WCJC
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA PACKAGE
FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2009

Prepared by the
Office of the President
Wharton County Junior College
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Wharton County Junior College District

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Regular Meeting
WCJC Board Room
Hutchins Memorial Center
911 Boling Highway
Wharton, Texas  77488
6:30 PM

June 16, 2009

See Under Tab

I.  Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

II.  Pledge of Allegiance

III.  Reading of Minutes .................................................................A

      A.  The regular meeting held on May 19, 2009

IV.  Citizens’ Comments (approved by board on 5-20-99)

This is an open forum for those persons who wish to make presentations to the board and who have signed up to do so under board policy. Presentations are limited to five minutes each with a total of twenty minutes for all presentations.

During the Citizens’ Comments section of the agenda, any citizen/taxpayer (that is, any member of the public, including college employees) may request to address the board in open meeting. If, however, the topic of the presentation to the board falls within one of the other policies of the college, such as the employee complaint or grievance policy or student complaint policy, the person must first go through the proper administrative channels. In such cases, the right to address the board is guaranteed after the administrative channels have been exhausted.

If any speaker's presentation contains complaints or concerns about an individual employee or officer of the district, that presentation will be conducted in executive session with the board members unless the employee or officer about whom the comments are made requests that the comments be made publicly.

These presentations are made for information purposes only. The board is required to listen to the presentations but not to discuss or act on the items presented. If the board feels the matter warrants further attention, it can be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.
V. Special Items

VI. Presentations, Awards, and/or President’s Report
   A. Recognition of retirement of Joe Reyes
   B. Recognition of retirement of Andy Reyes

VII. Reports to the Board
   A. Financial Reports for May 2009
   B. Information Item: Management Reports
   C. Information Item: Reports from College Governance Councils
   D. Information Item: Clipping Service for the month of May 2009

VIII. Reports from Committees of the Board
   A. Audit/Finance Committee: Mr. Kunkel
   B. Facilities Committee: Mr. Donaldson
   C. Legislative Committee: Mr. Nelson

-CONSENT AGENDA-

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IX. Matters Relating to General Administration

X. Matters Relating to Academic Affairs
   A. Information Item:
      1. Seek sealed bids for the printing of the college’s credit class schedules and continuing education schedules for the spring, summer, and fall of 2010 ($87,000.00 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2009-2010)

XI. Matter Relating to Administrative Services
A. Approve the replacement of the flooring in the fitness center and weight room areas by Texan Floor Services using The Cooperative Purchasing Network ($49,329.52 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2008-2009)

B. Ratify the President’s decision to purchase the college’s electricity from Direct Energy for the period 1-1-2010 through 12-31-2010 at a cost of .0619 per kwh ($750,000.00 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2009-2010)

XII. Matters Relating to Technology and Institutional Research

A. Approve the purchase of 24 computers and workstations for the Engineering Design department (P108) at the Wharton Campus ($49,317.00 – transfer from the MIS plant fund for 2008-2009)

B. Approve the purchase of Oracle Database Maintenance Software ($36,000.00 – transfer from the MIS plant fund for 2008-2009)

C. Approve the purchase of 11 computer systems (CPU’s and monitors) and 1 laser printer for adjunct faculty at the new Sugar Land campus and 20 monitors for old CRT replacements at the new Sugar Land campus ($14,030.00 – transfer from the MIS plant fund for 2008-2009)

D. Information Item:
   1. Seek sealed proposals for a company to provide desktop computers and monitors to the college (estimated $100,000.00 – expenses are charged to each individual department’s approved operating budget at the time of the purchase)

XIII. Matters Relating to Student Services

A. Approve a request to increase CLEP fees to $87.00 (no cost to college)

XIV. Matters Relating to Personnel

A. Board of Trustees

B. Office of President

C. Office of Academic Affairs
   1. Approve summer I part-time 2009 overloads
   2. Yvonne L. Smith employed as regular, full-time math instructor, FAC-1-10, effective August 24, 2009
   3. David S. Stripling employed as regular, full-time instructor of English, FAC-1-10, effective August 24, 2009

D. Office of Administrative Services

E. Office of Student Services
F. Office of Technology and Institutional Research

G. Information Items: Contract Personnel Action

H. Information Items: Non-contract Personnel Action

1. Maria D. Alvarado reclassified from regular, part-time continuing education aide, $11.44 hr. x 25 hrs./wk. x 35 wks. = $10,010.00/yr., to regular full-time, continuing education ABE planner, O-9-0, effective June 1, 2009

2. William Bennett resigned as regular, full-time security officer/Sugar Land, O-10-3, effective June 3, 2009

3. Michael R. Flower separated as regular, full-time assistant baseball coach, $18,000.00, effective May 19, 2009

4. Rachel L. Molano reclassified from temporary, full-time assistant cashier, O-5-0, to regular, full-time assistant cashier, O-10-1, effective September 1, 2009

5. Carlton Norris separated as regular, full-time custodian supervisor, O-11-16, effective August 31, 2009

6. Andrew Reyes retired as regular, full-time grounds keeper, O-1-14, effective May 29, 2009

7. Joe Reyes retired as regular, full-time grounds keeper, O-1-14, effective May 31, 2009

8. Antonio Vargas employed as regular, full-time physical plant electrician, T-15-0, effective June 29, 2009

9. Aaron Alexander separated as regular, part-time fitness center staff, O-5-0, $10.00 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 48 wks. = $9,120.00/yr., effective May 15, 2009

10. Efrain O. Deleon employed as regular, part-time continuing education aide, O-10-0, $11.44 hr. x 20 hrs./wk. x 14 wks. = $3,203.20/yr., effective May 28, 2009

11. Matt T. McDonald employed as regular, part-time security officer/Wharton, O-9-0, $11.15 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 52 wks. = $11,016.20/yr., effective June 1, 2009

12. Larry R. Morales employed as regular, part-time security officer/Wharton, O-9-0, $11.15 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 52 wks. = $11,016.20/yr., effective June 1, 2009

13. Clinton Wheatley employed as regular, part-time fitness center staff, O-5-0, $10.00/hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 48 wks. = $9,120.00/yr., effective June 1, 2009

14. Joshua D. Espinoza employed as regular, part-time maintenance assistant, T-1-0, $12.21 hr. x 40 hrs./wk. x 12 wks. = $5,860.80/yr., effective May 18, 2009
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15. Lucy Taylor employed as temporary, part-time youth activities secretary, $10.87 hr. x 30 hrs./wk. x 12 wks. = $3,913.20/yr., effective May 26, 2009

16. Roland Villareal separated as temporary, part-time fitness center staff, O-5-0, $10.00 hr. x 12 hrs./wk. x 16 wks. = $1,920.00/yr., effective June 30, 2009

17. Ann K. Vu employed as temporary, part-time security front desk clerk, O-5-0, $10.00 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 13 wks. = $2,470.00/yr., effective May 28, 2009

XV. Executive Session: According to the Texas Government Code (Chapter 551, Open meetings), the Board may conduct a closed executive session for the following reasons: Consultation with attorney (551.071), deliberation regarding real property (551.072), deliberation regarding prospective gift (551.073), personnel matters (551.074), deliberation regarding security devices (551.076), deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (551.086).

XVI. Consideration and possible action on items discussed in closed session

XVII. Discuss Matters Relating to Formal Policy

XVIII. Other Business

XIX. Adjourn
Reading of the Minutes

1. The regular meeting held on May 19, 2009
MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Wharton County Junior College
Board of Trustees
May 19, 2009

-The Wharton County Junior College District Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 19, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Hutchins Memorial Board Room. Mr. Gertson presided.

Trustees Present: Mr. Danny Gertson, Chair; Mr. Rick Davis, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jack Moses, Secretary; Mr. Gerald Donaldson; and Mr. Phil Stephenson

Trustees Absent: Mrs. Georgia Krenek; Mr. Oliver Kunkel; Mr. Lloyd Nelson; and Mr. Gary Trochta

Others Present: Ms. Betty McCrohan, President; Dr. Ty Pate, Senior Vice President of Instruction; Ms. Pam Youngblood, Vice-President of Technology and Institutional Research; Ms. Deanna Feyen, Executive Secretary to the President; Ms. Darlene Byrd; Ms. Zina Carter; Ms. Leigh Ann Collins; Mr. Mike Feyen; Mr. Scott Glass; Mr. Lee Lemson; Mr. Gordon Sorrel; Mr. William Vera; Mr. Gus Wessels; Mr. Robert Wolter; and Mr. Philip Wuthrich

ITEM I: DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

-The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

-Mr. Gertson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM III: READING OF MINUTES

A. The regular meeting held on April 21, 2009

-The minutes of the regular meeting on April 21, 2009 was approved as presented.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS' COMMENTS

-None-

ITEM V: SPECIAL ITEMS

-None-

ITEM VI: PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Board of Trustees
May 19, 2009
Minutes

A. Kay Granger, United States Congress letter recognizing Caroline Osborne for her 28 years of service in the Senior Citizen’s Program

- Ms. McCrohan recognized Caroline Osborne for her 28 years of service in the Senior Citizen’s Program.

ITEM VII-A: REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Financial Reports

-Mr. Wessels presented the financial reports for April 30, 2009
-Mr. Stephenson suggested increasing the amount for allowance for bad debts and receivables.

BOARD ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Stephenson and a second, the board unanimously approved the financial reports for April 2009 as presented. The motion passed.

ITEM VII-B: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

-The following reports were included as a part of the Board Agenda Package:

1. Department of Information and Technology: Pam Youngblood (Vice President of Technology and Institutional Research)
2. Financial Aid: Gus Wessels (Dean of Financial Services and Business Services)
3. Student Services: Dr. Wayne Taylor (Dean of Student Services)

ITEM VII-C: REPORTS FROM COLLEGE GOVERNANCE COUNCILS

A. Academic Affairs Council

-None-

B. Faculty Council

-None-

C. President’s Extended Cabinet

-None-

ITEM VII-D: CLIPPING SERVICE FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2009

-News reports relating to the operations of Wharton County Junior College were clipped from area newspapers for the month of April 2009 and included as part of the board agenda packet for this meeting.

ITEM VIII: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD
Board of Trustees
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Minutes

A. Audit/Finance Committee: Mr. Kunkel
   -None-

B. Facilities Committee: Mr. Donaldson
   -None-

C. Legislative Committee: Mr. Nelson
   -Ms. McCrohan provided the board with a handout on items from the legislative conference committee and appropriations. Ms. McCrohan explained HB-2480 regarding dual credit service areas and HB746 relating to expanding the availability of classrooms and other facilities for use by public colleges and universities.

   -Mr. Gertson asked if any items needed to be pulled from the consent agenda.

   -Item XI. D. regarding approving canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Bond Election held May 9, 2009 was pulled for separate consideration.

   -CONSENT AGENDA-

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ITEM IX: MATTERS RELATING TO GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Wharton County Junior College and the Northside Center – to be presented at the board meeting

   -Mr. Sorrel explained the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding and the goals of the Northside Center. Ms. McCrohan explained that the MOU was required for WCJC to collaborate with the Northside Center on grant applications. In addition, the MOU includes an agreement to pay $1,000.00 per month for utilities.

ITEM X: MATTERS RELATING TO ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Approve a new position for instructor of fire science/full-time fire academy coordinator ($52,067.00 – 67,400.00 – budgeted for in the fire academy budget 2008-2009)

B. Approve surgical technology fee for purchase of student kits ($225.00 student fee – no additional expense to the program)

C. Approve a full-time faculty position for the associate degree nursing program ($55,000.00 – 65,000.00 – ADN budget for 2009-2010)
D. Approve the purchase of additional cardio and weight training equipment in the kinesiology classroom at the new Sugar Land location ($24,983.25 – transfer from plant repair & replacement fund for 2008-2009)

E. Information Item:

1. Seek sealed bids from vendors for the purchase of an Infrared Analysis spectrometer and Gas Chromatograph & Thermal Conductivity Detector for the Chemistry Department in Sugar land (estimated $30,000 – plant capital equipment funds for 2008-2009)

ITEM XI: MATTERS RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

A. Approve the engagement letter from Lott, Vernon & Company, P.C. for the fiscal year 2009 external audit (not to exceed $31,800.00 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2009-2010)

B. Approval of fiscal year 2009 budget adjustments

C. Approve the selection of a bank depository for the college (estimated $0.00 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2009-2010)

D. Approve a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Bond Election held May 9, 2009

E. Ratify the President’s decision to continue to charter bus service for the baseball team through the end of their season ($7,700.00 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2008-2009)

F. Approve the request from Colorado Valley Transit to install and maintain a passenger bus shelter on the WCJC campus

G. Approval of a lease agreement with the Bay City Community Development Corporation (no estimate available at this time)

- Ms. McCrohan explained the Bay City Development Corporation lease agreement.

H. Approve the purchase of new equipment and installation to complete the ITV classroom at the new Sugar Land location ($50,000.00 – transfer from MIS plant fund 2008-2009)

ITEM XII: MATTERS RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

ITEM XIII: MATTERS RELATING TO STUDENT SERVICES

ITEM XIV: MATTERS RELATING TO PERSONNEL

A. Board of Trustees

B. Office of President
C. Office of Academic Affairs

1. Paid professional assignments for 2008-2009

2. Lyndon D. Pinson reclassified as regular, full-time vice president of workforce development, continuing education, and distance learning, VP-13-47, to regular, full-time instructor of geology, FAC-3-47, effective August 24, 2009

3. Judy R. Ogle employed as temporary, full-time instructor of psychology, FAC-1-10, effective August 24, 2009

D. Office of Administrative Services

E. Office of Student Services

F. Office of Workforce Development, Continuing Education and Distance Learning

G. Office of Technology and Institutional Research

H. Information Items: Contract Personnel Actions

1. Teodoro F. Garcia separated as regular, full-time adult basic education coordinator, GNT-1-10, effective April 29, 2009

2. Daniel J. Lawlor separated as regular, full-time instructor of agriculture, FAC-7-17, effective August 31, 2009

3. Swamy K. Rao separated as regular, full-time instructor of physics/math/engineering, FAC-7-23, effective August 31, 2009

I. Information Items: Non-contract Personnel Action

1. Dale Dufner separated as regular, full-time electrician, T-15-1, effective April 16, 2009

2. Jessica R. Falcon reclassified as regular, full-time public safety training secretary, O-7-2, to regular, full-time division of vocational science secretary, O-9-2, effective April 8, 2009

3. Mervat W. Mickael reclassified as regular, part-time front desk clerk, Sugar Land, $10.00 hr. x 16 hrs./wk. x 33 wks. = $5,280.00/yr., to regular, full-time administrative clerk I, Sugar Land business office, O-10-0, effective May 1, 2009

4. Ricky J. Cruz resigned as regular, part-time security/Wharton, O-9-2, $11.15 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 52 wks. = $11,016.20/yr., effective April 29, 2009

5. Joshua T. Sanders employed as regular, part-time workforce development aide, O-10-0, $11.44 hr. x 32 hrs./wk. x 32 wks. = $11,714.56/yr., effective April 16, 2009
6. Nelson Morgan separated as regular, part-time security officer, O-9-0, $11.15 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 52 wks. = $11,016.20/yr., effective April 5, 2009

7. Andrea M. Terrazas separated as regular, part-time workforce development aide, O-10-0, $11.44 hr. x 20 hrs./wk. x 32 wks. = $7,321.60/yr., effective March 31, 2009

8. Leticia Castillo employed as regular, part-time continuing education aide, O-10-0, $11.44 hr. x 32 hrs./wk. x 32 wks. = $11,714.56/yr., effective May 4, 2009

9. Stephanie M. Zachry employed as temporary, part-time learning assistance center math tutor, $15.00 hr. x 19.5 hrs./wk. x 10 wks. = $2,925.00/yr., effective June 8, 2009

10. Gordon A. Solis separated as temporary, part-time learning assistance center math tutor, $10.00 hr. x 19.5 hrs./wk. x 15 wks. = $2,925.00/yr., effective May 15, 2009

11. Kasey J. Felman employed as temporary, part-time youth activities kids’ college site coordinator-Wharton, $25.00 hr. x 20 hrs./wk. x 3 wks. = $1,500.00/yr., effective May 25, 2009

12. Clay W. Breeden separated as temporary, part-time general maintenance, O-1-0, $8.85 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 28 wks. = $4,708.20/yr., effective April 30, 2009

BOARD ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Davis and a second, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda with exception of Item XI. D. The motion passed.

BOARD ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Davis and a second, the board unanimously approved Item XI. D. as presented. The motion passed.

- Ms. McCrohan stated that she will plan a board retreat.

ITEM XV: EXECUTIVE SESSION

-Pursuant to the Texas Government Code (Chapter 551, Open Meetings), the Board may conduct a closed executive session for any or all of the following reasons: Consultation with attorney (551.071), deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, or sale of real property (551.072), deliberation regarding prospective gift (551.073), personnel matters (551.074), deliberation regarding security devices (551.076), and/or deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (551.086).

ITEM XVI: ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

ITEM XVII: MATTERS RELATING TO FORMAL POLICY

ITEM XVIII: OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM XIX: ADJOURN

-The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.
WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

AGENDA BRIEF

AGENDA ITEM VI

Presentations, Awards, and/or President’s Report

A. Recognition of retirement of Joe Reyes

B. Recognition of retirement of Andy Reyes
Reports to the Board

A. Financial Reports for May 2009
Monthly Financial Reports

Wharton County Junior College
MAY 31, 2009
Summary Reports
### Revenue-Expenditure Summary
May 31, 2009

#### FISCAL 2009

| Fund 1000 Revenues: | | | | | % of | | | | | % of |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
|                      | Current Month   | Y-T-D ACTUAL | Budget   | % of Budget | Y-T-D ACTUAL | Budget | % of Budget | PRIOR YR | ACTUAL |
| State appropriations | $ 950,896 | $ 7,077,072 | $ 8,416,004 | 84.05% | $ 6,017,440 | $ 8,416,004 | 71.50% | 118% |
| Tuition and Fees     | 560,471 | 12,441,526 | 13,152,623 | 94.59% | 11,636,571 | 12,621,065 | 92.20% | 107% |
| Advalorem Taxes      | 62,844 | 4,595,842 | 4,668,000 | 98.45% | 4,138,769 | 4,101,000 | 100.92% | 111% |
| Mandatory Transfers  | - | 210,606 | 1,621,658 | 12.99% | 204,871 | 1,151,845 | 17.79% | 103% |
| Non-mandatory Transfers | 292,969 | 333,600 | 853,600 | 39.08% | 180,846 | 146,658 | 123.31% | 184% |
| Other Revenues       | 87,951 | 660,959 | 768,286 | 86.03% | 1,084,200 | 751,581 | 144.26% | 61% |
| **Total Revenues**   | **1,955,131** | **25,319,605** | **29,480,171** | 85.89% | **23,262,697** | **27,188,153** | 85.56% | **109%** |

#### Expenditures:

| Salaries             | 1,424,885 | 12,594,962 | 17,497,404 | 71.96% | 11,675,408 | 16,503,666 | 70.74% | 108% |
| Employee Benefits    | 307,801 | 2,620,991 | 2,009,188 | 130.45% | 1,325,147 | 1,877,220 | 70.59% | 190% |
| Capital Expenditures | 103,036 | 447,842 | 422,891 | 105.90% | 116,767 | 48,060 | 242.96% | 384% |
| Mandatory Transfers  | - | 1,012,916 | 1,032,896 | 98.09% | 985,017 | 1,053,583 | 93.78% | 103% |
| Non-mandatory Transfers | - | - | - | 0.00% | - | - | 0.00% | 0% |
| Other Expenditures   | 642,999 | 5,007,456 | 8,518,092 | 58.79% | 4,918,942 | 7,705,624 | 63.84% | 102% |
| **Total expenditures** | **2,478,721** | **21,684,167** | **29,480,171** | 73.56% | **19,024,281** | **27,188,153** | 69.97% | **114%** |

Net increase/ (decrease) in net assets: $ (523,590) $ 3,635,438 $ 4,238,416

*Note: Net student receivables in the amount of $ 633,346.02 are currently outstanding. Tuition and fees are subject to collection in future periods.*
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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
(Funds included: GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES)
### Report for Warton County Junior College

**Combined Balance Sheet -- All Fund Types and Account Groups**

31-May-2009

*With comparative totals for 31-May-2008*

(All amounts expressed in dollars)

#### Governmental Fund Types

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES:** 78,521 572,210 39,346 690,044 800,936

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31-MAY-2009
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Management Reports

The following management reports for the months of May 2009 are for your information:

1. Department of Information Technology: Pam Youngblood, (Vice President of Technology and Institutional Research)

2. Financial Aid: Gus Wessels, (Dean of Financial and Business Services)

3. Student Services: Dr. Wayne Taylor (Dean of Student Services/Director of Dual Credit Enrollment)
Wharton County Junior College
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Technology Departments
May Highlights

The following reports and/or surveys have been completed:
- Financial Aid IPEDS update
- May Mini 2009 Post-tests report
- Graduate Survey report
- Employer of WCJC Graduates Survey report
- Online survey for Library Services

The Technical Services team has been busy with the Sugar Land campus move. They have successfully installed the telephone system and networking. They continue with the installation of office computers, classroom computers, and computer labs.

An upgrade to the MIS Banner system is scheduled to occur in June. All user areas and the technical support areas for Banner have been testing, making sure there are not any issues with the upgraded software before it is installed into our production environment.

The Technical Services team replaced or supplied the following locations with new computer systems, monitors, and/or printing devices in May, 2009.

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<th>Bay City</th>
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Reports from College Governance Councils

The following are minutes from the College Governance Councils:

A. Academic Affairs Council
   None

B. Faculty Council
   None

C. President’s Extended Cabinet
   1. President’s Extended Cabinet Minutes for April 16, 2009
Extended Cabinet Meeting

1. Extended Cabinet Meeting Minutes

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<td>2. Faculty Items – The faculty council thanked Dr. Pate and Leigh Ann on visiting their meeting and answering questions. They also gave thanks to Ms. McCrohan for paying the TCCTA dues, and to HR for the successful employee banquet. Faculty council asked about changes to Reg. 838 and Ms. McCrohan stated there would be no changes. Faculty council asked if they would have input on the committee assignments. Natalie explained the committee assignments and the process of assigning committee members. Faculty said that last year they had input for their preferences. Ms. McCrohan explained that the assignments per the leadership team would be left as is for one year. Next year changes would be made and faculty would be asked at that time. Bond 2009 Flyer – Ms. McCrohan explained that a flyer was mailed to employees, and posters were made and distributed. Ms. McCrohan explained that the error on the poster “it’s” was corrected. Leigh Ann stated that the website was not helpful for</td>
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bond information. Ms. McCrohan asked that all typos be sent to Zina’s office.

Professional Development – Faculty council asked if professional development could be used for tuition reimbursement. Dr. Pate explained that faculty are the only ones that have professional growth plans. He stated that if a faculty member had a masters and wanted to pursue a doctoral, the college would not pay for this, but they do get increments in pay when it is completed. Dr. Pate also explained that tuition reimbursement for administration is on an as needed basis and only one person is currently being reimbursed at this time. Dr. Pate asked if a faculty member has a specific question to contact him.

De-annexation – Ms. McCrohan explained the problem pertaining to Needville. She stated that they are facing higher evaluations on their property. They originally petitioned the college to be a part and pay taxes and ten years later wanted out. Our response to them is that you are part of the district. The latest Attorney General’s opinion is that they cannot de-annex. Ms. McCrohan stated that the college would lose $900,000 in taxes and Needville’s tuition would increase tremendously.

Ms. McCrohan explained the “Citizens for Higher Education” committee. She also explained that individuals can advocate for the bond, but the administrators cannot. Faculty can talk to students through their curriculum. Ms. McCrohan stated that all bond funds will be used in our district only. G. G. asked how it will impact the master plan if the bond fails and Ms. McCrohan stated that the college will look at other ways to pursue the improvements. Ms. McCrohan stated that she applied for stimulus money but most of the money will go to universities. She also stated that the state does not pay community colleges for facilities.

3. Administration - None

3. Student Concerns – None

4. Other Items – Ms. McCrohan explained House Bill 2083 and Senate Bill 41. She stated that they met opposition. The bill to restore last year’s veto of $1.8 million has been voted for in the House and will go to conference committee.

Reorganization – Ms. McCrohan stated that Mr. Pinson asked to be returned to faculty as a geology instructor. Leigh Ann will take most of the instructional programs and Pam will supervise the technical portion of distance education.

7. Action Items

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WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

AGENDA BRIEF

AGENDA ITEM VII-D

Clipping Service for Month of May 2009

-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 May 2009.
**WCJC Band fundraiser**

The Wharton County Junior College Pioneer Band is presenting a performance by the Inspirational Country Music award winners Branded Duo at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 at the Horton Foote Theatre in the Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building. Admission is $10 with the fundraiser benefiting the Pioneer Band. For information, call 532-6300.

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

**Holy Week Concert**

Wharton County Junior College's concert choir and chamber singers host a Holy Week Concert Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2011 Briar Lane in Wharton. Admission is free. For information call 979-532-6300.
WCJC, partner colleges awarded $1.8 million DOL grant

Wharton County Junior College and three of its partner colleges were recently awarded a community-based job-training grant by the Department of Labor (DOL) worth more than $1.8 million dollars.

The project is a partnership of WCJC, Brazosport College, Victoria College, and Texas State Technical College-Waco. The grant will support the Nuclear Power Technology Training Program at each of the partner colleges.

The Department of Labor awarded only three community-based job training grants to Texas colleges and only two nuclear proposals were funded nationwide.

Dr. John Ray and Rebecca Shawver at Brazosport College facilitated the partner colleges in the development of the grant application and Brazosport College will serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

WCJC's portion of the grant is $496,386. These funds will be used during a three-year period — beginning February 15, 2009 — to support and expand the new Nuclear Power Technology Program that is located at WCJC's Bay City Campus.

These funds will be used for personnel costs, faculty development, equipment, supplies and contract services for the colleges' nuclear technology program.

"First of all, we at WCJC wish to thank our college and industry partners as well as the community leaders who wrote letters of support for our participation in this application for DOL funding," said Betty McCrohan, WCJC President.

"This includes support for our application from the South Texas Project; the Bay City Community Development Corporation and the Wharton Economic Development Corporation; the Bay City, El Campo, and Wharton Independent School Districts; the Bay City and Wharton Chambers of Commerce and Agriculture; and the Houston-Galveston Area Council and Workforce Solutions."

"The DOL grant will help WCJC to expand and upgrade the nuclear power technology program at our Bay City Campus, and this will benefit both students and the nuclear power industry in our service area," said McCrohan.

"The needs of the local nuclear power plant for highly trained and highly skilled employees were a primary consideration in the development of this grant application."

The South Texas Project nuclear power plant is one of the southeast Texas industries that is expected to benefit from the project being funded by this DOL grant.

"This is a significant milestone in training our next generation of employees," said Clarence Fenner, Workforce Development Coordinator at the South Texas Project.

Fenner noted that STP will need to hire 1,300 new workers during the next seven years to replace retirees and to staff the plant's two new reactors, which are being planned.

Dr. Ken Tasa, dean of educational programs and services at Brazosport College, said that the grant funds would also be used "for the development of a curriculum that is aligned with the national industry standards of the Nuclear Energy Institute and its uniform curriculum for operators."

Other benefits of the grant will include the following:

- Grant funds will enable the partner colleges to offer hands-on training and a curriculum that addresses a primary need at the South Texas Project nuclear power plant.

- With the customized training provided by each of the colleges, practical hands-on knowledge and skills can be quickly applied to an employee's job functions at the nuclear plant.

- The grant funds will help the partner colleges meet an ongoing industry need for skilled employees and will provide students with excellent high-demand skills that will qualify them for the high-paying jobs available at the nuclear plant.

For more information call 532-4560 or visit www.wcjc.edu.
Expansion of program could attract students

By BARRY HALVORSON
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After turning away students wanting into its Health Occupations program, one of the Wharton County Junior College's top priorities for its proposed $18 million bond package is doubling the size of the Johnson Health Occupations Center.

"It will allow us to add programs and expand the number of students we accept," WCJC President Betty McGrohan said. "People don't understand that those students require specialized facilities and labs that simulate a real hospital environment."

The expansion project would include the creation of an 80-seat lecture hall; four 40-seat large classrooms; two 24-seat medium classrooms, a nursing...

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Health programs the focal point of WCJC plan

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skills lab, a flexible teaching lab, offices and storage rooms.

One of the cornerstones of WCJC's curriculum offerings, the Division of Allied Health offers programs in associate and vocational nursing, dental hygiene, health information technology, human services, physical therapist assistant, radiologic technology and surgical technology. The additional space will also allow the college to add new programs. Those being considered include computed tomography (CT Tech) and respiratory therapist.

Eventually, the expansion would allow us to add another 300 students to our health occupations programs," McCrohan said. "Right now we are having to turn away students, even ones that live in our taxing district, which is something we don't want to see because those students are going to find some college to attend and they will be taking those skills and benefiting some other community."

In addition to making more room for local students, the additional slots would also allow the college to attract more out-of-district students, McCrohan said.

"One of the things happening in rural Texas is that the top high school graduates are leaving to find educational opportunities and not coming back," she said. "By being able to recruit and bring in more students, we can reverse that trend in Wharton County and start attracting the better students from other areas here, contributing to the local economy at the same time."

McCrohan explained the health occupations field is currently one of the most in demand not only in this area but across the country.

"Nursing is a key issue in the United States," she said. "Many hospitals are having to recruit nurses from other countries to fill positions. In addition to hospitals, with the growing elderly population, there is more and more of a demand for home health care, nursing and rehabilitation centers and assisted living facilities. And nursing isn't the only in-demand skill being offered."

"We produce a lot of trained dental hygienists," McCrohan said. "And because of the facilities we do have, they are trained on top-of-the-line equipment. The graduates from that program are ready to immediately step in and start working. A lot of the local dentists, when they have an opening, come directly to the college to do their hiring."

Another boost to the economy is that as the college increases the number of health occupation degrees offered and students being serviced, the faculty numbers will rise right along with that.

"The health profession is a high-cost program due to the student/teacher ratio," McCrohan said. "But those additional instructors mean we have more trained professionals moving to the community. And we can make up the cost because those students also have general academic studies they have to complete so we have them in our other classes where the student/teacher ratio isn't as demanding."

Another benefit of the program is that students need training outside the classroom, and many of them are getting that training through local hospitals and clinics, McCrohan said.

"These are jobs with high pay and in demand right now," the president said. "And many of them are going to want to live in Wharton when they finish their degree."
$18 million bond key to WCJC plan

By BARRY HALVORSON
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Projects in the proposed $18 million Wharton County Junior College bond voters will decide upon in May are just a start for the college's students and the city of Wharton, WCJC President Betty McCrohan said.

"The focus of the $18 million (bond) is to start to implement the college's master plan for the future," McCrohan said this week. "This is just the beginning. The first phase is doubling the size of the Johnson Health Occupations Center to allow us to add programs and expand the number of students we can enroll in those programs. We are also looking to replace our existing residence halls and increase the number of students we can house on campus."

Passage of the bond will send a message to the state and federal governments as well as private foundations considering investing in the college, she added.

"It's unfortunate, but running a college is a numbers game," McCrohan said. "Our funding from the state is based on the number of students we have attending the college. And right now, the state is providing less and less funding so we need to drive enrollment. And as we draw more students, we also

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The college's two on-campus residence facilities, Frankie and Mullins Halls, are two of the oldest buildings on campus with Frankie Hall built in 1957 and expanded in 1964 and Mullins constructed in 1964. The college's third residence building, Brookings Hall is located not on campus, but by the Wharton Library.

If funded through the bond, the college intends to build two new residence halls, demolish the existing on-campus facilities and then construct two additional halls. In addition, the college would close Brookings. The new facilities would increase the college's space from its current 130 residential spaces to about 300 spaces.

"Right now, there is a real demand for resident campuses," McCrohan said. "They are not as costly as living off campus and parents like the idea of their student being allowed to live away from home, but in a more controlled environment than totally on their own. It makes a nice transition for those young people. And with more residence hall space, we'll be able to recruit on a more national basis."

But the current facilities aren't equipped to meet the needs of the modern student, McCrohan said.

All of the funds generated by the bonds would be used to make improvements at the Wharton Campus; which McCrohan said is and will remain the flagship location for the WCJC System.

"We have a lot of history in Wharton," the president said. "Even with each location we add, with each serving a little bit different student population, we don't forget where we come from. We have a strong attachment to this community."

As the college moves forward, she added, the board of trustees has high hopes for WCJC gaining an even more prominent position in the academic world as well as the region.

"Among the plans is to add a new performance auditorium, particularly as a music venue," McCrohan said. "I envision WCJC being a center for the performing arts and not just for..."
Wharton, but for the surrounding counties. Ideas like that are what will allow the college to maintain its uniqueness and is part of making the college a destination location."

If approved by voters, the bond would increase the college's current tax rate of 13.797 cents per $100 valuation to a rate of 18.797, or five cents. With the current average residential property value being $88,200, the average tax bill at the new rate would be $165.79.

In addition to the bond election scheduled for May 9, area residents will be deciding several other issues.

There will be a contested race for the District 3 Wharton City Council seat. With incumbent Ken Freece not running for re-election, Terry Lynch and Billie Jones have both filed as candidates for the position.

Lynch is a former Wharton Police Detective and currently part of the law enforcement teaching staff at Wharton County Junior College while Jones is the former Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce and one of the Wharton Economic Development Corporation's Advisory Board members. Two other incumbent councilmen filed for re-election and are running unopposed. They are District 1 Councilman Wiley Jr. and At-Large 5 Councilman Domingo Montalvo Jr.

The Wharton ISD will have contested races for both positions on the ballot. Running for the Position 2 seat are challenger Christine Stransky who is opposing incumbent board vice-president Billy Bahnsen, who has filed for re-election. In the race for the Position 1 seat on the board, Loretta Romo has filed and will oppose incumbent Gary Ward.

The early voting for the Wharton city and school elections will begin on April 27 and run through May 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Extended early voting is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5, also at the Civic Center.

Voters will also be determining the fate of the proposed Emergency Services Districts 3 and 4. Each would create a new taxing entity to fund EMS services with District 3 centered on Wharton and its EMS service area. District 4 would fund EMS services in El Campo and its EMS service area.

Based on Texas Secretary of State guidelines, Election Day is Saturday, May 9 with voting hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sports Scene

...A look at the area's upcoming events

Wednesday

Junior College Baseball
Wharton County JC vs. Galveston College at Beaumont...........6 p.m.

Thursday

Track & Field
Boling at Cobra Relays in Industrial..................................... 2 p.m.

Friday

Softball
26-3A – Columbia at Wharton, JV, Varsity...............................5/7 p.m
26-2A – East Bernard at Hempstead, Varsity Only...........6:30 p.m.
29-2A – Boling at Danbury, Varsity Only............................6 p.m.

Baseball
26-3A – Columbia at Wharton, JV, Varsity...............................5/8 p.m.
26-2A – East Bernard at Hempstead, JV, Varsity.............5/7 p.m.
29-2A – Boling at Danbury, JV, Varsity............................4:30/7 p.m.

Track & Field
Wharton at Bulldog Relays in Sweeny........................................ 2 p.m.

Saturday

Junior College Baseball
Galveston College at Wharton County JC (Doubleheader).......1 p.m.

Track & Field
East Bernard at Wildcat Relays in Weimar............................. 9 a.m.
Pioneers hammered twice by San Jac

The wind was howling out of Tiger Field Saturday afternoon during a doubleheader between San Jacinto College and Wharton County Junior College.

The Gators totaled 10 home runs in a 15-1 and 30-4 sweep of the Pioneers who only had one round tripper.

"This seemed like the longest day of my baseball life," said WCJC coach Bob Nottebart. "Nothing went right.

"The last thing you want to do is come out against a nationally ranked team and play them in a small ballpark with the wind blowing out at 30 miles per hour. We didn't pitch, we didn't hit. It was a very frustrating day."

The league leading Gators improved to 14-3 in the South Zone of the Region XIV Conference standings and the Pioneers slipped to 3-15. They are 10-30 on the season.

Second-place Blinn took two out of three games from Laredo to improve to 13-5 and the fifth-place Palominos slipped to 4-14.

Third-place Alvin split a doubleheader with Galveston Saturday and owns a 12-5 record. The fourth-place Whitecaps are 7-11.

Bubba Stokes started the first game for the Pioneers and pitched into the fourth. Kendall Bryant, David Rhoads and Mike Clark also took the mound.

San Jac took a quick 1-0 lead with a lead off homer to start the game.

The Gators scored two more runs in the second, three in the third, four in the fourth, one in the fifth and four in the sixth to go up 15-0.

WCJC scored its lone run in the sixth when Joel Ansley tripled and scored on a wild pitch.

Mike Vickery started the second game and Barrett Richter, Clark, Luke Clements, Taylor Pardus and Troy Porras also got their turns.

San Jac scored one run in the first and three more in the second to go up 4-0.

The Pioneers made it 4-3 in the bottom of the second when Pardus delivered a three-run double.

The Gators picked up a run in the third to go up 5-3. Shane Leftley homered in the bottom of the inning for the Pioneers' final run to make it 5-4.

San Jac exploded for 12 runs in the fourth to go up 17-4.

The Gators picked up 13 more before the seven inning game ended.

WCJC played a doubleheader on Monday against Concordia Lutheran College and plays Galveston at Lamar University in Beaumont at 6 p.m. tonight.

The Pioneers host the Whitecaps in a doubleheader which cranks up at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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**Region XIV Standings**

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- San Jac 15-30, WCJC 1-4
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- Blinn 22, Laredo 0

**Today's Games**

- WCJC at Galveston, 6 p.m.
- San Jac at Blinn, 7 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**

- Galveston at WCJC (DH) 1 p.m.
- San Jacinto at Blinn (DH), 1 p.m.
- Alvin at Laredo (DH), Noon

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Robert Premeaux

Robert Delaney Premeaux of Taylor died peacefully with his daughter by his side at Hospice Austin’s Christopher House on Saturday afternoon, March 28, 2009.

Born Sept. 4, 1948 at Nightingale Hospital, El Campo, Bob eventually moved with his family to Louise where he graduated as salutatorian of Louise High School’s Class of 1966. He attended Wharton County Junior College where he met his wife, Evelyn Kaspar of El Campo, on the commuter bus. Bob and Evelyn were married on Dec. 20, 1969, at St. Philip Catholic Church in El Campo. Soon after, he earned a B.S. in accounting from Southwest Texas State University.

They moved to Galveston where Bob worked for American National Insurance. In Galveston on June 1, 1972, Evelyn gave birth to their first-born, Robert Jr. Bob, anticipating the birth of their second child, moved the family in 1973 to El Campo where he went to work for Nightingale Hospital (which later closed when the new El Campo Memorial Hospital Opened in 1979). In Wharton, on Nov. 19, 1974, they celebrated the birth of their daughter Michele D’Anne. Over the next 20 years, Bob’s career in hospital administration took him to Wharton, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Madisonville, Hondo and Pasadena where he served and touched many lives in their time of need.

In 2006, Bob and Evelyn moved to Taylor to be closer to Michele, their son-in-law Jamie and their first grandchild, Abigail.

Bob was diagnosed with diabetes in 1986 and his battle with the disease took an unfortunate turn in 2004 when doctors amputated most of his left foot. He spent his last years in a wheelchair, but with the help of his loving wife and family, made the most of his time, spending it with his family, his granddaughters, Abigail and Izabel and cat Cisco.

Bob was a fisherman at heart who loved music, especially old country. He also enjoyed hunting and rooting for the Texas Longhorns and Dallas Cowboys football teams as well as NASCAR driver Tony Stewart. He was an avid fan of NASCAR. Starting in his 50s, he made it to his first NASCAR event in November 2006 in Fort Worth.

His biggest passion was his family and friends, whom he tried to spend as much time with as often as he could. Bob often hosted poker parties with his best friends from work and was forever quick to invite anybody willing to join him for a fishing trip, a Gary P. Nunn concert or a family get-together.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary recited at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 1 at Providence Funeral Home Chapel in Taylor. The funeral service will be Thursday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at Saint Mary’s Catholic Church in Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Horace Ibra and Laverne Josephine Premeaux.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; brother, Horace Jr.; sister, Dorothy Leah; son, Robert Jr.; daughter, Michele Premeaux-Johnson; son-in-law, Jamie Johnson; and granddaughters, Abigail and Izabel Johnson.

Contributions in memory of Bob Premeaux may be made to Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759, or donor’s choice.
THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Music Around The World Concert

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The closing of the old Schumann Clinic

Folks who have read my columns for many years, first in the Tribune, and later in the Express after it purchased the Tribune, know that one of my weaknesses (or strengths, take your pick) is sentimentality.

What I want to write about this week goes even deeper than just being sentimental - I call it "passionate historical sentimentality." I mean, I feel compelled to write about the closing of the old Schumann Clinic three days ago.

When word reached me a couple weeks ago that our South Texas Medical Clinic (the old Schumann Clinic to many of us) would close on Dr. Culpepper's last day, March 31 — after my initial shock — I got a sentimental frog in my throat. In recent years, we've had some good doctors in this clinic — Dr. Farrell, Dr. Hirsfield, and Dr. Culpepper being my favorites. But there is one who preceded all three of these and whose spirit remains in that clinic as the iconic epitome of the great, caring country doctor — Dr. J. Dan Schumann.

Dr. Schumann died on March 22, 1993, after a long bout with cancer, and after being East Bernard's beloved doctor for 52 years. When he retired in 1988, a great pall of sadness came over the town, as even though a short man, he was bigger than life — an icon and a legend in his own time. He had delivered as babies so many people in town (5,000 to be exact) and had continued to be their family doctor until his retirement. How could people get medical care? Where would they go?

He had been a community leader, serving on the Wharton County Junior College Board of Trustees for 24 years; he was one of the shapers of that great college, and much loved by the WCJC faculty, myself included. Recognized by others as a living legend, he made headlines all over the county and surrounding areas when he retired from the WCJC Board in 1992.

I interviewed Dr. Schumann and his wife Dorothy for the Tribune shortly after he retired, and he told me that one of the main highlights of his 24 years of service at WCJC was being able to build the Johnson Health Occupations Center, where students could train in such fields as Dental Hygiene, Medical Laboratory Technology, Radiologic Technology, as well as several fields of nursing.

When I asked him what it was that made him such a beloved doctor, such a legend in the community, he just laughed. However, his wife Dorothy pointed out that he used to perform operations like appendectomies free for people who had no money and no insurance. "He made house calls and delivered many of those babies at their homes," she noted.

"Yes, I got $2 for a house call in those days," the good doctor chimed in, "and one dollar for an office visit." He began his practice in East Bernard in 1936.

You begin to see where the legend of his caring and goodness got started, and why he was the epitome of the beloved "country doctor," an entity now extinct.

Because of the excellent medical service he provided to the community so selflessly, his education hardly seems to matter. Yet it was very impressive. He attended Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, before earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas in 1931 and his medical degree from
UTMB in 1935. He completed an internship at Charity Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and began practice in East Bernard in 1936. In 1940, he opened the Albert Schumann Hospital, a private, 20-bed hospital named for his father, and administered that facility until 1968. Working in East Bernard, he helped to compile information for research on familial genetic factors associated with phaeochromocytomas—a tumor of the adrenal gland. He had a long-standing association with the major professional organizations. For many years, he served as a UTMB medical preceptor, taking senior medical students into his practice for valuable "hands-on" training in community medicine.

Now comes the personal (to me), sentimental part. He was born in Dime Box—growing up on a farm right across the fence from my great uncle's farm, and right across the country lane from my grandfather's farm. My mother and her sisters walked to rural school with him every day—rain, mud, sleet or snow. He was in my aunt's class, and she told me a long time ago that he was the shortest child in the class, and the teacher had to put a cigar box under his feet so they wouldn't dangle as he sat at his desk.

I taught at WCJC 22 of the 24 years he served on the Board. He planted the trees that grow in my front yard; he brought me vegetables that grew in his garden at the end of my street; one of our neighborhood streets is named after his sister who was my favorite teacher at Dime Box Rural School; and his nephew was one of my favorite childhood playmates.

In terms of iconic historical sentimentality, the now closed South Texas Medical Clinic building was built by him and is still known affectionately as the Schumann Clinic. The old timers in town have many stories to tell about being treated by him in that building. Some of the men tell about how they wanted to show Doc how tough they were, so would ask him to sew up their sliced fingers without any "deadening." As ridiculous as this may sound to some people, many of us feel that closing down the old Schumann Clinic in East Bernard is tantamount to closing down M. D. Anderson in Houston. Oh, the history that echoes through its empty spaces! It's difficult to say our goodbyes to something that lives in our hearts.

Ray Spitsenberger serves as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wallis, after retiring from Wharton County Junior College, where he taught English and speech.
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WCJC bond crucial to master plan

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WCJC bond approval could generate more private funding

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benefit from the $18 million bond, McCrohan said the community stands to benefit as the college's student population increases.

"Having more students will help stimulate the economy of the area," she said. "Businesses get highly trained students for the local work force and while they are students, many choose to live in Wharton and are buying goods and services here. There is also the added benefit that when those students graduate, they can find employment in higher paying fields and many stay in the community, buy homes and pay taxes. I know many of our students who work in Sugar Land and surrounding counties, but choose to live in Wharton and bring that economic value back to the city."

More students will mean more faculty, many of them expected to relocate to Wharton.

"And they have a commitment to the community as well," McCrohan said. "They live here and attend the local churches and join the civic organizations. And as we continue to expand, that will mean we can attract even higher quality students and faculty because success draws success.

"If we do nothing at this point in time, we will lose more and more, in my opinion. The more students we can attract, the more we grow and more we can serve the students who in turn will be supporting local restaurants, retail stores and buying services."

A prime example of serving the needs of students and making WCJC a destination location rather than an alternative is the project to replace the college's residence halls.

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Based on Texas Secretary of State guidelines, Election Day is Saturday, May 9 with voting hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
College grants will help feed job market

Wharton County Junior College and three of its partner colleges were recently awarded a community-based job-training grant by the Department of Labor (DOL) worth more than $1.8 million dollars. The project is a partnership of WCJC, Brazosport College, Victoria College, and Texas State Technical College-West. The grant will support the Nuclear Power Technology Training Program at each of the partner colleges.

The Department of Labor awarded only three community-based job training grants to Texas colleges, and only two nuclear proposals were funded nationwide.

Dr. John Ray and Ms. Rebecca Shawver at Brazosport College facilitated the partner colleges in the development of the grant application, and Brazosport College will serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

WCJC’s portion of the grant is $496,386. These funds will be used during a three-year period (beginning February 15, 2009) to support and expand the new Nuclear Power Technology Program that is located at WCJC’s Bay City Campus. These funds will be used for personnel costs, faculty development, equipment, supplies, and contract services for the nuclear technology program.

"First of all, we at WCJC wish to thank our college and industry partners as well as the community leaders who wrote letters of support for our participation in this application for DOL funding," said Betty McCrohan, WCJC President. "This includes support for our application from the South Texas Project; the Bay City Community Development Corporation; and the Wharton Economic Development Corporation; the Bay City, El Campo, and Wharton Independent School Districts; the Bay City and Wharton Chambers of Commerce and Agriculture; and the Houston-Galveston Area Council and Workforce Solutions."

"The DOL grant will help WCJC to expand and upgrade the nuclear power technology program at our Bay City Campus, and this will benefit both students and the nuclear power industry in our service area," stated President McCrohan. "The needs of the local nuclear power plant for highly trained and highly skilled employees were a primary consideration in the development of this grant application."

The South Texas Project nuclear power plant is one of the southeast Texas industries that is expected to benefit from the project being funded by this DOL grant. "This is a significant milestone in training our next generation of employees," said Clarence Fenner, Workforce Development Coordinator at the South Texas Project. Fenner
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noted that STP will need to hire 1,300 new workers during the next seven years to replace retirees and to staff the plant's two new reactors, which are being planned.

Dr. Ken Tasa, dean of educational programs and services at Brazosport College, said that the grant funds would also be used "for the development of a curriculum that is aligned with the national industry standards of the Nuclear Energy Institute and its uniform curriculum for operators."

Other benefits of the grant will include the following:

Grant funds will enable the partner colleges to offer hands-on training and a curriculum that addresses a primary need at the South Texas Project nuclear power plant. With customized training provided by each of the colleges, practical hands-on knowledge and skills can be quickly applied to an employee's job functions at the nuclear plant.

The grant funds will help the partner colleges meet an ongoing industry need for skilled employees, and it will provide students with excellent high-demand skills that will qualify them for the high-paying jobs available at the nuclear plant.

For more information call (979) 532-4560 or visit www.wcic.edu.
NISD board trustees reject WCJC bond issue

The Needville ISD Board of Trustees chose not to support a proposed bond issue by the Wharton County Junior College.

The bond issue would raise the tax rate in the college's taxing district 5 cents to 18 cents per $100 of valuation.

Needville has been in the college's taxing district since 1970. At the time, the college promised to place a satellite campus in Needville at the time, but it has never followed through on that promise. Meanwhile, satellite campuses have been placed in Richmond, Sugar Land, Bay City and Palacios and no residents in those areas has to pay taxes to the Wharton County Junior College taxing district.

Needville ISD superintendent Curtis Rhodes said the board was not pleased with WCJC wanting to place an additional burden on Needville taxpayers, especially after Needville ISD won approval from voters on a bond issue to build a new high school only two years ago.

“We don’t think it’s a good time to this,” Rhodes said. “We would like them to spread the tax burden to others that are getting the benefits, too.”

Needville-area student do get a 50 percent break on tuition to WCJC because they are in the taxing district. The NISD board would like to get more for area students.

The board also heard a report on summer school for this year.

Summer school for students in Grades 3-8 who need remedial help in math and reading in order to pass TAKS will have summer school from June 8 to July 2 on their respective campuses.

Junior high and high
Conference at WCJC to focus on child care

The All Babies & Children (ABC) Child Care Conference that will be held on Saturday, June 13 will offer child care providers, foster parents and other adults who work with children the opportunity to earn seven clock hours of credit. The conference will be at Wharton County Junior College at 911 East Boling Highway in Wharton.

Pre-registration is required by May 22, with no on-site registration and no substitution of participants. The conference will begin with check-in at 7:15 a.m.; the last session will conclude at 3:15 p.m.

The 2009 conference sessions will include the following topics: “How Health Affects Life at Child Care,” “Passenger Safety,” “Brain Development” and “Rainy Day Activities and Healthy Snacks.” Sessions designed specifically for center directors/owners include “Emergency Preparedness,” “Tightening Up Business Practices in Troubling Times,” and “Discipline and Guidance.”

The $25 registration fee will cover the catered buffet luncheon, refreshments, certifying of clock hours, handouts, and a conference tote bag. Registration forms and conference flyers (with map) are available at the Fort Bend County Extension Office at 1402 Band Road, Rosenberg.

Sponsors of this year’s conference are Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Waller and Wharton Counties; Wharton County Junior College; First Baptist Church Child Development Center in Wharton; and Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) of Brazoria County. They will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this conference. They ask that participants contact them by May 28 to advise them of the auxiliary aid or service required.

Questions should be directed to Sandra Fry or Jacque Gerke County Extension Office, (281) 342-3034. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.
Concert.

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Higher education in the Fort Bend region is taking an important step forward with the University of Houston System at Sugar Land, opening a new $37 million academic building April 22.

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It includes 44 classrooms, five computer labs, nine science labs, 73 faculty offices, an exercise facility, bookstore and the WCJC enrollment services office.

A School of Nursing suite will be shared by both institutions. Also featured is a two-level, 150-seat auditorium and large multi-purpose room.

"Our grand new structure will allow Fort Bend-area students to fulfill virtually all their lower- and upper-level educational needs on a single campus should they wish to," UH System Chancellor Renu Khator said. "This building is an admirable example of successfully embracing the collaborative spirit in higher education."
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**Keyboading**
Wharton County Junior College's Sugar Land campus offers a class in beginner keyboading Saturdays, April 4 - May 16. For more information, call 281-243-2429 or e-mail jummerc@wcjc.edu.

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- **WCJC Senior Bingo**
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"We want to be sure we are not just building infrastructure to accommodate the current student body, but also to accommodate future growth," McCrohan said.

The bond issue will provide funding for several projects, including the expansion of the Johnson Health Occupations Center, the construction of a new residence hall, and the renovation of existing facilities. The projects are designed to meet the needs of the current and future student body, as well as provide a safer and more comfortable environment for students.

"Our goal is to provide the best possible education for our students," McCrohan said. "We want to ensure that the college is a place where students can thrive and succeed, both academically and personally. "

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TUESDAY, APRIL 7
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Needville ISD board in voting flap with WCJC

BY B.J. POLLOCK
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A special meeting held Monday evening by the Wharton County Junior College board of directors resulted in an early voting polling being placed at the old fire station in Needville.

Needville ISD officials believe that meeting was called as a result of trustee Kim Janke contacting state officials about the matter.

However, WCJC President Betty McCrohan told the Fort Bend Herald Tuesday morning, "I have not heard from anybody at the state level about anything."

She said the vote to add a polling place at Needville was unanimous and was brought about by a phone call from a Needville resident requesting such action.

Janke and NISD board president Jim Kocian said originally, WCJC posted no early voting polling place in Needville, even though Needville ISD patrons and Wharton County residents are the only taxpayers in WCJC’s district.

Needville ISD officials said while WCJC does "an excellent job" educating students, they believe WCJC is trying to sneak the junior college's $18 million dollar bond issue past NISD patrons.

But McCrohan insisted, "There's no attempt at all on our part (to hide anything). I'm not going to argue with the school board at all if they're going to take that stance.

"We have never had an early voting place in our elections for Needville," she said. "We just felt that since they voiced a concern, it would make good sense to add one."

The bond issue will be on the May 9 general election ballot for WCJC’s taxing area. Along with it is a 5-cent tax increase per $100 valuation, which Needville ISD officials oppose.

But NISD officials believe WCJC tried to prevent NISD patrons from having the opportunity to have their say in early voting because the NISD board's opposition to WCJC's bond project.

"They're trying to deny us an early voting poll over here," said Kocian. "But after Kim contacted two or three senators, all of a sudden, they're calling a special meeting to get us an early

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NEEDVILLE ISD: Voting flap with WCJC

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voting booth over here. This is the straw that broke the camel's back."

Kocian appointed a special ad hoc committee to address the issue of NISD supporting WCJC through taxes. In addition to Janke, its members are trustee Jan Black and former trustee Wayne Ley.

"We're working hard to get ourselves out of the taxation of WCJC," Kocian said. "Right now, we're paying 13 cents (per $100 valuation) and they want to add another 5 cents to it."

Kocian said the district is tired of paying taxes to WCJC and getting little in return. The 46 percent discount NISD students receive does not make it worth the taxes they pay, he said.

Janke said NISD entered into an agreement with WCJC in 1970 to become part of the junior college's taxing area. He said part of that agreement, "according to the old-timers who were around when it was made," was for WCJC to construct a campus in Needville.

"But the people at WCJC don't have that memory," he added.

Since then, the junior college has grown to a total of six campuses, none of which are in Needville.

"WCJC does a tremendous job educating kids," Janke said. "The problem that I don't think most people realize is that we and Wharton County residents are the only ones being taxed for it."

Janke said of the approximately 6,000 students who attend WCJC campuses, only about 250 come from NISD and another 1,000 from Wharton County. Yet NISD patrons pay $900,000 to $1 million in WCJC taxes each year. He also said NISD students' discounts for WCJC total only about $125,000 a year.

And that, he declared, "just doesn't add up."

Janke said WCJC officials "deleted polling places in Hillje, Louise and Boling — not just for early voting, but completely — and added East Bernard." Early voting will be conducted in Wharton and El Campo, East Bernard and Needville.

"We want to get people out to vote and we want to get the word out," Janke said. "You like to get money back for the taxes you pay. We are taxing citizens heavily these days in all kinds of areas, whatever kind of tax it is.

"It's one thing to have a campus in your district to show for it, but we're paying 20 percent of the taxes and educating 4 percent of the kids," he added.

"We want kids to go to WCJC — they're doing a tremendous job — but we have to let everybody share in the cost of the school when it's a junior college district."
Wharton County Junior College proposes $18 million bond project

ADVOCATE STAFF REPORT

WHARTON - Wharton County Junior College officials want to improve its health operation center and build new dorms.

It is proposing an $18 million bond project to fund campus improvement projects.

Voters will determine the fate of the project in the May 9 election.

Some of the money would be used to expand and renovate the M.G. Lillie A. Johnson Health Operations Center and construct new residence halls, according to a news release.

Improvements to the health center are necessary because students wanting to study nursing, dental hygiene and other health programs at the college are on a waiting list, College President Betty A. McCrohan said in the release.

The new residence halls would house 150 students and provide Internet access, a service now unavailable in the college's current dormitories.

An analysis conducted by the college showed maintaining

WANT TO VOTE?

Early voting is April 27 to May 5 at the following locations:

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 27 to May 1, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 4 and 5, at the Wharton Civic Center, El Campo Emergency Medical Service Building and the East Bernard Library;

and remodeling the dormitories would be less cost effective than replacing them, according to the release.

The last time the junior college sought approval for a bond was in 1946.

The $600,000 bond allowed the college to purchase permanent facilities.

The estimated cost to the average county homeowner would be about $48 per year for 20 years, according to the release from the college's office of marketing and communications.
Pioneers sweep out Galveston College 7-1, 5-4

WCJC got solid pitching and clutch hitting in a doubleheader sweep of Galveston College Saturday afternoon at Tiger Field, winning 7-1 and 5-4.

The Pioneers improved to 5-16 in the South Zone of the Region XIV Conference standings and the fourth-place Whitecaps slipped to 8-13.

"Winning two conference games is always huge," said WCJC coach Bob Nottebart, singling out pitchers Bubba Stokes and Mike Vickery.

"They did outstanding jobs on the mound," said Nottebart.

Trey Porras and Luke Clements led the Pioneers' hitting attack.

"Our hitters had better approaches today," said Nottebart.

"What I hope we're seeing is our patience paying off. Most folks don't realize how different the game is at this level. Our freshmen have been thrown to the wolves and they've struggled but some of them are now turning the page."

First-place San Jacinto swept Blinn on Saturday to improve to 16-4 and the second-place Buccaneers slipped to 14-7. Alvin dropped a three-game series to fifth-place Alvin as the Dolphins fell to 13-7 and the Palominos improved to 8-15.

Stokes went the distance in the first game, giving up one run on six hits. He struck out three and walked one.

WCJC jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Matt Johnson was hit by a pitch and Ryan Bacak singled. Shane Leffey followed with an RBI hit and Trey Porras followed with a two-run double.

After Joel Analey was retired, J.P. Seipel singled home Leffey. Luke Clements put down a sacrifice and another run scored on a ground ball by Jeff Schmidt.

Galveston scored its lone run in the second to make it 5-1.

The Pioneers picked up their sixth run in the fourth. Johnson led off with a double, went to third on a sacrifice bunt by Bacak and scored on a fly ball by David Rhoads.

WCJC made 7-1 in the fifth. Porras reached on an error and later scored on a fly ball by Schmidt.

Vickery pitched the first seven innings of the second game. He gave up three runs on eight hits while striking out one and walking one.

Porras took the mound in the eighth and Barrett Richter finished the game.

Galveston jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first but WCJC scored three in the second to go up 5-2.

Porras singled, moved to second on an error and scored on a hit by Analey. After Seipel grounded out, Clements homered.

Galveston tied the game in the top of the seventh but the Pioneers scored two runs in the bottom half to go 5-3.

Clements led off with a single, went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Schmidt and scored on a double by Johnson. Johnson then scored on a throwing error.

Galveston made it 5-4 in the ninth and left two runners on base after a 6-3 ground out to end the game.

Coming up today, Alvin hosts Blinn at 2 p.m. and San Jacinto plays Galveston in Brenham at 1 p.m.

WCJC resumes its South Zone schedule on Thursday with a doubleheader beginning at noon at Tiger Field against Laredo. They'll play a single game at the same time on Friday.

South Zone Standings:

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Saturday's Results

Galveston at WCJC
San Jacinto 8-11, Blinn 7-10
Laredo 10-8, Alvin 7-4

Sunday's Results

Alvin 25, Laredo 3

Today's Games

Blinn at Alvin, 2 p.m.
San Jacinto at Galveston, 1 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Laredo at WCJC, (DH), Noon
Alvin at Blinn (DH), 1 p.m.
Galveston at San Jac, (DH), 1 p.m.

Friday's Game

Laredo at WCJC, Noon
Pioneers sweep out Galveston College
7-1, 5-4

WCJC third baseman Taylor Parcus makes a throw to first base.
# Sports Scene

...A look at the area’s upcoming events

## Thursday

### Baseball

- **26-3A** - Wharton vs. Royal at Brookshire, Varsity Only  
  - 4 p.m.
- **26-3A** - Stafford at Sweeny, JV, Varsity  
  - 5:30 p.m.
- **26-3A** - Needville at Columbia, JV, Varsity  
  - 5:30 p.m.

### Softball

- **26-3A** - Wharton vs. Royal at Brookshire, Varsity Only  
  - 5 p.m.
- **26-3A** - Stafford at Sweeny, JV, Varsity  
  - 5:30 p.m.
- **26-3A** - Needville at Columbia, JV, Varsity  
  - 5:30 p.m.

### Junior College Baseball

- Laredo CC at Wharton County JC (Doubleheader)  
  - Noon

### Golf

- District 29-2A Tournament at Rio Colorado in Bay City  
  - 8:15 a.m.

### Track & Field

- Wharton at Roughneck Relays in West Columbia  
  - 2 p.m.

## Friday

### Junior College Baseball

- Laredo CC at Wharton County Junior College  
  - Noon
Wharton County Junior College Bond 2009
To fund capital improvement projects within WCJC's Tax Area

On Saturday, May 9, voters living in Wharton County and Needville ISD will be asked to consider an $18 million bond issue to fund capital improvement projects within WCJC's Tax Area.

The bond is part of the college's 20-year Master Plan, developed to meet the needs of the community in terms of learning, research, and economic development. The plan was approved by the Texas Board of Education.

The $18 million bond package will fund priority projects from the Master Plan including:
- Expansion and renovation of the A. J. Lillo A. Johnson Health Occupations Center
- New Health Science Lab
- New Alpha Beta Classroom
- New Alpha Beta Laboratory
- New Alpha Beta Teaching Lab
- New Alpha Beta Support Lab
- New Student Health Care Unit

The bond will also provide funding for capital projects such as:
- New 150-bed Dormitories/Residence Halls

WCJC's Economic Impact on the Community
- Average sales in Wharton County are $190.3 million larger and labor income $37.1 million larger due to past and present operations of WCJC.
- For every full-time job added to Wharton County, an additional $4,687 per year is spent in the workforce.

Master Plan Financing
- Source(s) of $35 million in General Obligation Bonds
- Bond issued in the amount of $35 million
- Bond would be used for the construction of new facilities
- The cost of the new facilities in the tax area would be about $46,800 per year or $46,860 per month over the 20-year life of the bond
- WCJC is planning on的情形 of and those 60 years of age and older a $750,000 exemption

Healthcare Jobs in Demand
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that the number of jobs in the healthcare field will grow significantly over the next few years.
- Texas will need to hire 13,000 more nurses, 6,000 more medical assistants, and 3,000 more child care workers by 2010.
- Average annual salaries in nursing are $42,820 with signing bonuses of up to $4,000.
- Average annual salaries in child care are $10,000.

More About WCJC Allied Health Programs
- Graduates of WCJC allied health programs earn national passing rates of 85.5% for all programs and have a 100% job placement rate.
- Students graduate with a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in medical laboratory technology.

Alumni Profile
- Michelle Mayor Henry is a registered nurse and a former student at WCJC.
- She completed her education at WCJC and is now a nurse at the University Medical Center in Victoria.

Early Voting in Wharton, El Campo, and East Bernard
- April 27 through May 3
- Conducted weekdays (9 am - 5 pm) at the following locations:
  - Wharton City Hall
  - El Campo City Hall
  - East Bernard City Hall

Early Voting in Needville
- April 27 through May 3
- Conducted weekdays (9 am - 5 pm) at the following locations:
  - Needville City Hall

Election Day
- May 5
- Conducted Election Day (7 am - 7 pm) at the following locations:
  - Wharton City Center
  - El Campo City Hall
  - East Bernard City Hall
  - Needville City Hall

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WCJC seeking voter approval for bond issue

Wharton County Junior College is seeking voter approval of an $18 million dollar bond issue on the May 9 ballot. If approved, the proceeds of the bond issue will fund capital improvement projects in the college’s tax area that includes Wharton County and Needville ISD in Fort Bend County.

The Wharton County Junior College Board of Trustees voted to call the bond referendum during its regularly scheduled February 17 meeting. The bond will fund priority improvement projects outlined in WCJC’s Master Plan, including the expansion and renovation of the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Health Occupations Center to 60,000-square-feet and construction of new residence halls to house 150 students.

The WCJC Master Plan is a 10-year roadmap developed by a team of programming and design architects, engineers, and college administrators. The plan may be viewed at www.wcjc.edu.

“Many qualified students who wish to enter our allied health programs, such as nursing, dental hygiene and radiologic technology are on waiting lists,” said WCJC President Betty A. McCrohan. “All our allied health programs are in specialty areas that are predicted to experience higher than average job growth in the near future, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.”

The Texas Workforce Commission predicts the state will need up to 138,000 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Nurses Aides within the next seven to 10 years. The average annual salary in nursing is $42,620, with signing bonuses of up to $5,000.

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$5,000.

The bond will also construct modern, energy-efficient residence halls to make the Wharton campus more desirable for students who wish to live on campus. A cost-benefit analysis conducted as part of the Master Plan showed the cost to remodel and maintain these aging facilities was less cost-effective than replacing them.

For the proposed bond, the estimated cost to the average homeowner in the tax area would be about $48 per year, or about $4 per month over the 20-year term of the bonds. WCJC offers disabled persons and those 65 years of age and older a $10,000 exemption.

Early voting for the May 9 election begins April 27 and runs through May 5 in these areas as follows:

Needville: At the Old Needville Fire House on Monday April 27 through Friday, May 1 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For additional information about Bond 2009, visit www.wcjc.edu or call 979-532-6304.
WCJC’s $18 million in bonds would expand Health Occupations Center

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In addition to voting for local school boards and city councils in the May 9 general election, Needville ISD patrons and Wharton County residents are being asked to approve an $18 million bond issue for Wharton County Junior College.

According to a press release issued Tuesday by the junior college, if approved, the proceeds of the bond issue will fund capital improvement projects such as the expansion and renovation of the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Health Occupations Center to 60,000 square feet and the construction of new residence halls to house 150 students.

The press release describes the dorms as “modern, energy-efficient residence halls” that will “make the Wharton campus more desirable for students who wish to live on campus.” It also says a cost-benefit analysis showed it would be less expensive to build new dorms than to remodel and maintain the old ones.

At their Feb. 17 meeting, WCJC trustees voted to call the bond referendum. It will fund priority improvement projects outlined in the school’s master plan, which is described as “a 10-year road map developed by a team of programming and design architects, engineers and college administrators.”

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If the bond issue passes, according to the press release, the estimated cost to the average homeowner in WCJC’s tax area would be approximately $48 per year, or about $4 per month over the 20-year term of the bonds.

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Early voting for NISD patrons is set for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 27 through May 1; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 2; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 4 and 5, at the old fire station.

Early voting is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 through May 1, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 4 and 5, at the Wharton Civic Center, El Campo Emergency Medical Services facility and East Bernard Library.

For more information about the bond election, or to view WCJC’s master plan, visit www.wcjc.edu or call 979-532-6304.

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# Sports Scene

...A look at the area's upcoming events

## Monday

### Golf
- District 26-3A Tournament, at Columbia Lakes (1st Round)  8 a.m.
- District 26-2A Tournament, at Stephen F. Austin in San Felipe  8 a.m.

## Tuesday

### Golf
- District 26-3A Tournament, at Columbia Lakes (2nd Round)  8 a.m.

### Softball
- 26-3A - Wharton at Needville, JV/Varsity  5/7 p.m.
- 26-2A - East Bernard at Hallettsville, Varsity Only  6:30 p.m.
- 29-2A - Boling vs. Industrial at Vanderbilt  6 p.m.

### Baseball
- 26-3A - Wharton at Needville, JV/Varsity  5/8 p.m.
- 26-2A - East Bernard at Hallettsville, JV/Varsity  4:30/7 p.m.
- 29-2A - Boling vs. Industrial at Vanderbilt, JV/Varsity  5/7 p.m.

## Wednesday

### Junior College Baseball
- Wharton County JC vs. Blinn College at Brenham  6 p.m.

### Track & Field
- District 26-3A Championships in West Columbia  10 a.m.
- District 26-2A Championships in Hallettsville  10 a.m.
- District 29-2A Championships in Van Vleck  10 a.m.
The ACT.
Wharton County Junior College's Sugar Land campus offers a class in ACT preparation 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 18 - May 9. For more information, call 281-293-8855 or e-mail jonnasco@wcjc.edu.

WCJC Senior 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 Texas Home Health from 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13 at the WCJC Senior Center, LaDue Technology Center, Wharton Campus, 911 Boiling Hwy. If you are 60 years of age or older you are invited to attend.
**NEEDVILLE CHAMBER MEETING**

Needville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, 7 p.m. in the Schendel House, 8903 Line St. Come and check out the landscaping around the Veteran's Memorial. There will also be a presentation relating to the Wharton County Junior College bond issue. Light refreshments will be served and members are encouraged to bring a guest. Our web site is www.needville.org.
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WCJC blood drive

The WCJC "Diamonds for Donors" Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 in the Pioneer Student Center on the WCJC Wharton Campus. Contact Patti Lawlor at 532-6441 or www.eblooddrive.org, sponsor No. 6022. Free T-shirts for donors. Please bring ID. Donors entered into drawing for diamonds.

WCJC Concert April 23

The Wharton County Junior College Concert Choir will perform on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 PM. The concert will take place at the Horton Foote Theatre, Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on Wharton campus. The choir will be singing a variety of great songs. Students with ID are admitted free. Like all the Center for the Arts programs, this will be a very entertaining evening so please plan to come out and enjoy the performance. For more information, call 979-532-6300.
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**Job Fair**

Wharton County Junior College-Fort Bend Campus hosts a mini-job fair 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday at 5333 FM 1640 in Richmond. Free for job-seekers and employers. 281-239-1527 or email beverleym@wcjc.edu.
Pioneers dealt 12-2 loss by Blinn

Blinn College came away with a 12-2 seven-inning win over Wharton County Junior College Wednesday night at Leroy Dryer Field in Brenham.

"It was very frustrating night," said WCJC coach Don Nottenb. "We were in the game through the fifth inning and all of a sudden the flood gates opened. When you can't locate your pitches or make the routine plays, that's what happens."

The last-place Pioneers slipped to 6-19 in the South Zone of the Region XIV standings, and second-place Blinn improved to 17-8.

League-leading San Jac beat Alvin 21-2 to improve to 21-3, and the third-place Dolphins slipped to 13-11.

San Jac, Blinn and Alvin have already clinched a playoff spot in the regional tournament on May 9-13 in Brenham.

Galveston and Laredo, which start a three-game series today, are tied for fourth with 8-16 records.

The Pioneers and Buccaneers play a doubleheader; which starts at 1 p.m. today at Tiger Field.

Mike Vickery started the game and pitched into the fifth. Mike Clark took the mound to get out of the inning and Barrett Richter finished the game.

WCJC jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when David Rhoads homered with two outs.

Blinn tied the game in the bottom of the inning and got a home run in the second to go up 2-1.

The Pioneers tied it again in the fourth.

Rhoads singled and Shane Leftley reached on a fielder's choice ground ball. Leftley later scored on a hit by Colin Greuter.

Blinn got the lead back, 3-2 in the bottom of the inning and picked up four runs in the fifth to go up 7-2. The Buccaneers put the game away with five runs in the sixth to go up 12-2.

WCJC left two runners on base in the top of the seventh.

Greuter singled and Fisher hit into a double play.

Clay Besetzny then singled but J.P. Seipel flew out to end the game.
Pioneers dealt 12-2 loss by Blinn

WCJC baseball player Taylor Parcus takes a mighty swing during a recent game at Tiger Field. The Pioneers dropped a 12-2 decision to Blinn Wednesday and host the Buccaneers in a 1 p.m. doubleheader today at Tiger Field.
Sports Scene
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Saturday

Junior College Baseball
Blinn at Wharton County JC (Doubleheader).................. 1 p.m.

Monday

Golf
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29-2A – Hitchcock at Boling........................................ 4 p.m.

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Junior College Baseball
Alvin CC at Wharton County Junior College.................. 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 23

WCJC Senior Citizen Bingo in El Campo
The Wharton County Junior College Senior Citizen program plays bingo from 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the El Campo Boys & Girls Club, 713 Fahrenthold. Refreshments provided by United Methodist Women. Must be 60 or older to attend.

Job Fair

The Fort Bend campus of Wharton County Junior College hosts a mini-job fair 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday at 5333 FM 1640 in Richmond. Free for job-seekers and employers.
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Canyon’s Katie Korioth, left, and Britani Hackfeld proved to be the engine that made the Cougarette offense go, as the dynamic duo averaged over 30 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists per game this season to earn co-Player of the Year honors. Korioth was named the District 27-4A Defensive Player of the Year and will play basketball for Temple College in the fall, while Hackfeld will be playing volleyball for Wharton Junior College.
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WJC C registration

Wharton County Junior College is currently registering for the May Mini-Term and Summer 2009 semesters. Students may register on campus or on the Web through May 14 for the May Mini-Term, through June 8 for Summer I, and through July 13 for Summer II. On campus registration is held at the WJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond, WJC Sugar Land campus, and WJC Wharton campus. For more information about programs or registration, call 532.4560 for the WJC Wharton campus, 281-243-8447 for the WJC Sugar Land campus, 281-239-1500 for the WJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond, and 979-244-4552 for the Bay City Campus.
Wharton County Junior College

REGISTRATION NOW for May Mini Term and 1st & 2nd Summer Terms 2009

A PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE
- Core classes in English, Math, History, Science, Speech, Humanities, Visual Performing Arts, Government, Kinesiology, and Social Sciences
- Associate of Arts degree
- Associate of Science degree
- Associate of Applied Science degrees
- Certificate/Certification programs
- Distance learning courses
- Financial aid
- Dual and concurrent enrollment
- college credits in high school

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Register NOW through May 17.
Classes begin May 18.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 1 TERM:
Register NOW through June 8.
Classes begin June 8.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2 TERM:
Register NOW through July 13.
Classes begin July 13.

OPENING SUMMER 2009

The New WCJC Sugar Land Campus
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**WCJC Concert Choir**
The Wharton County Junior College Concert Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m.
on Thursday, April 23. The concert will take place at the Horton Foote Theatre, Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on Wharton campus. The choir will be singing a variety of great songs. Admission is only $4 and students with ID are admitted free. Like all the Center for the Arts programs, this will be a very entertaining evening so please plan to come out and enjoy the performance. For more information, call 532-6300.

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**WCJC blood drive**
The WCJC "Diamonds for Donors" Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 in the Pioneer Student Center on the WCJC Wharton Campus. Contact Patti Lawlor at 532-6441 or www.eblooddrive.org, sponsor No. 6022, free T-shirts for donors. Please bring ID. Donors entered into drawing for diamonds.
Sports Scene
A look at the area's upcoming events

Wednesday

Junior College Baseball
Alvin CC. at Wharton County Junior College 4 p.m.

Thursday

Softball
26-2A - East Bernard at Rice Consolidated, Varsity 6:30 p.m.

High School Baseball
26-2A - East Bernard at Rice Consolidated, Varsity 5 p.m.

Friday

Softball
26-2A - East Bernard at Schulenburg, Varsity 6:30 p.m.

High School Baseball
26-3A - Stallford at Wharton, JV, Varsity 5:30 p.m.
26-2A - E. Bernard at Schulenburg, JV, Varsity 4:30 p.m.
29-2A - Danbury at Boling, JV, Varsity 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

Junior College Baseball
Wharton County JC at Alvin CC (Doubleheader) 1 p.m.
Spotlight on Allied Health

Wharton County Junior College Bond 2009

To fund capital improvement projects within WCJC’s Tax Area

Wharton County Junior College currently offers Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees and/or certificates in these allied health areas:

- Dental Hygiene
- Health Information Technology
- Human Services
- Nursing (R.N. & L.V.N.)
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiologic Technology
- Surgical Technology

WCJC’s Economic Impact on the Community

- Business sales in Wharton County are $191.3 million larger and labor income is $76.1 million larger due to past and present operations of WCJC.
- For every full-time year that students attend WCJC, they will earn an additional $4,947 per year in the workforce.

Master Plan Financing

Funding of $18 Million in General Obligation Bonds

- Similar to a home mortgage, bond funds would be used for the construction of facilities.

The cost to the average homeowner in the tax area would be about $46.00 per year or about $4.00 per month over the 20-year life of the bonds.

- WCJC offers disabled persons and those 65 years of age and older a $10,000 exemption.

Tax area includes Wharton County and Needville ISD located in Fort Bend County.

On Saturday, May 9, voters in Wharton County and Needville ISD will be asked to consider an $18 million bond issue to fund capital improvement projects within WCJC’s Tax Area.

Early Voting in Needville

- Early Voting at Needville, El Campo, and East Bernard

- April 27 through May 3 - Conroe Community Center

- May 4 - PCU of Paint Creek

- May 5 - PCU of Paint Creek

- May 6 - PCU of Paint Creek

- May 7 - PCU of Paint Creek

Election Day - Saturday, May 9

- Texas Farm and Ranch Heritage Barn at Texas A&M University-Commerce

- East Bernard ISD

- El Campo ISD

- Wharton County

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Blinn completes sweep of Pioneers

WCJC baseball team hosts Alvin today

Because of Saturday's rains, Wharton County Junior College's baseball team waited until Sunday afternoon to play Blinn College in a doubleheader at Tiger Field.

The results were 10-4 and 15-2 losses to the second place Buccaneers who improved to 19-8 in the Region XIV South Zone standings.

The last-place Pioneers slipped to 6-21.

"There's one thing for sure; Mother Nature is undefeated," said WCJC coach Bob Nottelhut.

"It was another tough day. We battled but just couldn't climb out of the hole. We hurt ourselves defensively in the second game and that was a big factor."

"It's frustrating when your pitcher locates a good pitch and the hitter gets jammed but puts it in the air and it blows out of the park."

With the wind blowing out of the north, Blinn batters totaled eight homers during the day.

Kurt Leer went the distance in the seven inning first game. He gave up 10 runs on 13 hits, striking out eight and walking three.

Blinn jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first and WCJC tied the game in the bottom of the inning when David Rhoads doubled with two out and scored on a two base hit by Colin Greuter.

Blinn got back-to-back two-out homers in the second to go up 2-1. The Buccaneers got another solo homer in the fourth and picked up another run to take a 5-1 lead.

The Bucs got a two-run dinger in the fifth to go up 7-1. WCJC scored its final three runs in the bottom of the inning to make it a 7-4 game.

Joshua Fisher led off with a single and went to third on a base hit by Jeff Schmidt. Ryan Bacak delivered a RBI double and Rhoads followed with a two-run single.

After Greuter struck out, Kyle Meadows singled. Clay Besetseyn then struck out to end the inning.

Blinn made it 8-4 in the sixth and got a two-run homer in the seventh to close out the scoring.

WCJC threatened in the its final time at bat. Meadows singled with two outs and Besetseyn walked. Joel Anesley then grounded out to end the game.

Bubba Stokes started the second game and pitched into the fourth. Rhoads, Taylor Parcus and Barrett Richter also took the mound.

Blinn got two homers in the third to jump out to a 6-0 lead. WCJC scores its two runs in the bottom of the inning to make it 6-2.

Fisher doubled and scored on a two-base hit by Matt Johnson. Johnson scored on a single by Bacak.

The Bucs got a three spot in the fourth to go up 9-2.

Pioneer Luke Clements led off the bottom of the inning with a single. After J.P. Seipel struck out, Trey Porras hit into a 4-6-3 double play.

Blinn erupted for six runs in the sixth to make it 15-2. Clements singled in the bottom of the inning but was stranded. The game ended in the bottom of the seventh via the 10-run rule.

WCJC entertains Alvin Community College in a 4 p.m. game today at Tiger Field. The teams will play a doubleheader Saturday in Alvin in a 1 p.m. start.

### Region XIV Standings

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### Sunday's Results

- Blinn 10-15, WCJC 4-2
- Galveston 10-8, Laredo 7-4
- Monday's Results
- Galveston 3, Laredo 0

### Today's Games

- Alvin at WCJC, 4 p.m.
- Blinn at Galveston, 2 p.m.

### Saturday's Games

- WCJC at Alvin (DH), 1 p.m.
- Galveston at Blinn (DH), 1 p.m.
- San Jac at Laredo, (DH), 1 p.m.

### Sunday's Game

- San Jac at Laredo, 11 a.m.
Wharton County Junior College (bond) is big business

There was this kid who registered for college at our beloved WCJC. His first class in his first semester was 8 a.m. He tossed and turned the whole night so he woke up a little late — like 7:36.

He almost made it on time but the professor had just started the session when he arrived. He heard the learned one's opening statement, "You are here to learn about government. Let's see what you know. You, just arriving, tell me the difference between totalitarianism, communism and capitalism." The kid, took off his cap,

from which sprang an explosion of hair, and said, "Good grief, professor, I just got here."

Many of us, me included, have an advantage on that boy. We've been around long enough to gain wisdom and lose hair. There is a bond issue coming up for a vote on May 3, with early voting starting April 27. For details of what this bond is for, I refer readers to a Web site at the end of this epistle.

For the electronically challenged let me summarize it for you in plain language: WCJC is big business.

It pumps millions of dollars into our economy in addition to saving us a bunch when we send our family or refer friends there. How would I know? My wife, sons and granddaughter all attended WCJC and were able to transfer to higher education universities like U of H, UT, Texas A&M (Whoop) and compete with the best of them.

Plus we have technical programs that can't be duplicated nearly as well, in my opinion, at four-year institutions. But some of our buildings...are getting old; dorms are in need of replacement, etc.

If we elect to pass this bond issue, what will it cost? The bottom line is it will cost the average taxpayer about $4 per month in additional taxes. That's about one or two cappuccinos, depending on which one of our fine local coffee houses or restaurants you choose.

The bond issue came up at Rotary recently and one of our local Aggies (true story) said he was going to vote for it but had a suggestion. "When I was dating my wife, she was staying in the dorm and there was a curfew. However, there are protruding bricks on that old dorm so when we got there too late she just scaled the wall and crawled through an open window. Now that I have daughters, I recommend we vote for the bond issue, create the needed buildings and build new dorms, but make the dorm walls slick this time."

For a slick Web site giving detailed information so you'll be fully informed, no matter which way you vote, go to: http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/nb/fortbend/news/6362965.html

Doc Blakely is a humorist and motivational speaker who resides in Wharton.

‘Doc’ Blakely
Poking Fun
WCJC bonds would expand district's nursing program

One glance at help wanted ads and its obvious healthcare is an industry with plenty of openings—a trend that is expected to continue with aging baby boomers and the growing Texas population.

Wharton County Junior College officials say this is one reason the district has placed an $18 million dollar bond issue on the May 9 ballot.

If approved, the bond will fund an expansion and renovation of the M.G. & Lillie A. Johnson Health Occupations Center on the Wharton campus.

The expansion would nearly double the size of the current health occupations center to 60,000-square-feet with an 80-seat lecture hall, an eight-bed nursing skills lab, two computer labs, six classrooms of varying sizes and a flexible teaching lab. The renovation portion of the project includes updated lab space and increased space functionality, especially for fast-growing programs like radiologic technology.

While there is a shortage of healthcare workers nationwide, the nursing shortage in Texas is critical. According to the Texas Workforce Commission (Feb. '09), Texas will need up to 138,000 licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and nurses aides within the next seven to 10 years.

Last year, WCJC turned away about two thirds of qualified students who wanted to enter the nursing program. Because of lack of space, others were turned away from dental hygiene and surgical technology. WCJC currently enrolls over 900 students who have declared allied health programs as their major.

More than half are enrolled at the Wharton campus.

If voters authorize the college to issue the bonds for construction, WCJC President Betty McCrohan says the college can add another 200 to 300 students to its allied health programs, which includes nursing (R.N. and L.V.N.), dental hygiene, health information technology, human services, physical therapy assistant, surgical technology and radiologic technology.

Graduates of WCJC allied health programs average a 96.5 percent passing rate on state and national licensing exams. Nursing, dental hygiene and radiologic technology graduates average a 100 percent pass rate.

A Workforce Solutions study of the Texas Gulf Coast projected healthcare and social assistance as the No. 1 industry for job growth through 2016.

According to the study, ambulatory healthcare services will account for 48,300 new jobs, followed by public and private hospitals with 36,050 jobs. Following closely behind are general and medical hospitals with 26,950 new jobs, then physician's offices with 19,800 jobs.

Another healthcare profession expected to experience double digit growth is medical records and health information technicians. This is due, in part, to federal legislation mandating the use of electronic medical records.

The WCJC health information technology program is a two-year program that leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree.

The bond plan also includes the construction of new residence halls to house 150 students. An engineering study conducted as part of the WCJC Master Plan, concluded it was not cost-effective to renovate the college's circa 1950s dormitories. The entire master plan is at www.wcjc.edu.

The estimated cost of the $18 million bond to the average homeowner in Wharton County and Needville ISD — the college's tax area is estimated at about $46 per year or $4 per month over the 20-year life of the bond.

WCJC offers disabled persons and those 65 years of age and older a $10,000 exemption. The college has no current tax debt rate.

Early voting begins April 27, continues through May 5, and is determined by the school district in which voters reside. Residents in Needville ISD may vote early from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 1; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5 at the old Needville First House, 3156 Richmond.

East Bernard ISD residents may vote from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 1, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5 at the East Bernard Library, 746 Clubside Dr.
Canyon's Hackfeld signs with Wharton

Two-sport athlete selects volleyball over basketball

By Chris Hoffman
The Herald-Zeitung

Choosing between two sports you love is usually a tough decision for most athletes, but for Canyon senior Brittani Hackfeld, her choice was an easy one.

"Volleyball is my first love when it comes to sports," said Hackfeld. "I love the intensity of volleyball more than basketball.

"It wasn't a hard choice for me."

The Canyon senior signed to play volleyball for Wharton College in the fall — a college that suits her small town sensibilities.

"I like a smaller school because it's seems more personal," said Hackfeld. "Your not just a number and after I visited the campus it felt like home."

Wharton coach Brianna Flores says that Hackfeld has the skills to make an immediate impact on her Pioneer team that finished 2008 with a 10-23 overall record.

"Brittani did really well at tryouts and I love her versatility," said Flores. "She has great skills in the back row as a libero and she also has the aggressiveness to play the net."

"I'm really excited to have her on the team."

Canyon coach Heather Sanders was happy to see Hackfeld get a chance to play at the next level.

"I'm really excited for her chance to play in college," said Sanders. "She has a lot of natural talent and her work ethic is second to none."

"I'm really going to miss her leadership and intensity on the court. You don't just find a player like Brittani everyday."

Hackfeld was a second team all-state selection at libero and led the Cougarettes to a 28-13 record this season, while also being named co-player of the year in basketball.

But when asked if she was ready for the college game, Hackfeld said that she's ready for any and all challenges.

"I'm excited to get on the court with my new teammates, but I'm also a little nervous," said Hackfeld. "I guess its a good nervous though. I know the competition is going to be more intense, but I'm ready for that."

"I know I'm definitely going to spend the summer working really hard to get in shape and keep my game sharp."
Canyon senior Britanni Hackfeld, center, makes it official and signs to play volleyball for Wharton College in the fall. Hackfeld was recently named co-player of the year for basketball, but chose to play volleyball at the next level. Back row, from left: coach Michelle Koehl, Cougar trainer, Hackfeld's father Brian, athletic director Les Davis, coach Heather Sanders. Front row, from left: Hackfeld's mother Judy, Wharton coach Brianna Flores.
School board to consider accepting new construction, beginning more

By BREND A SOMMER
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El Campo ISD board members will meet half an hour earlier than normal to tour the new high school Science Building before holding their regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

On the board's agenda is formal acceptance of the building, which was gutted, renovated and expanded in a $3.2 million project that brought the facility up to modern building code standards. Builders added ADA features such as an elevator and Boys and girls ADA-compliant bathrooms on both floors, and two classroom labs where the greenhouse and large satellite dish were located. The building's little-used lecture hall had its walls stripped and its raised stage removed to make that space ADA-compliant as well.

Additional labs were needed due to higher-level science requirements the state instituted in recent years.

Students were moved to rented temporary buildings when construction began last April, when the 1960s-era Science Building was gutted and the old practice gym next door demolished. Classes returned to the new facility in March.

ECISD Trustees Will Meet At
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Other items on the board's agenda for Tuesday night's meeting include:
• Authorizing Superintendent Mark Pool to negotiate a contract with a construction manager at-risk to perform security renovations at Hutchins Elementary, and approval of design work for that project;
• Hiring a vendor to provide electrical service for the district;
• Hiring Aramark to continue providing food service;
• Discussing expansion of pre-school special education services; and
• Hearing a report on the Wharton County Junior College's $18 million bond proposal.

As well, trustees will meet in closed executive session to talk about hiring new personnel, pending or proposed litigation and to deliberate real property. The district had a buyer for the old El Campo Middle School, but has not heard from the company in some time.

The ECISD board meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 in the board room at 700 W. Norris to tour the Science building and returns there at 7:15 p.m. for its regular meeting. Meetings are open to the public.
VOTE AGAINST THE WCJC BOND!

In 1990, the WCJC Board of Trustees voted to approve a 1.64 million dollar bond. This bond is now set to expire in 2010. The bond was intended for the construction of a new campus. The new campus consists of several buildings, including a library, a gym, and a performing arts center. The bond was approved by a majority vote of the voters in the Wharton County area.

The WCJC Board of Trustees is currently considering a new bond issue to fund the construction of a new campus. The new campus will be located on a 100-acre site in the Heartland area. The new campus will include state-of-the-art facilities, including a library, a gym, and a performing arts center. The new campus will be funded through a combination of bond proceeds and state funds.

The new campus is expected to be completed in 2012. The bond issue will be voted on by the voters in the Wharton County area on November 8, 2011. The bond issue will be used to fund the construction of the new campus.

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Council meets Monday

By BARRY HALVORSON  
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The Wharton City Council has both a special called and regular meeting on tap for Monday.

The special meetings is the first one on the schedule and set to start at 5:45 p.m. at the Wharton Civic Center. It is a joint meeting with the Wharton Economic Development Corporation's board of directors and will "address past accomplishments" and to offer discussion regarding future development opportunities in the city.

The WEDC meeting will continue following the joint meeting and includes a presentation from a representative of Wharton County Junior College on its expansion plans, a review and possible appointment of a fiscal year 2009-2010 budget committee, review and consider proposals for the annual financial audit and a review and consideration of action on a quote for Sales Tax Interruption Insurance coverage.

The regular council meeting will be held at their normal time and place of 7 p.m. in the council chambers as city hall.

WCJC President Betty McCrohan will make a presentation to the council on the proposed WCJC bond.

Other items on the agenda include discussion and possible action on:

- A resolution approving the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Transportation for pass-through toll financing of highway projects for the city of Wharton FM 1301 Overpass project.
- A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract between the city and Gulf Coast Medical Center for ambulance transfers to be conducted by the Wharton EMS Department.
- A resolution establishing an identity theft policy - Red Flag Rule.
- A resolution adopting the city investment policy.
- Adoption of the city's 2009-2010 fiscal year budget calendar.
- A resolution approving an extension of the agreement between the city and Harrison, Waldrop and Uherek regarding auditing services.
Bahnsen, Carolan celebrate 50 years at WCJC

Just listening to Gene Bahnsen and Jim Carolan as they spend time together, it’s obvious their friendship has weathered the test of time. And it has.

Both started working at Wharton County Junior College in the summer of 1959 – Bahnsen in July and Carolan in August. Back then, President John Hodges handled the hiring.

Since that time they’ve worked under five other presidents and now teach the third generation of students from families in the college’s service area. And they’ve seen a lot of changes.

Bahnsen – fresh off a three-year tour of duty in the United States Air Force and working in West Texas to make ends meet – hired on as the college’s head basketball coach, assistant football coach, physical education instructor and dorm director for the brand new Frankie Hall athletic dorm. At that time WCJC had a football field, which has since given way to the Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building.

Carolan, having just received his master’s degree, was hired on the spot by Hodges to join the WCJC faculty. He considers today’s math students technologically well-prepared. “They’re both computer and scientific-calculator literate, so this makes it easier to teach them. The students are a tribute to their pre-WCJC educators.”

The technological advances don’t seem to faze Carolan who says professional development has helped him keep pace and enabled him to “teach more students and teach them at a faster pace.”

Bahnsen, who has served as WCJC athletic director since 1965 and still teaches kinesiology, ponders the college “annuals” and how students in the 1960s dressed up for their yearbook photos.

“I look forward to coming to work and seeing what’s going to happen next, what kind of hairdo or costume the students will have,” he says laughingly. “I just go with the flow.”

Both Bahnsen and Carolan appreciate the difference they’ve made in students’ lives. Bahnsen reels off success story after success story of WCJC graduates. Some played in the National Football League and Major League Baseball. Another works for the Houston Rockets.

Still another works for a New Jersey senator. For 2008, three graduates finished fourth, sixth and 13th in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association’s world standings.

Reflecting on the many graduates he has taught, Bahnsen said, “It makes you feel good for kids that go on and make it. You see that and that’s what keeps you going.”

Carolan adds his perspective. “Bahnsen and I are in our glory because we now see the fruits of our work. We see how successful these students are in the local community and beyond,”

Ask them if they’re considering retirement and the teasing begins.

“He’s been trying to get me to quit first so he’d be the oldest one here,” says Bahnsen of Carolan.

“He’d better be prepared for a long, long time,” Carolan fires back. “I have no intentions of looking for a new job anytime soon.”
Early voting starts Monday for ESDs, WCJC bond, city council, WISD races

Early voting in the Wharton city and school board elections as well as special elections concerning the creation Emergency Services Districts 3 and 4 and approval of a bond for Wharton County-Junior College starts on Monday, April 27.

In the municipal election, Wharton Economic Development Corporation Advisory Board member Billie Jones is opposed by former Wharton Police Detective and current WCJC law enforcement instructor Terry Lynch for the Wharton City Council District 3 seat. Only residents of the district will be casting ballots in that election. The present District 3 Councilman Ken Freeze chose not to run for re-election.

Unlike the city election, the WISD voting districts are city wide with candidates elected at-large. Running for the Position 2 seat are incumbent board vice-president Billy Bangsen. He is opposed by Christine Stranksy. In the race for the Position 1 seat on the board, incumbent Gary Ward is running against Loretta Romo.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the Wharton Civic Center in the Duncan Auditorium, 1924 N. Fulton weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on Monday and running through Friday, May 1. Extended early voting will be held Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5, at the same location between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Wharton and voters in the surrounding area will also be voting for or against Emergency Services District 3. If approved, it would provide funding to the Wharton EMS department and its service area. Emergency District 4 would fund the El Campo EMS service area. Early voting for ESD 3 is the same days, hours and location as the Wharton city and school elections while early voting for the ESD4 will be the same dates and hours but at the El Campo EMS Building, 220 N. Merchant Street.

Both the Wharton and El Campo City Councils have pledged to either reduce their tax rates by the equivalent of any tax rate adopted by their respective ESDs or not re dedicate those EMS dollars to other areas. The city of Wharton expenses about 4 cents of its tax rate of 8.28 cents per $100 property valuation for tax rate on EMS expenditures while in El Campo about 6.5 cents of the city's 55.98-cents tax rate funds EMS.

The county's original district, ESD1, serves as the funding mechanism for the various volunteer fire departments in the county while ESD2 funds the East Bernard EMS service area.

Early voting on the $18 million bond election proposed by Wharton County Junior College will be county wide and also include that part of the college's tax district located in Fort Bend County around Needville. The funds would be used to finance the expansion of the Johnson Health Occupation Center, for the construction of new residential halls on the campus and construction of a new central plant.

Early voting by personal appearance for WCJC voters in Wharton County will match those times and locations for the Wharton and El Campo city elections. WCJC voting will also be at the East Bernard Library, 745 Clubside Drive for EBISD. Voters the same days and hours as Wharton and El Campo. The Needville voting will be at the Old Needville Fire House, 3115 Richmond St., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., beginning on Monday and continuing through May 1; Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. with extended voting on May 4-5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Area Polling Places

| Election Day is May 9 with voting hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Elections and their various polling places include: |
| WISD, City of Wharton, WCJC, ESD3, Wharton Civic Center; |
| EC ISD, City of El Campo, WCJC, ESD4, El Campo EMS Bldg; |
| EC ISD (ONLY Pct 2, 4, 9, 11, 20), WCJC, ESD3, Glen Flora Fire Station; 131 S. Bridge St, Glen Flora; |
| WCJC (ONLY Voters that qualify for voting in an EB ISD Election); East Bernard Library; |
| WCJC (ONLY Needville Voters), Old Needville Fire House. |
LCRA study: WCJC bond could generate $25.2 million

The $18 million bond for Wharton County Junior College that voters will decide on May 9, has the potential to generate $25.2 million in local revenue according to a study conducted by the Lower County River Authority Community and Economic Development Department.

Bond revenues will expand and renovate WCJC’s Johnson Health Occupation Center to nearly double its current size and construct new residence halls to replace current dormitories built in the 1950s. The projects will take up to three years to complete.

The report also estimates that construction will support 194 jobs with a related income of $7.5 million.

Because of the benefits to the local economy, the Wharton County Economic Development Corporation, the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, the El Campo Chamber of Commerce, and The Wharton County Junior College Foundation has publicly endorsed the bond.

"Employers require a trained workforce when in Wharton County and the Wharton Economic Development Corporation is blessed to have Wharton County Junior College lead the youth of today into opportunities for careers in the future," stated David L. Schroeder, executive director of the Wharton Economic Development Corporation.

The college receives no funding from the State of Texas to help build or maintain its facilities.

WCJC is major employer in Wharton County

According to the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC – a study released in 2002), business sales in Wharton County are $191.3 million larger and labor income is $76.1 million larger due to the past and present operations of WCJC.

WCJC has an annual operating budget of approximately $29 million and employs 907 faculty and staff in full-time and part-time positions. More than 66 percent of the budget pays for salaries and wages.

When construction for the two bond projects is completed, WCJC figures it will easily attract more students, particularly for the new residence halls.

Higher student enrollments mean more faculty members and more revenues for local retailers frequented by both students and employees.

While the college must, by law, solicit bids for the construction, WCJC President Betty McCarth said, "Whenever possible, the college always wants to hire local companies so the revenues generated by the work benefit our community."

Long-term economic benefits for WCJC students

In addition to the benefits it provides to the local economy, WCJC gives its students more earning power. The TACC estimates that for every full-time year a student attends WCJC, he or she will earn an additional $4,027 annually while in the workforce. The college currently enrolls more than 6,000 students in credit courses.

One student who is counting on this earning power is Needville resident Robin Moesel. She headed to Baylor University after graduating as a Texas Scholar from Needville High School in 2003. Thinking she might major in biology and go to medical school, she soon realized this wasn’t for her. While pondering her major, Moesel took the core courses required of all degree-seeking students.

She also grew increasingly homesick and returned to Needville after three semesters at Baylor.

"That’s when I started attending Wharton County Junior College and realized the basic courses were the exact ones I was taking at Baylor, but they were far less expensive," said Moesel. "Some of the courses at WCJC were actually more strenuous and I had a harder time maintaining As."

Moesel graduated from WCJC in May 2006 with an Associate of Applied Arts degree. In May 2009, she will graduate again from WCJC – this time with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing.

"When I went into the Associate Degree Nursing program at WCJC, I thought that would be fine because it was a junior college program. But its hard core, a good program," said Moesel.

After graduation, Moesel will take her state boards and pursue registered nurse positions in Fort Bend County. The Texas Workforce Commission places average annual salaries in nursing at $42,620 with signing bonuses of up to $5,000.

Right now Moesel is focused on completing her clinical rounds at OakBend Medical Center.

"Clinicals give you lots of hands-on experience and patient interaction. The college does a really good job of moving you around so you can experience all the different areas of nursing and I like that they do that," added Moesel.

Based on an average home value of $97,487 in Wharton County and Needville ISD, the estimated cost of the bond to the average homeowner is estimated at $48 per year or $4 per month. WCJC offers disabled persons and those 65 years of age and older a $10,000 exemption. The college has no current tax debt rate.
Early voting getting under way Monday

By SHANNON CRABTREE
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Monday marks the first day West Wharton County residents can cast ballots in the proposed Emergency Services District No. 4, city, school district and Wharton County Junior College bond elections.

Early voting runs from April 27 through May 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Extended early voting is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5, and those wanting to cast ballots can do so at the El Campo Fire and EMS Station, 220 Merchant.

Electronic ballots will be used for early voting. Wharton County Elections Administrator Judy Owens said Thursday, adding she encourages all voters to study the issues before heading to the polls and to consider casting early ballots.

Sample ballots are available on the county Web site: www.co.wharton.tx.us/eps/cms. The Leader-News will be publishing a voters' guide next week with candidates for school board discussing issues.

Voters will "have to read a lot of information," Owens said.

Election Day falls on Saturday May 9.

Throughout Wharton County, 24,326 people are registered to vote. Of those, 10,487 will be able to cast ballots in the proposed ESD No. 4 election.

ESD No. 4

The ESD No. 4 vote will appear as a "Special Election Wharton County" on the ballot and be labeled as a proposition voters will be asked to decide "for" or "against."

The ballot language reads "confirmation of the creation of Wharton County Emergency Services District

Response Won’t Be Affected

Regardless of whether voters cast their ballots for or against a proposed Emergency Services District No. 4, El Campo EMS crew members like Garrett Bubela will respond to calls for help throughout West Wharton County. The ESD is an effort to equalize tax dollars paid by rural and municipal residents.
Voters facing multiple issues in May balloting

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No. 4 and the levy of the district of a tax not to exceed 10 cents on the $100 of valuation.

If approved, a new taxing entity will be created to fund ambulance response in West Wharton County. The El Campo ESD department will then contract with the ESD, alleviating the city budget which should result in a tax savings for El Campo city residents.

Currently city residents pay 6.5 cents in taxes to support ESD services and an additional 2 cents in county taxes. The ESD, if approved, may be able to set a tax rate under 5 cents.

Supporters herald the proposed ESD as a way of equalizing funding between municipal and rural residents. The city of El Campo would retain control of the department's personnel and practices.

WCJC Bond

Voters will be asked to decide "for" or "against" a proposed $18 million bond "for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

If approved by voters, the bond would increase the college's current tax rate of 13.797 cents per $100 valuation to a rate of 18.797 cents. If funded through the bond, the college intends on doubling the size of the Johnson Health Occupations Center and to build two new residence halls, demolish the existing on-campus facilities and then construct two additional halls.

El Campo ISD

In the school district three positions are up for contention and all are contested. El Campo ISD trustees run at-large by place.

- Position 1 — incumbent LaKeta Jo Dennis will be challenged by J.J. Croix.
- Position 2 — incumbent David Hodges will face challenger Craig Radley.
- Position 3 — Juan Arredondo and James S. Russell both seek the position held by Board President Judy Waligura, who opted not to seek another term and will step down from office in May.

City of El Campo

The four district representative positions will be up for election in May, but only one is contested.

- District 1 — incumbent Robert Boone will return unopposed.
- District 2 — term limits will force incumbent Gloria Harris to step down. Harold Simmons, a minister and photographer filed for office, but later announced he wanted to step out of the race. His name, however, is still on the ballot as a challenger for Charlotte Brown, an insurance agent.
- District 3 — the current office holder, Anthony Collins, is unchallenged.
- District 4 — incumbent Ed Erwin will return unopposed.

Also on the city ballot are 16 proposed changes to the city charter. On each, the public is asked to vote "for" or "against."

- Proposition 1 — Allows City Council members the power to make an appointment should a position on City Council be vacated between May and Jan. 31. If the vacancy took place between February and April, the position would be placed on the upcoming May ballot for a public vote.

Proposition 2 — makes a minor language change.

Proposition 3 — sets out the criteria by which a Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation can be overruled.

Proposition 4 — requires all City Council votes to be made by a show of hands.

Proposition 5 — deletes redundant wording on organization.

Proposition 6 — makes the city manager responsible for appointing the municipal court clerk.

Proposition 7 — eliminates language saying a City Council candidate can't be indebted to the city when filing for office. State law does not allow this.

Proposition 8 — allows City Council to immediately make an appointment if no one runs for a City Council position during a May election.

Proposition 9 — addresses the recall of a City Council member.

Proposition 10 — eliminates language allowing for a petition referendum on annexation. State law does not allow this, according to the city attorney. The issue prompted a lawsuit last year when those opposed to a round of December 2007 annexations tried to file a petition calling for an election and no action was taken. Several courts refused to hear the case.

Proposition 11 — allows the city to continue its practice of over-sizing utility lines in new developments to allow for future growth.

Proposition 12 — requires new subdivisions to meet El Campo standards.

Proposition 13 — requires the P&Z to meet at city hall.

Proposition 14 — sets a time limit for the city to adopt its fiscal year budget.

Proposition 15 — puts standards from the previous year's budget back in place if City Council fails to adopt a new budget within the time limit.

Proposition 16 — gives City Council the authority to allow drilling within municipal limits on a case-by-case basis.

Proposition 17 — increases the size of the Charter Review Commission from five to seven members with each council member appointing one commissioner.

Proposition 18 — moves charter reviews from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years.

Other Boards

The West Wharton County Hospital District was able to cancel its election when all incumbents filed without opposition. Eula Mae Crowell, Norma Lee Halling, Mary W. Johnson, Paul Soechting and Becky VonderArden are returning.

The Louise school district is now on a November election cycle.

Wharton County Junior College, the Louise water district and the Isacaon Municipal Utility District only hold elections on even-numbered years.
The WCJC "Diamonds for Donors" Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 in the Pioneer Student Center on the WCJC Wharton Campus. Contact Patti Lawlor at 532-6441 or www.eblooddrive.org, sponsor No. 6022. Free T-shirts for donors. Please bring ID. Donors entered into drawing for diamonds.
Against WCJC bond: Now is not the time to increase taxes

Editor, the Journal-Spectator:

Vote against the WCJC bond!

Am I the only person in Wharton County that believes that the proposed WCJC bond is a bad idea? This is not a good time to propose a tax increase. Everyone wants more of my hard-earned money, but I say no.

Our new president and his cohorts have no problem taking our money for their exorbitant spending programs, and our state legislators want to tax everything that moves. All I hear is more taxes – it’s good for the economy. My question is this: Who plans to give me a salary increase to cover all of this increased spending?

WCJC increased our base tax rate from $13.485 cents in 2007 to 13.797 cents in 2008. Now they want to raise our taxes by 5 cents in 2009 giving us a new tax rate of 18.797 cents – if we are foolish enough to pass the bond.

There have been several articles in the paper since February supporting the bond, stating that the increase in our property taxes would only be $50 per year on a $100,000 property valuation. Now that doesn’t sound like much until you add it to the $138 on a $100,000 property valuation that was owed in 2008. For 2009 and the next 19 years (the life of the bond is 20 years), we will owe a minimum of $188 per year on $100,000 property valuation. To date WCJC is the only taxing entity that does not allow exemptions on property values for homestead, disability, or over 65. They tax us on the full appraised value of our property. But if the bond is passed, they will extend a $10,000 exemption for over 65 and disability exemptions – but what about homestead exemption for the average home owner?

$188 per year for $100,000 property valuation may not sound like much until you add it to the taxes you pay to Wharton County, FM & LR, city of Wharton, emergency services, Wharton ISD, Coastal Bend Groundwater, etc. And remember we still are paying off the WISD bond that was passed several years ago.

Now is not the time to approve a bond. I say no to new taxes! Take a stand as a citizen of Wharton County and vote against the WCJC bond on May 9.

Brenda O'Dell
Wharton
Spotlight on Allied Health

Biling High School graduate Amanda Neistatke chose to major in dental hygiene rather than nursing because she didn’t like the idea of giving shots. Next month, she will graduate from WCJC with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene. As a senior, Amanda spends 12 hours weekly in the WCJC on-campus dental clinic, performing basic dental services on patients from the community. She always thought she was getting a well-rounded education. This view recently changed when she discovered students at four-year colleges that somebody else is sterilizing their equipment. Between her sterilizing experience and her responsibility to 20 patients this semester, Amanda feels she has gained “more experience in the operations of the whole dental office.”

Wharton County Junior College currently offers Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees and/or certificates in those allied health areas:

- Dental Hygiene
- Health Information Technology
- Human Services
- Nursing [R.N. & L.V.N.]
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiologic Technology
- Surgical Technology

On Saturday, May 9, voters living in Wharton County and Needville ISD will be asked to consider an $18 million bond issue to fund capital improvement projects within WCJC’s Tax Area.

Early Voting in Wharton, El Campo, and East Bernard

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Wharton ISD and Needville ISD voters

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Montgomery High School Senior Regan Holcomb has signed a Rodeo Scholarship at Wharton Junior College. Present at the signing were Parents Mark and Robin Holcomb, Principal Bobby Morris and Assistant Principal Robert Morrison.
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Bond approval would allow WCJC to increase student enrollment

Texas community colleges train almost two-thirds of all registered nurses in the state and Wharton County Junior College wants to train more of them. That could happen if voters approve the college’s bond referendum on the May 9 ballot.

The $18 million bond will fund the expansion and renovation of the Johnson Health Occupations Center to nearly double its current size, allowing WCJC to enroll more students. The expanded 60,000-square-foot facility will include an 80-seat lecture hall, an eight-bed skilled nursing lab, additional classrooms and labs equipped with specialized training equipment that simulate actual healthcare settings.

“Eventually, this expansion would allow us to add another 200 to 300 students to our allied health program and that stimulates the local economy,” said WCJC President Betty McCrohan.

WCJC’s Wharton campus enrolls more than half the college’s 900 students who declared themselves as allied health majors. Last year, the college turned away 140 qualified students who wanted to enter its associate degree nursing program. Wait lists exist in many of the other allied health programs, too.

In addition, the WCJC bond will construct modern, energy-efficient housing, making the Wharton campus a destination location for prospective students who wish to live on campus. Engineering studies showed it was more economically responsible to replace current housing rather than renovate the 50-year-old dormitories.

“Our students don’t have Internet connectivity in their dorms, yet this is a basic requirement in almost every class,” said McCrohan. “We must upgrade our residence halls to attract top high school graduates.

Early voting runs through May 5. On Saturday, May 9, the polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Citizens cast their votes based on the school district in which they reside as follows:

For additional information about Bond 2009, visit www.wcjc.edu or call 979-532-6304.
WCJC announces Summer 2009 walk-in and web registration

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East Bernard
Methodist Men digest biscuits, WCJC bond information

By BARRY HALVORSON
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The Methodist Men’s Breakfast Group in East Bernard got some food for thought along with their bacon, eggs and biscuits Wednesday morning with presentation on the proposed $18 million bond for facilities and infrastructure improvements for Wharton County Junior College that will be decided by voters in the college’s taxing district on May 9.

Making the presentation was East Bernard resident Danny Gertson III, who also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wharton County Junior College. Stating for the record he can’t endorse voting for the bond because of his position, Gertson did offer the opinion the college is an “investment in the communities future.” He went on to explain that the bond would be used to fund the expansion of the

Johnson Health Occupations Center and to replace the existing residence halls. In previous announcements, the college has also indicated any remaining bond funds would be used to upgrade the college’s central plant and utilities loop.

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**EB Early Voting**

Early voting on the $18 million bond election proposed by Wharton County Junior College will be county-wide and also include that part of the college’s tax district located in Fort Bend County around Needville. The funds would be used to finance the expansion of the Johnson Health Occupations Center, for the construction of new residential halls on the campus, and construction of a new central plant.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the East Bernard Library, 746 Clubside Drive for EBISD voters weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. It started Monday and runs through Friday, May 1. Extended early voting will be held Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5, at the same location between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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Opening the question and answer portion of the presentation, Robert Hlavinka said that he attended the college from 1962-64 and said he would do it again. He went on to observe that driving down Highway 6, he’s seen seven or eight brand new public schools.

“It seems people need to have ‘Rolls Royce’ schools and brand new buildings,” he said. “I attended classes (at WCJC) in an old army barracks and it didn’t seem to hurt me. And I know you might need new dorms but kids from the county won’t be staying there those would be for someone else. What needs to be done is to build apartments in Wharton and the college gets the students and someone makes a little money on the side and the

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An East Bernard resident himself, Wharton County Junior College Board of Trustees Chairman Danny Gertson III presented a program on the proposed $18 million WCJC Bond Election at Wednesday morning’s meeting of the Methodist Men’s Breakfast Group. If approved by voters, the bond would fund the expansion of the Johnson Health Occupations Center, build new residence facilities and allow the college to upgrade its central plant and utilities loop.

Staff photo by Barry Halvorson
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property is on the tax rolls."

Gertson added that while approving
the college bond might be beneficial, the
tax bite being taken from local residents
continues to grow.

"Everyone keeps spending," he said.
"WCJC is asking for $48 more per year
(the estimated tax bill on an average
Wharton County home), the school dis-
trict wants another $50 and the county
is going to want another $200. When
does it stop."

Gertson said he understands the tax
concerns but maintained the college is
an investment. He later added there has
been discussion concerning the dorms.
He pointed out that in the 1990s, the
college eliminated a number of aca-
demic programs as well as its athletics
programs and it had a negative impact
on the college.

"We lost a lot of students then," he
said. "When you take away a component
from the college, you reduce the inter-
est. We did that and things drew back in
and we got smaller. The last few years
we've been adding back programs, like
the rodeo team. While things like that
aren't absolutely necessary, it is part of
the package for student life that people
expect."

In discussing the Johnson Building,
Gertson said the district had to turn
down two-thirds of the past year's qual-
ified student applicants for the health
services programs because of a lack of
space. He added that meant that
jobs that could be filled by trained local
students are going to others.

"Hospitals are hiring nurses from for-

gie countries to fill vacancies," he said.
"Wouldn't you rather have those jobs go-
ing to people from here?"

Terry Hlavinka questioned the need
to go to the taxing districts for the funding,
saying it should be doing more to solicit
donations and contributions from area
hospitals, particularly those in Hous-
ton, because they will benefit from the
increase in trained nurses.

"My big concern is that you're not
doing enough to solicit funds," he said.
"You're not doing a good job of reach-
ing out to the alumni. Graduates from
other schools are getting hounded for
donations. I feel obligated to give back to
A&M but it seems for WCJC it's too easy
just to raise taxes."

Gertson said the college is soliciting
alumni support but added that the col-
lege takes the approach that people don't
"owe" for their education but should see
donating to the college as an invest-
ment. He added the college plans to le-
verage the $18 million to obtain grants
and donations not only from alumni and
private individuals but also foundations
and even the state and federal govern-
ment. But he said the governmental
resources are drying up, pointed out just a
few years ago the state providing fund-
ing enough to cover two-thirds of the
cost to educate a student and that figure
now is below 50 percent.

An example of that leveraging, Gert-
sen said, was plans to have the Johnson
and Gulf Coast Medical Foundations
provide the equipment and other fixtures
needed to outfit the Johnson building
once it is complete. He also said the col-
lege is soliciting the Houston hospitals.

"We're hoping that with this $18 mil-
lion, we can get most of the $60 million
master plan completed," he said.

When asked about opposition to the
bond in the Needville ISD, which along
with Wharton County is part of the col-
lege's taxing district, Gertson said it was
more a response to taxpayers in that
area who were opposed to a bond issue
passed for construction by the NISD
than the college proposal. He added that
reports the school district was going to
pull out of the college district were in-
correct and that based on state law, the
NISD is not allowed to withdraw from
the district, which it has been a member
of since 1970.

In response to other questions, Gert-
sen added that the college continues to
recruit other areas to join the taxing
district, including Matagorda County.
In the meantime, he said that the tu-
tition and fees paid at the other college's
campuses actually bring money back
into the Wharton Campus. At present,
time, in district students pay $960 for
15 classroom hours while out of district
students pay $1,600.

"And the discount for the district resi-
dents isn't based on what campus they
attend," he said. "They get the same
rate at any of the campuses. We actually
opened our first Fort Bend campus in
the 1980s because we couldn't keep the
Wharton Campus operating. All of those
campuses support Wharton."

In discussing the tax implications,
Gertson said the current tax rate of 13.8
cents per $100 valuation would go up 5
cents to support the bond, which would
bring the tax rate up to just above the 18
cents it was only a few years ago.
"This is the first tax based bond
requested by the college since it was
founded in the 1940s. And the tax rate
then was around 50 cents in 1940s dol-
ars. We're asking for a nickel now and
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Performances begin

Wharton County Junior College Greenroom Players Kevin Jasso, Frederick Roberson and Beverly Holik work on a scene from *The Heidi Chronicles* which opens at 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Horton Foote Theater on the Wharton Campus. Tickets are $4 and it is rated PG-13.
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Anti-bond ad draws comments

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The most important thing to remember during the election is to get out and vote! Early voting runs through May 5, and Election Day is May 9.

Sincerely,

Guynn Wigginton
WCJC production

WCJC’s Greenroom Players Kristin Donaldson, Kevin Jasso, Frederick Roberson and Beverly Holik perform a scene from The Heidi Chronicles which will be performed at 7:30 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Horton Foote Theater on the local campus. Tickets are $4 each and is a Fine Arts Series event.
Council listens to opinions, facts regarding WCJC bond

By BARRY HALVORSON
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The Wharton City Council got a dose of both details and opinion regarding the proposed Wharton County Junior College Bond during its regularly scheduled Monday meeting.

Providing the details was WCJC President Betty McCrohan, who said state law prohibits her from advocating for or against the $18 million bond but does allow her to present the facts concerning the bond.

She said that the funds from the bond, by legislative directive, has to be spent either at the WCJC main campus in Wharton or within the boundaries of the college's taxing district, which includes all of Wharton County and the Needville ISD. She said the local bonds are needed to fund a number of projects detailed in the Master Plan prepared for the college in 2006; adding that while the State of Texas provides funds for instruction it does not provide money to its community colleges for facilities improvements or construction.

Based on the Master Plan, McCrohan said the priority project of the bond is the expansion of the Johnson Health Services Center. She said it would allow the college to both increase the number of health service programs, such as nursing and dental hygiene, and to increase the number of students.

"Last year, we had to turn away 140 students that qualified for enrollment," McCrohan said.

"At the same time, 50 percent of the nurses being hired in the U.S. are coming from overseas."

Second on the list is the replacement of the college's existing residence halls, which she said are more than 50 years old. She said that consultants have informed the college it would be a waste of effort and money to try and renovate the buildings. She said the buildings are still using gang showers, don't have adequate connections for Internet access or other necessary instructional functions.

"Most of the students in the residence halls are involved in our athletics and fine arts programs but there are nursing and other students staying in them," she said. "And with newer dorms, there would be more interest in living on campus."

She said the college administration is hoping to use the bonds, if approved by voters, to leverage additional funds from various endowments, foundations, grants, private individuals and even some money from the "stimulus package being offered by the Feds."

In discussing the tax impact of the bond, McCrohan said it would amount to between $4 and $5 per month for the average homeowner in Wharton County and would increase the tax rate from its current $13.7 cents per $100 property valuation to 18.7 cents.

"It was at 18 cents just five years ago and it was 45 cents when the college first opened," she said.

"And I believe what is good for the college is good for the city; an investment in everyone's future."

She said a number of the college's graduates, particularly those from the health services, work in Sugar Land and Houston but live here and bring those salaries back to Wharton County.

"Those tax dollars stay here," she said. "And the campuses the college operates in other communities actually put money back into the Wharton campus as opposed to draining money away from it."

During the citizen comment portion of the meeting, local resident Kent Hill read off a list of prominent residents - Pic Dupuy, Sylvan Miori, Travis Smith, Barbara Wingfield, Merrill (Doc) Barfield, Louise Dobson and Bobby Kleas - that have one thing in common; that they are supporting the WCJC bond.

"These are progressive thinkers," he said. "They realized the economic benefit and status that comes from having a first rate community college serving our community. They are perceptive people who are thinking more than in terms of being altruistic but are 'bridge builders' looking toward the future of those who will come after them."
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To Wharton County residents:

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Members of the Needville community have and continue to provide misinformation in order to influence your vote. Why should the citizens of Wharton County let Needville decide the future of WCJC? All the proceeds from this bond will be used in Wharton County and not for any other WCJC campus located outside of the tax boundaries. Your tax dollars do not go outside the taxing district.

The bond will ensure the future of WCJC and will also help the economy and county. If the opponents in Needville have their way, the campus in Wharton will be closed and moved to Sugar Land. The people of Wharton County should decide their own future.

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Nottebart steps down as WCJC baseball coach

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Long time Wharton County Junior College baseball coach Bob Nottebart announced earlier in the week that he’s stepping down from his position.

Nottebart, who completed his 11th season on April 26, will continue to teach history at the college.

He actually made the decision at the beginning of the semester in January but told his players after the Pioneers’ last game of the season against Alvin on April 25.

“They were surprised,” said Nottebart.

The opening was posted by the WCJC Human Resources Department on Friday and will be open until May 14.

WCJC Athletic Director Gene Bahnseh offers the position will be filled soon.

“He just had enough and wants to go to just teaching,” said Bahnseh. “We have to find a coach.”

Nottebart, who came to WCJC in 1999 from Starks Hot School in Houston, replaced Emmick Jagneaux who was the first coach when the program started in 1995. There was one interim coach before Nottebart took over.

Nottebart, who is still under contract, has been coaching 30 years.

“This is a transitional period,” said Nottebart. “We’ll be helping kids with academic things and other things.”

WCJC, which suffered several injuries, went 18-39 this season. The Pioneers were in sixth place of the South Zone standings with a 7-23 record.

Last year’s team made it to the finals of the Region XIV Tournament and was 29-27, the program’s best finish.

The Pioneers have made the regional playoffs five times and won the South Zone title in 2004.

Nottebart decided it was time to move on.

“It’s never one little thing,” said Nottebart. “It’s just time and I don’t consider change bad necessarily. I care so much about this program that it’s time for somebody else to lead it. I love the teaching and I wouldn’t be doing this if it weren’t for the powers that be,” said Nottebart, referring to the administration.

“They have been very generous and kind to me with the transition to full-time teacher, which is my main passion,” he said. “I don’t know how many college coaches’ offices you walk into and he’s grading history tests essays. I’ve been able to do the things that I want to do here – coach baseball and teach history.”

And Nottebart is looking forward to filling only one role at the college.

“I’m ready just to teach history and they’ve been wonderful in welcoming me as a full-time instructor,” he said.

It will take a big load off Nottebart’s shoulders.

“I’ll have a better deal teaching than coaching,” said Nottebart. “A coaches job is not 9 to 5, a coaches job is 24/7, 12 months a year and that can wear on you after a while.”

Nottebart will remember his tenure.

“I came to work every day here and put the team and Wharton County Junior College first,” said Nottebart. “I tried to do the right thing here every day based on those principals. Some years we were successful on the game field and some we weren’t.”

Nottebart’s biggest memory is playing in the regional championship game last year.

“We were a team who overachieved,” said Nottebart. “I would also say that clinching the conference championship at Laredo in 2004 was big.”

Nottebart said any players who signed specifically to play for him will have options.

“Anybody we have signed has the option to be released from his intent,” said Nottebart. “I’ve made contact with all our signees from 2009-2010.

“The baseball team deserves more than I can give it right now. I’ve given it everything I can and it’s somebody else’s time to take it and run with it.”

Nottebart thinks a lot of coaches will apply for the position.

“I think that there will be a pool of a lot of applicants to choose from because this is a good job,” said Nottebart.
Southern Region rodeo concludes tonight

The final Southern Region event of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association season resumes at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Johnson Arena at the Wharton County Fairgrounds in Crescent.

The event started on Friday.

The Wharton County Junior College men's team entered the competition in second place in the region with 3,017.5 points. McNeese State University was first with 5,982 points.

The women's team was fifth with 885 points.

Hill College was on top with 2,161 points, Texas A&M was second with 2,135 points, Sam Houston State University was third with 2,000 points and McNeese State University was fourth with 1,075 points.

Individually, Jake Gregory led the bull riding competition with 545 points and Cameron Bland was seventh with 292.5 points. Delaney Hunter was 13th with 166.5 points.

Jesy Austin was on top as a team roping header with 642 points and Chase Taylor was fifth with 405 points.

Rudy Austin was first as a team roping heeler with 642 points and Shiloh Seale was fifth with 390 points.

In bareback riding, Zane Caddell was fourth with 521 points and Dillon Delaney was sixth with 410 points.

In tie down calf roping, Chase Taylor was eighth, with 215 points and Caleb Smidt was 13th with 138 points.

Cowgirl Kenzie Andrus was 13th in breakaway roping with 154 points and sister Lenzie was 14th with 151 points.

And Taylor Crouch was 15th in a goat tying with 119 points.
WCJC registration

Wharton County Junior College is currently registering for the May Mini-Term and Summer 2009 semesters. Students may register on campus or on the Web through May 14 for the May Mini-Term, through June 8 for Summer I, and through July 13 for Summer II. On campus registration is held at the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond, WCJC Sugar Land campus, and WCJC Wharton campus. For more information about programs or registration, call 532-4550 for the WCJC Wharton campus, 281-243-8447 for the WCJC Sugar Land campus, 281-239-1500 for the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond, and 979-244-4552 for the Bay City Campus.

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WCJC Bond

Voters will be asked to decide "for" or "against" a proposed $18 million bond "for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings and the levy of the tax in payment thereof."

If approved by voters, the bond would increase the college's current tax rate of 13.797 cents per $100 valuation to a rate of 18.797 cents. If funded through the bond, the college intends on doubling the size of the Johnson Health Occupations Center and to build two new residence halls, demolish the existing on-campus facilities and then construct additional halls.
Needville ISD’s gripe

What they get from WCJC for what it costs doesn’t match

Tuesday is the last day for early voting in Saturday’s general election and, judging by the signs everywhere, Rosenberg City Council looks to be the most hotly contested race in this area.

However, for me, the most interesting vote doesn’t even involve candidates and it’s one in which I don’t have a say.

It’s the $18 million bond issue Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) is trying to get passed by voters in Needville ISD and Wharton County.

If approved, the proceeds of the bond issue will fund capital improvement projects such as the expansion and renovation of the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Health Occupations Center and the construction of new residence halls to house 150 students at the Wharton campus.

At their Feb. 17 meeting, WCJC trustees voted to call the bond referendum. At a special meeting held April 6, they decided to place an early voting polling booth at the old fire station in Needville.

Needville ISD officials believe that latter meeting was called as a result of NISD trustee Kim Janke contacting state officials about the matter, but WCJC President Betty McCrohan said that was not the case.

Janke and other NISD officials — not to mention plenty of Needville residents — believe WCJC was trying to sneak the vote past Needville voters, and it sure looks that way. We never even received a press release on the matter from WCJC until after I requested one a couple of times and after we ran the story about NISD’s opposition to the bond issue.

McCrohan said WCJC has “never had an early voting place in our elections for Needville,” but decided now would be a good time to add one, since concerns had been voiced. I would think there should have been one all along.

With Needville ISD “in-district,” NISD students get “in-district” tuition rates.

The history behind NISD’s connection to WCJC begins with a 1970 agreement between NISD and WCJC to make NISD part of the junior college’s taxing area.

Some of the area’s old-timers tell me the agreement included a verbal promise that WCJC would eventually construct a campus in Needville.

Since then, five more campuses have been added, none in Needville.

Needville ISD patrons are fed up, and with good reason. They are the only WCJC taxpayers outside of Wharton County, yet they have only the tuition difference to show for it. The $125,000 in discounted tuitions NISD students receive each year falls way short of the $900,000 NISD patrons pay in taxes annually. I’m not very good at math, but even I can see that doesn’t add up — unless you’re WCJC, of course.

Needville ISD patrons are already paying 13 cents per $100 valuation in taxes and if the bond election passes, that amount will go up to 18 cents.

That may not sound like much until you consider the tax appraisals that Fort Bend residents are beginning to receive in the mail. One friend of mine had the value on his lots in Richmond nearly quadruple from $33,060 last year to $127,500 this year.

Janke said WCJC does a great job educating students, and he is right about that. But he’s also right when he says NISD has been on the losing end in its agreement with WCJC for too long.

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Volleyball Signs Four More Players to National Letters

Three high school players and a junior college transfer have signed national letters of intent with the Texas A&M-Kingsville volleyball program, according to head coach Shannon Alvarado.

The recruits are Breane Matula of Magnolia, Cady Mercer of Katy, Christina Romo of Medina Valley and Amanda Yeager of Brenham and Wharton County College.

Matula is a 6-2 middle blocker who lettered four years and was on the all-district first team. She was an all-state academic honoree.

She won a gold medal at the 2008 USA Volleyball Junior Olympics.

Mercer is a 5-8 outside hitter and was all-district first team last fall. Her team reached the state playoffs three times and reached the regional semifinals last season.

Romo, a 5-10 outside hitter from Bandera, is the daughter of former Javelina basketball player Joe Romo and the niece of former Javelina women’s basketball player Veronica Romo.

She has been the most valuable player in her district for two years and helped Medina Valley reach the regional finals last fall.

Yeager is a 5-7 setter who has played at Wharton County the past two years.

She was an all-conference setter at WCJC and led the team to the regional tournament last season.

He was all-state and the most valuable player in her district at Brenham.

Brenham reached the state semifinals in 2005.

The four join Ali Insell, 5-7 defensive specialist from Houston (The Woodlands) who signed with the Javelinas in the fall, as newcomers to the team this year.

Javelina Signees for 2009-10

Football


Jared Moore, SS, Chapel Hill.

Football

Robert Armstrong, WR, 6-2, 180, Cuero.

Jeremy Boyd, LB, 6-0, 245, Port Lavaca (Calhoun)

Aaron Buckley, LB, 6-1, 225, Palacios and Texas A&M.

Dean Brantley, QB, 6-2, 180, Missouri City (Elkins).

Brady Brown, OL, 6-3, 292, San Antonio (O’Connor).


Connell Davis, RB, 6-3, 210, Portland (Gregory-Portland) and University of Missouri.

Leo Gonzalez, WR/TE, 6-3, 220, Harlingen.

Nathan Goldin, LB, 6-0, 210, Morgan Hills, Calif., and Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College.
Tech Classes.
Registration for Texas State Technical College's summer classes at the WCJC-Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays now through Monday, May 4. Apply online at www.waco.tstc.edu; financial aid students should contact 254-367-4814 or 800-792-8784, ext. 4814.

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Spotlight on Allied Health Graduate
Amanda Herrera doesn't give up easily. Over a five-year period, she completed the Nursing Program at Wharton County Junior College. She also maintained, gave birth to two children, and worked to support her family. She credits WCJC's flexible class schedules and online formats to help her through the program. She says she's 100 percent proud and really cared about the students' well-being.

WCJC's Economic Impact on the Community
- Businesses sales in Wharton County are $810.3 million larger and labor income is $79.1 million larger due to past and present operations of WCJC.
- For every full-time-year that students attend WCJC, they will earn an additional $402 billion per year in the workforce.

Master Plan Financing
- Issuance of $18 Million in General Obligation Bonds
- Similar to a home mortgage, bond funds would be used for the construction of facilities.
- The cost to the average homeowner in this area would be about $40.00 per year or about $4.00 per month over the 20-year life of the bonds.
- WCJC offers disabled persons and those 65 years of age and older a $10,000 exemption.

Tax areas include Wharton County and Needville ISD located in Fort Bend County.

On Saturday, May 9, voters living in Wharton County and Needville ISD will be asked to consider an $18 million bond issue to fund capital improvement projects within WCJC's Tax Area.

Early Voting In Needville
April 27 through May 8 - Continuous weeknights 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. at the following locations:
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NISD trustee position, WCJC bond on ballot

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**Voters can cast their ballots from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Old Needville Firehouse, 3115 Richmond St., in Needville.**

**Voters in Precincts 1010, 1015, 1018, 1021, 1024, 1025 and 1068 will all cast ballots at the Old Needville Firehouse.**

There is one contested race in Needville ISD for Position 5 on the board of trustees. Tim Sbrusch and Brigitte Echols are vying for that seat. Jim Kocian and Mark Wendt also appear on the ballot, but are unopposed.

The $18 million bond issue proposed by Wharton County Junior College would increase the tax rate for those in the WCJC taxing district, including those in Needville, 5 cents per $100 of valuation.

WCJC is proposing the bond issue to build new dormitories and expand their facilities for its nursing program.
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Child Care.

Friday, May 22 is the deadline to register for the Texas Agrilife Extension Service's All Babies and Children (ABC) Child Care Conference slated for check-in at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, June 13 at Wharton County Junior College, 9111 East Boiling Highway in Wharton. Conclusion is 3:15 p.m. Fee is $25 and includes lunch, materials and certification of seven clock hours. 281-342-3034.

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Wharton County Junior College bull rider Cameron Bland hangs on for dear life as the bull he drew bucked and spun trying to get him on the ground.
A vote for the WCJC bond is a ‘smart vote’

Editor, the Journal-Spectator:

Life brings us to the point of decisions many times. Ultra important decisions are made with more care. The question is what do we consider important? As citizens, we have been bestowed with the privilege of choice to fund capital improvement projects within Wharton County Junior College’s taxing district. We cannot sidestep this responsibility nor the results of our options because many will have indefinite consequences.

Again, the funds from this bond will be used for new construction and for renovation, along with modernization of buildings. Our junior college will be better able to accommodate students and will be able to provide facilities that will support the latest research methodologies. Also, WCJC will be able to provide students with skills and attitudes necessary to compete in our economy.

Obviously, the proposed bond financing will be used for capital projects that are above and beyond the scope of the annual operating budget and are for facilities that will be used for many future years. This process is similar to a family decision on how to purchase and finance a home or vehicle. The repayment of the bond will be spread over a number of years so that costs are shared by current and future taxpayers, thus providing a more equitable funding by all taxpayers who will benefit from the projects. When the bonds are issued, taxes will increase annually for citizens in the tax area. As our students watch us as the decision makers, we must “cut to the chase,” and offer them no excuses.

We can always “nickel and dime” the issue of whether or not to expand WCJC. At day’s end, our students won’t be competitive if we don’t educate and train them suitably. We realize that progress, development and headway are always attained at a price. Future gains far outweigh any incremental costs as a result of expansion.

Taxpayers no longer should ignore the area’s post secondary educational needs, ranking and reputation. The on-campus technology has been bolstered up; however, the technicians, commendably, have been maintaining systems past their primes. In short, the infrastructure has lagged and trudged.

Whenever students choose to enroll in, “greener pastures,” the scope and stature of our vision are hindered. Shifty gears! Educationally, let’s no longer stymie ourselves by living in such a setting and vicinity. Ward off the possibility of this dream to be buried under the weight of our responsibilities and work. We will be defined by what we pass on to the next generation. Your support will be regarded and remembered as a smart vote!

Arnold Guerra,
WISD English teacher, 1966-2006
Pascual Castro,
Wharton
Volleyball Signs Four More Players to National Letters

Three high school players and a junior college transfer have signed national letters of intent with the Texas A&M-Kingsville volleyball program, according to head coach Shannon Alvarado.

The recruits are Breane Matula of Magnolia, Cady Mercer of Katy, Christina Romo of Medina Valley and Amanda Yeager of Brenham and Wharton County College.

Matula is a 6-2 middle blocker who lettered four years and was on the all-district first team. She was an all-state academic honoree.

She won a gold medal at the 2008 USA Volleyball Junior Olympics.

Mercer is a 5-8 outside hitter and was all-district first team last fall. Her team reached the state playoffs three times and reached the regional semifinals last season.

Romo, a 5-10 outside hitter from Bandera, is the daughter of former Javelina basketball player Joe Romo and the niece of former Javelina women’s basketball player Veronica Romo.

She has been the most valuable player in her district for two years and helped Medina Valley reach the regional finals last fall.

Yeager is a 5-7 setter who has played at Wharton County the past two years.

She was an all-conference setter at WCJC and led the team to the regional tournament last season.

He was all-state and the most valuable player in her district at Brenham.

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Nottebart steps down as WCJC baseball coach

Long time Wharton County Junior College baseball coach Bob Nottebart announced last week that he’s stepping down from his position.

Nottebart, who completed his 11th season on April 26, will continue to teach history at the college.

He actually made the decision at the beginning of the semester in January but told his players after the Pioneers’ last game of the season against Alvin on April 25.

“They were surprised,” said Nottebart.

The opening was posted by the WCJC Human Resources Department last Friday and will be open until May 14.

WCJC Athletic Director Gene Bahnse hopes the position will be filled soon.

“He just had enough and wants to go to just teaching,” said Bahnse. “We have to find a coach.”

Nottebart, who came to WCJC in 1999 from Strake Jesuit High School in Houston, replaced Emmrick Jagneaux who was the first coach when the program started in 1995. There was one interim coach before Nottebart took over.

Nottebart, who is still under contract, has been coaching 39 years.

“This is a transitional period,” said Nottebart. “We’ll be helping kids with academic things and other things.”

WCJC, which suffered several injuries, went 15-39 this season. The Pioneers were in sixth place of the South Zone standings with a 9-18 record.

Last year’s team made it to the finals of the Region XIV Tournament and was 28-27, the program’s best finish.

The Pioneers have made the regional playoffs five times and won the South Zone title in 2004.

Nottebart decided it was time to move on.

“It’s never one little thing,” said Nottebart. “It’s just time and I don’t consider change had necessarily. I care so much about this program that it’s time for somebody else to lead it. I love the teaching and I wouldn’t be doing this if it weren’t for the powers that-be.”

said Nottebart, referring to the administration.

“They have been very generous and kind to me with the transition to full-time teacher, which is my main passion,” he said. “I don’t know how many college coaches offices you walk into and he’s grading history tests essays. I’ve been able to do the things that I want to do here — coach baseball and teach history.”
Now is the time to invest in WCJC and the county's future

Editor, the Journal-Spectator:

I am an advocate for the WCJC $18 million bond proposition, especially since the money will be spent on modernizing and expanding Wharton County campuses.

The money will be spent in primarily two areas:

- Replacing the 50-year-old dorms, which are obsolete, wood frame/brick veneer construction, and have no sprinkler system. Many call them unsafe.

- Expanding the Johnson Health Science Center to approximately double the current space allowing for more students wishing to pursue health service careers and increased staffing levels. Currently, there are three times the number of qualified applicants than the college has room for in health sciences.

The market demand for health care professionals will continue to increase rapidly. These are well paying jobs waiting to be filled.

I have no quarrel with those folks who say that they cannot afford an additional $4 to $5 per month in taxes; they know their own financial circumstances, and I don’t. However, don’t we all somehow find a way to afford those things that are most “important” to us? Usually, it’s just a matter of priorities.

Some say this expansion is a good idea, but do it in Fort Bend County. The trustees of WCJC, elected by citizens from the various communities served by the college, have indicated that currently the needs are in Wharton County. These are leaders that we elected to plan for and oversee the operations of the college in the best interest of the students and their respective communities. The trustees are also property taxpayers to the WCJC District.

Most of the people that I’ve visited with think that now is the time to invest in the future of WCJC and this county. This county will continue to grow with good leadership and with your help, so will our community college.

Kent Hill,
Wharton
Barbecue baked potatoes

Barbecue stuffed baked potatoes with trimmings will be offered as a WCIC Senior Citizen Program fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13. The potatoes are presale only and priced at $6. For tickets, contact the senior office at 532-6430 or Renee Popek at Girling, 282-1379. The fundraiser is being co-sponsored by Girling Health Care and LCRA employees. Pick up sites on May 13 include the WCIC LaDieu Technology Center, 911 Boling Highway in Wharton, Savon Drugs (11:45-12:15) in East Bernard and the SMC parking lot (11:45-12:15) in El Campo.

Columbus Opry

The Columbus Opry is hosting a special Live Country Music Show with proceeds benefiting the Wharton County Junior College Colorado County Senior Citizen Program. The show will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Veterans Memorial Center, 1349 Legion Drive/Business Hwy. 90, in Columbus. Advance tickets may be purchased for $7 at the WCJC Columbus Senior Citizen's office at 316 Spring Street in Columbus or call 979.732.5606. The Annual Live County Music Show is a tribute to Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys with the Texas Sagebrush Band on stage.
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Registration for Texas State Technical College's summer classes at the WCJC-Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond

is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays now through Monday, May 4. Apply online at www.waco.tstc.edu; financial aid students should contact 254-867-4814 or 800-792-8784, ext. 4614.

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Wharton bond project rejected by voters

BY BRANDON L. LEONARD
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WHARTON – Despite support from five local organizations, Wharton County and Needville school district voters turned down an $18 million bond project for Wharton County Junior College on Saturday.

“We're disappointed, of course. A lot of community people's work and effort went into trying to get voters to approve it,” said Betty McCrohan, college president. “It's a very difficult time for people to approve any kind of tax increase."

The bond failed with 2,792 votes against and 1,728 votes in favor.

Taxpayers are the source of funding the college depends on for campus improvements, as they do not receive such funds from the state government, McCrohan said.

The college’s board would decide whether to bring the bond forward in a future election, McCrohan said.

The Wharton County Economic Development Corporation, Wharton Chamber of Commerce, El Campo Chamber of Commerce, East Bernard Chamber of Commerce and The Wharton County Junior College Foundation endorsed the bond.

Revenue from the bonds would have been used to expand and renovate the Johnson Health Occupation Center and construct new residence halls, which would have increased the number of students who could have enrolled.
### COUNTY-WIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

**Proposition 5**
Administrative departments
- **For**: 738
- **Against**: 262

**Proposition 6**
Municipal court
- **For**: 466
- **Against**: 554

**Proposition 7**
Filing for office - applicant must not be indebted to the city
- **For**: 561
- **Against**: 452

**Proposition 8**
Filing for office - vacant positions filled after May election
- **For**: 748
- **Against**: 266

**Proposition 9**
Scope of recall
- **For**: 852
- **Against**: 160

### WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE BOND

**Proposition 10**
Referendum - land annexes exempt from referendum process
- **For**: 817
- **Against**: 370

**Proposition 11**
Development of property
- **For**: 522
- **Against**: 464

**Proposition 12**
Planning commission - proposed subdivisions must meet the city's design and development standards
- **For**: 824
- **Against**: 172

**Proposition 13**
Planning commission - meetings will be held at city hall
- **For**: 921
- **Against**: 79

**Proposition 14**
Budget - Final adoption
- **For**: 881
- **Against**: 111

**Proposition 15**
Budget - Final adoption/failure to adopt
- **For**: 799
- **Against**: 188

### EL CAMPO SCHOOL BOARD

**Proposition 1**
La Keta Jo Dennis (I): 793
- **For**: 793
- **Against**: 821

**Proposition 2**
David Hodges (I): 928
- **For**: 928
- **Against**: 704

**Proposition 3**
James S. Russell: 884
- **For**: 884
- **Against**: 763

### WHARTON CITY COUNCIL

**Proposition 1**
Billie Hollis Jones: 131
- **For**: 131
- **Against**: 239

### WHARTON SCHOOL BOARD

**Proposition 1**
Gary Ward (I): 904
- **For**: 904
- **Against**: 244

**Proposition 2**
Billy Bahnsen (I): 667
- **For**: 667
- **Against**: 517
Our View

Bond election: Lessons to learn

Wharton County Junior College’s $18 million bond election was soundly defeated Saturday and there are a couple of lessons the district and other governmental entities should learn from the experience.

First, this election wasn’t about Needville and a drive there to defeat the bond election or to de-annex Needville ISD from the district.

Clearly, Wharton County residents cast their share of “no” votes in this election, too.

More importantly, the first lesson is, never call a bond election in the middle of a recession — a severe recession at that.

People are not in the spending mood, and that feeling essentially goes across the board.

Perhaps the most important message, though — and this is where other governmental entities need to pay attention — is, people are tired of taxes.

During uncertain times, the last thing residents want is another hit on their taxes. While WCJC’s bonds would have added a nickel to its tax rate, citizens are challenged with cutting expenses and this one, however small, would have added to the ledger.

Other taxing entities will be considering their tax rates later this year, and they need to take this message to heart.

Whether they live in Wharton County, Fort Bend County or anywhere else in America, citizens are tired of governmental entities asking for more.
WCJC bond vote broken down

BY B.J. POLLOCK
bj@fbherald.com

The Wharton County Election Administrator released Tuesday the vote count from individual polling places in Saturday's election regarding the $18 million bond referendum put to voters by Wharton County Junior College.

The referendum was defeated by 61.77 percent of voters, 2,792 against and 1,728 for the bonds.

Opposition was most clear in Needville, with a 1,015 voting against the bonds and 40 voting for them.

 Voters in East Bernard agreed with those in Needville by a 217 to 125 count.

El Campo voters also defeated the bond issue, with a vote of 918 to 782.

The only two polling places to report total ballots favoring the bond referendum were in Glen Flora and Wharton.

Glen Flora voters only cast ballots on Election Day, and their totals were 22 to 14 in favor of the bonds.

Wharton backed the bond election by a count of 789 for and 619 against.

WCJC trustees had planned to use the bond money to construct new dorms and expand the Health Occupations Center at the Wharton campus.

Only residents of Wharton County and patrons of Needville Independent School District were able to vote on the matter because they are the only WCJC taxpayers.
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MATTERS RELATING TO ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Information Item:

1. Seek sealed bids for the printing of the college’s credit class schedules and continuing education schedules for the spring, summer, and fall of 2010 ($87,000.00 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2009-2010)
Complete this form and submit it to the Office of the President by noon on Friday, 11 days prior to the Tuesday evening meeting of the Board of Trustees. If this form does not provide enough space, you may use an expanded version as long as you follow the format specified below.

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SUBJECT:

Information Item

RECOMMENDATION:

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BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Each year the College prints these schedules to promote class offerings and times. The College prints an estimated 900,000 of these schedules each year at a total estimated cost of $87,000. Due to the estimated cost of printing, the law requires that we solicit sealed bids.

Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): Estimated $87,000.00

Current Unrestricted Operating Budget for 2009 - 2010

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Zina Carter, Director of Marketing & Communications
Leigh Ann Collins, Dean of Vocational Instruction
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

[Signatures]

6-4-09

Date

PRESIDENT’S APPROVAL:

[Signature]

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WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

AGENDA BRIEF

AGENDA ITEM XI

MATTERS RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

A. Approve the replacement of the flooring in the fitness center and weight room areas by Texan Floor Services using The Cooperative Purchasing Network ($49,329.52 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2008-2009)

B. Ratify the President’s decision to purchase the college’s electricity from Direct Energy for the period 1-1-2010 through 12-31-2010 at a cost of .0619 per kwh ($750,000.00 – current unrestricted operating budget for 2009-2010)
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RECOMMENDATION:

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BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The carpeted flooring in the Fitness Center area and the Weight Room are the original flooring from the 1995 renovation. The Maintenance Department is requesting permission to replace that flooring with a product that is on a contract with The Cooperative Purchasing Network's (TCPN). Using the TCPN contract satisfies all State bidding requirements and will allow the installation to be completed before school starts in the fall.

Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): $49,329.52

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services
Mike Feyen, Director, Facilities Management
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

Originator

Date

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

Date
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SUBJECT:
Ratify electricity service agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:
Ratify the President's decision to purchase the College's electricity from Direct Energy for the period from 1-1-2010 through 12-31-2010 at a cost of .0619 per kWh.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:
The Board approved the purchase of electricity by the President at the regular April Board Meeting. The College solicited and received electricity prices from 5 different companies. (summary attached) The President determined that the offer from Direct Energy was in the College's best interest through the year 2010. Their price of .0619 is significantly lower than our current rate of .08717. The College will continue to monitor electricity prices for future contracts.

Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): $750,000.00

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:
Betty A. McCrohan, President
Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services
Mike Feyen, Director, Facilities Management
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

Betty A. McCrohan
President

Bryce D. Kocian
Vice President of Administrative Services

Date
6-4-09

Date
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Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date
6-9-09

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

Betty A. McCrohan

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AGENDA BRIEF

AGENDA ITEM XII

MATTERS RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

A. Approve the purchase of 24 computers and workstations for the Engineering Design department (P108) at the Wharton Campus ($49,317.00 – transfer from the MIS plant fund for 2008-2009)

B. Approve the purchase of Oracle Database Maintenance Software ($36,000.00 – transfer from the MIS plant fund for 2008-2009)

C. Approve the purchase of 11 computer systems (CPU's and monitors) and 1 laser printer for adjunct faculty at the new Sugar Land campus and 20 monitors for old CRT replacements at the new Sugar Land campus ($14,030.00 – transfer from the MIS plant fund for 2008-2009)

D. Information item:

   1. Seek sealed proposals for a company to provide desktop computers and monitors to the college (estimated $100,000.00 – expenses are charged to each individual department's approved operating budget at the time of the purchase)
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Date of Board Meeting: June 16, 2009    Date of This Proposal: June 4, 2009

SUBJECT:

Approve the purchase of 24 computers and workstations for the Engineering Design Department (P108) on the Wharton Campus for $49,317.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of 24 computers and workstations for the Engineering Design Department (P108) on the Wharton Campus for $49,317.00 with funds from both the Current Operating Budget and the MIS Plant Fund.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The computer systems and workstations are part of a major upgrade for the Engineering Design Department. The Department plans to upgrade the classrooms using their current unrestricted budget and funds transferred from the MIS Plant Fund.

Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): $49,317.00
$10,000.00  Current Unrestricted Operating Budget for 2008 – 2009.
$39,317.00  Transferred from the MIS Plant Fund

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services
Pamela J. Youngblood, Vice President of Technology & Institutional Research
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

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PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

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Date of Board Meeting: ____June 16, 2009_______ Date of This Proposal: ____May 26, 2009_______

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):
Approve the purchase of Oracle Database Maintenance Software

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the transfer from the MIS Plant Fund of $36,000 for the purchase of the Oracle data base diagnostics pack, the Oracle database tuning pack, and the Oracle database change management pack for the Oracle Relational Database Management System on which Banner runs.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:
This set of database management tools will assist the database administrator with troubleshooting, performance tuning, and change logging. Since the purchase of a new database server is unlikely in the near future, these tools could help leverage our existing investment. These tools would be an asset as we transition from Banner 7 to Banner 8 and Oracle RDBMS 11g.

ESTIMATED COST AND BUDGETARY SUPPORT (how will this be paid for?): $ 36,000.00
Transfer from the MIS Plant Fund for 2008 – 2009.

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:
Bryan Chuc Director of Database and Application Services
James O. Bullock MIS Infrastructure Architect

SIGNATURES:

Bryan Chuc 6/1/2009 6/2/09
Originator

President 6-2-2009
Date

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

PRESIDENT’S APPROVAL:

Reg 113
6-21-95, 12-16-99

Betty A. Moser
Wharton County Junior College

Proposed Agenda Item
Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: June 16, 2009 Date of This Proposal: June 4, 2009

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Approve the purchase of 11 computer systems (CPU’s and monitors) and 1 Laser Printer for adjunct faculty at the new Sugar Land campus and 20 monitors for old CRT replacements at the new Sugar Land Campus.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the transfer from the MIS Plant Fund of $14,030 for the purchase of 11 computer systems (CPU’s and monitors), 1 Laser Printer and 20 monitors for the new Sugar Land campus.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The 11 computer systems (CPU’s and monitors) and Laser Printer are for adjunct faculty at the new Sugar Land campus and the 20 monitors are for replacements for old CRT’s at the new Sugar Land campus.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): $ 14,030

Transfer from the MIS Plant Fund for 2008 – 2009.

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Pamela J. Youngblood, Vice President of Technology and Institutional Research

SIGNATURES:

[Signature] [Signature] 6-4-09

Originator Date

Cabinet-Level Supervisor Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

[Signature] 6-4-09

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SUBJECT:

Information Item

RECOMMENDATION:

Seek sealed proposals for a company to provide desktop computers and monitors to the College.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The college routinely solicits proposals from computer vendors for various desktop computer configurations. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of price, quality of components, warranty, and the company's ability to respond to large orders. Establishing a vendor for desktop computers early in the year assists departments and supervisors in managing their expenses, and allows the College to respond quickly to department purchase requests.

Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): Estimated $100,000.00 Expenses are charged to each individual department's approved operating budget at the time of the purchase.

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Pam Youngblood, Vice President of Information Technology & Institutional Research
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

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Date 6-4-09

[Signature]

Date 6-4-09

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

[Signature]

Date 6-4-09

Reg 113
MATTERS RELATING TO STUDENT SERVICES

A. Approve a request to increase CLEP fees to $87.00 (no cost to college)
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Date of Board Meeting: June 16, 2009 Date of This Proposal: 05/16/09

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Request to increase CLEP Fees to $87.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Effective 7/1/09, CLEP fee portion will go up from $70.00 to $72.00. WCJC portion will remain at $15.00. That will bring the cost from $85.00 to $87.00 total.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

We must pass on the $2.00 increase in the CLEP fees to the students by charging 2 dollars more as well.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): $__________________

No cost to the college

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:
Diane Stewart, Testing Coordinator

SIGNATURES:

Diane Stewart
Originator

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

Bobby A. McDade
6-2-09

Reg 113
6-21-95, 12-16-99
WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

AGENDA BRIEF

MATTERS RELATING TO PERSONNEL

A. Board of Trustees

B. Office of President

C. Office of Academic Affairs
   1. Approve summer I part-time 2009 overloads
   2. Yvonne L. Smith employed as regular, full-time math instructor, FAC-1-10, effective August 24, 2009
   3. David S. Stripling employed as regular, full-time instructor of English, FAC-1-10, effective August 24, 2009

D. Office of Administrative Services

E. Office of Student Services

F. Office of Technology and Institutional Research

G. Information Items: Contract Personnel Action

H. Information Items: Non-contract Personnel Action
   1. Maria D. Alvarado reclassified from regular, part-time continuing education aide, $11.44/hr. x 25 hrs./wk. x 35 wks. = $10,010.00/yr., to regular full-time, continuing education ABE planner, O-9-0, effective June 1, 2009
   2. William Bennett resigned as regular, full-time security officer/Sugar Land, O-10-3, effective June 3, 2009
   3. Michael R. Flower separated as regular, full-time assistant baseball coach, $18,000.00, effective May 19, 2009
   4. Rachel L. Molano reclassified from temporary, full-time assistant cashier, O-5-0, to regular, full-time assistant cashier, O-10-1, effective September 1, 2009
   5. Carlton Norris separated as regular, full-time custodian supervisor, O-11-16, effective August 31, 2009
   6. Andrew Reyes retired as regular, full-time grounds keeper, O-1-14, effective May 29, 2009
7. Joe Reyes retired as regular, full-time grounds keeper, O-1-14, effective May 31, 2009

8. Antonio Vargas employed as regular, full-time physical plant electrician, T-15-0, effective June 29, 2009

9. Aaron Alexander separated as regular, part-time fitness center staff, O-5-0, $10.00 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 48 wks. = $9,120.00/yr., effective May 15, 2009

10. Efrain O. Deleon employed as regular, part-time continuing education aide, O-10-0, $11.44 hr. x 20 hrs./wk. x 14 wks. = $3,203.20/yr., effective May 28, 2009

11. Matt T. McDonald employed as regular, part-time security officer/Wharton, O-9-0, $11.15 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 52 wks. = $11,016.20/yr., effective June 1, 2009

12. Larry R. Morales employed as regular, part-time security officer/Wharton, O-9-0, $11.15 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 52 wks. = $11,016.20/yr., effective June 1, 2009

13. Clinton Wheatley employed as regular, part-time fitness center staff, O-5-0, $10.00/hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 48 wks. = $9,120.00/yr., effective June 1, 2009

14. Joshua D. Espinoza employed as regular, part-time maintenance assistant, T-1-0, $12.21 hr. x 40 hrs./wk. x 12 wks. = $5,860.80/yr., effective May 18, 2009

15. Lucy Taylor employed as temporary, part-time youth activities secretary, $10.87 hr. x 30 hrs./wk. x 12 wks. = $3,913.20/yr., effective May 26, 2009

16. Roland Villareal separated as temporary, part-time fitness center staff, O-5-0, $10.00 hr. x 12 hrs./wk. x 16 wks. = $1,920.00/yr., effective June 30, 2009

17. Ann K. Vu employed as temporary, part-time security front desk clerk, O-5-0, $10.00 hr. x 19 hrs./wk. x 13 wks. = $2,470.00/yr., effective May 28, 2009
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- Resignation
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- Separation (date: ___)
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- Change in Assignment
- Promotion
- Additional Assignment
- Salary Adjustment
- Leave of Absence
- Other (explain)

Part II: Assignment/Accounting

CURRENT

- Division/Unit: JobVacancy No.: (if applicable)
- Specialized Area: 
- Funded in which FY?: 
- Budget Number: 
- Position No. (NBAPOSN): 
- Compensation: HourlyRate: (Part-time only) $_______perhr x _______hrs/wk x _______wks = _______per year 
- Start Date: 
- End Date: 
- At-will-employee
- Per contract
- If temporary, anticipated termination date:

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- 9 months
- 10 1/2 months
- 12 months
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PROPOSED

- Division/Unit: Math and Physical Science
- Job Title/Position: Full Time Math Instructor
- Specialized Area: 
- Funded in which FY?: FY09
- Budget Number: 1110-14305-6091-100
- Position No. (NBAPOSN): MAT007
- Compensation: HourlyRate: (Part-time only) $N/Aperhr x N/Ahrs/wk x N/Awks = N/Aper year 
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**Wharton County Junior College**

**Human Resources**

**MAY 21, 2009**

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### Part II: Assignment/Accounting

**CURRENT Division/Unit:** Continuing Education

**Job Title/Position:** Aide

**Budgeted Position?** [x] Yes  [ ] No

**Budget Number:**

| 2128.6012.6147.1012 |

**Compensation:**

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**Hourly Rate:** (Part-time only)

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**PROPOSED Division/Unit:** Continuing Education

**Job Title/Position:** ABE Planner

**Budgeted Position?** [x] Yes  [ ] No

**Name of Replaced Employee:** Juana Delgado

**Budget Number:**

| 2128.6012.6101.1012 |

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**Part II: Assignment/Accounting**

**CURRENT**

- **Division/Unit:** [Job Vacancy No.: (if applicable)]
- **Physical Plant:** Specialized Area: Security
- **Budgeted Position?** Yes No
- **Budgeted Position:** Funded in which FY? FY09
- **Budget Number:** Position No. (NBAPOSN): SEC003
- **1310.1192.6107.701**

**Compensation:**

- **$24,775**
- **Annual**
- **Sched 0**
- **Grade 10**
- **Step 3**
- **At-will-employee**
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**PROPOSED**

- **Division/Unit:** [Job Vacancy No.: (if applicable)]
- **Specialized Area:**
- **Budgeted Position?** Yes No
- **Budgeted Position:** Name of Replaced Employee:
- **Budget Number:** Position No. (NBAPOSN):
- **Compensation:**

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**Part II: Assignment/Accounting**

**CURRENT Division/Unit:**

Athletics

Job Title/Position:
Assistant Baseball Coach

Budgeted Position? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Funded in which FY? FY09

Budget Number:
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End Date: 05-19-2009

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**PROPOSED Division/Unit:**

Athletics

Job Title/Position:

Budgeted Position? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Replaced Employee:

Funded in which FY?

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**Part II: Assignment/Accounting**

**CURRENT Division/Unit:** FINANCIAL SERVICES  

**Job Title/Position:** TEMPORARY ASSISTANT CASHIER  

**Budgeted Position?** ☐ Yes ☐ No  

**Budgeted Position:** Funded in which FY? 08-09

**Budget Number:**  

**Compensation:**  

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**Start Date:**  09/01/08  

**End Date:**  08/31/09  

**PROPOSED Division/Unit:** FINANCIAL SERVICES  

**Job Title/Position:** ASSISTANT CASHIER  

**Budgeted Position?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Budgeted Position:** Name of Replaced Employee: Funded in which FY? 2008-09

**Budget Number:**  

**Compensation:**  

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**Explanation of Action:**

**Part III: Position/Budget Authorization**

**Recommended by Supervisor (Department Head):**  

**Date:**  3/1/09  

**Approved by Division Chair:**  

**Date:**

**Reviewed by Human Resources:**  

**Date:**  6/27/09

**Budget Approval:**  

**Date:**  4/2/09  

**Approved by President:**  

**Date:**  6-1-09

**Approved by Cabinet Level Supervisor:**  

**Date:**  3/30/09  

**Date approved by Board or ☐ not applicable:**

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| 12/16/91 |

**End Date:**

| 08/31/09 |

**If temporary, anticipated termination date:**

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**Part II: Assignment/Accounting**

**CURRENT**

**Division/Unit:**

- Physical Plant

**Job Title/Position:**

- Grounds Keeper

**Budgeted Position:**

- ☑ Yes  ☐ No

**Budget Number:**

- 1110.1195.6104.704

**Compensation:**

- ☐ Annual
- ☑ Hourly
- ☐ Other (explain)

**Hourly Rate (Part-time only):**

- $_____ per hr x _____ hrs/wk x _____ wks = $_____

**Start Date:**

- 10-03-94

**End Date:**

- 5-29-09

**Position No. (NBAPOSN):**

- GRD003

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**Job Title/Position:**

- Specialized Area:

**Budgeted Position:**

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**Explanation of Action:**

- Has resigned his position to retire.

**Part III: Position/Budget Authorization**

**Recommended by Supervisor (Department Head):**

- 5-24-09

**Approved by Vice President:**

- 5-24-09

**Approved by Division Chair:**

- 5-26-09

**Reviewed by Human Resources:**

- 5-27-09

**Budget Approval:**

- 5-26-09

**Approved by President:**

- 5-26-09

**Approved by Cabinet Level Supervisor:**

- 5-26-09

- Date approved by Board or ☐ not applicable

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First: Joe
Middle Initial:
Telephone:

Address:
City:
State:
Zip:

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Part II: Assignment/Accounting

CURRENT Division/Unit:
Physical Plant

Job Title/Position:
Groundskeeper

Budgeted Position? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Budget Number:
1110.1195.6104.704

Compensation:
- [ ] Annual
- [ ] Hourly
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- [ ] At-will-employee
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Hourly Rate: (Part-time only)
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PROPOSED Division/Unit:

Job Title/Position:

Budgeted Position? [ ] Yes [ ] No
Name of Replaced Employee:

Budget Number:

Compensation:
- [ ] Annual
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Grade
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Part III: Position/Budget Authorization

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Classification:  New Employee  Retirement

[] Administrative/Professional Staff  [] Extension

[] Faculty  [] Resignation

[] Support Staff  [] Reclassification

[] Temporary  [] Separation (date:____)

[] Full-Time  [] Change in Assignment

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Part II: Assignment/Accounting

CURRENT  Division/Unit:  Job Vacancy No.: (if applicable)

Job Title/Position:  Specialized Area:

Budgeted Position?  [] Yes  [] No

Funded in which FY?

Budget Number:

Position No. (NBAPOS):

Compensation:

[] Annual  Sched ____________ Hourly Rate: (Part-time only)

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[] Other (explain)  Step ______  $ _____ per year

Start Date:  End Date: ______  [ ] At-will-employee

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PROPOSED  Division/Unit:  Job Vacancy No.: (if applicable)

Physical Plant  0904 S 017

Job Title/Position:  Specialized Area:

Electrician  Maintenance

Budgeted Position?  [] Yes  [] No

Funded in which FY?  FY09

Name of Replaced Employee:  Dale Dufner

Budget Number:

1110.1193.6104.702  Position No. (NBAPOS):  SKL001

Compensation:

[] Annual  Sched ____________ Hourly Rate: (Part-time only)

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Start Date:  End Date: 06-29-09  [ ] At-will-employee

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Explanation of Action:

Part III: Position/Budget Authorization

Recommended by Supervisor (Department Head)  Date  Approved by Vice President  Date

Approved by Division Chair  Date  Reviewed by Human Resources  Date

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**Part II: Assignment/Accounting**

**CURRENT** Division/Unit: Specialized Area: Specialized Area:  
Fitness Center

**Job Title/Position:**

**Fitness Center Staff**

**Budgeted Position?**

| Yes | No |

**Funded in which FY?**

**2009**

**Budget Number:**

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**Position No. (NBAPOSITION):**

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**End Date:**

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**At-will-employee**

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**Part II: Assignment/Accounting**

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Job Title/Position: 

Budgeted Position?  □ Yes  □ No

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Start Date:  
End Date:  

**PROPOSED Division/Unit:**

Physical Plant

Job Title/Position:  

Budgeted Position?  □ Yes  □ No

Budget Number:  

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Start Date: 6-01-09  

If temporary, anticipated termination date:

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Social Security #: Middle Initial
Wheatley Clinton

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Classification:
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Part II: Assignment/Accounting

CURRENT

Job Title/Position: Specialized Area:

Budgeted Position? [ ] Yes [ ] No
Funded in which FY?

Budget Number:
Position No. (NBAPOSN):
Compensation:
- [ ] Annual Sched ___ Hourly Rate: (Part-time only)
- [ ] Monthly Grade ___ $_____ per hr x _____ hrs/wk x _____ wks =
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PROPOSED

Job Title/Position: Specialized Area:
Fitness Center Staff
Fitness Center areas
Budgeted Position? [x] Yes [ ] No
Funded in which FY? FY09

Budget Number:
Position No. (NBAPOSN): FITW99
Compensation:
- [x] Hourly Sched 0
- [ ] Other (explain)

$10

Hourly Rate: (Part-time only)
$10 per hr x 19 hrs/wk x 48 wks =
$9,120 per year

Start Date: 06-01-09
End Date: 06-01-10
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**Classification:**
- New Employee
- Transfer
- Promotion
- Salary Adjustment
- Other (explain)

- Support Staff
- Temporary
- Full-Time
- Part-Time

- Administrative/Professional Staff
- Faculty
- Academic Staff

**Job Title/Position:**
- Specialist Area:
- Funded in which FY?

- Budgeted Position? Yes No

- Budget Number:
- Position No. (NBAOSON):

**Compensation:**
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- Hourly
- Other (explain)
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**Sched**
- Grade
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### PROPOSED

**Division/Unit:** Physical Plant

**Job Title/Position:** Maintenance Assistant

**Budgeted Position? Yes No**

**Budget Number:** 1110.1193.6105.702

**Compensation:**
- Annual
- Hourly
- Other (explain)

**S 12,21**
- Grade
- Step

**Start Date:** 5-18-09
- End Date: 8-07-09

**Hourly Rate:** (Part-time only)
- $12.21/hr x 49 hrs/wh x 12 wks = $5,860.80 per year

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- [ ] Other (explain)
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- [ ] Separation (date: ___)
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### Part II: Assignment/Accounting

**CURRENT Division/Unit:**

- Job Title/Position: Specialized Area:
- Budgeted Position? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- Funded in which FY?
- Budget Number:
- Position No. (NBAPOSN):

**Compensation:**

- [ ] Annual
- [X] Hourly
- [ ] Other (explain)

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- Start Date: 05-26-09
- End Date: 08-11-09
- [ ] At-will-employee
- [ ] Per contract

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- [ ] 12 months
- [ ] Other

### PROPOSED Division/Unit:

**Youth Activities**

- Job Title/Position: Specialized Area:
- Youth Activities Secretary
- Kids' College
- Budgeted Position? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- Name of Replaced Employee:
- Funded in which FY?

**Budget Number:**

1310.14049.6102.1010

**Position No. (NBAPOSN):** KIDS99

**Compensation:**

- [X] Hourly
- [ ] Other (explain)

| $10.87 | Sched | Grade | Step | Hourly Rate: (Part-time only) | $10.87 per hr x 30 hrs/wk x 12 wks = | $3,913.20 per year |
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- [ ] 12 months
- [ ] Other 12 weeks

### Explanation of Action:

**Part III: Position/Budget Authorization**

- Recommended by Supervisor (Department Head):
- Date: 5-13-09
- Approved by Vice President: Date: 5-19-09
- Approved by Division Chair: Date: 5-19-09
- Reviewed by Human Resources: Date: 5-19-09
- Budget Approval: Date: 5-19-09
- Approved by President: Date: 5-19-09
- Approved by Cabinet Level Supervisor: Date: 5-19-09
- Date approved by Board: [ ] not applicable

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**Human Resources**

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### Part II: Assignment/Accounting

**CURRENT** Division/Unit: Administrative Services

- Job Title/Position: Fitness Center Staff
- Budgeted Position? Yes ☑ No
- Budget Number: 1110-1302S-6102-903
- Compensation: $10
  - $10 per hr x 12 hrs/wk x 16 wks = $9,600 per year
- Start Date: 19-Jan-09
- End Date: 30-June-09
- Hourly Rate: (Part-time only)

**PROPOSED** Division/Unit: Administrative Services

- Job Title/Position: Fitness Center Gym B, B.
- Budgeted Position? Yes ☑ No
- Budget Number: Position No. (NBAPOSN): FITW99
- Compensation: $10
  - $10 per hr x 12 hrs/wk x 16 wks = $9,600 per year
- Start Date: 19-Jan-09
- End Date: 30-June-09
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  - ☑ 9 months
  - ☑ 10 1/2 months
  - ☑ 12 months
  - ☑ Other 16 wks.

### Part III: Position/Budget Authorization

- Recommended by Supervisor: (Department Head) 5-7-09
- Approved by Vice President: 5/12/09
- Reviewed by Human Resources: 5-14-09
- Budget Approval: 5/12/09
- Approved by President: Betty L. Mallick: 5-27-09
- Date approved by Board: 5-7-09

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**Wharton County Junior College**

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**Address**

- City: 
- State: 
- Zip: 

## Part I: Check all that apply

- Administrative/Professional Staff
- Faculty
- Support Staff
- Temporary
- Full-Time
- Regular
- Part-Time

- New Employee
- Extension
- Reclassification
- Transfer
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## Part II: Assignment/Accounting

### CURRENT Division/Unit:

- Job Title/Position:
- Budgeted Position? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Budget Number:
- Compensation:
  - Annual
  - Sched
  - Hourly
  - Grade
  - Step
  - $ per hr
  - Hours/Week
  - Weeks
  - $ per year

- Start Date:
- End Date:
- At-will employee
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- 12 months ☐
- Other ☐

### PROPOSED Division/Unit:

- Physical Plant

- Job Title/Position:
- Part Time Front Desk Clerk

- Budgeted Position? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Name of Replaced Employee:
- Budget Number:
- Compensation:
  - Annual
  - Sched
  - Hourly
  - Grade
  - Step
  - $ per hr
  - Hours/Week
  - Weeks
  - $ per year

- Start Date: 05-28-09
- At-will employee
- Per contract

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- 12 months ☐
- Other 13 weeks ☐

## Part III: Position/Budget Authorization

- Recommended by Supervisor (Department Head) 
  - Date: 5/19/09
- Approved by Vice President: 5/19/09

- Approved by Division Chair:  
  - Date:  
- Reviewed by Human Resources: 5/28/09

- Budget Approval:  
  - Date:  
- Approved by President: 5/28/09

- Approved by Cabinet Level Supervisor:  
  - Date:  
- Date approved by Board or ☐ not applicable

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