Clipping Service for Month of November and December 2011

-Each month a newspaper clipping service reviews the area newspapers and clips articles related to Wharton County Junior College. These are compiled into a monthly report for the information of the Board of Trustees. The clippings are for the month of November and December 2011.
NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 17
- Wharton Economic Development Corp. board meets at noon at the WBDC office, conference room, 1944 N. Fulton St., Wharton.
- East Bernard City Council meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall/Prosperity Bank, 704 Church St., East Bernard.

Tuesday, Oct. 18
- Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments will host an open house/town hall meeting to present the preliminary San Bernard River Watershed Protection Plan from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wharton Civic Center, 1924 N. Fulton St., Wharton.
- Wharton County Junior College board meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Hutchins Memorial Center, WCJC Board Room, 911 Boling Hwy., Wharton.
- Wharton School Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Wharton ISD Education Support Center, 2100 N. Fulton St., Wharton.


**SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Saturday, Oct. 15**
- **Cross country**
  - East Bernard at Industrial meet, Brackenridge Park, Edna, 8 a.m.
- **Tennis**
  - Foster at Wharton (JV, V), 9 a.m.
- **Volleyball**
  - Wharton County Junior College at Laredo, noon

**Monday, Oct. 17**
- **Football**
  - Wharton Athletic Booster Club meeting, 6 p.m., Wharton High School, Room 23.
  - East Bernard Athletic Booster Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., East Bernard High School, Coach Keri Slanina's room.
- **Volleyball**
  - Wharton at Royal (7, 8), 4:30 p.m.
  - Hallettsville at East Bernard (7, 8), 4:30 p.m.
  - Danbury at Boling (7, 8), 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 18**
- **Volleyball**
  - Palacios at Wharton (F, JV, V), 5 p.m.
  - East Bernard at Brazos (F, JV, V), 5 p.m.
  - Industrial at Boling (F, JV, V), 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19**
- Wharton County Junior College at Coastal Bend College, Beeville, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 20**
- **Cross country**
  - Wharton at district meet (JH), Needville, TBA
- **Football**
  - Wharton at Needville (F, JV), 6 p.m.
  - Needville at Wharton (7, 8), 4:30 p.m.
  - Bloomington at East Bernard (JV), 6 p.m.
  - East Bernard at Bloomington (7, 8), 5 p.m.
  - Boling at Tidehaven (JV), 6 p.m.
  - Tidehaven at Boling (7, 8), 5 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 21**
- **Cross country**
  - Wharton at district meet (HS), Needville, TBA
- **Football**
  - Needville at Wharton (V), 7:30 p.m.
  - East Bernard at Bloomington (V), 7:30 p.m.
  - Tidehaven at Boling (V), 7:30 p.m.
- **Volleyball**
  - Needville at Wharton (JV, F), 4:30 p.m.
  - Tidehaven at Boling (F, JV, V), 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 22**
- **Tennis**
  - Wharton at Victoria West (JV, V), 9 a.m.
- **Volleyball**
  - Rice at East Bernard (F, JV, V), TBA

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WCJC Choral Dinner

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and we are excited to help these students in their search for a high school diploma.

O'Connor added that the Youth Center is going well and the kids are getting the assistance and supervision they will need to be successful.

The junior high school is about 42 students and the class is average," O'Connor said.

He said, "We have met with the County and the City to solidify our goal of establishing a Boys and Girls Club for Columbus as a unit of the Champion Valley chapter. I believe that a lot of progress is being made towards this goal and I hope to have it accomplished within the next year or two."

O'Connor continued his report by saying the district is continuing to hold training for staff on the 21st Century curriculum and the Eduphoria management software and both are progressing well.

"We are excited to see the analysis tools available," O'Connor said. "We will begin to benchmark all of our students this next week which should give us incredible new insights into our students' strengths and weaknesses."

He said the facilities work is now accessible by staff on line to request maintenance, HVAC and usage gives the district a database to track requests and monitor progress of projects.

"We also have gone paperless with regulations involving business, transportation and technology issues," O'Connor said.

He informed that the school board staff had done well with the transition to in-house service and that he has not received any complaints. Also, the number of students enrolling in the district continues to increase and it is to the point that the school district will need to increase fees for simplification and productive purposes.

O'Connor pointed out that there are multiple pending lawsuits being brought up at this time against the State of Texas for perceived inadequacies in the school funding system and that the problems are well documented.

"I believe that a change will have to take place in the near future, either by choice of the Legislature or by judicial decree," O'Connor said.

O'Connor also said that it looks like CISD will get a new grant-funded infrastructure from last year's application.

"This would allow us to replace switches, electrical covers with Power Over Ethernet models and bring us up to 50% Ethernet connectivity as a district," O'Connor said.

This is a federal grant to the tune of $700,000.00 to assist on infrastructure and award. We should see final go-ahead with ordering in the next couple of weeks. This would be funded as a reimbursement at the end of the year.

Regarding laptops, O'Connor said he has been doing research and that the district could start using laptops for all-core classes including English, math, social studies and science.

"This would pay down to ordering 240 laptops at a cost of $150,000 which I could do for two years and probably pay the annual note with other revenues which are reimbursable dollars," O'Connor said. "We could then phase in another group open year off, if warranted and eventually get to the one to one laptop initiative."

O'Connor concluded his report by informing trustees that several members of the CISD administration staff were involved in the recent County Planning meeting in terms of coming up with community goals for literacy, juvenile prevention activities and meeting the needs identified within the plan as fundamentals.

Columbus Elementary School Principal Scott Leopold was in attendance as the meeting and gave the school board an update of the school. According to Leopold, the enrollment for the month of September was 786, six students less than 792 from August.

He informed trustees about Accelerated Instruction and Support program updates.

He said that the school's Educational Lead Teachers were trained over the summer session in Eduphoria. He added that this section helps with the benchmarking and disaggregation of data. Also, he announced that Latino Family Literacy nights are scheduled every Monday night and also CISD offers Rosetta Stone language learning software to parents on Tuesday nights.

Leopold also said that Gifted and Talented breakdowns have started up and that the fifth grade TEC Challenge class took a tour of the hospital while the fourth grade took a tour of Columbus.

He continued his report by saying similar classes are conducting activities that lead to higher level thinking. There were 20 students participating in the Accelerated Reader Family Reading Night and 119 students participating in the Family Movie Night on September 12.

Leopold also informed the trustees that the Columbus FTO is selling T-shirts and is awaiting their full Emeralds. Their next meeting was scheduled for Oct. 17.

For more news regarding what is taking place at CISD visit www.columbusisd.org停下继续阅读
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MAERTZ

Colby Maertz, of Alleyton, has earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the 2011 summer semester at Texas State Technical College in Waco.

Maertz, a student in Welding Technology, is among those recognized with a scholastic achievement which is based on a GPA of 3.5 to 3 for the semester.

Texas State Technical College, the only state assisted technical college system in Texas, offers specialized, hands-on instructional courses.

TSTC Waco also offers classes at the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond.

Texas State Technical College Waco is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate of Applied Science degrees and Certificates of Completion.
# SPORTS CALENDAR

**Saturday, Oct. 22**
- **Tennis**
  - Wharton at Victoria West (JV, V), 9 a.m.

**Monday, Oct. 24**
- **Cross country**
  - East Bernard at district meet at Brazos (JH, HS), 4 p.m.

- **Football**
  - Wharton Athletic Booster Club meeting, 6 p.m., Wharton High School, Room 23.
  - East Bernard Athletic Booster Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., East Bernard High School, Coach Keri Slama's room.

- **Volleyball**
  - Needville at Wharton (7, 8), 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25**
- **Swimming**
  - Wharton and Stafford at IS Camps, TBA

- **Volleyball**
  - Wharton at Sweeny (F, JV, V), 5 p.m.
  - Rice at East Bernard (JV, V), 5 p.m.
  - Van Vleck at Boling (F, JV, V), 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 26**
- **Baseball**
  - Scrimmage: Blinn College at Wharton County Junior College, 3 p.m.

- **Volleyball**
  - San Jacinto at Wharton County Junior College, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 27**
- **Football**
  - Wharton (F, JV), open

- **Other Events**
  - Wharton at McNeese State, Lake Charles, La., TBA
  - Volleyball: Boling (F, JV, V), 4:30 p.m.
  - Baseball: Wharton County Junior College at McNeese State, Lake Charles, La., TBA
  - Tennis: Wharton and La Feria at Rockport (V), 9 a.m.

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WCJC Awarded $4.1M STEM Grant

The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has awarded Wharton County Junior College a five-year grant totaling $4.1 million to develop and implement activities to bolster student learning and success in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The program targets Hispanic and low income students. WCJC's grant, The STEM Success Project, was awarded $4,146,193 through the Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM and Articulation Program, which is authorized under Title V of the Higher Education Act.

WCJC will use the funding to develop a comprehensive STEM Success Center. According to Dan Jones, WCJC's director of institutional effectiveness, the Center will integrate STEM academic and student support services; revise and upgrade course and program; focus faculty development on STEM-related issues; and increase STEM articulation agreements among WCJC and four-year universities.

To help targeted students explore and engage in STEM fields of study, the WCJC STEM Success Center will offer project-based learning, counseling and advising, hands-on and interactive supplemental instruction and tutoring, and a multitude of STEM multimedia and library resources.

Additionally, the Center will offer STEM Summer Bridge programs to high school students entering WCJC; STEM career, transfer, and study skill courses; STEM workshops and seminars; and other needed resources and referrals.

While WCJC is developing transfer programs and articulation programs for targeted students to continue their study at four-year universities, it will also explore learning opportunities for WCJC faculty at these institutions.

The grant calls for a study of faculty exchanges, internships, mentor programs, and STEM research with other educational institutions.

Title V of the Higher Education Act was enacted in 1998 to expand educational opportunities for Hispanic students and to increase their postsecondary academic success.

Title V grants support the expansion and enhancement of the academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability of the colleges and universities that educate the majority of Hispanic college students in the United States.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions are defined as those with full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate Hispanic enrollment of at least 25 percent.

WCJC currently serves a Hispanic population comprising 3 percent of its total enrollment.
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Penate receives Pat Peebler Memorial scholarship

The Barbara Bush Texas Fund for Family Literacy has awarded Pat Peebler Memorial adult education scholarships to Diana Penate, a mother and recent GED graduate.

The scholarships are funded by a donation from the family of the late Pat Peebler in honor of her dedication to programs that support family literacy, working women and single mothers in Houston.

As single mother to a toddler, Diana Penate of Richmond prepared for her GED test with help from the adult basic education program at Wharton County Junior College.

She has enrolled at WCJC for the fall and hopes to transfer to the University of Houston to complete a bachelor's degree. Diana envisions higher education as a path to personal success and as an example for her daughter.

Penate will receive an initial $1,500 scholarship payment, having passed all five GED tests and enrolled in a university, community college or technical training program.

Upon enrollment for a second semester or quarter of classes, she will receive an additional $1,000 scholarship payment, for a total individual scholarship award of $2,500.
Students honored at human services banquet

Students enrolled in the Wharton County Junior College Human Services Club were recently honored for their many accomplishments.

These honors not only included academic honors rewarding students' efforts in the classroom, but also students' efforts volunteering within the community or engaging in community projects.

More than 80 students, friends and family members celebrated these accomplishments and recognized graduates of the program.

Eugene Davis of Bay City, executive director of the Matagorda Women’s Shelter/Crisis Center, was the guest speaker.

Awards presented included: Rookie of the Year to Jessica Williams of Bay City; Outstanding Community Service to Brenda Krenck of Wharton; Outstanding Student Mentor to Jeannie Wilson of Palacios; and the Outstanding Human Services Student of the Year Award to Lisa Sandifer of Palacios.

Sandifer also received the Human Services Departmental Award.

Graduating students for December, May and August were: Yolanda Mendez, Kimberly Brooks, Martina Garcia, Stevie Jones and Lizette Esparza for the applied associates degree in human services, and Rosalie Galvan as the program's first certificate completer.

Incoming officers for the academic year of 2011-12 are: Lasha Gillespie of Rosenberg, president; Courtney Williams of Sugar Land, vice president; Stephanie Reynolds of Sugar Land, secretary; Brenda Krenck of Wharton, treasurer; Kimberly Castillo of Wharton, historian; Jeannie Wilson of Palacios, Matagorda County liaison; Natalie Davis of Sugar Land, Fort Bend County liaison; and Sandra Sedillo of Wharton, Wharton County liaison.

For information about the human services program, call Victoria Schultz, director and club sponsor, at 281-239-1566 or Shayna Vasquez, program secretary, at 979-539-6363.
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Wharton County Junior College defies gravity

Wharton County Junior College will present "Defying Gravity," a tribute to school teacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe at 7 p.m. Nov. 3-5 at the WCJC Horton Foote Theatre in the Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on the Wharton Campus. Admission is free. From left, Ben Arredondo of Needville, Victoria Rutledge of Bay City, David Hiebert of Rosenberg, Elise Lauderdale of Ganado, Brennan Blankenship of Houston, Warren Motamed of Plano and Kelsey Buckley of Wharton. Not pictured is Chelsey Gates. For more, see Page 5.
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The AAS degree is offered as a two-year program, while the certificate program can be completed in less than one year.

For additional information about the program, visit wcjc.edu or call 979.532.6548 or 1.800.561.9252, ext. 6548.
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**Pilot Veterans Program**

The Pilot Club of Wharton is sponsoring its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial on the Wharton County Courthouse lawn. Members of the color guard of the Wharton High School U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC will present the flags. Joining them will be members of the Wharton American Legion Post No. 87, East Bernard American Legion Post No. 226, and possibly members of the El Campo American Legion Post No. 251 and VFW Post No. 2786. Members of the Wharton High School Anchor Club will lead in pledges to the flags, and members of the WCJC Choir will lead in singing the National Anthem. Taps will be played by members of the WCJC Band at the conclusion of the program. Everyone is welcome to help honor all Wharton County veterans. Refreshments will be available before and after the event. This year's event will be held on the 93rd anniversary of the surrender of Germany at the end of World War I.
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More events happening this month

We probably said that October is a favorite month, but now that we are turning the calendar and seeing all the exciting events coming up, maybe it is November. We do not even have to wait until Thanksgiving to begin to be thankful for the beautiful fall days.

In many of our churches, last Sunday was All Saints Day, when we remember those in our congregations who have died this past year. It might also be a good time to remember all those who have gone before us, who made this a great community.

To set the stage for events next week, the Wharton County Junior College Pioneer Band will perform on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the WCJC Fine Arts Building. The theme is certainly appropriate for the season, A Salute to America. This will be a great evening for the entire family and as we have said many times, I have never left disappointed.

It also seems appropriate that we mention again, in the event you have not heard. WCJC Band Director Joe Waldrop is a many times decorated veteran of the Vietnam War and an amazing musician. He loves what he does as he shares his many talents and that of his students.

Each year when the Pilot Club of Wharton invites the community to join them for the Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony at the Wharton County Veterans' Memorial I remember the late Wharton County Judge and Colonel LJ Irvin. This location on the Wharton County Courthouse lawn was one of his dreams and a favorite spot.

On a very cold evening in November, shortly before his death, we asked the colonel to be the Wharton Chamber of Commerce grand marshal in the Christmas Parade. We were concerned about his health and keeping him warm, the appropriate vehicle for this grand old soldier seemed to be a big Humvee.

After returning from his ride around the Courthouse Square and Veteran's Memorial, LJ said "that is a ride I will never forget." You have your stories about the many other veterans whose names will be read as we meet or Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

The event has been growing each year as more citizens join the WHS Junior Air Force ROTC, the WCJC choir and band, and American Legion Posts from East Bernard, El Campo and Wharton. Let's fill the courthouse grounds as we salute Wharton County Veterans who have made it possible for us to live in a free land.

The very next day, Saturday, Nov. 12, is the date for the Wharton Boys & Girls Club Fall Showcase. This is always a fun evening where the members entertain and the talents of these boys and girls is amazing. Of course there is always great food. Call 979-282-6660 for more information.

Did a parent, grandparent or teacher ever tell you if you couldn't say something good about a person, just don't say anything? I believe we need to keep those same thoughts in mind as we think of this town, our town.

In recent weeks we have had class reunions, family reunions and folks in for funeral services. These are people who grew up here and some of them thinking about returning. This is where their roots are. When they hear negatives from residents, they wonder what is happening.

No, this is not the same as it was 40 or more years ago but great things are happening. Yes, there are problems, but none any bigger than any other community, large or small. We usually find what we are looking for in a community.

I believe we need to remember that if we were always healthy we would never need a clinic or hospital. If we were all smart, we would never need a school. If we were all law abiding, we would never need a police force or DPS. If we lived in a city with no problems, we would need no city services. We do not live in a perfect place, one does not exist.

I believe our attitudes will go a long way toward making our home town more inviting to visitors and really a lot more fun for all of us.

Billie Jones is a longtime Wharton resident who writes a weekly column on items of interest about the Wharton community. She can be reached at bhjones6@sbcglobal.net.
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**Christmas Concert**

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WCJC Rodeo

WCJC has an outstanding rodeo program that is dedicated to helping our students succeed both academically and athletically.

WCJC has a strong tradition and has developed numerous individual and team titles at both the regional and national level. In the past ten years, we have had three teams (two men's and women's) finish in the top ten in the nation, including our 2006 Reserve National Champions. Most recently, individual titles include three national titles, a national Rookie of the Year, and the World Champion on Hand Award recipient, as well as many other individuals finishing in the top ten in the final national rankings. Many of our students have also gone on to successful careers in the PRCA, WPA, and PHR.

- On-campus areas with horse stalls
- Practice stock for timed events and rough stock
- Indoor arena access
- State-of-the-art weight room facility
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Contact Coach Sean Amestoy: 979-532-6453 or email: scana@wcjc.edu

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Clyde Gooch - Bull Riding
2014 IHSA National All Around Champion
2014 IHSA Southern Regional Champion
2014 IHSA National Regional Champion

Justin Johnson - Steer Wrestling
2016 IHSA Western Regional Champion
2016 IHSA National Regional Champion
2016 IHSA National Champion
2016 IHSA National Region Champion

Stephanie Acosta - Goat Tying
2016 IHSA National Champion
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Tennis
• Wharton at Brazoswood Fall Classic, Lake Jackson (F, JV), 8 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12
Basketball
• Boling at Columbia tournament (VG), TBA
• Wharton at Palacios Tournament (JV), TBA
Cross country
• East Bernard at state meet, Old Settlers Park, Round Rock, 12:30 p.m. (Class 2A girls), 12:50 p.m. (Class 2A boys)
Rodeo
• Wharton County Junior College at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TBA

Monday, Nov. 14
Basketball
• El Campo at Wharton (FG, JVG, VG), 5 p.m.
Football
• Wharton Athletic Booster Club meeting, 6 p.m., Wharton High School, Room 23.
• East Bernard Athletic Booster Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., East Bernard High School, Coach Keri Slanina's room.

* Send items to kmagee@journal-spectator.com.
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TSTC Spring 2012
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WCJC students help clean beach

The 25th Annual Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup effort of Matagorda County was held Sept. 24. The cleanup effort covered Palacios, Matagorda and Sargent beginning at 8:30 am, with a debriefing by coordinator Peggy Stanley (specific to the Matagorda Beach location), and ending around noon with a lunch. Students from the Human Services Club, PTK Honor Society and their sponsors represented Wharton County Junior College and helped with the beach cleanup community effort.

The items collected by volunteers are recorded on data sheets and then sent to Washington and reported at the national level to the Ocean Conservancy. Texas' data is compiled with international data for global research. The cleanup effort takes place every April and September of each calendar year.

The Matagorda Beach cleanup effort had a number of prizes donated by OKEA, cold water and drinks were donated by Riverbend Tavern and Restaurant, and the hot dog lunch was donated by LCRA and Stanley's Food Market. The radio station from Bay City was on location and provided airtime to describe the beach cleanup effort and announce the programs, colleges, or schools represented in a joint effort to beautify Matagorda Beach.

The cleanup effort at Matagorda Beach covered a three-mile stretch of beach and volunteers were dropped off either by truck or by hayride style. Volunteers were encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes, hats or caps, bring plenty of sunscreen and drinking water.

The volunteers from Wharton County Junior College and their hometowns were: Jeannie Wilson (Palacios), Brenda Krenke (Wharton), Kayla Sablatura (El Campo), Allyson Genzer (El Campo), Josie Amador (Bay City), Lendon Schultz-Zwahr (Needville), John Bradley (East Bernard), Claire Carter (Bay City), Tac Villarreal (Boling), Ethan Kinder (El Campo), Roly Pilotto (El Campo), Jake Johnson (Columbus), Rachel Korenek (Nada), Paul Glueck (Columbus), Matthew Hamman (El Campo), Dylan Fraker (Wharton), Lindsay Kumaga (Wharton), Katelyn Douglas (Wharton), Logan Henslee (Louise), Joe Holik (Louise), William Ziegenhals (Markham), Lilian Flores (Bay City), Justin Cook (Ganado), and Sierra Oldag (El Campo). WCJC Club sponsors were Bob Nottesbeart, Elizabeth Rexford (both from PTK Honor Society) and Victoria Schultz (Human Services).

Peggy Stanley, in charge of the Matagorda Beach cleanup effort, reported there were 265 registered volunteers who covered a five-mile section of the Matagorda Beach and accumulated approximately 20,000 pounds of debris.

Anyone interested in volunteering in future cleanup efforts may contact Cynthia Garrett in Palacios at 979-532-0797, Peggy Stanley in Matagorda at 979-863-2920, or Lamar Brown in Sargent at 979-244-6144.
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Harry Matula

Funeral services for Harry James Matula, 63, of East Bernard, were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard with Rev. Don Ruppert celebrating the Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal. Interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011 and a rosary was held at 7 p.m. at Knesek and Sons Funeral Home in Wallis.

Mr. Matula was born and reared in East Bernard and graduated from East Bernard High School in 1966 and then attended Wharton County Junior College. Harry worked at Performance Plastics in Houston for 26 years. He was born to parents Rudolph and Amalia Morris Matula. Harry James Matula passed away on Nov. 7, 2011 in Houston.

Survivors include his mother, Amalia Matula of East Bernard; girlfriend, Jeanette Lamar of Houston; son, Randy Matula and wife Misty of East Bernard; brothers, Pat Matula and wife Jeanette of East Bernard, Rudy Matula and wife Jo Ann of Wallis and Raymond Matula of Wallis; and grandchild, Reslyn Ann Matula.

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Knesek Funeral Home in Wallis was in charge of funeral arrangements.
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ATOMIC ENERGY DELEGATION – A delegation from the International Atomic Energy Agency, which included guests from six countries, recently toured the Wharton County Junior College Bay City campus to tour the nuclear power technology program facilities. WCJC Director of the Nuclear Power Technology Program Rudolph Henry and WCJC Dean of Vocational Science Stephanie Dees greeted the guests and guided them on the tour, providing an overview of the state-of-the-art equipment used to train nuclear power technicians. Pictured left to right are: Ms. Cynthia Ottis (WCJC), Mr. Rudolph Henry (WCJC), Dr. Paulo Barretto (NPI), Mr. Takehiko Yokomine (Japan), Ms. Tam Davis Sayko (NPI), Mr. Claude Guet (France); Mr. Yanko Lyubenov Yaniev (Bulgaria, IAEA), Ms. Tatiana Karseka (Russia, IAEA), Mr. Jose Valentin Lollich (Argentina), Mr. John Roberts (UK), Dr. Lee Peddicord (NPI), Ms. Stephanie Dees (WCJC), and Ms. Valarie Segovia (NPI).
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WCJC volleyball honors

The Wharton County Junior College volleyball team completed the season in fourth place in Region XIV, District K. They lost in the first round of the regional tournament to San Jacinto, which ended up winning the tournament. Brook Hopper, top left photo, was named to the all-tournament team and first team all-conference. Candice Ducel of East Bernard, bottom left photo, was named first team all-conference, and Samone Boyd, above photo, was named second team all-conference.
LOJC Volleyball Honors
Area automotive businesses helping LCISD students

Area businesses, including automobile dealerships, independent repair facilities and tractor service facilities have discovered a way to find the highly-skilled technicians they need at Lamar CISD.

"We are hiring quality auto technicians by partnering with Lamar Consolidated ISD's Automotive Technology program," said Troy Schroeder, Service Manager for Gillman Honda.

"This is a win-win program. Businesses win and the students win," said Gary Allred, manager with Rosenberg Tractor. "The Lamar Consolidated Automotive Youth Education System (AYES) program gives businesses the opportunity to help mold their future employees."

Students who are in their second or third year of taking the automotive technology courses in LCISD begin the process by shadowing current employees at the business.

Students who have a passion for the industry are then interviewed by the businesses for paid internship positions.

Students who are selected work full-time at the businesses during the summer between their junior and senior year of high school, continue part-time during the school year and commit to work for the employer for two years after high school graduation.

"Good technicians are hard to find, so we're growing ours through the Lamar AYES," said Crystal Anderson, service manager at Southwest Kia.

"We are proud to participate in this program that helps students enter automotive careers and addresses our need for technicians," said Luis Hidalgo, service manager at Legacy Ford.

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WCJC auto tech program certified

Following an extensive self-evaluation and on-site evaluation, the Wharton County Junior College Automotive Technology program has received master accreditation from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.

"Although many educational institutions strive for it, only a small percentage achieves this accreditation," NATEF President William Kersten said.

To become accredited, WCJC had to meet NATEF's rigorous standards for the content of instruction, which includes tasks, tools and equipment, hours and instructor qualifications. The latter requires instructors be Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified in the areas they teach, which requires a minimum of 20 hours annually in continuing education.

Curtis Cline, who directs WCJC's automotive technology program, said the certification is also recognized by industry professionals.

"NATEF sends the list to industry members and they contribute products and time, like giving seminars, to certified programs."

NATEF certification also gives employers the knowledge that WCJC graduates are well-trained to serve as entry level technicians in the automotive industry.

The WCJC Automotive Technology program offers both an associate degree and a certificate program. Students gain experience in the proper use of hand tools, power tools, diagnostic testing equipment and technical manuals in all phases of automotive maintenance, repair and diagnostics. This includes inspection, engine overhaul, electrical systems, fuel systems and fuel injection, brake systems, transmission and drive train systems, suspension and steering systems, heating and air conditioning systems, and engine performance.

The AAS degree is offered as a two-year program, while the certificate program can be completed in less than one year.

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International visitors

A delegation from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which included guests from six countries, recently toured the VCJC Bar City campus to see the nuclear power technology program facilities. VCJC Director of the Nuclear Power Technology Program, Redelph Henry, and VCJC Director of Vocational Science Stephanie Lee, greeted the group and guided them on the tour, providing an overview of the site of the annihilation used in training nuclear power technicians. Pictured, from left, are Cynthia Ortiz (VCJC), Takako Kami (NY), Kenji Nakamura (Japan), Terry Davis (CA), Claude Gauthier (France), YekutielCube Yehudai (Israel), Alexander Gregor, Rachel (Argentina), John Roberts (Orc), Joe Rodriguez (NY), Stephanie Lee (VCJC), and India Segil (Brazil).
WCJC choir to present Christmas concert

Joe Tame Davis. Music will include: "We Three Kings," performed by the Men's Chorus; "Carol of the Bells" and "O Holy Night" performed by the Concert Choir; and "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" performed by the Chamber Singers.

The concert will conclude with the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. Anyone in the community who has sung this great chorus is welcome to sing with the choir on stage.

Messiah scores will be provided. This free concert is as Center for the Arts Series Presentation.

The WCJC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present the Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the First Baptist Church on Fulton St. beginning at 7 p.m.

This "Lessons in Carols" will include narration read by Professor Emeritus
The Wharton County Junior College Choir, shown during rehearsal earlier this week, will present the Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 1 at the First Baptist Church in Wharton. The choir is under the direction of Lee Emerson.
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Attend last performance for semester

Editor, the Advocate:

The WCJC Center for the Arts is pleased to present “The Music Majors Recital.” This year, there are so many talented students, the program will be over two days, Dec. 5 and 6.

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Please plan to come out to hear these amazing performers on one of these nights. This will be the last performance for The Center of the Arts this semester. Admission is free. For more information, call 979-832-6300.

Marjorie Kirby, secretary, Communications and Fine Arts Division, Wharton County Junior College, Wharton
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Those in the audience who have sung this
chorus will be invited to join the choirs in
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**Christmas Concert**

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Good Afternoon

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Junior college receives $4.1M federal grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Wharton County Junior College a five-year, $4.1 million grant to help Hispanic and low income students succeed in science, technology, engineering and mathematics or STEM.

WCJC will use the $4,146,183 in funding to develop a comprehensive STEM Success Center.

Additionally, the Center will offer a STEM Summer Bridge program to high school students entering WCJC; study skill courses, workshops, seminars and other resources.

Title V of the Higher Education Act was enacted in 1998 to expand educational opportunities for Hispanic students and to increase their post secondary academic success. Title V grants, like this one, support the expansion and enhancement of the academic offerings, program quality and institutional stability of the colleges and universities.

WCJC currently serves a Hispanic population comprising 33 percent of its total enrollment.
Victoria College hosting
College Night on Dec. 1

College Night 2011 at Victoria College will be held Thursday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the VC Sports Center gym. VC transfer students and local high school students, along with their parents, are encouraged to attend the event to get information about admissions, financial aid and transfer options offered by more than 30 different Texas colleges and universities.

College Night at VC gives local high school students easy access to college information. Students will have an opportunity to visit with many representatives from major Texas colleges and universities all in the same evening.

"VC's College Night is included on the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers recruiting schedule and consequently has become an incredible recruiting opportunity for several colleges," said Tisha Sterndel, who has coordinated the event for the past ten years.

VC offers more than 40 areas of study and numerous transfer plans leading to a variety of associate degrees and transfer options. VC's Career & Technical and Allied Health programs allow students to enter the workforce right away. Participating colleges and universities include: Victoria College, Chamberlain College of Nursing, Coastal Bend College, Del Mar College, East Texas Baptist University, Howard Payne University, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Schreiner University, Southwestern University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University-College Station, Texas A&M University-College Station - Department of Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Galveston, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas State University, Texas Tech University, Texas Wesleyan University, Tyler Junior College, United States Air Force ROTC, United States Military Academy-West Point, University of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake, University of Houston-Victoria School of Nursing, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, University of St. Thomas; University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing, University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing, and Wharton County Junior College.
WCJC registration for Winter Mini-Term, Spring semester

Wharton County Junior College is currently registering for the Winter Mini-Term and the Spring 2012 semester. Students may register on campus or on the web through Dec. 16 for the Winter Mini-Term.

Students may register through Jan. 19 online for the Spring semester and should visit the college’s website for on-campus registration dates.

Winter Mini-Term classes begin Dec. 19 and Spring classes begin Jan. 17.

Wharton County Junior College offers an associate in arts degree for those intending to transfer to a four-year institution, associate of arts in teaching degree, associate in applied science degrees, and certificate programs. Distance education courses are available through the web, and interactive television.

Students new to WCJC are encouraged to visit the college’s website at wcjc.edu to learn more about orientation sessions.

For more information about programs or registration, call 800-561-9252 or 979-532-4560 for the Wharton campus.

The college also offers classes at the Bay City campus.
More than 30 Texas schools plan to converge on College Night 2011

FROM A NEWS RELEASE
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Texas State Technical College has opened spring registration for students seeking to enroll at the Wharton County Junior College Fort Bend Technical Center.

Students can register weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 16. Registration will resume after a winter break beginning Wednesday, Jan. 4, and will continue from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, through Thursday, Jan. 12.

Classes are set to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 17. 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.

The Texas State Technical College's Web site — www.waco.tstc.edu — provides additional details, dates and online application information for students.

TSTC's Fort Bend location offers associate degrees, certificate programs and Technical Skills Mastery Certificates in Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology, Diesel Equipment, Machining, and Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Call TSTC at the Wharton County Junior College Fort Bend Technical Center toll-free at 800-561-9252, Ext. 1548 or direct at 281-239-1548 for more information.
The Wharton County Junior College Choir, shown during a rehearsal earlier this week, will present the Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 1 at the First Baptist Church in Wharton. The choir is under the direction of Lee Lessen.

**WCJC choir to present Christmas concert**

The WCJC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present the Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the First Baptist Church on Fulton St., beginning at 7 p.m.

This “Lessons in Carols” will include narration read by Professor Emeritus Joe Tune Davis. Music will include: “We Three Kings,” performed by the Men’s Chorus; “Carol of the Bells” and “O Holy Night” performed by the Concert Choir; and “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” performed by the Chamber Singers.

The Concert will conclude with the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s *Messiah*. Anyone in the community who has sung this great chorus is welcome to sing with the choir on stage. *Messiah* scores will be provided. This free concert in as Center for the Arts Series Presentation.
The WCJC Center for the Arts is pleased to present The Music Majors Recital. This year there are so many talented students, the program will be held over two days, Dec. 5 and 6. Each show will start at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Horton Foote Theatre, Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on the Wharton Campus. Please plan to come out to hear these amazing performers on one of these nights. This will be the last performance for The Center of the Arts this semester. Admission is free. For more information, call 979-532-6300.
WCJC tryouts set Sunday for college volleyball team

Wharton County Junior College will host volleyball tryouts on Sunday for the Pioneers volleyball team. Tryouts will be held in the Pioneer Gym on the WCJC campus, 911 Boiling Hwy in Wharton. To allow time for paper work and registration, players should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their tryouts. If a player is under age 18, she will not be allowed to try out unless a parent or legal guardian has signed the waiver form.

The schedule includes:
- Setters: 2-3 p.m.
- Defensive specialist/liberos: 3-4 p.m.
- Outside hitters, right sides and middle blockers: 4-5 p.m.

The following abilities will be tested: serving, hitting, setting, blocking, passing/digging, approach touch, block touch and height.

Athletes will be given opportunities to demonstrate their abilities for the volleyball coach and possibly earn a scholarship. Athletes will need to bring the following to participate:
- Physical (copy of high school physical)
- Signed waiver form (can be found on the WCJC volleyball website)
- Volleyball shoes
- Knee pads
- Workout clothes

If an athlete is unable to attend tryouts but has interest in the WCJC volleyball program, they can fill out the recruit profile located on the college website at www.wcjc.edu under athletics and sports, click on volleyball.

If you have questions, please Coach Brianna Florus at 979-532-6371 or email her at florusb@wcjc.edu.
Clifford Smith

Clifford P. Smith, age 59, of Hungerford, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 in Houston following a brief illness. He was born on July 15, 1952 in Port Arthur, the son of Henry Prentiss Smith and June Rose Meeks Smith.

Mr. Smith has been a resident of Hungerford since 1987 and was a former resident of Rosenberg and Stafford. He graduated from Wharton High School in 1970 and then attended Wharton County Junior College. He was a lineman for Houston Lighting & Power until his retirement in 1995. He married Angela Lynn Kimple on July 15, 1977 in Wharton. He grew up in the Church of Christ and enjoyed hunting, fishing, barbecuing, being outdoors and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his father.

Clifford Smith

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 in the chapel of Wharton Funeral Home with Sherrill Speer officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Wharton with military graveside honors provided by American Legion Post No. 87 of Wharton.

Survivors include his wife, Angela Lynn Smith of Hungerford; son, Clifford Paul Smith of Hungerford; mother, June Smith of Wharton; sisters and brothers-in-law, Robin and Richard Matzke of Wharton and Kit and Doug Wilson of East Bernard; brother, Jonathan Charles Smith of Huntville; numerous nieces and nephews and a great-niece, Paxton Rose Wilson.

 pallbearers were Doug Wilson, Richard Matzke, John Smith, Jeff Kimple, Sam Wilson and Jacob Wilson.

In lieu of usual remembrances the family requests memorials to the American Heart/Stroke Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, TX 78761; or the American Diabetes Association, 2400 Augusta Dr., Suite 175, Houston, TX 77057-4989.
WCJC to host volleyball try-outs this weekend

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WCJC Honors State Representatives

On Nov. 22, Wharton County Junior College honored State Representatives John Zerwas and Charlie Howard with a luncheon for their continued support of higher education. From left, are Phyllis W. Stephenson, Vice-Chair, WCJC board of trustees; Howard; WCJC President Betty McGohan; Zerwas; and WCJC Board Director Danny Geisler.
Facebook Class

Facebook for business owners or managers only will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at WCJC Peace Building Room No. 111. Presenter will be Trista Luttingen, owner of Circle L Digital Media. Learn the basics of setting up and maintaining a professional business Facebook page that will increase your visibility, sales and profits. Seating is limited to 20, call 532-0599 to register. Attendees must be proficient in using mouse and keyboard, navigating the internet and have an email account they can access remotely. Co-sponsors are Wharton County Junior College, Wharton Economic Development Corporation, Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and UH-Coastal Plains Small Business Development Center.
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Students are encouraged to visit wjc.edu for detailed information about the new law, including required forms, who is exempt, where to submit the forms and a list of local healthcare clinics where the bacterial meningitis vaccination might be obtained.

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It is spread by direct close contact with discharges from the nose or throat of an infected person. Symptoms of the illness that require immediate medical attention include a stiff neck, high fever, sensitivity to light, confusion, headaches and vomiting.

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New Texas law requires proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination

needed by first-time college students beginning Spring 2012 semester

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Hays High volleyballer signs to play at Wharton

Hays High senior volleyball player Emily Clark is surrounded by her parents Laurie and Ed, as well as Hays coaches Erica Welther, Danny Freuss, Blake Feldt and principal David Pierce and Wharton County Junior College Coach Brianna Florus as she signs a national letter of intent to continue her athletic and academic careers at Wharton County Junior College.
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