



SYNC UP WITH SPACE CENTER

Volume 20 Issue 4
December 2010

A Message from the PTA President

Many people have wondered what exactly is the Role of the PTA in the schools. Quite simply put, the PTA exists to help support the school, faculty, students, community and families that are involved in that particular school they attend. Most recently, our school and the community had a tragedy that took the lives of three CCISD students, one of whom attended Space Center Intermediate. The outpouring of support from our students, families and community was fantastic. Together as a "family." we can help out someone in need. Thank you to everyone for everything that you do!

Family involvement in school is the key to student's success. Statistics have shown that students with involved families are more likely to finish homework, pass classes, graduate and go on to further education. With family support, students feel they can take on and achieve more which also leads to better attendance, better social skills and better schools. Engaged parents are role models for engaged students. So, THANK YOU to everyone in our "family" for being involved and caring about our students' achievements and future.

Coming up in January, we will present the "Things I wish I knew before I went to high school" program. Look to the flyer that will go out late this month for the date, time and place of this exciting evening. This program is mostly geared for 8th grade students and their families to help them successfully transition from middle school to high school.

Again, thank you to everyone for your tremendous support; we could not do this alone. See you in January!

Elizabeth Arceneaux
PTA President

A Message from the Principal



Have a fantastic holiday break!
See you in the New Year!

Mrs. Carpenter

Space Center Intermediate

PTA

Chartered 1992

Every child, one voice

Inside this issue:

PTA President / Principal	1
PTA Activities / News	2-3
Booster Clubs: Orchestra, Band	4-5
Cardinal Sports Page	6-12
Spring Sports Information	13
Other News: CLHS Cheer Clinic	14-15
Deadlines, Dates, Birthdays	16



Space Center Intermediate School

Clear Creek Independent School District

17400 Saturn Lane
Houston, Texas 77058
(281) 284-3300
www.ccisd.net



Principal

Susan Carpenter

Assistant Principals

Brad Hayes

Tim Rogers

November 15, 2010

Dear Parents and Staff,

We are fortunate to call this community home where parents, teachers, and students come together to help others in need. We have received numerous inquiries from people wanting to help the Novak family, affected by last Thursday's tragic fire at the Skylar Pointe Apartments. As you know, Clear Creek ISD lost three students in this fire and several families lost all their personal belongings.

Space Center Intermediate has a collection point for cash, gift cards, and checks to be directed specifically to the Novak family. Elizabeth Arceneaux is an SCIS parent volunteer acting as the point of contact for all monetary donations for the Novak family. She is collecting cash, gift cards, and checks now through Friday, December 3, 2010. Checks should be made payable to: Novak Memorial Fund. You may send your monetary donation in a sealed envelope to our front office, to the attention of Elizabeth Arceneaux. If you choose to mail in a check, please mail it to the following:

First National Bank of Alvin
P.O. Box 606
Alvin, TX

It has been difficult for the parents, students, and staff of SCIS. The students especially have had many questions surrounding this tragedy. Please speak with your child as all children experience death in different ways. If your child asks questions and you want some additional resources to help them or want your child to talk with someone, please feel free to contact one of our school counselors, Tami Fuqua or Donna Johnson at 281-284-3300. Please be assured that assisting your child through this difficult period is our main concern. Thank you for coming together to care for our community.

Sincerely,

Susan Carpenter
Principal

Clear Creek Independent School District Mission Statement
The mission of the Clear Creek Independent School District, a diverse community unified by a spirit of exploration and excellence, is to develop students who will lead the way to the future by educating and equipping them with the skills necessary to excel in the 21st century through a system characterized by meaningful community relationships and a comprehensive curriculum facilitated by a highly qualified team committed to
Courage, Collaboration, Innovation, and Self-Direction.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society wrapped up the month of October with a successful candy corn fundraiser. Nearly eight hundred dollars was raised to benefit SCIS. At their November meeting, students were visited by a representative of the Society for the Advancement of Volunteer Youth (SAVY) program from Moody Gardens. Students are encouraged to apply for this program. If selected, students will work with Moody Gardens naturalists, work with animals in the touch tanks, provide guests with information about animals and exhibits, and attend continuing education courses that expand on their new knowledge.

As we head into December, planning for the eighth grade dance is in full force. Students have joined committees to plan for decorations, entertainment and DJ, food and drinks, invitations, photography, set up and clean up, ticket sales, and t-shirt design and sales. Special thanks to all of the parent advisors who are helping these committees to be successful!

Mrs. Vitek



December 14th Order Deadline for SCIS Yearbooks

Yearbooks may be ordered online this year. The cost of the yearbook is \$45.00. Students may order a nameplate for \$5.00. They may also add icons for \$5.00 each. Don't delay...order yours online at www.smart-pay.com. When ordering online using your credit card, you are eligible to win a FREE Sony Play Station 3. Payment must be received by December 14th, 2010.

Yearbooks will be delivered to the school in the spring. Contact Susan Hadley at shadley@ccisd.net if you have any questions.

Academic Recognition

STUDENTS

Give me an "A", Give me another "A", Give me 3 "A's", ...



Need a little incentive to make straight "A's" this school year? How about treats, gift cards, or an iPod Touch? Keep up the hard work and you definitely will be rewarded with one of these items! Keep your eyes and ears open after each nine week report card, we will try to surprise you!

PARENTS

The Academic Recognition Committee is responsible for rewarding students for outstanding academic achievement. If you would like to assist with this worthwhile endeavor with a monetary donation and/or volunteering your time, please send an email to academicrecognition@scipta.org.

Renu Bonner



Orchestra Notes



The orchestras wasted no time coming back from Region Auditions to buckle down and start preparing some holiday tunes. On November 9th the students joined others from around the city and region at Jones Hall for a special performance by the Houston Symphony. They finished the outing with a fun trip to Baybrook Mall for lunch and a little shopping! The following week, on November 17th, the Chamber students trekked to The Wortham Center to perform for guests attending the Ahn Trio show. After their great performance, the students were treated to the concert by these amazing musicians. It was a late night, but worth it!

Also in November, the students were busily out selling poinsettias to their friends and family. These beautiful plants will grace our stage during our holiday concerts, and then be taken home for delivery to their owners. Hopefully, you had a chance to order one of these gorgeous plants.

We are very excited about the music we have prepared to share during our winter concerts. Our beginning orchestra will show us what talented musicians they have become in just a few months time on December 7th at 7 p.m. in the SCIS Commons. Come see their amazing progress! Also not to be missed is the Sweet Serenade concert on December 10th at 7 p.m. which will also be held in the SCIS Commons. Come and hear our great advanced orchestras serenade us with holiday tunes. The skill level of these orchestras is amazing. The music is sure to get you in the mood for a little holiday shopping. There will be plenty of sweets to go around as our volunteers dish up some yummy desserts provided by our orchestra parents. The concert is free, so don't miss this festive show. We will also play a concert for 5th grade students earlier that same day.

In January, those students who were selected to be a part of the Region Orchestra will convene at Clear Falls High School to rehearse and perform a special concert showcasing their talents. All of our advanced students will be preparing their solo and ensemble pieces for the Solo and Ensemble Contest which will be held at Space Center on February 7th. This is a great challenge for our students and proves to jangle some nerves.

Happy Holidays from the Space Center Orchestral Society SCIS Orchestra Directors,
Lisa Black and Jennifer Kidwell.

Please check out the orchestra website for additional information and performance schedules at www.scisorchestra.com.

Cardinal Band News

Winter Concerts:

- December 7th 7th/8th Grade Bands' Winter Concert @ Clear Lake Baptist Church – 7:30pm (Required)
- December 8th 6th Grade Band Rehearsal @ SCIS – 4:15-5:15pm (Required)
- December 9th 6th Grade Band Rehearsal (4:15 -5pm) & Winter Concert @ SCIS – 7:30pm Concert (Required)

Spring Concert and Dinner:

We will have a Spring Concert at SCIS to give the students an opportunity to play some of their ensemble music as well as some band pieces. The concert will be Tuesday, January 18, 2011. The concert is required. Each of the bands and some ensembles will perform. We will send home a schedule prior to the concert. As part of the event, a fundraiser dinner will be served. More details will follow.

Solo and Ensemble Contest:

The contest will be come and go. That means your child only needs to be at Space Center Intermediate School when it is time to perform their solo and ensemble(s). We will schedule around school conflicts. This is a required performance, so students should plan to be available from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

Chaperones:

We need parent volunteers to help chaperone at Space Center Intermediate on Thursday, February 17, 2011. An e-mail will be sent out later with details.

Together We Can! 2010-2011 PTA Reflections Program

Thank you to all who participated in the PTA Reflections Program this year. Congratulations to those advancing to the Council Level:

Nicholas Hasapes
Chloe Hunter
Syed Sanaullah

Sarah Davis
Arts in Education Chair



The Cardinal Sports News



Boys Basketball Schedule 2010-2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game Location for 7A & 7B</u>	<u>Game Location for 8A & 8B</u>
December 1 (Boys)	7 th @ Creekside	8 th @ Home
December 3-4 (Boys)	7B Tournament @ San Jacinto JH	8A Tournament @ San Jacinto JH
December 6 & 8 (Boys)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ Westbrook
December 10-11 (Boys)	7A Tournament @ Clear Creek	
December 13 & 15 (Boys)	7 th @ Clear Lake	8 th @ Home
December 19-January 2	Winter Holidays	
January 5 (Boys)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ League City
January 7-8 (Boys)	7B Tournament @ Creekside 7A Tournament @ San Jacinto JH	8B Tournament @ San Jacinto JH
January 10 & 12 (Boys)	7 th @ Bayside	8 th @ Home
January 19 (Boys)	7 th @ Seabrook	8 th @ Home
January 24 & 26 (Boys)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ Brookside
January 31 & February 2	7 th @ Clear Creek	8 th @ Home
February 7 & 9 (Boys)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ Victory Lakes
February 10 & 12 (Boys)	8A Tournament @ League City	
** 7th grade games are Monday and 8th grade games are Wednesday except where noted.		



The Cardinal Sports News (continued)



2010-2011 Boys Basketball Team

8th Grade

Alex Britz
Alex Woerner
Bradley George
Brian Lara
Chris Stennerson
Christan West
Cody Langford
Cody Parker
Cole Miller
Evan Bean
Isaiah Campbell
Jabrel Trammell
Jack DeMasie
Landon LaBrier
Nathan Fox
Nathaniel Harvey
Nils Kosmo
Ryan Buck
Tripp Arnold
Tristan Partin
Tyquon Jordan

Team Managers

David Robinette
Ethan Zajac

Coach Wondergem
Coach Walz

7th Grade

Anthony Colonna
Austin Lively
Brandon Whitlock
Cole Gardner
Collin Davis
Hayden Smith
Jack Holt
Jake Ostrowski
John Culbertson
Jonas Owen
Joseph Davis
Marcus Washington
Muhammad Amed
Nicky Warner
Omid Shabani
Paxton Leboe
Samuel Sereal
Scott Bolen
Scott Marshall
Tanner Coulson

Team Managers

D. Massey
CJ Frank
I. Siddiqe

Coach Larsen
Coach Slatton

The Cardinal Sports News (continued)



Girls Basketball Schedule 2010-2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game Location for 7A & 7B</u>	<u>Game Location for 8A & 8B</u>
Tuesday, November 16 (Non-district game)	7A lost & 7B won vs. Brookside	8A & 8B list vs. Brookside
November 21-28	Thanksgiving Break	
December 2 (Girls)	7 th @ Clear Lake	8 th @ Home
Friday, December 3- Saturday December 4 (Girls)	7A & 7B Tournaments @ Miller Intermediate	
December 9 (Girls)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ League City
Saturday, December 11 (Girls)		8A Tournament @ Cunningham Middle School
December 16 (Girls)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ Bayside
December 19-January 2	Winter Holidays	
January 6 (Girls)	7 th @ Seabrook	8 th @ Home
Friday, January 7- Saturday, January 8 (Girls)	7B Tournament @ Clear Creek	
January 13 (Girls)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ Brookside
January 20 (Girls)	7 th @ Clear Creek	8 th @ Home
Friday, January 21- Saturday, January 22 (Girls)	7A Tournament @ Victory Lakes	
January 27 (Girls)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ Victory Lakes
February 3 (Girls)	7 th @ Creekside	8 th @ Home
Monday, February 7 (Girls)	7 th @ Home	8 th @ Westbrook
February 10 (Girls)		8A Tournament @ Bayside
Saturday, February 12 (Girls)		8B Tournament @ Creekside
* B Team games begin at 5pm; A Team games will follow * ** All weekly games are on Thursday except for Monday 2/7 ** *** Tournaments are on Friday and/or Saturday ***		

The Cardinal Sports News (continued)



2010-2011 Lady Cardinal Basketball Team

8th Grade

Arceneaux, Ashley
Aritz, Amistad
Auger, Kaitlyn
Bigler, Emily
Blackmar, Brooke
Campbell, Clinen
DeChellis, Danielle
Gomatam, Ramya
Grilli, Gabriella
Johnson, Molly
Mason, Caitlin
Pierpoline, Abby
Rice, Morgan
Said, Sara
Scott, Rebecca
Shaghghi, Venus
Suiaunoa, Shani
Snider, Hayley
Strachan, Morgan
Toussant, Desiree
Treece, Jamie
Wiggins, Allison
Wrobbel, Katie
Yoon, Iris

Team Managers

Jenkins, Emma
Nunez, Allie

Coaches

Jennifer Ford
Jennifer Stevenson

7th Grade

Baker, Anna
Barnes, Amy
Breau, Bailey
Bush, Kari
Campbell, Kapella
Ditta, Madison
Faulkner, Song
Fox, Olivia
Franklin, Kelly
Gonna, Nadeen
Gray, Morgan
Henderson, Kit-Kat
Kimbrough, Kaitlyn
Kimbrough, Taylor
Korth, Natalie
Lemoine-Beaver, Katie
Llanes, Veronica
Mack, Latrice
Mason, Morgan
O'Sullivan, Helen
Shepherd, Katie
Turner, Kate
White, Regan
Wilson, Claire
Young, Alex

Team Managers

Bui, Emily
Choudry, Sahar

Coaches

Shannon Miller Coppock
Jennifer Walter



(Photos by T.Q. Bui and Kevin Faulkner)







The Cardinal Sports News (continued)



Cross Country 2011 Schedule

December 6	Cross Country (CC) practice begins
January 11	SCIS hosts meet for BSIS, CIS, VLIS, WIS
January 18	SCIS, BIS, SIS, VLIS @ CCIS
January 25	SCIS, BIS, CLIS, WIS @ SIS
February 1	SCIS, BSIS, SIS, WIS @ LCIS
February 8	SCIS, CCIS, CIS, LCIS @ WIS
February 15	District CC Meet @ Walter Hall Park (4pm)
<p>Boys and Girls race at the same time. Meet begins @ 4:45pm</p>	



The Cardinal Sports News (continued)



Spring Sports Information

Track and Field: Boys and Girls

Track tryouts are in December. The training season begins in mid-February. Track meets begin in March and end with a district meet mid-April. Meets for are on Wednesdays and include sprints, field events (triple jump, high jump and long jump), throwing events (shot put and discus) and distance runs. Generally the team is allowed 4 students to enter in each event, except the District Meet where the limit is 3. Ribbons are awarded on an individual basis for first through sixth place. Team trophies are also awarded at the District Championship Meet.

Tryouts:	December
Beginning Date:	February 16
Practice:	8:00-9:30 AM; All teams
Meets:	Wednesdays 4:45 PM

Tennis: Boys and Girls

The tennis season begins during the second semester of the school year in February. Even though any 7th or 8th grader can try out for tennis; it helps if you have played tennis before. Tryouts are held and athletes are given a skills test consisting of ground strokes, volleys and serves. Only eight to ten athletes are selected for the two teams at the 7th and 8th grade levels.

The district season consists of 1-2 matches or tournaments per week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice is held in the morning for the girls and in the afternoon for the boys.

Tryouts:	4:15-5:30pm on December 6 & 7 (for 8 th grade girls) 4:15-5:30pm on December 13 & 14 (for 7 th grade girls)
Beginning Date:	February 16
Practice:	7:30-9:30 AM for girls, 4:15-6:15 PM for boys
Matches:	Tuesdays and Thursday

Golf: Boys and Girls

The golf season starts with try-outs in February. The team is comprised of both 7th and 8th graders. The team consists of 10 players.

Tryouts:	February
Beginning Date:	End of February
Practice:	Afterschool
Matches:	Boys on Tuesdays and Girls on Thursdays

AWARD WINNING Clear Lake High School Cheerleaders



ANNUAL CHEER CLINIC

Learn Cheer techniques and fun routines!

Join the Award Winning CLHS Cheerleaders at the Annual Cheer Clinic

Saturday, December 11th

Clear Lake High School
2929 Bay Area Blvd.

Registration:	9:00am
Clinic:	9:30am-1:00pm
Show Off Performance:	12:30pm



See Reverse Side for Details and Registration Form

ALL AGES

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8th GRADE
All Levels! No Experience Required!

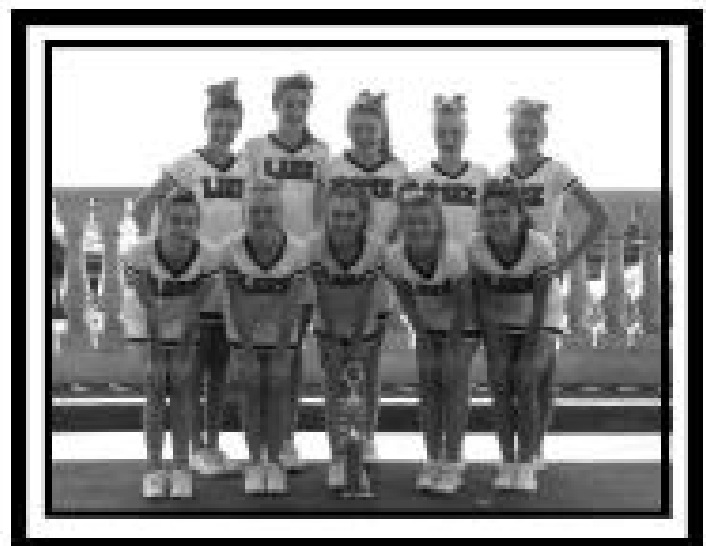
\$35

Pre-registration

Complete and Submit Form on back no later than
Monday, November 29th

\$40

Same Day Registration



CLHS CHEER CLINIC SPECIFICS & GENERAL INFORMATION

- Clinic takes place on Saturday, December 11th, at Clear Lake High School located at 2929 Bay Area Blvd.
- Clinic fee is \$35 for pre-registered students and \$40 at the door.
- Registration and check in begins at 9:00 AM. Clinic will be held from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- All parents are invited to attend a "show off" performance at 12:30 PM with a closing special performance by the CLHS cheerleaders.
- Pre-registered participants will receive a free CLHS cheer clinic T-Shirt. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, November 29th.
- Pre-registration must be postmarked no later than Monday, November 29th to guarantee T-Shirt.
- All participants receive a souvenir picture with "Talon the Falcon", CLHS's School Mascot.
- A midmorning small snack and drink will be provided by the clinic.
- Classes will be divided by age groups and experience levels.
- Participants are asked to wear comfortable gym shorts and a T-shirt. Hair should be pulled up away from face. Soft soled tennis shoes recommended. No jewelry please!
- Complete the bottom portion of this form and mail with full payment to:
CLHS Cheer Booster Club, P.O. Box 551132, Houston, Texas 77259-1132.
- Make checks payable to CLHS Cheer Booster Club.
- For more information please visit www.LakeCheer.com or contact Gina Wendes at 281-486-0637.
- You may also email Gina for a quicker response at wwendes@comcast.net

CLHS CHEER CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION T-Shirt Size (Circle One): YS YM YL YXL AS

NAME _____ D.O.B (mm/yy) ____/____/____ AGE ____ GRADE (2010-11) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE () _____ SCHOOL _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

CELL PHONE () _____ WORK PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

In the event of an emergency, please list 2 people other than yourself that you'd like us to contact:

Emergency Contact _____ Relation to Student _____ Phone: () _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relation to Student _____ Phone: () _____

Family Physician _____ Phone: () _____

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE, MEDICAL WAIVER & IMAGE RELEASE

My child, _____ has permission to participate in the Cheer Clinic sponsored by the CLHS Cheer Booster Club on Saturday, December 11, 2010. I hereby waive and release Clear Lake High School, the CLHS Cheer Organization and the CLHS Cheer Booster Club from any and all liability for any injuries during the clinic and give authority for any emergency treatment necessary.

I give permission to the CLHS Cheer Booster Club to use my child's picture and video image. I understand that these pictures and video images may be displayed in flyers, magazines, brochures, and on the Internet.

I understand that neither this organization nor this event is sponsored, endorsed or otherwise affiliated with Clear Creek Independent School District.

Parent Name (Please Print) _____ Parent Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Clear Creek Community Council of PTAS
 Space Center Intermediate School PTA
 17400 Saturn Lane, Houston, TX 77058

*Sync Up With Space Center
 is published monthly by SCIS PTA.*

2010–2011 Editor: Tu-Quynh (T.Q.) Bui

**Be sure to visit our SCI PTA website
 for updates and information
 throughout the school year!**
www.SCIPTA.org

Future Newsletter Deadlines:

If you would like to submit an article for a future newsletter, please email the article to T.Q. Bui at NewsletterEditor@scipta.org. Here are the tentative deadlines:

- 1/2/11 for January Issue
- 1/30 for February Issue
- 2/27 for March Issue
- 3/27 for April Issue
- 5/1 for May Issue
- 5/29 for End-of-School Issue

Some Important Dates for the 2010-2011 School Year

December Events

- 6th Beginning Orchestra Rehearsal @ SCIS (4-5:30pm)
- 7th Rehearsal Chamber/Choir @ SCIS (4-5:30pm)
- 7th Beginning Orchestra Winter Concert @ SCIS - 7pm
- 7th 7th/8th Grade Bands' Winter Concert @ Clear Lake Baptist Church – 7:30pm (Required)
- 8th 6th Grade Band Rehearsal @ SCIS – 4:15-5:15pm (Required)
- 9th 6th Grade Band Rehearsal (4:15 -5pm) & Winter Concert @ SCIS – 7:30pm Concert (Required)
- 10th Sweet Serenade for Advanced Orchestras @ 7pm
- 13-17 2nd 9-Weeks Exams
- 17th Early Release Day; End of 2nd 9-Weeks
- 20-31 Winter Break

- 12:30 pm (Band Hall)
- 17th School Holiday
- 18th 7th/8th Grade Bands Spring Concert & Fundraiser Dinner @ SCIS – (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.) – (Required)*
- 21-22 Orchestra Region Concert & Clinic @ CFHS (Qualified 7th/8th)
- 27-28 Orchestra's I Play for Ice Cream Tests @ SCIS

February Events

- 4-5 7th/8th Grade Bands "Winter Mini-Camp" Rehearsals (Required) & Fun Activities
- 11th Early Release Day
- 12th 8th Grade Dance
- 17th 7th/8th Grade Bands Solo & Ensemble Contest @ SCIS (4:15 – 9:00 p.m.) – (Required)*
- 18th 6th Grade Band "Spring Mini-Camp" Rehearsals (Required) & Fun Activities
- 21st Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday
- 24th Symphonic Band Recording Concert (location TBA) – 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Required)*

January Events

- 6th Start of 3rd 9-Weeks
- 11th Band Booster Club Executive Board Meeting –



Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday go to...



December:

- 1 - Donna Johnson
- 9 - Tom Chandler
- 12 - Lisa Black, Vince Slatton, Katie Vitek
- 13 - Kent Sullivan
- 14 - Jerri Stepp
- 20 - Pat McDowell
- 25 - Amy Zapp
- 27 - Lisette McClung
- 28 - Regina Stephens



January:

- 6 - Nancy Fiegel
- 10 - Lisa Hicks, Laura Ozinga
- 11 - Clay Barnett
- 15 - Shalimar Rice
- 21 - Jim Pellowski, Tim Rogers
- 23 - Diane Busch
- 24 - Jennifer Kidwell
- 25 - Julie Dittman
- 26 - Holly Berndt
- 27 - Shannon Coppock, Debra O'Hara
- 28 - Susan Elder
- 31 - Sherry Rector

February:

- 3 - Carolyn Barksdale/Tom Erwin
- 4 - Shanna Aranda/Patricia Swift
- 8 - Lisa Hendricks
- 10 - Matt Walz
- 14 - Allison Hunter/Renda Pelton
- 19 - Kirt Larsen
- 25 - Denise Hall
- 27 - Bick Gibbs
- 28 - Peggy Buse/Jennifer Ford/Linda Lugo