free Music Majors Recital at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Horton Foote Theater on the Wharton campus. 979-332-6300.
WCJC candlelight concert is tonight

The annual "The Candle Light Christmas Concert" performed by the WCJC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3.

The program will start at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 570 N. Fulton, Wharton. Come hear much-loved carols along with new, soon to be favorite, songs. The evening will close with a medley of carols and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah".

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Wharton County Junior College invites students who are majoring in or who intend to major in one of the following areas to apply for a JET Scholarship:

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- Electronics Engineering Technology AAS (CIP 15)
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- Physical Therapist Assistant AAS (CIP 51)
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- Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Certificate (CIP 47)

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Financial Aid Office (Richmond): 281-239-1540
Financial Aid Office (Sugar Land): 281-243-8431
Receptionist (Bay City): 979-244-4552

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A holiday tradition

The Wharton County Junior College Concert Choir will again get the community into the spirit of the holidays with their annual Christmas Candlelight Concert. This year's performance is set for tomorrow night: starting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Wharton.

Choir concert a sign Christmas coming

While many in the community consider the annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade as the start of the Christmas Season, others hold out for another special event that is offered to the public.

The Wharton County Junior College Concert Choir will present its annual Christmas Candlelight Concert starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 at the First Baptist Church.

Choir Director Lee Lemson said the program will include traditional and modern carols, selections from Handel's "Messiah," the First Methodist Church Handbell Choir and a "lessons and carols" narration. Laurie Lester will sing "O Holy Night."

The concert will end with the traditional singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." Anyone who has sung this chorus before will be invited to join the choir in singing this selection.

Music will be provided.

This free concert is a Center for the Arts Presentation.
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Wharton County Junior College Recital is Dec. 8

The Wharton County Junior College will present The Music Majors Recital on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Horton Poote Theatre. For more information call 979-332-6300. Admission is free.

CBS presents Christmas gala
WCJC Greenroom Players

Wharton County Junior College and The Greenroom Players are pleased to present "The Funeral and Wake of Roi Tex." There will be two showings, one on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. and one on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. Both performances will be held in the Horton Foote Theatre, Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building, Wharton campus. This comedy, by Phil Hoke, brings back Dodge City and its residents, Roi Tex, a man of mystery and intrigue, has been ambushed two miles outside of town. Now, while various people come to say farewell, Marshall Matt must discover the culprit. During the intermission, a Soirée will be held with hors d'oeuvres served. Admission for this fundraiser is $8 per person. Please call 532-6300 for more information.
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Services for Van Lamar Eubanks, 58, of Orchard were held Nov. 30 at Kaeseck and Sons Funeral Home in Wallis with the Rev. Kenneth Hightower officiating.

Burial followed at Concord Cemetery in Fairchild.

Eubanks died Nov. 24.

He was born in Clarksdale, Miss., the son of Charlie Delma and Rosemary Brocoto Eubanks.

Eubanks moved with his mother to Shreveport, La., where he was raised with his dad, Charles Meshell. He graduated from Woodlawn High School in Shreveport and attended Wharton Junior College.

He was united in marriage with Ann Kendrick on Feb. 25, 1971, in Houston.

Eubanks worked as a lab technician in truck manufacturing. He served his country in the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Charles Meshell; and brother, Larry Meshell.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Sherri Mascha and husband Ricky of Wallis; son, Stuart Lamar Eubanks of Orchard; mother, Rosemary Brocoto Potts and husband Jimmy of Bates, Miss.; two brothers, Lynn Meshell and wife Cindy, and Joe Meshell and wife Cindy, all of Shreveport, La.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bill and Florine Kendrick of Orchard; brothers-in-law, Steve Kendrick of Simonton, and William Kendrick and wife Kathy of Needville; sister-in-law, Lynn Morgan and husband Phil of Bellville; uncle, Robert Harrington of Mississippi; three grandsons, Colton, Connor and Clayton Mascha; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lynn and Joey Meshell, Chad Hass, Troy Eilerby, John David Kendrick and Phil Morgan.

Kneezel Family Funeral Chapels, Wallis, director.
WCJC ends season; picks up conference honors

Volleyball season ended for the Wharton County Junior College Pioneers last month after they were eliminated from the Region XIV Tournament hosted by WCJC.


Madison Minks, outside hitter from West Columbia, was selected to the Region XIV All-Tournament team chosen by tournament coaches. She racked up 16 kills and only 3 errors on 26 attempts .500 hitting efficiency in the match against Lee.

Pioneers who were named to the All-Conference Team for 2009 were Kayla Dunk of Flstonia (Flstonia HS), Beth Rodgers of Cypress (Cy Falls HS) and Angela Sanders of Katy (Cinco Ranch HS).

Dunk played in 95 games (sets). She had 113 kills and 40 errors on 250 attempts for a hitting efficiency of .280. She had 98 total blocks, 133 digs and 12 aces.

Rodgers played in 108 games. She had 191 kills and 47 errors on 419 attempts for a .344 hitting efficiency. She had 82 total blocks, 149 digs and 30 aces.

Sanders played in 106 games. She recorded 220 kills and 40 errors on 464 attempts for a .388 hitting efficiency. She also had 62 blocks.

Named to the All-Conference Second Team were Veronica Espinoza of Houston (Hastings HS), Brittani Hackfeld of New Braunfels (Canyon HS) and Madison Minks of West Columbia (Columbia HS).

Pioneer coach Brianna Florus was named Coach of the Year by her peers.
Greenroom Players Present Original Play

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Wharton County Junior College presents a free Music Majors Recital 7 p.m. Tuesday at Horton Foote Theater on the Wharton campus. 979-532-6300.
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Senior citizen Bingo

The Wharton County Junior College Senior Citizen Program is inviting area seniors to play Bingo with other seniors with prizes and refreshments furnished by Angels Care Home Health from 2-3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at the WCJC Senior Center, LaDieu Building, 911 Boling Hwy. If you are 60 years of age or older you are invited to attend.
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TSTC signup at WCJC gets started again

WACO — Registration for Texas State Technical College's spring 2010 classes at the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond kicked off again after Thanksgiving.

Students can register for classes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through Dec. 17, when the college will close for winter break. Registration resumes on Wednesday, Jan 6, and continues through Jan. 15. Classes are begin Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Because financial aid processing can take several weeks to complete, those interested in applying for assistance should contact the TSTC Waco Financial Aid Office immediately at 254-867-4814 or toll-free 800-792-8784, ext. 4814. Website www.waco.tstc.edu provides additional details, dates and application information.

With associate degrees or certificate programs in Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology, Diesel Equipment, Machining and Mechanical Engineering Technology at the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center, TSTC offers the education and skills needed to compete in a rapidly changing technological workforce.

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WCJC drama students perform western spoof as second offering

By KELSEY BARTA
intern@journal-spectator.com

The WCJC Greenroom Players are at it again as they prepare for their second production of the year, *The Death and Wake of Roi Tex*. While this play is not headed to contest, the cast is working just as hard to get everything together in two weeks.

The western play, an original work written by director Phil Hoke, tells the tale of a mysterious death and all the mayhem surrounding the case.

"Once I got the idea for the show in my head, the play basically wrote itself," Hoke said. "What we really want the audience to get out of the show is for the older folks to reminisce over classic television characters and for younger audiences to discover those characters," Hoke said.

Public performance of the show will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. and a Sunday, Dec. 6 matinee at 2 p.m. In addition to the public performances, the cast will perform *The Death and Wake of Roi Tex* for a company party.

"We will also be doing this play as a Christmas party for a company in Rosenberg," Hoke said. "We are excited to be able to do this to raise money for our spring trip to KCAC TF in Amarillo."
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WCJC invites tech students to apply for JET scholarship awards

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TSTC registration at WCJC Fort Bend center

WACO — Registration for Texas State Technical College's spring 2010 classes at the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond continues after the Thanksgiving break on Monday, Nov. 30.

Students can register for classes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through Dec. 17, when the college will close for winter break. Registration resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 6, and continues through Jan. 15. Classes are set to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Because financial aid processing can take several weeks to complete, those interested in applying for assistance should contact the TSTC Waco Financial Aid Office immediately at 254-867-4814 or toll-free 800-792-8784, ext. 4814. The TSTC Web site — www.waco.tstc.edu — provides additional details, dates and online application information.

With associate degrees or certificate programs in Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology, Diesel Equipment, Machining and Mechanical Engineering Technology at the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center, TSTC offers the education and skills needed to compete in a rapidly changing technological workforce.

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- Radiologic Technology AAS (CIP 51)
- Human Services AAS (CIP 51)
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- Nuclear Power Technology AAS (CIP 41)
- Nuclear Power Technology - Enhanced Skills Certificate (CIP 41)
- Process Technology AAS (CIP 41)
- Physical Therapist Assistant AAS (CIP 51)
- Surgical Technology Certificate (CIP 51)
- Welding Technology Certificate (CIP 48)
- Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Certificate (CIP 41)

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Candle Light Christmas Concert

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**WCJC Greenroom Players**

Wharton County Junior College and The Greenroom Players are pleased to present "The Funeral and Wake of Roi Tex." There will be two showings, one on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. and one on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. Both performances will be held in the Horton Foote Theatre, Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building, Wharton campus. This comedy, by Phil Hoke, brings back Dodge City and its residents. Roi Tex, a man of mystery and intrigue, has been ambushed two miles outside of town. Now, while various people come to say farewell, Marshall Matt must discover the culprit. During the intermission, a Soirée will be held with hors d'oeuvres served. Admission for this fundraiser is $8 per person. Please call 532-6300 for more information.
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MIRANDA NAOMI HOWELLS

Miranda Naomi Howells died on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009. She graduated from William P. Clements High School, where she was a member of the FFA. She most recently was enrolled at Wharton Jr. College. She is survived by her mother, Michelle Blagman; father, Walter Howells, III; sisters, Fallon Howells; twin sister, Moriah Howells, Azania Blagman; brothers, Delton Berry and Micah Wolfe; grandparents, Ray and Shirley Blair, Walter Howells, II and Donald Dickerson, Sr.; great-grandparents, Tom and Wilma Blair; and a host of other family members and friends who greatly will miss her.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at 3 p.m., in the Kagan-Rudy Chapel of Emanuel El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet.

Memorials can be made to the Clements High School FFA in memory of Miranda Howells, care of Jimmy Klemstein.

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VV FFA wins sweepstakes

The Van Vleck High School Agricultural Science Teams won sweepstakes, achieving the best overall scores in each event, at the FFA District Three Leadership Competition at Wharton County Junior College on Thursday, Nov. 12.
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The Wharton County Junior College Rodeo Team out pointed Hill College 665 to 630 to win the Stephen F. Austin event held Nov. 5-7.

The Pioneers topped a nine team field that had Sam Houston State finish with 489 points while McNeese State finished fourth, 420 and Texas A&M, 375.

The Pioneer women's team didn't fare as well, finishing tied for seventh in the eight team field with 50 points.

In individual results, the Pioneers collected big points in team roping as Caleb Smith was the top header as he combined with Jarrett Gutierrez, who was the roping heeler leader. Jesy Austin added a third as a heeler.

In Bareback Riding, Wharton's Zane Caddell placed third while teammate Ethan Crouch placed ninth. In tie down roping, Wharton's Clint Nyegaard added 3.8 to the team score with a fifth place finish while in steer wrestling the Pioneers went two-three with Kody Dollery and Keelan Cyphers finishing in those spots, respectively. The only individual women's result listed for the Pioneers was Kenzie Andrus, who finished seventh in the barrel racing.

Through three events in the Southern Region for the 2009-2010 season, WCJC leads the men's standings with 1,438 points while McNeese State is second with 1,230. In the women's standings, WCJC is eighth out of 10 teams with 130 points.

The men's all-around leader is Wharton's Smith with 805. Smith is at the top of the tie down roping list with Cyphers listed at seven and Nyegaard at 11. Smith also leads the team roping header list while Jaycie Davison is listed in the nine spot.

Dollery heads up the steer wrestling standings with James Huddleston listed at five and Cyphers at seven.

Among the team roping heellers, the Pioneers' Gutierrez is at the top of the standings with Austin listed in the six spot, Dollery at seven and Nyegaard at 13. Caddell is seventh in bareback riding while his teammate Crouch is ninth in the standings.

WCJC's Andrus is tied for 14th on the barrel racing list.
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Nominees Sought For Chamber Honors

El Campo Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is accepting nominations for the 2009 Citizen of the Year. All nominations must be turned in by Monday, Nov. 16. For questions call 543-2713.

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Basic Motorcycle Operator Training
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Education Department will offer Basic Motorcycle Operator Training courses at the Wharton campus on Dec. 4, 5 and 6. The class will include 15-hours of mandatory training which will feature both classroom instruction and development of driving skills. Helmet and motorcycle will be provided for participants. No registrations will be accepted at the door. For more information or to register, please call Jessica Douglas at (979) 532-6324 or toll free (800) 561-9252 ext 6324.
Jazz band performs

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AREA VETERANS HONORED

Left, three local junior high school students, Demetra Hamilton, Micah Holbert and Nathan Taylor sang God Bless America at Wharton's Veterans Day assembly at their school. Below, Atlas and Ernest Chiovaro from the Wharton County Junior College Band play Jams at Wednesday's Veterans Day program at the Wharton County Veterans Memorial. Staff photo by butcher Baranek.

Photo by J. O'B. Dowdy

30th Annual Veterans Day parade grand marshal, World War II veteran John M. Hall, left, reads his poem "Today with the Veterans of Wharton County" during the parade. The Wharton County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual parade. Staff photo by J. O'B. Dowdy.
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Warwas makes Dean's Honor Roll

Franklyn Warwas of Nordheim earned a place on the Dean’s Honor Roll for the summer semester at Texas State Technical College Waco.

Warwas is a student in Diesel Equipment Technology.

The Dean’s Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 for the semester.

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Open house planned for UH-Sugar Land, WCJC

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The comprehensive event is designed to provide participants with as much information as possible regarding admissions, financial aid, entrance exams, career counseling and academic programs.

"We encourage people of all ages to attend the joint open house and advising night," said Betty McCrohan, president of WCJC. "The event is helpful to parents of high school students, students trying to find their way through the college entrance process, adults who are returning to college to make career changes and currently enrolled students who may have an interest in changing their major or applying for financial aid for the first time."

Students close to completing their associate's degree have the opportunity to meet with the University of Houston's faculty about continuing their education.

Instructional staff from both institutions will provide information about academic programs, as well as a shared joint admissions agreement which makes for a seamless transfer from Wharton County Junior College to the University of Houston.

The event is free, open to the public, and is being held at the UHSSL and WCJC campus in Brazos Hall located at 14004 University Blvd. in Sugar Land.
Good Afternoon

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WCJC Art Guild show
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Groups recognizing veterans' contributions in foreign wars

School colors will take second place to the Red, White and Blue this coming Wednesday with several different Veterans Day observances and activities scheduled both in downtown Wharton and by the Wharton, Boling and East Bernard School Districts.

In keeping with the tradition of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the date and time of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I, the Wharton Pilot Club's Wharton County Veterans Day 2009 Program will be held at the Veterans Memorial beginning at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

As part of each year's ceremony, an Honor Roll of the Fallen will be read by members of the Pilot Club. Each of the fallen and the war they served in will be read. Wars and readers are World War I by Jeannette Koenig; World War II by Vivian Bannert, Betty Howell and Irene Mullins; Korean War by Sharon Rochen; Vietnam War by Faye Evans; Lebanon and Iraqi Conflict by Mary Duyka.

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Schools inviting public to vet programs

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Each of the Wharton ISD campuses have an activity scheduled for Wednesday. At Sivells Elementary, Veterans Day will be celebrated with a music program by Mrs. Herrings choir at 10:00 a.m. in the Sivells' PE room.

Wharton High School's Junior ROTC will commemorate Veterans Day at 12:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The Wharton Junior High National Junior Honor Society and the all of the junior high choirs will perform for Veterans Day at 2:30 in the gym.

At Wharton Elementary School, veterans will be visiting with students in the classrooms during the afternoon.

The public is invited to participate in any or all of the various WISD activities.

In Boling, the Boling High School Student Council is inviting all Veterans and the public to the school's Veterans' Day Assembly at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

This year will mark the 20th annual Veterans Day program at East Bernard Junior High School. The program is for all students and staff of the East Bernard Independent School District and the general public is invited. The program will begin at 9 a.m. in the junior high school gym.

This year's guest speaker is Vietnam War veteran William Callahan and his faithful dog sidekick, Taylor. While in combat in Vietnam, Callahan was injured and left paralyzed for life.
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Pioneer volleyball

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Cold weather gear

With temperatures in the lower 50s several recent mornings, sweatshirts are now among the more popular looks being worn by WCJC students as modeled here by, from left, Wallis' Jake Tamayo and El Campo's Bianca Keller and Roman Vasquez. Tamayo is enrolled in the college's radiology program while Keller is studying to be a registered nurse and Vasquez is studying psychology.
School spirited performance

Wharton County Junior College Band Director Joe Waldrop leads the band in playing some of the popular tunes played by 1980s bands in the stands and on the field during their halftime shows. The performance was held Tuesday at the WCJC campus in the Horton Foote Theater.

WCJC band recalls college’s grid era with special concert

By KELSEY BARTA
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I was a bit unsure what to expect when I decided to go to the Pioneer Band’s 4th Quarter Band Concert Tuesday in the Horton Foote Theatre at Wharton County Junior College.

The theme was football stand music, and once being part of a high school band myself, I was quite interested on how this would turn out.

When I arrived, students were standing outside of the theatre passing out mini pom-poms and flags for audience members.

I realized that this wouldn’t be just any concert.

On stage platforms and fencing were arranged to look just like bleachers and a screen was set up to the left of the stage.

With the first notes of the band, the audience immediately began cheering and waving flags. Clearly this group was excited to be here. Even I got very enthusiastic when the band played the Aggie War Hymn. The band was also very excited as well, swaying and getting into the stand music.

One of the most interesting parts of the night had to be the footage of the WCJC versus Tyler Junior College football game from 1980 that played on the screen throughout the entire concert (Tyler ended up winning). I found it so weird to think that once upon a time WCJC had a football team as well.

In addition to the Pioneer Band, the Wharton High School Stars Drill Team and Tiger Cheerleaders took the stage to dance and cheer. The Rice Consolidated Color Guard also performed as well, flagging to “I Want Candy.”

For over an hour, the band entertained the crowd with traditional stand music and, when the concert was over, the excitement in the theatre was at its highest of night.

Needless to say, the concert with its creative idea was an overall success.
Pioneers hammer down Galveston

Building momentum toward this year’s regional tournament, the WCJC Pioneer volleyball team downed Galveston in four games during the local team’s “Dig Pink” match.

The match was played Tuesday night with WCJC outlasting the visitors 25-22 in the opening game and then dominating game two 25-11. The Pioneers dropped the third set 21-25 but bounced back to win game four 25-18.

With the win, the team improves to 17-11 on the season and 7-3 in conference play. They will play Panola College on Tuesday night starting at 6 p.m. in a match postponed from today.

The conference record is good for a second place tie with Lee in conference but the Pioneers will enter the tournament, which starts on Friday, Nov. 6, as the third seed based on head-to-head play. The tournament is being played at WCJC’s Pioneer Gym. A single elimination tournament, top seed San Jacinto College will play fourth-seed Laredo starting at 5 p.m.

while Lee and WCJC will play at 7 p.m. The regional championship match is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7.

“We put up an aggressive defense against Galveston which gave us more opportunities to put the ball away,” Coach Brianna Florus said. “If we have good digs, we are able to run quicker sets which can catch the opponents off guard.

One of our goals is to score on defense as much as possible so the pressure is really on the defense to get the first ball to the setter. Even though we had a rough start in the third set, I was pleased with how the team fought back. We still have work to do before the tournament next weekend. We’ve reached our first goal of the season which is making it to the tournament, now we have to raise the bar and push ourselves to the next level.”

Individual numbers from the Galveston match included Beth Rodgers with 7 kills and no errors on 11 attempts (a .636 hitting percentage); five blocks; eight digs and four aces. Others hitting better than 50 percent on the night.
included Kayla Dunk, six kills, no errors, 10 attempts (.600) with five blocks; eight digs and one ace and Madison Minks, 11 kills, one error, 18 attempts (.556) and three blocks.

Other hitting numbers included Angela Sanders, five kills, one error, 10 attempts (.400) and two blocks and Jenna Treybig: seven kills, two errors, 22 attempts (.227) and four blocks.

Running the attack, Veronica Espino had 13 assists, one kill, no errors, two attempts (.500) and six digs while Danielle Johnson had 18 assists and four digs. Heading up the back row defense was Brittani Hackfeld with 23 digs (5.75 per game.)

In addition to success on the court, the team also had a good night in the stands in supporting cancer research through Dig Pink.

“The Dig Pink event was a success,” Florus said. “We surpassed our goal of raising $1,000 from T-shirt sales and donations. The team and I would like to thank everyone who donated money and contributed their time and effort.”
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WCJC Choir members, under the direction of Lee Lemson, get ready for dinner and show fund-raiser.
Pilot club hosting annual Veterans Day event

The Wharton Pilot Club’s Wharton County Veterans Day 2009 Program will be held at the Veterans Memorial beginning at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Featured on the program are a welcome by City of Wharton Mayor David Samuelson with Jeffrey Blair, Lt.Col. (U.S. Air Force, Ret.) serving as master of ceremonies.

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Challenging the block

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Scholarship set up in the name of former student

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That legacy continues with her family's establishment of the Anabel Guidry Memorial LVN Scholarship at Wharton County Junior College. The scholarship is to be awarded to LVN students who are 60 years older.

Guidry graduated from the WCJC LVN program in 1965 at the age of 44. Her story of personal courage and perseverance started when she was only 2 years old and found herself living with different relatives after the death of her mother.

She dropped out of school before making it to high school.

Guidry's daughter, Edna Patterson, said her mother's lifelong dream was to become a nurse.

"My mother was a nurturing kind of person. She was always there for anyone who needed her," Patterson said.

After rearing seven children and earning her GED, Guidry made the long daily commute from her home in Brazoria to WCJC's Wharton campus to pursue her LVN certification. She did her clinical training at the Community Hospital of Brazosport in Freeport.

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Patterson said she and her children thought it would be a nice tribute to provide a scholarship to older LVN students since her mother attended WCJC later in life.

"It's so much harder to go back to school when you're older," she said.

Her grandson, David Patterson, was also inspired by her drive and determination.

"The scholarship is touching to me due to my grandmother's personal support of my college education and because I have also worked in the medical field, having obtained my paramedic license," added grandson David Patterson. He works as the division general manager for Rural/Metro Ambulance in Aurora, Colo.

In accepting the gift, WCJC's Zina Carter said the scholarship will mean a lot to older students attending the program.
WCJC program gets high marks

The Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB) has granted program recognition to the associate of applied science in Computer Programming at Wharton County Junior College.

The program was honored for achieving TSSB recognition at an awards ceremony during the Texas Community College Instructional Leaders conference in October, where WCJC was presented with a plaque signed by Texas Governor Rick Perry.

Stephanie Dees, WCJC division chair for technology and business, says the program gained recognition for integrating the national, industry-defined programming/software engineering skill standards into the WCJC technology program.

"As a result of this integration, students gain the work competencies that employers have agreed are required for success in computer programming positions and employers gain a more qualified workforce," Dees said.

The WCJC Computer Programming degree course prepares students for entry-level career opportunities in software development, web design and web application programming.

It also incorporates various programming languages with an emphasis on Java. Classes are offered at the Wharton, Sugar Land and Richmond campuses.

The TSSB, established by the Texas Legislature in 1995, develops state-wide industry-defined and industry-recognized skill standards for major skilled, sub-baccalaureate occupations with strong employment and earnings opportunities.

TSSB promotes the Texas skill standards by serving as a liaison between industry groups and community and technical colleges.

Dees along with computer science faculty Rebecca Brown, Connie Chong, Dariush Darayan, J.B. Groves III, Amelia Maretka, Nora McCarthy and Donna Schilling, led WCJC's efforts to integrate the skill standards into the program.

The WCJC Computer Science Industry Advisory Committee, chaired by Computer Programmer Consultant Brian Smith, endorsed the curriculum changes.

For additional information about WCJC's computer programming degree program, contact Dees at stephanied@wcjc.edu, call 532-6334 or 1-800-561-9252, ext. 6334.
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Football.

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**WCJC Choral Dinner/Music Revue**
The Carnegie Hall-Bound WCJC Concert Choir will present their 18th Annual Choral Dinner/Music Revue, "New York, New York" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the WCJC Pioneer Student Center. Individual tickets are $20 each; corporate sponsorships are available at the bronze ($300), silver ($500), gold ($1,000) and underwriter ($2,000) levels. For tickets or more information, call Marge Kirby at 532-6300.
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Concert.

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Business Skills.

Wharton County Junior College at Sugar Land holds four different classes in business skills beginning Oct. 24 - Dec. 12. All classes are $75 each. Visit www.wjc.edu or call 281-243-8495 for specifics.
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WCJC senior program

The Wharton County Junior College Senior Citizen Program will be holding a barbecue stuffed baked potato with trimmings fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at the WCJC LaDier Technology Center, 911 Boiling Highway. This will be a pre-sale and drive-through only event with tickets priced at $6. For tickets, contact the senior office at 532-6430 or event co-sponsor Texas Home Health, Bonnie Phillips, at 532-8584. West Bernard pick up will be from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Savon Drugs. The El Campo pick up will be from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the STMC parking lot.
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It took two overtime efforts in four games for the WCJC Pioneer Volleyball team to pull out a win over Galveston College in a match played in Galveston Tuesday night.

Galveston will be looking to avenge the loss this coming week as they visit the Lady Pioneers Tuesday night in Wharton starting at 6 p.m. For the Lady Pioneers, they went back 2-0 in the game with a 6-3 record and a 15-11 overall mark.

The Lady Pioneers won Tuesday's opening game 27-25 and then won game two 25-20. WCJC took Galveston to the limit in game three before falling 25-22 but then sealed the match with a 29-27 win in the deciding game.

Angela Sanders (.556, hitting percentage) and Beth Rodgers (.450) both led the team in total kills, totaling 11 each. Sanders had three blocks while Rodgers had four. Rodgers also had six digs, one ace and one assist. Madison Minks wasn't far behind with a total of eight kills with two errors on 20 attempts (.300). She also racked up three blocks and three digs. Jenna Troybog contributed 10 to the team's kill total. She also had six digs and one block.

Kayla Dunk once again led the team in blocks per game. She tallied five assisted blocks and also had four kills, only one error with 11 attempts (.273). She also added six digs for the match.

Brittani Hackfeld led the team in digs with a total of 15 and added one ace. Veronica Espino was right behind Hackfeld in digs with 14 for the match. Espino led the team in assists with 27 for the match (6.75 p/g). She also had three kills and no errors on three attempts. Danielle Johnson had 19 assists (4.75 p/g) and seven digs.

"Getting a win on the road is never easy, but we got the job done," Head Coach Brianna Florus said. "Thanks to our defense we were able to get the ball back in tight situations. We have a lot of work to do for the matches that are ahead of us. The rest of the season is going to be a challenge, but as long as we stay focused and work hard, we will achieve."

WCJC has qualified for the Regional Tournament and will be hosting the tournament Nov. 6 and 7 at the Pioneer Gym.

"It's an exciting year for us. We are happy to have qualified for the tournament for the second year in a row. We are also thrilled to be hosting the tournament and hope to see everyone there in a couple weeks."

The team is also looking for a full house when they host Galveston College on Tuesday as the team hosts its "Dig Pink" match.

Dig Pink is an event put on by high school and college volleyball teams across the nation in order to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. Both teams will be honoring Breast Cancer patients and survivors by wearing pink during the match.

"We ask that you show your support at the game by wearing something pink.," Coach Florus said. "Pink shirts will be sold at the gate for $10 each on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. To learn more about our goal, please visit www.digpink.org."

"To find WCJC's volleyball page with more information about the event, click on colleges for a list of colleges. There is also a place on our page where you can support the cause by electronically donating money in a safe and secure way. Don't forget to wear pink."
Putting the fear of rejection into opposing teams, WCJC middle blocker Kayla Dunk has been a wall at the net this season for the Pioneers. The team will be back in action Tuesday night as the play the second game of their home-and-home matches with Galveston College at Pioneer Gym. Game time is 6 p.m. This will be the team’s "Dig Pink" match to raise breast cancer awareness. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to the match.
Pioneer Band ready to recall school's grid glory days

Remember when Wharton County Junior College had a football team?
Those cool Saturday afternoons sitting in the bleachers listening to the pop of the pads as two teams came together in combat; the smell of popcorn, the shrill sound of the refs’ whistles as they made one of those infamous calls, the rousing yells from the cheerleaders and the music played by the band.
The Wharton County Junior College Pioneer Band would like to invite you to once again experience those thrills. The Pioneer Band will be presenting a tribute to those wonderful bygone days of WCJC Pioneer football at 7 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 27, in the Horton Foote Theater, Wharton Campus.
Come relive the spirit of the sport, as vintage football films of Wharton County Junior College taking on Tyler Junior College are shown. Special guests, the officers of the Wharton High School Drill team, will be featured along with local cheerleaders, once again raising their voices in support of the team. The Rice Consolidated Flag Line from Eagle Lake will perform and the WCJC Pioneer Band will take center stage and rock the house with those great stand tunes everyone remembers.
Join us as we present our 1980’s era tribute to football and its music. Bring the whole family for this free concert, sure to be enjoyed by football fans and music lovers alike. For more information, call 532-6300.
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Rice Festival time in Bay City

Amanda Heard / Bay City Tribune

Samuel Stearman rode the carousel at the Rice Festival on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Heather Menezes / Bay City Tribune

The Wharton County Junior College Pioneers in Nuclear Process Technology Club wave to the crowd during the 64th Annual Rice Festival parade Saturday, Oct. 17.
Karl Sundin, right, President of Bay City High School Interact, shared laughter and fun with Forrest “Woody” Thomas as the pair rode carnival rides together on Friday, Oct. 16, during Exceptionally Challenged Day.

Little Miss Rice Festival Contestants waved and smiled to community members as their parade float moved along Sixth Street during the Rice Festival Parade on Saturday, Oct. 17.
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WCJC accepting veterans using new GI Bill

Veterans who served in active duty for at least 90 days after Sept. 10, 2001 should investigate the benefits of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

That's the word from Wharton County Junior College Director of Financial Richard Hyde, who certifies eligible students on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, also known as Chapter 33, provides funding for tuition and fees, books and supplies and other expenses related to educational training pursued on or after Aug. 1, 2009. The funding is prorated based on length of aggregate active-duty service.

Hyde explains that the Post-9/11 GI Bill does not require any financial contributions as did the previous Montgomery GI Bill, also called Chapter 30.

"There are a lot of veterans who served after 9/11 who didn't make the contributions under the Montgomery GI Bill who are now eligible for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill," he said.

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the government pays tuition and fees directly to the college, not to exceed the most expensive undergraduate tuition charged by Texas' institutions of higher learning.

"This new bill has made the transition from military to college easier, because students don't have to come up with tuition and fees up front," said Hyde.

The new bill also provides for a yearly stipend of $1,000 for books and supplies. Some individuals may also qualify for monthly housing benefits.

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- Richard Hyde, WCJC
Individuals who served three years or more, or 30 continuous days before a discharge due to a service-connected disability, qualify for 100 percent of benefits. Those who served at least 90 days but less than six months qualify for 40 percent of benefits.

Hyde adds that individuals who served in the National Guard and Army Reserves are eligible for benefits.

Some WCJC students pursuing training under the Hazlewood Act — Texas legislation that assists veterans who have no remaining federal educational benefits — have converted to better benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

"I know there are veterans who are eligible who aren't aware that they can go to school and receive benefits. All veterans who served after 9/11 owe it to themselves to investigate this bill," said Hyde.

For additional information about the Post 9-11 GI Bill, visit www.gibill.va.gov or contact Hyde at 779.532.6346 or 1.800.561.9252, ext. 6346.
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WCJC senior program

Geraldine McCray, aging services specialist/benefits counselor with Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging, will give a presentation to identify Medicare beneficiaries that may qualify for low-income assistance to help pay for prescription drug costs. The program will be presented today at 11:15 a.m. at the LaDue Building of the Wharton County Junior College Wharton campus.